

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 31, 2006, immediately following the Public Hearing

**PLACE:** Town Hall Community Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krampitz at 8:17 p.m. The Mayor reviewed for the record what the council had received which was the Public Hearing notice, the side-by-side comparison, the draft report which was marked Exhibit A, the agenda and the last sheet highlighted the motions from our attorney that would be necessary this evening.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Due to the fact that the Pledge of Allegiance had already been said earlier in the evening, without objection, this was not done at this session.
3. Discuss and take action on proposed Charter Revisions as presented by the 2006 Charter Revision Commission - The Mayor thanked the Charter Revision Commission for their work and time. Mayor Krampitz stated that the focus was on individual department and adding the word aggregate and crossing out the “s” after budget. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved adoption of the following resolution: That the Town Council of the Town of Plymouth hereby deems the draft report of the Town’s Charter Revision Commission, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be final, and that the Town Council hereby approves the recommendation contained in said report. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Goodwin thanked the commission for doing a lot of work in a short period of time. Councilman Sekorski – no, Councilwoman Scoville – no, Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilwoman Murawski – yes. MOTION PASSED.
4. Discuss and take action to adopt ballot language for November Charter vote – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved adoption of the following resolution: That the recommendation contained in the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission be submitted to a referendum vote in accordance with Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 , between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. under the following ballot heading: “SHALL THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION TO AMEND SECTION 3B OF CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWN’S CHARTER TO LIMIT THE 3 PERCENT BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO THE AGGREGATE TOWN BUDGET RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT BUDGETS?” and that the Town Clerk include a notice of such referendum in the notice of election for said date and make absentee ballots available. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilman Zagurski had a concern about non-electors being able to vote. Attorney Sam Caligiuri of Day, Berry & Howard stated that in Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-191 subsection f, concerning charter amendments and specifically states that it is by the electors of the municipality. The electors would be permitted to vote on this question. Councilman Sekorski wanted to explain why he could not support this. He stated that he was disappointed that there was not more clarity to the language, but apologized for not attending the Charter Revision Commission meetings. He thought it cleared up some of the discrepancy but not all of it and suggested that if this change passed that we should get a legal opinion to guide the Town Council in the future.

He agreed that the word aggregate returned some ability back to the Board of Finance. Councilman Zagurski thought the Commission did a great job. The clarity may not be perfect but there is an immediate need before the next budget session. Councilwoman Scoville stated she would have preferred the amended budget because that is the true budget. Councilwoman Murawski stated that it was very clear that aggregate was the sum of the parts. It is the whole budget. No one is claiming that it will correct everything that is wrong with the charter but it is a good step. Councilman Goodwin stated that he believes that this would enable the Board of Finance to use their best judgment and that is why he would support it. Councilman Sekorski – no, Councilwoman Scoville – no, Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilwoman Murawski – yes. MOTION PASSED.

5. Public Comment – No comments.

6. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk