

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz asked Councilman Zagurski to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the January 9, 2007 Town Council Regular Meeting and January 18, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007 . **SECOND:** Councilwoman Scoville. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes. **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Murawski- yes, Councilman Goodwin- abstained, Councilwoman Scoville – yes. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilwoman Scoville had no report. Councilman Goodwin reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission worked on their bylaws. They finished their FY 07/08 budget. EDC had a special meeting to approve the expansion of ES Metals and it went through Inland/Wetlands and PZC. Councilwoman reported that the Board of Education set their calendar for the next two school years. The Prospect St. School roof is finished. There is a new point of sale machine at Plymouth Center School cafeteria. Parents will be able to go on line and see what items their children purchased and they will also be able to pay on line. Councilman Zagurski reported that the Public Works director submitted the department's budget which consumed a large amount of time. An assistant mechanic position was advertised internally and externally. The Capital Region Purchasing Council was joined in order to buy treated road salt. There were 9 demolition, 2 tire, 38 miscellaneous and 9 right of way permits. \$1,966.80 was reimbursed from scrap metal. The highway department painted the inside of the garage which had not been done for thirty years. There was drainage work done on various roads as well as brush being cut and chipped. Christmas trees were picked-up and the new salt shed had plywood siding installed on its interior. The councilman also reported that the new salt that the department is using is a de-icing technology. It stays within 18 inches of where it has been spread. It is 67% less corrosive which protects our equipment and we use less product. The School Building Committee reported that the construction is 59% completed. The Fire Department reported that there were 3 structure and 2 brush fires. They also had 9 CO calls and 9 HAZMATS and 3 alarms.
5. Council Rules and Procedures – No action taken.
6. Resignations and Appointments – Mayor Krampitz stated that she appointed Martin Sandshaw as a regular member of the Plymouth Economic Development Commission, with the recommendation of the Commission with a term to expire November 24, 2007 . Also, she appointed Jay E. Galvin as an alternate member to the Plymouth Economic Development Commission with a term to expire November 16, 2011 . **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved to accept the resignation of Adam Pawlik from the Parks and Recreation Commission with regret. **SECOND:** Councilwoman Scoville. **MOTION**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to accept the resignation of Roseann Stocker from the Police Commission with regret. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the Mayoral appointment of Thomas Wollenberg to the Police Commission filling the vacancy left by Roseann Stocker with a term to expire January 14, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Krampitz stated that we have sent a letter to the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency to be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan for (1) Sidewalks from Terryville Center to Plymouth Center (2) Intersection Improvements at Rt. 6 and 72 (3) Rt. 6/Harwinton Ave. intersection realignment and (4) Realignment of South Main Street/North Main Street and Agney Avenue.
- The Mayor met with the Bristol Community Organization director and he informed her that her request for applications will be made available in the school system for the summer work program this year. These summer job applications were not available the past few years.
- Mayor Krampitz has received a few requests to designate the Fall Mt. Water Property that we own as “open space.” The Mayor wanted to emphasize that change would be premature and will not be considered until all of the work is done for the project and the books are closed. It would be like taking the New High School Project and designating the reservoir for swimming next summer. The project needs to be completed, audited and finalized for its original intent and plan before any change could happen. Our Land Use Dept. has advised that the parcel is zoned RA-1. Uses by right include single-family houses and farms. Other uses with P&Z Commission approval include public buildings, recreational facilities and public parks and playgrounds. The Plan of Conservation and Development, as adopted less than two years ago, shows the site as public open space on Future Land Distribution. That recommendation fulfills the Plan’s implementation strategies of identifying opportunities for linking open space parcels and establishing trail networks that reinforce parcel linkages.
- The Mayor received a letter from the Dept. of Transportation informing us of the new snow and ice removal program. This new program will reduce the state’s use of sand. The most obvious change will be the lack of the brown snow appearance during storms due to the absence of sand. They have adopted a rock salt in solid and liquid form and liquid calcium chloride.
- Mayor Krampitz chaired the following committee meetings since the last Town Council meeting: Local Emergency Planning Committee, Blight Committee, Pension and Retirement Oversight Committee and the Public Safety Committee.
- The Mayor signed the Graustein Grant for the Early Childhood Council funding.
- Mayor Krampitz attended the Council of Small Towns conference in Cromwell where they emphasized the co-opting of small towns services such as sharing a Comptroller or Tax Assessor, etc.
- The Mayor enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner with the Fire Dept. on Jan. 20.
- The Mayor attended the Sr. Citizen meeting on January 23 and invited them to select a member representative to the Municipal Facilities Study Committee. They

had written a letter last year about utilizing Main Street School for a Sr. center.

- The \$350,000. appropriation for the Waterwheel Park that you recommended to the Board of Finance was also endorsed by them and passed at the Special Town Meeting.
- Mayor Krampitz attended and spoke at the annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 30.
- The Mayor read to toddlers at the Terryville Library for the early childhood program kick-off and at the Terryville Library, welcomed Lynn White as our Director at the reception last Saturday.
- Mayor Krampitz received a phone call last Thursday from Congressman Murphy's office stating the federal budget had passed but without our earmark for \$100,000 for the Waterwheel Park and \$100,000. for the repaving of Fall Mt. Roads. When she visits Congressman Murphy in Washington DC this month, she will hand in appropriation request forms for those previously mentioned projects plus dredging of Lake Winfield , reconstruction of Seymour Road, North Main Street sidewalks, and Town Line Bridge . The deadline for the 2008 submittal is February 23, 2007 .
- The Mayor indicated that most of our offices have been painted. This is the first time that has happened. She complemented and thanked staff painters Wayne Norton, Paul Denis, and Tony DeSilva for the fine job.
- The Board of Finance meetings for the next budget will start February 22. The schedule is March 1, 5, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, April 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, and May 17. All residents are invited to attend to acquaint themselves with the budget and the process so that there will not be any misinformation in the community about the proposed budget that will go to referendum.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Ford Motor Credit \$430.65; Theodore J. Stefanski \$143.31; Anthony Blekis \$54.60; Nissan Infinity Tax Operations \$166.93; Karl A. Maske \$18.92 – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to refund property taxes as presented. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Discuss and take action to accept Pine View Court as a town road – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Plymouth Planning & Zoning Commission on October 13, 2005 approved the subdivision known as Pine View Estates including Pine View Court, a cul-de-sac extending south from Preston Road; and WHEREAS, Pine View Court has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and recommended for acceptance by the Plymouth Planning & Zoning Commission on December 14, 2006 . NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL: That Pine View Court be accepted as a town road as shown in the plans entitled "As-Built Plan and Profile for Pine View Court, Terryville, Connecticut" Sheets 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 dated December 11, 2006 , Rev. December 13, 2006 by Robert Green Associates, LLC as further described as beginning at the centerline of Preston Road at Station 10+00 thence proceeding southerly along the centerline of the newly completed Pine View Court to the curbline at approx. Station 24+87, and Further, that the above reference as-built plans will be placed on file in the Plymouth Land Records. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Discuss and take action to accept Whitney Court as a town road – MOTION:
Councilwoman Murawski moved the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Plymouth Planning & Zoning Commission on July 15, 2004 approved the subdivision known as Whitney Garden Estates including Whitney Court, a cul-de-sac extending west from North Street; and WHEREAS, Whitney Court has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and recommended for acceptance by the Plymouth Planning & Zoning Commission on December 14, 2006 . NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL:
That Whitney Court be accepted as a town road as shown in the plans entitled “As-Built Plan and Profile” prepared for Calvanese & Kastner, LLC Sheet #P-1 dated Sept 1, 2005 , last revised 1/31/07 and Sheet #P-2 dated December 5, 2006 , last revised 1/31/07 , by Harry E. Cole & Son and further described as beginning at the westerly r-o-w line of North Street at Station 0+00 thence proceeding westerly along the centerline of the newly completed Whitney Court to the edge of the pavement at Station 7+80.24; and Further, that the above reference as-built plans will be placed on file in the Plymouth Land Records. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Discuss and take action to adopt General Order #06-19 “Motor Vehicle Inventory” as presented by the Police Commission – Mayor Krampitz asked Police Chief Krasicky to come forward to give a brief overview and answer questions. The Chief stated that she made the general order more clear and specific. Councilman Zagurski stated that he was surprised by section (E) that allowed for the opening of closed containers. The Chief explained that it was included in case it was for an officer safety issue. The Councilman was concerned about the need for a search warrant and the Chief said in some cases one is needed which is addressed in the next section. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adopt General Order #06-19 “Motor Vehicle Inventory” as presented by the Police Commission. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
12. Public Comment- Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – had concerns about a contract for the comptroller between our town and Woodbury. Mayor Krampitz explained that there is a letter of agreement much the way one was done when Thomaston and Plymouth shared assessors. Ms. Church also talked about the landfill, the waterwheel park and staffing levels. Rich Whitney, 183 Lake Plymouth Blvd. – stated that volunteers could work on the waterwheel park and save some money. He was also upset to read about the \$58,000,000 in capital projects that have been submitted. He recommended that the town keep its spending to a 3% spending increase.
13. Other Business – MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss a purchasing policy that would allow local bidding preference. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Zagurski distributed information on policies from Farmington and Wethersfield. Councilman Zagurski stated that he had sent a copy of Bristol ’s policy to the Council previously. He drafted a policy to think about for next meeting and explained how Farmington ’s policy worked. Mayor Krampitz cautioned that we have to make sure that it is not in conflict with our charter. Councilman Zagurski suggested that we get a legal opinion. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss P&Z use of sidewalk funds. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Zagurski wanted to have the PZC invited to the next meeting to discuss the draft regulations with them. The Mayor explained that it was not

ready for the agenda yet and when it is they would be invited. Councilwoman Scoville asked if it was through Mr. Herzing's commission. Mayor Krampitz said that they submitted a proposed ordinance but it has to finish legal review and it also impacts another department. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss the reconstruction of Seymour Rd. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Zagurski stated that he knows Tony Lorenzetti has budgeted for this and the Mayor has tried to get this project scheduled and is going to Washington D.C. to try to get funding for it. He wanted this to be a priority because of the new school. Councilman Goodwin thought that if from Ridge Rd. to the condos could be fixed for now, it would be an improvement. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss the Public Safety meeting. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Mayor Krampitz, who chairs the Board of Public Safety meetings, summarized the meeting topics and focused on the South Main St. and Rte. 6 discussion. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to discuss the Blight Committee meeting. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Mayor Krampitz explained that the Blight Committee is composed of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Building Inspector and the Sanitarian. The blight list was reviewed and the fines total over two million dollars. The state passed a new statute regarding blight and our ordinance needs to be melded with our ordinance. New letters will be sent out. The highest fines are over \$100,000. Councilman Goodwin asked if some blighted properties have been removed from the list. The Mayor informed him that some were and there are liens on all of the properties. Councilman Goodwin asked if the list can be published in the newspaper. The Mayor said that it can be looked into. The Councilman said if everyone can do their part to clean up Main St. and other areas, publishing the list might let the public know what the Town is up against.

14. Adjournment.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk