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Minutes

January 5, 2021

Call to Order: Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled January 5, 2021, Plymouth Town Council Regular Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 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 Councilman Tom Zagurski. Town Councilman John Pajeski had an excused absence. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy and Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault.

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 Councilman Dan Gentile, to add the following Agenda item: To discuss and take action on an RFQ for a Housing and Community Development Grant Writer to reestablish the Housing Renovation Program for low and moderate-income families. This motion was approved unanimously.

Invocation

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

Change November 2021 Meeting Date

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to change the Plymouth Council November 2021 meeting date from November 9, 2021 to November 15, 2021, as outlined in the Town Charter during a Municipal Election year. This motion was approved unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes (December 1, 2020)

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the December 1, 2020, Special Town Council minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No report.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: COVID/Department of Public Health/Vaccines; meeting in Bristol with State Representatives to discuss Bristol and Plymouth's needs with the Legislature; Sale Closing of Prospect Street School; Audit Report finished; Housing Authority \$4.1 million dollar Grant received.

Finance Directors Report

Mayor David Merchant noted that due to the Audit work, there was no Finance Report distributed this month. Mayor David Merchant stated the Budget information would be distributed as soon as possible.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Ford Credit \$532.05, \$332.15, \$213.51, \$229.64, \$225.78; Honda Lease Trust \$210.87; Sharyn Page \$66.83; Roger Porter \$46.03; Toyota Lease Trust \$145.33, \$52.41

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To reappoint Joe Longo to the Plymouth Housing Authority with a term ending 9/1/2025

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Joe Longo to the Plymouth Housing Authority with a term ending 9/1/2025. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on an RFQ for a Housing and Community Development Grant Writer to reestablish the Housing Renovation Program for low and moderate income families

Mayor David Merchant provided a brief background on the Town of Plymouth's former Small Cities Development Block Grant, which had been administered by Larry Wagner, Wagner Associates, Inc., as well as the process for the Housing and Community Development Grant/Housing Renovation Program; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to discuss and take action on an RFQ for a Housing and Community Development Grant Writer to reestablish the Housing Renovation Program for low and moderate-income families.

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David Merchant stated he thought the Administrator would be paid out of the grant however, he would find out and email the Town Council the answer.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant stated the timeline would have to be extended out a little and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile questioned what would happen to the loan if the resident decided they wanted to remortgage for a lower interest rate.

Town Attorney William Hamzy stated that typically the resident would enter into a subordination agreement; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Vinnie Klimas was doing a great job keeping the Town Council informed and providing the necessary information to help make a decision.

Vote:

This motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile regarding changing the Paving Ordinance, Mayor David Merchant stated Town Councilman Dan Gentile should bring his concern to the Public Works Board; a brief discussion followed.

Town Council Liaison Reports

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

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA was a good Board that always “dots the i’s and crosses the t’s.” He further stated the WPCA was still having ongoing problems with their bills being paid by the Town in a timely manner and that the Board would be bringing something over to the Mayor regarding this issue; a brief discussion followed.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Joe Green 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 he wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year and that ! hopefully, it would be a better one for everyone. !

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary