

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

November 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 5:36 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA. Present were Chairman Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Jared L. Valanzola. Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley was unable to attend due to a last-minute conflict.

Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes: October 14, 2021

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2021. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Kathryn Oakley – anniversary step increase to 11-4; Jaclyn O'Leary – anniversary step increase to 17-8.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept and approve the personnel status forms listed. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Sick Leave Buy Back–Maureen Young

Chairman Wright requested this agenda item be tabled to the next meeting. Commissioner Valanzola concurred.

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve vendor vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the payroll vouchers as recommended by the Treasurer. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Tourism program background

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch presented a very informative power point presentation to the board to provide background and history of the Plymouth County Development Council. With the previous presentation of Lea Filson, Director of the Plymouth County Development Council/See Plymouth at the last meeting, the board discussed the County's role and the funding provided.

The program was established through M.G.L. Ch. 169 of the Acts of 1956. Plymouth County began funding in 1973. Funding reached a high of \$114,000/year during the 1980's and was reduced significantly in 2007/2008 due to major budgetary constraints. The current amount allocated is \$15,000/year. Discussion was held on the possibility of having county representation on the Board of Directors and concerns with the program's current emphasis on the Town of Plymouth tourism and not including the rest of Plymouth County.

CARES Act: update and distribution votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$687,356.07 to the City of Brockton. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$155,654.70 to the City of Brockton. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$687,033.35 to the Town of Hanover. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$123,216.20 to the Town of Hull. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$367.56 to the Town of Kingston. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)-update

Treasurer O'Brien reports the ARPA website is being used as a model for counties across the country and is a tremendous resource for the member communities as they work through the application process. Although currently no applications have been received the Treasurer is pleased the towns are not rushing the process.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$19,167.00 to Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo, P.C. for administrative support. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$21,912.00 to Clifton Larson Allen LLP for administrative support. Chairman Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley reports the deeds excise numbers are showing a slight drop for October but continue to exceed estimates overall. Home pricing continues to remain high with the average home in Plymouth County selling for \$548,000.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien reports with the office move of the Plymouth County Retirement Association at the end of the month, they will be holding their November meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, November 30, 2021.

PCOT will be holding their Investment and General Board Meeting tomorrow, Friday, November 5, 2021, here in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Commissioner's New Business

Commissioner Valanzola discussed his role as Liaison with the County Wood Lot and possible interest with developers.

Commissioner Valanzola expressed his thanks to Register of Deeds Buckley for his assistance with research requested for the upcoming Young Republicans National Conference he will be attending this month.

Chairman Wright discussed the recent status of the vaccination stipend of \$200.00 per person for all vaccinated employees. The deadline for submittal was Wednesday, October 27th and although Treasurer O'Brien did not have the exact numbers, feels approximately 64 of the 75 current employees have submitted documentation.

The Commissioner's next meeting will be held Monday, November 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 3; to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for union negotiations with OPEIU Registry union, and SEIU Maintenance union. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to not return to open public session at 6:45 p.m.

Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Wright-Yes.

At 7:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant