

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

April 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners was called to order at 8:38 a.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 attended the meeting via Zoom video/telephone teleconference per amended open meeting law requirements.

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

Chairman Wright called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2022

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 31, 2022.

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote to accept and approve CPS Forms:

Michael Bradley-out of grade pay for coverage of absence; Ronald Butterworth-notice of absence due to workman's compensation claim.

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

Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote to accept and approve vendor vouchers

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

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

Vote to accept and approve payroll vouchers

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

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

Vote to accept and approve SEIU and OPEIU compiled contract from MOU's

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept and approve the SEIU and OPEIU compiled contracts from MOU's. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to the Commissioners and Treasurer

Administrator Basler presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition signed by United States Congressman Stephen Lynch to the Plymouth County Commissioners and Plymouth County Treasurer in recognition of the exceedingly successful administration of the Plymouth County CARES Program, which enabled communities to effectively respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Vote-Public Hearing for Woodlot and associated parcels lease for May 9, 2022, and vote parcels as surplus property available for lease

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion that the land of approximately 110.5 acres consisting of three pieces of property located off Long Pond Road and Camelot Drive in Plymouth, Massachusetts, said property more commonly known as the Woodlot, is available for disposition through a land lease. This real property disposition consists of three parcels identified by the Town of Plymouth as Parcel ID#088.000.054.000 63 Camelot Drive with 106.248 acres (the original (Woodlot parcel), Parcel ID#083.000.023.042D 0 Raffaele Road with 2.28 acres (noted as the Balboni land), and Parcel ID#088.000.042.001 144 R Long Pond Road with 2.969 acres (noted as the Silva land).

Furthermore, the Plymouth County Commissioners shall hold a PUBLIC HEARING pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 34, section 14 on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the County of Plymouth Administration Building, Commissioner's Meeting Room, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA on the proposed lease of Real Property to Boston South Real Estate and Development Group. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Vote to accept FY 20 Financial Audit

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to accept and approve the FY 2020 Financial Audit submitted by the auditing firm of Melanson Heath. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

CARES Act: update and distribution votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$4,272.06 to the Town of Abington. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$23,340.00 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$23,461.71 to the City of Brockton. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$29,215.68 to the Town of Hanson. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$56,307.54 to the Town of Kingston. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$37.78 to the Town of Kingston. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$44,263.54 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$25,010.00 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$1,221.26 to the Town of Pembroke. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$284,931.88 to the Town of Rockland. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$33,528.75 to Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA for Administrative Support. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) update and votes

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve reimbursements in the amount of \$90,000.00 to the Town of Middleborough. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Commissioner Valanzola made a motion to approve payment the amount of \$2,590.00 to Powers & Sullivan, LLC for Administrative Support. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley–Yes. Commissioner Valanzola–Yes. Chairman Wright–Yes.

Treasurer’s Report

Deputy Treasurer Jeff Welch gave a brief presentation to the Commissioners announcing the Parking Department has recently partnered with Bridgewater State University and the Town of Hingham to provide ticket processing along with the use of the handheld devices. The program is a success with the Town of Wareham and additional communities have expressed interest.

Treasurer O’Brien expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Deputy Treasurer and employees of the Parking Department.

Register’s Report

Register Buckley reports the number of re-financed homes has dropped off but the revenue projections are on target for the end of the fiscal year.

Extension Director’s Report

4-H Director Molly Vollmer presented Citations for the Commissioners signature, recognizing students selected to participate in the 4-H National Conferences held in Washington DC last week. Cathy and Blake continue to be very busy with their programs and the signage has been ordered for the Greenhouse. Due to the recent avian flu outbreak in the mid-west, the chick embryology program normally held with the schools has been canceled this year.

Maintenance Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Doug Wedge reports recent staffing issues with sickness and time off. New carpet is being installed at the Brockton Superior Courthouse library annex. Administrator Basler gave kudos to Superintendent Wedge on his recent needs of juggling staff to cover the buildings.

The Administrator also reports the insurance company has agreed to approve a \$360,000, subject to depreciation, claim for replacing the chiller at the Hingham District Courthouse damaged in the flood last fall.

Administrator's Report

-Update on Irish County tourism partnership

Administrator Basler gave an update on the County partnership with a sister County with Ireland previously proposed by Commissioner Hanley. Lea Filson of the Plymouth County Development Council has prepared research on various counties in Ireland for the Commissioners consideration. Ms. Filson will be attending the Commissioners next meeting to discuss her ideas and answer any questions. Commissioner Hanley has reached out to the representative for the County of Donegal and is continuing to do more research. Chair Wright expressed her concerns on any financial obligations this arrangement may incur and looks forward to hearing more information from Ms. Filson at the Commissioners next meeting.

-Advisory Committee Annual Meeting-Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 9th at 7p.m. to present the FY 2023 Budget for approval.

-Indian Head River and Trials Day-May 14th

Administrator Basler announced an invitation to the board of an environmental and wildlife event scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Various events will be taking place along the Indian Head River in Hanover, Hanson, and Pembroke.

Commissioner's New Business

Administrator Basler announced the new county flag and banner have been delivered. Register Buckley requested a flag to be flown outside the Registry of Deeds. Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke will place the order. Commissioner Hanley proposed a flag presentation at the State House Hall of Flags.

The Commissioners next meeting will be held, Thursday, May 12th at 5:30 p.m. and the FY 2023 Budget Hearing will be on the agenda for the Commissioner's meeting May 26th.

At 9:55 a.m. the meeting adjourned. Chairman Wright called the roll: Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Commissioner Valanzola-Yes. Chairman Wright-Yes.

Documents and/or exhibits:

- Draft Meeting Minutes-March 31, 2022

- Draft-Executive Session Minutes-March 31, 2022
- Executive Session Minutes for release to public: November 22, 2021, July 22, 2021, June 30, 2021, June 17, 2021, May 20, 2021, May 13, 2021, April 8, 2021, March 18, 2021, February 4, 2021, December 21, 2020, and October 22, 2020.
- Vote- Public Hearing for Woodlot and associated parcels lease for May 9, 2022, and vote parcels as surplus property available for lease
- Sample Parking Citation
- Hand-out-Plymouth County partnership with Counties within Ireland
- FY 2020-Financial Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant