Town of Plymouth

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## **Minutes**

### **February 3, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Acting Mayor Susan Murawski called the scheduled February 3, 2015, 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, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Interim Tax Collector Joseph Kilduff, Plymouth Police Chief Karen Krasicky and Interim Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

Excused Absences: Mayor David V. Merchant; Town Councilman Wyszynski

#### **Fire Exits Notification**

Acting Mayor Murawski noted the Fire Exits for the record.

### Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### Invocation

Acting Mayor Murawski stated "May God Bless America, May God Bless the Town of Plymouth, and May God Bless Mr. Edwin Kohl, Sr. who recently passed away and was a Veteran and a friend to many people in Plymouth and had been affectionately nicknamed "the Mayor."

#### **Council Rules and Procedures**

Referencing the Council Rules and Procedures, Acting Mayor Murawski stated under Privilege of the Floor, Section C clarification should be made regarding the second time the word "Regular" was mentioned; a brief discussion followed.

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### **Council Rules and Procedures Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to remove the second word "Regular", noting the sentence would now read as follows: The agenda item Public Comment shall be designated as a regular item on all Plymouth Town Council meeting agendas."

## **Discussion:**

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, stated she wanted to address what she believed was an illegal vote under Council Rules and Procedures at the January 6, 2015, Council meeting.

Acting Mayor Murawski requested that Pattie DeHuff bring her concern up under Public Comment, noting that there was a motion on the floor.

Cathy Kosak, 201 Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, stated that it was in the Charter that Public Comment would be on all meeting agendas; a brief discussion followed.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that the public was allowed to speak one time on every agenda item including under Council Rules and Procedures.

Pattie DeHuff stated that she agreed with the motion on the floor, but felt that the agenda item, Council Rules and Procedures, needed to have the word "discuss and take action" in order to make a motion to make any changes.

#### Vote:

This motion was approved unanimously.

# Acceptance of the Plymouth Town Council Special Minutes November 25, 2014; Special Minutes January 6, 2015

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski, to approve the Plymouth Town Council Special Minutes of November 25, 2014, as amended. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski, to approve the Plymouth Town Council Special Minutes of January 6, 2015. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Mayor's Report

No report.

### **Public Comments on non-agenda items**

Robert Ives, 282 Main Street, Terryville, spoke favorably regarding Town progress made by the current Administration. Robert Ives stated that if someone disagreed they should offer a different suggestion or a way to improve the Town, not just criticize.

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, stated she had prepared remarks and read them out loud for the public audience, noting she felt an illegal vote was taken under Council Rules and Procedures at the January 6, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting and briefly gave her reasoning and requests.

Diane Reed, 5 Chidsey Terrace, Terryville, stated she wanted to provide a brief history on the 5 Chidsey Terrace property. Diane Reed stated she wanted to know why the Town wasn't getting monies back that were spent on the 5 Chidsey property.

Cathy Kosak stated she wasn't against progress in Town; she had a problem with the process that had been followed and wanted the Town to follow the Charter. Cathy Kosak stated she would to have resumes accompany the Boards and Commissions applications.

Patty Hichborn, 351 Main Street, Terryville, provided her annual income and noted she got zero for services in Town excepting the use of the Library. Patty Hichborn stated there was \$972,000 missing from the Town (or whatever) and asked where it went to and where her \$3,000 in taxes was being spent. Acting Mayor Murawski stated that the Board of Finance were the experts and would provide answers to financial questions.

Melanie Church briefly discussed the budget process and said she was frustrated and questioned where the \$972,000 was.

Keith Golnik, 46 Orchard Street, Terryville, thanked the current Administration and Council for bringing forth the first tax cut (.6 mil decrease) in many years. Keith Golnik questioned how the VNA could have been abolished when it still remained in the Charter and briefly explained his reasoning.

Chris Simo-Kinzer, 52 Old Farm Road, Terryville, stated the Town should follow the Charter.

Joe Kilduff, Town of Plymouth Interim Tax Collector, 80 Main Street, Terryville, thanked the Council for trusting the Tax Collector's Office, noting the office had a very busy month. Joe Kilduff thanked the Assistant Tax Collector, noting that she had done an extraordinary job.

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## Public Comments on non-agenda items Cont'd.

Joe Kilduff noted that anyone having problems paying their taxes should come to the office to arrange payments.

Appointments/Resignations: To appoint Steven A. Westall to the Plymouth Police Commission; to reappoint Robert E. Leroux to the Greater Waterbury Cable Council; to reappoint Matthew Tellier to Capital Improvements Committee; to reappoint Robert C. Green to the Historic Property Commission; to accept the resignation of Raymond A. Pelletier from the Zoning Board of Appeals

Town Councilman Heering, made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski, to appoint Steven A. Westall to the Plymouth Police Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to appoint Robert E. Leroux to the Greater Waterbury Cable Council. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to appoint Matthew Tellier to the Capital Improvements Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to appoint Robert C. Green to the Historic Property Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Pajeski with regret, to accept the resignation of Raymond A. Pelletier from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Raymond Pelletier had served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 29 years and he really appreciated his service and regretted that he was leaving.

To discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund the following Property Taxes: Vault Trust \$356.80, \$91.90, \$61.41; Daniel C. Thorne, Jr. \$35.19; Gregory R. Showers \$56.81; Brian A. Volz \$144.98; Mark S. Bordeau \$9.38; Corelogic \$3,165.88 and \$211.83; Jensen's Inc. \$468.04

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to refund the following Property Taxes: Vault Trust \$356.80, \$91.90, \$61.41; Daniel C. Thorne, Jr. \$35.19; Gregory R. Showers \$56.81; Brian A. Volz \$144.98; Mark S. Bordeau \$9.38; Corelogic \$3,165.88 and \$211.83; and Jensen's Inc. \$468.04. This motion was approved unanimously.

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# To discuss and take action on Town of Thomaston/Town of Plymouth Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Operations

Plymouth Police Chief Karen Krasicky briefly reviewed the Town of Thomaston/Town of Plymouth Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Operations; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to approve Town of Thomaston/Town of Plymouth Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Operations. This motion was approved unanimously.

#### To discuss and take action on Cell Tower Leases

Charles Wiegert, Interim Public Works Director, gave a detailed report on the Cell Town Leases for the Town of Plymouth; a lengthy discussion followed.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to table the discussion and action on the Cell Tower Leases. This motion was approved unanimously.

## To discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor sign the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility (BRRFOC) Resolution regarding Settlement Agreement

Charlie Wiegert provided a detailed report on the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility (BRRFOC) Resolution regarding Settlement Agreement; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Council Pajeski, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility (BRRFOC) Resolution regarding the Settlement Agreement. This motion was approved unanimously.

## **Real Estate Committee Report**

Town Councilman Pajeski gave a brief report on the Real Estate Committee's activity.

### **Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that all the Boards and Commissions she was Liaison to, had concerns regarding the budget in relation to the financial issue the Town has had to deal with, noting the Mayor was addressing concerns and the investigation was ongoing. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the PVAC and Fire Commission had financial concerns regarding building maintenance and thought a Facilities Manager might be a good idea.

Town Councilman Zagurski reported on the Library Board of Directors.

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## Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Pajeski stated that he did not support the \$11,000 spent on 4 Chidsey Terrace for animals and hoped the Town would get those monies back from the foreclosure.

Town Councilman Heering reported on the Board of Education, Plymouth Police Commission, and the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Keith Golnik stated that he was in disagreement with the Plymouth Police Commission's changes in bylaws regarding Commissioner's eligibility and briefly stated his concern.

Town Councilman Heering recommended that Keith Golnik bring his concerns to the February 10<sup>th</sup> Police Commission Meeting.

Cathy Kosak stated that the bylaws change was concerned with conflict of interest and briefly explained her reasoning.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Mayor appoints and that the Mayor and the Council would have to take this into consideration.

Melanie Church stated she believed that State Statutes governed the Police Commission and that the Charter outlined the Mayor's powers concerning the Commission. Melanie Church expressed her concern regarding the Trelli property belonging to the Town or Fall Mountain.

#### **Council Comments**

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

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

Town Councilman Pajeski stated that he had no comments at this time.

Town Councilman Heering stated that he had no comments at this time.

### Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Heering made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Recording Secretary