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Minutes

October 5, 2010

Call to Order: Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled October 5, 2010, Plymouth Town Council Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Martin Sandshaw, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Town Councilman David Sekorski, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also present was Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor Festa noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Acceptance of Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting, September 7, 2010

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to accept the September 7, 2010, Town Council Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Council Rules and Procedures

Mayor Festa stated that Mr. Bald, Cheshire Correctional Facility, was not in attendance at the present time and requested this agenda item be temporarily suspended on this evening's agenda.

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Council Rules and Procedures Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to suspend the aforementioned agenda item until and/or if, Mr. Bald arrives at the Town Council Meeting this evening. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that she was informed that the Town Council was voting on the Board of Education's Teachers and Superintendents Contracts. M. Church stated that people were appalled at the latest contract that the Superintendent, Anthony Distasio was receiving. M. Church questioned if the Town Council had received copies of the latest contracts and further, if the Town Council did received the contracts, were they remiss on voting on them.

M. Church stated that most people in Town, including the Board of Education's teachers and administrators, were all taking pay cuts, however the Superintendent's contract actually increased, again and again. M. Church stated that although the budget had listed A. Distasio's salary at \$141,000.00, with the add-on's he received, the total was approximately \$200,000.00. M. Church stated that A. Distasio's presently receives \$11,500.00 for longevity for ten years of service to-date.

M. Church stated that the Town Council should examine A. Distasio's contract, as a legislative body, and make accountability, even if it has to go to arbitration. M. Church detailed the pay and insurance that the Superintendent receives, noting that the Town was being ripped-off.

M. Church distributed copies of the contracts for the past three years, noting that from examining past Town Council minutes the Town Council used to vote on the contracts. M. Church requested that the Town Council examine the insurance plans in the contracts, noting that A. Distasio's insurance was increasing, while everyone else's insurance was decreasing. M. Church stated that the Town would be paying \$500,000.00 for A. Distasio's insurance for the next 20 years. M. Church stated that A. Distasio pays into his teachers' pension and then the Town reimburses him.

M. Church stated if the Town Council wanted to take exception to these facts then the Town Council would have to take the responsibility, as well because these items were grave concerns, noting that the voters would very upset.

M. Church thanked the Town Council for their attention.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Festa stated that the Historic Property Commission/Waterwheel remediation for the month of October would take place within the next two weeks, noting that the a contract bid was awarded to LFR Arcadis under the \$200,000.00 Remediation Grant received by the Community. Mayor Festa stated that due to changes by epa in the testing procedures the town had to hold off on the testing of the soil and concrete slabs on the property. Mayor Festa stated that this work was now moving forward where the testing would be allowed by the EPA standards.

Mayor Festa stated that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that the Town Hall would have its annual Pink Day on Friday, October 15, 2010. Mayor Festa stated that this year the Pink Day would be held in honor of several employees that had gone through the process of breast cancer surgery.

Mayor Festa stated that the Beautification Committee would be holding a Pumpkin Fest in Baldwin Park on October 23rd from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., and that it would include a pumpkin lighting contest with carved pumpkins, lighting ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Festa stated that the Committee would provide ribbons and refreshments. Mayor Festa stated that the Town appreciated the Baldwin Family (Ann Baldwin and her mother) for allowing the Beautification Committee to use the Park for this festival.

Mayor Festa stated that he had recently received notification that the Town had received an additional \$150,000.00 in grant money for the Route 6 Streetscape Project. Mayor Festa stated a meeting had been scheduled for Friday, October 8th, with Milone and MacBroom and BL Companies to coordinate the amenities that would be examined and voted upon for the streetscape lighting fixtures, benches, etc., which would ensure that the two areas (Route 6 Streetscape and the Waterwheel Park) amenities were coordinated.

Mayor Festa stated that the CL&P/Industrial Park issues were being taken care of by CL&P and further, that CL&P had admitted that there were some faulty wiring problems underground. Mayor Festa stated that CL&P had stated that they would be making some changes and that they had notified the members of the Industrial Park Association that there would be some type of reimbursement for the street-lamp outages (along the thoroughfare), which had been out for a number of months.

Mayor Festa stated that the Connecticut Water Company had held two Open Houses at the reservoir property located at 170 North Street, Plymouth, on September 18 and September 26, 2010, for the purpose of allowing the public to receive information on the reservoir on North Street.

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Mayor's Report Cont'd.

Mayor Festa stated that the matter would be coming to fruition in late October and that the information received would be disseminated to the Community with the understanding of exactly what the issues were. Mayor Festa stated that at that time, the Town would then consider as to whether or not to move forward with the potential purchase of the property.

Mayor Festa stated that the McDonalds Corporation had visited the Town Hall and that they were moving forward with their project. Mayor Festa stated that McDonald's would be dismantling the current on-site building and would be erecting a new building, parking area and new design within the next several months.

Mayor Festa stated that McDonald's was hoping to have their new building finished by February 2011, with an entirely new look to the structure.

Appointments/Resignations

Mayor Festa stated that there was an appointment to appoint Jeannine Jandreau to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy with a term to expire on September 10, 2013.

Mayor Festa stated the he wanted to request this agenda item be tabled until such time that the uncertainty, which existed concerning terms of appointments to a number of different Boards and Commissions, had been addressed and resolved. Mayor Festa stated that the issues were being worked on and that hopefully, they would be cleared up within the next month.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sandshaw, to table the appointment of Jeannine Jandreau to the Planning and Zoning Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Keith Golnik, 46 Orchard Street, Terryville, stated that he had gone on the Town's website and noted that the Boards and Commissions vacancies page had last been updated on May 18, 2010. K. Golnik cited the openings, and noted that there was no mention of vacancies for the Planning and Zoning Commission or for the Municipal Facilities Committee.

K. Golnik questioned without the correct vacancies listed, how would the Town know it was getting the professional, well-educated, and well-experienced people to be able to apply for the opening(s).

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K. Golnik requested the website be updated so everyone in Town had the ability to be able to be able to apply for a Board and/or Commission.

Mayor Festa thanked K. Golnik for his comments and stated that for clarification purposes, he had been working on that particular issue for several months relative to clarifying appointments, dates of service and term expiration dates, in an effort to bring some kind of semblance to the issue.

Mayor Festa stated that he had several copies of different reports with different dates which had been publicized and that each time he received a new one, it had errors on the sheets and noted that one of the reasons for the errors was because there had not been a serious follow-through for a number of years. Mayor Festa cited a recent example of an error whereby a person had not been reappointed because on the publicized report it was noted that person was a non-elect in Town which was required by the Town Charter. Mayor Festa stated that this person had their name misspelled on the sheets so that error was corrected at a previous Town Council Meeting, however when the new sheets were distributed the following month, the same error occurred, again. Mayor Festa stated that as of June 2010, the same mistake was still being shown. Mayor Festa stated that his office had corrected the same error three times, but that officially, it had not been corrected to-date.

Mayor Festa stated that as soon as he receives a complete listing, the matter would be taken care of.

Mayor Festa stated that another example was back in 2009 and that Constables that had been elected were not listed as being such, and that the names of the non-elected had been listed in error. He further stated that this error was still on the publicized sheets.

Town Councilman Sekorski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sandshaw, to appoint Gerald Wunsch to the Municipal Facilities Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Festa stated that his office was recommending that an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed to review Zoning Regulations/Permit Schedules.

Mayor Festa stated that there had been a number of issues, inquiries and complaints made by businessmen in Town, contractors, and property owners.

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Appointments/Resignations Cont'd.

Mayor Festa stated that one of the problems, which had been noted, was that the Village District had been too restrictive in terms of the application process and the fees associated with it, and explained the reasoning for the recommendation.

Mayor Festa stated that the Board of Finance Meeting had requested that the fee schedules be examined, as well. Mayor Festa stated that permit fees had escalated, noting the State was keeping the majority of the permit fee, citing that he had recently paid for a fence permit and that the charge was \$70.00 fee with the State receiving \$60.00 and the Municipality only \$10.00.

Town Councilman Sandshaw made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sekorski, to appoint Lawrence Deschaine, Peter Giancesini, Robert Green, Jeannine Jandreau, Carl Johnson, Mark Malley and Jeffrey Scott, to the Zoning Regulations/Fee Permit Schedule Ad Hoc Review Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Town Council would not set the fee schedule, however the Town Council would approve them.

Melanie Church stated that five years previous the Fire Marshal's Office was supposed to have their fees examined, however they never were, and she felt that issue to be handled by the Ad Hoc Review Committee, as well, and explained her reasoning, noting the Fire Marshal could charge a second time for a second review.

M. Church stated this kind of action was a deterrent for the Town's residents.

When questioned by Keith Golnik, it was noted by Mayor Festa that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was a separate agency and that the Town Council did not approve their fees.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the proposed Ad Hoc Committee members were a distinguished group of people and that Mayor Festa had made a good selection.

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Take action to refund property taxes

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sekorski to refund property taxes as follows:

Toyota Motor Credit Corp., \$208.39/\$38.32; Peter J. Coppola \$92.55; Lynn A. Lindsay \$9.94; Ellen Umbermuth \$9.56; Scott D. Ewen \$42.73; Robert C. Impresa \$52.76; Kimberly J. Gelinis \$57.22; Edward F. Griffin \$8.17; Edwin J./Shirley Gangloff \$92.55; Laura J. Frenette \$69.72; Honda Lease Trust \$238.99. This motion was approved unanimously.

To review and take action on the final draft of the Financial Policy Statement: General Fund balance as recommended by the Board of Finance; Financial update presented by D. Bertnagel, Director of Finance

Mayor Festa stated that David Bertnagel was unable to attend this evenings meeting, and recommended tabling the agenda item if any of the Town Council members had questions.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to table the review and possible action on the final draft of the Financial Policy Statement: General Fund balance as recommended by the Board of Finance; Financial update presented by D. Bertnagel, Director of Finance. This motion was approved unanimously.

To set a date for joint workshop meeting/Town Council and Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sandshaw, to set the date of October 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m., for a joint workshop meeting with the Ad Hoc Blight Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

To approve the Substitute Resolution to allow Plymouth to seek STEAP Grants through CGS, Section 4-66g

Mayor Festa stated that the approval from the Town Council would allow the Town to move forward, as the Town falls under this particular act as being a distressed community. Mayor Festa stated that under the Substitute Resolution, the Town would work under a four-year period of time verses yearly, noting the last period would be October 10, 2010.

To approve the Substitute Resolution to allow Plymouth to seek STEAP Grants through CGS, Section 4-66g Cont'd.

Mayor Festa stated that as long as the grant and funds were still available from the State, the Substitute Resolution would carry the Town through October 14, 2014. Mayor Festa stated this grant could be applied to different projects in Town and listed some possible projects that other towns in Connecticut had used the grant monies for. Mayor Festa stated he would provide the Town Council members with the listing to help get a handle on the amounts and project possibilities for the STEAP grant monies. Mayor Festa stated the monies would be earmarked for each particular project, in advance, and would be handled by the Land Use Department through Economic Development. Mayor Festa stated when the lots were being developed in the Plymouth Industrial Park; the same STEAP grant monies were used to provide water for the pump station located in the Park.

Town Councilman Sekorski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to authorize the Substitute Resolution authorizing the Plymouth Town Council to seek STEAP Grants through CGS, Section 4-66g as described in the Resolution provided for review this evening. This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss the State of Connecticut Potable Water Grant process (CGS 22a-471) as it relates to property owners on Harwinton Avenue/Burr Road

Mayor Festa stated the he was recently asked to meet with State of Connecticut officials and residents of Harwinton Avenue and Burr Road, due to the fact that there were contaminated wells in the area. Mayor Festa stated the number of contaminated wells had grown from two contaminated wells in 2002 to ten contaminated wells in 2010.

Mayor Festa stated that he had requested the Town Sanitarian, Gil Roberts to attend this evenings meeting to provide some information relative to the kinds of materials contained in the contaminated wells and the effect of those chemicals. He further stated that the Town would then move forward to discuss the potential solution(s) from the State.

Gil Roberts, Torrington Area Health District, Sanitarian assigned to the Town of Plymouth, stated that the overall contaminated that had been found was lead and arsenic in excess of action levels and one house had the presence of nickel. He further stated the State had not been able to link the contaminates found to any one source at the present time.

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G. Roberts stated the action level of the carcinogenic was primarily geared to consumption by children under the age of six, noting that age would be when the central nervous system would be developing and children were most susceptible to small amounts of lead. G. Roberts stated that arsenic in long-term, small quantities was found to be a carcinogenic that affects the internal organs.

Mayor Festa stated that in each of the particular wells varied and were not consistent.

Gil Roberts stated that when the State tries to pinpoint a source, generally speaking water flows downhill so normally a single source of contaminate you would see a high level of various contaminates around that source and gradually as you worked your way down gradient you would find decreasing amounts.

Gil Roberts stated that in this particular case the results were very sporadic, houses that very close to the possible source of contamination had lower levels of contaminates had very lower levels than most that were a greater distance away down gradient. G. Roberts stated that was part of the reason why the State was unable to single out a source at this time. G. Roberts stated that arsenic does occur naturally in some areas of Connecticut; however he had not been aware of any lead or arsenic naturally occurring and noted that did not mean it was not present.

Mayor Festa stated that the State had noted that in areas of ledge, arsenic was more prominent as a natural forming contaminate.

G. Roberts stated that he had heard on the television news that the State had found arsenic in one of the school systems, noting the State does test for it in community water systems. G. Roberts stated that the State does not test for copper or arsenic in private wells.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, G. Roberts state this problem had been part of a site investigation back in 2004, however the State was not clear about what initiated the new testing in 2009/2010. G. Roberts stated the new testing could have been a result of a residential complaint/inquiry.

Mayor Festa stated that he had provided information in the Town Council member's packets for review to assist with a resolution to the problem, noting that a resolution was the center of the discussions with the State.

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Mayor Festa stated that based on the meeting with the State of Connecticut, State officials were providing bottled water and filtration systems to the homes that were willing to accept it and that further, the State would cease providing water if the resident(s) refused to accept the water filtration system and that the resident(s) would be on their own at that point in time.

Mayor Festa stated that a recommendation had been made to examine some of the options that would deal with going full force with the filtration systems and also the possibility of having the Department of Environmental Protection provide for an approach to the Office of Policy and Management relative to a bonding proposal.

Mayor Festa stated that a more permanent solution would be to install a water line in the area and that Connecticut Water would be making a presentation to the Town Council in the future so that when all the date is collected.

Mayor Festa stated that presently there was a sewer line running through the area in question, which means the ledge had been blasted out and noted that if the line was deep enough, the water line could go above the sewer line and that the cost would be drastically reduced.

G. Roberts stated that the State of Connecticut estimated that it would cost \$470,000.00 for a water line, exclusive of blasting

Mayor Festa stated that it would cost approximately \$240,000.00, over a 20-year period, to provide the filtration system and maintenance.

G. Roberts stated the State of Connecticut had planned on using a dual treatment system because even though none of the homes showed volatile or gasoline derivatives or industrial solvents, part of the system would include activated charcoal that would remove those contaminates in case they ever showed up.

G. Roberts stated that in addition to the dual treatment systems, resin-based water conditioning devices, similar to home water softeners, would be utilized for the arsenic and lead.

Mayor Festa stated that conversation also took place concerning looking to the Federal Level for monies such as the when the water problem was handled at Fall Mountain through the USDA.

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Mayor Festa stated that the Town of Plymouth no longer fell into the newly established required population levels set by the USDA for financial assistance.

Mayor Festa there was no funding available, at this point in time, from the Federal Government in the way of grants.

Mayor Festa stated the Town had several choices, one being to become proactive and go through the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and move forward to Office of Policy and Management's Bond Counsel.

Mayor Festa stated the Town had the option of ignoring the issue and not be proactive and later be forced by a State mandate to install a water line and noted that there were many different options to consider with the situation.

Mayor Festa stated that when the residents asked for his suggestions he recommended that the homeowners accept the filtration system, noting that if the Town were to move forward with a water line, the State would still be providing the monies for the systems. He further stated that the Town could argue that the monies should then be applied to the bonding request that would reduce the monies for the waterline.

Mayor Festa stated that the homeowners would have to pay for the waterline hookups.

Mayor Festa stated that Connecticut Water would be presenting figures for a waterline installation in approximately one week's time and at that point, another meeting would be scheduled with information being provided by the State and the Connecticut Water Company, for review and consideration by the Town Council.

Mayor Festa stated once that was accomplished, the Town Council could make a decision on which way to head with the project to provide resolution to the homeowners in the best manner possible.

Melanie Church questioned if the blasting/disruption that took place (a few years back) on Main Street and Burr Road, would have anything to do with the contaminates arising, again.

G. Roberts stated that would be very unlike and that blasting that occurred at the base would have no impact other than to show the direction.

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To discuss the State of Connecticut Potable Water Grant process (CGS 22a-471) as it relates to property owners on Harwinton avenue/Burr Road Cont'd.

When questioned by M. Church, G. Roberts stated that accepting the water filtration systems by the State was a voluntary decision by the residents in the area in question.

When questioned by M. Church if the Town would be more liable for the people that refused to accept the system, G. Roberts stated that he was not an Attorney and could not answer the question.

Mayor Festa thanked G. Roberts for the information, which he provided this evening.

To authorize Robinson & Cole, Town Bond Counsel, to prepare Resolutions for Capital Projects

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to authorize Robinson & Cole, Town Bond Counsel, to prepare Resolutions for Capital Projects. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Sekorski, Mayor Festa stated that it would be the responsibility of the Bond Counsel to prepare the question for the Referendum vote. Mayor Festa stated that Attorney Frank D'Ercole would begin the process of formulating the Resolution, as well as the paperwork, which would result in a formal proceeding for Referendum and would include a Public Hearing, legal notice, etc., to establish a Referendum vote.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Mayor Festa stated that he was assured if the Town Council kept to the timetable, a Referendum vote could be held sometime around the middle of November 2010.

Town Councilman Sandshaw questioned if the Resolution would describe how the bonds would be issued so that the public would understand that the bonds would not be issued immediately across the board, rather they would be issued individually as each project arose. He further stated it was important that the public understood that the Town would not be issuing a bond for the nineteen million dollars all at one time.

Mayor Festa stated there would be a breakout to that effect.

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Town Councilman Sekorski stated it would be important to reference the Level Debt Policy Statement noting that the amount would not exceed the nineteen million dollar figure.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Mayor Festa stated that the Town Council would not be setting a date for the Referendum this evening, the issue at hand was to procure authorization to prepare the Resolutions and then the Town Council would hold a Special Meeting to approve the date and question.

To Enter into Executive Session to discuss the following: Real estate transactions; negotiations with AFSCME 1303-151-Council #4; Town Hall

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sandshaw, to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m., to discuss the following: Real estate transactions; negotiations with AFSCME 1303-151-Council #4; Town Hall. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were: Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Martin Sandshaw, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Town Councilman David Sekorski, Town Councilman Tom Zagurski and Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano.

Mayor Festa called the Plymouth Town Council Meeting back into Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.

To take action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

It was noted for the record that no action would be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Sandshaw questioned what constituted a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Commission, noting that two members of the Commission, as well as two other people, wanted to meet to as an exploratory Committee to discuss the past topic of a Skateboard Park in Town, as well as some maintenance issues.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that this particular group would not constitute a quorum of the Commission.

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Mayor Festa stated that Town Councilman Sandshaw would not have to file an agenda to have an informal discussion as described. He further stated that if the group came together as a body with a Chairman, etc., they should go through the proper procedure and funnel it through Parks and recreation Commission.

Jeannine Jandreau stated that unless a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Commission was present, an Agenda would not have to be posted.

Mayor Festa stated that at some point in time, Town Councilman Sandshaw would need a source to funnel the collected information through.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that Conservation Inland/Wetlands Chairperson had requested him to notify the Mayor, as well as Khara Dodds, Town Planner, that the Commissioners were not receiving the Staff Comments in a timely manner. He further stated that many times Staff Comments were not received until the actual evening of the meeting and that this omission had the potential of causing extended application delays with engineering changes, etc. Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that the Chairman was requesting that the Mayor's Office do something to eliminate this problem.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that he, as well as almost all of the Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission members, had attended a site walk on Bombard Court for the Nutmeg Spice Company. He further stated that Bob Green, Engineer, and one private citizen were also in attendance.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that the Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission had held a September 29, 2010, Special Meeting, and had approved the plans submitted by the Nutmeg Spice Company.

Town Councilman Sandshaw that the Planning and Zoning Commission had previously approved the Nutmeg Spice Company's plan with the stipulation that the Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission gave their approval, as well.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that the Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals had noted they were not receiving their Agendas prior to their meetings due to the lack of correct postage. He further stated that as a result, the Commissioners were forced to scramble at the last minute to be in attendance to ensure the quorum.

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Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had not been made aware of one scheduled and one cancelled Police Commission Meeting so she did not have a report to discuss for that particular Commission.

Town Councilman Sekorski stated because he had to attend the Plymouth Public Hearing for the Bonding Proposal, he was not in attendance at the Water Pollution Control Authority's (WPCA) Meeting and therefore, he did not have a report to submit.

Town Councilman Sekorski stated that a tour had taken place at the WPCA's headquarters and that construction of the Headworks Project had not been completed.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved the permit for the Nutmeg Spice Company in the Plymouth Industrial Park.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Board of Education had hired six new teachers for the 2010/2011 school year.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Board of Education had received \$569,000.00 in stimulus money and noted that had until September 2012 to spend it. He further stated that they would not be using the monies in the present budget year.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Superintendent Anthony Distasio had reported that 300 students had worked at the Terryville Fair this year, and Town Councilman Zagurski stated that on behalf of the Lion's Club, he wanted to thank the students for all of their help and support.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated the Friends of Music would be holding a Book Sale at the Terryville Public Library and requested everyone support the sale if possible.

Town Councilman stated that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) had upgraded two traffic signals on the corner of Seymour, Scott, and Route 6 and Prospect Street and Route 6, which would provide the Fire Departments with the capability of having pre-empted traffic signals at those two locations.

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Town Councilman Sandshaw stated the State had given the Town eight emitters and that he would attend the next scheduled Fire Board Commission Meeting and offer the emitters for their use.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that Public Works Director, Anthony Lorenzetti, had tested the emitters and noted that he was able to change the traffic signals.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she lived near Route 6 and noted the ability to hear the emergency vehicles traveling and that these emitters were needed, especially during rush hour traffic.

Town Councilman Sandshaw stated that he had already made Fire Chief Mark Sekorski are of the emitters.

Mayor Festa stated that he wanted to thank the Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission, for helping to move the Nutmeg Spice Project along. Mayor Festa stated that both Commissions had done their due diligence with respect to the time elements, etc., involved and because of their work, Nutmeg Spice had become a reality in the Community.

Mayor Festa state that many times in the past, the Boards and Commissions had been accused of not being user friendly to businesses and that he felt it was important to let these Boards and Commission know that the Town appreciated their efforts.

Public Comment

No report.

Council Comments

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he fully agreed with Town Councilman Sandshaw's earlier comments concerning the untimely manner in which Staff Comments that could effect Engineering issues, were received, noting that the problem was not new, but went back many years. He further stated that he had the same situation when he was the Chairman of the Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission he had experienced the same problem. Town Councilman stated that addressing this ongoing problem would of great assistance to the public applying for applications.

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Mayor Festa stated that Anthony Lorenzetti had made him aware that he was receiving the sets of plans after the fact and that an attempt was being made to assist potential individuals prior to their scheduled hearings. Mayor Festa stated that this process involved the individual applicant meeting with Town Staff, in an effort to help them be more informed on what they would need prior to the meeting. Mayor Festa stated this new process was part of an effort to make the system more user friendly. Mayor Festa cited the recent meeting with the McDonald's Corporation as an example of this process in progress. Mayor Festa requested the Town Council Liaisons watch as the new process unfolds and to report back to the Town Council any problems that might occur.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Sandshaw made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Sekorski, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary