

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 6, 2006

PLACE: Town Hall Assembly Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Goodwin, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Councilwoman Scoville (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the May 2, 2006 Minutes - MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the May 2, 2006 minutes with the changes on page 5 that "an elector" be added to the beginning of the composition section of the ordinance and Councilman Goodwin be recorded as a "no" vote and Councilman Zagurski be recorded as a "yes" vote. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Liaison Reports – Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Police Commission is having an awards ceremony on June 13 th. Police dog drafts approved. BOE reported that Mrs. Lavery has resigned as principal at THS. The Housing Authority is looking to get some dead shrubs replaced. Councilman Goodwin reported that the Parks and Recreation Department was dealing with some vandalism to new picnic tables. Human Services workshops have been well attended. The EDC's new chairman is Dave Philbrick. Some businesses are looking to expand like Lauretano Sign, Phoenix , and Elm Press. Councilman Zagurski reported that the School Building Committee is on schedule with the school. Public Works is installing catch basins, sweeping streets and hot patching pot holes around town. The Fire Commission is concerned about the budget and CERT Teams. Councilman Sekorski reported that the WPCA is working on their budget and will be completed with that shortly. Councilwoman Scoville reported that the Terryville Public Library received the Connecticut Award for Excellence in Library Service and will be hosting an event. The Councilwoman read the June 22 nd invitation into the record.
5. Council Rules and Procedures – No action taken.
6. Resignations and Appointments – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to accept the resignation of Ken Marino from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Mayor Krampitz noted that Ken had been Chairman for years and this would a big loss for the community. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to accept the resignation of Patricia Chasse from the Parks & Recreation Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to accept the resignation of Gaye V. Zukauskas from the Planning & Zoning Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to accept the resignation of John W. Dering from Board of Assessment Appeals with regret. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to accept the resignation of Judith Kosikowski from the Library Board of Directors with regret. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to appoint Jeanette Dorn to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy of Patricia Chasse with a term November 5,

2006 . SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to appoint Richard A. Daponte to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy of Ken Marino with a term to expire February 19, 2007 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- In addition to the May 2006 report about reimbursement from FEMA for last October's flood damage, we will be receiving an additional \$22,000.00.
- State Senator Tom Colapietro has informed us that he has sent a letter to Senator Don Williams requesting monetary support for budget items that were reduced from our budget. The Mayor had earlier contacted our legislators for additional funds.
- The Mayor met with our labor unions since our last meeting on May 16 and on May 30. Prior to May, she had met with them on March 10, March 31, April 3, April 11, and April 25 and May 5. There were other times scheduled but canceled by the unions because they wanted to wait to see if the budget referenda passed which caused further delays. The main topic was always medical insurance for our employees.
- May 12 was Student Gov. Day and we had an exuberant group that day that seemed to really sink their teeth into the workings of town government at the town council meeting. It was educational for all of us and the thank you notes that we received also gave that indication.
- The Waterwheel Committee is progressing nicely. Bill Kuehn, Tony Lorenzetti and the Mayor had a site walk with Paul Loether Director of Culture & Tourism for the State of Connecticut at the wheel and were very encouraged about what the grant money could do for that site.
- The Mayor attended a CCRPA luncheon meeting at the Lucky Cup with other mayors and selectmen where the Director of Connecticut Workforce was the speaker.
- The Mayor attended the anniversary celebration of Eli Terry Retirement Community Center where I saw realized the funds granted to them from Small Cities Block Grants.
- She participated in the Memorial Day Parades.
- She regretted to inform the council that our Building Inspector Bill Herzman will be leaving us for a position in Naugatuck. His last day with us is June 13 and he stated that he would try to help out with the transition. The Mayor posted and published for this position and talked to surrounding communities about coverage.
- The Mayor met with Mayor Bill Stortz about the intertown water agreement and the need for a building inspector. He will get back to us soon.
- She was pleased to attend the Eagle Scout ceremony last Sunday for seven scouts. Also that afternoon she attended the installation of Rev. Jackson at the Grace Baptist Pentecostal Church.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: GMAC \$80.42; GMAC \$154.46; GMAC \$397.15; VW Credit Leasing Ltd \$182.33 – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to refund property taxes to those as presented. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Take action to reschedule August Town Council meeting – Mayor Krampitz explained that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for August 1st could not be held due to vacation schedules. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to schedule a Special Council Meeting for Tuesday August 8th at 7:00p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Discuss and take action on proposed ordinances titled Fees for Plan Review by the Fire Marshal and Retirement and Pension Oversight Board – Mayor Krampitz indicated that we had received some opinions from our attorney who specializes in charter language. There are a few more items that need to be considered but the item was left on the agenda for any council discussion or action based on public hearing comments. The Town Council had concerns about the \$4,000 fee with the Plan Review for the Fire Marshal. They had concerns about non-profit groups being charged too much and also the possibility of keeping business away. They talked about flat fees or a step increase that could be used. It was a consensus to invite Jack Schubert and Bill Kuehn to the next meeting with ideas for a fee schedule. Comments on the Retirement and Oversight Pension Board included discussions for the need to have a BOE member on the board. There was also discussion about having a union representative on the board but it was pointed out that there are seven unions so it would become cumbersome. More information was asked about liability of membership and BOE involvement.
11. Discuss and take action on Blight Fees list per Blight Abatement ordinance – Mayor Krampitz informed the Town Council that this was an updated list but the activity started in 2000. Councilman Goodwin stated that if the town collected half of the blight fees, the budget situation would go away. Mayor Krampitz informed the council that the ordinance requires that the list be presented to them at the regular June meeting. The information has been verified by the Building Inspector. Within seventy-five days of receipt of this list, it is deemed approved. Councilwoman Scoville stated that some of the fees due probably outweigh the value of the property and wanted to know what happens to the people who can not pay for the fines. Mayor Krampitz explained there are liens on the properties so they would be required to pay the blight fine before the property was transferred. Councilwoman Murawski asked if the people were aware of the liens and fines. The Mayor explained that she had seen the files and that all the people had received notification and had returned paperwork to that affect. Councilman Goodwin asked if foreclosure is an option. Mayor Krampitz said that the ordinance allowed the town to acquire property.
12. Discuss and take action to create a Charter Revision Commission – Mayor Krampitz stated that she had received a written request from Councilwoman Murawski and included a list of basic steps for establishing a municipal charter revision commission. Councilwoman Murawski stated that to be able to do something by the November election is almost impossible. Councilwoman Scoville wanted to know what the intent of forming the commission would be and Councilwoman Murawski answered that if the words “by department” are eliminated she would have no problem with it. Councilman Goodwin thought that having a cap would be good for the community. Councilman Zagurski stated that the commission could be made up of new members and old members. Public comment included the need to keep the referendum format because of the large voter turn-

out. They recognized the need to change the language and asked the council to consider ways to do that part first and work on other charter issues at a later time. Councilman Sekorski stated that it would be inappropriate to rush through charter revision when we can look at how departments are organized. Mayor Krampitz reviewed some of the steps with the Town Council that are required by state statute. The Mayor explained that the Council could give a tentative time line. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to create a Charter Revision Commission. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Councilwoman Scoville wanted the members of the most recent commission to be invited to come back. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved that the Charter Revision Commission consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor with Council approval. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Mayor Krampitz asked if there was a consensus that the Mayor's office contact the previous members and without objection she informed the council that would be done. Councilman Sekorski suggested that the Mayor could bring forward a maximum number of names to choose the seven from as opposed to voting on Mayoral appointments. AMENDMENT: Councilman Sekorski moved to have the Mayor submit twelve names from which the council would choose seven by paper ballot and the total votes counted must meet the criteria of minimum representation with the Mayor breaking a tie if necessary. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Discuss and take action to establish Transfer Station fees for FY 2006/07 – Anthony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works, presented the proposed transfer station fee schedule as it related to upgrades. It was broken down by annual resident permit, tires, appliances, bulky items and demolition and construction materials. A comparison matrix was also distributed that gave a fee comparison of Plymouth to other communities. Councilman Goodwin was concerned about how we police the annual resident fee. If people are not residents, how do we keep them out. He was told that the stickers are a good indicator but it is a manpower issue. Councilwoman Scoville asked if the annual permit could take care of the rest of the fees. The response was that we were losing so much money on demolition and other materials that one small fee would not cover the costs. Councilman Goodwin urged the town to look at creative ways to recycle and reuse motor oil. Councilman Sekorski asked if there might be a way to set up a special fund to deposit the fees instead of the general fund getting the money. Public comment included concerns about the annual fee, the handling of scrap metal and the number of people working there. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adopt the proposed 2006 transfer station fees excluding the annual resident permit fee of \$50. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Discussion took place on motor oil and demolition materials. AMENDMENT: Councilman Sekorski moved to drop the fee for motor oil and have a flat fee of \$100 for any pick-up truck for demolition materials. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
14. Public Comment – No comments.
15. Executive Session for real estate negotiations – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to go into Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. for the purposes of real estate negotiations and invite in Attorney Tom Conlin. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY. WENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:38 p.m. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:40 p.m.

16. Take action from executive session if necessary – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to accept property in lieu of foreclosure at 47 Todd Hollow Rd , Plymouth and to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the transfer of the property to the town. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
17. Other Business – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to schedule a Special Town Council Meeting on June 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the budget for 2006/07. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
18. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk