

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Krampitz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the April 3, 2007 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2007 . **SECOND:** Councilman Sekorski. Mayor Krampitz noted that on page 1 section 5. Council Rules and Procedures Councilman Goodwin's name was inadvertently omitted when he moved to amend the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilwoman Murawski reported that Gozinski Park had 11 vacancies and 6 were ready and waiting for paperwork to be done. They are in the process of updating their personnel file system. The BOE approved furniture fixtures for the new high school and it is within budget. Councilwoman Murawski said that she spoke under public comment about complaints she received from residents concerning the lack of police presence at basketball games. There was a concern about the safety of the players, coaches and fans. Under Ordinance 14-110, police protection at public events, the amount and deployment of police protection is determined by the Chief of Police. The Police Commission voted to make the speed limit 25 mph on North Main St . No Thru Truck Signs have to be approved by the State Traffic Commission. The late Joseph Roskoski donated \$5,000 to the police department and that money was used for twelve new radios for our officers. Homeland Security funds were used to purchase an ATV to be used by police and fire departments and will be useful to pull a rescue sled. Councilman Goodwin reported that the EDC looked at bids for maintenance for the park. They also listened to a company that is planning to move to our park from Naugatuck . Councilman Goodwin said there have been numerous expansions including Lauretano, Elm Press, Phoenix Products, Uniprise, ES Metals to name a few. EDC has been doing a good job thinking outside of the box. Parks and Recreation will be constructing bocce and horseshoe courts soon and they are working on the process of replacing the director which is now a union position. Councilman Sekorski had no report from P & Z and the WPCA had to cancel due to the extraordinary rain fall on April 16 th and were dealing with too much water flow. We usually handle 1,000,000 gallons per day and we were handling 8,000,000 gallons every 5 or 6 hours. There was a lot of silt and clean up involved. Conservation/Inlands-wetlands are dealing with an application with the demolition of the O-Z/Gedney building. Councilman Zagurski reported that the Public Works Director has received a wetlands permit extension for Canal St. and he attended the SAFETEA meeting for sidewalks. GASB34 was worked on for the auditors and bids were sent out for the transfer station trailer and herbicide application. Preliminary flood estimates were done from the storm and the amnesty drop-off will end on May 5 th. There were 9

demolition, 2 tire, 19 appliance, 13 right-of-way permits and metal reimbursement for the month of April was \$1,883.26. The highway department has been sweeping streets and cutting brush on Greystone Rd. They did work on the Belonick property site and opened Lane Hill Rd. They replaced catch basins and damaged street signs and did storm-related work. They have also been grinding stumps and trees. The Fire Commission's training program has yielded 8 new drivers, 5 men in the firefighters II program, 1 man in the firefighters I program and 2 new recruits. The fire marshals did 13 inspections, 23 re-inspections, 2 plan reviews and attended a training class. The fire department had 2 structure, 1 vehicle and 3 brush fires. They also had 3 CO calls, 5 HAZMAT calls and 6 alarm conditions. Councilman Zagurski commended the fire department for their work during the storm on as they were on call from 4 a.m. until 11 p.m. The new high school is 66% complete and scheduled to be opened in January. The library roof is leaking and they are getting estimates at this time.

5. Council Rules and Procedures – Mayor Krampitz stated that there was an addition to the Council Rules and Procedures last month and the wording is in the minutes. Copies of the new rules and procedures were distributed. Mayor Krampitz stated that there is a problem with that rule because it is a violation of the Plymouth Town Charter. The Mayor stated that she researched this after the last meeting and noted on page 20 Chapter V Section 2 “The Council shall not diminish by ordinance, vote or otherwise the powers and duties of the mayor...” Therefore, Mayor Krampitz asked for a motion to rescind Section 4.g. explaining that those members voting on subject motion in the affirmative would have to make the motion to rescind; those affirmative voting members being Councilman Zagurski and Councilman Sekorski. Councilman Sekorski stated that he did not agree with the Mayor's interpretation of the charter and would not rescind his vote. Mayor Krampitz informed the council that she had two legal opinions and Councilman Zagurski asked for copies which were distributed. The first opinion dated July 15, 1996 was former Town Attorney William J. Tracy, Jr. and the second was dated April 23, 2007 from Town Attorney Thomas W. Conlin. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to rescind Section 4.g. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Councilwoman Murawski – yes, Councilman Goodwin – yes, Councilman Sekorski – no, Councilman Zagurski – yes. MOTION PASSED.
6. Resignations and Appointments – MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the Mayoral appointment of James Klaneski to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire September 1, 2007 for an alternate membership. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Krampitz was invited to the media premiere of Comcast to the region held at the Palace Theater in Waterbury . She was especially interested in knowing about any small cable packages that would help accommodate our residents on fixed incomes. The good news is they do have a basic package for fifteen dollars.
- The Mayor has been communicating with Northwest Conservation District concerning Lake Winfield . She had earlier reported that their recommendations indicated that dredging alone would not accomplish reviving the lake so that it is available for contact recreational use. The Mayor will continue to apply for grant funding concerning the lake's dredging and an overall watershed management plan implementation.
- Mayor Krampitz talked to Steve Fennessey, Chairman of the Fire Commission and requested that at their next meeting they thoroughly discuss the Firefighter Incentive Proposal dated April 13, 2006 waiving all permit fees associated with Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Wetlands and the Building Department.
- We have put copies of other town's Public Works Commissions information in your mailboxes.
- The Mayor signed an application for USDA funding for the paving and bridge projects in the Fall Mt. Area.
- Connecticut Water Company has contacted the Mayor and she was pleased to announce that they will be rebating \$700. per customer all Fall Mt. Water Project customers and future customers.
- Mayor Krampitz was pleased to announce the 2 nd Annual Clean-Up Day this Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. until noon . We will gather at Baldwin Park. Please bring your rake and work gloves. For more information, please call the Mayor's office.
- The Mayor received very positive feedback from our Transfer Station's Bulk Disposal Amnesty days. This program will end this Saturday, May 5th. For more information, please call Public Works Department or visit our website plymouthct.us.
- Mayor Krampitz was pleased with the turn out of last night's public hearing on proposed budget 2007 – 2008 and hoped that the voters would support the referendum on May 9th.
- The Mayor attended the Hard Truth assembly at THS. It was a graphic presentation about the consequences of driving drunk.
- As you know we experienced moderate flooding on April 16, especially at the Terryville Post Office and the Whole Donut. Mayor Krampitz participated in a statewide conference call with Gov. Rell. Concerning flood damage. We were fortunate not to have it as bad as other communities. I want to thank again our Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Police Department for pitching in. We will be applying for FEMA money when possible.
- The Mayor was pleased to throw out the first ball at the opening of Terryville Little League last Saturday.
- Mayor Krampitz shared good news. We have a tentative buyer for lot #18 in the Plymouth Business Park.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Honda lease Trust \$482.90; Robert A. Gebhardt \$101.75; Linda Nicholas \$161.89; Robert C. Nelson \$24.78; Jack Mariotti \$73.85 – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to refund property taxes to those as presented. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Discuss and take action to adopt General Orders #07-11 “On Duty Injury” and #07-12 “Traffic Control Duties” as presented by the Police Commission – MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to adopt General Order #07-11 “On Duty Injury” as presented by the Police Commission. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. Mayor Krampitz recognized Chief Krasicky who was available to answer questions. Councilman Goodwin commented that this was basically to update the procedure to report injuries to workers comp and the Chief concurred. Councilman Sekorski asked if the last time that these were updated was in 1982 and the Chief said that was the case. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adopt General Order #07-12 “Traffic Control Duties” as presented by the Police Commission. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Discuss Local Vendor Preference Ordinance – Mayor Krampitz stated that the draft ordinance is based on a few existing ordinances from other Towns. The Mayor said that Tony Lorenzetti as our Public Works Director, had been looking for time and cost savings measures affecting his department and we are now a member of the Capital Region of Governments, commonly known as CROG. This membership affords us savings by being a part of a larger purchasing base, no legal notice costs and time savings in the development of specifications by his department. As you can see in line 34 this ordinance would not conflict with our CROG membership. Councilman Goodwin thanked Councilman Zagurski for bringing this up a few months ago because it would be helpful to keep our tax dollars in town. Councilman Goodwin asked if local bidders could still bid concerning the last section of the ordinance. He was told they could provided that they meet all of the requirements. Councilman Goodwin used Canal St. as an example but Mayor Krampitz told him that project was a state bid and would not pertain to this language. Councilman Sekorski asked if the 5% limit was common and Councilman Zagurski replied that he had seen 5%, 6% and 10% but that 5% seemed to be most common. Councilman Goodwin asked how soon this could go to public hearing and the Mayor replied that it would be in July and the ordinances still need legal review. Councilman Sekorski’s concern was if a local vendor met requirements and was within the 5% and was rejected for whatever reason, would they have a basis for complaint for not awarding them a contract? Councilman Sekorski was concerned about possible loopholes and wants that addressed by legal counsel. Councilwoman Murawski also thanked Councilman Zagurski for bringing this forward and was looking forward to getting this going.
11. Public Comment – James Deutsch, 34 Orchard St. – asked questions about the clean-up day and was given information on pick up spots and areas to be cleaned. He also wanted to know if more minutes could be put on the website besides the Town Council meetings. The Mayor thanked him for the good suggestion. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – stated that she had an issue with Councilwoman Murawski questioning the Chief of Police, with the Parks and Recreation Commission not being able to hire a Director and with the blight ordinance. Councilwoman Murawski clarified that she did not give any directives to the Chief of Police. The other issue was that the Parks and Recreation Director’s position is now a union position which is much different than filling the Chief’s position.

12. Executive Session for real estate negotiations – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to go into executive session for real estate negotiations at 7:50 p.m. and invite in William Kuehn, our Director of Planning and Economic Development. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. LEFT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:06 p.m. BACK IN SESSION AT 8:07 p.m.
13. Take action from executive session – MOTION: Councilman Sekorski moved the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Town publicly offered four (4) properties at Fall Mountain Lake for developer interest; and
WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission has approved the conveyance of these parcels for residential use as consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development; and
WHEREAS, on March 30, 2007 proposals were received for the development of 106 Fall Mountain Lake Road, 10 Lakeview Road, 146 Fall Mountain Lake Road and 11 Driftwood Road; and
WHEREAS, Town staff has reviewed the proposals and has submitted recommendations to the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to convey town owned properties to CrisCarr Realty, LLC based upon the submitted proposals as follows:
 - o 11 Driftwood Road for a single family house
 - o 106 Fall Mountain Lake Road and 10 Lakeview Road as one consolidated building parcel for a single family house with a drainage easement extending from Lakeview Road down to Fall Mountain Lake Road as required in the invitation for proposals;
2. That the proposal for 146 Fall Mountain Lake Road be rejected;
3. That the proceeds from the sale of 11 Driftwood Road (\$36,000); 106 Fall Mountain Lake Road (\$31,000) and 10 Lakeview Road (\$10,000) be earmarked to purchase or to ameliorate blighting influences in the community. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Other Business – No Action.

15. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD OF FINANCE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: Monday, April 30, 2007 Immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Budget Public Hearing

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Goodwin, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Sekorski, Councilwoman Murawski, Board of Finance members Paul Ashton, Victoria Carey, Peter Giancesini, Mark Goodwin, David Merchant, Daniel Murray, Board of Education members Raymond Engle, Lisbeth Leonhardt, Patrick Perugino, Jennifer Zalaski, Dan Gentile, Leonard Morgan, Martin Wetzel.

1. Call Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krampitz at 9:33 p.m.
2. Discuss and take action on proposed FY 2007-08 budget – Mayor Krampitz explained that she would be taking comments from the Town Council and Board of Education members before turning the floor over to the Board of Finance for their action on the budget. The Mayor asked for Town Council comments. Councilman Zagurski stated that he appreciated the job that the BOF did and he did not have a problem going forward with the budget. Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had hoped that the BOF would have added the position in the tax collector's office because it seemed to be a way to bring in more money. Councilwoman Murawski did not think the budget will pass but it will have her vote at the referendum and if it does not pass she hoped there would be another public hearing before the next referendum so that changes could be explained to people before they vote. Councilman Goodwin stated that the BOF worked hard and the explanation was good. The BOE needed to show where the cuts would be made with the \$225,000 so that the voters would be better informed. Councilman Goodwin said that he will be voting for the budget. Councilman Sekorski stated that it was an outstanding presentation and the budget should be supported. Councilman Sekorski took issue with people who blame their financial woes on property taxes when it is because of so many other reasons. He also agreed with Councilman Goodwin that information needed to get out on where the BOE planned on cutting the \$225,000. Mayor Krampitz asked for comments from the Board of Education members. Martin Wetzel stated that we have champagne tastes but beer pockets so we will have to pay now or later. Patrick Perugino stated that people are living beyond their means because their charge cards are maxed-out, they have big cars and homes that are \$500,000 and now they do not want to pay the taxes because it is our fault that they are in debt. Leonard Morgan said he had been away for four months but people should support the budget. Dan Gentile stated that the BOF did an excellent job and people need to understand the process better. Lisbeth Leonhardt stated that everyone there had a personal interest in the town and she was going to vote for the budget. Jennifer Zalaski stated that she can think of no administrative positions that can be cut without crippling the education system. The cuts would come from teachers and programs. Raymond Engle stated that transportation costs were also capped so that reimbursement is less. The cut will hurt teachers and programs this time. Mayor Krampitz stated that before she turned the floor over to Chairman Merchant for action, she wanted to thank the BOF for getting the town to this point. She knew the long hours that they went through to prepare the budget because as liaison she witnessed those hours and the Mayor appreciated their time and effort. Mayor Krampitz also informed everyone that the referendum date had been scheduled for May 9 th. The Mayor turned the floor over to Chairman of the Board of Finance, David Merchant. Mr. Merchant thanked the Town Council and the BOE for their comments. He asked the BOF if they had any changes to make to the budget that was presented to the

people at the public hearing. Daniel Murray stated that everyone at the joint meeting was in favor of the budget and it is up to us to promote the budget. Peter Giancesini stated that people have made up their minds based on their life styles. The BOF has presented a responsible budget. MOTION: Daniel Murray moved to approve the budget as presented to be sent forth to referendum to be held on May 9 th. SECOND: Paul Ashton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Sekorski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk