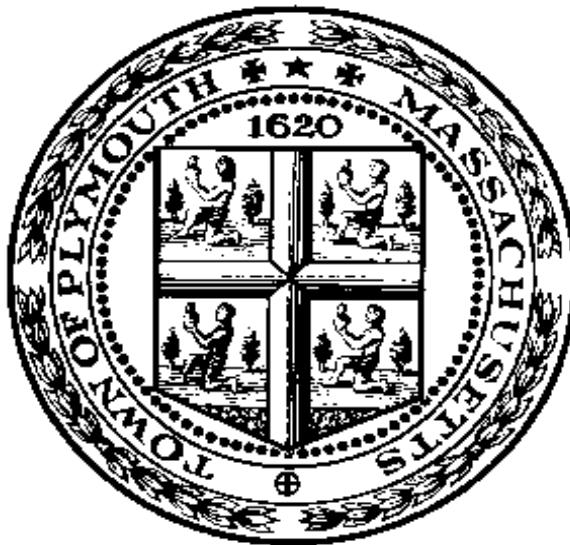


TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

MOTIONS AS VOTED



Presented at the
**SPRING
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
APRIL 5, 2025**

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MOTIONS
April 5, 2025**

Waiving of Constable's Return of Service & Waiving of Reading of Warrant if no objections

Mr. Nearman moved that all sessions of this Annual Town Meeting be commenced and conducted as a remote hybrid representative Town Meeting by means of the Zoom Webinar and OTI virtual voting platforms.

**Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 124-3-1**

Mr. Nearman moved that the adjourned sessions of this Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

**Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 129-0-2**

If there are no objections the Plymouth Annual Spring Town Meeting is recessed until the Plymouth Special Town Meeting is adjourned or dissolved.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MOTIONS
April 5, 2025**

Mr. Nearman moved that all sessions of this Special Town Meeting be commenced and conducted as a remote hybrid representative Town Meeting by means of the Zoom Webinar and OTI virtual voting platforms.

**Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 138-1-0**

Article 1 Motion: Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,691.14 from the FY25 Water Enterprise Fund – Other Expenditures budget to pay the unpaid bills of a prior year to Microbac Laboratories totaling \$574 and Churchill's Oil and Gas totaling \$1,117.14.

**Quantum of Vote: 9/10ths / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-0-0**

Article 2 Motion: Budget Amendments

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under the April 2024 Annual Town Meeting, Article 7A, Sub-Committee Report A by increasing the original appropriation by \$20,000 (Item 6), Town Clerk – All Other Expenses and Sub-Committee Report B by decreasing the original appropriation by \$20,000 (Item 29), Debt Service – All Other Expenses.

**Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 141-0-0**

Article 3: Capital Improvements

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	APPROPRIATION	FUNDING
A1	Energy and Environment	Replacement of Vehicle	\$ 52,805	Environmental Affairs Fund
A2	Energy and Environment	Engineering for Black Cat Bog Restoration	\$ 98,243	Environmental Affairs Fund
B1	Energy and Environment	Jenney Pond Dam Repairs/Bypass Channel	\$ 6,738,500	Borrowing
B2	Energy and Environment	Morton Park Culvert Replacement	\$ 5,383,500	Borrowing
TOTAL FOR ARTICLE 3 ITEMS			\$ 12,273,048	

Article 3 A1 & A2 Motion

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$151,048 for Items A1 and A2, as shown in the table above, for the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$151,048 shall be transferred from the Environmental Affairs fund.

**Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 132-8-2**

Article 3 B1 Motion: Town Brook – Jenney Pond Dam Repairs and Bypass.

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$6,738,500, to pay costs of the Town Brook – Jenney Pond Dam repairs and bypass project, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$6,738,500 under G.L. c.44 of the General Laws , §8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Treasurer or other Town official is authorized to contract for and expend any private, federal or state grants or aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such grants or aid payments received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call**Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-0-0****Article 3 B2 Motion: Town Brook – Morton Park Culverts.**

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$5,383,500, to pay costs of Town Brook – Morton Park culverts projects, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$5,383,500 under G.L. c.44 of the General Laws, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Treasurer or other Town official is authorized to contract for and expend any private, federal or state grants or aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such grants or aid payments received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call**Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 141-1-0****Article 4 Motion: Purchase of Services – Crystal Reports**

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$175,875 to pay costs of services, for the Crystal Reporting Services Migration for the Finance Department, and for the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$175,875 shall be transferred from Free Cash.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call**Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-0-0****Article 5 Motion: Hedge and Cold Spring Elementary Feasibility Study**

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying costs of the feasibility study to replace or renovate Hedge Elementary School, located on 2.03999 acres of Town-owned land in North Plymouth, and specifically at 258 Standish Avenue, Plymouth, Massachusetts and to replace or renovate Cold Spring Elementary School, located on 7.64137 acres of Town-owned land in North Plymouth, and specifically at 25 Alden Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which Plymouth may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Plymouth Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Plymouth acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the

Town of Plymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Plymouth, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Plymouth and the MSBA.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-1-0

Article 6 Motion: General Purpose Stabilization Fund

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$525,000 to the General Purpose Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of Mass General Laws, c. 40 §5B as amended, and that to meet this appropriation transfer such sum of money from Free Cash.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 142-3-0

Article 7 Motion: Funding Request – Tax Title Properties

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$100,000 for title examination and affidavit recordings on tax title properties that were conveyed to other land uses through previous Town Meeting action, and for the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$100,000 shall be transferred from Free Cash.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 148-0-0

Article 8 Motion: Revolving Fund – Cruise Lines

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to establish a new revolving fund, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53E ½, to be known as Cruise Line; and further, to amend the General Bylaws §143-5 Authorized Revolving Funds, by inserting the underlined text in a new row at the end of the Table of authorized revolving funds, as follows, and, further, to establish a fiscal year expenditure limit of \$100,000 for such fund, to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year:

<u>A</u> Revolving Fund	<u>B</u> Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to spend from the Fund	<u>C</u> Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund	<u>D</u> Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	<u>E</u> Fiscal Years
<u>Cruise Line</u>	<u>Harbormaster</u>	<u>Two thirds of any fees collected related to cruise lines docking in Plymouth Harbor</u>	<u>Maintenance and/or improvements to Town Wharf, Personnel costs, Supplies and Materials</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025 and subsequent years</u>

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 133-2-1

Article 9 Motion: Revolving Fund – Animal Shelter

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws §143-5 Authorized Revolving Funds, consistent with the proposed language; with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

<u>A</u> Revolving Fund	<u>B</u> Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to spend from the Fund	<u>C</u> Fees, Charges or other Receipts Credited to Fund	<u>D</u> Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	<u>E</u> Fiscal Years
Animal Shelter Adoption	<u>Director of Marine & Environmental Affairs</u> <u>Director of Public Health</u>	Those identified as those arising from deposits/spaying & neutering.	In accordance with G.L c.140 §139A, all animals placed for adoption must be spayed or neutered. This fund provides for other expenditures as authorized by §139A as well as a refund of a \$30 deposit, when proof of spaying or neutering procedure is provided. To be used for the care, health & welfare of the animals, equipment, supplies & capital expenditures.	Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequent years

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 147-1-1

Article 10 Motion: Treasurer/Collector Certification Stipend

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 41 §108P Additional Compensation for Collectors or Treasurers.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-3-0

Article 11 Motion: Bylaw Amendment – Perpetual Care Funds

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws §71-5 Perpetual Care Funds, to reflect M.G.L. Ch. 203C, as previously accepted at the October 19, 2024 Town Meeting, with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted as follows:

§ 71-5. Perpetual care funds. [Amended 6-27-1984 STM by Art. 4]

A. ~~The Town Treasurer is authorized to accept sums of money as perpetual care funds for cemetery lots which shall be held in trust by the Town and, unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof, shall be placed at interest in savings banks, trust companies incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, banking companies incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or national banks or invested by cities and towns in participation units in a combined investment fund under MGL c. 29, § 38A; or in paid up shares and accounts of and in cooperative banks; or in shares of savings and loan associations; or in shares or savings deposits of federal savings and loan associations doing business in the commonwealth, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000; or in bonds or notes which are legal investments for savings banks.~~

A. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §54 Subsection (a) the Town Treasurer is authorized to

accept sums of money as perpetual care funds for cemetery lots which shall be held in trust by the Town and unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor of the funds, shall be deposited in: a trust company, co-operative bank or savings bank, if the trust company or bank is organized or exists under the laws of the commonwealth or any other state or may transact business in the commonwealth and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; a national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings and loan association, if the bank or association may transact business and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; provided, however, that a state-chartered or federally-chartered bank shall be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor or invested by cities and towns in participation units in a combined investment fund under section 38A of chapter 29 or in bonds or notes which are legal investments for savings banks.

B. If such funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer have an aggregate amount in excess of \$250,000, the Town Treasurer may also invest such funds in securities, other than mortgages or collateral loans, which are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the commonwealth, provided that not more than 15% of any such trust funds shall be invested in bank stocks and insurance company stocks, nor shall more than 1 1/2% of such funds be invested in the stock of any one bank or insurance company. The Town Treasurer shall use the interest from such accounts for the care of such lots.

B. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 §54 Subsection (b)(1) the Treasurer may be manage the funds held in their custody in accordance with Chapter 203C. If any provision of this subsection conflicts with the terms of a bequest, trust or other instrument that expresses the clear intent of the donor, then such funds may be managed and invested only in accordance with the terms of such bequest, trust or other instrument.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 150-0-0

Article 12 Motion: Exclusion of Administrative Buildings and Properties as Prohibited Areas under Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024, An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws (H.4885)

Betty Cavacco, Precinct 6 Town Meeting Member, moved that the Town vote to accept a provision of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024 to exclude its municipal administrative buildings and Town property from being defined as “prohibited areas” under Chapter 269, Section 10, thereby allowing possession of a firearm, loaded or unloaded, as defined in Section 121 of Chapter 140 in said buildings.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 34-112-5

MOTION TO DISSOLVE

Mr. Nearman moved to dissolve this Plymouth Special Town Meeting.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 139-0-2

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MOTIONS
April 5, 2025**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Nearman moved that the following articles of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant be considered under a Consent Agenda and that such articles be approved and acted upon as written in the warrant, and as set forth in the Report & Recommendations of the Advisory & Finance Committee:

Article	Subject
1	Reports of Boards, Officers & Committees
3	Continuation of Committees
4	Salaries of Elected Town Officials
14	Chapter 90 Funds - Roads
15	Town Promotion Fund Appropriation

ARTICLE 1 Motion: Reports of Boards, Officers, and Committees:

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to receive the reports of several Boards, Officers, and Committees of the Town thereon.

ARTICLE 3 Motion: Continuation of Committees

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to, pursuant to Chapter 173 of the General By-Laws, to authorize the Cedarville Steering Committee and the Plymouth Center Steering Committee to continue to operate for the next three years, with a further review in three years at the 2028 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 Motion: Salaries of Elected Town Officials

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §108, to authorize the annual stipends/salaries of elected Town Officials as follows:

Chair of Select Board:	\$4,500
Select Board:	\$4,000 each
Moderator:	\$2,000

ARTICLE 14 Motion: Chapter 90 Funds - Roads

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to accept a sum of money that the State declares as available funds as the State's share of the cost of work under G.L. c. 90, said funds to be expended under the supervision of the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 15 Motion: Town Promotion Fund

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$ 1,355,872 from the Town Promotion Fund created pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1993, for programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services, and public improvements.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-5-0

ARTICLE 2 Motion: Revolving Fund Spending Limits

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to establish the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund during fiscal year 2026, beginning on July 1, 2025, for the revolving funds established in town bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §53E ½ as follows:

Revolving Fund	FY 2026 Spending Cap
Manomet Village Parking	\$ 1
Cedarville Village Parking	\$ 1
West Plymouth Village Parking	\$ 1
No. Plymouth Village Parking	\$ 1
Plymouth Center Village Parking	\$ 1
Animal Shelter Adoption	\$ 5,000
State Boat Ramp	\$ 97,894
Recreation Fund	\$ 808,158
Vocational Technical Services Fund	\$ 450,000
Plymouth Beach Fund	\$ 592,018
Cemetery Repair & Beautification Fund	\$ 20,000
Council on Aging Programs Fund	\$ 120,000
CAL Café Nutrition and Council On Aging Meals on Wheels Donation Fund	\$ 100,000
Library Lost Materials	\$ 15,000
Fire Safety and Prevention	\$ 150,000
Fire Alarm Master Box Services	\$ 95,000
Local Hazardous Materials Program	\$ 60,000
Cedarville Community Center	\$ 12,000
Memorial Hall	\$ 331,290
Compost Bins	\$ 5,160
Hedges Pond	\$ 63,000
CPA Conservation Land	\$ 0
1820 Court House Maintenance	\$ 1
Shellfish Upweller	\$ 10,000
Plymouth County Outreach (PCO)	\$ 40,000
Little Red Schoolhouse	\$ 30,000
EV Charging	\$ 100,000

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 146-0-1

ARTICLE 5 Motion: General Fund Operating Budgets

SUMMARY OF VOTE FOR 5		
Total General Fund Operating Budget	(Item #1-64)	\$ 291,296,998.00
Title V Loan Program - Debt Service		\$ 201,644.00
Title V Loan Program - Administration		\$ 77,448.00
State Boat Ramp Revolving		\$ 11,120.00
Recreation Revolving		\$ 39,921.00
Memorial Hall Revolving		\$ 29,631.00
Plymouth Beach Revolving		\$ 19,291.00
Fire Safety & Prevention Revolving		\$ -
Fire Alarm Maintenance Revolving		\$ 9,578.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care		\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Waterways		\$ 130,000.00
Municipal Waterways - Debt		\$ 55,000.00
Environmental Affairs Fund		\$ 20,000.00
Pavement Management Debt Fund		\$ 1,158,900.00
Meals Tax for Town Hall Project		\$ 1,796,344.00
Total Transfers:		\$ 3,558,877.00
To be raised by the 2026 Tax Levy:		\$ 287,738,121.00
(General Fund revenues & other sources)		

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote Motion 5 by Sub-Committee Report as follows:

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report A

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$16,653,088 (Items 1-17) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report A, as amended at the Budget Hearing, for the purposes listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$16,653,088 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 136-3-0

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report B

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$88,146,820 (Items 18-32) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report B, for the purposes listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation make the following transfers, totaling \$3,398,877, as listed in the chart below, and raise the sum of \$84,747,943 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Summary of Vote for Sub-Committee B	(Item #18-32)	\$ 88,146,820.00
Title V Loan Program - Debt Service		\$ 201,644.00
Title V Loan Program - Administration		\$ 77,448.00
State Boat Ramp Revolving		\$ 11,120.00
Recreation Revolving		\$ 39,921.00
Memorial Hall Revolving		\$ 29,631.00
Plymouth Beach Revolving		\$ 19,291.00
Fire Safety & Prevention Revolving		\$ -
Fire Alarm Maintenance Revolving		\$ 9,578.00
Municipal Waterways - Debt		\$ 55,000.00
Pavement Management Debt Fund		\$ 1,158,900.00
Meals Tax for Town Hall Project		\$ 1,796,344.00
Total Transfers:		\$ 3,398,877.00
To be raised by the 2026 Tax Levy:		\$ 84,747,943.00
(General Fund revenues & other sources)		

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 144-2-0

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report C

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$38,366,530 (Items 33-48) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report C, for the purposes as listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation transfer \$130,000 from Municipal Waterways Fund, \$20,000 from Environmental Affairs Fund and raise the sum of \$38,216,530 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Motion to Amend Sub-Committee Report C

Geri Williams, Precinct 8, moved that the Town vote to reduce the Police – Departmental Equipment budget (Line Item #35) by \$78,134.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 17-128-1

Motion to Amend Sub-Committee Report C

Geri Williams, Precinct 8, moved that the Town vote to reduce the Fire – Personal Services budget (Line Item #40) by \$75,000.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 9-136-0

Sub-Committee Report C Main Motion As Originally Moved As Amended

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 144-3-1

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report D

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,259,765 (Items 49-53) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report D, for the purposes listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation transfer \$10,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and raise the sum of \$14,249,765 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-1-0

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report E

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,222,984 (Items 54-60) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report E, for the purposes listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$6,222,984 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-2-0

Article 5 Motion: Sub-Committee Report F

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$127,647,811 (Items 61-64) as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report F, for the purposes listed in the budget attached to these motions, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$127,647,811 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 140-7-1

ARTICLE 6 Motion: Water Enterprise Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,346,287 (Items 65-68) to defray Water direct costs and transfer \$1,776,968 for Water indirect costs to the General Fund, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$8,123,255 of Water Receipts as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report G and shown below:

WATER	
Appropriated for Direct Costs	\$ 6,346,287
Indirect Costs transferred to General Fund	\$ 1,776,968
Total Fund Expense	\$ 8,123,255

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 147-0-0

ARTICLE 7 Motion: Sewer Enterprise Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,977,272 (Items 69-73) to defray Sewer direct costs and transfer \$511,173 for Sewer indirect costs to the General Fund, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$9,488,445 of Sewer Receipts as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report G and shown below:

SEWER	
Appropriated for Direct Costs	\$ 8,977,272
Indirect Costs transferred to General Fund	\$ 511,173
Total Fund Expense	\$ 9,488,445

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 144-1-0

ARTICLE 8 Motion: Solid Waste Enterprise Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$958,417 (Items 74-76) to defray Solid Waste direct costs and transfer \$430,722 for Solid Waste indirect costs to the General Fund, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$1,389,139 of Solid Waste Receipts as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report G and shown below:

SOLID WASTE	
Appropriated for Direct Costs	\$ 958,417
Indirect Costs transferred to General Fund	\$ 430,722
Total Fund Expense	\$ 1,389,139

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-0-0

ARTICLE 9 Motion: Airport Enterprise Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,802,724 (Items 77-80) to defray Airport direct costs and transfer \$433,477 for Airport indirect costs to the General Fund, and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$4,236,201 of Airport Receipts as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report G and shown below:

AIRPORT	
Appropriated for Direct Costs	\$ 3,802,724
Indirect Costs transferred to General Fund	\$ 433,477
Total Fund Expense	\$ 4,236,201

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 140-5-2

ARTICLE 10 Motion: Cable Public Access Enterprise Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,545,000 (Items 81-82) to defray Cable Access direct costs and to meet said appropriation raise the sum of \$1,545,000 of Cable Receipts as detailed in the Advisory & Finance Sub-Committee Report G.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-1-0

ARTICLE 11 Motion: Facility Capital Maintenance Stabilization Fund

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$500,000 to the Facility Capital Maintenance Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B as amended, and that to meet this appropriation raise and appropriate \$500,000 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 131-18-1

ARTICLE 12 Motion: Nuclear Stabilization Fund

Kevin Canty, Vice Chair Select Board moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$500,000 to the Nuclear Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B as amended, and that to meet this appropriation raise and appropriate \$500,000 from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 121-19-1

ARTICLE 13: Capital Improvements

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	APPROPRIATION	FUNDING
A1	123 - Town Manager	1749 Courthouse	\$ 39,434	Free Cash
A2	155 - Information Technology	Fiber Over Lash Phase 3	\$ 250,000	Free Cash
A3	155 - Information Technology	Strategic Plan Refresh	\$ 50,000	Free Cash
A4	155 - Information Technology	Document Digitization Phase 3	\$ 398,500	Free Cash
A5	210 - Police	Property/Evidence Climate Control	\$ 67,850	Free Cash
A6	210 - Police	Feasibility Study for Police HQ	\$ 150,000	Free Cash
A7	210 - Police	Armored Vehicle Replacement	\$ 202,467	\$202,467 Free Cash
A8	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip Command Vehicles	\$ 166,238	\$66,238 Free Cash \$100,000 Fire Prevention Revolving
A9	295 - Harbormaster	Town Wharf Extension	\$ 750,000	Free Cash
A10	295 - Harbormaster	34' Calvin Beal - Refit	\$ 120,000	Free Cash
A11	300 - School	PCIS Fire Alarm System Upgrade	\$ 104,251	Free Cash
A12	300 - School	PNHS Main Entry Drain Install	\$ 33,653	Free Cash
A13	300 - School	Purchase 7D Van	\$ 88,765	Free Cash
A14	300 - School	Purchase School Bus	\$ 147,302	Free Cash
A15	300 - School	SES Replacement of Remaining RTUs and Controls	\$ 2,000,000	Free Cash
A16	300 - School	PCIS Parking Lot Pave/Stripe	\$ 1,196,000	Free Cash
A17	300 - School	MES Replace Rubber Roof (Added Scope)	\$ 240,000	Free Cash
A18	300 - School	District-Wide HVAC Repairs	\$ 500,000	Free Cash
A19	300 - School	District-Wide Roofing Assessments and Repairs	\$ 51,950	Free Cash
A20	300 - School	Admin Building Generator Replacement	\$ 110,000	Free Cash
A21	300 - School	SES Final Asphalt Coat of Side Parking Lot	\$ 51,975	Free Cash
A22	300 - School	PNHS Soccer Turf Replacement	\$ 763,158	Free Cash
A23	300 - School	WES Ball Courts / Sidewalk Repave & Stripe	\$ 104,160	Free Cash
A24	300 - School	NMES Stairwell Renovations	\$ 110,250	Free Cash
A25	300 - School	PSHS Maintenance Garage	\$ 69,390	Free Cash
A26	300 - School	Admin Building Exterior Repairs & Cupola	\$ 46,988	Free Cash
A27	300 - School	FFES Multi-Use Tractor	\$ 57,221	Free Cash
A28	411 - DPW Engineering	Roadway Improvement Program & Preservation	\$ 5,000,000	\$2,290,670 Free Cash \$2,650,000 GF Revenues \$59,330 Transportation Network Fee Fund
A29	420 - DPW Highway	Replace 2008 F550 Bucket Truck	\$ 267,623	Free Cash
A30	420 - DPW Highway	New Roadside Mower	\$ 245,421	Free Cash
A31	420 - DPW Highway	Replace F350 Utility Body	\$ 112,830	Free Cash
A32	420 - DPW Highway	Replace 2014 John Deere Skid Steer	\$ 112,800	Free Cash
A33	422 - DPW Facility Maintenance	FS1 HQ Brick Repointing	\$ 161,710	Free Cash
A34	422 - DPW Facility Maintenance	PD HQ Locker Room / Restroom Renovation	\$ 458,390	Free Cash
A35	491 - DPW Cemetery	White Horse Cemetery Easement Construction	\$ 192,000	Free Cash
A36	492 - DPW Parks & Forestry	Reconstructing Tennis Courts - Briggs & Elmer Raymond	\$ 801,060	Free Cash
A37	492 - DPW Parks & Forestry	Replace Utility Pickup Truck #23	\$ 112,830	Free Cash
A38	541 - Center For Active Living	Moving Wall Replacement	\$ 125,000	Free Cash
A39	630 - Recreation	Forges Field Pickleball Court Drainage/Pathway	\$ 97,000	Free Cash
A40	440 - DPW Sewer	Sewer System Improvements	\$ 200,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
A41	440 - DPW Sewer	Truck Replacement #S55	\$ 160,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
A42	450 - DPW Water	Distribution System Improvements	\$ 750,000	Water Retained Earnings
A43	450 - DPW Water	Water System Improvements	\$ 100,000	Water Retained Earnings
		Total Appropriation Article 13 - A Items	\$ 16,766,216	

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZATION	FUNDING
B1	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip 2006 Aerial Platform	\$ 2,283,467	Borrowing
B2	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip 2007 Pumping Engine	\$ 1,186,294	Borrowing
B3	440 - DPW Sewer	CMOM Program	\$ 1,300,000	Borrowing
		Total Authorization Article 13 - B Items	\$ 4,769,761	

ARTICLE 13 A1-A43 Motion:

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$16,766,216, to pay costs of various capital projects listed as A1 through A43, in Article 13 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as set forth in the Report & Recommendations of the Advisory & Finance Committee, as shown in the table above, and for the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation:

\$12,746,886 shall be transferred from Free Cash,
\$59,330 shall be transferred from the Transportation Network Fee,
\$100,000 shall be transferred from the Fire Prevention Revolving Fund,
\$360,000 shall be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings,
\$850,000 shall be transferred from Water Retained Earnings, and
\$2,650,000 shall be raised and appropriated from the 2026 Tax Levy.

Motion to Amend:

Geri Williams, Precinct 8, moved to increase item A28 Roadway Improvement Program & Preservation by \$500,000, for a new total of \$17,266,216 for capital projects listed as A1 through A43, in Article 13 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and modify the funding sources, by decreasing the amount transferred from free cash by \$115,622.77 for a total of \$12,631,263.23, decreasing the amount transferred from Water Retained Earnings by \$82,717.75 for a total of \$767,282.25, and further, transfer the sum of \$698,340.52 from balances not needed in previous town meeting articles as indicated in the table below:

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 77-60-3

MUNIS Org	Fund	Article	Town Meeting	Description	Amount
2022F4A8	GF	Art 4A8	FATM OCTOBER 2022	WEBSITE UPGRADE & 311 SYSTEM	7,599.99
15501508	GF	Art 8	ATM APRIL 2012	INFO TECH ART 8/DEPT EQUIP	2,001.93
20219A3	GF	Art 9A3	ATM APRIL 2021	TOWNWIDE CAMERA SYSTEM	2,355.70
2021FA2	GF	Art 4A2	FATM OCTOBER 2021	RADIO REPLACEMENT CRUISERS	66.05
2023S4A2	GF	Art 4A2	STM APRIL 2023	POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDY	33,576.51
2021S6	GF	Art 6	STM APRIL 2021	FIRE STATION FEASIBIL/FACILITY	126,500.00
20229A6	GF	Art 9A6	ATM APRIL 2022	TANKER 1 PUMPING ENGINE	1,739.82
20229A8	GF	Art 9A8	ATM APRIL 2022	AIR COMPRESSOR & TANK REFILL S	68,459.36
2022F4A6	GF	Art 4A6	FATM OCTOBER 2022	PUMPING ENGINE	244.62
20239A11	GF	Art 9A11	ATM APRIL 2023	SELF CONTD BREATHING APPARATUS	54,070.26
20239A12	GF	Art 9A12	ATM APRIL 2023	FIRE PREV & CODE ENF VEHICLES	9,783.50
2023F4A3	GF	Art 4A3	FATM OCTOBER 2023	PUMPING ENGINE 5 REPL & EQUIP	596.00
2021FA3	GF	Art 4A3	FATM OCTOBER 2021	TECH VAN 1	5,907.90
2021FA4	GF	Art 4A4	FATM OCTOBER 2021	NMES ROOF	19,631.76
20239A19	GF	Art 9A19	ATM APRIL 2023	KUBOTA W/ MOWER & SNOW BLOWER	4,788.44
20239A21	GF	Art 9A21	ATM APRIL 2023	FORD F250 UTILITY W/ PLOW	9,621.45
20249A17	GF	Art 9A17	ATM APRIL 2024	SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE	998.00
20239A15	GF	Art 9A15	ATM APRIL 2023	SIDEWALK REPAIRS - CSES	5,497.00
20239A20	GF	Art 9A20	ATM APRIL 2023	REPLACE GYM FLOOR - HES	2,980.00
20239A14	GF	Art 9A14	ATM APRIL 2023	BRICK&WINDOW SEAL REPAIR - MES	27.00
20239A16	GF	Art 9A16	ATM APRIL 2023	REPLACE GYM FLOOR - NMES	5,743.00
20249A16	GF	Art 9A16	ATM APRIL 2024	PCIS FLOORING REPLACEMENT MAIN	5,211.00
20249A37	GF	Art 9A37	ATM APRIL 2024	CAL INTERCOM SYSTEM	23,233.64
20239A26	GF	Art 9A26	ATM APRIL 2023	25-TON TRAILER REPLACEMENT	7,124.00
20239A27	GF	Art 9A27	ATM APRIL 2023	CATCH BASIN TRUCK REPLACEMENT	39,582.00
20149A15	GF	Art 9A15	ATM APRIL 2014	LUBE PIT DECOMMISSION & LIFT	22,043.86
20159A13	GF	Art 9A13	ATM APRIL 2015	TOWN VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT REPLA	24,974.34
20219A16	GF	Art 9A16	ATM APRIL 2021	FUEL EFFICIENCY PROGRAM	9,860.00
20229A16	GF	Art 9A16	ATM APRIL 2022	UPDATE TRUCK RADIOS	24,990.63
20239A33	GF	Art 9A33	ATM APRIL 2023	FUEL EFFICIENCY PROGRAM	667.00
20239A32	GF	Art 9A32	ATM APRIL 2023	PACKER REPLACEMENT	43,454.00
20239A37	GF	Art 9A37	ATM APRIL 2023	CREMATION PROCESSING MACHINE	2,885.50
20169A34	GF	Art 9A34	ATM APRIL 2016	PURCHASE RESTROOM TRAILER	14,027.02
2023S4A3	GF	Art 4A3	STM APRIL 2023	FORD F350 - PARKS & FORESTRY	20,841.18
20249A35	GF	Art 9A35	ATM APRIL 2024	FENCE SIRRICO MEMOR PLAYGROUND	13,732.31
20249A36	GF	Art 9A36	ATM APRIL 2024	2 COMMERCIAL MOWERS	808.00
GF Total					615,622.77
20189A26	Water	Art 9A26	ATM APRIL 2018	WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN	17,717.75
20209A54	Water	Art 9A54	ATM AUGUST 2020	WATER SMART SOFTWARE	65,000.00
Water Total					82,717.75
Grand Total					698,340.52

Main Motion Article 13 A1-A43 As Originally Moved

As Amended

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 140-3-1

ARTICLE 13 B1 Motion: Replace and Equip 2006 Aerial Platform.

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$2,283,467, to pay costs of replacing and equipping the 2006 aerial platform, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$2,283,467 under G.L. c.44, §7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 137-1-0

ARTICLE 13 B2 Motion: Replace and Equip 2007 Pumping Engine.

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$1,186,294, to pay costs of replacing and equipping the 2007 pumping engine, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$1,186,294 under G.L. c.44, §7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 145-0-0

ARTICLE 13 B3 Motion: CMOM Program.

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$1,300,000, to pay costs of CMOM program projects, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$1,300,000 under G.L. c.44, §7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-2-0

ARTICLE 16 Motion: CPC – Reduce Borrowing – Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$398,814 from Fiscal Year 2026, Community Preservation Act estimated annual revenues to pay costs of constructing 26 family shelter units and education center, deed restricted for affordable housing purposes, located at 54 Industrial Park Road, Plymouth Massachusetts, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; further that the borrowing authorized by vote of the Town under Article 16A at the Spring 2024 Town Meeting held, is hereby reduced, such reduction effective on July 1, 2025, by the amount of \$398,814 to \$2,601,186, and such vote under Article 16A is, in all other respects, ratified and confirmed.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 143-2-0

ARTICLE 17 Motion: CPC – Reduce Borrowing – Stephens Field

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town appropriates the sum of \$ 1,692,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Act estimated annual revenues to pay costs of the restoration and rehabilitation of Stephens Field as previously amended, and for the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; further that the borrowing amended by vote of the Town under Article 16F at the Spring 2024 Town Meeting held, is hereby reduced, such reduction effective on July 1, 2025, by

the amount of \$1,692,000 to \$136,959, and such vote under Article 16F is, in all other respects, ratified and confirmed.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 142-1-0

ARTICLE 18 Motion: CPC – FY26 Annual Budget

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,897,329 from the Fiscal Year 2026 estimated annual revenues of the Community Preservation Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Budget, Debt Service and to set aside sums for future appropriation as follows:

\$159,526 for Administrative Budget (and all other necessary and proper expenses),
\$297,375 for Annual Debt Service Budget,
\$398,814 Set Aside for Historic Resources Reserve, and
\$1,041,614 set aside for FY2026 Budgeted Reserve.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 144-2-0

ARTICLE 19 Motion: WITHDRAWN

ARTICLE 20 Motion: Eversource Easement – Nook Road
No Motion. No Action.

ARTICLE 21 Motion: Proposed Bylaw – School Facilities Maintenance

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to amend General bylaws, Chapter 177, to add Article III, Facilities Maintenance, Management, and Oversight, consistent with the proposed language; with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

Section 177-3 Facilities Maintenance, Management, and Oversight:

A. Definitions:

(1) School Facilities - For the purposes of this section, school facilities shall include:

- non-academic school buildings; school sports fields and any press boxes, halftime facilities, and/or lighting fixtures or structures associated with them; wells and wastewater treatment infrastructure located on school properties; and maintenance garages.

B. Control and responsibility for public facilities shall be appropriated as follows:

(1) The School Committee shall have general charge and superintendence of all school buildings, facilities, and grounds and shall furnish all school buildings with proper fixtures, furniture, and equipment;

(2) The Town and its various Departments and Divisions shall have general charge and superintendence of all municipal buildings and grounds, excluding school buildings and grounds, and shall furnish all of these buildings, facilities, and grounds with proper fixtures, furniture, and equipment.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 40-104-1

ARTICLE 22 Motion: Charter Amendment – School Facilities Maintenance

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact legislation, pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10, to amend the Town Charter Chapter 4 Section 3 of the Plymouth Town Charter to delete Section 4-3-2(d) to remove the requirement that the Schools have superintendence of their buildings and grounds from the Town Charter with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

4-3-2 The powers and duties of the School Committee shall include the following:

- (a) To appoint a superintendent of the schools who shall manage the school system in a fashion consistent with law and the policy determinations of the School Committee and, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Committee may also establish and appoint positions of assistant or associate superintendents as provided by law.
- (b) To establish educational goals and policies for the schools in the Town consistent with the requirements of law and statewide goals and standards established by the State Board of Education.
- (c) To propose and to oversee the administration of an annual operating budget for the School Department, subject to appropriation by the Town Meeting.
- (d) ~~To have general charge and superintendence of all school buildings and grounds and furnish all school buildings with proper fixtures, furniture and equipment.~~

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 13-128-2

ARTICLE 23 Motion: Charter Amendment – Charter Review Committee

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact legislation, pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10, to amend the Town Charter Chapter 7 Section 6 of the Plymouth Town Charter to permit a future Charter Review Committee to propose bylaws for Town Meeting consideration as part of their report to Town Meeting, consistent with the proposed language; with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted, as follows:

Chapter 7, Section 6 Periodic Charter Review Committee

7-6-1 At least once every 5 years, a Charter Review Committee shall review this Charter and make a report, with recommendations, to the Town Meeting concerning any proposed amendments which the Committee may determine to be necessary or desirable. The Charter Review Committee shall also have the ability to propose new or amended general bylaws for Town Meeting consideration as part of their report. The members of the Charter Review Committee shall be appointed by a special committee consisting of the Moderator, who will serve as Chairman, one member of the Select Board and one (1) member of the Committee of Precinct Chairs.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Failed, 76-63-3

ARTICLE 24 Motion: Charter Amendment – Land Use Acquisition Committee

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact legislation, pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10, to amend the Town Charter regarding the role, scope, and appointing authority of the Land Use and Acquisition Committee, consistent with the proposed language; with underlined text to be inserted, as follows:

3-14-9 A Land Use and Acquisition Committee comprised of seven (7) members to act in an advisory capacity to the Select Board with respect to the acquisition, conveyance, and disposition of real property by the Town, or its subdivisions, either pursuant to Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B of the General Laws or in any instances as requested by the Town Manager on behalf of the Select Board. The members of the Land Use and Acquisition Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year overlapping terms as follows: Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Select Board, two (2) by the Planning Board, one (1) by the Conservation Commission, one (1) by the Agricultural Commission, and one (1) by the Open Space Committee.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 126-17-1

ARTICLE 25 Motion: HERO Act – COLA Increase

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §5, cl. 22I, as added by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, commonly referred to as the “HERO Act”, which will allow the Assessors to increase the real estate property tax exemptions for qualifying military service members, veterans and their spouses annually by an amount equal to the increase in the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for such year, which additional exemption will begin in Fiscal Year 2026.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 141-1-2

ARTICLE 26 Motion: HERO Act – Exemption Amount Increase

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §5, cl. 22J, as added by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, commonly referred to as the “HERO Act”, to allow the Assessors to grant an additional real estate property tax exemption for qualifying military service members, veterans and their spouses in an amount equal to 50% of the amount of the exemption for which the taxpayer qualifies for, which additional exemption will begin in Fiscal Year 2026.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 135-1-3

ARTICLE 27 Motion: Citizen’s Petition – Zoning Amend. – Light Industrial to Mixed Commerce

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws as it relates the Petitioned Article to change the designation of lots 11B, 26A And 27 on Assessors’ Map 102 Located off Commerce Way and Cherry Street from Light Industrial (LI) District to Mixed Commerce (MC) District in accordance with the “FINAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BYLAW”, as on file with the Town Clerk.

Quantum of Vote: 2/3rds / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 129-13-1

ARTICLE 28 Motion: Citizen's Petition – Bylaw Amend. – Public Comment

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to approve the Bylaw amended language as follows: Add paragraph 173-13 to the Town By-law: Each Precinct Caucus shall have provision in its Agenda for Public Comment. At the discretion of the Chair, Public Comment may be made at one time or interspersed with Presentations at the meeting. A minimum of two minutes should be allowed for each Public Comment speaker but may be allowed a longer period at the discretion of the Chair.

Motion to Amend

Ken Stone, Precinct 16 Town Meeting member, moved to amend the motion by adding the following sentence after the last sentence:

The Chair, after consultation with the precinct's town meeting members present, may set a limit to or extend the length of time for any public comment. The caucus members, by motion and a majority vote, may extend the time allowed for public comment if the Chair chooses not to do so.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 119-17-2

Motion to Amend

George McKay, Precinct 8 Town Meeting member, moved to amend the motion by adding the following sentence after the last sentence: Public Comments cannot be censored.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 98-46-0

Motion to Amend

Alexis Coon, Precinct 17, moved to amend the main motion with underlined text to be inserted and strikethrough text to be deleted as follows: Each Precinct Caucus shall have provision in its Agenda for Public Comment. At the discretion of the Chair, Public Comment may be made at one time or interspersed with Presentations at the meeting. A minimum of two minutes may ~~should~~ be allowed for each Public Comment speaker but may be allowed a longer period at the discretion of the Chair.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 76-59-1

Main Motion Article 28 As Originally Moved

As Amended

Each Precinct Caucus shall have provision in its Agenda for Public Comment. At the discretion of the Chair, Public Comment may be made at one time or interspersed with Presentations at the meeting. A minimum of two minutes may ~~should~~ be allowed for each Public Comment speaker but may be allowed a longer period at the discretion of the Chair. The Chair, after consultation with the precinct's town meeting members present, may set a limit to or extend the length of time for any public comment. The caucus members, by motion and a majority vote, may extend the time allowed for public comment if the Chair chooses not to do so. Public Comments cannot be censored.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call

Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 78-62-2

ARTICLE 29 Motion: Citizen's Petition – Home Rule – Digital Legal Notices

Mr. Nearman moved that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation allowing digital legal notices for the Town of Plymouth, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, consistent with the proposed language:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to allow, but not require, the Town of Plymouth and its subdivisions to satisfy legal notice requirements entirely by digital publication as voted necessary by its Select Board and School Committee in light of the changing landscape of print newspaper businesses, particularly at the local level.

Section 2. Means of Legal Notice Publication

Notwithstanding G. L. c. 4, section 13 (b) or any other general or special law to the contrary, wherever the Town of Plymouth, Plymouth Public Schools, and/or their subdivisions, committees, boards, commissions, or offices are required by statute, ordinance, by-law or judicial order to publish a legal notice in a newspaper or newspaper of general circulation, the person, corporation, agency, authority, municipality, or legal entity may satisfy such requirement by one or more of the following means:

- A. a print newspaper of local or general circulation;
- B. the website of an on line news site reporting local news and opinion which satisfies all criteria for print or digital publication as set forth in G. L. c. 4, section 13(b);
- C. a townwide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices;
- D. a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices.

Section 3. Nothing set forth in this Act shall be construed to alter or amend the time or timing of publication of legal notices set forth in the General Laws.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage, subject to any editorial changes of form only that may be suggested by the General Court and any amendments that the Select Board determines to be within the scope of the general purpose objectives of this petition.

Motion to Amend:

Richard Serkey, Precinct 2 Town Meeting Member, moved to strikethrough Section 2B language as follows:

B. the website of an on line news site reporting local news and opinion ~~which satisfies all criteria for print or digital publication as set forth in G. L. c. 4, section 13(b);~~

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 134-1-0

Main Motion Article 29 As Originally Moved

As Amended

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 137-1-0

MOTION TO DISSOLVE

Mr. Nearman moved to dissolve this Plymouth Annual Town Meeting.

Quantum of Vote: Majority / Roll Call
Town Meeting Vote: Motion Carried, 120-0-0

Town Meeting Dissolved at 4:02 PM

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ITEM #	SUB-COM / DEPARTMENT / CATEGORY	2024 Actual Expended	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Department Request	2026 Advisory & Finance Committee Recommendation	\$\$\$ Over/Under 2026 to 2025 Revised Budget
SUB-COMMITTEE A						
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
	A - TOWN MANAGER					
1	Personal Services	844,524	1,025,027	1,003,243	1,003,243	(21,784)
2	All Other Expenses	518,419	445,100	467,250	461,950	16,850
	Total Budget Request	1,362,943	1,470,127	1,470,493	1,465,193	(4,934)
	A - HUMAN RESOURCES					
3	Personal Services	383,807	455,662	459,885	457,885	2,223
4	All Other Expenses	77,505	139,050	157,750	157,750	18,700
5	Departmental Equipment	-	-	1,600	-	-
	Total Budget Request	461,311	594,712	619,235	615,635	20,923
	A - TOWN CLERK					
6	Personal Services	392,667	437,494	454,631	454,631	17,137
7	All Other Expenses	208,898	224,475	244,465	244,465	19,990
8	Departmental Equipment	11,678	23,364	23,356	23,356	(8)
	Total Budget Request	613,242	685,333	722,452	722,452	37,119
	A - ELECTIONS & TOWN MEETING					
9	Personal Services	177,210	291,616	138,800	132,100	(159,516)
10	All Other Expenses	135,104	189,750	178,190	178,190	(11,560)
11	Departmental Equipment	35,901	5,532	-	-	(5,532)
	Total Budget Request	348,214	486,898	316,990	310,290	(176,608)
	A - 1749 COURT HOUSE					
12	Personal Services	12,615	18,447	19,497	19,497	1,050
13	All Other Expenses	4,716	6,250	6,250	6,250	-
	Total Budget Request	17,331	24,697	25,747	25,747	1,050
DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES						
	A - BUILDING AND ZONING					
14	Personal Services	1,053,949	1,088,548	1,219,362	1,219,362	130,814
15	All Other Expenses	15,033	20,739	21,810	21,810	1,071
	Total Budget Request	1,068,982	1,109,287	1,241,172	1,241,172	131,885
FIXED COSTS						
	A - MEMBER BENEFITS					
16	All Other Expenses	7,550,928	8,826,725	9,663,575	9,613,575	786,850
	Total Budget Request	7,550,928	8,826,725	9,663,575	9,613,575	786,850
	A - TOWN INSURANCE					
17	All Other Expenses	2,085,791	2,422,869	2,659,024	2,659,024	236,155
	Total Budget Request	2,085,791	2,422,869	2,659,024	2,659,024	236,155
	TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE A	13,508,742	15,620,648	16,718,688	16,653,088	1,032,440

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ITEM #	SUB-COM / DEPARTMENT / CATEGORY	2024 Actual Expended	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Department Request	2026 Advisory & Finance Committee Recommendation	\$\$\$ Over/Under 2026 to 2025 Revised Budget
SUB-COMMITTEE B						
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE						
	B - ALL DIVISIONS					
18	Personal Services	2,403,543	2,664,165	2,798,900	2,783,280	119,115
19	All Other Expenses	414,046	557,543	629,734	589,734	32,191
	Total Budget Request	2,817,589	3,221,708	3,428,634	3,373,014	151,306
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
	B - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
20	Personal Services	712,924	833,403	1,022,558	934,554	101,151
21	All Other Expenses	1,552,177	2,104,458	2,281,968	2,216,477	112,019
22	Departmental Equipment	18,209	62,500	117,000	117,000	54,500
	Total Budget Request	2,283,310	3,000,361	3,421,526	3,268,031	267,670
FIXED COSTS						
	B - SALARY RESERVE FUND					
23	Personal Services	-	4,749,179	733,758	733,758	(4,015,421)
24	Personal Services	-	(3,681,461)	-	-	3,681,461
	Total Budget Request	-	1,067,718	733,758	733,758	(333,960)
	B - FINCOMM RESERVE FUND					
25	Reserve Fund	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
	Total Budget Request	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
	B - TAX TITLE AND FORCLOSURE					
26	All Other Expenses	115,676	261,000	261,000	261,000	-
	Total Budget Request	115,676	261,000	261,000	261,000	-
	B - PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS					
27	All Other Expenses	18,418,703	19,886,375	21,524,793	21,524,793	1,638,418
	Total Budget Request	18,418,703	19,886,375	21,524,793	21,524,793	1,638,418
	B - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION					
28	All Other Expenses	20,000	60,220	60,220	60,220	-
	Total Budget Request	20,000	60,220	60,220	60,220	-
	B - MEMBER INSURANCE					
29	All Other Expenses	38,569,229	40,067,273	39,125,973	39,125,973	(941,300)
	Total Budget Request	38,569,229	40,067,273	39,125,973	39,125,973	(941,300)
	B - OPEB TRUST FUNDING					
30	All Other Expenses	1,172,491	1,263,179	1,290,740	1,290,740	27,561
	Total Budget Request	1,172,491	1,263,179	1,290,740	1,290,740	27,561
	B - COMPENSATED ABSENCES					
31	All Other Expenses	125,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
	Total Budget Request	125,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
COMMUNITY DEBT						
	B - DEBT SERVICE					
32	All Other Expenses	15,857,313	18,209,291	18,209,291	18,209,291	-
	Total Budget Request	15,857,313	18,209,291	18,209,291	18,209,291	-
TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE B		79,379,311	87,337,125	88,355,935	88,146,820	809,695

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SUB-COMMITTEE C						
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY						
	C - POLICE					
33	Personal Services	13,260,513	15,399,185	16,759,394	15,710,764	311,579
34	All Other Expenses	1,707,371	781,151	1,180,049	911,548	130,397
35	Departmental Equipment	620,477	594,527	976,358	820,090	225,563
	Total Budget Request	15,588,361	16,774,863	18,915,801	17,442,402	667,539
	C - HARBOR MASTER					
36	Personal Services	466,962	538,255	545,868	545,868	7,613
37	All Other Expenses	39,812	63,100	73,100	73,100	10,000
38	Fuel & Utilities	15,797	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
39	Departmental Equipment	-	11,000	25,000	25,000	14,000
	Total Budget Request	522,571	642,355	673,968	673,968	31,613
	C - FIRE					
40	Personal Services	14,553,998	15,783,106	16,945,372	16,885,369	1,102,263
41	All Other Expenses	493,542	540,951	582,025	582,025	41,074
42	Departmental Equipment	132,673	305,878	402,284	385,184	79,306
	Total Budget Request	15,180,213	16,629,935	17,929,681	17,852,578	1,222,643
	C - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
43	Personal Services	47,181	58,676	70,645	67,045	8,369
44	All Other Expenses	12,195	1,347,968	1,391,020	1,391,020	43,052
45	Departmental Equipment	-	-	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Total Budget Request	59,377	1,406,644	1,468,665	1,465,065	58,421
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT						
	C - ALL DIVISIONS					
46	Personal Services	572,626	757,065	781,317	781,317	24,252
47	All Other Expenses	80,328	131,200	131,200	131,200	-
48	Departmental Equipment	14,000	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Budget Request	666,954	888,265	932,517	932,517	44,252
	TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE C	32,017,475	36,342,062	39,920,632	38,366,530	2,024,468

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SUB-COMMITTEE D						
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						
	D - ALL DIVISIONS					
49	Personal Services	6,282,480	7,788,054	8,117,874	7,821,342	33,288
50	All Other Expenses	2,187,237	2,473,179	2,462,878	2,462,878	(10,301)
51	Fuel & Utilities	2,078,208	2,494,380	2,593,130	2,593,130	98,750
52	Departmental Equipment	44,133	29,197	16,000	16,000	(13,197)
	Total Budget Request	10,592,058	12,784,810	13,189,882	12,893,350	108,540
FIXED COSTS						
	D - DPW SNOW AND ICE					
53	All Other Expenses	616,515	1,366,415	1,366,415	1,366,415	-
	Total Budget Request	616,515	1,366,415	1,366,415	1,366,415	-
	TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE D	11,208,573	14,151,225	14,556,297	14,259,765	108,540

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SUB-COMMITTEE E						
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES						
	E - ALL DIVISIONS					
54	Personal Services	3,262,887	3,694,998	3,969,161	3,860,102	165,104
55	All Other Expenses	1,138,290	1,266,758	1,227,296	1,281,396	14,638
56	Departmental Equipment	2,241	31,265	34,603	10,844	(20,421)
	Total Budget Request	4,403,417	4,993,021	5,231,060	5,152,342	159,321
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT						
	E - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT					
57	Personal Services	732,557	799,262	839,967	839,967	40,705
58	All Other Expenses	199,483	188,191	205,827	205,827	17,636
59	Departmental Equipment	-	-	500	-	-
	Total Budget Request	932,041	987,453	1,046,294	1,045,794	58,341
	E - REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY					
60	All Other Expenses	23,880	24,357	85,000	24,848	491
	Total Budget Request	23,880	24,357	85,000	24,848	491
TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE E		5,359,338	6,004,831	6,362,354	6,222,984	218,153

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SUB-COMMITTEE F						
PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS						
	F - PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS					
61		113,430,191	121,365,299	127,825,433	127,229,274	5,863,975
	Total Budget Request	113,430,191	121,365,299	127,825,433	127,229,274	5,863,975
FIXED COSTS						
	F - MEDICAID PROGRAM-SCHL REVOLV					
62	Personal Services	264,689	274,696	280,942	280,942	6,246
63	All Other Expenses	35,188	54,738	55,550	55,550	812
	Total Budget Request	299,877	329,434	336,492	336,492	7,058
	F - OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION					
64	Personal Services	59,681	80,040	82,045	82,045	2,005
	Total Budget Request	59,681	80,040	82,045	82,045	2,005
TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE F		113,789,750	121,774,773	128,243,970	127,647,811	5,873,038
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		255,263,188	281,230,664	294,157,876	291,296,998	5,873,038

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SUB-COMMITTEE G						
WATER BUDGET						
	G - WATER OPERATING					
65	Personal Services	1,474,681	1,710,721	1,748,895	1,748,895	38,174
66	Other Expenditures	1,107,121	1,500,423	1,500,423	1,500,423	-
67	Water Enterprise Debt	2,237,626	3,259,992	3,082,886	3,082,886	(177,106)
68	Transfer to OPEB Trust	13,321	14,192	14,083	14,083	(109)
	Total Budget Request	4,832,749	6,485,328	6,346,287	6,346,287	(139,041)
SEWER BUDGET						
	G - SEWER OPERATING					
69	Personal Services	356,320	402,657	409,647	409,647	6,990
70	Other Expenditures	4,805,990	5,613,976	5,674,866	5,674,866	60,890
71	Departmental Equipment	-	10,122	-	-	(10,122)
72	Sewer Enterprise Debt	2,582,188	2,565,591	2,890,127	2,890,127	324,536
73	Transfer to OPEB Trust	2,117	2,446	2,632	2,632	186
	Total Budget Request	7,746,615	8,594,792	8,977,272	8,977,272	382,480
SOLID WASTE BUDGET						
	G - SOLID WASTE OPERATING					
74	Personal Services	289,337	332,575	343,132	343,132	10,557
75	Other Expenditures	493,124	597,342	612,258	612,258	14,916
76	Transfer to OPEB Trust	2,675	2,495	3,027	3,027	532
	Total Budget Request	785,136	932,412	958,417	958,417	26,005
AIRPORT BUDGET						
	G - AIRPORT OPERATING					
77	Personal Services	665,668	724,074	732,065	732,065	7,991
78	All Other Expenses	1,936,180	2,974,850	3,024,350	3,024,350	49,500
79	Airport Enterprise Debt	38,400	42,150	40,650	40,650	(1,500)
80	Transfer to OPEB Trust	5,608	6,284	5,659	5,659	(625)
	Total Budget Request	2,645,856	3,747,358	3,802,724	3,802,724	55,366
CABLE ACCESS BUDGET						
	G - CABLE ACCESS OPERATING					
81	Other Expenditures	1,454,495	1,540,000	1,540,000	1,540,000	-
82	Departmental Equipment	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
	Total Budget Request	1,454,495	1,545,000	1,545,000	1,545,000	-
TOTAL SUB-COMMITTEE G		17,464,851	21,304,890	21,629,700	21,629,700	324,810
		17,464,851	21,304,890	21,629,700	21,629,700	324,810
TOTAL FY2026 BUDGET		272,728,039	302,535,554	315,787,576	312,926,698	10,391,144