

1. The Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Plymouth was called to order by Mayor Vin Festa on **Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:55 p.m.** in the Assembly Room, Town Hall. Members in attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini (arrived 5:59 p.m.), Councilwoman Jeannine Jandreau, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Councilman Dave Sekorski, Mayor Festa and Robin Gudeczauskas, Council Clerk.

2. Fire Exit Notification

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Fair Housing Resolution – Packet of information on Fair Housing distributed noting this is a standard procedure on a yearly basis for policy and procedures.

Fair Housing Policy Statement

**MOTION:** To read into record the Fair Housing Policy Statement for discussion and approval by Councilwoman Jandreau, second Councilwoman Schenkel. Councilwoman Jandreau read into record “Town of Plymouth Fair Housing Police Statement. It is the policy of the Town of Plymouth to promote fair housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities. Programs funded and administered by the Town of Plymouth must comply with the provisions of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S., and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices. The Town of Plymouth or any of Subrecipient of the Town will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenants of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town of Plymouth. The municipality’s Mayor’s office is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The Mayor may be reached at 860-585-4001. Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Plymouth, may be filed with the Mayor’s office. The municipality’s Grievance Procedure will be utilized in these cases. Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone (860) 541-3403. A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Town employees and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout the Town. Dated April 20, 2009 by Mr. Vincent Festa, J., Mayor. This statement is available in large print or on audio tape by contacting the Mayor’s office”. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Fair Housing Resolution

**MOTION:** To read the Fair Housing Resolution into record for discussion and approval by Councilwoman Jandreau; second by Councilwoman Denski. Councilwoman Denski read into record “Town of Plymouth Fair Housing Resolution. Whereas, All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and Whereas, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location;

and Whereas, the **Town of Plymouth** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemental by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Town of Plymouth** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the Town of Plymouth or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Plymouth. Adopted by the **Town of Plymouth** on April 20, 2009, signed by Mr. Vincent Festa, Jr., Mayor". Discussion: none. Vote: Unanimous.

Town of Plymouth ADA Notice – Mayor Festa read into record “Town of Plymouth ADA Notice. **The Town of Plymouth** does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. **The Town of Plymouth** does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices. This notice is provided by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the ADA may be forwarded to **Clarence B. Atkinson**, designated ADA Compliance Coordinator. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of **Town of Plymouth** are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator. This notice is available upon request in large print, on audio tape, and in Braille, from the ADA Compliance Coordinator.” Mayor Festa stated this has been signed off and matter of formality.

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Of 1964

**MOTION:** To read into record and discuss the Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act by Councilman Sekorski, second by Councilwoman Jandreau. Discussion on the Motion: none. Dave Sekorski read into record “Town of Plymouth **COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**. The **Town of Plymouth** does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The **Town of Plymouth** seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that No person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs covered by the Regulations. This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town’s Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town, as the recipient, and by subrecipients. The cooperation of all Town personnel is required. Signed by Mr. Vincent Festa, Jr., Mayor and dated April 20, 2009”. Discussion on reading: none. Vote: unanimous.

##### 5. Awarding Land Fill Closure Contract

Mayor Festa stated much discussion has been held over the years; Tony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works, stated he is anxiously ready to get going and awaits the decision of the Council. Mayor Festa noted the sheet distributed is the tabulation sheet of bids in order of #1 - #9 and the top three bidders in contention are CATCO Construction, Pete & Steve Contractors

and Martin Laverio.

**MOTION:** To accept one of the bids and that of Pete & Steve Contractors for the Land Fill Closure Contract, by Councilwoman Jandreau, seconded by Councilwoman Schenkel. Discussion: Councilwoman Schenkel stated Pete & Steve have done well on past contracts, and work is of high quality. Councilwoman Jandreau noted her agreement and recommendation for this contract. Councilman Sekorski noted their history of delivery on time for the community, cooperation and availability. Vote: unanimous.

#### 6. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Gudeczauskas, Recording Secretary