

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING

October 8, 2015

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta and Commissioner Sandra M. Wright. Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes--September 21, 2015, September 23, 2015, and September 24, 2015

Chairman Pallotta requested the approval of the meeting minutes tabled to the next meeting due to Commission Hanley's absence. Commissioner Wright concurred.

**Vote--Vendor Vouchers**

Commissioner Wright made a motion for approval of vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Vote--Payroll**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept and approve payroll as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrators Report:**

**Proclamation--American Cancer Fund for Children**

Chairman Pallotta made a motion to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Plymouth County. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### Subcontract-UMass for Extension Service

Commissioner Wright made a motion to authorize the signing of the subcontract for the Plymouth County Extension Service with UMass.

Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### Kingstown Corp. ZBA Update

County Administrator Frank Basler briefed the Commissioners on the hearing held by the Town of Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals with Kingstown Trucking Corp. for the removal of sand and gravel on county property. The permit was granted with 18 separate conditions. The amount of gravel to be removed as been decreased from 250,000 cubic yards to 201,000 cubic yards and the original parcel of land has been moved to another parcel more suitable for the gravel removal.

Chairman Pallotta requested Mr. Basler obtain a full set of plans from the Engineer and set up a meeting with County Attorney Gildea as soon as possible to review.

#### Gun Range Subcommittee Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on a development subcommittee meeting held last Friday.

#### Solect Update

Administrator Basler briefed the Commissioners on the meeting held last Thursday, October 1, 2015 by Solect for end users. Administrator Basler is working with Solect and Eversource to investigate access to the proposed construction area via Long Pond Road and the power easements.

#### Recycling Solutions Update

Administrator Basler gave an update on the status of the project at the transfer station. Mike Mowbray from Recycling Solutions is working with lawyers and engineers on applications for permit filing. They are trying to decide best avenues follow based on DEP feedback. DEP has the Town of Plymouth originally listed as owner and operator. The easiest solution would have been to properly note Plymouth County as owner and then just change of operator. DEP has not been helpful and has dragged their feet. The attorneys for Recycling Solutions state there is not a deadline to file transfer of permit for the transfer station.

#### Hiring process sub committee

Commissioner Wright made a motion to create a Plymouth County Hiring Sub Committee using competency based hiring practices consisting of one Commissioner, the Administrator, and the department head of the department doing the hiring. The subcommittee, which is subject to Open Meeting Law, will accept applications and conduct prescreening for the Commissioners. The subcommittee will move forward a panel of qualified finalists for the position that will be filled. The Commissioners will make the final hiring decision. Commissioner Wright will participate on the subcommittee for custodial department hiring, Commissioner Hanley will participate for hires in the Extension Services department and Chairman Pallotta will participate for hires at the Registry of Deeds. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

#### Update-4-H Director/Educator Molly Vollmer

Ms. Vollmer announced the formation of 11 new clubs this fall and status of work being done with the Sheriff at the County Farm.

#### Update-County Treasurer Thomas O'Brien

Treasurer O'Brien announced the PCOT program has 12 members and many more municipalities have expressed interest.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to have the Treasurer post the county quarterly revenue/budget figures on the county website. Chairman Pallotta seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pallotta recognized audience member Frank McDonald. Mr. McDonald is a Registry of Deeds employee laid off in April 2015. Mr. McDonald questioned whether the Commissioners would be able to call back any additional employees for the Registry of Deeds? Chairman Pallotta apologized at this time the revenues are not enough to warrant any rehiring of employees to the Registry of Deeds.

#### Next Meeting:

The Commissioners next meeting will be held Thursday, October 22, 2015 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA at 5:30 p.m.

### Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose of discussing the consideration of the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and pending litigation, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 5:55 p.m. Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy O'Rourke  
Executive Assistant