

**SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Town Hall Community Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of silence for former Councilwoman Roseann Stocker – Mayor Krampitz asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for Roseann Stocker who recently passed away and was a former councilwoman and a police commissioner.
4. Approval of the February 6, 2007 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to approve the February 6, 2007 minutes with the following correction on page 1 “Liaison Reports” add the name “Murawski” after councilwoman for identification. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Murawski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes, Councilman Sekorski - abstained. MOTION PASSED.
5. Presentation of Girl Scout Week Proclamation – Mayor Krampitz presented Girl Scout Troop #1073 with a proclamation. Individual scouts were introduced and spoke about the badges they were earning.
6. Presentation of PTA Proclamation – Mayor Krampitz stated that she had recently met and corresponded with the Plymouth-Terryville PTA Council President Tina Bard about a partnership SAFETEA grant concerning sidewalks on North Main Street . In order for the town to apply, we need parent organization input which the PTA Council has agreed to work on this month. Mayor Krampitz thanked them and read the proclamation. Melissa Johnson, Vice President of Convention at the State, introduced the local members in attendance and thanked the Mayor for the recognition given to the PTA . Mayor Krampitz thanked Ray Engle, Chairman of the BOE, Gerry Perusse, Business Manager, and Anthony Distasio, Superintendent of Schools, for their attendance.
7. Liaison Reports – Councilman Sekorski indicated that his report would be from minutes of meetings as his job responsibilities make it difficult to attend meetings. Wetlands and Conservation has 6 active applications. Enforcement is taking up a lot of their time. They have at least 6 active enforcement issues where property owners have violated wetlands regulations. WPCA has some resignations that need recognition. Arnold Devine had almost 9 years of service and Ernest Pickhardt had 12 and best wishes to them. Planning and Zoning wants us to consider the sidewalk ordinance tonight. Councilwoman Scoville reported that she will be meeting with Library Director Lynn White tomorrow. The Library Board presented their budget to the BOF last night. 90% of the wireless capability is done so people will be able to go to the library with laptops. Public Health did not meet. Councilman Goodwin reported Human Services, Parks & Recreation and Economic Development did not meet. Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Communications Commission approved a policy concerning dispatching of the Fire Dept. to motor vehicle accidents, fluid spills and smell of smoke calls. Fire Marshal Schubert submitted an update on procedures on when and how to call the Fire Marshal. The Communications Commission will look at it after the Fire Commission has reviewed it. The BOE meeting

was canceled due to weather but they will be voting on their requested budget at their next meeting. The Housing Authority hired a company to polish and wax the floors. CHFA wants the authority to purchase a computer and fax machine to improve the lines of communication. The Police Commission increased their budget by adding \$900 for the maintenance of a police dog but also requested that a revenue line item be added for dog related donations. As Traffic Authority they are reviewing school zone speed limits in the area of THS and Fisher. Councilman Zagurski reported that highway department replaced catch basins on S. Main St. and cleaned out drainage outlets. During storm events, salt is being used and it has kept the roads dry and safe. They installed new signs and patched pot holes. Public Works has been interviewing and testing for a mechanic's position. We are still overseeing the Canal St. project. The director has been coordinating work at 262 Main St. He has also submitted plans for a Rte. 6 & 72 corridor study. The Director has also prepared maps concerning the intersection of N. Main St. & Agney Ave. There were 4 demolition, 2 tire, and 37 miscellaneous permits. \$1,097.60 was received in scrap metal income. School Building Committee has been on site for 304 days and is 62% complete. Fire Dept. reported 1 structure fire, 2 rescues, 7 COs, 7 HAZMATS and 2 false alarms. They also had an excellent training session with the dispatchers.

8. Council Rules and Procedures – No action taken.
9. Resignations and Appointments - MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to accept the resignation with regret of Scott Ashton from the Parks & Recreation Commission. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to accept the resignation with regret of Ernest J. Pickhardt from the Water Pollution Control Authority. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to accept the resignation with regret of Arnold Devine from the Water Pollution Control Authority. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral appointment of James Deutsch to the WPCA from alternate to regular membership with a term to expire January 21, 2010 replacing Mr. Pickhardt. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the Mayoral appointment of Louis Santos to the WPCA from alternate to regular membership with a term to expire January 21, 2008 replacing Mr. Devine. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral appointment of Mark J. Galvin to WPCA as an alternate with a term to expire January 21, 2010 replacing Mr. Santos. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the reappointment of Stephen W. Mindera Jr. to the Housing Board of Appeals with a term to expire September 2, 2009. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to appoint Matthew J. Halko to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate with a term to expire February 28, 2009. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to reappoint Carl Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate with a term to expire February 19, 2010. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved to reappoint Thomas Huria to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire February 19, 2010. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to reappoint Robert Brown to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire February 19, 2010 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Mayor's Report –

- Mayor Krampitz met with Congressman Murphy on February 15 in his Washington DC office with over seven million dollars of project requests in hand. They had a very positive meeting (there are pictures on the website) and he was very supportive of the Town of Plymouth . If the Town is going to receive any requested federal funding, we will not know until mid-summer. The Mayor also thanked Councilwoman Murawski for being Acting Mayor during her absence at that time. Mayor Krampitz also met with staff from Senator Lieberman's and Senator Dodd's office submitting the same requests. The Mayor thanked State Rep. Hamzy for attending that meeting with her. The Mayor felt it was important to apply for these grants at both the House and the Senate levels in order to involve all of our officials in DC.
- The Mayor will be hosting a Commercial Brokers showcase for the Plymouth Business Park on May 24, 2007 .
- Today the Town received notification that the interest arbitration hearings for March have been canceled by the union coalition. The arbitrators are going to force the arbitration to happen and reschedule. In order to pay for those projected arbitration costs, Mayor Krampitz is going to keep a tight rein on all legal fees for the rest of the fiscal year in order to keep the potential deficit as low as possible.
- On May 19, 2007 the Town will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the rear of Town Hall.
- The Mayor has received six names for submittal for appointment to the Municipal Facilities Committee.
- The Board of Finance continues to work on our next budget. Mayor Krampitz encouraged all residents to attend those meetings so they can become fully informed on the process. The Mayor is also scheduling a meeting with the Town's medical insurance consultants and the BOF.
- On February 13, the Mayor met with representatives from CL & P and various companies in the Industrial Park about electricity. The Mayor handed Mr. Studebaker of Precision Color his grant check and the Mayor held a Public Safety Meeting. On February 21, Craig Stevenson and the Mayor visited BJ Tool Manufacturing and Glen Manufacturing. On Feb. 23, Mayor Krampitz attended the Tribute Gala for former Congresswoman Nancy Johnson. On March 1, the Town held a mock emergency tabletop preparedness event. Last Sunday the Mayor attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet where she judged decorated cakes. Mayor Krampitz has been in touch with the State DOT concerning her displeasure with their performance in our town during the last few storms. We have been assured that this has been corrected.

11. Take action to refund property taxes to: John and Cheryl Dering \$66.41; Joseph or Janet Flaherty \$27.17; John F. Jablonski \$68.37; Robert E. Murawski \$8.83; Thomas W. Nypert \$14.83; Stephen T. Kloss \$43.16; David A. Damon \$17.22; Theresa A. Soucy

\$28.91; Kelly or Mark Accetura \$124.48; DCFS Trust \$253.17 – MOTION:  
Councilwoman Scoville moved to refund property taxes to those as presented. SECOND:  
Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Discuss and take action to adopt General Order #07-11 “On Duty Injury” – Mayor Krampitz stated that after discussion with the Chief of Police today, there were some more revisions necessary that should go back to the Police Commission before Town Council action. Therefore, this will be on the next agenda.
13. Discuss and take action on Historic Property Commission Ordinance – Mayor Krampitz introduced Bill Kuehn, Director of Planning and Economic Development to update the Town Council on the work of the committee and answer any questions concerning information submitted. Mr. Kuehn explained that the report consists of several parts with the first twenty- five pages being a detailed description of the waterwheel. After that is the proposed ordinance, recommended rules of procedure and the enabling statutes. Mr. Kuehn stated that the committee is asking for the Town Council to establish a public hearing in the manner prescribed by the town charter so that the ordinance can be considered. Councilman Zagurski asked who this commission would report to. The answer was the primary reporting responsibility is to the State of Connecticut. The Commission would serve the Town’s Mayor and the P&Z and other land use functions in an advisory capacity but the requirement is to send the report to the state because with the money comes the strings attached. Councilman Zagurski stated that he noticed that the commission is appointed by the Mayor and wanted to know if that would be with Council approval. He was told that it does not say so but it would be a good thing to add because many boards are done that way. Councilman Zagurski also questioned the 5 year term and asked if it could be 3 years which would be more consistent with the charter. Mr. Kuehn explained that the statutes required 5 year terms. Mr. Kuehn went on to say that the Council can do one of three things: accept the report of the committee, reject the report, or return the report for any modifications you may have. Councilman Zagurski asked if money gifted would be tracked by the comptroller and Mayor Krampitz said that it would. The councilman also asked about the clerical help on line 27 and the Mayor stated that it should be subject to appropriation and approval of the Mayor because that way it can be controlled and not create a position where someone is sitting there with nothing to do. That happened to another community. Councilman Sekorski stated that it is important to realize that this is a building block to get these grant monies in and it is a small price to pay for the potential benefit. Councilman Sekorski asked if this only deals with the waterwheel and the Belonick property. Mr. Kuehn stated that for now those are the only sites affected. Any new site would have to come before the council and the ordinance would have to be amended. Mayor Krampitz stated there were a couple of things to discuss. There were two recommendations, and the committee just had their hearing last week so the Town has not had a legal review of the language. The Mayor also indicated that there are three other proposed ordinances that need legal review and public hearings and these could be scheduled at the same time. The Mayor reminded the Council that she said prior to this agenda item that there is a shortage of legal fees and these reviews should not happen before July 1 st. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to send the report back to committee with the amendments to add “with Town Council approval” in the appointment process and add “and approval of the Mayor” after the word “appropriation” on line 27. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Take action to approve Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant Resolutions – Mayor Krampitz stated that the Town did one last summer. The one done before that is missing paperwork from 2005 so they want us to do that again. They did not request one for 2006 so there are two for tonight. MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security is the designated recipient and State Administrative Agency ( SAA ) of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness for the Fiscal Year 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), and Citizen Corps Program (CCP);

WHEREAS, The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council has approved an allocation formula for grant funds available under the SHSGP, LETPP, and CCP Grants;

WHEREAS, the Town of Plymouth is a sub-state local jurisdiction recognized by the SAA as an eligible jurisdiction to receive grant funds in the amount of \$44,222;

THEREFORE, The SAA and the Town of Plymouth enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing the SAA to act as the agent of the Town of Plymouth and allow the SAA to retain and administer such grant funds on behalf of the Town of Plymouth. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut's Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) is the designated recipient and State Administrative Agency ( SAA ) of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training, for the federal Fiscal Year 2006 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and Citizen Corps Program (CCP), Grant Number 2006-GE-T6-0008;

WHEREAS; The Emergency Management & Homeland Security Coordinating Council has approved the allocation formula for grant funds available under the SHSGP, LETPP, MMRS, and CCP Grants;

WHEREAS, DEMHS is retaining local funds from Grant Number 2006-GE-T6-0008 in the total amount of \$6,342,520, on behalf of local units of government for the following six regional set-aside projects designed to benefit the state's municipalities:

1. Expanded Regional Collaboration
2. Connecticut Intelligence/Fusion Center
3. Medical Preparedness and Response
4. Interoperable Communications and State Interagency Coordination Center

5. Natural Disaster and CBRNE Preparedness
6. All Hazards Planning and Outreach;

WHEREAS, The Town of Plymouth is a sub-state local jurisdiction recognized by the SAA as an eligible jurisdiction to receive grant funds not included in the set-aside projects listed above, in the amount of \$9,917.00, which sum will be made available to the jurisdiction, or to a regional planning organization or other sub-grantee at the direction of the jurisdiction, upon execution of the grant application and the acceptance by the jurisdiction and/or its designee of the grant award and associated conditions;

THEREFORE, The SAA and the Town of Plymouth enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) authorizing the SAA to act as the agent of the Town of Plymouth and allowing the SAA to retain and administer grant funds provided under Grant Number 2006-GE-T6-0008 for the six set-aside projects listed above. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Discuss proposed sidewalk ordinance – Mayor Krampitz stated that Councilman Zagurski had requested this on this month's agenda and informed the council that there still was not complete legal review but it was placed on the agenda for discussion. The Mayor indicated that the council had before it the Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places Ordinance as it exists along with a draft of 14-3 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program. Mr. Bill Kuehn was asked to give a brief overview of the proposal. Since a Watertown decision in 2005, the town has now been able to accept payment in lieu of sidewalks from developers. Mr. Kuehn read from the Watertown regulation that all monies to be so collected shall be used exclusively for the construction of sidewalks in areas deemed necessary for pedestrian safety as recommended to the Town Council by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The PZC looked at 50/50 programs as a way of cost sharing as they do in other parts of the country. The ordinance was proposed to be able to get sidewalks where they are most needed and repair the ones we have. Mr. Anthony Lorenzetti, Public Works Director, stated that there are two pieces to this. There is the ordinance and there is the 50/50 program. His concern was the liability with some of the sidewalks. This should be viewed as a tool to be used to get money to have a sidewalk program and it should be considered. The following discussion centered on the importance of connectivity of the sidewalks and its benefits. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – suggested enforcing the ordinance for people to clean their walks after storms and fining those people. This could be added to the sidewalk fund. Patrick Herzing, 145 Scott Rd. – stated that one of the goals of the connectivity was to connect the sidewalks by the schools. Mayor Krampitz stated that this was for discussion purposes and still needs legal review and after that point would still have to go to a public hearing so this will be for future consideration.
16. Public Comment – Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – was concerned about a newspaper article that had a story on the proposed budget.
17. Executive Session for real estate negotiations – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to go into executive session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of real estate negotiations and invite in Anthony Lorenzetti, Public Works Director and Tom Conlin, Town Attorney. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 p.m. BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:01 p.m.

18. Take action from Executive Session if necessary – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved that the Town accept the land known as 56 Tunnel Road from the Estate of Edward Jablonski, in lieu of tax foreclosure, and in furtherance of the Town's plan to close the landfill. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Zagurski stated that he understood that the PZC had already approved this with an 8-24 in July of 2004. Mayor Krampitz confirmed it was approved on July 15, 2004 . MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
19. Other Business – MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss local vendor preference. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Zagurski stated that he noticed that Torrington has recently adopted a local vendor preference also. He posed the question to the council as to whether it should be by ordinance or a purchasing policy. Mayor Krampitz stated she was not sure that his interpretation of the charter was correct as far as the Town Council setting policy but we can find out. Councilman Sekorski had similar concerns. Councilman Zagurski read from Chapter VI Subsection 6. Councilman Sekorski responded that there were some very narrow parameters there and we should get a legal opinion. Mayor Krampitz reminded the council that there would not be any legal review until July 1 st because there is no money to pay for it. It is the reality of a budget that had a 3% increase.
20. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk