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**Minutes**

**May 4, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled May 4, 2021, Plymouth Town Council Regular Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski and Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann. Excused Absence: Town Councilman John Pajeski. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile led the Town Council Members and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to add Agenda Item #16a, "To set a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss two Town fields prior to the June 1, 2021, Town Council Regular meeting, which will immediately follow the Public Hearing. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Invocation**

Mayor David Merchant stated God Bless the Town of Plymouth and God Bless America for the record.

**Acceptance of Minutes (Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021, Town Council Joint Meeting Board of Finance/Board of Education Minutes April 19, 2021)**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the April 6, 2021 Town Council Regular meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated on page three, last paragraph, it was noted that she had made and seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement. It was noted for the record that Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann had seconded the motion.

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**Acceptance of Minutes Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile motioned, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the April 6, 2021, minutes as amended.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the April 19, 2021, Joint Meeting Board of Finance/Board of Education Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, commented unfavorably on Town Zoom meetings and the non-posting of Town minutes on Town Website.

Sallie Bain-Picard, Human Services Chairperson, commented favorably on Town Zoom meetings and stated the posting of Town minutes on the Town Website is always taken care of.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Plymouth, questioned the payment for the Phosphorus Reduction Project and the possibility of holding a second Phosphorus Project Informational public meeting.

Vincent Klimas, Housing Authority Chairman, encouraged Mayor/Town Council to approve the Resolution for Agenda Item 14 and thanked the Mayor/Town Council for their support.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, commented on the payment for the Phosphorus Reduction Project.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: COVID/Zoom meetings; Harwinton Avenue Project; Leased Truck; Tax Update, Reval Year

**Finance Directors Report**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Financial Report, as of March 31, 2021, had been distributed previously and if anyone had any questions to please contact him or the Director of Finance.

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**Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing LTD \$482.28; Zyta Bukowski \$121.88; Frank Capurso \$17.35; Steven Carrion \$164.33; Dovenmuehle Mortgage \$1,755.15; Joan Lucas \$22.57; Donald or Elaine Spazano \$5.08, \$15.24**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing LTD \$482.28; Zyta Bukowski \$121.88; Frank Capurso \$17.35; Steven Carrion \$164.33; Dovenmuehle Mortgage \$1,755.15; Joan Lucas \$22.57; and Donald or Elaine Spazano \$5.08, \$15.24. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To appoint Horace Wilcox to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 5/04/2024; to reappoint Matt Tellier to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending date of 2/1/2024**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to appoint Horace Wilcox to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 5/04/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Matt Tellier to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending date of 2/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To accept the resignation of Melissa Coan-Kremmel from the Plymouth Board of Education**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the resignation of Melissa Coan-Kremmel from the Plymouth Board of Education. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To appoint the Democratic Town Committee's Recommendation of Ellen Roth to the Plymouth Board of Education**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile to appoint the Democratic Town Committee's Recommendation of Ellen Roth to the Plymouth Board of Education.

Discussion: Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski questioned Ellen Roth's feelings on eliminating the School Resource Officer (SRO) in the school system.

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**Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations Cont'd.**

Ellen Roth stated there was research about the effectiveness of the SRO, noting that currently the school system has the DARE Program and that it was extremely popular.

Ellen Roth stated the SRO was there as school security and the need for the SRO gets exemplified daily, noting there was a lot to look at and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Ellen Roth stated she was not a part of a Union and worked as a teacher at a private school.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile regarding the SRO being the first line of defense at a school, Ellen Roth stated it probably was however, we also need to consider a full security plan for the schools and briefly elaborated.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

**To discuss and take action to approve the Certified Resolution for the CDBG Block Grant in the amount not to exceed 1.5 million**

Mayor David Merchant read the Community Development Block Grant Certified Resolution into the record and briefly updated the Town Council on the wording changes that were made to the original document the Council had previously approved.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to approve the Certified Resolution for the CDBG Block Grant in the amount not to exceed 1.5 million. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Vinnie Klimas was doing a great job and to keep it up.

**Discuss and take action to set a Referendum date for the proposed Water Pollution Control Authority Phosphorus Reduction Project**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Attorney and the Bond Counsel have been working together for a while on the process and wording for the Water Pollution Control Authority's Phosphorus Reduction Project, noting it would take a while longer to get the actual bond completed and so setting a Referendum date at this time is not possible.

Town Attorney William Hamzy stated the Town Council will draft the Resolution, which will be placed on the ballot for the Referendum; then a Special Meeting can be scheduled and a date for the Referendum can be chosen with the Town Clerk and the Registrars.

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**Discuss and take action to set a Referendum date for the proposed Water Pollution Control Authority Phosphorus Reduction Project Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he would like to see three questions on the ballot as follows: Should the Town pay for the Phosphorus Reduction Project; should the taxpayers collectively pay for the phosphorus Reduction Project; should the WPCA Users pay for the Phosphorus Reduction Project, noting it would be informative for the Town Council and would help him make his decision.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, a brief discussion followed regarding bonding the Phosphorus Reduction Project.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile if the Council should table this agenda item until Bond Counsel information is received; Attorney William Hamzy stated action did not have to be taken at this time on the agenda item.

**To discuss and take action to authorize the disposal of the Public Works Surplus Equipment listing**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council had previously received a listing of the Public Works Surplus Equipment, which they wanted to sell.

Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated he wanted to add an item to the listing; Truck #33, which is a three-quarter pickup truck with a plow and an estimated value of \$3,000; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to authorize the disposal of the Public Works Surplus Equipment as presented, and to include Truck #33 (three-quarter pickup truck with a plow) on the listing. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To set a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss two Town fields prior to the June 1, 2021, Town Council Regular meeting**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town was looking at drawing up leases for two fields in Town, one being the Main Street School field and the other being the soccer field in the Plymouth Business Park.

Mayor David Merchant stated the Titans Softball team uses the Main Street School field and maintains it, as well. He further stated that Park and Recreation also utilizes it.

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**To set a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss two Town fields prior to the June 1, 2021, Town Council Regular Meeting Cont'd.**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Terryville Youth Soccer uses the soccer field in the Plymouth Business Park and maintains it. He further stated they will be putting in a \$20,000 irrigation system, noting this was a real benefit for the Town.

Mayor David Merchant stated a Public Hearing would have to be held and that he would like a motion to hold it on June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Town Council's June 1, 2021, Regular meeting.

Mayor David Merchant stated he will get the appropriate Lease Agreement paperwork, being worked on by the Town Attorney, to the Town Council members as soon as possible.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to set a Public Hearing on June 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss two Town fields prior to the June 1, 2021, Town Council Regular meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he hoped everyone had received his email regarding a Town Paving Ordinance, noting he wanted the Public Works Board to retake a look at it; a brief discussion followed.

**Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated the Capital Improvements Committee had met and had reviewed the different Town projects. Town Councilman Joe Green stated the Economic Development Commission had met, noting there were a few other lots in the Business Park that were moving forward.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Real Estate Committee had met and that 146 North Riverside was now up for sale. Town Councilman Dan Gentile the search continues for a new Board of Education Superintendent. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated that Plymouth school students were back to school full time now. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Eisenlohr, was doing a great job and that he brings in so much money his salary pay goes to net zero, and that he was an asset to the Town.

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**Town Council Comments**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he would like to begin in-person meetings again.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated it was good to see the Harwinton Avenue Project moving forward.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had attended the Rotary Club Edmund Ganem 5K Race/Walk, noting it was a great event and commended Coby Brown for his first-place win. She further stated it was great to see the comradery between the PVAC and the Police Department.

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary