



**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE**

## **Memo**

**To:** Board of Selectmen, Town Managers Office, Finance and Advisory and Town Meeting Members  
**From:** Community Preservation Committee  
**Date:** Friday August 8, 2012  
**Re:** CPA Articles for 2012 Annual Spring Town Meeting

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**ARTICLE 16A: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, for historic preservation purposes pursuant to G.L.c. 44B, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, and to accept a deed to the Town of Plymouth of a fee simple interest to the premises known as Congregation Beth Jacob Community Center and formally known Plymouth's Methodist Episcopal Church located at 25 ½ Court Street Plymouth MA shown on assessors Map 17 Parcel 145-5 said land or interest to be managed by the Board of Selectmen and as funding therefore to appropriated from the Community Preservation Historical Account and Discretionary Account, estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, for the acquisition an additional \$285,000 for the installation of two ADA compliant bathrooms, fire emergency exit and fire sprinkler system and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ground lease agreement with the Greater Plymouth Performing Arts Center, Inc. for the consideration as the Board deems appropriate, which consideration may be nominal and to accept a historical preservation restriction meeting the requirements of G.L.c.184, on 25 ½ Court Street or take any other action in relation thereto**

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

#### **CPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval (unanimous)**

The Community Preservation Committee fully supports this project, and voted unanimously in favor of the application on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. The CPC recommends that Town Meeting approve article 16a.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE CPC INTENT:**

The Greater Plymouth Performing Arts Center, Inc. will assume a ground lease agreement with the Town of Plymouth. The Town will retain interest in the land and the Greater Plymouth Performing Art Center (GPPAC) will assume responsibility for the care, maintenance and protection of the building at 25 ½ Court Street Plymouth. The Board of Selectmen will appoint a member to the GPAC board of directors, to serve for a term of two years and re-appoint every two years. The Town of Plymouth and its town committees may use the building based on availability as additional meeting space. Plymouth students will be able to attend all GPPAC sponsored play productions free of charge, except for opening nights, which will be at the pleasure of the GPPAC.