

## **2025 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Saturday, April 5, 2025

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Plymouth, qualified to consider and vote on articles at the Spring Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, to meet in a hybrid format, on Saturday, the Fifth day of April 2025, at 8:00 AM, with information necessary for the Moderator, Town Meeting members, Town officials and interested members of the public to access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Town Meeting as follows:

Town Meeting members will have the option to be in person at Plymouth North High School at 41 Obery Street in Plymouth, MA using an electronic voting clicker to take actions or remotely using telecast through Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform for their deliberations and the use of V-Voter to take actions remotely.

Town Officials will provide information through the Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform.

Interested members of the public will be able to view the meeting through the Plymouth local government channel (The Local Seen) available on Comcast and Verizon, or [thelocalseen.media/live](http://thelocalseen.media/live). Individuals not otherwise lawfully entitled to speak will have the opportunity to speak through the Zoom Webinar videoconferencing platform with 48-hours advanced notice given to and permission granted by the Town Moderator.

Registered Town of Plymouth voters wishing to participate in the hybrid Spring Annual Town Meeting shall submit a request to participate in the Meeting to the Town Clerk not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025, commencing at 8:00 AM. Upon receipt of the request and verification of the requester's voter registration status, the Town Clerk shall provide to the requester instructions for participating in the remote Town Meeting.

To act on the following articles to wit:

### **ARTICLE 1: Reports of Boards, Officers, and Committees**

To hear the reports of the several Boards and Officers and Committees of the Town thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

### **ARTICLE 2: Revolving Fund Spending Limits**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §53E 1/2 to establish the fiscal year 2026 spending limits for each revolving fund established by Chapter 143 of the General By-laws, Departmental Revolving Funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 3: Continuation of Committees**

To see what action the Town will take pursuant to Chapter 173 of the General By-Laws regarding the formation, reformation, organization, continuation or discharge of existing Committees created by vote of Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 4: Salaries of Elected Town Officials**

To see what action the Town will take pursuant to G.L. c.41, §108 with regard to fixing the salaries of elected Town Officials, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 5: General Fund Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to provide a reserve fund and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 6: Water Enterprise Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the water enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 7: Sewer Enterprise Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the sewer enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 8: Solid Waste Enterprise Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the solid waste enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 9: Airport Enterprise Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the airport enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 10: Cable Public Access Enterprise Operating Budget**

To see what action the Town will take to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, toward defraying charges and expenses of the Town for the cable public access enterprise and debt and interest, for the ensuing twelve month period beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 11: Facility Capital Stabilization Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Facility Capital Maintenance Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 12: Nuclear Mitigation Stabilization Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Nuclear Mitigation Stabilization Fund, as authorized by the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 13: Capital Improvements**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the construction and/or repair and/or purchase and/or lease and/or replacement of departmental buildings and/or equipment and/or capital facilities for various departments of the Town and/or for feasibility and other types of studies, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, and to authorize contracts or lease/purchase agreements for such purposes for terms of three or more years, as follows,

ITEM	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A1	123 - Town Manager	1749 Courthouse
A2	155 - Information Technology	Fiber Over Lash Phase 3
A3	155 - Information Technology	Strategic Plan Refresh
A4	155 - Information Technology	Document Digitization Phase 3
A5	210 - Police	Property/Evidence Climate Control
A6	210 - Police	Feasibility Study for Police HQ
A7	210 - Police	Armored Vehicle Replacement
A8	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip Command Vehicles
A9	295 - Harbormaster	Town Wharf Extension
A10	295 - Harbormaster	34' Calvin Beal - Refit
A11	300 - School	PCIS Fire Alarm System Upgrade
A12	300 - School	PNHS Main Entry Drain Install
A13	300 - School	Purchase 7D Van
A14	300 - School	Purchase School Bus
A15	300 - School	SES Replacement of Remaining RTUs and Controls
A16	300 - School	PCIS Parking Lot Pave/Stripe

A17	300 - School	MES Replace Rubber Roof (Added Scope)
A18	300 - School	District-Wide HVAC Repairs
A19	300 - School	District-Wide Roofing Assessments and Repairs
A20	300 - School	Admin Building Generator Replacement
A21	300 - School	SES Final Asphalt Coat of Side Parking Lot
A22	300 - School	PNHS Soccer Turf Replacement
A23	300 - School	WES Ball Courts / Sidewalk Repave & Stripe
A24	300 - School	NMES Stairwell Renovations
A25	300 - School	PSHS Maintenance Garage
A26	300 - School	Admin Building Exterior Repairs & Cupola
A27	300 - School	FFES Multi-Use Tractor
A28	411 - DPW Engineering	Roadway Improvement Program & Preservation
A29	420 - DPW Highway	Replace 2008 F550 Bucket Truck
A30	420 - DPW Highway	New Roadside Mower
A31	420 - DPW Highway	Replace F350 Utility Body
A32	420 - DPW Highway	Replace 2014 John Deere Skid Steer
A33	422 - DPW Facility Maintenance	FS1 HQ Brick Repointing
A34	422 - DPW Facility Maintenance	PD HQ Locker Room / Restroom Renovation
A35	491 - DPW Cemetery	White Horse Cemetery Easement Construction
A36	492 - DPW Parks & Forestry	Reconstructing Tennis Courts - Briggs & Elmer Raymond
A37	492 - DPW Parks & Forestry	Replace Utility Pickup Truck #23
A38	541 - Center For Active Living	Moving Wall Replacement
A39	630 - Recreation	Forges Field Pickleball Court Drainage/Pathway
A40	440 - DPW Sewer	Sewer System Improvements
A41	440 - DPW Sewer	Truck Replacement #S55
A42	450 - DPW Water	Distribution System Improvements
A43	450 - DPW Water	Water System Improvements
B1	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip 2006 Aerial Platform
B2	220 - Fire	Replace and Equip 2007 Pumping Engine
B3	440 - DPW Sewer	CMOM Program

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

### **ARTICLE 14: Chapter 90 Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend such sum or sums of money allotted or to be allotted to the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 or under any other state roadway reimbursement programs for FY26, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for such purposes; and further, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**ARTICLE 15: Town Promotion Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Promotion Fund created pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1993, a sum of money for programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services and public improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD****ARTICLE 16: CPC - Reduce Borrowing – Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless (PACH)**

To see if the Town will vote to revise the funding sources and thereby amend the vote taken under Article 16A, 2024 Spring Town Meeting for the purpose of constructing 26 family shelter units and education center deed restricted for affordable housing purposes located at 54 industrial Park Road Plymouth Massachusetts, by reducing the amount to be borrowed by a sum of money and appropriating a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Act revenues or transfer from Community Preservation available funds or reserves for such purposes, and take any other action relative thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE****ARTICLE 17: CPC – Reduce Borrowing – Stephens Field**

To see if the Town will vote to revise the funding sources and thereby amend the vote taken under Article 16F, 2024 Spring Town Meeting for the restoration and rehabilitation of Stephens Field, for Open Space and Recreation purposes, as previously amended, by reducing the amount to be borrowed by a sum of money and appropriating a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Act revenues or transfer from Community Preservation available funds or reserves for such purposes, and take any other action relative thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE****ARTICLE 18: CPC - CPA Fund Budget/Account Set-Aside**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Budget including debt service and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2026 estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2026, and to set aside sums for future appropriation for the following purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for open space, including restoration and rehabilitation of land for recreational use; a sum of money for acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; and a sum of money for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE****ARTICLE 19: Withdrawn**

## **ARTICLE 20: Eversource Easement – Nook Road**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant and convey to NStar Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, access and utility easements for the installation of a pad mount transformer and equipment, underground wires, underground transmission lines, underground cable and conduit together with lines for control, relay and communication purposes over, across, upon and under a portion of Town owned property located at 41 Oberry Street in the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts as shown on a plan dated September 25, 2024, on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 21: Proposed Bylaw – School Facilities Maintenance**

To see if the Town will 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:
  - a. 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.

or take any other action relative thereto.

### **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 22: Charter Amendment – School Facilities Maintenance**

To see if the Town will vote to amend 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  
29 Adopted January 5, 2021 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.~~

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 23: Charter Amendment – Charter Review Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend 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.

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 24: Charter Amendment – Land Use Acquisition Committee**

To see if Town will vote to authorize amending 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.

or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 25: HERO Act – Cost of Living Increase**

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 26: HERO Act – Exemption Amount Increase**

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **SELECT BOARD**

## **ARTICLE 27: Citizen’s Petition: Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Light Industrial to Mixed Commerce**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Official Zoning Map of the Town of Plymouth, by changing the designation of Lots 11 B, 26A and 27 on Assessors' Map 102 located off Commerce Way and Cherry Street from Light Industrial (LI) District to Mixed Commerce (MC) District, as well as to amend associated sections, provisions, definitions, table, charts, and procedures pertaining thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

**By Petition: Bill Hallisey, et al**

## **ARTICLE 28: Citizen's Petition: Bylaw Amendment - Public Comment**

Proposed Article to add a new By-law requirement to Town By-laws.

Add paragraph 173-13: 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. Public Comments cannot be censored. Public Comments are simply comments and not debatable. 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. The sequence of Public Comment speakers shall be (1) Precinct residences, (2) Plymouth Town Residences and (3) any other member of the Public.

**By Petition: Herbert G. McKay, et al**

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

An Act allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the Town of Plymouth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

### *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.*

**By Petition: Richard M. Serkey, et al**

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant in the manner prescribed by vote of the Town by posting notice thereof seven (7) days at least before such meeting in the Town Hall, in the Town's Libraries and posted on the Town's website, and make return thereof with your doings thereon at the time and places above mentioned.

Given under our hands this 11 th day of February 2025.

Approved as to Legal Form

Leanne E. McKay  
Town Counsel

SELECT BOARD

Richard Quintal  
Richard Quintal, Chairman

Kevin Carty  
Kevin Carty, Vice Chairman

John T. Mahoney  
John T. Mahoney

Charlie Bletzer  
Charlie Bletzer

David Golden  
David Golden

Plymouth, ss.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the Inhabitants of Plymouth qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in Plymouth North High School or to meet virtually by remote participation on Saturday, the fifth of April, 2025, at 8:00AM to conduct the Spring Annual Business Meeting of the Town of Plymouth, by posting copies of this Warrant in the Town Hall in the town's libraries and posted on the town's website seven days at least before such meeting

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Signature  
Town Clerk

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Date & Time  
Posted