

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Goodwin, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Councilwoman Scoville (arrived at 7:45)

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Emergency exits were indicated by the Mayor for the safety of the audience.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the April 4, 2006 and April 17, 2006 Minutes – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2006 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2006 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Liaison Reports – Councilman Sekorski reported that the WPCA cancelled its meeting because it was the same night as the hearing on the budget. The Planning and Zoning Commission has four active public hearings for subdivisions and they are always busy. Two portions of the zoning regulations have been approved. Councilman Sekorski referenced a memo that was received concerning adding a Public Comment agenda item to the Commission's agenda. He thought it was important that it be on their agenda and wanted the Mayor to follow-up on that even before a legal opinion is sought. Councilman Zagurski reported that the new high school is on schedule. Work is out of sequence because of rock that needed to be blasted. The School Building Committee is also working on the roof replacement for Prospect St. and Main St. Schools. The Public Works Department has installed new catch basins on South Eagle St., swept roads, installed catch basins and pipes on Burger Rd., Lane Hill Rd. is now open, cleaned-up and bark mulched the highway department/Fisher School area and it looks beautiful, the brush dump is open for the season, bids were prepared for a number of services, a grant application was prepared for FEMA reimbursement, 89 demolition permits, 39 tire permits, and 3 appliance permits were issued. The Fire Commission is planning for its 100 th Anniversary which will be in 2011. Two candidates have been accepted for training in classes for Fire Marshal and fire inspection. The department is still looking for a response to who maintains the underground tanks in subdivisions. The Fire Department responded to 25 calls. The fire marshal will bring the proposed ordinance for plan review to the Fire Commission's next meeting. Mayor Krampitz added that Anthony Lorenzetti answered the question of underground tanks recently. Councilman Goodwin reported that Human Services had no meeting but they had some seminars scheduled this month. EDC is reviewing maintenance for Phase III and the entrances on Bemis St. Parks and Recreation met to discuss other activities that could be held at Lake Winfield . Councilwoman Murawski reported that there was a request for stop signs on Harwinton Ave. where it intersects with Bemis St. and Holt St . The Police Commission has placed it under consideration. Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Chief had a rough draft of a policy for a police dog so one of the first steps is being done. The Board of Education has a committee getting input on establishing a full-time kindergarten. A number of high school students have volunteered to do an outdoor spring cleaning for the Housing Authority at

Gosinski Park .

5. Council Rules and Procedures – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to change the agenda by reassigning item #13 to #11 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to change the agenda by reassigning #14 to #12 . SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. Resignations and Appointments – MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to accept the resignation of Chester E. Scoville Jr. for the Plymouth Economic Development Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Councilman Goodwin thanked Mr. Scoville for his many years of service and as chairman did a fine job. The community is at a loss to see him go. Mayor Krampitz agreed and said that a thank you letter will be sent. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Mayor Krampitz stated that the packet included the resignation of Janet H. Manyak, Deputy Registrar of Voters, which does not require Town Council approval. Also, confirmation of a replacement was included in the packet specifying that Bonnie Leroux has been sworn in as the new Deputy Registrar and Mayor Krampitz thanked the Registrar of Voters for their expediency in finding a replacement. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the reappointment of Patrick Herzing to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire February 19, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved the reappointment of Lawrence Deschaine to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire February 19, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the Mayoral appointment of James A. Fried (now an alternate member) as a regular member to the Plymouth Economic Development Commission with a term to expire March 2, 2009 replacing Chester Scoville. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the reappointment of Martin E. Sandshaw to the Zoning Board of Appeals member with a term to expire February 19, 2009 . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
7. Mayor's Report -
 - We received \$40,000 from Pineview Estates toward the Water Wheel Park project – in lieu of sidewalks. Also we have received \$23,800 for the Town's open Space fund from Pineview Estates.
 - The Fall Mt. Water Project is on schedule. Water is scheduled to flow in September.
 - Application has been completed for FEMA for last October's flood damage amounting to over \$30,000. We received notification last week that we received \$11,536.54.
 - If any residents are looking for low interest loans from the Small Business Administration for disaster relief from flood damage, please call our office and we will provide the state information for you.
 - By invitation, I attended the Plymouth-Terryville PTA Reflections Program, Harry S. Fisher CPR Program 10 th Anniversary celebration assembly, Terryville High School Voter Registration Day.

- I hosted a Town Hall Tour for eight Tiger Cubs who are part of Troop 75.
 - I met with Connecticut Water Company who advised us to expect a twenty percent rate increase in the next year.
 - We received notification that we have met all requirements in a Compliance Review for the Fall Mt. Lake Water Project and Sewer Pump Station from U.S.D.A. Rural Development. We are in compliance.
 - I have written thank you notes to local businesses and residents who helped with our Earth Day – Main Street Clean up Day.
 - Last Thursday, the Planning and Zoning Commission set a public hearing date for June 8 concerning a moratorium on subdivisions involving new roads.
 - The Budget Referendum failed yesterday yes votes “233”, no votes “1035”. The Board of Finance set a special meeting to discuss the budget for Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. Since the second referendum has to take place within 20 days of the first, I will be asking the Town Council to set a new date for May 19.
 - I threw the first pitch for the Little League Opening Day Ceremony and the 5K Rotarian Road Race was a huge success.
8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Thomas Porrini \$130.28, Robert A. Yeates \$255.64, Cheryl Ann Beckwith \$126.20, Elmer Michaud \$95.03, Aurea E. Guzman \$100.20, Kevin J. Engle \$9.03 – MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to refund property taxes to those as presented. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
 9. Presentation of Ronald St. Onge Citation – Mayor Krampitz stated that Officer Ronald St. Onge had aided in the rescue of a woman on March 7, 2006 . The Mayor read the recognition and congratulated him. The Certificate of Recognition was presented to Officer St. Onge with his family by his side.
 10. Presentation of Earth Day Proclamation – Mayor Krampitz read the Earth Day Proclamation originally scheduled for reading April 22. At the end of the clean-up it was raining too hard. The following residents were thanked and Mayor Krampitz noted that significant gains were made with a few dedicated volunteers. Mark and Helen Nejfelt who started it all, Patrick Herzing, Cheryl Russell, and Sally Barnes for spearheading its organization, IGA for donation of water, Terryville True Value Hardware for equipment and refreshments, Lee Hardware for equipment and supplies, Ritchie’s Terryville Bakery for food, Beacon Pharmacy for gloves, etc., Diane and Christopher Ranft for litter clean-up in the McDonald’s area, Jim Deutsch for raking in the plaza area, Jan Basoli, Barb Sekorski, Kathy Nelson, Sue Murawski, Chris Goodwin and friend Tom, Dawn and Emily Ganem, Tom and Katherine Conlin, Ed Graveline and others.
 11. Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security presentation on Community Emergency Response Teams – Mayor Krampitz introduced Mr. Paul Beneyda from Homeland Security and thanked Mr. Carl Johnson for arranging this presentation. A slide show was given with the major points being the formation of a Citizen Corps, CERT Program Topics, CERTs in a Disaster Setting, Responding to a Disaster, Non-disaster CERT Roles, Additional CERT Training Opportunities, Preparing for a Disaster, and a CERT summary. Mayor Krampitz asked for questions. Clem Paskus, Emergency Management Director, questioned the Town’s liability using CERTs. He was

told that there is a Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 and the CERTs should be sworn in under the General Statutes 28-517 and it will cover the town under 28-11 too. Councilman Goodwin asked about CERT team sizes. The recommended size is ten. Mayor Krampitz questioned the required age of the participants. It was recommended that 18 is the minimum. Councilman Goodwin asked what the trigger would be to activate the CERT team. He was told it would be whatever is in the charter.

12. Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism presentation on Certified Local Government Program and take action if necessary – Mayor Krampitz introduced Mr. Bill Kuehn, Director of Planning and Economic Development, who introduced Ms. Mary Donahue, Architectural Historian Survey and Grants Director. Ms. Donahue gave an overview of the program and the certification requirements. She explained how communities can play a part in preserving their historical buildings. The Town would have to follow the guidelines of State Statute 7-147. Mayor Krampitz asked for questions. Councilman Goodwin asked if the grants can be used for private structures or is it just for public ones. He was told that non-profit buildings could be eligible but there are no grants for restoration of private homes. Councilwoman Scoville asked if the Waterwheel would qualify because it is not a building. She was told that it would because it is a resource. Councilman Sekorski stated that the Waterwheel meets the minimum standard already so the process has started. We would need to start the committee next. He was told that the Town's next step would be separate from what has already been done. Mayor Krampitz asked for public comment. Ann Tuleja, 383 Allentown Rd. – asked if the Plan of Development would be of any help to this process. She was told that it was an unrelated process. Bill Kuehn indicated that the Plan of Development recommends that the Town engage in further studies and surveys. This is a way to get the money to do this. Mayor Krampitz asked him to confirm that there are currently three historic districts in town. Mr. Kuehn said there are the East Plymouth and Plymouth Center Historic Districts and the Waterwheel. Councilwoman Scoville asked if there is an age requirement for historic district. She was told there is none. Mayor Krampitz noted that the reason she had Bill Kuehn look into this was not just for the Waterwheel but for all of Main St. because other structures could qualify. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin read the necessary resolution to be certified as a Certified Local Government. **“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL THAT:** 1. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to appoint a historic district study committee consisting of five regular members and three alternate members who shall be electors of the Town of Plymouth holding no salaried municipal office; 2. The qualifications for membership on the historic district study committee shall be consistent with purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and with the Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-147 et seq.; 3. The historic district study committee shall expeditiously prepare those documents necessary in order for the Town of Plymouth to request certification as a Certified Local Government from the SHPO; and 4. The historic district study committee and/or any successor commission may make recommendations concerning other actions or programs as may be available to encourage the preservation of historic resources in the Town of Plymouth . **SECOND:** Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
13. Discuss and take action to recommend an appropriation of \$21,000 for purchase and installation of equipment shelter for communications tower – Mayor Krampitz stated that this equipment shelter will protect our emergency services generator and power supply at

the cell tower site at the Terryville Fairgrounds. Clem Paskus, Director of Emergency Management gave a brief overview and answered questions. Councilman Goodwin asked what the equipment is housed in now. He was told it was temporarily housed in a Lions Club shed. Councilwoman Scoville asked what departments would be involved in this. Mr. Paskus explained that it would be for the Police, Fire and Ambulance. Councilman Zagurski asked if there was anything in writing from the Lions Club stating that we can use that property. He was told that at a March 1 st meeting the Lions requested a written agreement that if any of our employees get hurt on the site that we would be responsible such as an access waiver. Verizon is also providing us the use of their generator for free. A new building would cost \$24,000. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to recommend an appropriation of \$21,000 for the purchase and installation of an equipment shelter for communications tower to the Board of Finance. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to waive the bid process for this project. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Discuss and take action to recommend an appropriation up to \$30,000 for Library Air conditioner repair – Mayor Krampitz introduced Director of Public Works Anthony Lorenzetti and Library Director Sharon LaCourse to explain the status of the Terryville Library’s air conditioners. Mr. Lorenzetti discussed the bid process and what was submitted for bids. Mrs. LaCourse discussed the need for the air conditioning in the library and how it stopped working in June of 2005. The windows do not open in the library and the second floor gets over ninety degrees. Councilwoman Scoville stated that as liaison to the Library Board, this is a health issue for the residents and the employees and she supports this. Mayor Krampitz indicated that the Board of Finance made it a goal of theirs to have this fixed as soon as possible so that this would not be a problem again this summer. Councilman Goodwin asked what the size of our collection was. He was told it was in excess of 60,000 and worth \$2,000,000. Councilman Goodwin stated that if we look at the investment that we are protecting, it is worth the small insurance this appropriation gives. Councilman Sekorski asked about the various other funds that the library has with endowments. Mrs. LaCourse stated that money donated is used for specific projects and programs. Mayor Krampitz stated that she had asked the Terryville Library Board and Friends of the Library if any special funds could be used for this project and she hopes to hear back on this soon. Councilwoman Scoville stated that as a community we should be responsible to take care of our buildings. Secondly, if we get a historic district, maybe the library will qualify under the plan and we can get some funding for it. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to recommend an appropriation of up to \$30,000. for Terryville Library conditioner repair to the Board of Finance . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Murawski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – abstained, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes. MOTION PASSED.
15. Discuss and take action to set Public Hearing date on proposed ordinances – Mayor Krampitz updated the Town Council on the ordinances. Councilman Sekorski asked if both ordinances could be held at the same hearing and could they be adjusted after the hearing. The Mayor told him that was the case. Councilman Sekorski also wanted to know what date would be good. Mayor Krampitz suggested May 30 th because the Special Town Meeting was that night and the hearing could follow it. MOTION: Councilman

Sekorski moved to set a public hearing for ordinances entitled “ARTICLE VII . RETIREMENT AND PENSION BOARD” and “ARTICLE VI. FEES FOR PLAN REVIEW BY THE FIRE MARSHAL” for Tuesday, May 30, 2006 in the Community Room immediately following the Special Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Zagurski informed the Town Council that the Fire Commission has not had the opportunity to review the fee schedule yet and Mayor Krampitz asked him to invite the commission to the hearing. Discussion took place to amend the proposed Retirement and Pension Board Ordinance. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to amend line 16 under Sec. 2-112 Composition “and the Mayor shall appoint the elector.” SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to amend line 1 changing the title to Retirement and Pension “Oversight” Board. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Councilman Zagurski – No, Councilwoman Murawski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville –yes. MOTION PASSED. MAIN MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Public Comment – Deb Blanchette - Ridge Rd. said she is having a problem with ATVs in her neighborhood for four years. She needs something to be done. She has gone to court once already. Ann Tuleja – 383 Allentown Rd., was concerned that the police commission was not invited to the meeting for the Certificate of Recognition presentation and she had concerns about the Police Dog fund raising. Mayor Krampitz explained that the certificate was presented because she did not want any more time to go by without recognizing Officer St. Onge. The Mayor also explained that the Police Dog issue can move forward when she receives something in writing to start negotiations. Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Police Commission had not voted for a police dog because she would have indicated it during liaison reports. Mayor Krampitz concurred that it is not in their minutes. Patrick Herzing – Scott Rd., stated that there should be a Main St. fund. This could be an avenue for funding for various projects. Melanie Church – 328 Main St., was concerned about raises in the Mayor’s office staff and town staff using vehicles to go home. She wanted the Town Council to enact ordinances to address those issues. Sally Barnes – 279 Main St., wanted clarification on who needed to send the written request in for the police dog. Mayor Krampitz informed her that it would be the Chief and/or the Commission to the Mayor’s office. Patrick Herzing – Scott Rd., encouraged the Mayor and Town Council to appoint a Charter Revision Commission because the section requiring public comment at all meetings puts the Planning and Zoning Commission in a legal bind. Our minds are supposed to be untainted by an outside source and if comments are made during public comment items that precede a public hearing, our decision making could be influenced by something that was said before the hearing took place.
17. Executive Session for real estate negotiations – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purposes of real estate negotiations and invite in Attorney Tom Conlin and Bill Kuehn. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. WENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:55p.m. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:56p.m.
18. Take action from executive session if necessary – No action taken.
19. Other Business – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to discuss and take action on setting a date for the second 2006-2007 budget referendum. SECOND: Councilman

Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to schedule a referendum to vote on the FY 2006 – 2007 budget on May 19, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Community Room. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk