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**Minutes**

**March 6, 2012**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled March 6, 2012, Town of Plymouth Town Council Regular 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 Director of Finance David Bernagel, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Anthony Lorenzetti, Robinson and Cole Attorney Glenn Santoro, and 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.

### **Accept Minutes of Town Council Public Hearing, February 7, 2012; Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 7, 2012**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to accept the February 7, 2012, Town Council Public Hearing Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to accept the February 7, 2012, Regular Town Council Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**Council Rules and Procedures**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to amend the Agenda and to add under "Appointments and Resignations", Item 10, to reappoint George Andrews, Jr. to the Water Pollution Control Authority as a Regular Member with a term to expire 1/21/15; To reappoint Philip Armbruster to the Water Pollution Control Authority as a Regular Member, term to expire 1/21/15, and to add "To review the Tax Abatement Program" as Item 16, so therefore the current Item 16 would become Item 17, Item 17 would become Item 18, Item 18 would become Item 19, and Item 19 would become Item 20. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To review Draft of Referendum Bond Resolution Language and take action if necessary**

Salvatore Vitrano, Town Attorney, 135 West Street, Bristol, stated that Attorney Glenn Santoro, a member of Bond Counsel from Robinson and Cole, LLP, and was in attendance this evening, on behalf of Attorney Frank D'Ercole, to answer any technical questions that the Town Council might have in respect to the Bonding Resolutions and any other elements in respect to the issue.

Attorney Vitrano stated that as a preliminary matter the Council had before them two packages of Resolutions. He further stated that it was his understanding that some members of the Council were interested in seeing what the Resolution might look like if it encompassed, as one Resolution, the entire bonding proposal with all of the elements of the proposal and projects and that some members were interested in seeing separate Resolutions dealing with the individual proposals.

Attorney Vitrano stated that he had asked Attorney Santoro to develop drafts of each type of the Resolutions, the first one encompassing all of the projects for the total bonding amount and the other was a package that had individual Resolutions for each of the projects.

Attorney Vitrano stated that the final draft would have to be drafted by Robinson and Cole and presented to the Town Council for approval and for the Council's vote to establish a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing the Public's input with respect to the Resolutions.

Attorney Vitrano stated that the Town Council's discussion this evening would be with respect to any specific issues that the Town Council might have relative to the combined Resolution or the individual Resolutions. He further stated that ultimately, hopefully, the Town Council would decide which type of Resolution they wanted to put forth to the Public to deal with these projects.

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Attorney Vitrano stated that assuming the Town Council made this decision this evening (picking one or the other type of Resolution), Robinson and Cole would then draft the Resolution or Resolutions in final form.

Attorney Vitrano stated that the Town Council would then have another meeting or a Special Meeting to be expedient, at which time the Town Council would have the final Resolution or Resolutions before them and at that point the Town Council would vote to establish a Public Hearing date, with respect to the Resolution or Resolutions, and at that point the Town Council would also establish a Referendum date.

Attorney Vitrano stated that he and Attorney Santoro were present this evening to answer any questions with respect to the nature of the Resolution or Resolutions and the character of the Resolution/Resolutions with respect to the projects that were involved.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Attorney Glenn Santoro stated that Robinson and Cole could draft a Resolution(s) tomorrow or the following day and would need to speak to the Town Staff for details/descriptions on the project(s) and produce the proceedings along with the Resolution(s).

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Glenn Santoro stated that every time the Town goes out for Bonds there would be an issuance cost on a per bond basis, so one bond would be one set of fees for the one bond sale.

Attorney Vitrano stated there was no increase in cost or differential in cost necessarily because there were multiple questions on the Referendum verses one question on the Referendum. He further stated that ultimately if all or a portion of the Referendum questions were approved the ultimate fee would be based on the amount bonded, not based on the number of questions.

Attorney Santoro stated that there would not be individual bonds for each question, noting that if there were four separate questions and only three were approved, all three projects would be looked at and be aggregated into one bond sale and one fee.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to discuss whether the Council wanted to go with a multi-question or a single question Referendum. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she was leaning towards a single question Referendum.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Town needed to get the projects done and that it was a comprehensive plan developed by the Capital Improvements Committee over a period of six devoted years. She further stated that she felt that if someone were to vote against the bridge replacement and did not understand the severity of the necessary repairs, the Town would end up with North Main Street as a dead end with upset people who would be wondering why. Noting that the Town had voted on many projects in totality, i.e. the Water Main for Burr Road, the Fall Mountain Water Project, etc., Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that this was an example that needed to be done as a whole instead of just piecemeal.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he felt the same way and that an item such as this one should rise or fall on its own, noting that if it were broken down into small pieces that would be what would probably happen. He further stated that 30 years back when there was a bond issue for school improvements in Town, it had three to five different things they could do and that the Town found out there was only enough money to do one of the items and that when the vote was taken the Town ended up with the old Terryville High School monstrosity on North Main Street, and to him, the money was not well spent.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that there were different opinions on the state of the North Main Street Bridge and what needed to be done for it. She further stated that she wouldn't want to see Seymour Road not done because people felt the bridge needed to be done the way it had been proposed.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she would like to see the four questions and give people more say about what the Town was doing.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he was in favor of the four questions, noting that the last time the Town went for bonding it was all put out there (like now) and resoundingly, the Public stated that they wanted a choice in what they could get or not get and it was voted down. He further stated that he believed that the last Council felt the Town should break it down and give the Public the option to what they wanted to vote on.

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Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he felt the Town Council should go with the one question Referendum. He further stated that he felt that after the first Referendum was voted down the people had asked for more detail and more information, not that they wanted to pick and choose ala carte by road, by this and by that, but that they wanted to make sure they knew what was going on with the projects.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the road improvements for \$4.8 million would cover 22 miles or one-quarter of the Town roads in Plymouth based on the Road Study and would prevent any further deterioration.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the problem with picking and choosing projects would be that as time went on the Town might run into a couple more years of deterioration with the projects that were not taken care of. He further stated that the last letter from the State of Connecticut, concerning the North Main Street Bridge, noted that the project needed to be addressed right away and was not something that was up to someone's opinion.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated Anthony Lorenzetti was able to get some funding for the bridge (just under the wire) and felt it was something the Town should look at. He further stated that the Town's track record had been that it can always be done tomorrow, noting that he felt this was a great package, citing the Engineering Study and the presentations for the issues, which made everything crystal clear as to what needed to be done in Town.

Noting that he runs on Bemis Street and that he drives on it frequently, Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the washouts were a serious issue that needed to be looked at. He further stated that the Town owes the residents to at least look at it and not put it on the back burner.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that his son had told him that it felt as if his head would hit the roof of his bus when it drives down Seymour Road and noted that the road was highly traveled because of the location of the new high school. He further stated that the site lines were tough, especially when a vehicle comes around the corner by Ridge Road.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that it was time the Town became a good steward of what it owns and needed to start doing things, not just say "we'll do this today and get to that tomorrow" because sometimes tomorrow never comes.

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Town Councilman Ferreira stated that this would be a great step in the right direction for the Town to get things to where they should be in today's society, no longer does one family only have one car and that the road gets a lot of traffic.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that these four projects were narrowed down from many projects that the Town needed to take care of and felt that if this was put forth to the Public he felt that people would make the right decisions for the Town. He further stated that he felt it should be a package with one question.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she agreed with Town Councilman Zagurski in that people did not want the bulk package of the \$19 million and that she felt it was because it was a little too ambitious and maybe not as defined as it should be.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Capital Improvements Committee's Chairman had stated that after soliciting questions when the \$19 million Bonding Program failed, people had stated that they wanted the roads fixed and that this proposal dealt with the roads.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Anthony Lorenzetti had stated, and it showed in a memorandum, that there might be a \$60,000.00 savings with the removal of two items with the Seymour Road Plan. He further stated that this savings removal might be seen as a sign of goodwill and be worth a half a million.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he agreed that all of the items were very important programs and that the Committee had done a good job of putting detail with it. He further stated that he was still in favor of four questions.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was in agreement with Town Councilman Zagurski, noting that since all of the projects were important she could not see why all the eggs should be put in one basket, as the Town had done previously. She further stated that the Town should learn by its mistakes.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she didn't view it as a mistake, noting that some people on one side of the Town would say they didn't want to improve a certain area and another set of people would say they didn't want to approve a different area and the Town would end up being divided. She further stated that if the Bonding question comes in as one question it would be going as a whole Town and it would keep the Community commitment together.

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Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to accept the Single Question Proposal, as presented by Bond Counsel.

**Discussion:**

Pattie DeHuff asked that it be read into the record.

Town Attorney Vitrano stated this was just a Draft for the conceptual issue of whether it was one or four questions and that ultimately there would be a final Resolution, which the Town Council would have before them verbatim to approve or not, and set a Public Hearing for it.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ferreira if the motion was basically just for the Town Council to go for the concept of one question or four, Town Attorney Vitrano stated "yes."

**Vote:** Town Councilman Ferreira/yes, Town Councilman Foote/yes, Town Councilwoman Murawski/no, Town Councilwoman Schenkel/yes, Town Councilman Zagurski/no; motion passed. (See motion on Page Seven)

Town Attorney Vitrano stated that the Town Council might want to consider as to when they would schedule another Town Council Meeting to establish a Public Hearing date for this issue, noting that they might consider waiting until the next Regular Town Council Meeting in April, or sooner.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to discuss and determine if a Special Town Council Meeting should be held in order to set a Public Hearing date and to review the proposed Bond Resolution language.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilman Ferrier stated Town Council should hold the Special Meeting in a week's time.

It was collectively agreed (by Town Council) that a Monday evening was acceptable to hold a Special Town Council Meeting.

Town Councilman Zagurski withdrew his second to the motion.

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Town Councilwoman Schenkel withdrew her motion.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to set a Special Town Council Meeting on March 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall, for the purpose of discussing the language of the Bond Resolution and determining the need for a Public Hearing.

**Discussion:** When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Town Attorney Vitrano stated that the Town Council was setting a date for the Special Town Council Meeting and at which time the Council would review and approve the language of the Resolution and at which Town the Council would also set a Public Hearing date for it and may set a Referendum date for it, all at the next meeting on April 12, 2012.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski as to why a second Public Hearing had to be held, Attorney Vitrano stated that it was because the Council had to follow the Charter and present a specific language of the Resolution at a Public Hearing.

When questioned about a timeline by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Attorney Vitrano stated that the Council would have before them (on April 12), a set of schedules prepared by Bond Counsel that would tell the Council exactly how far in advance the Public Hearing would be scheduled and the Referendum, etc.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously. (See motion on Page Eight)

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, stated that she had attended the Public Hearing last week and was astounded by the various comments made, in particular the discrepancy between what the Public had been presented with regard to the Capital Improvements Committee numbers for the Bond authorization and what a gentleman from the Public who was an Engineer and gave an entirely different set of numbers.

Pattie DeHuff stated that the Public was being told by the Capital Improvements Committee that Seymour Road would cost \$3 million dollars to do, however like going to a doctor and getting a second opinion, the Engineer had said that Seymour Road could be done for \$1 million dollars, one-third the price.

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Pattie DeHuff stated that the Capital Improvements Committee had said that the North Main Street Bridge would cost \$1.6 million dollars and that the Engineer had said that it would cost between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00, just for ease, \$160,000.00 so she could say it would be one-tenth of the cost.

Pattie DeHuff stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> the Town's Debt Service payment would be cut in half and the Town would have \$1.65 million dollars that the Town doesn't have to make a payment on for the outstanding bonds for the Capital projects still sitting out there that the Town owes on.

Pattie DeHuff stated that if she takes the high numbers given by the Engineer, it would be \$1.2 million dollars. She further stated that the Town had \$1.65 million dollars so the total minus the Engineer's prices would leave \$450,000.00.

Pattie DeHuff stated that the Capital Improvements Committee had said that the Pequabuck River Study and the Bemis Street Study would cost \$400,000.00 and assuming that their numbers were correct, the Town would have \$50,000.00 left over. She further stated that she was really astonished and hoped that the Council was as well, to see such a wide range of numbers and the Town has the ability to pay cash for these projects with some left over, if the Engineer's numbers were correct.

Pattie DeHuff stated that the Council members were thoughtful and that they were aware that the Community was considered to be a Distressed Community by the Office of Policy and Management, and if she were a Town Council member she would take the Engineer up on his offer to talk to the Council about roads.

Pattie DeHuff stated that he had stated that if the Town were take the Capital Improvements Committee numbers it would cost \$100.00 per inch to do the roads and that just blew her mind and assumed it was blowing the Council minds, as well.

Pattie DeHuff stated that the Council could call in another Engineer and request that he looks at the plans and projects to determine what the real figure was and that the Council owed it to the taxpayers to provide what the real number was.

Noel Schenkel, 4 East Orchard Street, Terryville, stated that Mr. Worhunsky was talking off the top of his head and that he had no idea what the plans (or anything else) looked like. He further stated that he believed the Town had a State Engineer who had looked at the North Main Street Bridge and had said it was in very poor condition and needed to be replaced.

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Noel Schenkel stated that the Seymour Road Plans include lighting, sidewalks and that the road between both ponds had to be reconstructed and that a sediment pond would have to be put in. He further stated that he did not believe that Peter Worhunsy had looked at any of that, noting that anyone could shoot off numbers and that he did not know the whole scope of the projects.

Noel Schenkel stated that when the time came, Peter Worhunsy could bid the jobs for the prices he quoted and the Town would reap the savings.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that initially the discussion of Seymour Road had a linear foot price depending on what the construction cost would be.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Board of Finance had provided the seed money to do an Engineering Design, that the Milone & MacBroom Consulting firm had been hired to do the preliminary design and that the estimate they had put together was \$2.5 million dollars. He further stated that in addition to that, the design would have to be completed, right of way worked on, a garage relocated and that they were working on parts of the project that would potentially escalate the costs.

Citing Seymour Road, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that some of the projects that were being bid were coming in lower or at 60 percent of the Engineer's estimate and there was some ability to save monies, but an estimate was just that, an estimate. He further stated that the Town wouldn't want a number that wouldn't cover something that might come up and could become a problem.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that for the North Main Street Bridge he had previously stated that an application had been put in to the State in 2005 with an estimated replacement cost of just under \$1.4 million dollars and if were escalation added in, it came to \$1.6 million dollars. He further stated that that the structure itself, including the hydraulics, would have to be looked at and at some point it would all be evaluated, noting the price would cover the replacement of the bridge if it needed to be replaced and that was the basis for the numbers provided.

Rodney Houle, 16 Frankie Lane, Terryville, Chairman Capital Improvements Committee and the Municipal Facilities Committee, stated that there were five people on the Capital Improvements Committee that had been together for the past six years, three were Engineers, one was a College Professor and that he, himself, was a Project Manager who does fiber optics work and heavy duty construction and was worked with 53 busy people doing this type of work, everyday.

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Rodney Houle stated Municipal Facilities Committee was composed of 14 volunteers who had been meeting for over five years, with multitude meetings and works shops. He further stated that many people had come in and knew what they were talking about and were in the business, and that some of them worked for the Town.

Rodney Houle stated they had put all of their resources together and that they had come up with \$60 million dollars that the Town would be able to spend. He further stated that they had decided to spend \$19.8 million to get things started, noting that it would only get worse, not better, and that it was crumbling and deteriorating. Noting that it had been defeated at Referendum, the Committee was now bringing forth the infrastructure and that it needed immediate attention and that again, the Committee had been working on this for over five years and it looked like it was going to take six months before it could be brought on board.

Rodney Houle stated that the Committee was hoping to begin work this Spring and that they were trying to see how much money they could save, not how much money they could spend. He further stated that the Committee was trying to make the Town safe, and that safety of the citizens of the Town was paramount.

Rodney Houle stated that they had spent all that time and that if people thought they didn't know what they were talking about because somebody who was frustrated had publically provided a figure and it was believed, those believers should come to the Capital Improvements Committee meetings and the Committee members would educate those people as to what they do.

Rodney Houle stated that his Committee was not stupid and that he worked for a very successful billion-dollar company and that he was hoping he was not wasting his time. He further stated that he had a new road where he lived, city water, city sewers, and that he could go home; he was doing fine where he lived. He further stated that he stays and that he puts fires out as a Town Volunteer Firefighter because he wants to.

Rodney Houle stated that the Committee was present to try to improve the Town, not to throw a wrench in the gears, but to try to complete a mission for free; all they wanted was results and the betterment of the Town. He further stated that they wanted to make sure that when everyone goes down the street nothing bad would happen because it was crumbling. Rodney Houle stated that when it rains heavy there were roads in Town that were impassable and if something horrible happens and the First Responders (including himself) can't get to someone because of the impassable roads, what would they do, just because someone thought it would be too expensive.

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Rodney Houle stated that the State of Connecticut told the Town about the bridge and they weren't stupid and that the rest of people involved were just trying to make a little bit of a difference. He further stated that it gets to the point where it becomes aggravating, that a volunteer tries to do something and all people think about is ways to stop it from happening and that was ridiculous.

Rodney Houle stated that this issue needed to be voted on and the work needed to get done. He further stated that the Town was a Distressed Community and questioned what would happen if the work weren't completed; noting that it would be worse and that they were trying to make it better.

Rodney Houle stated that the Town Hall building was not in Code Compliance and that it seemed like no one cared because it had been shot down at Referendum. He further stated that the engine trucks didn't fit in the Fire Stations that the Police Department was in the basement and questioned what the heck was going on.

Rodney Houle stated that he wanted to think the Town was more than just Hooterville USA, noting that he tells people where he is from and that he did it every day and wore his colors every day. He further stated that he took pride in the fact that he had spent 45 years in the Town of Plymouth, CT, the Town of Terryville, in the Fall Mountain section.

Rodney Houle stated that the Town goes back hundreds of years, citing Tory's Den, East Church, etc., and that there was a lot of history and pride in the Town and stated that he didn't the downtown area to look like a burned out shell of something from Bosnia, that he wanted it to like the United States of America, and be proud of it.

Rodney Houle stated that the money was there; the Town wouldn't be charging a dollar and urged everyone to get moving forward.

Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, Terryville, stated that Rodney Houle had expressed a lot of the passion and the frustration and that a person only needs to drive down Seymour Road to understand.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Finance had appropriated (in two consecutive Budget years) \$75,000.00 for preliminary Engineering Design and that the cost estimate provided by Anthony Lorenzetti was not a number pulled out of a dark orifice. He further stated that the number was based on preliminary design with elevations, construction specifications, the number of linear foot of drainage and the total amount of asphalt.

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Ralph Zovich stated that according to the preliminary Design (already paid for) Seymour Road was 3,500 feet long.

Ralph Zovich stated that there were engineering standards that dictated how wide an artery and collector road must be, as well as engineering standards for curbing, sidewalks, drainage and road base.

Ralph Zovich stated that a 28-foot wide road (an ideal road) would be 3,500 times 28 feet which equaled 100,000.00 square feet of base substrate, gravel and asphalt. He further stated that taking the gross number of \$3 million dollars (probably a high estimate) divide it by 100,000.00 and that provided a good rule of thumb, \$30.00 per square foot. He further stated that this was not repaving, this was complete base reconstruction (six to eight inches of base, four to six inches of compacted gravel and hopefully at least six inches of asphalt).

Ralph Zovich stated that adding in the drainage, a retention pond for Lake Winfield and the reconstruction of the intersections at Kiman and North Harwinton, \$2.5 million dollars was probably a good estimate.

Ralph Zovich stated that Anthony Lorenzetti was a licensed, professional Engineer who knows how to go out to bid and that there were alternates to be had, citing bid alternates used at the high school project.

Ralph Zovich stated that the School Building Committee, who had gotten a late start, put up a new high school, reconstructed an old high school and converted an elementary school for \$47 million dollars and came in on time and under budget. Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Finance and the School Building Committee made sure of that and that they had trusted the School Building Committee.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Finance, along with the Council's supervision would make sure this project didn't go over budget, either.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Bond Authorization was a maximum authority to spend up to, but not exceeding, in other words the Town could spend less, not more.

Ralph Zovich stated that as much as he liked the work that Pete and Steve Construction had done for the Town, you can't put stock into someone's "off the cuff" number.

Ralph Zovich stated that David Bertnagel would go out and get the lowest possible interest rate and bond the money for the shortest amount of time.

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Ralph Zovich stated that the bonding would not raise the Public taxes; the Board of Finance had promised that it would keep the \$3.3 million budgeted and pay off the Town's principal and interest. Ralph Zovich stated that he wanted to thank the Town Council for consolidating the authorization.

Ralph Zovich stated that when Plymouth Center School and the Sewer Treatment Plan were paid off next year, the Town would free up \$1.4 million in principal and interest (as previously stated by Pattie DeHuff, noting she was correct). He further stated that the Town could apply the \$1.4 million, at historically low interest rates and reconstruct the Town's infrastructure.

Arlene Wood, 16 Oakdale Road, Terryville, noted that the State of Connecticut had experienced bridge collapses and it frightened her to think that this could happen to the North Main Street Bridge and questioned what the consequences would be should that occur.

Arlene Wood stated that she supported having all four projects and noted that every day that the Town waits to do the projects; it costs the Town more money.

Arlene Wood questioned how the Town could expect to attract businesses and families to a Town that was known to let their job repairs just wait and wait and wait.

Richard Lyga, 58 Curtis Road, Plymouth, stated that he had not heard anyone this evening speak negatively against any of the projects.

Richard Lyga questioned if all the projects (or a few) came under the bonded bid price what would happen with the surplus money.

David Bertnagel stated that each project, on its own, would go through the bid process and as a result the Town would only borrow the amount that was needed for the projects. David Bertnagel stated that the authorization would be for \$9.8 million, and if the projects came in at \$8.5 million the authorization would then expire and any additional projects that might come forward would be for a new Resolution all together.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he appreciated Arlene Wood's concern about the bridge, however if the bridge were in imminent danger of collapsing, there would be a lot of procedures that would be taken and he didn't want to send the wrong message out to anyone.

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Mayor Festa stated that according to Stanley Juber's correspondence from the State Department of Transportation, eventually the Town would have to address the bridge issue. He further stated the road was a passage way between two major arteries, Route 6 and Route 72 and the bottom line was if the traffic were diverted the Town would be gridlocked. Mayor Festa stated that when the State comes in and gives the Town a figure, it is based on the cost of materials as they see it costing them, they don't ask the Town for a figure and then write a letter to the Town telling the Town what the price would be.

When questioned by Mayor Festa, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town would receive a 32.83 percent reimbursement from the State for the bridgework. Anthony Lorenzetti reviewed the numbers again and noted the details that the work would involve.

Marion Hubert, 223 Todd Hollow Road, Terryville, noted that the Council and Capital Improvements Committee had a thankless job and she had no doubt that they all worked very hard and that they were doing the work. She further stated that she had no doubt that the Council and the Capital Improvements Committee had done the work over and over and tried as hard as they could to try to figure out how to make it work and that she wanted to thank everyone for that effort.

Marion Hubert stated that presently the middle class hears millions of dollars that are personally coming out of their pockets. She also noted that she just started attending Town meetings and that she felt there weren't more people in attendance or involved, however somehow there has to be a better communication with the citizens of the time and she would be willing to help with something like that. Marion Hubert stated that the Feds and the State were squeezing her and people would see the \$19 million dollars and say hell no. She further stated it was plain and simple and people would see that the bonding was just cut in half.

Michael Maffia, 98 North Riverside Avenue, Terryville, stated that everyone was being squeezed with taxes by everyone at all levels and that it wasn't just the middleclass, it was everybody.

Michael Maffia stated that everyone wanted additional services, but no one wants to pay for it and over the last year, especially since the storms of October, everyone can see what the shape the infrastructure really was in. He further stated that the longer the Town waits the more inflationary costs will rise and if the Town waits another five to ten years the figures will only go up for the same job. Michael Maffia stated that in addition to the inflationary costs, the infrastructure will continue to grow worse and more people would be at risk.

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

Michael Maffia stated that he had taken photos during the last five to six years of the North Main Street Bridge and had sent them to the State (Office of Emergency Management). He further stated that during storms the debris piles up against the bridge on the north side (almost above the roadway) and questioned where the water went, noting that it was either over or around the abutment and the bridge in general.

Michael Maffia stated that during the tropical storm Irene, the corner of Route 72 and Bemis was a mess and he walked through it and that 100 yards beyond (up Route 72) the power lines were down and the water in the road was close to six to twelve inches deep in different sections of the area. He further stated that Judd Road was knee deep and that the whole section was a lake.

Michael Maffia stated that the State had come in and done some repair work on a section of the bridge on Route 72, but it didn't mean too much because the rest of the infrastructure on both sides was falling apart.

Michael Maffia stated that it wasn't just the Town that had this problem, it was nationwide and that we were becoming a third world nation, noting that everything was backing up and that the damage from Storm Irene flooded many areas in Town and described some of the properties noting that in some places it was waist high and that the river current could carry someone off if they weren't careful. He further stated that the bonding needed to be done now, not delayed and wished it could be done cheaper, but it had become a safety issue for everyone.

**Mayor's Report**

**Contract negotiations; Spending Freeze; Pequabuck River/Watershed Issues-Letter to Congressman Larson**

Mayor Festa stated that the Contract negotiations were still continuing and that there was potential arbitration coming forward, mediation and a settlement would be taken up later on this evening's Agenda for a contract approval.

Mayor Festa stated that a spending freeze was put into place during the last go round and that it was working very well.

Mayor Festa read a portion of correspondence to Congressman Larson into the record and noted that part of the Bonding Proposal was the Hydraulic Study.

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Mayor Festa stated that if there were any additional grant monies they would be used to help with the cost of the project in the Town's grant application through the bonding proposal, noting that the Town was looking, and would continue, to look for other avenues of revenue to reduce the cost of the projects.

**To refund the following Property Taxes: Alex Ercoli \$130.19; Cab East LLC \$305.10; Toyota Motor Credit \$155.48**

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to refund the following Property Taxes: Alex Ercoli \$130.19; Cab East LLC \$305.10; Toyota Motor Credit \$155.48. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Appointments/Resignations**

**To accept the resignation of Keith Golnik from the Police Commission, effective February 6, 2012**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to accept the resignation of Keith Golnik from the Police Commission with regret.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had received a telephone call (today) from Keith Golnik and he wanted it made clear that he did not resign and that his term was up (having served two terms). She further stated that he had noted to her that he was a big fan of term limits and that was it, he had fulfilled the entire two terms and that he did not resign. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that he had also noted that he was not a quitter and that she felt the Council should not be accepting his resignation.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel read Keith Golnik's letter into the record, noting that it was stamped in at the Town Clerk's office on February 6, 2012, and stated that it read he would not be submitting an application for reappointment and questioned if Town Councilwoman Murawski was saying that he did not write the letter.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was not saying that he didn't write the letter, not at all.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel questioned if Keith Golnik had changed his mind.

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Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that he hadn't changed his mind; that he was appointed for one term, which he served, he reapplied and served that second term and he finished it, he was done. She further stated that he didn't resign, which would be during the term, and it was important enough for him to call her so she felt she should bring it to the Council.

Town Councilman Zagurski withdrew his second to the motion.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel withdrew her motion.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to accept the conclusion of Keith Golnik's term on the Police Commission, with regret.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that as the Town Council Liaison to the Police Commission, she wanted to say that she had the privilege of working with Keith Golnik for a number of years and that he had brought a lot of talent, ingenuity and effort to the commission. She further stated that he had done a phenomenal job and would definitely be missed.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously. (Motion on Page Eighteen)

**To appoint Richard Lickwar to the Police Commission, term to expire 1/14/15**

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to appoint Richard Lickwar to the Police Commission, term to expire 1/14/15.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she did not know Richard Lickwar and believed that he does work for the Plymouth Police Department.

Mayor Festa stated that Richard Lickwar had done work for the Police Department.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she saw that as a conflict of interest; Richard Lickwar sitting as a Police Commissioner and doing work for the Police Department.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that going forward maybe he would not be eligible to be doing work for the Police Department.

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Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if Richard Lickwar's contract had been completed with the Police Department.

Richard Lickwar, 92 North Main Street, Terryville, stated that he still had a few items that needed to be completed and that he was waiting for equipment to finish the job. He further stated that he did not feel it was a conflict of interest noting that it was a volunteer position and that he was a resident of the Town for 22 years and that he just wanted to volunteer and felt it was the perfect opportunity for him and fitted him perfectly.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that Richard Lickwar would not be eligible for any other contracts with the Police Department while he sat on the Police Commission.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel if he would be willing to forgo any future contract work with the Police Department, Richard Lickwar questioned how any warranty work would be handled; noting that by law it had to be continued for one year from the time the equipment had been installed.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he wasn't a lawyer, but in his opinion Richard Lickwar had a contract and was completing it and that would be acceptable without any new profit or gain.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Council wasn't pertaining to Richard Lickwar in particular, but because he would be sitting on a Commission that would be making decisions that could affect certain decisions that would be made and going forward he wouldn't be considered for any work for the Police Department. He further stated that the appearance would be above reproach, and that applied to any Commission, not a personal thing.

When questioned if he would be able to complete the work already started, Town Councilwoman Schenkel and Town Councilman Ferreira both stated that they believed he would be allowed to finish the work.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she wouldn't have any problems with that.

Town Councilman Ferreira thanked Richard Lickwar for volunteering.

Michael Maffia stated that he was a Police Commission member and noted that the Chairperson was unable to attend this evenings meeting and had requested that he speak on her behalf, as well as the entire Police Commission.

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**Mayor's Report Cont'd.**

Michael Maffia stated that none of them felt there was any conflict of interest because Richard Lickwar had a contract with the Town before and that they also had a retired Police Officer on the Commission.

Michael Maffia stated that members of the Commission supported Richard Lickwar's appointment to the Commission.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously. (Motion on Page 18)

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to appoint George Andrews, Jr., to the Water Pollution Control Authority, term to expire January 21, 2015. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to reappoint Philip Armbruster to the Water Pollution Control Authority, term to expire January 21, 2015. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To set Public Hearing date for the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund**

David Bertnagel stated that he had come to the Town Council's Regular February Meeting and that he had read the Resolution into the record for the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund. He further stated that it would need to be adopted, that it was just a formality process, and that it would need to go to a Public Hearing with prior advertising so that the Ordinance could be put into effect.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to discuss potential dates for the Public Hearing in question. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel recommended that the Council piggyback the Public Hearing for the Bond Resolution, since people would be coming out anyway.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he was hoping that since there had already been a Public Hearing on the Bond Resolution it wouldn't get too long or complicated and he agreed that would be a good date to hold it.

David Bertnagel stated the date would work as long as the Ordinance was in effect before June 30, 2012.

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**To set Public Hearing date for the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund  
Cont'd.**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to table setting a Public Hearing date for the Retired Employee Health Care Trust Fund until Monday, March 12, 2012, to be taken up at the Town Council's Special Meeting when the Council would be setting a Public Hearing for the Bond Resolution language. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To set the date for the Town Referendum on Bond Proposal**

Mayor Festa stated that this Agenda item had been taken care of through the previous motion so no action necessary.

**To set the date for the Town Referendum on Curbside Collection**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to table this Agenda item until the April Town Council's Meeting.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he wasn't comfortable tabling the Agenda item because he wanted to see the Curbside Pickup at the same time as the \$9.8 million dollar Bond Referendum and if the Town waited too long they would be into the next Budget year. He further stated that he was looking for two questions on that Referendum.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she wasn't comfortable having both Referendums at the same time.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Curbside Pickup could be held sometime in April.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Town would then be holding two Referendums in April and one in the month of May for the Town Budget.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she understood Town Councilman Zagurski's point, but she felt the \$9.8 million Referendum was the most important and she wanted to see them stand on their own merit

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he was in agreement with Town Councilwoman Schenkel that both projects should stand on their own merit because the voters would be able to distinguish between the two projects.

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**To set the date for the Town Referendum on Curbside Collection Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that these were substantial changes for the Town and he wanted them to be separate Referendums because of that reason. He further stated that he had no problem tabling the Agenda item to the April Town Council Meeting date.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, David Bertnagel stated the cost of a Referendum averages between \$2,100.00 and \$4,000.00

David Bertnagel stated that one of the concerns would be that the Curbside Referendum would be in the 2012/2013 Budget with the Referendum being held in May and there would have to be enough time prior to the Budget.

Vicky Carey, Vice Chairman Board of Finance, stated that when she had made the motion at the Board of Finance Meeting she wanted the taxpayers to know that it would be in the upcoming Budget and that she wanted it done as soon as possible so that they could plan their Budget accordingly. She further stated that she did not want to see it as a Special Appropriation come June or July.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had no problem going to the end of March either; she just wanted to keep the Referendums separate to allow the Public to evaluate what they wanted.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Council was getting three Referendums close together the way they were heading with the conversation.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Ralph Zovich stated that there hadn't been a Referendum question in a couple of years and that most were Bonding Referendums, as required by the Charter.

Ralph Zovich stated that a Budget Hearing had to be held no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup> (by Charter) and that meant that the Board of Finance needed to know from the citizens/taxpayers if they wanted Curbside Trash Collection so that they could have it in the published Budget for April 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

Ralph Zovich recommended having the Curbside Trash Collection Referendum first, within the minimum notification period.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, David Bertnagel stated that other than paying a Custodian overtime (approximately \$100.00-\$150.00) there was not cost difference in holding a Referendum on a weekday or a Saturday.

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**To set the date for the Town Referendum on Curbside Collection Cont'd.**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that since most people were off of work on a Saturday, more people might vote and that they could swing by the Town Hall on their way to the Transfer Station.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he wanted as much Public participation as possible and that Saturday was an interesting thought.

Noting that Referendums had previously been held on Saturdays (years back) Town Councilman Foote stated that he was okay with a Saturday Referendum.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he was okay with either a weekday or a Saturday date.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was okay with either a weekday or a Saturday date.

Town Councilman Ferreira withdrew his second to the motion. (Motion on Page 21)

Town Councilwoman Schenkel withdrew her motion. (Motion on Page 21)

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to have the Curbside Referendum on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he would prefer to have both Referendums on the same day, but for the sake of expediency (referencing Ralph Zovich's schedule) he would be okay with March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he would like to have the cost stated to the Public so that they know how much it would be costing for Curbside Pickup if they vote in favor of it.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously. (Motion on Page 23)

**To take action on the Police Contract Settlement**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to accept the Police Union Contract as presented this evening.

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**To take action on the Police Contract Settlement Cont'd.**

**Discussion:**

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Police Union Contract, presented this evening, was the same as what the Council voted on in November and included the addition from the November meeting to the contract.

Mayor Festa thanked the members of the Plymouth Police Union for their collective work with Nicole Bernabo and Bill Bellotti, noting that they went a long way to resolve some of the major issues that had an impact on the Community and the taxpayers.

Mayor Festa stated that the Police Union had made some wonderful reductions to develop the contract and that that he was appreciative of their effort to understand the economic times.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously. (Motion on Page 23)

**To discuss April meeting date/conflict with annual Chamber Awards Dinner**

Mayor Festa stated that the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner was being held on the same evening as the Regular Town Council's April Meeting and questioned if the Council members wanted to change the Council's date in order to support the Chamber's Dinner or leave the date the same.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to discuss the date conflict. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that Monday's had been good for everyone lately and questioned if April 2<sup>nd</sup> or April 9<sup>th</sup> would be acceptable as a new date for the Town Council Meeting.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he would be celebrating his 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, but he would try to be in attendance.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to change the Town Council's April Meeting date to April 2, 2012, to accommodate the Chamber Awards Dinner. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that there were many people attending the Library Programs from all different age groups and encouraged everyone to go to the Library's website to see the latest happenings.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Mayor had attended a Library Meeting and stated that he would speak to the Town's Insurance Company to see if the Library could use the vacant property house for storage.

Town Councilman Zagurski thanked the Mayor for his efforts.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that there were several people interested in the Industrial Park and noted that Genovese Manufacturing was looking at breaking ground this month.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Economic Development Commission had a long discussion on the Route 6 Streetscape Project, noting that they had gone out to bid and had received 11 back. He further stated that the Economic Development Commission was unsure if they or the Town Council approved the contract and that he did not have an answer for them.

David Bertnagel stated that the Town Council would make the recommendation to the Economic Development Commission.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had attended several Board of Finance Meetings and that the members were currently working the Budget with the somber understanding of trying to stay at a zero percent increase.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Board of Education had come in at a zero, no increase budget.

Noting that these were interesting meetings, Town Councilwoman Schenkel encouraged the Public to attend the Board of Finance Meetings to get a better understanding about how the Board works.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Human Services Commission Meeting had been cancelled.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had missed the Police Commission Meeting due to a death in her family.

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**Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that due to personal issues, he was unable to attend the Board of Education Meeting or the Public Works Commission Meeting, noting that the Public Works Commission had met this afternoon.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he would be in attendance at the Board of Education's Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps had good coverage in recent weeks.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that they were discussing the possibility of getting a defibrillator for the Lion's Club and would be providing training, as well. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the PVAC had a goal of making Plymouth a Heart Safe Community and that this move would bring them one step closer to that goal.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had attended the Inland/Wetlands Commission Meeting and that Gerry Milne had talked about an Arbor Day Project with plantings at Hillside Cemetery and by the Veteran's Monument, where a tree was lost last fall.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that there would be period plantings in the Waterwheel area, as well as a new tree map for Baldwin Park.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that Carl Johnson was the new Chairman for the Planning and Zoning Commission and noted that he had been the Acting Chairman, as well.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) had accepted a \$15,250.00 bid from Martin Laviero to construct an overflow channel in the Headwork's Garage building.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the WPCA had taken action on the Denitrification Project and had asked the Maguire Group to look at their figures again to make possible adjustment. She further stated that they had ended up saving about \$115,000.00 and that they had voted to go ahead with the \$2.2 million dollar project, which they would be presenting to the Town Council.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the WPCA already had a CL&P efficiency grant lined up, that they also had several other grants in the works, as well as a two percent loan, which the Council would hear more about at a future meeting.

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**Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Foote stated that he had attended the February Meeting of the Fire Commissioners and that they were working on their Budget.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Chief had reported that it was a very quiet month, Hazmat to car accidents, etc.

Town Councilman Foote stated there was a problem with the air compressor and that it didn't fill the tanks fast enough noting that it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 to repair it. He further stated that the air compressor didn't maintain its 5,000 psi any longer and that the Fire Commission would be looking for grant monies (\$55,000.00) to replace the current unit, which was about 28 years old.

Town Councilman Foote reported that there had been a Dispatcher communication problem, noting the details and that the problem had gone unresolved.

Town Councilman Foote stated that it had been suggested that Assistant Police Chief meet with the Fire Board to help resolve the ongoing problem.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Fire Marshal had performed 12 periodic inspections, six re-inspections, and 16 follow-ups. He further stated that the Fire Marshal had attended two training sessions and one Litchfield County meeting.

Town Councilman Foote noted that Commissioner Bachand had stated that the Personnel Department had hired two State people to oversee training, etc., for the Fire Marshal.

Town Councilman Foote stated that it was noted, under the Radio Report, that they were out of money, however they could still use low frequencies.

Town Councilman Foote stated that under the Building and Grounds Report, the Fire Commissioners were working on the tile in the Truck Room, as well as looking at the idea of a shed for the Fall Mountain Fire House.

Town Councilman Foote stated that under the Equipment Report, one chainsaw chain had to be replaced; one new saw.

Town Councilman Foote stated that under the Training Report, a Blood-Borne Drill had taken place and that Captain's night was keeping up with the requirements.

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**Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Foote stated that after a discussion a proposed Budget was passed. He further stated that there were some Capital improvement requests for \$450,000.00 for the replacement of Engine 2 and \$55,000.00 for the replacement of a Scott Air Pack Compressor.

Town Councilman Foote stated that both the Capital Improvements Committee and the Historic Property Commission meetings had been cancelled.

**Public Comments**

Gerry Bourbonnaire, 6 Fairmount Avenue, Terryville, stated that the Town had appropriated \$282,000.00 this evening to save the Town some money and that the Board of Education had done the same thing in years past in order to help save the Town some money, as well.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that Rodney Houle was also trying to save the Town money, but that the people don't listen to him because he had said it was going to cost \$9.8 million and that it could escalate when the oil prices go up. He further stated that he didn't understand why people wouldn't listen when the Town was trying to save money.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that the mentality of when someone can't see the improvement from their house was a sad thing and that sooner or later everyone's road would be fixed.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that if the Town doesn't approve the \$9.8 million Bonding, it would blow the \$30,000.00 already spent on the Engineering Study.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that Vinnie Klimas had finally stated that the Town had all its ducks in a row and that he liked what he saw and that the people had studied and done their homework. He further stated that the Town couldn't throw the \$30,000.00 away and not accomplish anything.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that he was tired of people coming to him about the Town being a Distressed Community. He further stated that his property value had declined because of the economic times, but that he didn't invest in the Community to watch that happen, and that it was a bad investment for everyone.

Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that when he retires, he wanted to at least double what he had paid for his house and that the Town needed to get rid of the moniker of being a Distressed Community.

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Gerry Bourbonnaire stated that the Town needed to make itself a better Community and that the major problem was that the Town was always reactive instead of being proactive.

Marion Hubert stated that she had issues in Town when she sees miscommunication for people that don't come to the meeting and that the Town needs to think of something to help with this problem and if she can do something to help with communications, between the Townspeople and the Council, someone should let her know.

Marion Hubert stated that she really appreciates everyone's work and that she hoped she didn't come off as being against it.

Marion Hubert stated that she did take a drive down Seymour Road and was told by a resident that lived on that road that he was in favor of the Bonding because he couldn't walk with his daughter down the street because of the lack of sidewalks.

**Council Comments**

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that everybody feels the pressure of limited finances and little income, etc., but the Town tends to forget that for many years it did not budget for the Town roads. She further stated that the Town used to budget one million dollars for the Town roads, but it was cut down to \$80,000.00.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Town was at the point where it was no longer a simple break in its arm, it was surgery and that this was a critical time.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that everyone's comments were not falling on deaf ears and that if she could pay cash, she would, but that it was not a reality.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that it was important to come out and that she appreciated the effort of the Town Volunteers. She further urged people to come out and get involved and that included applying for a Board or Commission opening.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated there was great dialogue this evening and it was great to see some new faces returning.

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**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Acting Recording Secretary