Minutes
Plymouth Annual Town Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

Moderator Tom Harris opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. by asking the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom then stated the rules of conduct following Roberts Rules of Order and that only legal voters of the Town may speak and vote at the meeting. He asked that all motions and remarks be addressed to him. He requested that you stand and identify yourself and speak into the microphone so everyone can hear you. He then read the Warning in its entirety to the audience.

Article 6 was read: To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will vote $16,089.50 for Human Services. **Steve Radonis made a motion to approve the article as read. Karen Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Article 7 was read: To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will vote to increase Okemo Valley TVs' annual appropriation to $1,400.00. **Beth Graves-Lombard made a motion to approve the article as read. Jeff Sailer seconded the motion.**
Open for discussion: Mark Fletcher asked if this was going to be effective the subsequent year since we just approved the $800.00 in the previous motion. The Select Board answered that it would begin with the FY27 budget. **The motion passed.**

Article 8 was read: To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will vote to raise $1,508,259.94 in taxes to pay estimated expenses in the amount of $1,924,659.94. **Bruce Pauley made a motion to approve the article as read. Karen Evans seconded the motion.**
Open for discussion: Jay Kullman presented a slide show that broke down a financial picture of the Town of Plymouth. Jay talked about the amount of taxes that were raised in FY25, FY26, and FY27 as well as the General Fund, Reserve Fund and the Emergency Fund. He also noted that the Town borrowed $874,000 because of the 2023 Flood and that it has all been paid back. Fire Chief, Jim Allen spoke about Article 2 on the Ballot. Chief talked about how the Plymouth Fire Department only has a couple of people who can drive the current tanker. The tanker is older (20+ years) and it requires a CDL since it holds 4,000 gallons of water. The department would be looking for a well-used truck and the price range of those is approximately $280,000 - $300,000 where a new tanker is around $400,000. Rick Kaminski and Jay Kullman then spoke about Article 3 and Article 4. Both Select Board members do not anticipate FEMA and/or it's funding being around in the future and they feel we need to start a reserve fund for anticipated future emergencies. Scott Helper asked if there was an emergency and there was no FEMA assistance or enough money in the budget. Jay Lullman answered by saying that the Town would need to borrow money. Jay Kullman noted that if Articles 2-4 pass the FY27 expenses will be $1,758,259.94. Mark Fletcher wanted to know what would be done with the old fire truck. Chief Allen said that it would be sold. Maybe we would get $30,000 for it. Tom re-read Article 8. **Motion passed.**

Article 9 was read: To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will fix the salaries of the Select Board the same as last year in the amount of $1,600.00 annually. **Jim Allen made a motion to approve the article as read. Karen Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Article 10 was read: To see if the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth will collect taxes on real property in installments to be paid to the Treasurer, Town of Plymouth on September 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027, and must be delivered to the Town Treasurer on or before the due date. Post marked envelopes will ne be accepted as timely payments. **Rose Vetere made a motion to approve the article as read. Ed Mazzella seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Steve Radonis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28. Michelle Pingree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The floor was then opened to Charlie Kimball. Charlie talked about Act 72 that was passed in 2025. Other topics of his discussion were unclaimed property, taxation, redistricting the schools, cost per student, corporate tax rate and that 36% of the budget comes from the federal government. He said the state is not looking to rebuild every school but have newer and fewer schools. Also, Charlie talked about the income that comes from the lottery and that was a response to a question from Rick Martin as to where all the funds go. Charlie said he would do a little more research. Lastly, there was a question about the mapping. It appeared there was an error with that.

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Kissell
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

Select Board

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Jay Kullman, Chair

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Rick Kaminski

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Keith Cappellini