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**Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled January 9, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Plymouth Assessor Christie Arena, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Plymouth Tax Collector Joe Kilduff and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the Agenda with the following amendments:

To add 8a., Acceptance of Minutes (12-11-17); to add 13a., Old Business. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **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.

### **Invocation**

Mayor David Merchant stated God Bless the United States, the Town of Plymouth, and all of our military troops serving around the world.

### **Public Comment on Non-agenda Items**

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated there should be a Moment of Silence this evening in honor of former retired Plymouth Police Officer Robert Ugliarolo.

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**Public Comment on Non-agenda Items Cont'd.**

Melanie Church stated a Town Committee had performed a feasibility study for the Main Street School and had recommended selling the property because of the high cost involved with renovating the building and briefly elaborated. When questioned by Melanie Church, Mayor David Merchant stated the Town was temporarily storing materials at Inland Fuels and was not paying rent; a brief discussion followed.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, stated he had heard the Main Street School was going to be sold, but the Town had taken possession of it. He further stated demolitions and cleanups could become very costly and recommended the Town's people make the decision; a brief discussion followed.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Melanie Church 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated she couldn't see putting any more monies into the cleanup of the Mayfair Garage property and briefly elaborated. Melanie Church stated the Town uses more Police Department employees with a 4:00 to 2:00 shift verses a 5:00 to 2:00 shift and briefly elaborated. Melanie Church stated the Town Council should remember to thank Phil Penn, Board of Education Business Manager, for all that he has done.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, noted the State of Connecticut had said they were broke three months ago, but now they were giving a \$700,000 Grant to the Town this month to clean up the Mayfair Garage and that he felt the new buyer should do the clean-up; a brief discussion followed.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Merchant reported and provided updates on the following: the Audits, the Budget saving for both the Town and the Board of Education; noted Phil Penn was leaving the Board of Education and stated he was looking at combining the Town and the Board of Education and having only one Finance Department; discussed the new Budget process and State funding status; Public Works update and noted the great job the Public Works employees have done with the winter storms to date. Mayor David Merchant asked for a Moment of Silence to remember retired Plymouth Police Officer Robert Ugliarolo.

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**Acceptance of Minutes (December 11, 2017)**

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to accept the December 11, 2017, Plymouth Town Council Minutes with the following correction: On page Six (6), under Agenda Item “To Accept the Capital Improvements Committee recommendation for the Town Hall Boiler Gas/Oil Combination”, noting the motion had actually been retracted and no vote was taken. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Mayor Merchant stated if any Council members had any questions regarding the General Fund Revenue/Expenditures for the month of December to contact him or the Finance Director.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had asked for a snapshot of the General Fund at the last Council meeting and never received it, noting he would like it for the next Council meeting.

**Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Toyota Lease Trust \$235.21, \$76.72; Cab East LLC \$105.98**

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve refunding the overpayment of Property Taxes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the WPCA would be giving her a tour of the plant to better acquaint her with an understanding of their operations and discussions. She further stated the WPCA was moving forward with their projects, noting they were in good shape. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the PVAC was feeling a pinch with the financial side of things, i.e., maintenance.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education was in Contract Negotiations.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Town was moving forward with the Boiler Project.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the

Mayor David Merchant stated the Plymouth Fire House building

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated

### **Old Business**

No report.

### **Town Council Comments**

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

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

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Phil Penn would be acting as the Town of Canton's Business Manager for the Board of Education and would also be doing the town's finances, noting hopefully the Town of Plymouth could do the same thing.

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### **Town Council Comments Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he was waiting for an answer on shared services for the Board of Education and the Town's insurance, noting this issue should go to Ann Marie Rheault, Director of Finance. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to wish Phil Penn good luck.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the local television stations had extremely positive comments for the Plymouth Public Works Department during the recent snowstorms, noting she was in agreement.

### **Executive Session Contract Negotiations**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to move into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m., to discuss Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Plymouth Assessor Christie Rullan, Town Councilman Gentile, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy, Plymouth Tax Collector Joe Kilduff,

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Murawski, Town Councilman Pajeski, and Town Councilman Zagurski.

Mayor Merchant called the Town Council back into Regular Session at 9:05 p.m.

**Action, as may be necessary from Executive Session**

No action taken.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary