

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER: MAY 2023

As your Town Manager, it is exciting to work for you, the residents of the community and I am happy to assist you in any way I can. The Town Staff and I are committed to delivering the best community services possible through our Mission, Vision and Value Statements.

Mission: "To provide affordable, fair, high quality municipal services, and responsive accessible local governance ensuring all persons the opportunity to enjoy contributing to and being a part of the Plymouth community."

Vision: "To be a town with an emerging urban vibrancy guided by a small-town sense of community."

(Urban vibrancy is the buzz, vitality, and creative energy that propels economic growth and cultural achievement)

Core Values: The core values representing the beliefs and behaviors by which all members of the Town of Plymouth organization shall conduct ourselves and providing a common basis for making and evaluating all decisions and actions are as follows:

- Customer Focused Service
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Accountability
- Stewardship

Town Elections took place on March 14th with Town Meeting following on March 15,2023. There were a total of 416 voters that voted that day. I am happy to report that Maryann Barnsley and Zach Tirrell were re-elected to the Selectboard. I believe Town Meeting went very well with approximately 175 people in attendance. I would like to thank all of the Election workers for a job well, and the residents for participating in the meeting. I took away several questions that were asked, and will work to assure through the budget process we address these questions moving into next year's budget.

With Town Meeting behind us, and the budget set for the upcoming fiscal year the work begins on the administration of this budget. Several projects will kick off in May. The Downtown Water & Sewer and Drainage project will be underway soon as well as several Road Infrastructure projects that were funded at Town Meeting. We will begin the search for a new Firefighter, Dispatcher and Police Officer over the next couple of months that were approved at Town Meeting.

The Selectboard will be working on developing a list of Strategic Priorities as we move through 2023 and into 2024. These will include Organizational Effectiveness, Enhanced Community

Engagement, Financial and Economic Stability, Community Development, Grant availability, Employee Retention and Community Partnerships to mention a few. More information will be available as we discuss these Strategic Priorities at upcoming Selectboard Meetings.

The Campus Community Council meeting was held on March 22, 2023. There were a number of community members in attendance. There were updates provided by Plymouth State University Staff, Jessica Dutille, Tracy Claybaugh and John Scheinman with regards to upcoming Spring activities, Enrollment, Building Plans and Upgrades, June Orientation dates, Summer Events and the Annual Community Town Hall Meeting scheduled for August 2023.

I am happy to report that the construction at the Recycling Facility has been completed as the back wall of the facility was not structurally sound and was in need of repair.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us and we will do our best to respond promptly. You will find contact information and links on the town website for individual departments. If you have additional questions or concerns that are not addressed by the appropriate department, feel free to email me at townmanager@plymouth-nh.org or call 603-536-1731 X112.