

1. The Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Town Council was called to order on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:01 p.m.** in the Plymouth Town Hall Community Room by Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr. Members in attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Gianesini, Councilwoman Jeanine Jandreau, Councilman David Sekorski, Mayor Festa. Excused absent: Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel. Also present, Robin Gudeczauskas, Clerk of the Council; Dave Bertnagel, Comptroller; Tony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works.
2. Fire Exit Notification
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 4, 2009

**MOTION:** To accept the Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting of August 4, 2009 by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: Page 3, item g, last sentence should read "Councilwoman Jandreau clarified Housing Authority can only be filled by person who live at Gosinski Park". Page 4 item in Motion seconded by Councilwoman Jandreau and not noted. Item 13, stated "high energy lighting" should read "high efficiency lighting".

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** To accept the Minutes as amended by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Gianesini and the vote unanimous.

5. Council Rules and Procedures –

**MOTION:** To add as Item 13 To Discuss and Take Action on License Agreement by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Tony Lorenzetti stated license agreement negotiated re railroad property and landfill closure on Tunnel Road with railroad and this is an amendment to the agreement which changes size of plank run based upon comments from the railroad and modification to the plans accordingly. Vote: unanimous.

6. Mayor's Report:

\* Human Services Director's position is vacant as of September 1st; position posted; mayor's office responsible for clinics/workshops until position is filled. It may be as early as end of this week per diem until filled on permanent basis.

\* Back Tax Collections – Tax Collector; Mayor's office (Admin. Assistant) and Town Attorney continue to collect back taxes; closure on tax sale properties. Mayor Festa stated he applauds each and every one doing excellent job in making back tax collections possible.

\* Grants - Mayor's office, Town Planner (Khara Dodds) and Public Works Director (Tony Lorenzetti) are working on a grant application for Brownfield's money (\$200,000) for remediation of Waterwheel site. Have had help from Art Bogan to move forward.

\* Historic Properties Commission moving forward to begin Phase One development of Waterwheel Park project; meeting with DEP regarding site issues and will be coming down to look at monitoring well and look at surrounding properties for advice and direction. We cannot do anything with property until receive clearance by DEP.

\* Fall Mountain Water Project will be completed shortly and very positive reports from people up there and thank Public Works for job well done; Landfill closure is moving forward as

scheduled.

\*Stimulus grants (2) for the Police Department have been awarded; other grant applications have been submitted for consideration.

\* State has adopted its budget; Dave Bertnagel stated last night met and approved a democratic majority budget. As of now municipalities, Town of Plymouth, will be fine; grants stay the same as last year and same for 2010-2011. It is on the Governor's desk and has options to veto, not sign, sign. Most people believe it will pass as is. Councilwoman Jandreau stated on news the Governor will not sign but let pass.

\* USDA Compliance Review (ADA) is scheduled for September 10, 2009; third year review; serious issues to be considered. This is every 3 years sending list of issues to be addressed in order for us to be in compliance here at Town Hall. To date those particular issues have not been addressed completely and looking at quite a bit of money and, in fact, if we had to go forward with those recommendations every doorway in this particular building, and there are about 99 doorways he is told, have to be reconstructed to allow wheelchair and every door knob changed as well; exterior ramp replaced, sidewalks replaced, painting of handicap areas of parking have to be taken care of, tactile signs have to be done. We are in the process of doing the painting, taking care of tactile signs and there is a great issue relative to compliance relative to ability to enter building from upper and lower level relative to the sensibility for handicap people which is giving consideration to the issue of elevator or something of that light for the purpose of getting into compliance with that. One of the things we will be addressing with the compliance review individual is to allow that person an opportunity to know we are making attempts to do this to come forward with either renovations or an addition to this building and we do not like to spend good money after bad so we are going to be sitting with this individual and going through in depth studies of what has been taking place so far. There are about 6.5 pages of compliance issues that have to be addressed and it will be very costly to take care of in matter of review and compliance. Will let you know information on that as soon as we meet with the individual coming from USDA.

\* Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Annual Light the Night Walk – if interested in participating have schedule of events to do that in other parts of the State in packet and looking to bring broader attention to leukemia and lymphoma and apparently there has been an increase in leukemia especially in young children.

\* Refunding of Bonds; savings of \$926,000 in interest to the Town. Dave Bertnagel will explain further and believe he deserves the credit for movement forward on refunding issue. Dave Bertnagel stated last month Council authorized reissuance of debt and took advantage, noting in audit book page 39-40 explains long term debt obligations. He refinanced bonds between 4-5% in some instances and refinance high 2's and mid 3 range for those bonds resulting in savings over course of 20 years of approximately \$939,000 which is very significant. Structure is so that you will see reduction in debt service throughout the next couple of years for interest payments and in package.

## 7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

a. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, (a) two questions on things from report, what are two grants from police that were awarded, and number 2, looking at savings. Councilwoman Jandreau stated this is on non agenda items and these are on agenda. Mayor Festa stated he will address items. (b) Refunding of bonds, savings of \$926,000 but when go down list notice in

parenthesis some numbers which is deficit, years of complete rebonding, is that costing us more now or is that, looking and see as minute. Dave Bertnagel stated that is cash flow savings and are saving that and when in negative you are paying less and equalization of debt going out. (c) Explain, Mayor, more on stimulus grants and what being used for. Mayor Festa stated one grant will be used for, two types under stimulus, one is JAG and one is Byrne's and one will do computerization of vehicles to do reports at site of incident/accident and more time on road vs. coming back to department to sit and do reports. Second one has to do with safety and welfare and will find out when details come in and will report at next meeting.

## 8. Appointments/Resignations

a. To accept the resignation of Thomas Wollenberg from the Police Commission

**MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Thomas Wollenberg from the Police Commission by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated she is sorry to see Tom leave and know he has good reasons and wherever he served, either on Parks and Recreation he has done a good job and welfare of town first on his mind and hate to see him leave and accept that with regret. Mayor Festa stated he spoke to Tom and as pointed out, he does have other obligations at this point in time he is welcome to apply for anything in the future that may become available and he is interested in. Vote: Unanimous.

9. Take Action To Refund Property Taxes: John/Robin Rondo, \$31.54; Keith Rondal, \$22.01; Shanice Rodriguez, \$27.81; C&G Hydraulics, Inc, \$19.00; Rebecca J. Silkoff, \$42.77; Michael P. Colasanto, \$13.51; Honda Lease Trust, \$49.27, \$106.71; DCFS, \$280.83

**MOTION:** To refund property taxes to John/Robin Rondo, \$31.54; Keith Rondal, \$22.01; Shanice Rodriguez, \$27.81; C&G Hydraulics, Inc, \$19.00; Rebecca J. Silkoff, \$42.77; Michael P. Colasanto, \$13.51; Honda Lease Trust, \$49.27, \$106.71; DCFS, \$280.83 by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilwoman Denski and the vote unanimous,

10. To Take Action to Approve the contract between the Town and Milone & MacBroom for Route Six – Mayor Festa stated this is a Streetscape issue relative to STEAP grant. Packet relative to contract and something that is perfunctory relative to the issues about streetscape.

**MOTION:** To accept and allow the Mayor to enter into the Agreement by Councilwoman Jandreau; second Councilman Gianesini. Discussion: none. Vote unanimous.

11. To Discuss and Take Action On The Recommendations of the Capital Improvements Committee

Mayor Festa called the Capital Improvements Committee Chairman to the microphone, Rodney Houle, and thanked he and members of the Committee for the job they are doing and wonderful to see a Committee in action and taking hold of responsibility of the Town to move forward and number of hours work and applaud. Rodney Houle, 16 Frankie Lane, Chairman of Capital Improvement Committee (CIC), stated have been meeting for years; go over what trying to do

and what hope the town will do and when he is through will ask somebody to come up and explain another phase. One of the primary responsibilities of local government officials is to preserve, maintain and improve the community. Planning for capital improvements is a matter of prudent financial management as well as sound development practice. The capital improvement program for the Town of Plymouth is a community plan for a short and long range physical development. This intent to limit community comprehensive plan with a fiscal plan and provide mechanisms for estimating capital requirements, planning, prioritization, scheduling and implementation of projects, developing revenue policy for proposed improvement, developing high priority projects and keeping the public informed. The CIC a couple of years ago sent a letter to every town department requesting what are your capital needs and got a lot of letters returned from each department. They got letters from them, looked at them and then asked for interviews from every department in town which was granted so that they could ask their questions pertinent to making their decisions. We did establish a priority list and did it in three categories from the most important to second to third. What should be done, has been done yesterday, what should be done tomorrow and what would be nice to be done if we had the funding available. We did include the Comptroller who came in and we requested information on where are the monies that we could hope for in rebuilding our town, what bonding is available and the like. The Comptroller had a list available to them and will speak to put it into English so that we can all understand how it will happen. Tonight he hopes we are starting to rebuild the Town of Plymouth and that hasn't taken place in a long time. A lot of work needs to be done in Town, there is a lot of buildings and a lot of things happening that are just falling apart, too small, leaking or just plain dangerous. Every part of the town will move forward and everybody in town benefits from what proposing to the Council tonight. We have a Capital Projects plan and a schedule of projects and improvements that that town has on many town owned properties. This bonding package, at the beginning of it, they had to do it in three phases, to start with looking in the vicinity of \$17.86 million and spread over 5 years without increase in taxes. Taxes are not going to go up and this is truly amazing how this is all being brought about. Public safety is a priority to us i.e. fire stations are all too small, expansion for town hall including an expansion for the police department. The police facilities are very, way too antiquated. As he has stated a number of times, the day of the town hall, the police department in town basement has gone out. It went out in the seventies, we still have it. They have no room and need three times the amount of room. We are going to be proposing a large addition onto the town hall and it will satisfy the needs of the seniors, and we are going to add to their facilities, we are also going to make this building user friendly so when you walk into the building you are going to walk into an area where you are not going to be confused and somebody is going to help you and get the job done so you don't spend hours and you hit your head against the wall like we all do and hopefully that will come to an end. We are looking school improvements, library expansion improvements. The Public Works Engineer has also by the way, he has been instrumental in this, presented about 95 different improvements to the town such as roads, sidewalks, waterways from flooding, dams, bridges, also a new town garage and salt barn which we will get more into. The town garage is falling apart. Some of our large trucks and vehicles are sitting outside and unacceptable. Especially people going to work in a dangerous building. This building needs to be brought up to code, it is horrible, it is not an emergency building, there is not even a shower in this building, it is ridiculous. We need a salt barn, why. A number of months ago the town Engineer could have gotten salt at a very good price but could not do it, cannot keep it outside. A lot of things needs to be done and some of these

proposed projects qualify for grants or partial reimbursement from the State and we have people in place who hopefully are going to be involved in that. CIC will oversee that once this is approved. This goes to Council tonight, then for approval to the BOF, and back to Council for public meeting and back to them. There is another committee, Municipal Facilities Committee who he also happens to be Chair, and hope to bring the Town up and bring it into the 21st century so when people drive through the Town they will feel proud this is their town. We are going to start building, rebuilding this town which it needs. We will oversee the construction, we will maintain all that is going on in CIC. We meet every month. Municipal Facilities will be involved, for example we are going to have a building committee within, a project committee, a feasibility committee within. They have a list of all properties owned by the town, looking at that list and what want to do is make some of those properties available for sale and why keep if we cannot use, some are this big, some we will keep for endeavors we plan on doing and also bring revenue in to this town or use it for what we need to do. Have been on Committee as Chair, Lani Johnson, Bob Green, Matt Tellier and all working diligent together. The Comptroller, Dave Bertnagel, has been there from the last year on every step of the way; the Town Engineer comes to every meeting and we need expertise at every angle we can possible have; our liaison to the BOF, Victoria Carey, she gives up her time so that we have everything we hope that we can use. The Mayor gets involved and concerned with what we need, he has ideas, very good ideas, we are using them and also our liaison to the Town Council, Mr. David Sekorski. Those people have been getting together and trying to do as much as we possibly can. We have a list, our first phase of what doing comes to under \$18 million and Dave will explain. Every department will benefit from this; need better police facilities, need better fire station because of size of apparatus in them, library, etc. Dave Bertnagel, Comptroller, stated Vicky Carey has been assisting in bringing operational capital plan and long term infrastructure as a whole; CIC has done a phenomenal job in regards to their role and responsibilities and at point where have gone through all projects and found projects that need to move forward and prioritized. List approved by CIC will be expanded in further detail as go along; reviewed noting \$17.9 million package and total cost of one bond package, net grants, donations, contributions and other items currently processed and do have grant applications out for Seymour Road and Lake Winfield and if get those grants the borrowing would be less. The CIC plan, long range vision of the community started at \$50-\$60 million worth of projects, some redundant, some duplicate, went through projects and brought down and this will address issues; firm numbers, studies included in this, finding out locations to do and what to move forward with. Other areas were consolidation efforts and looked at every possible way to save money such as senior center, police department and town hall. We knew all three of those needed to be addressed and putting into one facility would save money, operation costs as well as construction costs alone. Project itself is very well developed. Financing plan, have first year is the first bond issue of recommendation which will be \$17.9 million then obviously after the study came in there will be potentially another couple years down the road another recommendation based upon whatever comes in with firm numbers. Going forward have financing plan in place which BOF wrote up and there are policies that will go along with entire bonding package. What we are looking to do is level debt service. For the most part right now our debt service is \$3.3 – 3.4 million per year and in 2012 drops down to \$1.8 million per year cost to town. We will level off at number we chose, say 3.1 or whatever number it would come to a level and we would budget permanently going out for the next 20 years. Money would go in escrow to pay for future debt service piece. Based upon his analysis of it and have a couple of other people doing an analysis to verify

numbers, there would be no increase in taxes at this point in time for debt service; increases would only be operational. Councilwoman Denski (a) estimate of increase might be for operating costs; Dave Bertnagel stated any year and department can request percentage of increase; operational is for regular town services. (b) Did you come up with \$17 million as a budget or what this came to? Dave Bertnagel stated \$17 million, a floating target and have gone between 16 million to as high as 21 million for different projects and as pared away and put together this fits comfortable with projects that can be done at this time; a lot of work will be done and everyone will benefit. Councilwoman Jandreau (a) clarify these are priority projects but there are a lot of other projects. Dave Bertnagel responded most definitely. Chairman Houle stated this is the beginning and have more but to get started this is it. Buildings have to be done with architectural engineering costs that is what a lot of this is and one example if want to replace Fall Mountain and Plymouth firehouses, will put one identical building in both places saving architectural costs; need to determine how one department can help another and looking at properties for what we want to do for construction. (b) This is not the end, this is the beginning and there is other work to be done. Rodney Houle stated the biggest is town hall but there are other concerns; every department the town will benefit. Some needs were not placed on list because they are part of yearly budget. Councilman Giancesini stated to reflect when look i.e. strategic and tactical and when budget for heat and air conditioning, also mentioned cost for sand/salt and if had storage shed and know Ralph Zimbouski had purchased building material and planned to build one and it did not take place but you can go with another town to purchase materials and save; say for windows at Fisher School and as recall a part of Fisher is heated electrically and don't know if still the same or not; the fact remains that windows at old high school, the air handlers at the library, came up when he was on BOF and control where heated or cooled air and company who made air handler is out of business and no replacement parts and have to be hand refurbished by one particular individual. The point to be made is when you spend the money up front to make more efficient then each year less money comes out of town budget because you are not paying for the heat or the electricity for the air conditioning or the high cost because buying in small quantities. For example, it is 80 years old now, the Empire State building has gone to energy refurbishment where they are going to triple insulate windows and changing air handling system and estimate save \$4.5 million in energy costs every year. The principals like savings in energy can be applied and will also reap benefits. The other thing for safety, like Tony Lorenzetti obviously knows and he took tour when on BOF of Highway Garage, that equipment cannot fit in and furnaces in there from 1950's and actually a dangerous place; the roof had mold in it, insulation falling down, the other point in the diesel exhaust systems in fire house where it allows them to work on trucks in the winter time, the diesel fumes that come out and produces carbon monoxide; diesel fuel when burned creates soot material and carcinogenic and about time we do this to protect volunteers. This is a great thing and like if have home equity line of credit there are things require large expenditures of money that you cannot promote based on annual salary and you take out home equity loan and as you pay down during the course of loan you may have kid to college and if use wisely you can improve property and standard of living of family; very well thought out. These cannot be supported on annual budget. About time we had well balanced plan and wise to have support of all different players and departments to get on board to know concerns and understand what will happen and how. Great job. Councilman Sekorski stated (a) we had drafted the policy declaration concerning our debt service a few months ago and explained what level debt servicing is all about, and did that come to Council. Dave Bertnagel stated it will come within next month. (b)

Critical piece of this and absolutely support it without reservation and two critical pieces to be explained to the public and one is what are we going to do with these numbers and some are like seed money because it costs a fortune to get studies done in a lot of cases and not in all instances does this money go to build the physical money and the other thing is, in laymen's terms, the best we can do to produce a document or policy that explains that level debt servicing so people understand why we can propose an expenditure like this but not increase our mill rate. To get policy in front of us we can get that endorsed and get footing we need to support this further and bring to our townspeople. Rodney Houle stated now is the time to build and get more done and get more for our dollar. Mayor Festa thanked the CIC.

**MOTION:** To endorse the Capital Improvement Committees recommendation for a bonding package and move it to the Board of Finance by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilwoman Denski. Discussion: Councilwoman Jandreau stated thank you to all people involved and they worked very hard and we appreciate what you have done and this is an awesome package and am sure it will be available to anyone who wants to see it and copies can be made. And thanked everyone who had anything to do with this and about time. Vote: unanimous.

#### 12. To Discuss and Set A Date For Public Hearing on Status Of Proposals For Prospect Street/Main Street

Mayor Festa stated Rodney Houle, Chairman, and Facilities Committee did go through bid process and had several inquiries relative to Prospect Street School (3) and Main Street School (4) and received one bid for PSS and allowed the Chair to open and here to discuss aspects, review date he is meeting with the Facilities Committee and then set date for public hearing. Rodney Houle stated he is Chairman of the Facilities Committee with 14 individuals, 10 from various boards and commissions in town, and people from public, the Reverend from Plymouth Congregational Church and citizens. Their charge was, one, what would be recommended to go forward with vacant schools, Main Street School and Prospect Street School. The Committee did field work, looked at buildings, held discussions and brought to the decision majority of Committee who voted to sell and get revenue for MSS and unanimous on Committee to try to do the same for PSS. As the Mayor stated, informed have had different groups look at facilities but got only one bid for PSS. What wanted for PSS, proposing, to use as active adult community and maintain historical character of facility, façade and the field that adjoins it. Proposed offer of \$125,000 to maintain façade, adult active community and while in construction the town can use field for as long as practical until take over. Recommendation by engineering firm that the town will receive about \$76,000 in taxes per year. Next step is to have to his Committee and will approve this, do investigation of group that they can do what they say they can do and then to public hearing. Mayor Festa stated they meet the 14th and a date for a public hearing needs to be set and will have bidder make presentation for clear understanding of situation and details of what presented.

**MOTION:** To set the date for the public hearing on Monday, September 21st at 7 pm in the Community Room of town hall for hearing the bidder for Prospect Street School purchase by Councilman Sekorski, second Councilwoman Jandreau. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

#### 13. To Discuss and Take Action on License Agreement

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Jandreau motioned and read into record in form of a Resolution “First Amendment to License Agreement made in duplicate this First day of September, 2009 by and between the Boston and Maine Corporation (“Licensor”) and Town of Plymouth, Connecticut (“Licensee”) concerning a certain License Agreement between them dated as of June 15, 2007 (“Agreement”) in respect to a 18” diameter PVC drain line located in Plymouth, Connecticut (“Premises”). WHEREAS, the Licensee still desires to use the Premises and the Licensor still desires to allow the use of the Premises by the Licensee, but only upon the terms and conditions herein specified. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises set forth in this Agreement, and any other additional consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which both parties acknowledge, the License and Licensor agree to amend the Agreement as follows: 1. The Appurtenance as defined in section 1(D) of the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows a one (1) 18” diameter PVC drain line. 2. All of the other terms, covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain in effect. Second by Councilman Giancesini. Discussion: Tony Lorenzetti stated drainage from former landfill site runs along railroad tracks and this requires small pipe to go in and reason for change. Roll call vote: Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilwoman Jandreau, yes; Councilman Giancesini, yes; Councilwoman Denski, yes. Mayor Festa stated the Resolution passed.

#### 14. Council Liaison Reports

- a. Councilwoman Denski – no Parks & Recreation or Library board meetings in August; Board of Education meeting, water break at PCS over summer and fixed and 2008-2009 report will be forwarded to BOF and budget balanced for 08-09;
- b. Councilman Giancesini – Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning did not meet in August; WPCA, collection rates improved considerably through same effort being put in, denitrification capacity is in hands of State as part of stimulus project; School Building voted to approve the bid which was done by Council for sidewalk and tentative one for track.
- c. Councilwoman Jandreau – Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetlands did not meet; ZBA met and granted two appeals; Fire Commission did not meet; Housing Authority need to fill vacant apartments; Public Works report read into record; Highway Superintendent report read into record.
- d. Councilman Sekorski attended Capital Improvement and heard earlier.

#### 15. Public Comments

- a. Martin Sandshaw, 7 Richmond Drive, Plymouth – item 11 in total agreement with what CIC recommending, long overdue and only question is how are we going to maintain these facilities once built. Tony is always under the gun to put on roof or replace a window or stop a leak and good at building buildings and getting money to do that and long overdue but we have to look at maintenance of building once built. We build and do not do anything with them and they will fall apart in twenty years.
- b. Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, was not going to comment on item 11 but follow up; if he understands project list proposing for this for \$17.9 million investment it will be to renovate and reconstruct facility and infrastructure to be more energy efficient, more durable and require less maintenance. Thank Chairman Houle and Municipal Facility Committee, as he has never heard this type of coordinated effort before; for members of long time residents, we use to undertake capital

improvements on haphazard and catch as can basis, if we need new fire truck and not had plan and usually the squeaky wheel that got attention and was greased; no advocate for buildings; we spent \$90,000 to fix hole in library roof and should have cost \$5-\$10,000 if had done it when timing was prudent; goal we have; you have to look at finances behind bonding. Bonds we issue for long term capital improvement, 20 year amortization period; lowest interest rates in 50 years. Now Federal Reserve lends money at zero percent. Prime rate below 4%. Six months ago the Comptroller issued bonds for school project at 1.8% which is below rate of inflation. This is golden opportunity that only comes once in a lifetime. We are paying off sewer treatment, school bond on PCS, pump station and ambulance corp buildings. If you don't make investment in infrastructure, equipment, etc and wait until break down you pay more. Caution, in order to have level debt service Dave is talking about will be in writing and have force of law and need to make sure it is very clear in bond resolution what we are doing today. We want constant debt service and no impact on mill rate.

- c. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street (a) listen to this and things need to think about. Losing Iseli's, 63 more employees. losing more machines, again the tax goes back on to the taxpayers, the homeowners; how many people have homes foreclosed and how many go toward charge and house not worth value they were. You need to think of because these are people losing houses because cannot afford taxes; not only mortgage income is going down, not up. Today that is interest rate but in a year to two you can be paying 7 and nobody knows what interest rate is. To sit here and say it will not cost anything. We had school built and were suppose to renovate and Fisher was suppose to be renovated and not done because had to move the kitchen. You cannot turn around and say this is not gong to cost anything. Look at budgets, the cost of these schools go up every year, just the building, not teachers raises. And to say this will bring down is not going to happen. Another, the full bonding package for the school is not completed yet. Dave Bertnagel stated now is short term but once reimbursement comes in we will know final numbers and will then be long term and when get bonding rate. (b) We do not know even know what this is yet. Center of town we have nothing and not because people have not tried to give; go up Main Street and whole thing is blight. These buildings are run down. Cannot afford to keep this up. We have to first fix what we have not add all these buildings. Need to figure ways to cut corners. When fire department came to BOF, all they wanted was to do feasibility study for future for all fire departments and all of a sudden we need three immediately. This town cannot afford 3 new fire houses. Prioritize. That was discussed when they came through with list. Sometimes you can add on, raise roofs and that would save money.
- d. Vicky Carey, 665 Greystone Road, Plymouth – also member of BOF and liaison to CIC. This Committee started quite a few years ago and worked diligently and have excellent start and hitting tip of iceberg. On BOF 18 years and tried in capital improvements to add different things and need. Worked down in different areas of town and only putting band aid on things that need to be fixed. When came time to do budget had special interest groups or special referendum that would boost taxes and could not take care of buildings. Have tried with capital

budget to squeeze in a few dollars and could not do that. What have now for road maintenance is a drop in budget. If can get phased in the way Capital Improvement has it, we can get roads done, get drainage done and instead of band aids can attach and fix problem permanently. Library roof kept coming back and a lot of work to be done there; areas in town hall only band aids and need to fix properly. For Rodney, his Commission has mixture of young professionals, enthusiastic, conservative and sensitive to taxes. They live here and sensitive to town needs and they do have a drive to keep town moving forward. Can do this with BOF making sure we do through policy doing level debt service. First time in 18 years this town can move forward, start fixing and we can be proud of town and keeping debt service low.

#### 16. Council Comments

- a. Councilwoman Jandreau – wish LeeAnn, Human Services Director, well in new position and thank for all work done; has served us well and worked with seniors to keep things moving. Thank you very much.
- b. Councilman Gianesini - attend senior meetings regularly and would not lie to say people worship her for all she has done and looks forward to things she does and hopefully we can find somebody who cares. That woman cares about what she did. Need person to service seniors. Agree with Marty Sandshaw and noted disappointment year after year to cut out maintenance from budget; toured with Dan Murray and saw highway garage and appalled at mold hanging down, etc. code violations and symptom. Also in school budget you would see emergency repairs because they never put enough money in budget because budget gets cut; only people steadfast were firemen. This is symptom we have had. Maintaining, if you have well constructed buildings and save on other items, there will be a little bit of money. Opportunity to do nothing, people move to this town and look at hospital facilities, schools and we have obligation to provide best services we can and we have to move forward. Look to the future as business and people will not move into a town that is dying.
- c. Councilwoman Denski - agree with Peter; from what learned over past two years, she has learned to trust the Comptroller and BOF who have not steered us wrong. Regarding PSS, does anyone know acreage on that because sale figure is on property. Leukemia, and no date in paperwork Mayor Festa stated several dates, read into record.
- d. Councilman Gianesini – look at PSS property and very nostalgic, you have masonry building with land around it and not too many options and key is whatever you do and how much you get is how much tax revenue that will bring in the future. We have very few options to get anything out of that school.
- e. Mayor Festa thanked Marty for issue on maintenance and report relative to that none of us will be around for extended period of time. Pooling of resource and consolidation of services and look at where we are and what we can be doing is to be efficient with personnel and monies spend. Bidding process and proposal and if put out to bid and not done in past and save money by going out to

bid. Number of things to look at. Expenditure side of things, examples given. We can find money to do maintenance when get through with bidding on bond proposal and we will keep having back taxes collected and if keep going there is money coming in to offset maintenance issues; ideas reviewed to pool resources and minds. When look at issues, it is what is required and responsible on part of elders to leave something behind for younger generations. This town has not grown or prospered and issues need to be looked at. We have pride and faith in this community and will prosper and grow. Thanks all volunteers who have come forward to give time and energy to make sure this town grows and prospers. Thank Bill Hamzy on efforts relative to Iseli's and has made contact with headquarters. Also, Terryville Fair and sorry to see rain. All realized significance of Sunday sunshine and crowds that came to help bail out Terryville Fair. Two special events occurred at opening ceremonies and proclamation given to Fran Scott for ten consecutive years for being president of that organization and need to be recognized and well deserved. Also, had Katy Gudeczauskas, Leo president this past year at THS, nominated and recognized by Lions International as Leo of the Year and one of 8 throughout the United States recognized for leadership and academics and one of 81 throughout world to receive this accolade. Wish her a great deal of success and congratulations.

#### 17. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Gudeczauskas, Clerk of the Council