

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 5, 2006 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Assembly Room

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

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 audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the August 8, 2006 Special Town Council Meeting and August 21, 2006 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Goodwin wanted to clarify for the record that the fee schedule on pages 5 and 6 was tabled at that meeting. Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilman Sekorski – abstained, Councilwoman Murawski -yes. **MOTION PASSED.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilman Zagurski. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Housing Authority had ten vacancies at Gosinski Park . School opened August 28 th and new teachers were hired to replace our retirees. The Police Commission voted not to install stop signs at Harwinton Ave. at Bemis St. and Holt St . They have also hired a part time animal control officer. Councilman Sekorski – No report. Councilman Zagurski – reported that the Fire Department went out for bid on their new truck. The bids were opened and are being reviewed. They have also been doing a study for their needs for the next ten years. The new school construction is on schedule and within budget. They are going to move a telephone pole that is at the entrance of the driveway. The Public Works Department received a check for metal recycling for \$2,344.65. Bids were put out for washed-stone, truck equipment package, chip-sealing, diesel fuel and generators. The Canal St. project will be starting and DOT will be closing permanently Pines Crossing, a portion of Center St. and a portion of Canal St. Allen St. will be dropped three feet so the grading will create the closing of Pines Crossing. DOT said these were on the plan and it will be closed. Roads have also been prepared for paving projects. Councilman Goodwin reported that Human Services did not meet. EDC approved an addition for Elm Press. Parks and Recreation is looking for a gymnastics instructor. They were also looking for more police protection at Lake Winfield because of vandalism.
5. Council Rules and Procedures – Councilman Goodwin asked that under Public Comment that people conduct themselves in a business like manner and maintain decorum. At the public hearing it was difficult at times to talk. No action taken.
6. Resignations and Appointments – **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved appointment of Anita Hamzy to the Terryville Library Board with a term to expire November 12, 2007 to fill the vacancy left by Kathryn Malley. **SECOND:** Councilwoman Murawski. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved the appointment of Catherine Mathiason to the Terryville Library Board with a term to expire November 10, 2011 to fill the vacancy left by Judith Kosikowski. **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Goodwin commented that both of these people will be assets to the library board. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Councilwoman Murawski recused

herself from the next appointment. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the appointment of Timothy D. Murawski to the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire November 12, 2007 to fill the vacancy left by John Dering. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED.

7. Mayor's Report – This was a report for June, July and August.

- Clarence B. Atkinson was appointed as Building Inspector on July 13 th. He is experienced and worked in that capacity in West Hartford .
- Waterwheel Park Project– The committee met to plan a fundraising kick-off event. They are planning a goods and services auction on a Friday night. The Brownsfield study has been completed and reviewed and a draft RFQ has been submitted to the State.
- The Mayor attended the Community Night hosted by the Human Services Commission, the Eagle Scouts award ceremony, the installation of Rev. Freddie Jackson at the Grace Baptist Pentecostal Church, the Hot Dog Roast where Volunteer of the Year Steve Mindera was awarded, Terryville High School graduation ceremony, the Police Commission life-saving award ceremony, the Pequabuck Golf Course Chamber Tournament luncheon, met with a Ridge Road resident that is having on-going neighborhood issues, cut a grand opening ribbon at the Evergreen facility on South Street on Sunday, July 16, attended an in-house, managerial workshop for Sexual Harassment, served as a costume judge at one of the local band concerts, met with Daisy the Pig at Terryville Library who promoted reading, met with former Skateboard Park committee members for an update, met with The First Selectmen of Thomaston and Harwinton at their invitation to discuss the Connecticut Water Company divestiture of a Class III watershed land located in our three towns and cut a red ribbon for the grand opening of The Peanut Cupboard on Saturday, August 19.
- Regarding the unanimous Town Council vote to establish a new Charter Revision Commission, Mayor Krampitz met with the appointed members on July 25th for an organizational meeting. The Mayor attended all of their meetings and hearings and thanked them for their dedicated service to the charter revision process.
- Mayor Krampitz was glad to report that we received \$200,000 from Congresswoman Johnson's efforts toward the road paving for the Fall Mt. Water Project and the Waterwheel Park Project. This money was a result of my visit to her office last January. Also, she met with Mary Grasso, USDA Rural Development Area Director, to seek additional funding for completion of the project. Town officials were invited by the Fall Mt. Lake Association to an informational meeting concerning the Fall Mt. Water Project, on August 24. With approximately one hundred and seventy-five attendees, residents were encouraged to follow proper procedures to hook up now that the water is there. Service agreements with Conn. Water Company, permitting processes, service to dwellings not vacant lots, an assessment over fifteen years, repaving next year, and replacement of the culvert bridge were some of the items discussed. Residents were very happy and commended the contractor Pete and Steve for their dedication to the project.
- The Phase IV Industrial Park Property located at the corner of Preston Road and

North Harwinton Road has been purchased by Trilogy Trust Company. They will build a 40,000 sq. ft. medical office building right away.

- CL&P has awarded us over \$211,000. toward energy efficient fixtures at the New High School.
- Jim Nypert was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated service to the WPCA. Jim retired July 1.
- The Mayor had some very interesting visitations in the Plymouth Business Park. She met with ES Metals, Eric Schleich, President and Mike Thibeault, Malco Company, Kevin Lacilla, President of DAWG, Dick Clukey, President of Accu-Grind, Richard Eykelhoff of AMCI. One of the major issues on their minds was the rate jump in electricity. Mayor Krampitz referred them to an energy consortium for help. Most of the companies talked about future expansions in the Industrial Park.
- The Mayor has asked the Police Department to reinstate a Neighborhood Watch Program due to localized vandalism.
- Mayor Krampitz is in receipt of a request from the Police Chief to negotiate for a position of Canine Handler and added it to the list of items for negotiations.
- Regarding Lake Winfield , the Mayor has asked Director of Public Works Tony Lorenzetti to submit estimates to the Capital Improvements Committee as to how much it would cost to clean up Lake Winfield for swimming again versus an environmental clean-up. This would mean a possible referendum vote by the townspeople based on the expense.
- Mayor Krampitz appointed the following residents to the Historic District Study Committee: Helen Nejfelt, Patricia Doherty, Robert Green, Keith Golnik, Lisa Whitney, Richard Daponte, Steven Solomito, and Michael Drozdick. I will ask them to have an organizational meeting in September to initiate their report which may take six months.
- Regarding union labor negotiations, a new medical insurance proposal was made by the Town and it was rejected by the unions. On June 6, the Mayor terminated our past association with our insurance agent of eighteen years and appointed a new agent of record. After numerous meetings we came up with a new hybrid-type, proposal that would offer them the comparable insurance with higher co-pays which saved the town a tremendous amount of money in premiums and announced it to the employees. The Mayor met with the Supv./Non-Supv. and Nurses unions on August 24th at which time it was announced that the previous medical insurance proposal offered was not what the agent stated. On August 29, Mayor Krampitz met with the Town Hall and Public Works Unions and announced the termination of our new agent and the appointment of a third agent who agreed to seek a comparable plan that we could afford. We await their positive results.
- Now that we are in a new fiscal year, we will be living month to month with this new budget. As mentioned before, at the end of the first quarter, the Board of Finance will analyze expenditures to keep deficits to a minimum.
- The Mayor organized a Back to School Kids Parade to celebrate Connecticut Family Day on August 26th which concluded with the viewing of the 1995 Bicentennial Parade Videotape.
- As a result of a Board of Finance member's actions at its last meeting, Mayor

Krampitz has initiated a conflict resolution process with Chairman David Merchant and Democratic Town Committee Chairman Carl Kulesa to resolve his issues.

- On Sunday September 10th at 7:00 p.m. , there will be a 9/11 Ceremony at First Baptist Church . The public is invited.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Gary L. Hanson or Steven C. Quick \$237.06; Sebastian Russo \$56.58; Salvatore J. Gallo \$43.73; Pamela Peatman \$78.68; Janice Boucher \$98.29; Cheryl Devito \$8.55; Toyota Motor Credit Corp \$98.78; Paula or Thomas Maghini \$86.35; Ghislain A. Lamontagne \$288.37; Roberto S. Aguirre \$64.06; GMAC \$566.22; GMAC \$393.98; LaLa Mattei \$13.75; Richard or Jean Arden \$19.50; John or Barbara Riggs \$9.04; Michael Witik \$65.67; Thomas P. Barlowski \$3.72 and Mathew N. Kaminski \$69.17. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to refund property taxes as presented. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Connecticut Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility presentation and take action if necessary – Mayor Krampitz introduced the Granby Board of Finance Chairman Michael Guarco as the presenter. Mr. Guarco introduced Art Johansson, the Finance Chairman from Burlington . A color-coded state map of endorsements was displayed which indicated which communities supported the consortium’s finance, municipal and educational initiatives. Mr. Guarco presentation centered on the growing number of communities that are seeing their budgets get defeated, the common legislative agendas of CCM, COST and CABE, that tax increases average 5% while inflation is lower, that three basic planks to a Mission Statement are common to all towns, that towns can not afford unfunded mandates, we need to broadcast our common agenda and advocate our agenda. Mr. Johansson added that prevailing wage issues are also a common problem for towns. Councilman Goodwin thought the concept made sense and was straight forward. Councilman Sekorski asked how the steering committee was chosen and was told it was mostly made up of the board members. Mayor Krampitz recognized Dave Merchant, Chairman of the Board of Finance and he said that he would not oppose joining the consortium. Questions from the public included concerns on education, the Governor’s office and binding arbitration. Mr. Guarco used examples from other towns to highlight those topics. Mayor Krampitz asked if there had been any discussions on reconfiguring the ECS formula and was told not through their organization. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to adopt the following Resolution in Support of the Consortium Group:

WHEREAS; state interventions into traditionally local budgetary affairs have negatively impacted the delicate balance between a municipality’s capacity to provide services and the local taxpayers’ ability to pay for said services,

AND WHEREAS; such interventions have effectively reduced the municipalities’ ability to manage major components of a typical town budget,

AND WHEREAS; COST , CABE, CCM and other municipal advocacy agencies have all traditionally called for repeal or reform of prevailing wage and binding arbitration laws

that currently apply to the negatively impact the municipalities across Connecticut,

AND WHEREAS; the state legislature in Connecticut continues to force new mandates upon the towns while renegeing on its own statutory municipal aid commitments to said towns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council in the Town of Plymouth join and support the CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility in its effort to bring about changes beneficial to the municipalities and taxpayers across Connecticut .

SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Discuss and take action to establish Fee Schedule for Permits and Plan Reviews by Fire Marshal - MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to remove from the table the Fee Schedule for Permits and Plan Reviews by Fire Marshal. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Goodwin stated he was pleased with the square foot breakdown but had one question. If an alarm system needed to be added under the specialty plan review section, would the \$75 be added to the plan review cost and Fire Marshal Schubert told him yes. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to approve the fee schedule as submitted by the Fire Marshal. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilwoman Murawski asked if people have to keep paying the fees if they come back and she was told that it would be half the cost. Councilman Zagurski asked about buildings exceeding 50,000 square feet because someone reviews the plans also. The fire marshal explained that he is ultimately responsible for all review and must check the work of others and used the new high school project as an example. Councilwoman Murawski – no, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilman Zagurski – no, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Mayor Krampitz – yes. MOTION PASSED.

The Fee Schedule for Plan Review submitted to the Town Council was as follows:

- Buildings 2000 sq. ft. or less \$50. 2000 to 4999 sq. ft. \$100. 5000 to 9999 sq. ft. \$250.
 - 10,000 to 49,000 sq. ft. \$500. over 50,000 sq. ft. \$1,000 + costs
 - Renovations \$50 and additions are the same as buildings. Resubmittals are 50% of original fee with a \$50 minimal fee. Site Plan Review up to one acre \$50, up to 5 acres \$75, 5 acres and greater \$100.
 - Specialty Plan Review for fire alarm, sprinkler, venting and any other system other than building plans - \$75 per system. The schedule also included independent plan reviews for buildings exceeding 50,000 sq. ft.
11. Public Comment – Diane Schenkel, 269 Mt. Tobe Rd. – questioned the Mayor about the report she gave concerning the possible clean-up of Lake Winfield and wanted to know why the town was not pursuing legal action against the polluters. The Mayor explained that this happened before she was in office. Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Ave. – had issues with the meeting being held in the Assembly Room instead of the Community Room, with the meetings not being taped for cable access television and with the Public Comment agenda item being near the end of the agenda. Councilwoman Murawski responded that she likes the meetings in the assembly room because the council can be at eye level with the people

and also remarked that no volunteers have come forward to tape the meetings. Councilman Goodwin said that the public gets to comment on every agenda item and placing Public Comment at the end gives people a chance to hear all of the comments before they say anything. Mayor Krampitz indicated that many Town Council meetings had been held in the Assembly Room in the past. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – stated that she is opposed to the fees for the fire marshal inspections.

12. Other Business – No action taken.
13. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk