Town of Plymouth Plymouth Town Council

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Minutes October 2, 2012

**Call to Order:** Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled October 2, 2012, Plymouth Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Sr., Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were David Bertnagel/Director of Finance, Rodney Houle/Chairman Capital Improvements Committee-Municipal Facilities Committee, Anthony Lorenzetti/Town Engineer-Public Works Director, James Schultz/Highway Superintendent and Ralph Zovich/Chairman Board of Finance.

### Fire Exits Notification

Mayor Festa noted the Fire Exits for the record.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Festa led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Acceptance of Minutes of Regular Meeting September 11, 2012; Special Meeting September 4, 2012

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to approve the September 11, 2012, Town Council Regular Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to approve the September 4, 2012, Town Council Special Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **Council Rules and Procedures**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to amend the October 2, 2012, Plymouth Town Council Agenda as follows:

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### Council Rules and Procedures Cont'd.

As the new Agenda Item #13-to discuss and act upon a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for the WPCA Denitrification Program, as the new Agenda Item #14-to discuss and act upon the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee's Report, old Agenda Item #13 becomes #15, old Agenda Item #14 becomes #16, old Agenda Item #15 becomes #17, old Agenda Item #16 becomes #18, old Agenda Item #17 becomes #19, old Agenda Item #18 becomes #20, and old Agenda Item #19 becomes #21. This motion was approved unanimously. (See Motion Page One)

## **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that there was an article in the paper, the Waterbury Republican-American, about the Town spending \$100,000.00 to give to a company so she found out from a member of the Economic Development Commission that they approved \$100,000.00, but they also had the same question as to why it didn't come first to the Council and the Board of Finance for a one-time Appropriation. She further stated that the people there couldn't answer it and she thought it would be on this month's agenda and its not so if there's a \$100,000.00 expenditure it's very clear in our Charter that it has to go to a Town Meeting so you need to have a Public Hearing and a Town meeting not just be appropriating \$100,000000. Melanie Church stated that there are no exceptions to that in the Charter and it is our Charter and we are supposed to be following it so she would appreciate something being done and she thought it was an important issue.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Festa stated that he had distributed copies, as a follow-up from the last Town Council Meeting, concerning Public Works purchasing equipment. He further stated that he had requested the Director of Finance, David Bertnagel, to research the allegations regarding the rental and purchasing of Public Works equipment.

Mayor Festa stated that the Waterbury <u>Republican-American</u> had also presented a Freedom of Information request for the same information and that as a result of the inquiries; David Bertnagel had done the research on items purchased with specific serial numbers from the W.I. Clark Company (Wallingford, CT).

Mayor Festa stated that the purchases had been approved through the budget process. Mayor Festa read a portion of the information (see attachment) into the record, confirming his statement.

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## Mayor's Report Cont'd.

David Bertnagel stated that his office had reviewed the previous purchases with the supplied serial number/pictures (over a ten year rental period) and that it was nothing out of the norm. He further stated that the item was not being leased to purchase, as previously stated.

David Bertnagel stated that when equipment has been rented for a number of usage hours over multiple years with a particular company such as W.I. Clark Company, the rental fee and the fair market value of what a lease would have required is met and results in the Town basically owning it. He further stated that the compressor (which had been questioned) was well within the means of the Small Equipment Account (\$70,000.00) at a cost of \$9,500.00 and approved as part of the 2012 Budget. David Bertnagel further stated that the compressor had been purchased from W.I. Clark and replaced a 1962 compressor that had worn out after 40 plus years of use.

Mayor Festa read a portion of a letter (see attachment) received from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) into the record, noting that David Bertnagel was being honored with an award. Mayor Festa noted that the letter had stated that the GFOA was pleased to notify the Town that David Bertnagel's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011, had qualified for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence Award in Financial Reporting. Mayor Festa stated that the Certificate of Achievement was the highest form of recognition in Government Accounting and Financial Reporting and its attainment represented a significant accomplishment by a Government and its Management.

Mayor Festa stated that he wanted to thank and congratulate David Bertnagel, on behalf of the Community, for the excellent job that he does and noted that it was the second year in a row that David Bertnagel had received the award on a National level.

### **Appointments/Resignations:**

# To accept the resignation of David Boilard from the Board of Fire Commissioners, effective 9-30-2012

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to accept the resignation of David Boilard, with regret, from the Board of Fire Commissioners, effective 9-30-2012.

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## Appointments/Resignations Cont'd.

### **Discussion**:

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that David Boilard had served on the Board of Fire Commissioners for many years and that he, himself, had also served with David Boilard on the Board of Fire Commissioners. He further stated that he also regretted David Boilard's resignation from the Board.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (See Motion on Page Three)

To appoint Victor Mitchell to the Board of Fire Commissioners, term to expire 11-4-2012; to appoint Wayne Radke to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Regular Member, term to expire 9-5-2013; To appoint Dennis Fowler to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire 11-5-2015; to appoint Daniel Bukowski to the Alternate position on the Economic Development Commission, term to expire 11-16-2016

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to appoint Victor Mitchell to the Board of Fire Commissioners, term to expire on November 4, 2012. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to appoint Wayne Radke to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Regular Member, term to expire September 5, 2012. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to appoint Dennis Fowler to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire November 5, 2015. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to appoint Daniel Bukowski to the Alternate position on the Economic Development Commission, term to expire November 16, 2016. This motion was approved unanimously.

# To reappoint Michael Drozdick to the Plymouth Housing Authority, term to expire 8-31-2017

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to reappoint Michael Drozdick to the Plymouth Housing Authority, term to expire August 31, 2017. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Take Action to refund the following Property Taxes: Stanley P. Szoldra \$169.62; Rita Lagasse \$34.90, Stephanie Thompson \$37.34, WW Credit Leasing LTD \$122.63, Albert F. Parady \$43.18, Kenneth Young \$61.48, Honda Lease Trust \$72.84/\$73.95, Richard M. Ciufo \$240.71, Lindam Pertel \$5.70, Universal Building Controls, Inc. \$93.04, Gregory G. Smith \$388.30, Patrick or Madlyn Speranza \$4.36, Andrew or Ann Suszynski \$105.40, Lisa M. Garnsey \$14.40, Jennifer E. Hanson \$161.44.

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## To discuss/take action on Bid Award for Highway Garage Addition

Mayor Festa stated that two bids had been received for the Highway Garage Addition and that they had been included in the Council's packets.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that on September 20, 2012, two bids had been received for the Highway Garage Addition, Phase I. He further stated that the two bidders had been Richards Corporation at \$135,997.00 and Mark Sekorski at \$149,000.00.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to accept the low bidder, Richards Corporation, for the Highway Garage Addition, Phase I.

### Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski as to what Phase I entailed; Anthony Lorenzetti noted that Public Works had gone to Planning and Zoning and received approval for the Site Plan. He further stated that there had been concerns about the public access, including the Town trucks, in and out of the front of the building because of the poor site line. Anthony Lorenzetti stated that they were proposing to do a portion of the Highway Garage behind the one that was recently repaired and then only build a portion of the front/back. He further stated that the goal would be to get the back portion done so that the front portion could come down and be rebuilt.

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## To discuss/take action on Bid Award for Highway Garage Addition Cont'd.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the contract period was 90 days and that they had 10 days to begin after Council approval and the Purchase Order was issued.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. (See motion on Page Five)

# To discuss and act upon a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for the WPCA Denitrification Program

Town Councilman Ferreira made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for the WPCA Denitrification Program. This motion was approved unanimously.

## To discuss and act upon the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee's Report

Richard Lyga, 58 Curtis Road, Plymouth, Public Works Ad Hoc Committee Member, stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee had been meeting for a little over a year and that they had come up with a process, which they wanted to work with for right now.

Richard Lyga stated that there were four (4) items that the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee wanted to have control over with Public Works, but could not because of the way the Charter was written.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Committed wanted to have five (5) members with staggered terms, and two Alternate positions.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee wanted the bylaws to read that any employee who had worked for the Town in the last five years would not be allowed to serve on the Committee because they might have an axe to grind and they did not want their goals to be disrupted because of a disgruntled individual.

Richard Lyga stated that in 30 days, the Committee would hold a meeting to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, members, and two Alternates.

Richard Lyga stated that the Commission would meet monthly and that a quorum would consist of three members present.

Richard Lyga stated that Alternates would not be allowed to participate in any election of officers of the Commission.

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## To discuss and act upon the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee's Report Cont'd.

Richard Lyga stated that in the case of the inability to act, because of absence or sickness, an Alternate member, designed by the Chairman and the Commission, would take a members place.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Commission would offer advice in the operations of the Public Works Department in the hiring of personnel, the purchase of new and/or used equipment, creating a plan for work objectives for the Department, plans blueprints or any major projects for the Town of Plymouth, or anything sent out to bid.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Commission would participate in creating the Annual Budget for the Public Works Department.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Commission would establish Department Mission Statements, goals and objectives, Department Regulations, Ordinances and Training and Safety Programs.

Richard Lyga stated that the Public Works Ad Hoc Commission would report to the Mayor/Council on a monthly basis with any advice that the Committee had for the Public Works Department.

Richard Lyga stated that the Commission's goal, at this point in time, was to offer advice. Richard Lyga state that in order for a Public Works Ad Hoc Commission to have a say, it would take a Charter Revision Commission change.

Richard Lyga stated that the Committee wanted to begin working with Anthony Lorenzetti/Public Works Department and that hopefully, their input might save the Town some money, noting that they would be lending a helping hand to the Town.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Richard Lyga stated hat without a Charter Revision Commission change, the Town Attorney had told the Committee that they could not begin the changes they wanted to make.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Town Attorney would have to handle the legal work associated with the formation through an Ordinance.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Richard Lyga stated that the Committee only had a rough draft, but were three-quarters of the way through to finalizing a formal document for the Council's review.

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## To discuss and act upon the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee's Report Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the process would be that the Council would review the final draft and then make recommendations and discuss how to make it happen.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he thought the Commission was a great idea, that he fully supported this Commission, and wanted to thank the Committee for all of their work.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel and Mayor Festa thanked the Committee, as well, for their work.

Richard Lyga stated that he wanted to thank everyone for standing behind the members, noting that they all had learned a lot from participating in the process.

### To discuss/take action to establish a Charter Revision Commission

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she saw value in establishing a Charter Revision Commission, however she thought the Council would be putting the cart before the horse. She further stated that the Council should accept the Final Draft, following past protocol.

Mayor Festa stated that he had presented the idea last month, noting that it was not solely for the purpose of establishing a Public Works Commission. He further stated that there were a number of issues that needed to be examined including reprint information that did not belong to the Town and should be removed from the Charter. Mayor Festa stated that there were also areas in the Charter that were in conflict with each other and that he wanted the more serious issues to be addressed in order for the Charter to be put back into proper alignment.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she understood what Mayor Festa was saying, however she was not ready to move forward with a Commission at this time, but she might be next month.

When questioned by Town Councilman Foote, Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Charter had been revised three years ago.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to table the establishment of a Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

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# To discuss/take action on Final Report from the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee

Martin Sandshaw, 7 Richmond Drive, Plymouth, stated that the Town Council had voted to establish the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee in 2010 in order to examine the possibility of having a Skateboard Park in Town. He further stated that the idea had come up in previous years, but was never acted upon.

Martin Sandshaw (Chairman) introduced the other members of the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee as being Jolene Dutkiewicz, Anthony Orsini, Linda Kazmierski, previous member Nancy Santorso, Peter Worhunsky, Paul Gianesini, Lisa Aiudi, previous member Kevin Sulak, and Officer Patrick Walsh.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee had created and developed a Mission Statement to provide a safe area to ride in and that their goal was to establish a need, size, location and cost for the Skateboard Park.

Martin Sandshaw reviewed the attached presentation and explained the Committee's thought process in detail, noting that the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee did not want the project to cost the Town anything.

Officer Patrick Walsh, School Resource Officer (SRO) stated that he, along with the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee, wanted a safe avenue for the youth in the Community to utilize for their skateboards, bicycles and rollerblades.

Officer Patrick Walsh stated that the Police Department received many complaints about youth riding their skateboards, bicycles, and rollerblades in Town and on private property, curbing, etc.

Officer Patrick Walsh stated that hopefully, providing the Skateboard Park would create less of a headache for the Town and would help to eliminate loitering in Town by the youth by providing this centralized location.

Officer Patrick Walsh stated that the youth would take pride and ownership in a Skateboard Park and that it would give them something safe and positive to do, while keeping them out of trouble.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had surveyed 750 students in Town and that 465 said there was a need, 360 said they would use the facility, 70 said that they were currently using streets and parking lots, and many responded that there was not a Town facility.

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# To discuss/take action on Final Report from the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee Cont'd.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had visited Skateboard Parks in area towns (Bristol, Plainville, Wolcott) and had asked area riders to come in and talk with the Committee.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had established the size of the Skateboard Park as being 110 feet by 100 feet, noting that it was the same size as the Town of Wolcott.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had looked at three Town-owned locations in order to keep the cost at zero and that they had decided on the lot (back field) of the Plymouth Town Hall parking lot. Referencing the presentation attachment, Martin Sandshaw highlighted the reasons for the selection, including that the Park would take up less than 20 percent of the area and the Police Department was on the premises.

Martin Sandshaw stated that they had selected Skateway for the modular design and referencing the presentation attachment, detailed the design.

Martin Sandshaw stated that there would be no cost to the Town at any of the three locations that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc had looked at and that they were optimistic about persuading local Contractors and some of the Town's Engineering firms to provide the necessary engineering work and excavation to the property. He further stated the painting would cost approximately \$38,000.00, however a possibility existed that the paint could be purchased and the services donated. Martin Sandshaw stated that a local civic group has volunteered to erect the necessary \$10,000.00 fencing when it was purchased.

Martin Sandshaw, utilizing the presentation attachment, reviewed the optional features (ramps, rails, half pipes, etc.) for the Skateboard Park at a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$65,000.00, depending on the choices and noted that the same local civic group doing the fencing work had agreed to install the features with Skateway's guidance. Martin Sandshaw stated that the cost for the Skateboard Park would be approximately \$59,000.00 to \$115,000.00, depending on the number of features installed.

Martin Sandshaw stated that there were funding grants available from Webster Bank, Bank of America, Tony Hawk Foundation, Main Street Foundation, local Prevention Council and local donations.

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# To discuss/take action on Final Report from the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee Cont'd.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had been told by the Town of Wolcott that maintenance for this type of Park was basically emptying a trash can once or twice a week. He further stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee felt that it would cost the Town under \$1,000.00 per year to maintain the Park, noting that youth had said they would take care of any debris because they could not use the Park with anything being on the ground.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the ownership of the Skateboard Park would be by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Martin Sandshaw, utilizing the presentation attachment, reviewed the map of the Skateboard Park and preliminary design work.

Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had decided not to meet again until they had received direction from the Council as to whether or not the Council wanted the Committee to move forward or not.

Town Councilman Zagurski complimented Martin Sandshaw on his presentation.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Martin Sandshaw stated that the next Committee would decide the manner in which the donations would be collected. He further stated that David Bertnagel had told him if the Skateboard Park was established, an account could be set up for the donations.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park was very similar to Lake Winfield and the new Reservoir property recently acquired and that the liability for the Park would fall under the Town's General Liability.

When questioned by Town Councilman Foote, Martin Sandshaw stated that at least 90 percent of the skateboard and BMX bike riders would be removed from riding on private property and more importantly, would take them off the street.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Martin Sandshaw stated that they would not be installing lights and that the Park would only be utilized from dawn to dusk.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel noted that it would be foolish to do anything illegal in the Park because of its proximity to the Police Station.

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# To discuss/take action on Final Report from the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee Cont'd.

Noting that she had witnessed youth leaping their BMX bikes over the new bushes on the new Streetscape, Town Councilwoman Schenkel noted the great timing of this proposal and that she was very excited about the project.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ferreira, Martin Sandshaw stated that the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee wanted the Council to take some time to review the presentation and then provide their approval and work within the guidelines of the presentation and decide what they would like to see for the Park, itself, i.e. sizing, etc.

Town Councilwoman Murawski thanked Martin Sandshaw for his presentation, noting that she had previously seen a Skateboard Park proposal eleven years ago and that this was the farthest point that anyone had gotten to.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she felt the proposal was great, she didn't need to talk with anyone else about it and that the Park couldn't be completed fast enough for her.

When questioned by Mayor Festa, Martin Sandshaw stated that the present standing Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee members had all agreed to become the Committee that would move forward with the new Skateboard Park Committee.

Mayor Festa stated that Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee had done a marvelous job to date and that the issue should not be belabored any longer.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to accept the Skateboard Park Ad Hoc Committee's Final Report. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to formulate a secondary Committee to take the Skateboard Park to the next level.

### Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Committee would stay the same with five members and two Alternates, however it was up to the Council to expand or reduce the present numbers should they want to make changes.

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# To discuss/take action on Final Report from the Skateboard Ad Hoc Committee Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the new Committee would take the Final Report and bring forth more specific information such as actual development plans and costs for presentation to the Town Council.

Martin Sandshaw stated that Paul Gianesini was unable to attend the meetings in person because of a change in his job hours, however the Ad Hoc Committee had kept him informed of their actions, noting that his assistance had been invaluable.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (See motion on Page Twelve)

# To discuss/take action on request from Mayor's Office to authorize Mayor and Municipal Facilities Committee to develop recommendations for Town Hall expansion or Main Street School renovations

Rodney Houle, Chairman Capital Improvements Committee/Municipal Facilities Committee, 16 Frankie Lane, Terryville, stated that both Committees had been working on various Town improvements for a number of years.

Rodney Houle stated that Chief Krasicky had informed the Committees that the State of Connecticut had issued a Mandate whereby all Police Departments would have to have an Interrogation Room. He further stated that the room had to be secure and oriented in the Police Department, and detailed the required specifications of the room.

Rodney Houle stated that there was absolutely no room for expansion within the Police Department, noting that they needed a space three times larger than what they were presently utilizing. He further stated that the Committees were trying to decide what the most feasible answer would be; if there should be a Town addition, an add-on to the Police Department as it currently stood and then proceed from there. Rodney Houle noted that the State Mandate had to be complied with or the Town would face many ramifications including Town fines and arrests being made not holding up in court. Rodney Houle noted that the State Mandate had to be met by January 2014 and that the deadline was not far off.

Rodney Houle stated that the Capital Improvements Committee, the Municipal Facilities Committee, members of the Board of Finance, Chief Krasicky and Assistant Fran Dabbo had met to discuss the State Mandate and had decided to get a Band-Aid on the situation for now so that it could be completed by the mandated deadline.

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## Municipal Facilities Committee recommendations for Town Hall Cont'd.

Rodney Houle stated that the Detectives had a small office within the Police Department and that it could be utilized for the Interrogation Room, noting that it had most of the room requirements. He further stated that the Department would be receiving some grants to meet those requirements.

Rodney Houle stated that there would be minimal construction costs to move the Detectives into a new office, noting that six to eight feet of the rear portion of the Community Room could accommodate this need.

Rodney Houle stated that the first idea, but no longer valid, was to move the seniors across the street to the Main Street School. He further stated that the senior citizens utilized the Community Room and that he wanted them to be 110% satisfied no matter where they were located. Rodney Houle stated that the Detectives new office could be located within the Community Room towards the hallway back wall.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Rodney Houle stated that the development of plans for the proposed space would be done mostly in-house by Anthony Lorenzetti and a local contractor at a minimal amount of cost.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Rodney Houle stated that the job would go out for bid. Rodney Houle stated that it would not make more sense to move the Detectives to the new office that would be designed verses putting them in the Registrar's Office and briefly explained his reasoning.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had questions regarding the Police Department itself for the Police Chief and wished she had been in attendance. She further stated that she wanted to know how many interrogations were done in the Police Department, noting that the regulations were for Class A and B felonies. She further stated that the Mandate was only for the recording equipment (audio/video) and that it would be expensive. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the room, the no windows, and the carpeting were only recommendations.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Rodney Houle stated that the rooms that were in the Police Department were multi-purpose rooms. He further stated that anything the Committee(s) would be doing for the Police Department would be temporary fixes and that the Police Department expansion/renovation was at the top of the Municipal Facilities Committee's list. Rodney Houle stated that it wasn't the Chief's fault for not attending this evening because he didn't anticipate that there would be any particular questions about the Police Department offices.

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## Municipal Facilities Committee recommendations for Town Hall Cont'd.

Rodney Houle stated that the Police Chief had been in attendance at two previous meetings, that the Town had to have the Mandate met and that the Department was getting monies for some of the equipment requirements.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Rodney Houle stated that a lot of work needed to be done and that Chief Krasicky would have the answers as to what the rooms within the Department were being used for.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Rodney Houle stated that the Interrogation Room could be multi-purposed, but that it had to meet the requirement list.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski regarding interrogation and regionalization, Rodney Houle stated that by Mandate every Police Department had to have their own Interrogation Room.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Town Hall was getting smaller in all departments and that he could see the day coming when the Town Hall would be moved across the street, noting that it was a solid building and that offices could be rented out, as well. He further stated that he would like to see that happen and that the move would leave the entire building available for the Police Department.

Rodney Houle stated that presently, the building was still being utilized by the Board of Education and it was still in their hands.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Rodney Houle stated that he was present this evening to let the Council know about the State Mandate and to advise them about the direction the Committees were moving in. He further stated that he would have additional information for the Council at their next meeting.

Mayor Festa stated that the Committees could utilize the previous studies on the buildings, dovetail the information and come back to the Council with a more comprehensive approach that would include facts and figures that were more relevant today than they were 8 to 10 years ago.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Rodney Houle stated that the Committee had unanimously agreed to sell Prospect Street School, however the bid on the building had fallen through.

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## Municipal Facilities Committee recommendations for Town Hall Cont'd.

Rodney Houle stated that there was a split vote for selling the Main Street School, however the majority of the members had agreed to sell the building, noting that there had been interest in the building, but that the interested party wanted the ball fields, as well as the building, itself.

Mayor Festa thanked Rodney Houle for his presentation.

## To discuss/take action on FEMA Disaster Relief Project for Bemis Street

Referencing previous discussions for additional grant monies available for Tropical Storm Irene, which would be available for Bemis Street damage, David Bertnagel stated that the Public Works Department had to do some temporary patchwork to make it safe for travel. He further stated that FEMA investigators had come out to meet with Public Works and examined the whole scope of the project, including the Fish and Game Club's upper and lower ponds, as well as the original area of concern. David Bertnagel stated that FEMA had approved the project for only 225 feet at a cost of approximately \$114,000.00. He further stated that as a result the Town would be responsible for a 25 percent match of approximately \$28,000.00 and the remaining piece would be covered in a Federal Grant. David Bertnagel stated that this would provide a longer-term solution for the problem; however there would be no guarantee that the 225 feet segment wouldn't create future flooding. He further stated that the Town had to respond by February 2013 to do the major disaster work per FEMA. David Bertnagel stated that the Town could appeal the 225 feet and ask for a bigger portion, noting that the current patching would need some work and would cost approximately \$12,000.00. He further stated that the amount could be absorbed under the Town Aid Road piece for now, or the Town could go out for bid and fully do the project for \$114,000.00 and would include drainage and some other minor issues. David Bertnagel stated that other people had come in to examine the area for mitigation qualification and that the sources needed to be identified to see if the dam needed replacing, who would fund it and how would it be done, noting that it would be a very expensive endeavor for the Town.

When questioned by Mayor Festa, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he was unsure if the Fish and Game Club had looked into Historic Preservation funding for the dam.

David Bertnagel stated that through the Mayor's Office, different avenues had been discussed with the Fish and Game Club and that the Club was its own entity. He further stated that given the flooding in the area the issue was how was the water getting there, not the source of where it was coming from.

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### To discuss/take action on FEMA Disaster Relief Project for Bemis St. Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she was concerned about winter weather approaching and wanted to know when the Town would begin the patching and would the road remain stable.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the road was currently safe to travel on, however the millings would require maintenance. He further stated that putting pavement down would be a better fix.

When questioned by Town Councilman Foote, David Bertnagel stated that the Town had a six-month extension on the piece and he would forward the paperwork to the Council for their review.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that the road would be repaved, drainage installed and some minor elevation changes would be made.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that Federal storm money had been exhausted and that it would take Legislative attention to come out and look at the issue, as well as involving the Fish and Game Club, because they were an obvious source of the problem.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that the \$10 million dollar bonding package covered the other end of Bemis Street.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that it would be nice to research other avenues to get the street corrected the right way.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, David Bertnagel stated that the Town would have to go out for bid for the project (meeting the Federal and State bidding process requirements) and then the work would be done with the Town expending the monies and Public Works would then submit for reimbursement which could take three to eight months. He further stated that the Town would be out the cash, but would have a guaranteed commitment.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the area had to be fixed twice because of another storm and that the sanitary sewer trench had become an issue. He further stated that David Bertnagel had done a good presentation and noted that the government would expect the Town to hire a Consultant and that it would be a desirable project.

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# To discuss/take action on FEMA Disaster Relief Project for Bemis Street Cont'd.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to expend up to \$12,000.00 from the Public Works Department to patch Bemis Street. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Festa stated that over time he had learned that FEMA would pay for the same repair work, for the same area affected, but they would never give the money to go to the exact cause and take care of it once and for all. He further stated that he felt the cycle, at some point in time, should be broken and encouraged everyone to let his or her legislatures know about this issue and the coordination between the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA so that this flooding cycle issue could be broken.

Mayor Festa stated that tomorrow, he would be signing off on a grant application with Plainville and Bristol for the Pequabuck River Shed Study and hopefully, they would come up with some ideas for the Tri-Town Community for those kinds of problems.

# To discuss/take action to authorize Mayor to enter into Agreement with Ludlow Associates, LLC, regarding Road Construction Agreement

Anthony Lorenzetti distributed copies (see attachment) of the Road Construction Agreement, along with the map associated with the Agreement. Anthony Lorenzetti provided a brief history of the area that the document covered and noted that the Town desired, for its protection, to eliminate and/or improve many of the Town's cul-de-sacs and dead-ends.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the particular dead-end street area, addressed by the Road Agreement, required the plow drivers to back up the road after plowing. He further stated that this road had the ability to be connected to the next street and that it would be an ideal way to get rid of the dead-end Lake View Road. Anthony Lorenzetti stated that Highland Road ended at an access road to a pump station and that both roads could be connected to each other. Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the developer that had purchased the property did not originally want to put a through road in and was hoping to put the lots up and be done with it. He further stated that the Town wanted to put drainage in at the end of both streets, but funding had been limited when the Fall Mountain area was done. Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town could potentially supply some of the necessary road fill and that it would potentially be a public right of way and that it would no longer be a dead-end. He further stated that in the long-term it made sense.

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# To discuss/take action to authorize Mayor to enter into Agreement with Ludlow Associates, LLC, regarding Road Construction Agreement Cont'd.

Rodney Houle stated that the Fire Department had been on the two roads in question which lead down hill to dead-ends. He further stated that in the winter time when an engine goes down one of the streets it couldn't turn around and a Town sanding truck had to come and assist the Fire Department to get the truck back up. Rodney Houle stated that there were a lot of new houses in the area and that both streets needed a turnaround or a connection and that it would be a good decision on the part of the Town.

Anthony Lorenzetti noted the requirements of the Planning and Zoning approval and stated that language changes that had been made within the Agreement as follows: anything dated September should be changed to October; in paragraph three clarification was made to talk about what needed to be done and materials would be supplied as needed; the original paragraph three only had one line so he added the line "acceptable surplus fill"; Ludlow would still have to supply fill, subbase and processed aggregate and pavement for the road construction as necessary, and fill for the private properties; limit of material supplied by the town would be for the future public right of way and drainage and "shall deed the road to the Town, and provide easements for utilities to the town" and that the Agreement was consistent with the approval by the Plymouth Planning and Zoning Commission.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned why the Town was providing material to this particular Contractor and not to other Contractors putting roads in at other places in Town.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that because of where the drainage was, existing storm water cascades across the existing properties in question without any formal drainage at that it was uncontained in an uncontrolled manner.

Anthony Lorenzetti detailed the attached map at length.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he was unsure how much fill the Developer would need.

James Schultz, Public Works Highway Superintendant, stated that the Town had thousands of yards of fill and that some would be used up at the Highway Garage.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he felt more comfortable with the way that Anthony Lorenzetti had cleaned up paragraph three.

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# To discuss/take action to authorize Mayor to enter into Agreement with Ludlow Associates, LLC, regarding Road Construction Agreement Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that there was a huge Public betterment to doing this project, that some of the work was off-site and that if another Developer came in and asked for the same favor the answer would depend on the situation.

David Elder, Zoning Enforcement Officer, stated that it was an absolute prohibition in the State Statutes for a Town to ask the Developer to do off-site improvements. He further stated that any Developer who tried to cite a precedent being set for a public-private partnership between the Municipality and the Developer there was recent case law that stated any Planning, Zoning or Zoning Board of Appeals was not bound by erroneous previous decisions. David Elder stated that it was a much better plan than the original one and that the Town would be benefited by it.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he drove through torrential rain today, down both roads, and that the amount of water running down the roads was amazing. He further stated that a pool of water was gathering on a property at the end of Lakeview Road. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that at the end of Lakeview Road connecting the roads made a lot of sense and would improve the plowing capabilities. He further stated that emergency vehicles, in inclement weather would be assisted, as well. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he saw the same situation on Highland Road and that the erosion was serious and that it was a tight area to turn around in. He further stated that it would be a betterment for the Community.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Town was supplying the pipes and the bedding material, but the labor was free and that was a win for the Town.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Agreement with Ludlow Associates, LLC, regarding Road Construction Agreement, as outlined in this evening's discussions. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he did not have anything to report at this time.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she was unable to attend the Police Commission Meeting due to a Special Meeting of the Town Council.

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## Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Traffic Reports had been placed in sealed envelopes in the Town Council Member's mailboxes at Town Hall.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had distributed copies of an interesting article from Chief Krasicky this evening for each Town Council member.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had met the new Superintendent of schools at the Board of Finance Meeting and that she was a very nice person.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Board of Finance would be meeting with the Auditors at an earlier date this year, which in turn, would enable them to meet their deadlines on time for the end of the Fiscal Year.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Human Services Commission welcomed Helena Schwalm as a new member.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she was unable to go to the Economic Development Commission Meeting because of her work schedule.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had attended the Board of Education Meeting and that Dr. Distasio had introduced some of the new Staff and named them.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had also met the new Superintendent of Schools, Eleanor Cruz, noting that she was also a runner and that he had challenged her to run the Harvest Trot.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that Dr. Distasio had announced that a Certificate of Occupancy had been issued for the Plymouth Center School.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Board of Education had reviewed the Contract for the new Superintendent of Schools.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that there was a number of out of State field trips scheduled and named them. He further stated that students in grade 9 through 12 band students had performed in the band at the Big E.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Administrators Contract had been approved.

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## **Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that there had been two resignations and named them.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had met with Anthony Lorenzetti and James Shultz and had reviewed the monthly meetings and tasks taken on by the Public Works Department, which included the following: meetings regarding the Streetscape Improvements and ongoing changes/coordination, the Burr Road/Harwinton Avenue Water Project Contract awarded and signed, the Waterwheel Project bids were reviewed and Contract was awarded, attended various Commissions and Meetings and named them, met with different vendors for the Highway Garage Project, met with Yankee Gas for the Highway Garage, various meetings attended by Public Works Department including the CYVD, the Fish and Game Club regarding the Upper Pond and the Seymour Road Design with the Consultant.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that there were two Demolition Material Permits issued this month, one Tire Permit and \$1,467.00 in Metal Reimbursements.

Town Councilman Ferrier stated the Highway Superintendent had reported the following had taken place: roadside mowing was continuing; paving and curb preparation had taken place in the Stevens Street and North Harwinton area; hot patched many potholes; removed trees throughout the Town with Harwinton Tree Service, installed new catch basins and prepared/curbed Altair Avenue; repaired area on Seibert Drive; repaired and replaced catch basin on Railroad Street.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the North Street Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee had discussed activities that could take place in the Conservation area, geo-caching and letter boxing. She further stated that it was also mentioned that some plants could be conservatively harvested on the site and named them.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Conservation Inland-Wetlands Commission was waiting to hear news about a \$1,600.00 Grant for Tree Inventories at Baldwin Park and Hillside Cemetery.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Fire Commissioner Meeting was held on September 13, 2012 and that new Commissioner Phil Fowler was introduced.

Town Councilman Foote stated that Chief Sekorski had reported about several fires and some Hazmat alarms.

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## **Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Foote stated that repairs were taking place on some plywood that was lifting on the rear portion of the Fire House building at headquarters.

Town Councilman Foote stated that a new air compressor would be delivered in October.

Town Councilman Foote stated that Fire Commissioner Ray Kovaleski had volunteered to sit on a four-person Safety Committee that was being asked to inspect all Town buildings for pre-OSHA visitations. He further stated that Chief Sekorski had told Ray Kovaleski that under no circumstances should he represent the Terryville Fire Department in the inspections, noting that they were not OSHA inspectors and should stay out of it.

Town Councilman Foote stated that a Fire Prevention display would be set up at Adam's during Fire Prevention Week.

Town Councilman Foote stated that a request was being placed for 60 bright colored vests for placement in the fire engines for when the men were on the road.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Treasurer had presented the budget, which included contract services, training, repairs, equipment, and a storage building at the Fall Mountain Fire House.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Fire Marshal's Report had included a house fire on Main Street, 18 inspections, 2 re-inspections, and one blight inspection.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the new pagers had been ordered.

Building and grounds committee reported that a new company was hired to refurbish the overhead doors at headquarters

Town Councilman Foote stated that the furnaces were ready for the winter season.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the roof repair was being taken care of by D'Amato Construction.

Town Councilman Foote stated that ladder testing had taken place and that new bunker equipment had been ordered Plymouth Town Council Meeting October 2, 2012 Page Twenty-Four of Twenty-Eight Pages

## Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Foote stated that training had begun for four firemen who had met the Firefighter 2 status and for one man who had firefighter 1 status.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Fire Department would be performing a pump test this coming week in Watertown.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Fire Commission had gone into Executive Session and came out stating that the Search Committee had taken action and had chosen to hire Charles Doback as the Town's new Fire Marshal. He further stated that Mr. Doback was the Town of Naugatuck's retired Fire Chief. Town Councilman Foote stated that Phil Fowler had abstained from the vote taken because it was his first meeting.

Town Councilman Foote stated that Chief Sekorski had received a letter dated August 30, 2012, from the Connecticut State Fire Association notifying him that five members of the Terryville Fire Department had been selected by the Merit Awards Committee to receive a Unit Citation. He further stated that the awards would be presented on September 15, 2012, at their Association's Annual Convention. Town Councilman Foote stated that the five members chosen were as follows: Assistant Chief Ray Kovaleski, Fire Fighters Frank Wolman, Joe Reilly, John Haase, and Walter Seaman. He further stated that the awards were for their meritorious service to the Terryville Fire Department and the citizens of Plymouth. Town Councilman Foote stated that these men were to be congratulated for the their dedication and service to the Town.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Historic Property Commission did not have a meeting.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he had planned on attending the Capital Improvements Committee, however the meeting had been held in Executive Session for interviews for the North Main Street Bridge Project.

### **Public Comments**

Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, Terryville, Chairman-Board of Finance, stated that the Board of Finance was on schedule to finish the Audit, which was underway.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Town had a net surplus in the General Fund of \$130,000.00 compared to last year's quarter of a million net losses.

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### Public Comments Cont'd.

He further stated that in 2011, the Town was \$720,000.00 short in tax collections and that this year it was short \$490,000.00

Ralph Zovich stated that Ana LeGassey, Town Tax Collector, had 1.5 years under her belt now and that she was hitting her stride. He further stated that the Mayor's Office, the Director of Finance, the Board of Finance and the Town Attorney supported her work. Ralph Zovich stated that additional monies had been put into the Revolving Legal Fund to accelerate the foreclosure and tax sales and that the Town would beat down that delinquency. He further stated that some of the delinquent taxes go back 17 years.

Ralph Zovich stated that the majority of the surplus this year was because the Board of Education had given back a \$218,000.00 Expenditure. He further stated that \$118,000.00 expenditure of that return had been placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for the Board of Education to use should one of their schools spring a leak in a roof, or a problem with a furnace, etc. Ralph Zovich stated that they would then have the money to do Capital Repairs.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Education had a huge energy conservation savings, which was attributed to Martin Sandshaw's work that he had done for the School Board. He further stated that Mike Santogatta, Business Manager/BOE, had informed him that the new high school's electric bill came in at \$11,900.00 compared with the first year's bill of \$220,000.00. Ralph Zovich stated that was real money that could now be used for education purposes instead of going to an electric bill, thanks to Marty's energy conservation work and controls in place.

Ralph Zovich stated that going forward in this fiscal year, the Town needed to maintain its conservative approach with spending, as well as its aggressive tax collection.

Ralph Zovich made note of David Bertnagel's refinancing of Infrastructure Bonds in the current Bond Market, noting that the market interest rate of 2 to 2.5 was fantastic and that the Town had saved a lot of money there, thanks to David Bertnagel. He further stated that things were pretty bleak and that the Town was still suffering a lot of the after effects of the recession, high employment and tax delinquency

Ralph Zovich stated that he was in favor of the Skate Park and that any monies placed in the Park and Recreation Account for ongoing maintenance for the Skate Park was a pittance.

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### **Public Comments Cont'd.**

Ralph Zovich stated that he remembered having to take his children to New Departure in Bristol so that they would have a flat and safe place to rollerblade. Ralph Zovich stated that he was in agreement with Town Councilwoman Murawski in that the Skate Board Park was eleven years overdue.

Ralph Zovich stated that the floor plans, details and cost estimates for the rooms and renovations for relocating the Registrars of Voters and refurbishing for the Interrogation Room, would have to be recommended to the Board of Finance from the Town Council. He further stated that the issue could be taken care of as a one-time Special Appropriation in the Non-Recurring Capitals Budget and that the Town should be able to wrap that up pretty quickly.

#### **Council Comments**

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Resolution, Agenda Item No.13, previously voted on, should have been placed on record as presented.

The Recording Secretary went back into the written minutes and stated that the entire Agenda Item, concerning the Resolution, had been included in the motion for the record.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that to the best of his knowledge, the duck in Baldwin Park was a temporary fixture. He further stated that the duck was from a Central Chamber event and had been received from donations from various organizations throughout the communities. He further stated that the ducks were earmarked with community locations. Mayor Festa stated that the Town's duck, "Eli" had a lock around its neck because of the Eagle Lock and a picture of Buttermilk Falls on one side and the Waterwheel on the other side. He further stated that the ducks depicted the more important components of the individual towns and that the Town's duck had been selected as one of the most attractive.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that there was another duck in front of the Imagination Station in Bristol and that she had found one in Plainville, as well. She further stated that the ducks had been unveiled at the a Chamber event held at Ray's Autostar in Bristol and there were approximately 100 ducks there, all different sizes.

Town Councilman Foote stated that there were about 31 larger ducks in total and that they were all over the place.

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### Council Comments Cont'd.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he like it and was hoping that it would be a permanent fixture, and questioned if the Chamber would be raffling the ducks off.

Mayor Festa said at one point in time the Chamber had been discussing keeping the ducks displayed for another season, however he was unsure of their decision, noting that he would find out and get back to the Council.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Public Works had done a good job of dressing up the area.

Mayor Festa stated that he was hoping that blue stone could have been added to make it look like a pond, but he was satisfied with the mums and grasses.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that working would be continuing on the railings and the abutments by the Waterwheel area and that BL Companies would also be moving in on the project. He further stated that BL Companies was a part of the construction aspect for Phase 1 on the two corners.

Mayor Festa stated that the replacement railings, which were being erected throughout the Town, were now what would be going up at the Waterwheel bridge location. He further stated that a special design, through the Architect Engineer, would be looking at the railing to ensure that it would not block the view of the Waterwheel, itself.

Mayor Festa stated that he had spoken to Richard Kirkwood, noting that he had received permission for the Town to go into the riverbed at the Waterwheel site, and cut down the overgrowth. He further stated that he felt a good relationship was being developed (again) with Mr. Kirkwood.

Tom Zagurski stated that he was concerned about the Waterwheel Park area, noting that it had been looking so beautiful and now the barrels were blocking the Waterwheel view and that he was hoping the railing replacement could be expedited and completed soon

Mayor Festa stated that the town would work on speeding up the project, if possible.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the town had received the Grant for the Pothole Patching machine and the machine was forthcoming.

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### Council Comments Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she enjoyed going to the Terryville Library's new book store's grand opening and that they had done a beautiful job on the painting inside the building. She further stated that they had made age appropriate areas, and that the children's room was especially beautiful. Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she hoped people would find a chance and go over to see the new store, noting that it was a hidden gem.

Mayor Festa stated that he concurred with Town Councilwoman Schenkel's comments and that he had told the Library Director, Lynn White that she no longer needed to expand her building; she had an annex next door. He further stated that it was a beautiful setup and that the used books were in marvelous condition and did not look used.

Mayor Festa stated that if anyone had a daughter/granddaughter that liked dollhouses, there was a beautiful one on display at the Terryville Library that had been completely erected (furniture, electric lighting included) by Nancy Henderson, noting her marvelous talent. He further stated that the dollhouse would be raffled off and urged anyone interested to purchase a ticket(s).

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that as a business owner, she wanted to the Public Works Department for cutting down all the weeds and overgrowth in front of the Booktique building, as well as the private citizen that started the job. She further stated that it looked much better and that Public Works had done a marvelous job.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he had nothing to report on at this time.

### Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Recording Secretary**