

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

September 19, 2019

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 Daniel A. Pallotta, Commissioner Sandra M. Wright, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley. Chairman Pallotta called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, Assistant Treasurer Jeff Welch, Register of Deeds John Buckley, 4-H Director Molly Lipper, 4-H Educator Valerie Schell, County Administrator Frank Basler and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Meeting Minutes –September 5, 2019 and August 6, 2019

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2019 and August 6, 2019. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote to accept and approve CPS forms:

There were no CPS forms presented.

Vote–Vouchers

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Vote–Payroll

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

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Register's Report

Register Buckley briefed the Commissioners on issues with the implementation of new state surcharges and reminded everyone of the 25th Anniversary celebration to be held at the satellite office at 32 Belmont St., Brockton, MA next Friday, September 27th.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer O'Brien briefed the Commissioners on the new Paid Family and Medical Leave Law (PFML) in effect 10/1/19. The new Paid Family and Medical Leave law states municipalities are not subject to any of the law's requirements unless they adopt the law's provision by a vote of their legislative body. Currently, a bill has been filed (H. 1681 and S. 1045) to ensure paid family medical leave benefits to all municipal employees.

Administrator Basler will draft a letter for the Commissioners signatures to mail to the legislative delegation opposing the bills.

Extension Director's Report

4-H Director Molly Lipper happily announced the recent notification of a \$20,000 state grant to the Entomology Program for tick and Lyme disease programs. The Commissioners requested a letter be sent to State Representative Kathy LaNatra and State Representative Josh Cutler expressing thanks for their support in securing the funding from the state.

Advisory Board Meeting Date

Administrator Basler will confirm the date of December 5, 2019 for the next Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting with Chairman Michael Bradley.

David Moran Workman Compensation Settlement

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve a final workman compensation settlement of \$15,000 to David Moran. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

County Grant Manual approval

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Plymouth County Grant Manual required by the Federal Government. Commissioner Hanley seconded.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The Next Meeting will be a Thursday, October 3, 2019

Executive Session

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21, held for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; County Farm, the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body. The Board voted to enter Executive Session and to return to open public session at 5:50 P.M. County Attorney Shannon Resnick participated in the meeting remotely.

Chairman Pallotta called the roll: Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

At 6:07 P.M. Chairman Pallotta called the roll to enter back into open public session. Commissioner Wright-Yes. Commissioner Hanley-Yes. Chairman Pallotta-Yes.

4-H County Farm Planning Presentation

The 4-H Youth Task Force and Advisory Council presented a "Field of Dreams" County Farm Planning Presentation to the County Commissioners as well as members and staff of

the Plymouth County Legislature. In attendance were State Representative David DeCoste, Legislative Aide Betty DeBenedictis of State Representative Matt Muratore's office and Legislative Aide Christopher Jean of State Representative Kathy LaNatra's office. The presentation proposes a request for 20 acres of the County Farm property to allow the Plymouth County 4-H to offer programs that increase revenue. The proposal outlined a 5-year program that included building raised beds for gardening, horticulture programs, a Leadership Camp, and ultimately an indoor show area.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Documents and/or exhibits

- Meeting Minutes–August 6, 2019, September 5, 2019
- 4-H Presentation–Field of Dreams
- Plymouth County Extension Tick & Entomology Program Funding Opportunities
- Press clippings–County Dredge and Grant Writer Program
- Invitation to Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Satellite Office 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Draft–Plymouth County Grants Administration Manual

Respectfully submitted,
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