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Minutes

June 3, 2014

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled June 3, 2014, Plymouth Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman William Heering, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski, Town Councilman Gary Wyszynski, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were the Director of Finance David Bertnagel, Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Ganem, and Chief of Police Chief Karen Krasicky.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor Merchant noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Council Rules and Procedures

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to add the following Tax Refund to the Agenda: Kimberly A. Bellemare in the amount of \$468.55. This motion was approved unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes (May 13, 2014)

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to accept the May 13, 2014, Town Council Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Merchant provided his Mayor's Report; a brief discussion followed.

Public Comments on non-agenda items

Vin Klimas, 5 Coral Drive, Terryville, CT, noting that the Recording Secretary had emailed the Council copies, read his correspondence out loud requesting that the Council consider adding an opening prayer to each Council meeting and briefly gave his reasoning.

Rob Wilcox, South Main Street Terryville, CT, stated that he has a garden at home and also reserved a spot at the Community Garden and suggested that the Mayor's Office and Council reserve a spot themselves at the Community Garden and donate the proceeds to the Plymouth Food Pantry.

Donna Koser, Coordinator, Plymouth Early Childhood Council (PECC) and Parent Leading Training Institute (PLTI), distributed packets of information from both groups for the Council's attention. She further stated that several members were in attendance this evening and would be updating the Council on what they had been doing in the Community.

Faye Johnpiere provided an overview of the Plymouth Early Childhood Council and briefly explained how it benefited the Town and its children, noting that they always welcome new members.

Mayor Merchant stated that the PECC and PLTI always do a great job in Town and he appreciated being a part of the group.

Bob Ives, 282 Main Street, Terryville, noting the sidewalk improvement on Route 6 near the Whole Donut, questioned if the property owners in the area could be asked to make some minor improvements to the exteriors so to blend in better with the improvements, i.e., benches, lamppost, etc. He further stated that he appreciated the way the Waterwheel looked and that the Concerts on the Green were nice.

Ellen Roth stated that she recently had graduated from the Parent Leadership Training Institute, noting that it was her greatest accomplishment enabling her, as a Parent Leader, to engage in the Community and briefly outlined what the training had done for her personally.

Nicole McWilliams stated that she had graduated from the Parent Leadership Training Institute in 2013 and briefly outlined the positive aspects of her training and her project. She further noted that it had helped her to start the Social Butterfly, and online site that shared information for everyone from youth to adult.

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Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Cont'd.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that she believed expenses had been done against State Statutes and the Charter, citing the Structus property. She further stated that meetings were going on before proposals went out and that was a conflict of interest and could be looked at as doing favors, citing Structus and Prospect Street School. Melanie Church stated that LoCIP monies were bothering her because it was spending money before it was actually appropriated.

Michael Ganem, Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director, stated that there were several RFP's being advertised on the Town's Website for the Prospect Street School and the South Main Street property. Michael Ganem stated that he wanted to thank Howard Gomme for initiating the original idea of starting a Community Garden, which the Town should be proud of. Michael Ganem stated that with the great cooperation of everyone in Town Hall, including the Public Works Department, the Police Department and the Library, signs had been posted and a Public Hearing had been scheduled for June 12th for the North Street Reservoir. Michael Ganem stated that sidewalks were recently poured at Lake Winfield for a BORN Learning Trail. He further noted that Heather Hemphill had brought the idea forward from her training at the Plymouth Leadership Training Institute. Michael Ganem stated that with help from the Public Works Department, the Library and the Friends of the Library, the Park now had a new feature that was made mostly from reclaimed gravel at a low cost to the Town. Michael Ganem stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Merchant for making sure everything stayed on track and to the Council for their support.

Mayor Merchant stated that there was a lot of cooperation between the Town Hall departments and that it made a huge difference.

To discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund the following Property Taxes: Kimberly A. Bellemare in the amount of \$468.55; Gary M. Greco \$130.26

Town Councilman Wyszynski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to refund Property Taxes to Kimberly A. Bellemare in the amount of \$468.55 and Gary M. Greco in the amount of \$130.26. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Resignations: To accept the resignation of Deborah Wheeler from the Board of Education; to appoint Roxanne McCann to the Board of Education; to accept the resignation of Sally J. Barnes from the Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps; to appoint Richard J. Foote to the Historic Properties Commission

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to accept the resignation of Deborah Wheeler from the Board of Education. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments and Resignations Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to appoint Roxanne McCann to the Board of Education. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to accept the resignation of Sally J. Barnes from the Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Wyszynski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to appoint Richard J. Foote to the Historic Properties Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

To authorize the Abatement of Taxes as of May 20, 2014 in the amount of \$542.21 for donated property to the Plymouth Land Trust

Attorney Mark Malley provided a brief history on the Abate of Taxes for property of the Estate of Joseph and Lucy Lyga, donated to the Plymouth Land Trust with a delinquent January tax bill in the amount of \$2,735.94, not \$542.21 as previously noted; noting that the property would provide 43 acres of Open Space to the Town of Plymouth; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski, to authorize the Abatement of Taxes as of May 20, 2014 for the Estate of Joseph and Lucy Lyga, 338 South Main Street in the amount of \$2,735.94 for donating property to the Plymouth Land Trust.

Discussion: When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mark Malley stated that it would be a good idea to amend the motion to include that any future taxes on the property be abated as long as the Plymouth Land Trust owns it.

Town Councilman Zagurski amended his motion, seconded by Town Councilman Wyszynski, to read that any future taxes on the property be abated as long as the Plymouth Land Trust owns it.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Police and Youth Program Notice of Grant Award

Police Chief Karen Krasicky explained the Police and Youth Program Notice of Grant Award in detail; a brief discussion followed.

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**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Police and Youth Program Notice of Grant Award
Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Wyszynski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Police and Youth Program Notice of Grant Award as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

To approve Tax Abatements totaling \$ 725,264.14, as recommended by the Acting Tax Collector as follows: \$1,800.98 BIC Investments LLC, 355 South Street; \$1,181.20 Town of Plymouth, 21 West Park Road; \$2,745.93 Town of Plymouth, 490 Hill Road; \$7,614.83 Town of Plymouth, 494 Hill Road; \$739.29 Town of Plymouth, Violette Road; \$703.16 Town of Plymouth, Violette Road; \$1,264.57 Town of Plymouth, 58 Hosier Road, \$709,214.18 Structus LLC, 367 and 370 South Main Street

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski, to approve the following Tax Abatements totaling \$725,264.14, as recommended by the Acting Tax Collector: \$1,800.98 BIC Investments LLC, 355 South Street; \$1,181.20 Town of Plymouth, 21 West Park Road; \$2,745.93 Town of Plymouth, 490 Hill Road; \$7,614.83 Town of Plymouth, 494 Hill Road; \$739.29 Town of Plymouth, Violette Road; \$703.16 Town of Plymouth, Violette Road; \$1,264.57 Town of Plymouth, 58 Hosier Road, \$709,214.18 Structus LLC, 367 and 370 South Main Street; brief discussion followed. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Heering stated that the Inland Wetlands Commission had cancelled their meeting.

Town Councilman Pajeski provided his Liaison Report on Gosinski Park

Town Councilman Zagurski provided his Liaison Report on the Economic Development Commission. Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Library Board had cancelled their meeting and that he had been unable to make it to the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.

Town Councilwoman Murawski provided her Liaison Report on the Water Pollution Control Authority the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Council Comments

Town Councilman Heering congratulated Roxanne McCann on her appointment to the Board of Education.

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Council Comments Cont'd.

Town Councilman Pajeski wished everyone good luck with the new Community Garden.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he had no comment at this time.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had no comment at this time.

Town Councilman Wyszynski stated that he had no comment at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Wyszynski, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary