SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2006 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Assembly Room

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor noted for the record that the meeting was moved to the Community Room because we were beyond capacity in the assembly room. The Mayor also thanked Mr. DeHuff for volunteering to video the meeting.
- 3. Approval of the October 3, 2006 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 regular meeting. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 4. Liaison Reports Councilman Zagurski reported that the School Building Committee met and the new high school is on schedule and within budget. The Fire Commission raised concerns about apartments that are being occupied without their knowledge and want to work with the building official and zoning staff to update this information. The fire department had 26 fire calls last month. The Public Works Department has been sweeping chipped-sealed roads and replacing damaged signs. They installed drainage and cleaned up after the last storm. They have also advertised for a labor grade 4 truck driver and an engineering tech position. \$3,306 was received for scrap metal. Councilwoman Scoville reported that the VNA received 400 flu vaccines and will be holding sessions soon and will be doing homebound patients. The Library will be losing their director to retirement and interviews have started. The board has also met with the CIC for future needs. On December 3 rd there will be a celebration for Sharon LaCourse. Councilman Sekorski reported that the WPCA is still awaiting the specifications for the pump station on the development on Washington Rd. They have negotiations with their employees. He also participated in the walk through with the building committee of the new high school and it is impressive. Councilman Goodwin reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed continued vandalism at Lake Winfield and they have spoken to the Police Department. EDC cancelled their October meeting and the consultant has been working with eight businesses discussing some expansion plans. Human Services is meeting tonight to elect officers and set their meeting schedule. Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Police Commission general order 06-1 was approved and is in the packet tonight. The Chief is also trying to set up a Crime Watch presentation in the Fall Mountain area. Representatives from the CT. Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility spoke at October's BOE meeting and the BOE voted to endorse them as we did. They also voted to name the schools and the present middle school building will be the Harry S. Fisher Elementary School . The new high school will be Terryville High School . The board approved Eli Terry Middle School for the present high school building but Mayor Krampitz let the Superintendent know that there should be a Jr. in the name for the person that they wanted to honor, so that change has been made. The Housing Authority has approved a ten dollar fee for late payment of rent. There are twelve empty apartments, seven of which are ready to rent.

- 5. Council Rules and Procedures No action taken.
- 6. Resignations and Appointments Mayor Krampitz stated that upon recommendation of the Plymouth Economic Development Commission the two names that she brought forward were approved. The Mayor was pleased to report that Mrs. Janice Shurack and Mr. Marty Sandshaw will be appointed as alternates to EDC. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the reappointment of Susan Boilard to the Human Services Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2009. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Goodwin stated that Sue is the chairman and does a good job keeping the board going and has a lot of energy. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved the appointment of John F. Murphy to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member with a term to expire February 28, 2008. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to accept the resignation of John G. Swicklas, Sr. from the Plymouth Economic Development Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilwoman Scoville stated that Mr. Swicklas rightfully has a street named after him and thanked the Mayor for her letter to him for his "award winning tenure". MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 7. Mayor's Report- Mayor Krampitz reported that:
 - There will be a new start up business coming to Altair Ave. from which will generate approximately \$34,000 in additional tax revenue.
 - The town received notification of Local Capital Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$101,000 for road repairs.
 - The Mayor received a thank you note from Board of Education and Services for the Blind for attending their 2006 Awards Event at the State Capitol.
 - As you well know, the 2006 Charter Revision Commission was dissolved upon submittal of their report. The Mayor again wanted to thank them for their service to the Town. The recount took place last evening and the results were 787 yes and 794 no.
 - The Inland Wetlands Hearing on December 6th will be on the take down of the Belonick property at 262 Main Street .
 - The Mayor has had employee meetings to explain how the new employees' medical insurance plan will be implemented. Oxford Health Plans is the new medical insurance company and the third party administrator is Progressive Benefit Solutions. This is to fit our insurance in the existing budget.
 - RaeAnn Walcott, Tax Assessor, and the Mayor met with Sr. Citizens at their monthly meeting to explain the new State Statute concerning an Elderly Tax Freeze that could be implemented by ordinance in towns.
 - The Mayor met in negotiations on October 11 and November 8 & 13. The Police Union was scheduled to meet with us on November 6 but cancelled. The Mayor is continuing to work on proposed medical insurance costs starting July 1, 2007.
 - Mayor Krampitz attended all of the Capital Improvements Committee meetings.
 - Tony Lorenzetti, our Director of Public Works, and the Mayor met with CL&P over electricity costs.
 - The Mayor attended the Historic District Study Committee where the Director of Culture and Tourism talked about the grant process and you will be voting on what

they require later in the agenda.

- Mr. Lorenzetti and the Mayor met with Mr. Folino, of Eagle Environmental, who is contracted to do the Phase I report for demolition of the Belonick property. Their report will be completed by the end of the week.
- The Mayor was pleased to attend the Americans with Disabilities Act Coalition of Connecticut, Inc. luncheon in Farmington to honor Sharon LaCourse and Kelly Churnos for their work on a Special Needs Playgroup at the Terryville Library.
- The Mayor attended the very informative Health Fair at Terryville High School on October 26.
- Mayor Krampitz met with United Way campaign promoters on November 1. Our town is privileged to benefit from many United Way funds.
- The Mayor met with owners of Automation Development in the Industrial Park and they indicated desires to expand.
- The Mayor sat in on first interviews for Library Director because Sharon LaCourse will retire in December and she conducted Second interviews. Our work is not yet finished in hiring a new director.
- Mayor Krampitz was honored to participate in the Veteran's Memorial service last Saturday at the park.
- 8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Raymond or Sylvia Durette \$164.37; James and Cynthia Benway \$59.89; Honda Lease Trust \$138.43;Warren or Barbara Kulman \$17.89; Steven A Gagnon \$167.07; Catherine L. Pelletier \$40.67; Peter or Kimberly Cook \$78.88; DCFS Trust \$247.01; Jeffrey or Elaine Tomlin \$26.51; Sylvia or Timothy Markovich \$53.65; John P. Capobianco \$19.25; Terri L. Lapan \$66.08; Dennis or Brian Chizinski \$142.07;Toyota Motor Credit Corp. \$266.79 MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to refund property taxes to those as presented. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 9. Discuss and take action to approve the revised General Order #06-1 "Promotional Procedure to the Rank of Sergeant and the Duties and Responsibilities of a Sergeant" as submitted by the Police Commission – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the revised General Order #06-1 "Promotional Procedure to the Rank of Sergeant and the Duties and Responsibilities of a Sergeant" as submitted by the Police Commission. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Mayor Krampitz asked Chief Krasicky to come forward to answer council questions. Councilwoman Murawski asked for the reason in the change from the Police Commission deciding on the promotion to the Chief and the Captain doing it. The answer was that it was in line with the charter and more consistent with the other general orders. Councilman Sekorski asked about section 2 under policy as far as reasonable time. Would it be in conflict with any union language as far as filling positions? The answer was that there was no existing language and that the word "reasonable" was deemed appropriate. The union president had also reviewed the order and had no problems with it. Councilwoman Scoville stated that this one is 24 years old and wanted to know if more were coming. The Chief said that she wanted to update all of the old ones first and then start working on new ones. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 10. Discuss and take action to adopt Resolution on Acceptance of the Pequabuck River

Watershed Management Plan – Mayor Krampitz asked William Kuehn, Director of Planning to give an overview of the plan and answer any questions. Mr. Kuehn gave a brief summary. Councilman Goodwin asked if passing this resolution could make us eligible for grant money. Mr. Kuehn stated that he was not aware of any specific grants at this time but it certainly could not hurt. Councilwoman Scoville noted the local people that were involved. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS,

the Pequabuck River Watershed is an important natural resource that contributes many vital functions for the Town of Plymouth ; and

WHEREAS,

the value of a clean Pequabuck River and watershed are major assets that the Town of Plymouth can enjoy; and

WHEREAS,

a stakeholder committee of dedicated citizens from the Pequabuck River Watershed Towns of Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Harwinton, Plainville and Plymouth worked on a plan to help conserve and preserve the vitality of this precious resource; and

WHEREAS,

the Pequabuck River Watershed Management Plan has been adopted by the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, the Pequabuck River Watershed Association, Farmington River Watershed Association, the City of Bristol, and the Town of Plainville; and

WHEREAS,

the citizens and the Town of Plymouth can use any portion of the Plan as a guide to a clean and healthy watershed, with the realization that acceptance of the Plan does not obligate full implementation of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of Plymouth accepts the Pequabuck River Watershed Management Plan as a tool to provide actions and strategies to conserve and preserve the water quality, land use, habitat and protected open space that the watershed affords. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilwoman Murawski – abstained with the explanation that she owns property that abuts the river and according to the report, the cleaner the water, the more valuable adjoining properties will be. MOTION PASSED.

11. Discuss and take action to schedule a Public Hearing and Special Town Council Meeting concerning Fall Mountain Water Project Assessment – Mayor Krampitz explained that the first step in establishing the assessment for the project is setting the public hearing date. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to set the Public Hearing for Fall Mountain Water Project Assessment on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilwoman Scoville referred to the WMC

correspondence and asked if the assessment was for the entire project and the property that was already purchased. Mayor Krampitz indicated that it was for the entire project and the land purchase. Councilman Sekorski wanted to know what the total figure was as far as what was loan and what was grant. The Mayor said that the information would be available for the hearing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Discuss and take action to recommend an appropriation of \$27,072 to the Board of Finance for the Tax Collector Clerk position - Mayor Krampitz explained that this position had been in the budget for the first and second referendum and the Board of Finance Chairman had indicated that it would be appropriate for the Town Council to make a recommendation to the Board of Finance concerning this position. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$27,072 for the Tax Collector Clerk position. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. David Merchant, Chairman of the Board of Finance, was asked to come forward to answer any council questions. Councilman Goodwin asked about the contingency money that was in the BOF budget when the council approved 3% increases. Mr. Merchant confirmed that monies were used for the SRO position and monies were allocated for a Human Resources position but not all of the money was moved out of that account. Councilwoman Scoville stated that she was looking at minutes from previous BOF meetings and the two items in contingency were moved and one was put back into the general fund and that was the tax collector portion. Councilwoman Murawski asked if there was money left to transfer as a result of the council raising the budgets up to 3% or would there be money anywhere in the budget to transfer instead of taking it from the fund balance. Mr. Merchant explained that it should come from fund balance but if it did come from a transfer, it would have to come from someone else. Councilwoman Scoville asked how the position exists now. Mayor Krampitz explained that when she came into office she was told of the vacancy and that the union had posted the vacancy. The Mayor had a discussion with the Tax Collector who informed her that the office desperately needed the position filled. The Mayor checked with Comptroller Gomes who confirmed that the money was in contingency so the vacancy was filled. The Mayor went to a BOF meeting a few weeks later and it was at that meeting that the Comptroller and the Mayor learned from Dave Merchant and the BOF that this contingency money had some strings attached that was unknown. There were unwritten rules that the BOF had on this money unbeknownst to the Mayor and Comptroller and the discussion came about when they were building the next budget. Linda Hood, Tax Collector, summarized the need for the position in that office. The tax office has had three people for the past 30 years. The work-load has doubled since 1987 due to increases in real estate and motor vehicles plus other responsibilities such as the new water project. Back tax collection needs to be continued and a reduction in staff will affect the overall collection rate. The Mayor asked for public comment. Ann Tuleja, 383 Allentown Rd. - stated that if the Town Council approves the money for the tax collector clerk position, then it should approve money for a new police officer. Councilwoman Murawski interjected that one-third of the police department was not eliminated but onethird of the tax office was. Pablo Arroya, 13 Holt St. - stated that the Police Department was not cut but it has not been increased either. Jim Benway, 25 Knollwood Ln. - stated that the position does not appear to be authorized. Dianna Schenkel, 269 Mt. Tobe Rd. stated that this was deficit spending and that is illegal. Mayor Krampitz pointed out that the Town Council approved deficit spending at the end of the fiscal year which included

this position and the BOF did the same at their August meeting. Linda Hood, Tax Collector, read for the record the letter she had sent to the Bristol Press on 9/20/06 which gave a brief history of how the position was eliminated and what she had done as Tax Collector to get it reinstated. Mark Goodwin, 5 South St. – stated that he approved keeping the contingency in place for the position. He said that trying to approve the motion is a violation of State Statute. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. - read excerpts from the 4/26/05 meeting. She also claimed that the Tax Collector and her assistant went on vacation the first week that the clerk was hired and left her alone in the office. Linda Hood, Tax Collector, denied that happened and stated that no vacations were taken until long after the new staff person was trained. Pattie DeHuff, 21 Lynn Ave. - stated that Dave Merchant had warned the town that the fund balance was low. The Mayor asked for any other council comments. Councilman Goodwin asked if the Town Attorney could comment on the State Statute that was mentioned. Attorney Tom Conlin said he would research on the spot if Mr. Goodwin would refer to a specific statute. The statute was identified as 7-348. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to recess at 8:39 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:55 p.m. Attorney Tom Conlin was asked for his response following his research of State Statute 7-348. He stated that this was from section 106 that deals with Boards of Finance. 7-348 deals with contracting and over-expenditures that deals with existing contracts. This would apply to contracts that the Town of Plymouth would have with vendors. The Town Council is recommending an appropriation because they do not have the authority to appropriate themselves therefore there is nothing in this statute that would make you liable for any action you take. Councilman Sekorski questioned if there may be other statutes that would apply in this case. Councilman Zagurski stated that the issue at hand would be is the position required and he believed it was. The appropriation was for the betterment of the town and its future. Councilwoman Murawski pointed out that this position was cut and it certainly was not for the good of the town. Councilman Goodwin stated that there is money that can be shifted to cover the cost based on what was done earlier with the budget. Councilwoman Scoville stated that the charter states that the budget goes to the people. Why not wipe out that entire section and have the BOF and the Town Council decide on the budget like the City of Bristol. Councilman Zagurski – ves, Councilwoman Scoville – no, Councilman Sekorski – no, Councilman Goodwin - yes, Councilwoman Murawski - yes. MOTION PASSED.

- 13. Discuss and take action to select a Town Council member to serve on the Retirement and Pension Oversight Board – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to select Councilman Goodwin as the Town Council member to serve on the Retirement and Pension Oversight Board. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 14. Discuss and take action to adopt resolution to keep a local Social Security Office Mayor Krampitz stated that she did testify at the hearing on October 5th in Bristol and asked them to consider a contact station in Plymouth . MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS:

The Town of Plymouth Town Council and Mayor encourage the Social Security Administration to keep the Bristol office open for the welfare of our citizens and all area seniors who use this facility.

WHEREAS:

The Town of Plymouth would encourage a "contact station" to be located in our community so that our eligible seniors would have greater access to Social Security assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Plymouth Town Council and Mayor recognize the need to maintain a local Social Security presence for all citizens, in particular our elderly and disabled citizens. The need to service an area with a population that exceeds 100,000 people is paramount. Plymouth citizens need to be considered in the decision-making process. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Discuss and take action to schedule Regular Town Council Meetings for 2007 MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to set January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 19, and December 4, 2007 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 16. Discuss and take action to amend Historic District Study Committee Mayor Krampitz stated that at the last Historic District Study Committee meeting Mr. Paul Loether from the Conn. Commission on Culture and Tourism noted a technical correction requiring Town Council approval. The committee should be renamed the historic property study committee. Bill Kuehn, Town Planner, stated that the resolution submitted will take care of the necessary technical change. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved that the resolution language contained in the Town Council minutes of May 2, 2006 concerning the Certified Local Government Program (item#12) be amended to change the phrase "historic district study committee" to "historic property study committee"; and said language amendment is technical in nature; and said resolution is hereby re-adapted as amended. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 17. Discuss and take action to adopt Waterwheel Grant Resolution Mayor Krampitz stated that necessary documentation to realize the \$350,000 grant for the Waterwheel site requires the following resolution and she has met with State Senator Tom Coliapetro who initiated this grant for the Town. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the following resolution: That Jan A. Krampitz, as Mayor, is authorized to enter into and execute a grant contract with the State of Connecticut, acting by and through the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, in the amount of \$350,000 on behalf of the Town of Plymouth for the purpose of completing eligible restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization and/or construction work on the following project: Restoration of Historic Water Wheel and Generator in Terryville. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Sekorski asked if the grant can be used for property acquisition. Mr. Kuehn stated that he could not rule that out as a use at this time. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 18. Discuss and take action to adopt Tax Incentive Committee's Resolution. Mayor Krampitz stated that the Tax Incentive Committee met and Bill Kuehn gave an overview of the meeting. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved the following resolution: WHEREAS, Prestwick Property Mgt., LLC has purchased the property at 84 Napco Drive

within the Business Park; and WHEREAS, Prestwick Property Mgt., LLC has requested financial assistance to construct two buildings, each 9,600 sq. ft. in size for the purpose of providing industrial incubator spaces ranging from 1,200 sq. ft. to 2,400 sq. ft.; and WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Committee has determined that the applicant meets the policy criteria and has recommended a tax abatement as a development incentive. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a tax abatement agreement with Prestwick Property Mgt., LLC for a fifty (50%) percent abatement of real property for a three year period applicable to Building #1 only; and that the fifty percent tax abatement shall take affect on the grand list of the first day of October following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 19. Public Comment Mayor Krampitz read the public comment section of the Council Rules and Procedures before asking for the public to come forward. Eugene Kaczepenski, 6 Maple St. - wanted to know when the meeting would be held for the Pequabuck River Management Plan and where they would start the work. He was told that he would be contacted. Jim Murdock, 44 Minor Rd. – asked if the Mayor could negotiate health benefits for the BOE and was told that she could not. Bill DeHuff, 21 Lynn Ave. - asked if it was legal for Channel 16 to have promoted the new high school project with town funds and he was told to bring that to the BOE. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. - wanted more discussion on the K-9 handler. The following residents spoke in opposition to the proposed Knollwood Lane subdivision that would require an easement or land swap between the Town and the Deschaines: Jim Benway - 25 Knollwood Ln., Scott Skidmore - 6 Knollwood Ln., Tom Walton - 35 Knollwood Ln., Carmine Sciaretto - 24 Knollwood Ln., Tim Lane – 18 Knollwood Ln., and Pattie DeHuff – 21 Lynn Ave. A summary of the concerns brought before the council was the alleged swap of properties was not fair in value and heavily favored the developer, the cul-de-sac would be gone and thru-way traffic would be a problem, added drainage problems would be created and existing ones have not been addressed, and there was a general concern of the fairness of the process and what the residents felt was a lack of notification. Bill Kuehn told the Council that the PZC's only requirement for an 8-24 meeting is to post it in the Town Clerk's office. If there is a Public Hearing they post it in the Bristol Press. There is no requirement to notify neighbors.
- 20. Executive Session for real estate negotiations and pending litigation/claims Clement Paskus vs. Town of Plymouth – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to go into executive session at 10:05 p.m. for the purposes of real estate negotiations and pending litigation/claims Clement Paskus vs. Town of Plymouth and invite in Bill Kuehn, Attorney Conlin and Attorney McQuade. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:55 p.m. ADJOURNED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:52p.m.
- 21. Take action from executive session if necessary MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved that the Plymouth Town Council reject the proposal from Mr. Deschaine for land and/or easement exchange regarding Town-owned land at Knollwood Lane . SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation in the amount of

\$44,168.22 in order to pay benefits to Clement Paskus for a claim made pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-433c. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 22. Other Business MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss K-9 Handler. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Mayor Krampitz indicated that four votes would be needed in order to add this item. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – no, Councilman Murawski – no. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF 2/3. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to discuss the Oxford Benefit Plan. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes, Councilman Sekorski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – no, Councilwoman Murawski – yes. MOTION PASSED. Mayor Krampitz explained that there is a lot of paperwork involved with the insurance and she would have been glad to sit down with Councilwoman Scoville had she called her prior to the meeting with any concerns. Councilwoman Scoville said she would make an appointment but wanted to know if Oxford was going to pay for bills that existed under the Anthem plan. Mayor Krampitz answered that Oxford assured the Town that they would continue the coverage for employees that had existing conditions.
- 23. Adjournment. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to adjourn at 11:02 p.m. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk