

1. The Special Meeting of the Town of Plymouth Town Council, **January 2, 2008** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vin Festa in the Community Room, Town Hall. In attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini, Councilwoman Jeannine Jandreau, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Councilman David Sekorski, Mayor Vin Festa, Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk, and Sal Vitrano, Town Attorney.
2. **Fire Exits** – Noted for the record.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Mayor's Report**

**A.** To Establish Workshop Dates for Discussion and Action re:

1. Blight Ordinance
2. Review Historical Commission Ordinance
3. Public Works Commission Ordinance
4. Vendor Preference Ordinance

Mayor Festa stated this item is in response to Council for workshops to review and move on ordinances and suggest that there be two meetings, one for items 1 & 2 and the next for 3 & 4.

**B.** Request for Proposal Trash Pickup – Have spoken with Tony Lorenzetti who is in the process of moving forward and as soon as information is available to share he will bring it to the Council.

**C.** Retroactive Pay Raise Issue – Rules on whether this was a legal process were researched and according to our Town Attorney, the Charter states Council needs to approve raises. Because that was not done there will be a letter going out indicating we are putting a halt on any increases as of next pay until the issue is resolved.

**D.** Negotiations Update – Moving forward and will try to meet with union representatives for understanding of where they are and where going.

5. **Discuss and Take Action** on Refund of Property Taxes  
**MOTION:** To refund \$65.08 in Property Taxes to Matthew and Cynthia Pons, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel and the vote unanimous.
6. **Discuss and Take Action** on Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Mayor Festa noted three applicants for Parks & Recreation with two vacancies, Inland Wetlands Commission has one opening, ZBA has one opening, one reappointment to Planning & Zoning, Housing Authority vacancies, Human Services vacancy.  
**MOTION:** To appoint Bill Kron to the Zoning Board of Appeals, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion, none. Vote: unanimous.  
**MOTION:** To reappoint Michael Zappone to Planning & Zoning Commission, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated she knows Mr. Zappone and he has done a good job as well as the Chairman feels the same way and she feels it is good to have young people on our Commissions. Vote: unanimous.  
**MOTION:** To reappoint Alice Smith to the Human Services Commission, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated Alice is a hard worker for everyone who needs help. Vote: unanimous.

**MOTION:** To appoint Michael Drozdick to the Housing Authority, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated she knows Mr. Drozdick who is retired, in town and feels it will be nice to have this gentleman on this Commission. Vote: unanimous.

**MOTION:** To appoint Audrey Bennett to the Inland Wetlands Commission, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated Ms. Bennett gave us a wonderful resume. Vote: unanimous.

**MOTION:** To appoint Donna Borysewicz to the Parks & Recreation Commission, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: Councilman Sekorski questioned whether there are alternates on this Commission; Mayor Festa stated there are not. Councilwoman Schenkel stated Ms. Borysewicz seems to have a lot of diversified experience and will be a good element to this Board. Vote: unanimous.

**MOTION:** To appoint Gerard Bourbonniere to the Parks & Recreation Commission, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: On rules for minority representation on boards and commissions. Ann Tuleja, 383 Town Hill Road, stated boards and commissions have to be set on majority and you need one of the opposite party to be on when you sweep. Attorney Vitrano stated the maximum from one party is four. Mayor Festa stated the Town Clerk has been updating records because of vacancies and non appointments to boards and commissions and he commended her for doing this work. Councilman Sekorski asked that the Mayor's office contact the other applicant to see if there is interest in serving on another board. Vote: unanimous.

7. **Discuss and Take Action** on the Request from the Police Commission re: Vacation Time for the Chief of Police

**MOTION:** To table by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau. Discussion: Mayor Festa stated at this point for this item it has been withdrawn and requested it tabled until the next Council meeting. **Vote:** unanimous.

8. **Executive Session** for Real Estate Issues

**MOTION:** To take a 5 minute recess at 7:18 p.m., by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilwoman Schenkel and the vote unanimous.

Mayor Festa called the meeting back to order at 7:23 p.m.

**MOTION:** To go into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for the purpose of real estate discussion inviting Bill Kuehn, Town Planner, and Attorney Sal Vitrano to join the Council in Executive Session, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel and the vote unanimous.

Mayor Festa called the regular meeting back to order, leaving Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

9. **Discuss and Take Action** on Real Estate Proposal

**MOTION:** To adopt the following " Resolution BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL:

That the resolution concerning certain properties at Fall Mountain Lake as adopted at the regular Town Council meeting of May 1, 2007 be rescinded and the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

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 (\$2,000) be earmarked to purchase or to ameliorate blighting influences in the community, that the mechanics of which to be determined by the Town Council.” By Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilman Giancesini, yes; Councilwoman Denski, yes.

Mayor Festa stated the Resolution passed.

10. **Discuss and Take Action** on Request from the Police Commission re: General Orders #08-2 (Promotional Procedure to Rank of Captain) –  
**MOTION:** To approve the Police Commission General Order #08-2, Promotional Procedures to Rank of Captain, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Mayor Festa asked Police Commission Chairman Ann Tuleja to explain this request. Ann Tuleja, 383 Allentown Road, reviewed history of Councilman Zovich motioning that all General Orders be done over and reviewed by the Town Council. Since 1981 the Chief has submitted the General Orders to the Commission and then to Town Council for approval. This is a redoing of the original order that established the Lieutenant position and this person is now Captain, and the General Order must be pursuant to that position. She noted some General Orders are over 20 years old. The Police Commission has done General Orders for patrolman, detective, sergeant and animal control. Councilwoman Schenkel stated she attending the Police Commission meeting at which this General Order was reviewed and approved noting it is very professional and concise. She stated the Chairman and Chief have done a phenomenal job. Ann Tuleja stated it is all Chief Krasicky’s work and all done accurately. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, stated originally when this came through it was a lateral name

change that Captain Lousier was made from Lieutenant and is that the same way. Councilwoman Jandreau stated this is just redoing a General Order and not establishing a new position. Ann Tuleja noted it reflects what we have. **Vote:** unanimous.

11. **Discuss and Take Action** on Police Commission Proposal re: Job Description and General Orders for K-9 Handler Position – Ann Tuleja, Chairman of the Police Commission, stated in doing this it is not creating a new position but bringing a dog to an existing police officer. It needs to be negotiated. They have submitted a template and General Order prepared by Chief Krasicky as a draft for the Town Council to see if the Police Commission can move forward. The Board of Finance put money in the last budget. The General Order will be done after the position is negotiated. The Police Commission is not looking to buy a shelf dog and if adopted, they will look to get a dog donated but it is nice to have all steps in place. There is interest within the department to have the dog and training needs to be done by the handler. Money for training will come from the training line item within the budget but it is for a regular police officer with addition of a dog. She stated her understanding is that in an 8 hour period of time the dog requires 2-4, 15 minute breaks as the canine and handler work 7 hours but get paid for 8. The police officer will be responsible for the same duties but the dog will be with the officer 24/7. The Town provides food for the dog but does not believe the officer gets paid extra. Councilwoman Jandreau stated she has read the document and found it to be very thorough. Councilman Sekorski stated at this point the Council is approving or recommending the job description of the canine handler. Councilman Giancesini stated when off duty the dog will be with the officer and would there be a fenced in area on his property and is it the towns' responsibility to pay for it. The responsibility of the police officer is greater than a regular officer as he may be on call at all times because of the dog. Ann Tuleja stated she is not clear on the fence that but it would be negotiated. It is also voluntary as they (officer) are the ones deciding to take this on. Other towns have a lot of donations of dog food and the clergy in town have stated they will donate money yearly. She noted this animal is not a pet.

**MOTION:** To accept the draft proposal for the job description of Canine Handler Position as presented by the Police Commission and Chief Krasicky, by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the **vote** unanimous.

12. **Discuss and Take Action** on the Cost Sharing Agreement re: Emergency Vehicle Preemption System Equipment – Mayor Festa stated the Cost Share Agreement notes final payment in full of \$1,030 on behalf of the Town. The situation is to change the system at Route 6 and Prospect Street to set the light in such fashion to take care of emergency vehicle issue passing through that area. Ann Tuleja, 383 Allentown Road, stated she was involved in that project as the DOT approached her and met with herself, Tony Lorenzetti and the Chief at the site to review a certain way in which the light needs to come over the road and align with the walkway. There is currently one light in this community that works for emergency access at Harwinton Avenue and Route 6. Councilwoman Jandreau stated several years ago the Fire Commission discussed apparatus within the truck that would trigger the lights when the trucks came through. Dave Boilard, High Street, stated the Opticom system is activated inside apparatus and the light picks up the signal which could be equipped in fire trucks, police cars, ambulance, etc.

**MOTION:** The Town Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into the Cost Sharing

Agreement for Route 6 and Prospect Street as described in the document entitled “State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, Cost Sharing Agreement, Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption System Equipment, Route 6 at Prospect Street, State Project No. 174-326, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: none. **Vote:** Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilman Gianesini, yes; Councilwoman Denski, yes. Mayor Festa stated the Motion passed.

13. **Discuss and Take Action** on Historic Preservation Grant – Barbara Rockwell, Town Clerk, stated this is a grant that every Town Clerk in the State can apply for one time per year depending on the size of the town. Plymouth is allowed to get up to \$7,000 and if the Resolution is approved, money received, she will purchase two more cabinets needed in the vault which will hold more than present cabinets to store Vital Statistics, and will start to microfilm over 2000 vital statistic from the late 1700’s and into the 1800’s. These are currently the only items we do not have microfilmed and stored off site and an issue should something major happen. Her office does not have the capability to do this work and has been done by a woman who takes the records out over a long weekend and is approved to do the work by the State and has done this work for Plymouth in the past. There is a contractual agreement in place prior to work being done.  
**MOTION:** To approve the Resolution “RESOLVED: That Vincent Festa, Mayor, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.” By Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: none.  
**Vote:** Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilman Gianesini, yes; Councilwoman Denski, yes. Mayor Festa stated the Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk