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**Minutes**

**November 21, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the November 21, 2011, Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present were Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Sr., Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Plymouth Human Resource Director William Bellotti and Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano.

**Fire Exits Notification**

Mayor Festa made note of the Fire Exits for the Plymouth Town Council and Public Audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Mayor Festa introduced the new and returning Town Council Members to the Public Audience.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

No report

**Mayor's Report: Liaison Appointment Considerations**

Mayor Festa stated that he had included blank personnel sheets in the Town Council member's packets, requesting that the members fill out the sheets and return them to the Recording Secretary as soon as possible.

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Mayor Festa requested that the Town Council members also fill out the blank Liaison Appointment Assignments sheets (included in the packets) indicating which of the various Boards and Commissions they would be interested in and that the sheets be returned to the Mayor's Office.

Mayor Festa stated that he would review and assign the requested appointments for the next Town Council meeting.

Mayor Festa stated that he had also included a calendar indicating the dates for the 2012 Town Council Meetings review and acceptance.

Mayor Festa stated that he had also included a copy of the current Town Council's Rules and Procedures for review and acceptance.

**Rules and Procedures**

**To move by Resolution to fix time and place for Regular Meetings; determine Rules and Procedures; provide method for calling Special Meetings**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to move by Resolution to fix the time and place for the Regular Plymouth Town Council to the first Tuesday of each month for the 2012 calendar year with the exception of July 10<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and November 13<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate for the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays, as well as Election Day. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Festa stated that the Rules and Procedures, which had been included in the Town Council packets, were the standard Rules and Procedures that had been utilized by the previous Council's and had included the June 7, 2011 Amendment.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to open up the agenda item for discussion. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he felt the current Rules and Procedures would work well.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to accept the Rules and Procedures as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**Rules and Procedures Cont'd.**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to call the Town Council's Special Meetings in the same manner as they had been called in the past, with the understanding that the meetings would follow the Freedom of Information guidelines, as outlined by the State of Connecticut. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To approve the following Tax Refund: Robert H. Turrell, Jr., \$57.69**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to approve a Tax Refund in the amount of \$57.69 to Robert H. Turrell. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Appointments and Resignations**

**To accept the following resignations: Karen Zagurski, term to expire 11/5/2011; Nancy Santorso, term to expire 11/5/2012; both individuals serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission**

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to accept the resignations of Karen Zagurski and Nancy Santorso, with regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Festa stated that both individuals had worked hard and very diligently with many years of service and that their contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission would be sorely missed.

**To appoint the following: Nicole McWilliams to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire 11/5/2014**

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to appoint Nicole McWilliams to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire on 11/5/2014. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To re-appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Commission: Linda Kazmierski, term to expire 11/5/2014; Paul Ganesini, term to expire 11/5/2014; Barbara Rockwell, term to expire 11/5/2014**

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**Appointments and Resignations Cont'd.**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, re-appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Commission: Linda Kazmierski, term to expire 11/5/2014; Paul Giancesini, term to expire 11/5/2014; Barbara Rockwell, term to expire 11/5/2014. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To appoint Martin Sandshaw to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member, term to expire 2/19/2013**

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to appoint Martin Sandshaw to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member, term to expire 2/19/2013. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To enter into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations regarding Town Unions**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to move into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m., for Contract Negotiations regarding Town Unions. This motion was approved unanimously.

Presented for the Executive Session were Human Resource Director William Bellotti, Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Sr., Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor Festa called the Plymouth Town Council Meeting back into Regular Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to accept the Town of Plymouth Police Contract Negotiations as presented by William Bellotti to the Town Council. Vote: Town Councilman Ferreira/yes; Town Councilman Foote/yes; Town Councilwoman Murawski/yes; Town Councilwoman Schenkel/yes; Town Councilman Zagurski/abstained; motion passed.

**Public Comments**

No report.

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**Council Comments**

Town Councilman Foote stated that he voted in favor of the Police Contract, however like Town Councilman Zagurski, he had reservations regarding the non-profit cost to non-profits.

Town Councilman Foote stated that in totality, the whole contract was a savings to the Town and noted that it was a monumental effort on their part. Town Councilman Foote stated that (he) and the non-profits side would have to do some other kinds of things.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that on a positive note, it had been clear that there had been some great strides and great things done on the health end of the contract and that he was pleased with it.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she wanted to thank both Karen Zagurski and Nancy Santorso for their efforts on the Parks and Recreation Commission, noting they had put a lot of years into the Commission. She further stated that they had brought the Commission a long way and that both women would be greatly missed.

Mayor Festa stated that he wanted to make a public announcement, noting that a Press Release would be forthcoming indicating that the Brush Dump would be open next week, every day, from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Noting that there was still a great deal of brush that needed to be picked up, Mayor Festa stated that there were three outfits that were under State bid that would be assisting with the removal. Mayor Festa stated that he had heard that the cost would be 100 percent reimbursable through a declaration being sought by the Governor at the Federal level.

Mayor Festa stated that a Town Meeting would be held on November 29, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, Town Hall, regarding the purchase of the reservoir property.

Mayor Festa stated that Santa Clause would be at the Terryville Public Library on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Mayor Festa stated that the Wreaths Across America event would be held on December 10, 2011. He further stated that Mr. Romano would be taking care of the arrangements and that the Town Council members, as dignitaries, had been invited. Mayor Festa stated that he would send out notification to the Council Members with the time, date, and specifics for the event as soon as he had received the information.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Recording Secretary