

1. The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Plymouth was called to order by Mayor Vin Festa on **Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:34 p.m.** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall. Members in attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini, Councilwoman Jeanine Jandreau, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk.

2. Fire Exit Notification

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. To move the Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into Stimulus Package Agreements – COPS and JAG

Chief Karen Krasicky stated from the stimulus package agreements from the federal government are COPS and JAG. Chief Krasicky explained COPS which the Town is requesting 2 police officers stating the positions are complete salaries and benefits for first 3 years; the towns governing body has to authorize her to be signer and submitter of the application. The second, JAG, Edwin Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, \$15,355 earmarked for Plymouth Police Department and need authorization of the Mayor to sign and submit and she has the letter but needs approval of governing body to approve and needs to be available for public comment. Mayor Festa stated the file for COPS is posted in the Town Clerk's office and the library.

MOTION: To discuss move the Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into Stimulus Package Agreements for COPS and JAG, by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau asked what do we do after 3 years with the police; Chief Krasicky stated after the three years the town would budget money for those positions if we get them; we may get two, one or none as only 55 positions are available for the entire nation. Even if you vote does not mean the town will get or have to accept the positions upon that notification. We will be notified in September with rejection or acceptance and how any positions. Councilman Giancesini (a) asked without committing yourself is there a possibility in 3 years there might be the possibility of retirement of an officer to replace that person. Chief Krasicky stated even in less than 3 years there is the possibility of retirement. (b) If somebody did retire you would have experienced officers and can maintain same level of experience; the grant is only 3 years. Chief Krasicky noted one additional requirement that the Town at least to keep that officer for one full year in that capacity and then whatever you do after is the Towns' decision. (c) At least this person (s) would have gone through the academy and be trained. Chief Krasicky noted we could still use this office in the possibility of blight, school resource officer, etc. She has met with the Blight Ad Hoc and they are looking to get a community enforcement team and have a police officer with work with zoning and blight in this town noting the town also has major motor vehicle problem for enforcements; and a reason why people want to come to live, work here and another reason why we need to keep officers. Hopefully the economy will improve and we can budget money a bit at a time for the future. If we don't at least try we won't know. Councilwoman Schenkel stated (a) we had two officers retire and thought a wash because two just came off payroll. Chief Krasicky stated we are not ahead of the curve. (b) There is also overtime, people out sick, etc and wonderful opportunity for our town and this will help stabilize the police force. Chief Krasicky reviewed JAG which is for equipment earmarked and pretty clear in paperwork and

certain requirement; program narrative included which is a longer version of why and what we need; budget narrative and budget and abstract or summary of narrative; certification which will be stand in and done electronically and third attachment of review that this was presented to town governing body and approved and also available for public comment. Councilwoman Schenkel stated she has visited in the police department and have seen some computer and technonology changes rapidly and they need to be updated, server is the central nervous system and everything in there is reasonable and necessary. Councilwoman Denski stated the Chief should try for every opportunity for grant funding. Mayor Festa asked the Chief how much time has been involved in these applications. Chief Krasicky stated she has spent many weeks as this information came out March 16 and worked many hours at home on her own time because she loves this town and does not want the tax burden on residents, worked many hours here and finished yesterday on Easter Sunday to enter information in the computer. It takes a lot of hours and you have to do it right because if you don't you are not considered. This is all electronically generated to get information into computer. Councilwoman Jandreau stated it is a job well done and thank you Chief. Public comment: none. Vote: unanimous.

5. To set the date of Wednesday, April 22, 2009 for a Special Joint Meeting between Town Council and Charter Revision Commission at 6:30 p.m. to accept the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission

MOTION: To set the date of Wednesday, April 22, 2009 for a Special Joint Meeting between Town Council and Charter Revision Commission at 6:30 p.m. to accept the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission Councilwoman Jandreau for discussion purposes; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: Review and discussion held on Charter Revision Public Hearing date, legal notice, FOI requirements as relayed by Mayor Festa from his conversation with the FOI, State Elections and Legal Counsel. Vote: Councilman Gianesini, no; Councilwoman Jandreau, no; Councilwoman Schenkel, no; Councilwoman Denski, no. Mayor Festa stated the Motion fails.

6. To set the date of April 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., as the Public Hearing on the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission -

MOTION: To rescind item 6 on agenda by Councilwoman Schenkel; second Councilwoman Jandreau and the vote unanimous.

7. To approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with BRRFOC (Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee)

Mayor Festa distributed and gave over of Agreement stating Resolution is on second page and in regard to all Charter members. Plymouth is 1 of 11 and wanted charter members to go on record in support of Resolution.

MOTION: To approve the Resolution as presented authorizing the Mayor to enter in agreement with Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

8. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk