

1. The Plymouth Town Council Public Hearing was called to order on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Plymouth Town Hall Community Room by Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr. Members in attendance: Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini, Councilwoman Jeanine Jandreau, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Councilman Dave Sekorski, Mayor Festa. Also present, Robin Gudeczauskas, Clerk of the Council.
2. Fire Exit Notification
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. To Allow For Public Input On The Draft Report As Presented By The Ad Hoc Blight Committee

Mayor Festa stated extra copies of the “Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement” are available. Members of the Ad Hoc Blight Committee are present and introduced Barbara McClellan, Chairman of the committee, to give a presentation of the work of the committee. Barbara McClellan, 5 Club Lane, reviewed ordinance as it stands and found in basic ordinance nothing glaring or bad but that enforcement of the ordinance was almost impossible and briefly reviewed changes. Page 3, State of Disrepair or becoming dilapidated”, end of the first sentence changed from “two or more” to “one or more of the following conditions”, conditions read into record noting #7 “one or more inoperative” changed from “two or more”; page 5, section 7-67, “The violation of this provision shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. Each day any violation of this provision continues shall constitute a separate offense for up to a total of forty (40) days and/or a maximum fine of one-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.” Page 7, section 7-70, looked over other towns and talked to people from different towns to decide what is best for our town and created a “Code Enforcement Committee”, modeled after Bristol but modeled for Terryville/ Plymouth. This committee will consist of the mayor or designee, chief of police or designee, and the director of health, fire marshal, director of public works and chief building official, or designees, and three town electors appointed by the mayor. Review of responsibilities to get together monthly, look over blighted situations and bring own expertise and can go to the property and stated by having more eyes and expertise and by people advocating we can get maximum results. Rather than blight ordinance decided to change to “Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement” which is more appropriate because blight people go to worse case scenario. Mayor Festa opened the discussion to the public for comments or questions.

- a. Robert Ives, 121 Allen Street, Terryville – think idea of enforcement commission is definitely needed and great idea; concern with reference to laws that may override or higher standard. Concern this allows committee to be strict to the letter or is there room for leniency for adverse conditions beyond property owner situation. He noted a few situations with unregistered vehicles and several people in town who work on collector autos or antiques. Will they have to get garaged or subject of fine; noting some cars in better shape than we drive. Questioned 40 days and at what point does fine start to be applied to property owner, when first discover, when start. Barbara McClellan responded you would be issued citation and have so many days to correct and no fine; after that is a fine and again you have right to appeal. Ordinance states 60 days to correct situation.

- b. Joe Hooper , Todd Hollow Road, you have 60 days to get property cleaned up but what if the owner does not make it in 60 days but made great headway, extension? Mr. Hooper stated he might be the guy for the committee as who knows better than him of problems. He is the guy who caught fire bombing and gets involved in neighborhood and has ideas on how to help people. If someone has a picket fence broken then a volunteer can get in to help fix. There are a lot of people that can help one another and best bet. Don Souza, committee member, responded that is why they have a committee set up with 3 different people from outside for input with any problems within, would meet and if person has problem and this would be settled and need more time or need help from organization and where this would come in from. Include volunteers who could help as well. An extension would come from committee and board of appeal.
- c. Bill Hubbard, 15 Leslie Street, sitting in on committee and knew some questions would come up and sincerely can say everyone on committee was focused directly on issues that the public is hearing and will hear more about where property owners need things done and need things fixed, maybe low in funds, elderly and cannot do, disabled and cannot do. Proud to sit on committee and main focus throughout every meeting that there would be ways set aside to help people overcome problems they have run into. Nobody is out to put hammer down; ordinance is designed and picked through carefully and very much for concern of citizens and property rights.
- d. Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, stated a fabulous job as the previous ordinance was unenforceable and this has enforcement mechanism. There is nothing in ordinance that prevents or precludes the fire marshal or building inspector from condemning property under normal statues where in case have property structurally unsound and about to fall or creating imminent fire hazard. High standard 7-63 brings issue where we currently have properties structurally unsound and have not acted on them; basically 7-63 does not relieve fire marshal or building inspector of statutory responsibility to condemn structurally unsound house and thinking of arson structure at top of Town Hill Road, old farmhouse, half burnt, unsound, children could go in and get hurt, yet building official has not condemned and not demolished. If ordinance goes through, that and a few others would be at top of list. Whether or not passes it still does not relieve building official from doing job and demolish. Need to find money to do so. Section on placing of liens and assessments in code enforcement, page 8, 7-71 goes through appeals and expenses in foreclosure; sub paragraph c “read into record” and at that point if property already in foreclosure with bank we have same situation we have with tax collector and BOF trying to get delinquent properties off books. We will have to put money in the budget and take upon ourselves to implement plan of abatement; and for those fixable we will, if owner cannot or unable or unwilling, step in and do it. If we go forward if public comment is favorable and Council feels enforceable we need to add line item to coming budget or make special appropriation to put money into abatement account so if going to do repairs and then put lien on property we will have funding to do so. If find not repairable and demolish then in situation like with old apartment house and demolish and vacant lot, the assessment value is much less. One concern is potential loophole and

from perspective of negligent property owner who received citations and made no effort to clean up property, do you go to housing board of appeals and at top of pg 7, sub paragraph c read into record, stating need to define financial hardship because everyone will claim, we have 10% unemployment or gone through divorce, death in family, etc. we face with people 5, 10, 15 years delinquent on taxes. Barbara McClellan noted because someone may have financial hardship does not mean you don't have responsibility to clean up and may look for town organizations, boy scouts, girls scouts who do community service. Intent is to give more time. Ralph Zovich suggested clearer wording. Mayor Festa clarified Town Hill situation is under state auspices and until the state allows us to move forward our hands are tied and legal issue between state and previous owners. Councilwoman Schenkel commented on housing foreclosed and aware of federal statute for banks to notify town hall that they have taken possession by initiating foreclosure and up to them to have remediation done and the town can fine them just like a citizen if the bank is not taking care of it.

- e. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street – heard on abandoned, if living out of state and what if someone is in Florida for six months, their property is not abandoned and have dual residencies. Say you blight it and they are there how do you notify them and say that is abandoned. Learned something doing research, you can give the 45 and 180 days but before you can go in and take action it must go to court. A judge has to order. This blight committee is not a judge and jury. Another suggestion, the money gained from blight can only be used for blight so people that are in a financial hardship should be just as eligible for that as the town to clean up their property. The waterwheel is a good example of a blighted piece of property. So the money they get for here, does that clean that up. The town is not above everyone else in this town. If there is somebody with a financial hardship, the money in blight fund can only be used to repair blight, so that money should be able to be used for somebody in financial hardship and something else that should be put in here in order to make it be fair and equitable. Lot of concerns with this, one declaration of policy says one thing, the declaration of purpose says another and if read through these are not minimum standards they are maximum standards. Yet the declaration of purpose is by establishing minimum standards governing the maintenance, appearance and condition of residential and nonresidential premises. Reading article in Waterbury Republican, excuse me if I don't remember the road, but it was Grymkowski or something like that, and that is beyond a blight; that is a health issue. If they have rodents and rats and stench is bad, it is beyond blight and it means that our health department has been remiss on getting that area/road cleaned up. It said in the paper the building inspector had gone out there; if a man is living in his car and the house is uninhabitable and rats there, is that blight or a health and safety issue? Under state laws, under health and safety, that could be taken care of. If our town sanitarian cannot handle it then you need to go to the state. There are laws against having rats and that is endangering every neighbor. Some of the rules here and as read through and look at 7-63, higher standard to prevail in case of conflict with other laws or ordinance preempted by state, that is in direct opposition of by establishing minimum standards governing the maintenance, appearance and condition of

residential and nonresidential premises. Now you have two different sides, which is it, which rule are you going by. Disagree also as an insurance company can take up to 6 years to settle a fire, if house blown up, they can take up to six years or 180 days. What do you do with that. That is maximum you are giving yet court of law it can go in court for 6 years. Years ago had fire and lived in the hotel for 3 of 6 years while fighting insurance company and not living in house. Then moved up to friends and finally able to get a trailer on property. It took them not her time to settle, in middle but mediation is was 5.5 years by time commission of insurance ordered mediations. In between had gone through everything and that weekend had malfunction on furnace and then bursting pipes and flooded house. It took another 8 months to settle that which again is over the 180 days. Think there needs to be something that if in litigation with an insurance company the courts do not move the fastest and if it is in court you should not be able to go in and knock down someone's home and important to turn around and make sure clauses in this to protect the people and their rights. Parts of this believe quoted by mayor in paper, somebody can paint house orange and nothing neighbors could do because color person wanted, look at this and it could be that committee that did not like that color or felt eyesore and could be put on blight list. There are not exceptions in this. Another thing at last meeting, feel there should be a clause in here, the first time we had ordinance copied Waterbury; Waterbury was illegal and it cost money to get an attorney to fight it and find out; now assuming Bristol's is legal. If Bristol is not legal where does it leave thing. There should be clause if the state deems parts of this illegal it must be immediately reopened and changed. Does she like it, no. Ralph said something about if someone laid off can define as hardship and may because may have children in home and living on \$400 and feel blight money in separate account to help people. Or 89 year old woman on Main Street with shed with hole on roof and not wherewithal to fix and this is where money should be used; not just for blight. Tend to disagree on Main Street on waterwheel property. There was box company in Bristol whose property is contaminated and has kept cleaned and maintained and now they just got money for Brownfield's for contamination. What makes Plymouth any different than H&R box company. You say you cannot cut down because of contamination; you are cutting down weeds not taking soil out. Until corrected and town has their own blight in order otherwise they should set example and be on blight list. Mayor Festa stated for clarification, does not believe this committee is being established for the purpose of saying to someone we do not like color of your house and therefore you have to repaint it. This blight ordinance was set up for the health and safety of community as a whole. There is nothing in any particular law whether it be state, local or national that constitutes anyone taking the rights of any individual away from them. If you have a living style there is nothing we can no matter what we put down on paper in words that can force us to force someone to have a different lifestyle than what they are accustomed to or the way they want to live. There are certain standards that have to be followed, the town sanitarian has been out to properties, other than the one you described in the newspaper, and the conditions are such that they meet the standards of the state, fire code, and state health codes. So there is nothing that you can do but try

to work with the individuals to help relieve the problems that are in existence. If there is running water, a bathroom that is workable, if there is heat in the house regardless of how the people live in those houses, are none of our concern. They meet the standards by which the state says they are allowed to live in those conditions. More importantly relative to the box company and the waterwheel project, there are different contaminants within the soil, the roots of the plants and the vegetation on those particular pieces of soil have become sustenic. That means that they absorb the contaminants up through the roots and into the plants and vegetation themselves. The Town of Plymouth, and do not know anything about the box company in Bristol, but do know that the Town of Plymouth was under order by DEP and EPA not to touch those things until such time as the monitoring wells had been adjusted and looked at over a period of time to make sure that the contaminants aren't something that could cause a major problem in this community. Whoever went out and cut that vegetation down was absolutely wrong in doing so. Number one, was trespassing on private property because we did not own the property. We do not own all that property around the waterwheel and number 2, we are following the direct guidelines of the state and federal level so that we are not in violation or breaking the law. It would be the worst thing in the world for the Town of Plymouth to decide that it would break any law of this land simply because they want to have some aesthetics on that property. We are moving forward in a very controlled and a very concise manner. We have made an application for a grant that picks up the Brownfield's' in that area and are moving forward tomorrow to start looking at companies that are coming in to do the mitigation of that property and we are moving forward to take care of our own blight. But we do have to follow it in a proper and concise manner that is in line with the laws of this land. So as long as I am mayor I will not violate any laws of any land for the purpose of trying to say that we are taking care of our own blight to make ourselves look better than some other community. No two examples, no two situations are exactly the same and until we look at this thing about the box company in Bristol and what their particulars were, compared to our particulars on that waterwheel site, we cannot compare apples to oranges or bananas to grapefruit. We have to compare to what's on paper with what is given to us by the state and federal agencies and to take it upon ourselves to be in violation of the laws that are prescribed to us is outride lunacy. So I stand corrected here relative to the issues that are stated in the paper, relative to anyone that has been put out to this public display by virtue of their name or their address, it is not the intent of any committee nor any individual nor a matter of this town to start citing people in newspaper. The issue at hand is we are looking at health and safety issues in this community. You are absolutely correct when you say rodents. That rodents are a health and safety violation and we learned this a few years back on Pearl Street when we had a house that was contaminated by virtues of the raccoons that lived in there. The rabid raccoons with the fecal droppings that contained a very serious ringworm that caused fatal accident to individuals that came in contact with them. Those are the kinds of things the community needs to look at and go after to make sure they do not affect the rest of community. Children can be playing in a neighborhood and be bitten by a

raccoon and so on and so forth. But to come here and talk about comparisons and talk about people who have been listed in the newspaper and not knowing exactly what their living conditions are, or the affordability of those particular conditions are, and the hardships that they have endured is something that we should not be pointing fingers at without taking care of ourselves first. Stand corrected if anything has gone wrong or set out in the newspaper that is not under his control and apologize to those individuals in this community who have been put to the public display. There is no reason for us to be looking at that when we are looking for is to correct some of the problems. And the problems that he has heard from this committee in the times that they have made presentations is the safety and welfare of this community. And not simply because we are looking to say to somebody we don't like the way you live, we don't like your lifestyle. Well it is too bad we don't like the way they live; that is our opinion and our opinion only. We cannot force our lifestyles upon anybody else and everybody else just because we like something or don't like something. We have to stick to the particulars that are the way in which the laws that guide us and protect us from people who try to impose their will upon us. And with that I will stand on the basis of this particular committee and the work that they have done in that regard. Thank you.

- f. Noel Schenkel, 4 East Orchard – comment about, under vehicles, if campers, old campers, would be listed in there too.
- g. Mr. Ives, question of committee member in reference to what woman said on page 7 section c of 7-69 as way read is an opportunity there perhaps fifth statement could be added so that board of appeals could modify, based on legal issues by insurance companies, banks, etc. it references elderly on fixed income. Think committee should have option if to have either options modify or go forward based legal stand with other entities, banks, insurance companies whatever.
- h. Don Souza, blight committee or code enforcement – everyone seems to be putting emphasis on blight part and would like to see everyone concentrate more on ordinance. Most in blight comes under ordinance and reason why tried to change to ordinance type committee; before it gets to blight situation it should be taken up in committee and through planning and zoning, fire marshal, and corrected before it becomes blight situation and another step of allowing people to go through proper channels before gets to blight section. In doing that it gives more leeway on time to clean up and do whatever need to do on ordinance part before blight situation. It is true the blight housing board of appeals has different situations but most would be corrected before appeals process if committee works way it is suppose to work. Health and safety, committee meeting once a month would present to the committee what is in violation and channel to proper person. Every month will get report and would take to appeal process before everything happens on that end. Part of that is that nothing falls through the cracks. In old ordinance the blight committee never met; all enforcement was on enforcement officer who would give citation and where stopped. It came to housing board of appeals only if person appeal; if person did not appeal fines built up and then built

up \$100,000 worth of fines and nothing done to property and where comes back to enforcement code committee.

- i. Jim Deutsch, 34 Orchard Street – being on town commission, good job. Question on section 7-70, page 7, Code Enforcement Commission – zoning enforce officer is really good, awesome and work with on wetland and planning & zoning enforcement officer and involved with this to some extent and believe on part time and cannot keep up with planning & zoning and inland wetlands, and as peripheral to this ordinance may think about part time person taking this on too. Other thing there will be 3 town electors appointed by mayor. Usually when have appointments to commissions, appointed by council approval and do not know if this should be in here or not. Those 3 people, would there be party affiliations as some commissions only certain amount of democrats, republicans or unaffiliated and not mentioned. 3 people, believe this is permanent or termed position and not anything about what term would be, like charters so many months, different part of town, from same part or representatives from Plymouth, Terryville. Same section read, according to way written there is minimum of 10 people on commission, using word and mayor, chief of police or designee, code enforcement, director of health, because of word and, that is a lot of people. Section 7-62, page 4, applicability, every residential, “and land”, would have said “and/or the land”. Another follow up did not see anything, hope the town is included on this; where confined on waterwheel and understand DEP; not only that piece but other pieces, the town should have their own fair share. The town should be given same weight as residents; everyone is on same level and if exception to that then noted such as DEP issue. Newspaper article in Waterbury 10-15 days ago about new act, neighborhood protection act, read portion into record noting foreclosure pieces. Peripheral to that. Had property on his street foreclosed and had neighbors taking care of it on outside because no one else was doing it. Page 7, 7c, add extra certain exception, #4, “property owner is elderly...” Know in some towns include “disabled”. A lot of information with real property and not defined in ordinance and also other definitions where says defined in section 8-24 and did not see in that section either. To him what is real definition of real property. Litigation is important part and can have disaster in this community and a bunch of people get leveled and could be some litigation on insurance issues and hope there will be some common sense on that. Make sure he understood work and way read is that there is really housing board of appeals and starting another committee and called code enforcement committee and two separate. Reading through this, page 6, top, (a) [read into record] so anybody can file and then says in “b” [read into record]. In “b” does not mention code enforcement committee; gave example if he files complaint against Jacqui it goes to Clarence and he goes out to look at property and says nothing about code enforcement committee. At this point Jacqui gets notice and person grieved has to pay \$25 fee and granted hearing on matter and still says nothing about code enforcement. She is now before committee and your committee can sustain, modify or withdraw based upon definitions. He could withdraw notice or extend that by another 120 days; from time gets notice to fix is 180 days and still says nothing about code enforcement. And part a on how he can file something about

anybody and Clarence's decision if he feels direct or not. Code enforcement committee, mayor appoints code enforcement committee then, page 8 c [first sentence read into record] and a double angle. He can bring before Clarence and anybody on committee can bring to committee. Do not see if building officer will bring up things during meeting. Barbara McClellan, yes. Councilman Ganesini to Jim, he is chair of inland wetlands and as recall as liaison as well as to planning & zoning, often times Dave, enforcement officer, would come before commission and notify them of something of concern on particular property and owner of property is asked to appear at a meeting to explain what is going on. As recall the person is not issued citation or cease and desist until commission review and talks to person and in this case changing so that citation before overall route for them to decide and that could be it would delay process but with all knowledge of individuals. Chances are what comes from decision of group would be more substantial, you would have everybody and the delay might be worth it as far as thoroughness. When talk about blight we are at extremes; once get blight thing going and take care of serious violations it is better for individuals and the way the town handles it. If any offices recommend at meeting there is something wrong to take action on, that person comes in to explain and go from there. You may not need citation but have cooperation where person takes care of it. Jim Deutsch explained how process on wetlands stating tomorrow people will come before commission and some things the commission leaves to the enforcement officer to issue citation because seems cut and dry issue; matter where dicey the commission has ability to go out and look at site if so deem it because need visual of how looks. David will not do anything from wetland unless brings before inland wetlands.

- j. Robert White, looking for help and think have some things to look at especially at high school where need community service to graduate, we do pay for that and maybe it would help.
- k. Joe Hooper, Todd Hollow Road, (a) you are talking about if tear down house or put money in; would person have time or chance to pay town back on monthly value or will they take house or property away. A thought. Mayor Festa responded, from himself speaking, while someone is in dire straits no reasons for anyone to take roof away and feel committee has made provision for hardships; do not think intent of any human being to hurt another for purpose of trying to impose restriction on individual when facing hardship. Do believe there has been some allocation of consideration in framework of ordinance. Barbara McClellan, absolutely. (b) Some people do not qualify for loans. Mayor Festa stated there are some situations where we receive notification on money from the State for purpose of rehabbing homes and people can apply for low interest loans they are able to provide to the town to allow someone for help in fixing up property. It is a matter of making application and meeting qualifications. These programs are for those who face hardships and need assistance. (c) Live in house and rent but owns property surrounding it, need permit to take down but needs money; does not have money or resource but will pull house down. Mayor Festa stated the committee has made the ordinance more user friendly to help people and not hurt. Barbara McClellan stated in code enforcement committee states especially

the Mayor shall assign any town staff deemed appropriate to assist; meaning if you had a problem the mayor has opportunity to call in other people to help you not to bully you.

- l. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street – forgot to mention, where it asked for 3 people they should be separate within town not people from one area sitting on the residents or taxpayers who are sitting on this committee that are citizens. Should be from different areas otherwise bias.
- m. Joe Hooper, volunteer to be one of them as knows can help quite a bit.
- n. Barbara McClellan closing statement – remind everyone that the goal of this committee was to create a working ordinance to promote health, safety of our citizens of our town, neighbors, business and industry and at same time had to respect rights of neighbors, town and environment. Took great deal of time to make sure people get fair, honest and just treatment with ordinance; fines set up to be gentle reminders of infractions not to make the town rich. Appeals process so that every citizen getting fair shake and a lot of people in corner advocating and making sure system works. Committee is the best possible of both worlds. From all the questions, this is why we need all the eyes and need a committee so that minor problems will be fixed and then not have blight and referred to as code enforcement. Blight, old clichés, beauty is in eye of beholder and one mans junk is another mans treasurer. Hope for is that town officials we elected and entrust our town to set up basic rules so we are protected from unsafe, unsanitary, unsightly, and very air we breathe and environment gets protected. Thanks for your attention.

Council comments –

- a. Councilwoman Schenkel - thanks to blight committee and very impressed with how the committee puts residents in forefront and not a punitive ordinance but one in way help everyone in community and create bridging of one hand helping another by process and ability to appeal and time and right approach and commend on work. Regarding section 7-68 comment by Mr. Deutsch on individual bringing a citation, you might want catchall that the building official will bring all citations or reported cases to the code enforcement; that will help with the due process for citizens understanding of how this process works. Thank the mayor and council because we are aware there are town properties that need work and other councils have tried to address but state and DEP issues and bigger than thought it would be. This group that brought forward, willing to submit and do best work and not just to pick on residents but clean town too.
- b. Councilwoman Jandreau – agree with DiAnna. Thank you so much. A lot of hard work with very little pay and appreciate your hard work. Thank you for time and effort
- c. Councilman Gianesini - commend group for something that could be convulsive, like atv, to come with reasonable compromise, and Ralph eluded to important things in enforcement and problem with a lot; saw how real estate collection lag and people say will pay until lawyer's get involved. Unfortunately you need to show you are willing to play ball, get bat and get up to plate. Some people require discretion and shows good faith effort and do best they can. Places literally a dump with rats and toxic chemicals from old cars, these people have been irresponsible for doing this for years and taxpayers

should not be given entire burden. The town is responsible for line item budget but in cases where people cannot afford it, it is not fair for rest of taxpayers to go in hoc and try to keep their residence up. We should put liens on property until point get money back. This can be serious problem, had in his neighborhood, and rats carry diseases and feel the officials in town if aware of conditions that endanger the welfare and safety of people they are criminally negligent. Commend group and sometimes carrot does not work and hope we are able to follow through when necessary.

- d. Councilwoman Denski - great job and from this point what needs to be done is a fine tuning and would like before final decision would like to sit with BOF and comptroller and discuss where money is coming from.
- e. Mayor Festa – thanked the committee for wonderful job done and time spent in terms of creating this process and moving forward on ordinance suggestion which is important to this community. Thank those who came out and whether spoke, listened, offered suggestions and important to have community involvement and firmly believe once you become a stakeholder in this community you take part in this process and it makes the community a better place to live and to grow. Sat here and taken almost three dozen ideas and suggestions presented by those who spoke this evening. What that says is something very important. That no matter how hard any committee or group works to bring forward a resolution to an issue, there is always something else to be thought of, to be concern with, or raised in question and brought forward. Tonight from suggestions, almost 3 dozen of them, give greater light and greater substance to what the base of this committee has done and created a foundation of an ordinance upon which we build and without question, knows if you ask each of these committee members, this is the bottom line, they would respond in negative from standpoint that there is always room for improvement, there is always room for looking at something and make changes if necessary. The only way we will know if it affects the living conditions or the standards that we are setting here is to put in operation and if in fact move forward and present ordinance to be put something into operation. So if in fact we present an ordinance to be put into place, it will only be in time to which we understand what are the important components of the ordinance, and what are those sections of the ordinance which need to be changed and/or removed, simply be by trial and error. Back in 03-05 as administrative assistant, set up workshops with the housing court judges from New Britain, Waterbury, etc. and the very concern raised were twofold. You cannot put the fines out there to such a point in time that you expect the housing court judge to order someone to pay the town hundred and fifty or two hundred thousand dollars. It is just not going to happen according to these judges. Number two, you needed to make sure that you had some kind of enforcement that allows you to enforce your ordinance. I think this group has done that and not in a way to penalize the community or those members of the community but to help with the assistance of moving this town forward and getting it back onto the rolls that gives a little more pride and dignity in terms as how we present ourselves and present the face of this community to outsiders who have any intention to come forward. Yesterday at industrial park and met with broker from out of state brokering for a company that may come into this community and we are one of four they are looking at in the State of Connecticut. One thing we talked about is the high school and across from that standing and asking about our educational programming, and we explained to them what is taking place in the bonding proposal of \$47 million for the new high school and

renovating the other schools in the community and then talked about the infrastructure of the community and waterwheel park. We had maps explaining what is going on and the conditions and so on and so forth. He turned around and said he understood where this community is going to make progress in moving it forward. This community wants to keep its' heritage and keep itself a proud community in terms of where it came from and that the Eli Terry's and Hoadley's of this world that started the industrial revolution to make this community what it has been and what it continues to be and what it should continue to be. Hopefully with what we said yesterday will get us a better influence relative to decisions being made by this company which if come into this community will set standard for 30 new jobs for people who are out of work. Things such as this are moving us forward and in right direction and cannot help but to be positive that we will continue to make progress and we will have setbacks every now and then. When people come forward to give their time and energy to sit on committees and boards and take some of the heat to get some of these particular issues to forefront and make changes for the betterment and in the long run each and every one of us will be sitting hand in hand in a community of involved citizens and volunteer of what Plymouth was, can be and should be. Thank you to everyone or almost a year and those who have come forward and supported this community. I deeply thank you.

o. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Gudeczauskas, Clerk of the Council