

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING

March 17, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners via teleconference per amended open meeting law requirements was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley.

Also, in attendance were Register of Deeds John Buckley, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, 4-H Extension Director Molly Vollmer, Superintendent of Buildings Doug Wedge, OPEIU Steward Christine Richards, OPEIU member Carolyn Laubenstein and County Administrator Frank Basler.

Vote-State of Emergency for Plymouth County Declaration of Emergency

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to have the following Declaration of Emergency enacted for Plymouth County:

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 10, 2020, and determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recommended that a State of Emergency be declared in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Plymouth should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief County Officials;

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners declare this local emergency and will begin coordination in order to facilitate information to state and federal agencies, as well as others;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the County Commissioners of Plymouth, Massachusetts, hereby declare that immediately, and effective as of Tuesday, **March 17, 2020**, a State of Emergency is declared to exist in the County of Plymouth. This declaration has been issued, to help us

prepare, give the County the administrative capability to adapt county operations, and ensure the allocation of more resources as it relates to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to our judgment, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote-Adopt the provision of The Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law

Commissioner Hanley made a motion that during the State of Emergency due to COVID-19 the Board will adopt the provision of The Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 20 to ensure public access to the deliberations of public bodies for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Public bodies shall allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. Facebook live stream and conference call system will be used for meetings.

Furthermore, the Commissioners confirm the designation of the County of Plymouth's website as the official posting location for all meeting agendas of public

bodies. Commissioner Wright seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:12.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant