

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2006 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Goodwin, Councilwoman Murawski,
Councilwoman Scoville, Councilman Sekorski, Councilman Zagurski

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krampitz at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Emergency exits were indicated by the Mayor for the safety of the audience.
3. Approval of the January 5, 2006 and February 2, 2006 Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilwoman Scoville. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Scoville moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilman Zagurski reported that the School Building Committee had contracts to be approved later on the agenda. He said that the committee was also interested in some adjacent property to the site and wanted the town to purchase it. The Fire Department responded to 369 calls last year. A new Deputy Fire Marshall, Mr. Robert Masacotti. Victor Mitchell was honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. The Public Works Department has been busy clearing snow banks, cold-patching pot holes, measuring streets for road inventory program, cut down trees, and chipping Christmas trees. Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Police Department will be receiving two new defibrulators with a grant. Officer Robert Wright was promoted to Detective. Chief Krasicky was honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. The grant for the bullet-proof vests has been approved and we will be getting 50% of our cost back. The Board of Education will be facing an Accreditation issue soon. Budget workshops begin soon and the best way to educate oneself on the budget is to attend as many workshops as possible. Councilman Goodwin reported the Human Services Commission assisted 34 clients in November and 16 more in December. Small Wonders Christmas assisted 72 families with 154 children. Parks and Recreation Commission are working on their capital budget items. They are looking to replace the old playscape at beach at Lake Winfield . The lake will not be open for swimming until water quality issues are addressed. The Economic Development Commission was briefed on the Manufacturer’s Expo scheduled for 2/16/2006 . 84 Napco Dr. is a space provided for Incubator space for small manufacturers. Preliminary drawings have been submitted for the project. The old Terryville Trust building will now just have the blanket business but will not have other tenants. Boy Scout Troop 75 is celebrating its 60 th anniversary and Mayor Krampitz will be presenting a certificate recognizing this milestone. Councilwoman Scoville reported that the Library Board will be having their financial advisor talk to them about their endowment. They are also working on their budget and looking at the need for another part-time person. They are also reinstating a planning committee that they had long ago. The Public Health Department is concerned about the seniors not having a stand alone senior center. This will be presented to the Capital Improvements Committee. She also wanted to recognize others that were honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, Phoenix Products, Elm Press, Terryville True Value Hardware, and the American Legion. Councilman Sekorski

reported that he was impressed with the Zoning Board of Appeals format of going over their process before the public hearing and business portion of their meeting. It is a complex process and this was a very informative way to make the people aware. They are anxiously awaiting the rezoning efforts of the Planning and Zoning Commission because a lot of the appeals deal with issues around the lake area. The WPCA has had an election of officers. Their chairman Jay Pickhardt has stepped down after many years of service. Inlands/Wetlands is trying to bring closure to the Marino Dam issue.

5. Council Rules and Procedures – No action taken.
6. Resignations and Appointments – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to accept the resignation of Susan J. Janser from the Human Services Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (Please note that Councilwoman Scoville was absent for this vote during agenda six). MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to reappoint Jeffrey K. Scott to the Plymouth Economic Development Commission with a term to expire November 24, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to appoint Nancy Santorso to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term November 5, 2008 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved the Mayoral appointment of Roseann Stocker to the Police Commission with a term to expire January 14, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilman Sekorski asked about the process that was followed in the decision to appoint these people because there were two others that were serving and he wanted to know if there were interviews or what other thought process was behind these nominations. Mayor Krampitz replied that only one of the incumbents reapplied and was endorsed by the chairman and she did not conduct interviews. Councilwoman Scoville wanted to recognize the efforts of Jason Hogan and Wayne Radke for their service on the Police Commission. VOTE TAKEN: Councilman Sekorski- yes, Councilman Goodwin- yes, Councilman Zagurski- yes, Councilwoman Murawski-yes, Councilwoman Scoville- abstained. MOTION PASSED. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the Mayoral appointment of Keith G. Golnik to the Police Commission with a term to expire January 14, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. VOTE TAKEN: Councilman Sekorski- yes, Councilman Goodwin- yes, Councilman Zagurski- yes, Councilwoman Murawski- yes, Councilwoman Scoville- abstained. MOTION PASSED. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved the Mayoral appointment James Deutsch to the Water Pollution Control Authority as an alternate with a term to expire January 21, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral reappointment of George F. Andrews, Jr. to the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term to expire January 21, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved the Mayoral reappointment of Philip J. Armbruster to the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term to expire January 21, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
7. Mayor's Report – Mayor Krampitz reported that the Waterwheel Committee had a meeting and the EPA will be on site testing soils. The report to the town on their findings is due to us in June. I have asked that we receive the report much earlier than June. The mayor was approached by two citizens about forming a Historic Commission which

can be done by ordinance. Research on such a commission and more information is forthcoming. The Mayor Appointed David C. Mischke as Assistant Town Treasurer. She also settled arbitration between "Town of Plymouth and Mr. James Schultz" on December 13, 2005 . On that day, Interim Public Works Director Tom Pollack and Public Works employee Karl Paulette abandoned their jobs. An update on Fall Mt. Water Project was given. The Mayor is seeking additional funds for culvert bridge and road paving (not road patching). The pump station is up but not operational yet and the water tank is 99% complete and water lines will continue in the spring. At Special Town Meeting on December 21, 2005 , funds for roof replacement of Prospect St. School and Main Street School was approved. Mayor Krampitz had a meeting with Mrs. Cronauer of Northwest Conservation District, Bill Kuehn and Paul Denis to discuss the water quality status of Lake Winfield . The general consensus was to restore the lake for Recreational purposes such as fishing but not swimming. The construction of a community pool was discussed. More information will be gathered along with an update with the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Mayor attended the Polish American Club "Toys for Tots" Program on Saturday, December 17. Over \$3000. Was handed to the Toys for Tots program with over 80 children and parents in attendance. Eighty children received gifts from Santa and it was her pleasure to help Santa and his helpers pass the gifts out. She also participated in the Annual Church Christmas Walk and greeted and shook hands with 32 children from Plymouth Center School that brought Xmas gifts to our Town Hall Christmas Tree for children that may be without toys at Christmas. The Mayor signed a contract with Sterns & Wheeler to have Mr. Tony Lorenzetti, our former Public Works Director, to provide engineering services in the absence of a Public Works Director.

The bids for the New High School Project were opened on December 20 and 21.

The Mayor presented retirees Walter Dzronsc and Stephen Luba with Certificates of Appreciation for thirty-four years of service to the town in the Public Works Department. Mayor Krampitz talked to our financial advisor, she will be meeting with Moody's concerning erosion in fund balance because the Town used \$877,000 last year to balance last year's budget and this information is located in the Audit Report. Per the town charter, I am obligated to keep the Town Council advised of the financial condition of the town.

The proposed restaurant at 103 Main Street is moving forward again. I met the owner recently. It will be an elegant Italian restaurant. We received information from our Town Clerk's Office that per Public Act 05-228 \$3.00 will be collected for LOCIP use in the town from "Land Protection, Affordable Housing & Historic Preservation Account." We have so far collected \$3340 and anticipate \$9000 per year. These funds could be used for sidewalk development. The preliminary budgets for 06 – 07 will be in your mailboxes next week. There have had some very interesting developments in the Plymouth Business Park and the Mayor hopes to be able to make those developments public at the next meeting. Mayor Krampitz met with Congresswoman Nancy Johnson and State Rep. Hamzy on Monday, January 30 concerning additional funding for the Waterwheel Park and the Fall Mt. Water Project and is awaiting their assistance.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Jeffrey or Petulia Collins \$88.59; Wille Irick \$14.73; Deana L. Mastropietro \$35.41; David or Donna Palance \$29.79; GMAC \$65.98; GMAC \$189.14; GMAC \$209.40; Carmelo A. Davino \$87.91; Susan or Sean Ryalls \$122.10; Russell E. Jacobs \$122.10; Paul or Rosemary Mogob \$914.54; Subaru Auto Leasing Ltd \$361.41; Gregory S. Scoville \$562.43; George E. Siel \$513.03; Arnold

Devine \$43.95; GMAC \$269.57. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to refund property taxes as presented. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Take action to approve Town Council salary recommendation for 2006-07 FY budget. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to set Town Council salary recommendation for 2006 – 2007 budget at \$5410. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Take action to approve school building contracts that exceed \$1,000,000. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to approve the contract with Richards Corporation dated January 19, 2006 in the amount of four million eight hundred fifty four thousand seven hundred seventy dollars. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Sekorski had a question concerning Article 8 of the contract which deals with Termination or Suspension. It references language in Article 14 of the General Conditions and he wanted to have a copy of that information. The Mayor assured him that that would be provided. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Scoville moved to approve the contract with F & F Mechanical Enterprises, Inc. dated January 19, 2006 in the amount of five million four seven thousand dollars. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Murawski moved to approve the contract with Enfield Builders Inc. dated January 19, 2006 in the amount of one million nine hundred fifty eight thousand eight hundred seventy five dollars. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to approve the contract with Shepard Steel Company, Inc. dated January 19, 2006 in the amount of two million two hundred ninety four thousand dollars. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to approve the contract with W.J. Mountford Co. dated January 19, 2006 in the amount of one million three hundred eighty four thousand dollars. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Discuss solid waste bid proposal with Board of Finance after public works presentation and take action if necessary. A presentation was given by Anthony Lorenzetti, engineering consultant from Stearns & Wheler. Before the presentation was given, Mayor Krampitz explained that this topic will also be discussed at next month's meeting and also during the budget process. She pointed out that this will be the first time that there will be a public hearing and then a referendum to decide the annual budget but not a town meeting. The presentation examined the Town's Solid Waste Options by reviewing its existing program at the transfer station and the existing curbside program. Photographs of the transfer station were shown from 1975 until the 2006 with the present day photographs taken at a variety of locations to give different views of the hopper and compacter. The pictures included visible corrosion of the trailers with obvious rust and holes. A solid waste collection price comparison and recycling price comparison was offered. Benefits of Option 1 and Option 2 were shared and then the Town Council asked questions. Councilwoman Scoville wanted to know what the costs would be to upgrade the transfer station because of the risks with the letters we have from the health district and the problems with the trailers and so on. What would it cost this community to build and find a new location? The response included Southington's recent cost of \$550,000 for a transfer station. It was recommended to try to use the existing site. There would also be

the cost of the trailers which is \$40,000 each. Councilman Sekorski stated that people are concerned about their large bulk. There is confusion about how that would be handled. Is the private contractor going to maintain this site as a pay for drop site? This was confirmed that people would be able to drop off their large items but would have to pay for them. Councilman Zagurski wanted to know what would happen to items like waste oil. His concern was that if people had to pay a fee for everything, then we would start finding those items all over the sides of the road. How much of a cost would that be to the Public Works Department to clean up? The response was that there would be no charge for oil and that enforcement would be a key. Councilman Goodwin was concerned about the tank pump out. Who would monitor the ground water? The town would have to monitor based on permit requirements as it does now. Councilman Goodwin also spoke to the DEP about how our liquid is collected and the thought was that it could be processed through our sewer treatment plant. The response was that the hopper waste would include variable types of metals and there would be concerns about taking that to the plant. The town does not have the ability to take much more copper and metal at the plant. The councilman also wanted the town to look at the possibility of having a spring and fall bulk pick-up. Councilwoman Scoville had a question about the metals that have been dropped off there and she wanted to know how that would work with a vendor. It would go to the vendor but after two years, there is the ability for the town for revenue sharing. Councilman Zagurski referenced the Board of Finance minutes and read that they stated there would be a loss of \$225,000 in revenues. He wanted an explanation. The response was that this is all the money that is reimbursed from people using the trash to energy plant so we would still be getting half of this. Councilwoman Murawski asked if DEP has set any deadlines or are telling us anything else. Torrington Area Health District has sent a letter addressing concerns but is comfortable with the process. The letter dated 2/3/2006 was read into the record. After the Town Council discussed the need to have a side by side comparison of the costs of keeping the system as it is or going to curbside pick-up, the Mayor asked for public comment on the issue. Don Souza – 50 Eastview Rd. , Liked the idea of a side by side comparison. We need to have a better idea of the income. He would like to see the transfer station stay. He does not want to see it in the budget process but as a separate vote. Walter Lassy- Poland Brook Rd. , If you turn this over to a private vendor is this no longer a transfer station or a compactor? There would be no more collection and compaction. He also likes the transfer station but would like to see a design where it could handle more than one car at a time so the wait time would be cut down. He would also like to see some recyclable bins so that if he missed his recycle time he could drop them off there. Henry Golenski- Ellen Dr. , questioned if we sign a five year contract and the company does not do a good job, are we stuck? The same amount of metal is going to come in and everyone is going to have to pay to get rid of it. What will they charge for these items? You will open up a whole can of worms. Melanie Church- 328 Main St., stated that Watertown used to pay the tipping fee but stopped it. Southington did the same thing. Once you stop having a transfer station it is too late to go back. The used trailers lasted thirty years. Contamination issues are sometimes just issues of kitty litter. At this point the Mayor read the fee schedule of Albreada for the record. Jim Carone- 93 Town Hill Rd., expressed concerns about people who cut in line while others have been waiting at the transfer station for a half hour. We need a guard out there. He would like to have curbside pickup or change the hours of the transfer hours to later during the week. Kathy

Kosak- 201 Harwinton Ave., we need a side by side comparison. We need creative scheduling to have it open all day on Saturday and one night a week. Ernest Pickhardt- 3 Burger Rd., stated that households will actually have less garbage at the curbside because they would not be putting bulk waste in with their regular garbage. If cardboard has to be cut up people will be more inclined to recycle it. People who jump the line are not delaying anyone because they just get out of their car with one or two bags and walk up to the hopper and toss it in. Pablo Arroyo- 13 Holt St., said that anyone who jumps the line you can not excuse a lack of integrity. He was concerned that Clean Harbors should still do the pumping of the waste instead of a vendor. It would be the environmentally safe thing to do. Eric Pelz- 15 Old Greystone Court, wanted to know about environmental costs. Would the private vendor be willing to go longer than a five year contract? Stickers should be available for purchase at the transfer station. If there is a long weekend during the holidays like this past Christmas, would it be possible to bring a dumpster up to the gate so that the garbage could be put in and not thrown all over the place. Robert Pelz- 21 Old Greystone Court, transfer station is 35 years old and it needs some upgrading. It is a compactor with pistons and hydraulics that run it. With proper maintenance, it could run for another 35 years. I would like to see it keep going. Melanie Church- 328 Main St. , I was at the opening of the bids and one bid was double the bid. Why was one almost double this bid? Don Souza- 50 Eastview Rd., we can take care of a lot of issues by changing the way that we do business. We encourage people to throw everything into the hopper just by the way our sign is printed. Mayor Krampitz indicated that further discussions will take place at the March meeting and additional questions can be forwarded to the Mayor's office. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to do a side by side comparison of the curbside pick-up option to the refurbishing of the transfer station option the best way that we can. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Public Comment. Kathy Kosak- 201 Harwinton Ave. , Mr. Zagurski reported earlier that the school building committee wants to purchase more land adjacent to the school project area. Originally they bought 49 acres and then they wanted another 8 to 10 acres for ball fields and spent \$425,000 for that which could have gone into the schools. They can not manage that land because people have already gotten stuck joy riding there. There were already cruisers and town equipment there and I wonder who has to pay the bill for that. We can not afford to pay another million dollars to buy more land. The last purchase was done in secret and now I see there is an executive decision for real estate on the agenda tonight and I am afraid the same thing is going to happen. The Mayor explained how the capital improvement process would work and that any request would have to be requested on a form and brought before that committee. Councilman Sekorski also objected to second purchase being secretive because it was public knowledge. Mrs. Kosak was also concerned about light pollution and snow drifts because of the trees that were cut down. Melanie Church- 328 Main St., we seem to be only getting enough flu shots for the elderly and not enough for the high risk patients. She also wanted all the council people to attend the budget workshops because the budget could come back to them. We supposedly got \$6,000,000 in grant money and where is it now? Where is the Board of Finance tonight? A letter should be sent to them that they were derelict in their duty. Ann Tuleja- 383 Allentown Rd., she was not aware that the police vest appropriation was under her department's one time special appropriation. She would have liked to have been informed

or to have known by having it included in the motion. The mayor pointed out that it was an appropriation from the police department not the commission and that was in the minutes. Jim Carrone- 93 Town Hill Rd., did not think the building committee was blindly spending money. They are within budget unlike Burlington which is going back for more money. Before the next agenda item, Mayor Krampitz thanked Tony Lorenzetti and Pam Pelletier for the presentation on the solid waste proposal.

13. Executive Session for real estate negotiations. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to go into executive session for real estate negotiations at 9:55 p.m. and invite in Town Attorney Tom Conlin. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. WENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:40 p.m. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:41 p.m.
14. Other Business – No action taken.
15. Adjournment. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk