

1. The Regular Meeting of the **Plymouth Town Council** was called to order on Tuesday, **April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Plymouth Town Hall Community Room by Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr. Members in attendance: Councilman Martin Sandshaw, Councilman David Sekorski, Councilman John Wunsch, Councilman Tom Zagurski and Mayor Festa. Also present: Dave Bertnagel, Director of Finance; Robin Gudeczauskas, Clerk of the Council; Attorney Sal Vitrano, Tony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works. Excused absent, Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel.

2. Fire Exit Notification

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Acceptance of Minutes

a. Regular Town Council Meeting Dated March 2, 2010

MOTION: To accept the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2010 by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: Mayor Festa, any additions, corrections, deletions. Seeing none, I call for a vote. None. Vote: unanimous. Mayor Festa, we are working off an amended agenda this evening so the next item on the agenda would be Council Rules and Procedures and there is a request for an amendment to the agenda this evening.

5. Council Rules and Procedures

MOTION: To add to our agenda item 10 in place of item 10 and moving all subsequent items up by one number, the item to add is "To discuss and take action on the application for grant for seniors through the North Central Area on Aging Association" by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

7. Mayor's Report: Correspondence/Discussion On Various Items:

*Historical Society, special invitation, they are having an all balls out celebration in honor of the 215th birthday of the Town of Plymouth on Saturday, May 8, 2010; 12 noon at the Toll House Museum, 572 Main Street, Plymouth CT. If you are interested in attending you must rsvp by April 30, 2010; calling Mr. Matt Malley with the phone number of 860-584-4634. Again if anyone is interested and you may want further information you may call the mayor's office as well and we will provides that information to you.

*Rotary Club 5K Road Race, that is taking place around the Lake on Sunday April 25. This is the 15th year the Rotary Club has sponsored this particular race and anyone interested in attending or participating please contact Mike Ganem who is the race chairman. Again that is April 25th, Sunday.

*There is a particular meeting of COST, which is Small Cities and Towns Council, this is being scheduled at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 28th 2010. It will be at the state capital and if you interested in attending you must respond by April 23rd. Please contact my

office and we will make those arrangements for you. Again it is a day at the legislature with the area legislatures to present issues relative to budget items, etc.

*United Way Day of Caring for volunteers showing your support within the community and how you live united. Again, this is scheduled for Friday, May 21st 2010; the rain date is May 24th on a Monday in case there is inclement weather. Day of Caring is a chance for all individuals in our community to give, advocate and volunteer; a day to join hands and open your hearts and find your voice. It is a chance for you to show community of how you live united. If you are interested you can contact United Way of West Central Connecticut. Again that is scheduled for May 21st 2010 on a Friday.

*Pequabuck River Watershed Association membership who is going to be working in concert with the Plymouth Beautification Committee for a cleanup of the Main Street as well as the river area. This will be scheduled and the schedule announced within the time frame and if there is anybody interested in volunteering, by all means contact the Mayor's office if you don't see any information forthcoming on this item.

*Also, there is going to be neighborhood cleanup campaigns that will begin shortly. We have had clean up campaigns in the Greystone area, Pequabuck area, Main Street area all done by volunteers within the particular neighborhoods. Again this will be announced very shortly.

*April is designated as the Fair Housing Month and we will have notification on that and there will be resolutions later this evening to correspond to that particular designation.

*American Red Cross Heroes Award. Again this year Plymouth has been honored to have a resident be a recipient of the American Red Cross Heroes Award from the Charter Oak Chapter. This particular year is Henry Raymond, who is a veteran, and a very strong veteran and a very strong supporter of veteran's right. HE has done a great deal of work on behalf of the veterans and their families and the American Red Cross has honored him and awarded him this past March.

*Budget preparation has begun, is in its final stages. There will be notification relative to the public hearing on the budget and then the referendum date to be set for a vote on the particular budget.

*Negotiations are beginning shortly regarding the reorganization and restructuring of our particular town hall configuration and we will be moving that within the next two weeks.

*8-24 issues being brought forward to Planning & Zoning on behalf of the town relative to some of the changes we are dealing with and moving forward to get the blessings from Planning and Zoning to move these issues forward.

*There is also good news coming from the Bemis Street Bridge reimbursement project. This has been over 5 years in the making and through the Comptroller's office, Mr. Bertnagel, has secured a reimbursement of \$162,647.45 which was going back into the state coffers and through his efforts we are receiving a check in that amount instead.

8. Appointments and Resignations

a. To accept the appointment of Richard Foote to the Historic Properties Commission as a Regular Member; Term to expire 8/31/2013

MOTION: To accept the appointment of Richard Foote to the Historic Properties Commission as a Regular Member; Term to expire 8/31/2013 by Councilman Sekorski; Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

b. To Accept the Appointment of George Castle To The Capital Improvements Committee; Term to Expire 2/4/2014

MOTION: To accept the appointment of George Castle to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term to expire 2/4/2014 by Councilman Zagurski; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none: Vote: unanimous.

9. To Take Action To Refund Property Taxes: DCFS Trust, \$99.51; Geremias Fantauzzi, \$41.63; Thomas M. Griffin, \$40.34; Delores Gosselin, \$39.61

MOTION: To Refund Property Taxes to DCFS Trust, \$99.51 by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: None. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To refund property taxes to Geremias Fantauzzi, \$41.63 by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To refund property taxes to Thomas M. Griffin, \$40.34 by Councilman Zagurski; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To refund property taxes to Delores Gosselin, \$39.61 by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

10. To Approve the Application For A Grant For The Seniors Through The North Central Area on Aging Association (NCAAA) as to be submitted by the Plymouth Human Service Director, Abigail Egan, and the Town Council hereby agrees to comply with the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended all requirements imposed by the applicable Department of Health and Human Services regulations and all guidelines issued pursuant to.

MOTION: To approve the grant for the seniors through the North Central Area on Aging Association (NCAAA), as to be submitted by the Plymouth Human Services Director Abigail Egan and the Town Council hereby agrees to comply with the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended all requirements imposed by the applicable Department of Health and Human Services regulations and all guidelines issued pursuant to by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

11. To Review and Take Action, By Resolution, On The Safe Routes To Schools Project

Mayor Festa, asked Mr. Lorenzetti to come forward before we entertain the motion for the purpose of enlightening and discussing issues so that we can open discussion on the various topic. Tony Lorenzetti, Public Works Director, good evening Mr. Mayor and Council. For a period of a little over a year committee has been working together on preparing a project for a grant application for what is called a safe routes to school program. The committee consisted of Officer Kevin Sulek of the police department; Gary Travers, principal from Eli Terry Jr Middle School; Dave Morgan, a parent from Fisher Elementary, Phyllis Worhunsy, Harry S Fisher school; myself from Public Works; Tony Distasio, Superintendent of the Board of Ed; Donna Simpkins, Public Works; Mike Santogatta from Board of Ed and Pat Perugino from Board of Ed. We were led through the program by Melon Wedik from CCRPA. But anyway, as far as the project we looked at a bunch of different things in terms of sidewalk locations. There were surveys; there were safe routes to school walk days. I am going to ask Melon in a

little bit to come up and talk about some of those things. But as part of the project we determined the sidewalks would be proposed for North Main Street and Maple, and that was based upon suggested usage and based upon the journey to school data. Once again Melon will talk about that in a little bit. To make a complete story out of it, we are eligible for \$423,000 of federal funding to be used toward this program to be used for sidewalks in this area. At this point it is ok and I will turn it over to Melon from CCRPA. Melon Wedik, okay, I am Melon from CCRPA and as Tony said a little over a year ago the committee formed to determine where the sidewalk improvements would be warranted in Terryville as part of the application for the safe routes to school Project. And it was our agreement regarding the process to make it a data driven process, we didn't want to just pluck a location for sidewalk out of the sky, um the very first thing that we did in order to determine where the sidewalks should go is we mapped the student enrollment for both schools. Um, every student who goes to school we mapped their addresses, we looked at all the students who live within 1 mile of their school building which is mandated by the safe routes to school program. Actually the Board of Education bussing policy says that anyone in grades K-3 who lives within 1 mile of their school will not be bussed except in hazardous conditions which applies to sidewalks in other circumstances and all students in grades 4-8 will not be bussed if they live more than 1.5 miles. So we didn't even look at the mile and a half students. We just looked at the students within a mile. Um and we felt that although 30% of all students at both schools live within 1 mile of their schools, only 13% currently walk or bike to school at the middle school and only 3% at the elementary school. Um, looking at data of where the students live, we created a map that showed the shortest path to school along the street network to the school for every house for every student. And we counted how many students would travel along the same pieces of road, um and again, this was just with students who live within 1 mile of the school building. We discovered that over 125 students would approach their schools from the southeast coming along route 6, collecting as they come and eventually hitting Maple Street with there were over 125 and then 110 and 101, depending on the street between two school. So those are the areas we decided to focus our project. We conducted a lot of public process to try and get a sense of whether or not there would be support for this among parents and students. And there was. We held a walk to school day in April of last year on a day it actually snowed and 174 student, parents, administrators and teachers showed up to walk to school. They mapped their routes on little handouts; they gave us surveys telling us what they felt about it. They were hugely in favor and we all did the parent surveys to see what parents were saying about why their children were not currently walking to schools. The number one feedback response we got was lack of sidewalks, lack of sidewalks, unsafe intersections and traffic speeds and we found that in the same area with the highest volume of students there are concentrated problems of high traffic, high speeds, limited sidewalks, and one particularly dangerous intersection where all the students have to cross over is Main Street and there are no crossing guards or support of any kind. So, what am I forgetting? That is how we figured out where we thought the sidewalks should go. We did receive over 100 letters of parents support from the two schools to support our application and I think that is all the story I have to tell. There are also a couple of signs in the project. Tony, I can talk about some of the things that still have to be looked at. We are suppose to look at engineering, enforcement, which is 4 pieces of safe routes

to school program that talk about what to look at and clearly look at design and engineering, police will get involved to enforce speeds in area. We did, we did chart speed data, accident data as part of the project. Those are basically the topics that the report covered. Melon, the other thing to know is that the sidewalk project is just one small piece of the overall safe routes to school program. There are four e's they call them. He mentioned engineering and enforcement, and there also encouragement and education. I think those are especially important to emphasize here because this isn't just a sidewalk project. No one is saying to slap a sidewalk down and suddenly all these children are going to flock to the sidewalk and walk to school. Nobody is saying that. These will be supported and usually supported education and encouraging programs. Education teaching safe behavior both on and off sidewalks, how to cross the street properly, how to ride your bike properly, which side of the street are you suppose to walk on if not a sidewalk. How are these kids suppose to figure it out, from observation. The other part is encouragement and we will have Phyllis and Gary who are both planning to do competitions between grades to see which grades will have the most kids walking. Kind of a walking Wednesday program where every Wednesday parent volunteers would chaperone groups of students to school along these sidewalks getting kids in the habit of walking themselves to school, and teaching them how to be safe, how to keep away from strangers, what to do when there is bad weather. So eventually these sidewalks will be populated by students walking on their own. That is the overall goal. But no one is saying that is the only way to get there and it has to be supported by these other programs. The other programs can't work unless there are sidewalks in place. Tony Lorenzetti, with all that, we a held public informational meeting on sidewalks and met with residents in field and looked over issues and some councilmen were able to be a part of that. I don't know if the Board of Education wants to say anything on that. Dr. Distasio, good evening, Tony Distasio, Superintendent of schools, there are really two reasons the Board of the Ed got involved with this project. Number 1, this encourages students to walk to school which as you have read in the news, they are fighting the childhood obesity issue not only in Terryville but nationwide. So we are encouraging the students to exercise. But most importantly, this is the most important, that it provides a safe route for kids to walk to school. The way the current set up is, if you walk, as students walk down Maple Street there are no sidewalks but once you get to North Main Street a student has to cross, first North Main Street, to go to Fisher School has to walk on the sidewalks to Hillside then cross the street again, cross North Main Street again, walk down to the entrance of Fisher School and cross North Main Street again. It just simply isn't safe. By putting in the sidewalks as planned the students can come down Maple and go down North Main Street and only have to cross at one intersection. So it is just simply safe for kids and that is the reason we got involved. Tony Lorenzetti, I guess that is it from our end on the application. Mayor Festa, are there any questions from the Council before we open the resolution to get discussion on the issue. Any questions from Council. Councilman Sekorski, I would just like to know what was the dollar figure again and where the exact proposed routes, the exact locations of sidewalks are proposed. Tony Lorenzetti, the dollar figure is \$423,000 and the would go from Main Street, up Maple to North Main Street on the easterly side of North Main Street, the opposite side of the schools, and tie into the existing sidewalk that starts at Hillside Avenue and up to Fisher school. Councilman Sekorski, that's both sides of Maple Street or just one side. Tony, just the

one side, just the, it would be the northeast side. Councilman Sekorski, and the proposed amount, that would cover the entire cost as it is currently proposed. Tony, that would cover all the construction costs; all the engineering is not covered but the construction costs would be covered. Councilman Sekorski, thank you. Councilman Zagurski, why wasn't the western side of North Main Street considered for sidewalks or rehabilitation of sidewalks and putting the sidewalks on the side where the two schools are. Tony, you are talking about the existing side or the cemetery side. On the cemetery side we really did not look at because we thought the costs would be excessive and the other side was really a rehabilitation of sidewalk and not putting in new sidewalks. The idea behind the program was not just trying to rehabilitate existing sidewalk but the new linkage in. Councilman Zagurski, the sidewalks that area existing are pretty in a state of disrepair, I mean it is something that has got to get fixed anyway. Tony, I understand that but we were told the program was established for putting in new walks not necessarily repairing existing walks. Councilman Zagurski, in the funding, is there administration fees in there. Tony, there is no administration fees in there only construction fees so the staff would have to work without reimbursement. Councilman Zagurski, I personally consider the other side of the road to be more beneficial to the kids. I see them walking from one school to the other and not even using the new sidewalks, staying on the same side. Melon, can I add on to that, um, that would create a continuous link between the two schools in a heavy traffic area but actually not as heavily trafficked as Maple Street would be. Chairman Zagurski, I don't mind Maple Street I understand Maple Street. Melon, right but then children from Maple Street would have no connections to these sidewalks as there are no sidewalks on the east side where they get dropped off on North Main Street. So you are coming up Maple you would end up walking in street, either on north to the sidewalk to Hillside or south to the crossing guard at Park. Councilman Zagurski, are there proposed, are there proposed new crosswalks going in and are there proposed crossing guards that have to be hired with your project. Melon, no, the sidewalks would connect up Maple, south from Maple to Park which Tony forgot to mention which gets you to the crossing guard that already works there and then north to the existing sidewalk at Hillside that also connects up to the crossing guard that is already there at the Harry Fisher School entrance. So we can take advantage of already two well established crossing guards. Councilman Wunsch, the superintendent may have to answer this but if the sidewalks were put on other side we talked about could the crossing guard from the entrance of Fisher be moved to Maple Street. Tony Distasio, I really can't answer that question because the crossing guards are department and they would have to determine the best location I believe for the crossing guard. Councilman Wunsch, thank you. Councilman Zagurski, I might be confused but when you went to Planning & Zoning I thought that you had to put in enhanced crosswalks. Tony Lorenzetti, they did bring up enhanced crosswalks but the real question is what is the definition of enhanced crosswalks. Does that mean the newer standard, I mean we can clarify that as part of construction or design process. Are you familiar with what they mean. Councilman Zagurski, I have no idea but I heard them use it twice that night. Mayor Festa, any other questions of Council. I will move forward to read the Resolution into the record so we can open discussion on this. I will give you a little history here. There was a public hearing, informational hearing, conducted by Mr. Lorenzetti and from that hearing there was a site visitation by Mr. Lorenzetti, couple of Council people and residents of the area

with concerns about the particular project itself. So the mayor's office was asked to contact the state department which I did relative to making sure the resolution that is passed tonight will be in consideration of the particular concerns raised by the residents at the informational meeting and also the site visit. So I will read that into the record for purpose of opening discussion.

MOTION: RESOLUTION Safe Routes to Schools, Construction of Sidewalks on Maple and North Main Streets “Whereas, the Town of Plymouth has published a legal notice, mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting for the proposed Safe Routes to School project known as Construction of Sidewalks on Maple and North Main Streets; and WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on March 16, 2010 in the Plymouth Town Hall Community Room at 6:00 pm, at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and WHEREAS, the Plymouth Town Council has considered concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and as per the requests of residents having been heard at the public meeting will investigate an alternate route which places sidewalks on the opposite side of North Main Street, as a possibility, provided that it costs less than \$500,000.00; or the initial project as proposed at the March 16, 2010 public informational meeting is found to be in the best interest of the Town of Plymouth, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the public. NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Plymouth, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, fully supports the proposed project or the modified alternate route whichever does not exceed the \$500,000.00 threshold.” And that is based on discussion with state department personnel relative to issue most important component if alternate route planned it cannot exceed threshold. Motion by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: Councilman Sekorski, I will hold comments until after public comment. Mayor Festa, anyone else before hearing from the public. At this point in time I will ask if the public has concerns or questions to please come to the microphone, state your name and address for the record please.

*Ann Baldwin, 40 North Main Street, thank you Mayor, Council. We are one of the properties for which the sidewalks are proposed. I understand what you are saying by your alternate resolution and it is the first that we are hearing of it tonight. Unfortunately it is the dollar amount and heard the public works director say that he had looked at the amount for opposite North Main, and I do support that going in front of the cemetery, I truly believe that is the safest alternative. But we have no guarantees that that cost will come in or when the research is done, shall we say it would exceed the 500,000 and that then places the sidewalks back into their property so support this resolution. First of all with respect of 40 North Main Street, we have the house lot and have the landscape lot which is between the house and the church and all together that is about 150' of sidewalks in front of the property and is there for us to maintain including snow removal. First of all I do want to thank our district Councilman and councilman at large for taking the time to come out and view the properties with us and talk to us and while I agree to disagree with the public works director on the sidewalks proposal I do thank him for viewing our property and for meeting with me. I am going to ask tonight respectfully to vote against the resolution. There are several people here from the area who do want to speak so I am going to try to be brief. There are two areas that I do want to address. One

is the report that talks about from the regional planning agency and the other is the impact of the project on 40 North Main Street. First of all with respect to the report I have a lot of issues with this report and I have issues with some of the statements that were made tonight. I have read this very very carefully. This was prepared by Central CT Regional Planning Agency and if you approve the resolution tonight. If you are endorsing this report in its entirety and in this report there are some very unsafe conditions that are mentioned on the school grounds themselves. In particular the elementary school which is termed as quote chaotic on page 12 when the public comes in to pick up, when the students are picked up or dropped off. If you endorse this resolution tonight this is the project report, it goes to the state or if it hasn't already it is there, you are endorsing that, you are on notice that area is unsafe on that property. Secondly, the reports talks about the crossing guard on Hillside Avenue right now who crosses students across the driveway at the mouth of the school exit where it is at Hillside Avenue but doesn't cross the children across the street and yet the report tells us that there are 50 students who travel from the middle school to the elementary school and no crossing guard there, again, on notice that is dangerous. That has nothing to do with the sidewalk on North Main Street but it is in here. With respect to the crossing of Hillside Avenue. The report red flags the intersection at Hillside Avenue and North Main Street. Red flags it as poor. No signs, no traffic controls, no crossing guards. Again, you are on notice. If in that report something should be done immediately, why isn't there a crossing guard. There is nothing under the e for enforcement in here because there is no priority for something up on Hillside Avenue. You talked about the 4 e's, that's not in here. If something needs to be done there, put in a crosswalk now because there is a diagram that shows a potential crosswalk coming in with these sidewalks. We don't need to wait to do that, we should do it now. Again, notice to the town. 30% figure. According to this report it doesn't say 30% of those who are living within one mile and if I am wrong I respectfully would like to be shown that. The survey which was done for the elementary school found that 3% of the elementary school children walked and 97% took the bus, car or car pooled. That is 3% of 406 students that is 12 students and that is just not North Main that is all over town. That is High Street, that is Hillside Avenue that is South Main and that is everywhere. As far as the junior high, there are 476 students for that survey an average of 13% walked, 61 students. again all over town. The reality on North Main Street is that there are approximately 6 students that I see walking north on North Main Street from the junior high after school on a good day. And once or twice I have seen one elementary school child or I assume it is from the elementary school walking down from that direction but they are all on the existing sidewalk. All of the students north of Fisher, according to this, are bussed and that is north of North Main and rightly so. That is a danger; there are no sidewalks over in much of that area and it has nothing to do with the sidewalks in our portion of North Main. There is a picture in here that shows North Main Street with no sidewalks. That picture was taken north of the Fisher school driveway. I think that is disingenuous. The picture that shows the sidewalks on North Main in our area, that shows students on the existing sidewalk which is across the street from our house. In fact, the reports sidewalks as they exist now as wide high quality. I will agree with that. And I'll add to that these are safe sidewalks. They are on the same side of the street as the two schools. It has been there for years. I don't understand the need to double sidewalk the area when actually when there are many areas in town with no

sidewalk. You talk about walking routes. You can talk about the walking routes. If the sidewalks are created on our side of North Main this doesn't affect the students traveling to the junior high they are not going to be traveling on North Main. They are going to be coming up Park and Maple and going to the school. They are not going to be turning right onto area our area of North Main. The students who know, who may walk from North Main Street, at that point let's assume they cross Union, they cross North Main at Hillside and then go straight to school. If put these sidewalks in and if you think that is suppose to encourage students to walk on our side, then they have to cross Union, the walk down and they cross North Main Street at Maple Street. And Maple Street is wide. That to me is a much more dangerous intersection to worry about than at Hillside. And then have to cross back for North Main Street at the junior high. We are talking elementary. If they walk at all from the center of town. Now have a continuous sidewalk that comes up North Main they cross over at North Main and Hillside, they cross Union then they cross back to North Main where there is a crossing guard. On the new route they cross North Main at the junior high, cross Maple Street, no guarantee of a crossing guard there, again it is very wide, walk up North Main, cross Union and cross North Main Street again with a crossing guard. That is four crossing and you add one more crossing of a street in there. That to me isn't safety. Back to your report. To justify the sidewalks on North Main page 8 makes what, in my belief, a truly unsupportable conclusion. You heard the calculation of 125 students but you read this report what they said was they calculated the potential routes based on the shortest path along the street from students homes within one mile of their to their schools with one exception and that is students whose shortest paths took them up Park and up Union where rerouted to Maple Street. That is the conclusion they made. Nothing that substantiates that. To me that is truly unsupportive. And from that they conclude there will be 125 students traveling up Maple and let me just say this. I did speak about North Main. I don't live on Maple so I can't speak to what exists there now. This report is there are 25 students traveling up Maple and somehow 106 of them in here will reach Fisher School by the east driveway. What about the middle school. So suddenly you are going to drop from 12 elementary students who walk from all over town that is your 3% to roughly 26% walking up Maple Street. Not only that but as we live in this town, if somebody comes up Maple Street and wants to go to the elementary school let that parent allow the child to cross Main Street and Allen, walk passed the garage on Main Street, let's just assume that, and come up Maple Street. Then they will go up Union as it is the shortest path. This report is telling you they are all of a sudden going to come up Maple. We were told at the meeting that Union was a low traffic road and that is why sidewalks were not there. I would rather travel on a low traffic road. So I dispute the conclusions of that report. Finally we talked about the surveys that they did. The percentage is based on surveys that they did based on percentages of parents but only 13 Fisher student elementary parents and only 48 junior high parents returned the surveys. And of that 65% of the middle school responded and 33% of the elementary responded lived over one mile from the schools. They are probably not going to walk anyway regardless of sidewalks. Other factors, are you ready, violence in crimes, start times of the schools, not just sidewalks. Sidewalks don't change those factors. And as for the walk to school day, over 170 participants, parents, teachers and students and yet only 48 returned surveys and only 4 students filled out the cards. It's hardly a mandate for sidewalks on North Main and

when they proposed the second walk to school it was to the middle school, its right here, page 21, the PTA dissented because they felt the parents would not walk to the middle school at 8 am or before 8 am. Now the impact on 40 North Main Street. We have approximately like I said 150feet frontage. The house is very very close to the road for those of you who came out realize that. We have virtually no front yard. The house was built in 1882. The front portion of the house is original, so in other words we have not built out towards the road. Anything that is built is up in the back or inside. A sidewalk would now put people right in front of our front windows. There is no privacy and it would affect the value of the house. If you put a 5' sidewalk plus a curb then we have virtually no front yard. Where am I going to put the snow in the winter. I don't have room enough in that little area between our sidewalk and the driveway and now they are going to take sidewalk snow from the new sidewalk and push it into that area. And I understand highway rights of way. But, I submit to you that there has to be at least some understanding on the part of the town for our quality of life. As far as the slope. Our side of North Main Street slopes down and although it is not visible from the road, our back yard is way below street level and while our driveway doesn't drop down there is still a downward pitch to it. The sidewalks would cross our driveway with an elevation of about 6". We were told that it would pitch toward the road and then we were told it would probably make our houses drainage better. But there is still going to be an elevation no matter how you look at it on the side that faces our driveway and on the side that faces our sidewalk. I can feel pitch now even driving out with my jeep. You can talk about grading it but how far back is that going to go and what angle is that going to be at and how would that affect the water which is going to flow down to the garage. Now let's talk about the sidewalk portion going toward the street but rain coming down on that pitch, that slope, is going to change it. The same thing with our sidewalk which goes to the front porch and the door. It's not much room to grade down to our house and an angle. It will run off right now but it's down the driveway. But we don't get any water in the garage and we don't get any water in the basement but nobody is going to say for certainty that we won't get water problems with this new and the change in pitch to our sidewalks or driveway. Sidewalks are built if we get water problems in our house or bottom out with cars we will look to the town for restitution and I put the town on notice for that now. We were also told that the telephone poles are wires. There is one pole in front of our property that and if you move the poles in those wire will just run in front of our upper story windows, who wants to see that. There is also a nice maple tree, it's a Norway on our property. If you move the existing pole in which is right next to that tree, that tree is going to be destroyed damaged or possibly removed. It is our tree and it's our property and it is not in the right of way. It is outside of what purports to be the towns' right of way. That is going to be a town expense. The same thing with that tree if destroyed or its roots are destroyed by the sidewalk construction itself. Snow removal already mentioned, and extent of our snow. By ordinance we are told the town has a ordinance to require us to remove the snow and to maintain the sidewalks. That is a terrible burden to put on or house and and have to do it under the ordinance and the town officials can be very nice to make any well intentioned promises of help or assistance but the reality is that the verbal communications can't change an ordinance. The lot is another whole issue and that bank is 3-4' in height and runs roughly 85 feet plus in length. That is going to have to be stabilized as well. As far as I understand it, problems will be

the town's responsibility to maintain that at the towns' expense. The highway right of way has not been firmly established yet, ground with our property. That will need to be surveyed by the town but right now in an effort to be very up front with you, we have talked it over in our household and if we don't agree on the line we are prepared to challenge it. And not only that but if any part of this property is any highway right of way and if the town wishes to acquire any portion of the property at 40 North Main including the house or there will not be an easement granted and the town will have to take whatever steps you have to and whatever steps you need and incur whatever expense necessary for the acquisition and the compensation for value. It is very very important to note that preliminary engineering and rights of way for this application are no longer eligible for reimbursement. I went on line and read about the grant and they said that effective with the grant started in 09 and those two items are no longer reimbursable, reimbursement is limited to construction activity and that goes to one of the councilman's questions. So there is an expense to the grant. The in house engineering, still costs the town money in terms of salary, benefits and the attention from other projects and you have the potential for future costs. In closing I know that this council is not part of the safe routes committee and as a resident I am really trying to give you mayor, council the courtesy and respect of being up front with you as far as our feelings at 40 North Main if this project goes forward. And I only wish that the committee had afforded my family the same courtesy and respect of letting us know at the start of this proposal to what was going to be proposed to be happening on my property. I urge you to vote no on the resolution and thank you very much. Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public, yes.

*Lucy Baldwin, I live on 40 North Main Street. On a personal note I taught school in Terryville for 29 years so do I approve of sidewalks, crosswalks and signs to ensure safety for children walking to school, absolutely. The safety of any child comes first I want you to know that. In this case to install a sidewalk in front of my house and lot is really puzzling and baffling me because we already have a sidewalk across the street. There is a wall across the street that protects this sidewalk. The sidewalk is raised above and away from the street and it leads directly to the school on the. The school is on the same side as that sidewalk. How much safer can a child be walking to the school. About 5 weeks ago I received a letter stating that there was going to be a meeting on March 16 to discuss the sidewalk in front of my house and lot. I attended the meeting and I was shocked. The plans were final and we property owners had no clue whatsoever what was going on. The superintendent of schools said at this meeting that the plan had been discussed at the Board of Education meetings for over a year and had we turned to channel 5 or 15, whatever, we would have known about these plans. I don't mean to be disrespectful when I say I disagree with that thought that we should have turned the TV on to hear what was going to happen to our house in the front. We should have been notified so that we could at least see what was going on. In closing I reiterate putting a sidewalk on this lower end of North Main Street is not necessary when a safe sidewalk have no sidewalks on either side. That's how, that's, please use that money to do that. That was my daughter that spoke before and I just want you to know that I agree with everything that she said. Thank you very much. Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public.

*Laurie Slenka, 42 North Main Street, may I bring this up. Mayor Festa, yes you may. Laurie, this is a picture taken in front of my house today. Many of the council have been to my house and they see how close the street is. Mayor Festa, can you just give us a moment to take a look at the pictures. Laurie, sure. Mayor Festa, thank you; please continue.. Laurie, As I said, these were taken this afternoon and you can see that it is very close to the road and any child walking there is in danger. Where you can see someone else on the other side of the road which is up where he is protected from the cars. So right there shows you what a bad place that sidewalk would be. Secondly they said about obesity. Where is that going to help these children having that sidewalk. Are you going to take the children from the middle school and drop them off at the grammar school so they could walk and take the grammar school and let them off at the middle school and bring them over, then walk over to the grammar school so they can lose some weight. We are not going to do that. So how many kids are going to walk on that sidewalk for obesity. Yet there are children that should not be heavy but that starts in your home not at school. Secondly, my husband's family lived there for 80 years and we take a lot of pride in our home. We try to keep our home nice for the town and I am just asking you to look there. Would you like to sit on your front porch and have someone walking right in front of you. Do you want wires right in front of you. I am just asking you to please say no to this. I am not going to go on as there are plenty of other people who would like to talk. But, please look at those pictures and see how unsafe that would be. Thank you for coming out. Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public. Yes sir, then you. The gentleman back there, yes.

*Michael Slenka, I am Laurie's husband, I hope you don't mind if I read this as um. My family has lived in this location for about 80 years. My grandparents bought the house in 1930's and I have a picture of them standing in front of the house with hedges little tiny bushes that they planted when they first moved in the house around 1930 or so. The hedges with the sidewalk coming in, the present hedges that are there will be torn out. As the saying goes, I have been around the block many times. During the past 60 years I know this area and really don't need a survey to know about kids walking to school. I can look out my front window, sit out on my front porch, I can see the number of children walking to school. I agree with my neighbors; there are 6 children that walk probably to the middle school. As far as the statistics used by the town sidewalks would be priority for anybody. Those people living on Hillside Avenue, up on Bobin Road, they would love to have sidewalks going to the middle school or to the Fisher school. People down at the further end of North Main Street, down on Sandra Avenue, down on Hoye Street, they would love to have a sidewalk so the kids could walk to Fisher school. People down on South Eagle Street, South Main Street they would love to have a sidewalk so they can come to Main Street and go over to the school. You know, there is no question that people love sidewalks you know. As far as North Main Street goes there is a perfectly adequate and safe sidewalk already in place. The sidewalk across the street from our house is elevated, it's away from the road, its 6-8 feet away from the road, there is no problem. The kids walk and it's there, it needs repairs, but it's already there and it is in place. The section of the project we are objecting to is from Maple Street to High Street, on our side of the road. Our present front yards are about 15' away from the road, our front porch is 15' and the side door maybe 20'. I mentioned that the hedges will have to be removed. Those hedges have been there 80 years and will have to be torn down. You

know, we have power lines next to our driveway and those will have to be moved in, probably 5 to 6 feet, they are going to be closer to the house and we hear a hum and clicking noise from the transformer on the pole and we will have to live with it. If the sidewalks are put in I will be responsible for moving 70', I have 70' of frontage on the house. The snow that is plowed from the street will be plowed on the sidewalk. I will be responsible for plowing 70' of plowed snow over another 6' onto my property which is probably 10 or 12', imagine that. Imagine your house, plowed snow sometime 3-4 feet from the road and you are going to have to take that snow and plow it 6' over from the sidewalk to clear the sidewalk. It is our responsibility to clean the sidewalk. I will take that responsibility seriously, I will clean the sidewalk. I am not going to leave it unshoveled. I also feel that, as Ann mentioned, the sidewalk will have a negative impact on the value of our house. We have 20' of space in front of our house and you put a sidewalk there, you sit on front porch, 15' of that is a sidewalk, a public sidewalk and then you got the road. Think for yourself, common sense. As far as the safety issue is concerned, now this is something that has not been mentioned. Presently traveling from North Main Street, the street rises slightly from Park Street to Maple Street then the road also bears right or slightly left passing Maple Street. There is a little curve in the street. The current mound from the corner of Maple Street along Baldwin's yard provides a natural wall or barrier as a vital bend in the road. You come up the road and there is this nice bank there. People driving, I was hoping the police chief would be here because I was going to ask her to come out and drive the car, position the car up North Main Street between Park and Maple and you can see right there that the street goes right in to where the projected sidewalk will be because it bends to the left. With the installation of the sidewalk that natural wall will be opened about 6', they will cut the wall about 6' in so you can see coming up North Main Street you will see an opening which you don't see now. The cars are going to be aimed directly at the sidewalk. I believe this would be particularly hazardous if a vehicle swerved slightly to the right and possible going on the sidewalk. If you, all you have to do is drive here you can see if the sidewalk is there the slightest move and you are going to be over the sidewalk and there you go. Also, 7 and 8 year old kids, little kids, will be walking on this sidewalk with their back to the traffic. The traffic is coming from Main Street during school hours. The traffic, buses, cars, town trucks would be within 2 or 3 feet of these children walking on the sidewalk. These kids are going to be walking on a sidewalk that is 2 or 3 feet from the street. I am not mentioning the sidewalk across the street that is safe. A town truck with a snowplow, the plow is going to plow directly onto the sidewalk. A kid is walking on the street, he is going to get covered with snow. I don't care how slow the truck goes. The town trucks go diagonally with the side of the road. It is going to cover the sidewalk, a kid is going to be walking on the street and the kid will be covered with snow. You might say the town truck will raise plow, sure, what if it is snowing and the driver doesn't see the little tiny kid walking on the sidewalk. You know, it is just common sense and that is all we are talking about here is common sense. A town truck with a school bus passing at this small section of North Main Street and these little kids, you have a 8 year old kid, any of you have an 8 year old kid walking 3' from the road and you are going to want him walking with two trucks and a bus driving 3-4' from him. Is this what you call safe. This is safe driving; I don't think so. Meanwhile the safe sidewalk on the other side we don't want the kids walking there we want them walking on what we call the safe side. That's what

Tony called it, the safe side. We have a sidewalk that is elevated, it is about 6-8' from the road, it's elevated; it's away from the road. Kids can walk up North Main Street, look both ways, cross the highway, get on the safe sidewalk and walk down to Hillside where they can walk with a crossing, you don't have to have a crossing guard there. There is probably going to be one or two kids at the most. You can put those plastic stop signs on the road. I drive from western, my job is driving from western Connecticut through eastern New York, through Dutchess County, Poughkeepsie, Westchester County, Putnam County. All these towns have these little plastic signs you put in the street. You put one foot in the street and the car will stop. I don't care where you go. Okay. Apparently Tony thinks stop signs don't mean anything in Terryville. We think they do. A person will stop if they see a child trying to cross the street. Would you really want to send your 8 year old walking down the street. Whose going to be using this sidewalk. As Ann mentioned coming up Maple Street the logical way to go to Fisher School is Union Street. You could walk in the middle of Union Street, in the middle and be safer than walking along the right side of North Main Street. Union Street doesn't have any traffic. North Main Street has bus traffic, school time car traffic, people leaving their kids off, town trucks, everything. It's just common sense you go up Maple Street, you cut through Union Street, you go up to Fisher School. It's there. You know, plain and simple. Using the section of sidewalk is just asking for a potential disaster. I am sorry this is the way I see it. You drive up North Main Street, you see, right now you see a natural wall there. You have 6' open there with a sidewalk. That is a potential asking for a disaster. Many years ago, I mean this is many years ago, I was walking up Maple Street. I was visiting my friend, I was playing with his kids down on 6 Maple Street, Gene. I was coming up Maple Street, a car, lady drove; she went over the sidewalk, there is a house on the corner of Maple Street and Union Street. There is like a 30' section of sidewalk, she went over the sidewalk came out into the street and hit Mr. Oganowski's car that was coming out of his driveway on Maple Street. You know, things happen. Look at what happens with kids today, they are driving car, texting messages, talking on the cell phone and you are going to have a possible child walking along the road with drivers that aren't paying attention and the possibility is unthinkable. You just don't want to think about it. You would be much safer like I said before to have the kids cross North Main if a child is going to Fisher, have him cross diagonally across North Main, look both ways, teach the kid to learn to look both ways, cross the street, walk down, use the cross walk on Hillside Avenue and use the sidewalk that is away from the road. The existing sidewalk down on North Main going to Fisher is maybe 6' away from road. I told you what is going on. I told you the possibility of what could happen. This sidewalk, this little section of sidewalk you might think is just a minor little area. This could be disastrous. I don't know what is going on here and I think these people see this \$420,000 and think God, wouldn't that be great to have \$420,000. Putting a kid at risk, you do it and vote on it. Put the kid at risk. Mayor Festa, thank you,

*Laurie Slenka, you know this one over here thinks everything is so funny.

*Andrew Kawaluc, 46 North Main Street, good evening everyone. Good evening Mayor. I live at 46 North Main Street with my wife Nancy. We are here to talk about the sidewalk issue. Right now as it stands there are 3 main drains in the street; there is one up by Ann Baldwin's house, there is one across the street at 49 North Main Street and there is one in front of my house. It is a storm drain. Now, when it rains all the water that

comes from the Gospel Hall church to Robin and Ed Frechette's house, the street is banked up and it comes down like that and it just so happens that it ends in front of my house at the lowest level. That is where the storm drain is. And when the water washes off the street, washes off from my neighbors' driveways and everything, comes down, catches the storm drain across the street, the one in front of Michael and Laurie Slenka's house. They all drain into the one that's right in front of my house. Where does it go. It goes down my property. I am going to use the word easement but in my deed there is no mention of any type of easement uh that allowed city water, rain and or snow melt or anything to escape down on my property; my property between my house and my neighbor Robin and Ed Frechette at 50 North Main. In between his and my house I have a storm drain and it was piped in right behind my garage and the last time it rained it comes out and then goes in between his property and my property and ends up in the back and in a like and eventually it goes down. But, with all that, I mean that is enough we had that much water but now if you put sidewalks in from lets' say about 550' of sidewalk, the sidewalks that are sloped towards the road, what a quarter inch for every foot and you got the drain and and you got the road coming down here and you got the concrete sidewalk over here. You have a trough, now you have a trough of some 550' 600' that will come right down the street from the Baldwin's house and come from the Frechette's house and right in front of my house and drain in back yard. So what I have now is probably going to escalate by about 5-10 times because of now we are catching so much water as it is now when it rains. The Baldwin's do not have a um curbing in front of their house so any water that comes by the street goes into the lawn and the lawn will soak it up and a little bit runs off. The same thing with Frechette's house and the same thing with the house. You know we got no curbing so the water is able to wash into the lawn and not go down this drain. This easement if you want to call it that. I found no word for easement in my deed when we bought the house. Ever since the sidewalk issue came then I started looking into it more and more and um it was on March 16th, Mr. Wunsch and Mr. Sandshaw and Tony did come out, they all came out and we discussed the sidewalk issue and everything and Mr. Wunsch and Mr. Lorenzetti I took in back and I showed them you know where the pipe was and where it was piped in behind my garage and the water that was still in there and it wasn't even raining and there was water still in it. That is going to be a big issue and is a big issue. What are we going to do with all water that will be coming into my back yard and my neighbors back yard. It is bad enough now, uh, just it's flooded, it's wet, um, mosquitoes, a lot of mosquitoes in the back and we cannot go sit in the back yard unless you go right after the rain or something like that and not until after a couple of days or something until it dries out. You know, I asked Tony about it and he said it is something that he will have to look into it. But, you know, you put sidewalks in front of my house which is another thing. I probably, out of all 3 of us, I think I have the shortest front yard as far as distance goes so if you put the sidewalk in, I have hedges, nice hedges, and I will lose the hedges. I put stones, when the street was elevated and when the street was resurfaced about 7 years ago the public works filled it in with dirt and every time it rained it was just nothing but mud, I mean just mud totally mud and you couldn't walk in it and when it rained my sidewalk would be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ways full with water. After that what I had to do was I had to raise the sidewalk, I raised up the sidewalk, I dug out all the dirt and I went down to that nursery, that nursery down at the end of North Main Street, Superior Lawn Care, and I bought these

rocks, $\frac{3}{4}$ rocks and I think I bought like 10 yards of them and I put those in front of my house, in front of my hedges and in my parking area, you know, so this way here at least now when anybody comes to our house to visit or whatever they drive on the rocks and they don't have to worry about walking in the mud. Also to me it is a safety feature for anybody who comes to my house, our house, our family, our grandchildren or something like that, because they don't have to park the car on the street because there is no sidewalk. So they park right on the stones, right up against the hedges. The vehicle is totally off the street so when they exit the car they are right on in the gutter of the road and the whole road clear. Any traffic coming down does not have to, you know, go around these vehicles or anything. So, you know, it is good. The way I think I did it, it is safe; people walk down, they walk on rocks and everything like sidewalk is fine, you know, you keep off street, fine with me. So, I have no problem with that, absolutely no problem with that. But if you put sidewalks in that means you take and the hedges that I have you will eliminate the hedges, lose the hedges, take a part of my lawn and then I put another row of hedges in and then I will have probably maybe 4' of front lawn, 4' of front lawn before you sit on my porch. From the sidewalk, if you walk on the sidewalk, a little bit of hedges, 4' of grass and there is my porch. And, my wife and I, we enjoy our house and we enjoy our porch. Um, I don't want people walking by and, you know, this hi how are you, they are this close to me, you want a drink or something like that. It is not a home, you know, it would just not be like a home as it is now. I have a nice little front lawn, I have a little hedges, I mean a parking area, safe parking area where if anybody comes to visit cars are off the street. I am totally against the sidewalk. The sidewalk right now on the opposite side of street I think is great. I guess it does need to be repaired you know. Like even Mr. Wunsch has made a comment about continuing it on all the way to the cemetery and everything. It makes an awful lot of sense because both schools are on that side, the west side of North Main Street, they are not on the east side they are on the west side. Everything makes sense. Maple Street, I have no comment, they can use the sidewalk yes but it is not up to me. And another thing I had taken measurements of, see my driveway has a slope $\frac{5}{12}$ slope to it, for everybody that just for every 12" it goes up 5. Now, when you get to the top. When you put the sidewalk in as Tony did mention the night he was out there, and I went back after and I made a straight line across and measured down with a ruler down is 13" of driveway would have to be filled in up on top. You know because I asked this and said we can feather this in. You know, it is hard enough now in the winter time getting out of my driveway because of the slope. I have tenants you know what that means. Every time it snows I am up at 4:30 or 5 o'clock to make sure the driveway is clean so they can get out. No, so with a bigger slope it is going to be even worse. It is going to have to be cleaned more and we have trees in the front, on the side and the sun does not get there that much. But you know, to have a sidewalk up here and then the road and then all of a sudden my driveway is down here and we have to fill all this in somewhere. You would have to fill it in and then you have the sides to slope. It would have to be such a slope and practically go maybe $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way down my driveway so it would be so drastic to get up it. I think that is about all that I have to say at this point but the drainage thing is a big issue, very big issue because I do not want any more water in my back yard and feel Mr. Frechette feels the same way. With sidewalks you have trough there and the amount of water would be just totally too enormous to handle in the back yard. Thank you very much.

sidewalks in front of my house and I agree with everything my neighbors have said about their yards. I believe that the best course of action is to fix the sidewalks that exist already and to continue them down in front of the graveyard. And what I want to point out too is that in the winter when I have to clean the sidewalks, the town does come by on school days with their machine that they clean the sidewalks but if it's on the weekends or holidays they do not do it and have to go down and I have to do it and it's not just after it snows. Every time the plow goes by it fills the sidewalks back up again so it is like three or four times a day just to keep it clean. I really can't see the Baldwin's having to do this. I don't think that they are capable of having to clean the sidewalks and I don't think that the town should force them into that situation. So, when you vote for sidewalks, please vote to fix the ones that exist and continue down in front of the graveyard. Thank you.

Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public.

*Mark Tompkins, 43 North Main Street, I live across from Ann Baldwin and Lucy Baldwin. I think we just have to use a little common sense here on this. I think we have a good safe sidewalk on North Main Street, on my side of the road all the way down Main Street and all the way down North Main Street to Hillside Avenue and stuff. I think if you spend some money and fix up the existing walk and then continue on across Hillside by the cemetery I think all your problems would be settled that way. Uh, the other way I think you will have too many problems and very unsafe. That is all I have to say.

Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public; anyone else from the public. Yes.

*Ed Frechette, 50 North Main Street, Terryville. These are all of my neighbors. I have more frontage than all of my neighbors do but this is really unfair. You know, you are taking away all their yard, they will have no yard and it is a lot of work to have to shovel. My son is a walker, he walks to Fisher school and the sidewalk starts at the end of my property. My wife walks him every day. Um, there are not many kids that walk and the numbers that they came up with in the report I don't know where they got them from but what you hear from the other neighbors, you maybe see ten kids walk by a day, you know. I think it is foolish to put sidewalks there when we have existing sidewalks like they said, are already elevated from the road, are much safer. Do what you can do in front of the cemetery or I mean, the way it is now you come down Hillside they stop at the city yard and turn into Fisher. There is no sidewalk from there down, you know what I mean. Um, they should try to do something with that as well. And that is all I have to say. Thank you.

Mayor Festa, thank you. Anyone else from the public; anyone else from the public. One more time, anyone else from the public. Seeing none we move back to the Council, any comments, questions.

*Councilman Zagurski, Let me go first. Mayor Festa, absolutely. Councilman Zagurski, (a) Tony I guess I did not think about the wires and how close would those wires be is would be right outside their windows. Tony Lorenzetti, you have two choices either in the grass strip at the edge of the road or closer to homes. On the other side of the street whether safety they would be moved. (b) What about the drainage they were talking about, the Pequabuck River Watershed is zero percent increase and how would you handle water coming from the impervious surface you are putting in. Tony Lorenzetti, might have to do some detention or something and once again it has to be dealt with. There is a little bit of a ditch that runs down between the property and do not think, 46

and 50 North Main Street, do not think that water actually, there is a little bit of a ditch and drainage that runs down from Union Street toward the Pequabuck River. There is an ability to try to tie in if we so choose. Once again, you need to look at that as part of the project. You have to put detention in or something.

*Councilman Sekorski, (a) thanks everyone for coming out. It's always interesting to hear all the perspectives when we face these issues and it's never easy I'll tell you that. So Mr. Lorenzetti is going to be on the hot seat for a little bit. A couple of things. The engineering costs incurred are significant and estimate on that. Tony Lorenzetti, it will all be in house. In terms of both, I guess the question is where are we going to go. (b) The engineering costs for the proposed new sidewalk on North Main, engineering cost and berm, possible water drainage, elevation of sidewalk, connectors. Tony Lorenzetti, without a doubt what we would do, we would have to pay for survey and whether cemetery side or the other side of the street, we need to pay for the survey. I did not get an estimate. We are talking in the high thousands. (c) Okay, and then you did state for the record that we knew that was not included so and thank you Miss Baldwin for pointing that out. What is on cemetery side that that would be on the cemetery side according to the proposal to do the right side going north and residents concern so what is the major obstacle would not be going on the cemetery property. Tony Lorenzetti, obviously the grade and you would need to put some type of a retaining wall, exact locations and I cannot tell you the heights but it would probably in excess of 10 plus feet on North Main Street so you would need to build a retaining wall and you would have to do something temporary to put in a wall due to sandy soil and also have to deal with potential for gravesites on that side too and need to find more information and old crypt which would have to go. (d) And actually that old crypt that is across the street. Okay, I just have a few more questions Mr. Mayor and I ask for your indulgence. How about why those why wasn't the route up Hillside considered and I notice on the map and reports that it is not on checkered box. Another words, put a sidewalk up Hillside to the exit what is called the exit of the school now, why was that not considered an option. Tony Lorenzetti, it was also in the same situations that we talked about with North Main Street in terms of grade, trees and issues there. Also walking counts estimated usage. (e) Finally, the last thing proposed is more of a technical question, is this an all or nothing plan or will the plan be resubmitted if Council rejected it and and an alternate proposal put together. Is that basically what we have. We cannot say we love the Maple Street idea but not the North Main Street idea. Tony Lorenzetti, a couple of things. As part of this program to be eligible for funding for sidewalks, a plan had to be developed so it is not just a thing we can pick a project and we look at an area realistically. And then we put a plan together and come to some conclusions and I guess the question you are asking is the plan needs to be done to be Eligible for funding. (f) right so if we did not accept proposal as is we would have to have an alternate plan in order to be eligible for funding; is that a fair statement. Tony Lorenzetti, well, the alternate locations can be looked at as part of the plan and so this was the highest volume usage. There are other parts to this plan, talks about leading to this whole area having sidewalks to North Main Street and Maple. (g) Right, as lifelong residents of town we all recognize you know that that area, we recognize the need for something to be done and that is the part I am concerned with. So, um, I am worried about is this an all or nothing issue right here and this Council accepts or rejects absolute situation I guess you don't have an answer to that. Tony

Lorenzetti, a couple of things. We submitted a grant application I forget the exact date, last summer in August 28th. This was application to apply to be shortlisted on the state program and need safe route to school program and it needed a project to go along with that. To answer your question, we do need a program and this is the project to be eligible.

(g) Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mayor Festa, point of clarification. My understanding from the State Dept is the bottom line is the threshold number, the \$500,000 and that there can be modification to the application procedure but we cannot go over that threshold. That is my understanding from the State department by virtue of the request that was made by my office to follow through on that. The question was as to whether or not the alternate plan which would be on the other side of North Main Street could be incorporated into that \$500,000. And from what I understand is in that particular amount would be too costly and would be over the \$500,000 threshold. Tony Lorenzetti, the current numbers I am coming up with are high and once again not based on the survey data but the numbers for the whole project. Mayor Festa, thank you.

Councilman Wunsch, I honestly feel that you guys have a hardship if I can and made point in getting all involved as to the limit of area do have but I also feel that the sidewalks are important and I do not begrudge anyone for being against losing as you have so little. Tony, I know speaking for Tony because I have spent quite a bit of time talking with him, that he has spent quite a bit of time looking into researching going on to the other side of road and from what I spent with him it would be significantly more money to place it on that side with the cuts and not even knowing where all of the graves are located at this point but almost like a dumb question, but, would it make any sense to take the money and could we go as far as we could with it on the other side. And then have another phase to finish it to the driveway at Fisher. I know it does not achieve the grant to finish the loop now, but I mean, and I agree in the overall scheme of things to have on that side of road and you probably do not enough money to have it all in one jump and I know the town probably does not have finances to back it at this point but would that be an option if it makes sense. Tony Lorenzetti, well I guess looking at a few things if the whole idea is for safety and to have end in middle and not direct point of discharge crossing not sure if good idea. But once again you can look at what it costs would be but my feeling is a lot more than \$500,000 so I guess my recommendation would be not to do a piece of project unless there is funding to do the whole amount.

*Councilman Sandshaw, thank you everyone for coming out tonight. I agree with John and I think if we do come up Maple Street and use the existing sidewalks on the west side intersection of Hillside if you put one additional crossing guard there we can bring the students back and would not be the optimal solution but we still would have them crossing North Main Street safely, we have a crossing guard at the entrance of Fisher already, there is one down by Dave Mischke's house at North Main Street. With one additional crossing guard we could bring the students if the cost wouldn't prohibit to go around the vault, through the vault or however you want to do it, we could for the cost of one crossing guard bring the student across North Main Street and have them walk safely up and come back up to Fisher and there again we would not be compromising the project. Because I really believe there probably are not an awful lot of students walking on those sidewalks now because there are no sidewalk to get there, to get to those areas. There is only a short section of sidewalk on North Main Street but if we could connect

Main Street up Maple to a point I think you would get a significant amount of walker's. Thank you.

*Councilman Wunsch, the middle school and elementary school do not have crossing guards at the same time do they because they open at different times right. So the one from Eli Terry can be shifted down. I am throwing this out as balloon. Right, that shouldn't be a problem. Mayor Festa, you are saying different times for the different schools and that is what John is asking which would move the crossing guard from the middle and put to elementary that would be opening after the middle has opened already. Correct. That would be a cost for the additional time. There will always be a cost. Does that answer the question John? Councilman Wunsch, we have to vote on this one way or another tonight is my understanding. Mayor Festa, right. The only time we would have left is approximately week and the resolution has to be passed by April 12th according to the State Department. So the issue is such that if you are going to hold off on this you have another few days in which I would have to post for another Town Council, special Town Council meeting for that purpose. The resolution is an open ended one relative to the bottom line is the 500,000 threshold and if an alternate route can be fit within that 500,000 and you go that way that is fine. If the alternate route is beyond the 500,000 than you would have to be accepting the proposed plan.

*Councilman Zagurski, Can I ask one more question. Mayor Festa, sure Tom. (a) Tony, funding, it is \$500,000 and does the town have to front the money up front and then we get reimbursed. Tony, most of these projects work that way. (b) And we have to go to a public hearing anyways or referendum in order to appropriate the money. Tony, pretty sure, I am not sure on this program, but pretty sure it would be like a monthly reimbursement for construction. (c) If we approve this tonight what is the process. It then goes to the state and the State would then approve the funding of it and then a week after that we finalize our plans. Tony Lorenzetti, they would tell us actually if we have a project. (d) They would tell us that they approved the project for \$500,000 and then we would have to design what we want. Tony Lorenzetti, correct. We have been notified that we are on the short list. It could and sounds like a project they deem worthy. (e) My next question. With a project like this is the requirements that go out for bid and then it would all be funded by contractors or the contractors do the work. What I am getting at Tony as I have seen the work that your crew has done on sidewalks and I thought it was admirable on Main Street the way they put in the ramps and stuff like that. And I was wondering if there was a portion of this that we could actually get the town to do. Tony Lorenzetti, we can ask the question, um, I am not sure if we could but you can ask the question. There have been processes that the town can do the work and some situations though it does not work out. Are you looking at it to see if we would save a lot of money. (f) I am thinking like the replacement of the sidewalks if we, the existing sidewalks along the west side of North Main Street. I mean, I think that is something you guys are fully capable of doing and we could probably would save the quite a bit of money on the grant if we were able to do the labor ourselves and maybe bill for the cement. Tony Lorenzetti, you still have to work with all the state oversight and the same but I do think the walls are beyond what we would do. Even if we went along the cemetery. (g) I agree that I think it would be better to be engineered and farmed out or whatever. Tony Lorenzetti, I think one thing that should be discussed is the whole concept of getting plans together for sidewalks. I think a lot of people can talk about where they should go or where they

shouldn't go but the schools in the area and plans need to be put together and then determine funding and most efficient. (h) The existing sidewalks on the east side of North Main Street are 4' sidewalks with hedges right along the sidewalks from what I remember and kind of push people over. The new existing sidewalk standard is a 5' sidewalk. Tony Lorenzetti, correct, it is tight with a 4' walk to get the machine through there.

*Councilman Sekorski, just one more. (a) Procedurally we would have to file an amendment to this plan as this plan is fundamentally sound in terms of meeting requirements for the grant. So then if we were to change proposed route we would have to file an amendment to the plans, is that how that works. Tony Lorenzetti, I think I might actually. A few things, these plans can be upgraded. (b) All the ground work, the study. Melon Wedik, as long as it does not hugely impact the number of students who could potentially benefit than it should be fine. (c) So procedurally what I think is in order to continue it meets our state obligations, we obviously have a couple more hurdles to go in terms of appropriation and procedurally we can file an amendments to the plan, as we do this all the time, and potentially that would deal with route issues that are of concerns to the citizens. My big concern is I don't see, there are a lot of engineering costs that we are going to have to absorb that we have to appropriate anyway so sidewalks if we approve this tonight. Is that a fair statement. Tony Lorenzetti, there is certainly a process and following the normal state review process. (d) Exactly and follow our budget process to appropriate the funds which would be an additional discussion regardless. Okay. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

*Councilman Sandshaw, (a) Dave, you are saying if we approve the resolution as it has been read we could apply for the funding and then change our plans. Councilman Sekorski, we would file an amendment is what I am asking. (b) We would have to file an amendment this evening. Councilman Sekorski, no, what would happen is we have to approve it as we have done projects like this in the past, similar, not under this particular agreement or this particular funding mechanism for safe schools. But, I guess and thanks Marty, because I want to make sure how clear my question was. We can approve this, all the requirements of the plan, submit to the state and then could we then file an amendment to the physical description of what we are actually going to build subsequent to our approval and then it goes through the normal approval process. We have done road projects for the state and ended up where the state was physically impossible under hardship consideration where we had to alternate our plan and file the and go through the approval but at least in that end the funds are locked in for all practical purposes. Being on the short list does not mean we get the money it just means we are still in the pipeline regardless. Tony Lorenzetti, I think the process that is going to happen is if selected a DOT project gets initiated and you along the look at design factors, drains, physical locations and but you also have to go through the plans itself. Councilman Sekorski, I understand. Tony Lorenzetti, the plan and the project and what are we talking about. Councilman Sekorski, this is all rolled up into the whole deal, right. The plan, safe schools plan from which the Board of Education has done, the studies and the benefits to the kids and so on and so forth and to tied into that plan and tied into the funding is the sidewalk project, the physical project. So, what I am saying is, I ask Council to consider voting yes, approve the funds and then hopefully this puts some the actual routes of the project for which the particular roads which we will put sidewalks on and then have

amendments to our plan for the state and subsequent filing I would expect. Because it is a change to the project. What I am hearing, Mr. Mayor, is that the whole key to this is approving this plan which is safety to schools and with a cap of \$500,000 and the actual routes of the sidewalk are placed on could vary. Mayor Festa, according to state department personnel we can deviate from the original application in terms of the route that was proposed. What we would have to do is indicate that we are changing the routes because of xyz and part of the implication would be is in fact that we have had a public informational hearing and then a site visitation and we are taking up comments from the general public and those that are affected within the general neighborhood and that would be one of the reasons why you could actually change the original plan that was presented. The bottom line aspect of this whole project is that by April 12 we have to have a resolution into the state department. We do not care whether or not if we have the actual proposed plan or alternate route but the bottom line is that we do not go over that \$500,000 threshold. That is the key from the state department from what I understand from early this afternoon as well as my conversation with them last week based on the threshold of the \$500,000 and whatever you can get out of that money is fine with them. If we go over it we are buying the project out of our own and relative to the additional costs beyond the \$500,000. Councilman Sekorski, also the comment than we cannot spend a dime under the current terms of or agreement with the state without the appropriation anyway. Mayor Festa, bottom line, you have to go to the town for appropriation. The issue at hand here is that as Tony pointed out we are on the short list. Because we have actually got approved for the plan but it just means our chances are greater than being on the long list as we were two years back relative to. So you do have time after you submit and the bottom line here is Tony, also there is potential for not accepting even if we are approved for this particular grant. Tony Lorenzetti, even if we approve it at this point. We, actually the actual document from the state that gave us the short list (document given to the Mayor). Mayor Festa read into record "The Department of Transportation would like to notify you that the SRTS project for Harry S. Fisher Elementary and Eli Terry Jr Middle Schools has been short-listed to receive SRTS funding. Projects that receive federal funding must comply with the public involvement provisions of federal regulations. Therefore, the project sponsor is required to hold a public informational meeting and submit a resolution from the governing body to endorse this project. The public informational meeting report and subsequent resolution must be provided to the Department within three (3) months of the date of this notification, or funding will be forfeited." The date of the notification is January 12, 2010 which brings us to April 12th date. Any other questions, concerns or comments from Council. Councilman Sekorski, can we move the question.

MOTION: To move the question, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: Councilman Zagurski, yes; Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilman Wunsch, yes; Councilman Sandshaw, yes.

MOTION: To approve the Resolution as read, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none, Vote: Councilman Sandshaw, yes; Councilman Wunsch, yes; Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilman Zagurski, yes. Mayor Festa, the Resolution passed unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Festa, are there any other comments from the general public:

*Andrew Kowaluc, (a) on the sidewalk issue we are talking about repairing the sidewalks on the west side of North Main Street and then talking about you know the cemetery issue, cutting the wall and the other cemetery issues, and what about putting a sidewalk going up Hillside and then having the kids go in through the back way. Mayor Festa, Mr. Lorenzetti made comments relative to that was looked at. Tony Lorenzetti, once again, the pedestrian usage was high there according to safe route and also other geometric concerns there to look at. When you cut into the bank for the cemetery you have the same problems that . (b) I am not talking North Main Street, on the other side. Tony Lorenzetti, still, you still have the issue on cutting into the banks on Hillside Avenue. Not as steep as North Main but it is. (c) Just a suggestion. I just bring it up as a suggestion.

*Councilman Wunsch, we talked a little bit about this this morning and also correct me please and some of the issues out there is the knoll issue going down Hillside just passed the town garage there is a knoll and if correct, there would be you would have the requirement to take some of that down for the grade and you can finish. Tony Lorenzetti, desirable would like grade dropped so that people can see intersection. If you have ever driven down that hill and icy you slide to stop sign.

*George Mickel, 53 North Main Street, can I make a comment about that little knoll. Coming out of my driveway that little rise is very dangerous because cars at the bottom, on the other side at the bottom you cannot see them and the top of their car is actually below the crest of that hill. Councilman Wunsch, that is a critical spot. My last comment would be for you people to please believe us that there was quite a bit of discussion in the last couple of weeks on different thoughts and different ideas of direction and it is not that we just met with you and said we will do whatever we want. There was a lot of time involved on Tony's part to investigate different alternatives and we are not saying we are done. Tony Lorenzetti, we are getting a survey done and we can decide on survey and will look at suggestions.

*Councilman Sandshaw, I would like to reiterate what John said. Tony did a significant amount of work in the last two or three weeks to give us information on this and I thank you Tony. Mayor Festa, any other comments. Any other comments. Thank you.

12. To Discuss And Take Action By Resolution, Policy Statement, Compliance With Civil Rights Act Of 1964, Affirmative Action Policy Statement, Certified Resolution Of the Governing Body; The Small Cities Block Grant For 2010

MOTION: To Take Action By Resolution, Policy Statement, Compliance With Civil Rights Act Of 1964, Affirmative Action Policy Statement, Certified Resolution Of the Governing Body; The Small Cities Block Grant For 2010 by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Mayor Festa, ask the Town Council for an advisory question here relative to these particular items. We do have several resolutions and statement, policy statements to be submitted into the record and some of them are three pages long and the question raised is to legal counsel as to whether or not we can put into record by virtue of presentation for the record the particular statements and just discuss them in terms of title. Attorney Sal Vitrano, you can identify them and recognize by title and ask to waive the reading and incorporate by reference.

MOTION: To waive the readings of the resolutions forthcoming and refer to them by title and incorporate by title by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Wunsch.

Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the Town of Plymouth Fair Housing Resolution by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the Town of Plymouth Fair Housing Policy Statement, by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sekorski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the Town of Plymouth Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the Town of Plymouth Affirmative Action Policy Statement, by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the Certified Resolution Of the Governing Body to be presented for the record by Councilman Zagurski; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Councilman Sekorski, point of clarity, Mr. Mayor, that this is item 14. Mayor Festa, yes by virtue of the changes of numbering.

13. To Approve And Authorize The Mayor To Sign The Assistance Agreement Between The Town of Plymouth And The State Of Connecticut For The Downtown Historic Terryville STEAP Grant – Mayor Festa, this is a \$450,000 STEAP grant that was awarded to the town. \$300,000 for the streetscape and \$150,000 for the waterwheel.

MOTION: To approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Assistance Agreement Between the Town of Plymouth and the State Of Connecticut for the Downtown Historic Terryville STEAP Grant by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Councilman Zagurski, did we do the small city block grant resolution, Mayor Festa, those are the ones we just passed on, housing statement, etc. for fair housing component in order to be in compliance.

14. To Discuss and Take Action On The Recommendation From The Police Commission For Consideration Of Ordinance Concerning Police Traffic Duty

Mayor Festa, I have been requested to have this tabled until our next regular Council meeting in May.

MOTION: To table by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw and the vote unanimous.

15. To Discuss And Take Action On The 2010 Neighborhood Assistance Act; To Set Date For Public Hearing – Mayor Festa, at this point in time what you would need to do is accept the fact that you are approving the application process for the Assistance Neighborhood grant which allows us to advertise to organizations within the community and neighborhoods the authority to present an application to the state to pick up a grant application for a particular project . In the past we have had the soccer league put in an

application and we have had the school put in a playground project. This is an opportunity to pick up funding on proposals that can get accepted by the State department.

MOTION: To advertise by Councilman Sandshaw; second Councilman Zagurski and the vote unanimous.

16. To Consider Request To Review Storm Drain Markers Project Per Mr. Scott Gray – Scott Gray, 5 Fall Mountain Terrace, I submitted examples of what basically is part to Fall Mountain Lake lake public awareness campaign to help neighborhoods realize the impact they have polluting the streets and the downstream effect it has. Essentially what I would like to do is put these on our new storm drains and the idea is to stop pollution before it actually happens. My intention is to glue them basically right on working with the president of Fall Mountain Lake Association and the board of the Fall Mountain Lake Association and have been working with Tony Lorenzetti and that is why I am here to make sure the Town Council is understanding of what my intentions are. Councilman Zagurski, (a) Scott, did you go through the Conservation Commission and Inland Wetland and why did you choose Fall Mountain. I know you live there but that would be a great project for Lake Winfield and a few other lakes around the community. Scott, I volunteer as lake manager for Fall Mountain and I not only have this project but I have a whole bunch of other duties as lake manager up there and I make sure they do the water quality test and I make sure the water quality at storm drains and in flows are tested. I have a kit that I purchased to test for that as well. (b) Fall Mountain Lake Association is actually going to purchase these and you will put them in. I think you ought to bring it back to Inland Wetland Conservation Commission and they have it done elsewhere in town also. I think it is a good project and I appreciate your efforts and I think it is good to let people be reminded that we can pollute our lakes by dumping things down storm drain. Scott, a lot of people have no idea that a storm drain can pollute. (c) I applaud you for your efforts. Councilman Sekorski, technical question. Do we need to approve this because it being town property is that or just a logistical question. Mayor Festa, there would be a process they would have to go through and Council by virtue of a vote would be endorsing the particular project and concept in theory and they would have to go forward with public works etc. so on and so forth. This is the first step in the process. I might just add we just got through approving the publication of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant program which is something that you and I should talk about in terms of taking this back to the Association and making application for grant as you may qualify and this would be the very project that would qualify under the particular rules and regulations. This is an opportunity here. Tony Lorenzetti, a lot of communities are looking at doing more at storm drains and some other communities were able to get markers from the state for free and no longer have this problem. Scott and I have talked about placing on top of catch basin and talked about method of attachment and a couple of choices including to try to glue on which could work or some other type of mechanical attachment. People who do work in the street may need insurance. By gluing it on they have to wear vests and as long as the town understands they are responsible for markers if they happen to fall off or come off. That is the type of direction and we have the Town Attorney here and I don't know what his thoughts are.

MOTION: To endorse this marker project as submitted by Mr. Gray to mark storm drains along Fall Mountain Lake area storm drain by Councilman Sekorski; second

Councilman Zagurski. Discussion: Councilman Zagurski, did you contact the manufacturer on gluing them on or what they generally use to glue on or how to attach. I was just curious if there is any history if the glue worked. Scott Gray, Tony and I called several towns and Windsor had glued them on and that did not work but they are cheap enough so they can be replaced. I will have accountability for all of them and still a better option as far as Tony is concerned, getting up there and trying to drill and bolt. There are 5-6 different attachment types, and epoxy is in long term and them breaking off or falling off is one of many things that can go wrong with them. Windsor's problem is they became dislodged. Tony Lorenzetti, years ago, Inland Wetlands painted fish by catch basins on pavement and in terms of public education is something towns are suppose to look at. Regulations regarding trying to control what goes in storm drain and this is actually something a positive steps. Some communities do by catch basin with emblems. Mayor Festa, what is the estimate cost for project. Scott Gray, I am going to try to get stainless steel pieces that are \$4.75 each and so I suggest buy 50. Mayor Festa, I understand concern and thinking in terms of follow up on Tom's comment and having other communities within town such as Lake Plymouth as well, and potential for the Neighborhood Assistance grant program and such that you can take to the next limit and maybe we can get them cheaper if you have more of the product being applied for. So it is a potential and I will contact Lake Plymouth to see if they want to get involved in the assistance program application as well. It will be a wonderful project. Scott Gray, I will work with Lake Plymouth, no problem. Vote: unanimous.

17. To Enter Into Executive Session For The Purpose Of: Contract Negotiations Regarding Real Estate Transactions; Negotiations Regarding Restructuring With Unions

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. for the purpose of Contract Negotiations regarding real estate transactions; negotiations regarding restructuring with Unions by Councilman Wunsch; second Councilman Sandshaw and the vote unanimous. Mayor Festa stated also in attendance will be the Town Council, Director of Finance, Town Attorney and Mr. Tomasetti.

Mayor Festa called the meeting called back 10:36 p.m.

18. To Take Action, As Necessary If Any, From Executive Session

MOTION: To approve the proposal of PHI contingent on them securing a contract and final financing being secured by Councilman Sandshaw; second Councilman Wunsch.

Discussion: Councilman Sekorski, to clarify that is for the purchase of the Prospect Street School property. Vote: Councilman Sandshaw, yes; Councilman Wunsch, yes; Councilman Sekorski, yes; Councilman Zagurski, yes.

19. Council Liaison Reports

a. Councilman Sandshaw – Did not attend the Recreation meeting; ZBA one application tabled pending site walk; Wetlands and Conservation continuing to work on show cause hearings; applications have been worked on. One application modified will vote on tomorrow. EDC is continuing to work on streetscape.

b. Councilman Wunsch – Early Childhood Development on the fifth and they are planning family literacy for March 22; they applied for a planning grant and started interviews on it and if approved they will know on the 19th and it will be a grant up to

\$25,000 over next two years to be used for different programs for health, safety and success in school. Housing at Gosinski Park with speaker from Torrington Housing and many of the issues are the same. Fire Commission and fire department doing recertification and they did have questions on oil running out at Fall Mountain Fire House question on why not automatic oil delivery and asked Tony if answer. Tony Lorenzetti, it is diesel and the other problem is this is the first year they have gotten diesel delivered there and difficult for vendor to know when they are suppose to come with deliveries and now have basis for use. Last year used another vendor for diesel and first year new vendor delivering diesel fuel. They will have better idea on usage now. Mayor Festa, is there someone that checks levels. This hasn't happened before that we know of. What action taken to correct. Tony Lorenzetti, we have the tank estimated gallonage chart given to the people at the firehouse and action taken and information given to check. Part of the problem is it doesn't run all the way down and still fuel in it when it shuts off and other issue is knowing exactly what level it shuts off at and it shut off with a little over 100 gallons in tank and because of location of feeding tank no one knew it shut off at that level. That was only action taken. Councilman Sandshaw, for the Board of Ed, the only reason I know this is I am involved in energy conservation and the custodian in each facility dips the tank every Monday morning and each fire house has a custodian and couldn't that be part of process. Councilman Wunsch, also the fire marshal had issue and big thing applying for grant in budget but finance voted out. Dave Bertnagel, what happened is they requested additional funds from the Board of Finance contingency and they did not transfer funds but gave authority to approve administratively and we will utilize to offset grants. I will notify departments in the future who apply for grants to notify the Board of Finance before if funding is required in order to make arrangements beforehand. Councilman Wunsch, it was a \$3665 laptop, software and \$1000 from the town and grant covered difference. Also, went to Public Works sidewalk meeting. School Building is moving forward on the track and some questions over engineering and who will oversee and doing punch list items at existing high school. At Eli Terry looking at water issues on roof and also problem with boiler the way redesigned during renovation that it can call for more oil than pumps can supply and reservoir not big enough. Company is picking up full tab to correct. Two meetings on the 23rd and last night and discussion on starting bond proposal for \$18 million and last night they set up sub committees to move forward. The 26th the Early Childhood Committee met again and applied for a readiness grant for \$107,000 and informed the Board of Education will charge \$1200 for preschool programs. Met today with public works and gave copy of full list and doing post winter clean up, pot hole patching, trash pickups, cleaned up around transfer station with mulch from brush dump; Tony had meeting at DOT for Allentown Road, list reviewed. Jim Deutch, energy company donating money to CT River Forestry Council and sent information to towns across the state on how trees can and found location in town on getting trees to promote energy conservation and found location at Fisher for 2 trees, applied for grant and got it and will be planted within next month. Publicly thank Tony who helped a lot on the grant, Conservation Commission and Phyllis at Fisher.

*Councilman Sekorski, attended first joint meeting of Capital Improvement and Facility on bonding and comment that financial director did great job on what it

would take to move bonding forward without increasing taxes but help us deliver long term services and prepare for what we have to do for longer infrastructure. Thank you Dave and we are optimistic that we can move forward. Not able to make meeting last night of WPCA and heard it went well.

*Councilman Zagurski – Planning & Zoning, Tony came in for 8-24 for safe routes to school; EDC came for 8-24 for sidewalks on Main Street; there are a few small applications and this Thursday a public hearing for subdivision regulation for change of language in sidewalks. BOE, had nice presentation on technology implementing in schools by Rich Trudeau. Brought up seat belt laws and requirement will cost estimate \$25,000 per school bus to do so and a cost of the town as an unfunded mandate; they were at the capital and talking to legislature who estimate 50% cut in state funding for BOE in next few years and concern towns will lose money.

20. Public Comments

21. Council Comments

a. Councilman Zagurski – extend sympathy to family of Art Blum who passed away and was valued member of community and missed. Transfer station, went down to throw out trash and noticed fine job they did down there and it looks very nice. Thank you.

b. Councilman Sandshaw, reiterate what Tom said above the driveway to transfer station, looks outstanding and thanked Council for hard work on safe routes to school and everyone put in a lot of time and effort and we are going in the right direction.

c. Mayor Festa, received good news on Council of Tourism and Culture, we are receiving first reimbursement on the waterwheel project and waiting for the last bit of well testing and if come out positive we can remove slabs and get moving on first aspect of reconstruction and phase 1 of park. Now to summer will see activity. Notification is they are very pleased with the Town of Plymouth and movement forward and cooperation on job being done and thank those people from EDC, Historic Properties Commission and everyone else involved in moving this project off the ground and at a great pace. Without support and help we would not have had a favorable response from the Commission. It is good to know that they are seeing the light of day, helping us and submitting reimbursement to us on what we already spent. It is a good sign.

d. Councilman Sandshaw, do not know if 3 Leaf Landscaping purchased the old Summit building or leasing it but they have relocated his business and moved in, Zack Morin, relocated from back of Beacon and expanding his business and going into landscape materials, mulch, stone, etc. and point of interest.

22. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn by Councilman Sekorski; second Councilman Zagurski and the vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of the Council