

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krampitz at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Emergency exits were indicated by the Mayor for the safety of the audience.
3. Approval of the February 7, 2006 and February 17, 2006 Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2006 with the change on page 1 of the word “issue” to “process” under Liaison Reports . **SECOND:** Councilman Sekorski. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilwoman Murawski reported that she attended the Board of Education Finance Subcommittee meeting and they approved a budget to be voted on by the full board of a 6.4% increase over this year’s budget. The Housing Authority designated two people as emergency contacts in case of power outages or the need of evacuations. Marilyn Grodecki and Joyce Relihan have been named. The Police Commission acting as Traffic Authority for the town has approved a three-way stop sign on Preston Rd. at the end of Burger Rd. Councilman Zagurski reported that the Fire Commission is questioning whether the fire chiefs are covered by the town’s insurance when they go to a fire call directly. There is also someone interested in buying the old Plymouth fire house. The School Building Committee report is that the site work is moving along very well and they should be able to pour the foundation soon. The Public Works Department is repairing catch basins on Bobbin Rd. and Eastview Rd. , patching potholes, clearing brush, taking care of draining issues on Fountainhead Rd. , and doing a road inventory program. Councilman Goodwin reported that the Human Services Commission did not meet in February but they will be having seminars for residents this spring. The Economic Development Commission cancelled their meeting but the Manufacturers Expo was held last month at the Lyceum. Special thanks to Matt Tellier and Dick Clukey for organizing the event. The Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending repairs to the tennis courts at Lake Winfield . Councilman Sekorski noted that his reports were based on minutes of the meetings and contacts with commissioners as he was unable to attend the meetings last month. The Inlands/Wetlands Commission is still working on resolving the issues on the dam on Wolcott Rd. They are trying to discover what the historical level of the water was. Planning & Zoning is still continuing their public hearings on their regulations. There was also a concern about public works setting up for tree cutting at a bus stop area. It caused congestion so we need to be aware of these areas.
5. Council Rules and Procedures – No action taken.
6. Resignations and Appointments - Council members were provided copies of the Mayoral appointments of Jeanine Audette and Cathleen Paskus to the Waterwheel Committee which is a sub-committee of the Plymouth Economic Development Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the appointment of David Barbieri to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term to expire February 7, 2011 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the appointment of Louise B. Johnson to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term to expire February 7, 2010 . SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to appoint Wesley W. Petrin to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term to expire February 7, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to appoint Rodney G. Houle to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term to expire February 7, 2008 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to appoint Joseph M. Green to the Capital Improvements with a term to expire February 7, 2007 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mayor's Report – Mayor Krampitz reported that:

- Governor Rell has announced that she is accepting new nominations to the Conn. Veterans Hall of Fame. Ten Conn. Veterans are inducted each year. A nomination packet may be obtained by calling the Veteran's Affairs 721-5939.
- 262 Main Street – Testing of soil samples took place recently.
- We are seeking members for the Beautification Committee. Apply at the Mayor's Office.
- It has come to my attention that all community events are not be submitted to the Town's website—I would encourage all to submit their activities especially with the busy spring and fall months coming up. This is a free service for groups to get their information out.
- I have spoken to Terryville Medical Center about being open more hours and they will be open: two nights a week until 7 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. , Saturday morning 9 a.m. until noon or 1 p.m. as needed and the lab will be open starting at approximately 6:15 a.m. weekdays.
- I received National Incident Management System training, commonly known as NIMS, which comes to us from Homeland Security and Connecticut Department of Emergency Management. Our emergency personnel will take the training in April. The common thread running through the training is that all emergencies are local. They recommend in addition to our Local Emergency Planning Committee, which I chair once a month, that we form a CERT team which stands for Community Emergency Response Team which would be an auxiliary to LEPC. I will be encouraging residents to be involved in a CERT in the coming months once we have more information.
- Residents have approached my office about a Route 6 – Main Street Clean-up day and I would encourage any volunteer groups to plan on getting involved once a date is set. A planning meeting will take place on Monday, March 13 in the Town Hall.
- I attended the Manufacturing Expo held at the Lyceum on February 15 which was an excellent showcase of the products and services our local manufacturers provide. I thoroughly enjoyed speaking with officials from every company in attendance. It was considered a huge success in that not only did our townspeople

have the opportunity to view what they have to offer but networking among the manufacturers occurred not only during the Expo but in the following days.

- I attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, February 26 and was privileged to be one of the Cake Decorating Judges. Also, I attended the 60 th Anniversary celebration of our Boy Scout Troop on February 8. Apparently if it were not for the Terryville Congregational Church sponsorship right after World War II, this troop would have not survived.
- Board of Finance Budget Meetings have started and I would encourage any resident interested in attending. Presently they are meeting each Monday and Thursday. Please remember that the budget will be decided by referendum this year.
- I appointed Tony Lorenzetti as Public Works Director/Town Engineer on February 17, 2006.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Ford Motor Credit Co. \$850.20; Ford Motor Credit Co. \$94.47; Ford Motor Credit Co. \$378.87; James or Mary Pepides \$428.16; Kenneth A. Jones \$21.45; James Lynch \$207.97; Dean Bergeron \$206.14; Susan R. Murawski \$13.80; Dean G. Bergeron \$188.69; E S Metal Fabrications Inc. \$123.32. – Councilwoman Murawski requested that her refund be a separate motion. Mayor Krampitz said there will be two motions for these refunds. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to refund property taxes to: Ford Motor Credit Co. \$850.20; Ford Motor Credit Co. \$94.47; Ford Motor Credit Co. \$378.87; James or Mary Pepides \$428.16; Kenneth A. Jones \$21.45; James Lynch \$207.97; Dean Bergeron \$206.14; Dean G. Bergeron \$188.69; E S Metal Fabrications Inc. \$123.32. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to refund property taxes to Susan R. Murawski \$13.80. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. VOTE TAKEN: Councilwoman Murawski – abstained, Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilman Sekorski – yes. MOTION PASSED.
9. Take action to approve school building contracts that exceed \$1,000,000. – MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to approve contract with GDS Contracting Corp. for Gypsum Wall Board & Ceiling Systems in the amount of one million eight hundred twenty five thousand six hundred two dollars. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve contract with Mafco Electrical Contractors for Electrical in the amount of three million two hundred thirty thousand eight nine dollars. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve contract with Silktown Roofing, Inc. for Roofing and Waterproofing in the amount of one million nine hundred twenty three thousand seven hundred five dollars. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Take action to approve Fair Housing Resolution. – Mayor Krampitz stated that this resolution is required yearly in order to support our Small Cities Program and/or future application requests. Mayor Krampitz read the resolution aloud: WHEREAS, All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Plymouth is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Plymouth hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to endure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, of the Town of Plymouth or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Plymouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign, execute and/or endorse those policy statements and documents necessary to reaffirm the Town of Plymouth's commitment to Fair Housing, including a Fair Housing Policy Statement and Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Jan A. Krampitz, Mayor of Plymouth, do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Plymouth to be affixed this seventh day of March 2006. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved that the Fair Housing Resolution be adopted as read. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Discuss proposed ordinances – Mayor Krampitz stated that the origin of proposed ordinance ARTICLE VI. FEES FOR PLAN REVIEW BY THE FIRE MARSHAL had come from Fire Marshal Schubert and its purpose is to reduce the number of re-submittals by making the submitter make sure the plans are complete before sending them in for review, therefore reducing the number of hours spent by the office in plan review. The origin of the proposed ordinance entitled ARTICLE VII . RETIREMENT AND PENSION BOARD is modeled after Town of Woodbury language that removes the liability from one person to a board with all the different pension and retirement laws. Councilman Goodwin questioned if there were guidelines provided for builders to follow in the Fire Marshall's office. Mayor Krampitz believed there were guidelines available. Councilman Goodwin also questioned the fee schedule. If the project was a commercial kitchen or a house, it could be extensive. We are trying to encourage business to come to town and we do not want to create a hefty fee structure. Councilman Zagurski wanted to know what other kinds of permits would be covered by this ordinance with the \$20 fee. Councilman Sekorski asked if the comptroller brought the retirement ordinance to our attention and Mayor Krampitz indicated that he had. Councilman Goodwin asked how it is

handled now and the Mayor informed him that it is done by the comptroller. Councilman Sekorski suggested that not only should Mr. Shubert be here for the first ordinance but Mr. Gomes be present also so that a clear understanding of duties can be explained. The Mayor said this item will be on the agenda next month.

12. Discuss solid waste bid proposal and take action if necessary – Mayor Krampitz introduced Director of Public Works Tony Lorenzetti and stated that at the prior Town Council meeting a motion was passed to have ready for this meeting a comparison of figures for curbside pick-up and repair of the present Transfer Station facility. Mayor Krampitz also stated that residents need to voice their opinion on this issue. There are hand-outs for the public. Tony Lorenzetti shared information from a DRAFT FOR PRESENTATION PURPOSES ONLY a Transfer Station Budget Analysis. The categories covered for the current system were: Salaries, Contract Services, Repairs/Supplies, Dump Rental, Electricity, Telephone, Water, DEP Permit, Landfill Testing, Equipment Cost Adjustment, Temporary Curbside Trash Collection, Tank pump-outs, Upgrades, Snow Removal, Benefits and Reimbursement for Tipping Fees which totaled \$1,159,109 for FY 2006-07. The categories covered for the proposed curbside pick-up were: Salary, Contract Services, Tipping, Refuse Barrels, Dump Rental, DEP Permit, Landfill Testing, Cost Sharing Revenue, Equipment and Reimbursement for Tipping Fees which totaled \$943,838 for FY2006-07. In 2007-08 the Current system would be \$976,211 and the proposed would be \$942,209. Projections were given out to the Fiscal Year 2010-11. After the presentation, Mayor Krampitz said that she would give everyone a few minutes to digest all of the numbers and she would take questions from the Town Council first and then the public but she received a letter that she wanted to read for the record. The letter was from Country Farms Condominiums Association, Inc. dated 2/24/06 and requested that the council vote in favor of trash pick up for the association's residents. Councilman Goodwin wanted Mr. Lorenzetti to share information from their meeting yesterday on demolition material fees and costs for disposal. The response was that we charge \$25 for a pick-up truck and it costs the town \$90.40 to dispose of that demolition material. He also wanted to know how much the town collects in fees for tires and demolition on an annual basis if there is a ballpark number. All the permits totaled \$25,000 so it would be a piece of that. Approximately \$20,000 is solid waste permits. Councilman Zagurski wanted to know what the fee schedule was going to be for Albreada. The answer was that a fee schedule was provided but that the town has a right to negotiate those fees. Information was provided from the Albreada fee schedule that was read into the record last month and fees from Thomaston were shared. Councilman Zagurski also wanted to know how they would handle all of the electronic waste. The contract section was read to cover these items. The councilman also asked if waste oil and batteries would be taken at no charge and that would be the case. Councilwoman Murawski asked that if the cost is too high after the end of the contract, can we go back to using the transfer station. We would still own the facility and would be able to go back. There is a state permit and they would still be maintained. The Councilwoman also asked about any DEP concerns for the site and was told that the concerns can be addressed with a few adjustments. Councilman Sekorski wanted to know how many other communities are doing this. Mr. Lorenzetti said not many are using this process any more. Councilman Sekorski asked if we were losing money because we were not collecting an appropriate amount of fees. We were losing because the fees do not match the cost to dispose. The Councilman stated that we have to

take a serious look at what it costs to get rid of our garbage and expect the costs to go up. Mayor Krampitz pointed out that there are four communities in the BRRFOC that have transfer stations and that New Britain is building a new one. Councilman Goodwin added that the proposal also included a roll-off truck so it would change the way that we haul to Bristol . Councilman Zagurski stated that he feared that if the fees went up too high that we would be faced with more illegal dumping. Mayor Krampitz asked for public comment at this time.

Don Souza- 50 Eastview Rd. , stated that we should operate our own transfer station. We can increase fees and change where we dump things. If they can operate it for a profit then why can't we?

Dave Yarosovich- 412 Main St. , was representing Pilgrim's Landing and wanted to know how it would work for them. The answer was that it would be handled with a dumpster.

Ralph Zovich- 4 Knight Ln . , stated that this process was more than just numbers. We had to judge the value of our time. We should also make the fines for illegal dumping stiffer such as \$150-\$200 and that problem will go away.

Patrick Herzing- 145 Scott Rd. , questioned if looking at raising the permit fees is legitimate because we cover the costs with our taxes. He is in favor of bulk pick-up. Safety is also important to consider as well as blight issues.

Don Souza- 50 Eastview Rd. , stated that people choose to pay more if they hire a private hauler because they choose not to use the transfer station.

Rich Whitney- 183 Lake Plymouth Blvd. , stated he was concerned that if we take this out of our hands we will lose control. We may be able to go back to the transfer station later but the regulations could change.

Jim Deutch- 34 Orchard St . , stated that he has a choice and uses a private hauler but would like a contingency plan and would like to keep the transfer station.

Robert Pelz- 21 Old Greystone Ct. , wondered how many people recycle. We should do bulk pick up every other month.

After the public comment was closed, Mayor Krampitz asked the council if they had any thoughts on how to inform the rest of the public and determine if they are in favor of curbside pick-up or not. Councilwoman Murawski also wanted to see a public hearing but beyond that a special town meeting and a vote to actually have the people decide. Mayor Krampitz said she was not sure that a special town meeting could be held. Councilman Goodwin was concerned about how much longer Albreada will honor their bid and the people have to decide. Councilman Zagurski wanted the people to be able to vote and express their opinions. If that is not possible, he would like to at least see a public hearing. Either way it is going to cost about the same amount of money. It is just a matter of preference. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to have a public hearing and/or town meeting concerning the transfer station/curbside pickup issue. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Councilman Goodwin suggested doing this sooner than April 4 th so that it can fit into the budget. Councilman Sekorski stated that because this is in the operating budget, we can decide by a public hearing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Public Comment. Rich Whitney- 183 Lake Plymouth Blvd. , was disheartened that the Board of Education was asking for a 6.4% increase. Also last winter the Public Works

Dept. tore half of the apron on my driveway and I called the last administration and public works seven times and nothing has been done.

14. Executive Session for real estate negotiations, pending litigation and personnel. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to go into executive session for real estate negotiations, pending litigation, and personnel at 8:45 p.m. and invite in Attorneys David Monastersky and Tom Conlin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. WENT OF OUT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:58 p.m. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:00 p.m.
15. Take action from executive session if necessary. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to consent and agree to CIRMA settling the pending case Lausier versus Covello et al and authorize Mayor Krampitz to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Town of Plymouth . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilwoman Murawski- yes, Councilman Zagurski-yes, Councilman Goodwin-yes, Councilman Sekorski-abstained. MOTIONED PASSED. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to authorize town attorney to negotiate with a legal representative of the Perillo family at 331 Mt. Tobe Rd. for assignment of the Town's liens on the Perillo property in exchange for full payment of the tax arrearage and marshal's execution fees. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
16. Other Business. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to discuss the actions of one of our fine officers last Friday afternoon. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilwoman Murawski shared information about Officer St. Onge helping to save a woman that had fallen through the ice. He noticed her while being off duty and called for help.
17. Adjournment. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk