

1. The Special Meeting of the Town of Plymouth Town Council, **July 7, 2008 was called to order at 7:03 p.m.** by Mayor Vin Festa in the Assembly Room, Town Hall. In attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini, Councilwoman Jeannine Jandreau, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Councilman Dave 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. Council Rules and Procedures
5. Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

1. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, at her job they are doing efficiency studies and what is done is they check and get optimum use out of employees which saves money. She is making the recommendation that Council and Board of Finance (BOF) look into it for the town. If an efficiency study is done and find that we can do things in a cheaper, more efficient way, and employees work more efficiently it can save us money in the end. Every year, public works ends up with another person; we have not gained that many streets and if we go for rubbish pick up that person who takes over for Gary is another employee. In order to work efficiently, you need an outsider to come in who does not live in the box and say we always had this. Things have progressed and beneficial for this Council and BOF to take a look at this. We might spend money but it may save us money; if we can find cost effective ways and then we can pay insurance and take care of needs of the town.
2. Patti DeHuff, Lynn Avenue, want to say thanks to the Mayor for having a moment of silence before the Town Council meeting as this town truly lost a very wonderful town servant. Joan Heberle knew what it meant to be a town servant. Whenever she needs use of town hall, Joan was there to serve her. A tremendous loss. Came here to speak as Charter Revision Committee member but not for the commission. What she has been witnessing is something she finds wonderful and whether people coming to commission are town employees or elected officials, and they are coming and sharing their thoughts. From her perspective there is clearly no pressure from the administration to silence anybody and feels the commission is getting to hear what needs to be heard in this town. BOF came and even a former commissioner and they spoke freely; that is healthy, wholesome and good for our town and for good government. That is credit to the Mayor and Council. Thank you for that.

6. Mayor's Report

1. Arson Task Force – in newspaper that this was established from public works, police, fire department, building inspector, fire marshal, etc., and the arson task force is relative to a number of suspicious fires that have taken place over last several months. Have not had any suspicious fires lately, and have reinstituted the Mayor's tip line and the State tip line is there for the public. With investigations taking place we will have some information to share in the near future.
2. Update on Curbside Trash Pickup – will be moving forward to do a public

hearing, this will be a second hearing date, and important to have a second one and then move to referendum.

3. Update on Plymouth VNA – there have been several stories in papers and have had approval to hire the Bristol VNA to do a needs assessment, relative to department needs, policies/procedures and administrative components per State law. In a 3 month period of time they will help salvage and make solvent our Public Health/VNA department. Had someone from VNA prior to contract doing financial work to collect back revenues and have collected about \$60,000 in back billing due to coding errors; and have picked up additional \$100,000 and under contract through VNA at this point. Still outstanding monies through billing and not sure whether debit or credit. Looking at 18month window for collections. What collecting will remain with us. Thank you to Bristol VNA for helping us and contrary to what is in the newspaper with Bristol's budget; it has nothing to do with the Town of Plymouth. Also relative to effective and efficiency we are starting that process by looking at this particular department; and will bring further notices as received. Number of issues being looked at including policies, practices, procedure what is common, accepted, unaccepted and what can we live with in this community.
4. Terryville High School Graduation – first graduation at new high school and that evening had another meeting and stayed for opening ceremonies only. Wonderful students graduating and commend staff members at high school who provide educational program and school building committee under Mr. Allread for giving us this building.
5. Canal Street/Ted Knight Bridge Rededication – held two weeks ago with Ted Knights' family of cousins, second cousins, aunts, uncles, and special guest his daughter, Alice Knight. Very exciting time for his family to have a rededication; and proud time for Plymouth to recognize one of it's' sons. He thanked everyone including Mr. Lorenzetti and Schultz Corporation for a wonderful job.
6. Negotiation Update – in final stages and have delivered final offers and waiting. If they do not meet with success, will move to arbitrations and will keep updated.
7. Budget 2009-2010 – can't help but thank the interim comptroller for the marvelous job he has done; and extending his time to make sure our budget precedes favorable returns and making decision on changing format on how we do business. This budget, through administrative assistant and interim comptroller, have renewals on property and personal liability and through efforts have saved \$99,000 in the coming year on insurance premiums.

7. Appointments/Resignations

1. To appoint Robert Green to the Historic Properties Commission

MOTION: To appoint Robert Green to the Historic Properties Commission by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski and the vote unanimous.

8. Take Action to Refund Property Taxes to: Patricia or Linda Landry, \$33.95; Martin or Debra Desautels, \$55.50

MOTION: To refund Property Taxes to: Patricia or Linda Landry, \$33.95; Martin or

Debra Desautels, \$55.50, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the vote unanimous.

9. To Discuss and Take Action On Request From School Building Chairman Allread Re: Sidewalks For New High School – copy of Mr. Allread’s letter in packet. Bill Allread, School Building Chairman, 24 Makara Street, stated he has requested the Council consider installing sidewalks on Harwinton Avenue and this is request sent from Planning and Zoning. Their budget is very iffy and feels the town is in a better position to do this, especially since they would get no reimbursement if they spent money on sidewalks. The town could probably do it cheaper as the School Building Committee would have to go through extensive engineering on it. Also, the town received, about 2 months ago, a check for \$211,000 and this money was money that was sent to you from CL&P because the building put in energy efficient motors and lighting in the new school. If that money went back in his budget, the state would reduce their budget by that amount so it has to go into the towns’ budget. The committee thought the town could use that \$211,000 which would make a good dent in the sidewalks. Council questions: Councilwoman Denski asked were the sidewalks not in the original plan; Mr. Allread stated they were not and had promised Planning & Zoning if money left over they would build the sidewalks and had made agreement and part of that was to have preliminary engineering done for them. Councilwoman Schenkel, (a) who will maintain sidewalks in the winter; Mr. Allread stated that is always a problem and thinks personally the sidewalks should be there for the safety of the kids and cleaning in the winter is always a problem. (b) Does he have any recommendations of who will be cleaning those sidewalks? Mr. Allread stated a number of areas where there are now houses up there and owners of open fields and has no recommendations. Councilwoman Jandreau noted Tony is here and already they clear sidewalks that go to schools; Tony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works, stated yes, with clarification and background that suggestion to take care of sidewalk on Main Street and noted the machine is old and pushing it in working. Currently it is set up that when the highway department is done plowing all night and then need to take a man to do sidewalks; his thought is they do not always know if schools are ready to open and do not have control on whether sidewalks will be used or not. This will be another program expanded from initial request and whole new locations to expand to and not sure how easily they can do it. Councilman Ganesini, (a) original requirement by State Board of Education did not require sidewalks; Mr. Allread, correct, this is in addition to actual plan, very controversial and they do not get reimbursed for it. All the other money where they buy things for education, ball fields and so forth they get reimbursed. (b) He is liaison to Planning & Zoning and Building Committee and stated the scope of this project is by far the greatest the town ever tackled and Mr. Allread has done a wonderful job. Complex work on day to day basis and also amount of money spent as bills need to be paid; there are many many things at the high and also the other schools and the amount of money guesstimated at start of this project which was years ago and the number that was siphoned because of legal things and then inflation, the old high school in particular things were in there that were not shown on any prints. Once they opened up and started finding asbestos and above suspended ceiling stuff hanging that is not in code and money needs to be spent to fix all that. It was anticipated out of this whole project that money would be available for a track at the new high school and also for sidewalks. He feels both groups, Bill and Pat Herzing, are chaired by dedicate individuals and committee

members work their hearts out. Need to think about we spend a lot of money in schools and in this town, we do not have student base for football; and basically, we should do everything we can to have the area safe as far as sidewalks and not punish generations of students who avail themselves to a good athletic programs. Mr. Allread stated the old high school does have a lot of surprises in it. Councilman Sekorski (a) overall status of sidewalk engineering, do we know locations and is preliminary engineering complete and could the town take over right now and install, is preliminary work done. Mr. Allread stated they had made recommendations that sidewalks go on the east side of Harwinton Avenue to avoid wetlands and some ledge; also has suggestion if the town would undertake project there may be pedestrian bridge to go over brook there also; (b) what is current process if we were to do sidewalk on town side and something to do ourselves or contract out and what is the going rate of cost. Tony Lorenzetti stated his personal recommendation is for sidewalk on side of school and where they should go and he wrote letters back in October recommending to tie in on side of street of school and engineering was not done. In terms of when constructed, changes in prices which are going up and have not put a price to it and does not know if the Building Committee has put a price to it; Mr. Allread stated he has not either. Mr. Lorenzetti asked if money Mr. Allread suggested using and locations, did that match up 2 years ago. Councilman Sekorski noted a lot of unanswered questions before he can make decision and this is a referendum number which means appropriation and a public hearing. Tony stated for the record the sidewalks are important up there. Councilwoman Jandreau (a) stated at the Planning & Zoning meeting a few weeks ago the principal at Fisher Elementary came to ask for a playground and why was that not in original plans. Mr. Allread stated he did not know anything about this playground; there is a place and it was to go near ball field and they had plans for it. He is not sure. (b) why was equipment not put into the plans; Mr. Allread stated that is the type of thing they would like to take out of their budget, the playground equipment, and he was not asked for equipment. (c) Councilwoman Jandreau stated Mrs. Worhunsky is asking for money all over the place and would he please speak to her. Mr. Allread stated they did work out they would cross driveway and there is an area and he will talk to her. Councilwoman Denski, was this \$211,000 earmarked for something already; Mayor Festa stated no it was not. Mayor Festa clarified relative to (a) Councilwoman Jandreau's concern, his understanding is there is playground equipment at Main Street School purchased through donations and that will be moved over to Fisher and the discussion is to adding on to that playground equipment and there may be some conflict relative to equipment currently at Main Street for playground purposes; (b) back to first comments made by Melanie on effectiveness and efficiency and we have talked about feasibility and facilities, and we may need to discuss the next person hired in Public Works as grounds and maintenance and look at this person doing building grounds and facility maintenance and potential on putting on sidewalk issue. Need to look at and discuss. Agree with everyone on safety and welfare of the students and concerned about information from parents relative to bus schedules for all of our schools, and where children walk with sidewalk on one side and need to cross without crosswalks or crossing guards, etc. Need to look at ideas and suggestions and come to resolution on issues. Public Comment: Patti DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, sensitive in this matter and when Councilman Gianesini stated money was siphoned off by lawsuit but wants everyone to remember that no member of the public sued this town but the town did sue a member of

the public and actions by previous administration caused a deficit of around \$70,000 on town side. The reason that this challenge was brought about was because the fact the public was not told the truth when it came to original site; were told it was clean when in fact the environmental report did not state that. And why those opposed to school pursued the issue. Not everything that was said was said accurately. Councilman Giancesini clarified he did not say whether good or bad but that money was moved from what was available for the project and not favoring one side or the other; that money is not there and less ability of Building Committee to work on project. Patti stated if there had been honesty in the beginning there would be no need for this. Ann Petrakis, 65 Allen Street, (a) wondering ratio on students walking for need of sidewalk and how many actually live close and is sidewalk a necessity and how it is a high priority. Mayor Festa stated that would be a question for the education/business department. Bill Allread stated best person would be the building project manager and from his understanding currently everyone is bussed. (b) Her son will be in first grade at Fisher and they need a playground and can the PTA ask businesses for donations; Councilwoman Jandreau stated they are already doing that. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, stated she was at meeting the same week Councilwoman Jandreau was on sidewalks and there seems to be discrepancy because Patrick had brought up minutes and they had made motion that sidewalks were needed for that side of the street. That is a fact and in the minutes. Also, suddenly hearing there is \$200,000 and what if it costs \$400,000 to do this, where does the other money come from? Is the School Building Committee picking up the difference because it is on that side of the road. Chairman Herzing had explained specifically that you need to be the same with everyone, non prejudicial, and if everyone who builds a house needs to put sidewalks in or give money, what makes the school the exception. Is the town better than everyone else in town. All the time we hear this isn't there, that isn't there, we do not have enough money. We need to live in a budget; the School Building was given a budget, and a motion made, and everyone there at Planning & Zoning meeting voted they had to be done. The only section left to be questionable and also in minutes was the property by Biscoe which the town did not own and Roy property they didn't know if there would be enough money on Roy property for retaining wall. Encourage the Council to read those minutes because all of a sudden \$215,000 could run into a million and then who will pay the bill; do not forget this school is only suppose to cost a cup of coffee a week.

MOTION: to table item 9 pending engineering study and better information regarding budget and costs of construction of sidewalk as well as alternate plans to see which is most cost effective by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the vote unanimous, 5-0 to table.

10. To Discuss and Take Action On Resolution Regarding Parker and Fitch, LLC and Applied Controls Technology, Inc. and Genovese Manufacturing Company, Desire To Purchase Parcels Within The Phase III Business Park

Bill Kuehn stated the Resolution gives the Mayor the authority to sell town land to businesses approved by the DECD.

MOTION : by Councilwoman Jandreau who read into record "RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Parker & Fitch, LLC, Applied Controls Technology, Inc. and Genovese Manufacturing Co. all desire to purchase parcels within Phase III of the Plymouth

Business Park, and WHEREAS, all necessary approvals have been granted by the Economic Development Commission, the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission, the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign deeds and other necessary documents conveying title to Lot #18 on Container Drive to Parker & Fitch, LLC, Lot #9 and Lot #10 on Lassy Court to Applied Controls Technology, Inc. and Lot #8 on Bombard Court to Genovese Manufacturing Co.” ; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Councilman Sekorski questioned (a) does it need to be corrected as Plymouth Business Park as he heard it read as Plymouth Industrial Park . Councilwoman Jandreau noted it is written Plymouth Business and apologized if spoke incorrectly; (b) do we do this authorization every time there is a sale. Bill Kuehn stated, yes, it needs to be done in this manner. Councilwoman Jandreau stated it is great these people are coming into town. Councilwoman Schenkel extended her welcome to Plymouth . Roll call vote: Councilwoman Denski, yes; Councilman Giancesini, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes; Councilman Sekorski, yes. Mayor Festa stated the Resolution approved 5-0.

11. To Discuss and Take Action On Resolution To Authorize Mayor to Enter Into A Tax Abatement Agreement With GEN Realty, LLC

Bill Kuehn, Town Planner, stated this Resolution is to allow the Town to enter into an agreement with GEN Realty (which is Genovese Manufacturing), who are moving from Bristol to Lot #8 on Bombard Court, requested assistance and the recommendation is this tax abatement and relocation grant. Councilman Sekorski asked where the amount of the relocation request came from; Bill Kuehn stated from the Economic Development Fund with background when the town sells a piece of property to a business, half of the sale cost goes into the Economic Development Fund for relocation and the other half goes into account that goes to the State. The State does not want their money back until the last lot is sold so it is maintained in a separate fund. Councilwoman Schenkel asked what is the revenue generated by Genovese and what is the investment into their building; Mr. Kuehn stated their total investment including land is \$646,000, guesstimate based on plans and not a final figure until the building goes up and tax assessor goes out. It was also noted machinery and equipment gets taxed separately; abatement is improvements to the land and not on the land, just the building.

MOTION: by Councilwoman Jandreau who read into record “RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Gen Realty, LLC has optioned the property known as Lot 8 on Bombard Court within the Plymouth Business Park; and WHEREAS, Gen Realty, LLC has requested financial assistance to relocate the Genovese Manufacturing Co., Inc. from Bristol to the Plymouth Business Park; and WHEREAS the Plymouth Town Council on September 22, 1998 adopted a policy for tax and business incentives; and WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Committee has determined that the applicant meets the policy criteria and has recommended financial assistance as a development incentive. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a tax abatement agreement with Gen Realty, LLC for: a) a fifty (50%) percent abatement of real property for a three year period, the tax abatement to take effect on the grand list of the first day of October

following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and b) a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Economic Development Fund to assist in the relocation of manufacturing equipment to the Plymouth Business Park.”; second by 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 5-0.

12. ent with each other and trust Carl’s assessment; but will make sure the Town is not obligated for anything not wanting to be obligated for. Patti DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, if you go forward and take money for the grant for IHZ does it mean you are committing to go forward and building something. Bill Kuehn stated the grant allows the consultant, CCRPA, to prepare a study showing what the most reasonable areas in town would be for affordable housing opportunities; does not obligate the town to anything and Planning & Zoning upon receipt of report may turn it down. It is a follow up to the Plan of Development; goals were developed for housing consistent with states needs and amount of affordable housing in Plymouth is below threshold. Plymouth needs affordable housing and Plan of Development encourages affordable housing in and around down town as part of need to urbanize the areas surrounding Main Street consistent with potential for mass transportation, need to develop neighborhood shopping, walk-able downtown. Mayor Festa asked Mr. Stephani to give a CCRPA overview and what they are. Mr. Stephani gave overview noting Statute states if you agree to do study you will consider creation of affordable housing. There is very broad lengthy conversation of language and clear on part of all legislature and administrators that it will not be a requirement. His agency was created by the federal government in mid 1960’s and established so that city and towns could get federal highway and transit money; subsequently along the way the towns realized once the regional agency was in existence it could be used in several ways such as Pequabuck River Management plan and to do things that involve more than one town; this town participates in plan for this region, all through the federal government. Most recently flood plain control. Under federal law they provide, transportation, economic development, natural hazard plan and have also done study for 5 towns on cost to consolidate 911.

MOTION: by Councilwoman Jandreau who read Resolution into record:

“RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Public Act 07-4 has created the Home Connecticut Program for providing incentives to voluntarily create Incentive Housing Zones to accommodate affordable housing opportunities, and WHEREAS, the town’s plan of conservation and development advocates affordable housing strategies. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL THAT, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY:

1) Submission of the grant application is authorized under the Housing for Economic Growth Program referenced in section 8-13 (m-x) of CGS; 2) The Mayor be identified as the individual authorized to sign the grant application and administer the grant. Such grant application is attached to and made a part of this record; and 3) The Mayor be authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency for the purpose of developing the Home Connecticut Program study.” Second by Councilwoman Schenkel. Vote: Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilman Giancesini, yes; Councilwoman Denski, yes. Mayor Festa stated the motion carried 5-0 and the Resolution

approved.

13. To Discuss and Take Action, If Necessary, On The Status Of The Public Works Commission And Local Vendor Preference Ordinances –

MOTION: by Councilwoman Jandreau to discuss and take action on the status of the Public Works Commission and Local Vendor Preference; second by Councilwoman Schenkel and the vote unanimous.

Councilwoman Jandreau stated (a) she spoke with Tony on a public works commission and feels we do not need this. (b) On vendor preference, at the public hearing on this were several public comments stating it could affect the town adversely because out of town people will put in bids and in town people will be given the opportunity to cover lowest bid and will stop people from bidding. What happens when we have something to bid, have someone not up to par and will not do the work right and feels this will stymie outside bidding. Concern is that we will have jobs go undone, unqualified people and work may not get done the way we want it done. Councilwoman Schenkel stated (a) in regard to local vendor preference she recalls Council asking for advice from Counsel on wording; (b) issue with public works is we have people volunteer who will take time out of their lives to make recommendations or field questions from the public that they do not have day to day operating knowledge and suggested to Tony that it might be in his best interest to get together a group of his staff to meet and assess town needs, and we have a Facilities Committee who can work with this group. Do not find at this time that an actual commission is warranted. Councilman Sekorski stated he thought there was a lot of room for interpretation, supported the endorsement of an ordinance and still does, and feels concerns are protected in language which affords the Council an opportunity to give a local vendor the nod if they were close to the low bid and does not recall language obligated us to give to local bidder if able to match bid. The reason to modify the ordinance was because the way the bidding process is currently written we have to award a contract to the lowest bidder and no option or recourse to give some local preference and at one time the council had no ability to give a contract to a local vendor which was well worth the ½ percent they were within the low bid. He asked to split these items apart and if anyone is prepared to make that motion on either one to rescind he asked they do separately. Councilwoman Jandreau stated agreement with Dave and relayed conversation with Tom Zagurski who has said it was not written the way he wanted it written and there was some things left out. She suggested tabling this item, talk to Tom for his ideas. It needs to be reviewed before doing anything about it. Mayor Festa noted items on agenda for purpose of discussing and taking action if necessary; concern is tabling item until next meeting and for purpose of taking particular ordinance, consider taking action at that point in time individually. Also need to look at blight and do complete wrap up at that point to either accept and move forward to start instituting or take action to rescind. **MOTION:** To table the Public Works Commission and Local Vendor Preference by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski and the vote unanimous.

Councilwoman Jandreau asked that a special meeting date be set.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, only reason to bring up local vendor preference is at one meeting that was not televised and had to do with trash hauling and it was \$20,000 -

\$30,000 difference and the way presented was first person whose name was brought forward and people did not undersnd they could hold off and go to next lower and then Richard Corp was thrown out because of \$20,000 and less than ½ percent. It happened through confusion and Tom Zagurski took it to heart and how this got started. She suggested getting a copy of his original because when it came back to be voted on, half of it was omitted. This is not a decision on ½ percent or 1/6 percent and does not feel this will stifle but if within 2% and only a few dollars and that person is willing to go down, pays taxes in this town, why wouldn't you want that person. She stated Tom Zagurski noted these people pay taxes here, some pay big taxes and this will not stop anyone from bidding.

14. To Discuss And Set Date For Public Hearing And Referendum For Curbside Trash Pickup Proposal – Mayor Festa noted a public hearing was held and in respect for townspeople it is proper to hold a second public hearing which will be in newspaper and then set referendum date. Attorney Vitrano stated question of earlier on recommendation of time frame and there is nothing specific in the Charter dealing with informal referendum and his recommendation is to follow the time schedule out on ordinance provision which is to hold a public hearing with 5 days written notice, and within 30 days of that public hearing hold the referendum. The timeframe is tonight to establish the public hearing date and schedule the referendum to be within 30 days of the public hearing date. The public hearing it is not a formal meeting of Council and if there is not a quorum they can still move forward. Mayor Festa stated any Tuesday is good according to the registrars. Discussion held on possible dates taking into consideration the start of the school year, Terryville Fair and also noted the letter from Copes who have extend bid to August 30 th and this should be done prior to that.

MOTION: To hold a July 29 th public hearing on curbside pickup with a referendum to be held on August 12, 2008, by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, don't you have to vote to send to referendum. Attorney Vitrano stated Council is voting today to establish the public hearing and the referendum date. Councilman Sekorski asked if there is dramatic negative feedback does the Council have option to not send to referendum. Attorney Vitrano stated in interim you can have a special Council meeting to vote not to send to referendum, unless you want a special council meeting after the public hearing to vote to send to public hearing but will need a quorum. Councilwoman Jandreau stated even with negative feedback you still have others who will vote. This public hearing will give information out to people so they know what voting on and give them the choice. A public hearing is informative. Councilwoman Denski asked if it can be done on the 22 nd as it is near and dear to her and would like to be here for that.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To change the date of the public hearing from July 29th to July 22 nd, by Councilwoman Denski; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Councilwoman Schenkel stated she is traveling for work that week.

Vote on Amendment: Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, no; Councilwoman Denski, yes; Councilman Ganesini, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, no.

Amendment to Motion pass 3 – 2.

Vote on Motion: Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Schenkel, yes;
Councilwoman Denski, yes; Councilman Giancesini, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, no.

Motion 4-1.

Mayor Festa stated the Public Hearing will be held on July 22 nd and the referendum on August 12, 2008.

15. To Discuss and Take Action To Allow the Mayor To Execute Contract With Connecticut State Library For L.S.T.A. Grant and To Adopt By Resolution A Policy To Support Non-Discriminatory Agreements And Warranties – Mayor Festa stated this information is in Council packet, is self explanatory, approved by the CT State

Library and a grant coming forward with need for signature of approval by Council to let the Mayor enter into agreement.

MOTION: That the Mayor be allowed to enter into the Grant contract, by Councilwoman Jandreau who read the Resolution into record: “RESOLVED that Mayor Vincent Festa, duly elected Mayor is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA grant. That the Town of Plymouth hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes subsection 4a-60 (a)(1) and subsection 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended I State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.”; seconded by 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 5-0.

16. To Enter Into Executive Session To Discuss Purchase Contracts For Property Acquisition
MOTION: by Councilwoman Schenkel to go into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. for the discussion of contracts for property acquisition inviting the Council, Mayor and Legal Counsel to participate, by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the vote unanimous.

Mayor Festa called the meeting back to order at 9:27 p.m. stating no votes were taken in Executive Session.

17. To Discuss And Take Action, If necessary, From Executive Session – no action
18. Public Comments - none
19. Council Comments

1. Jeannine Jandreau - glad Patti said what she did as Joan Heberle was a unique, sweet, honest person with a smile who would bend over backward to help everyone. Do not think we will be able to replace her; sorely missed, everyone loved her and a sad day. All commissions are doing o.k. and Rite Aid is back on before Planning & Zoning and everything moving forward and should have some results soon.

2. Peter Giancesini – only thing as far as commission covering is the problems between Planning & Zoning and School Building Committee. It is not who is right or wrong but things not done in hindsight as they should have and need to make best of situation; WPCA set budget with \$3 increase in sewer fees and other fees such as dumping by tank truckload and/or recreation vehicle was kept the same. Had hearing on duplicating what we did on \$360,000 in improvements at waste treatment plant. Getting in peak of summer and fountain at Lake Winfield is not running and question if aerators have been repaired as even if not swimming and we do not do anything, we will have a green lake and algae.
3. Jacqui Denski stated Parks and Recreation are getting the fountain serviced and know it is top priority. They did have question on dredging the lake and is there money set aside for that. Mayor Festa stated no there has not been and asked if Parks and Rec. Commission have a plan, noting unless they come to us we have only liaison reports and he has not heard anything contrary. There is a meeting this Thursday with State department to look at the lake and rumor is they are waiting for electrician to fix aerators. Commission has to do work and work with Parks & Rec Director. The town has the problem and either has to keep the swimming area closed and/or look at bonding proposal for money to do dredging and clean area of lake and across the street (sedimentation pond). Brian Forman keeps in close contact and lake is very murky. Jacqui stated on Wednesday the Library Board will open bids on the roof.
4. Dianna Schenkel stated all commissions are fine noting the Board of Finance retained the Bristol VNA to manage and assess Plymouth VNA issue.

Jeannie Jandreau stated Lisa Philmore put in Charter Revision article and very good.

20. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel and the vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk