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Minutes

November 28, 2012

Call to Order: Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled November 28, 2012, Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Excused Absence: Town Councilman Remie Ferreira. Also in attendance were Rodney Houle/Chairman Capital Improvements Committee-Municipal Facilities Committee, Anthony Lorenzetti/Town Engineer-Public Works Director, James Schultz/Highway Superintendent, Matthew Tellier/Capital Improvements Committee Member, Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano and WMC Consulting Engineers.

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.

Take Action to refund the following Property Taxes: Brian Coldwell \$19.96, Estate of Donald Dlugokenski \$19.54, Honda Lease Trust \$67.29 and \$434.16, Robert L. Lebel \$106.45, Henry or Patricia Pawlick \$90.39, Charlotte A. Sadowsky \$27.92, TD Auto Finance Attn. Sunny Carlberg \$281.14, Donna C. Wunsch \$88.09

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to refund the following Property Taxes: Brian Coldwell \$19.96, Estate of Donald Dlugokenski \$19.54, Honda Lease Trust \$67.29 and \$434.16, Robert L. Lebel \$106.45, Henry or Patricia Pawlick \$90.39, Charlotte A. Sadowsky \$27.92, TD Auto Finance Attn. Sunny Carlberg \$281.14, Donna C. Wunsch \$88.09. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Resignations

To take action to appoint the following individuals to the Skatepark Committee who will be charged with providing Development Plans and costs of the Skatepark for a formal presentation to the Town Council-Full Members are as follows: Anthony Orsini, Jolene Dutkiewicz, Linda Kazmierski, Martin Sandshaw, Patrick Walsh/Alternate Members: Lisa Aiudi, Paul Giancesini, Peter Worhunsky

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to appoint Anthony Orsini, Jolene Dutkiewicz, Linda Kazmierski, Martin Sandshaw, Patrick Walsh as Full Members of the Skateboard Committee and Lisa Aiudi, Paul Giancesini, Peter Worhunsky, as Alternate Members. This motion was approved unanimously.

To appoint Robert N. Delfino, Sr., to the Housing Board of Appeals as a Regular Member-term to expire 9-2-14; To reappoint the following to the Housing Board of Appeals: Donald J. Souza as a Regular Member, term to expire 9-4-13; Stephen Mindera as a Regular Member, term to expire 9-2-15; John Pajeski as a Regular Member, term to expire 9-2-14

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to appoint Robert N. Dalfino, Sr., as a Regular Member to the Housing Board of Appeals, with a term to expire on September 2, 2014. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to reappoint Donald J. Souza as a Regular Member to the Housing Board of Appeals, term to expire on September 4, 2013. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to reappoint Stephen Mindera as a Regular Member to the Housing Board of Appeals, term to expire on September 2, 2015. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to reappoint John Pajeski as a Regular Member to the Housing Board of Appeals, term to expire on September 2, 2014. This motion was approved unanimously.

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To discuss and take action on the Roth Collection, Inc., vs. Town of Plymouth

Salvatore Vitrano, Town Attorney, stated that a tax reassessment for Peter Roth, owner of the Adam's IGA Mall, had been brought forward for collection. He further stated that the reassessment had been done and that the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the property was \$4,798,000.00 and that an appeal brought by the owner claimed that the number was significantly higher than the FMV. Attorney Vitrano stated that Peter Roth's Appraiser brought in a FMV of \$475,000.00. Attorney Vitrano stated that he, along with Town of Plymouth Assessor Rae Ann Walcott, Peter Roth's Appraiser, an independent Reevaluation Appraiser and the Pre-Trial Judge met and that the two Appraisers, at the recommendation of the Pretrial Judge, came up with a FMV number of \$4,100,000.00.

Attorney Vitrano stated that he, Rae Ann Walcott and David Bernagel (Town of Plymouth Financial Director) agreed that the number was fair. Attorney Vitrano stated that David Bernagel had said that from a budgetary point of view, he was comfortable with the \$17,000.00 real tax difference, noting that Peter Roth had been looking for \$24,000.00. He further stated that he was recommending that the Town of Plymouth settle at the new FMV figure of \$4,100,000.00 and an assessed value of \$2,870,000.00, based on the previous information provided.

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski to settle with Roth Collection, Inc. for the Fair Market Value of \$4,100,000.00 and an assessed value of \$2,870,000.00. This motion was approved unanimously.

To enter into Executive Session for Threatened/Pending Litigation; AFSCME Contractual updates; Interim Contracted Services Agreement; Status of informal investigation re. Highway Department Complaint

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, questioned the legality of the wording "Highway Department Complaint", noting that it was not specific wording, as was the rest of the Executive Session agenda items listed.

Attorney Vitrano stated that he was of the opinion that the agenda item was consistent with the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information law.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m., to discuss Threatened/Pending Litigation; AFSCME Contractual updates, Interim Contracted Services Agreement, and the status of the informal investigation regarding the Highway Department Complaint. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Present for the Executive Session were Mayor Festa, Town Councilman Foote, Town Councilwoman Murawski, Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Public Works Director Anthony Lorenzetti, Town Councilman Zagurski and Attorney Vitrano.

Mayor Festa called the Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting back into Regular Session at 7:59 p.m.

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

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

To review and take action on the North Main Street Bridge Project

Rodney Houle, 16 Frankie Lane, Terryville, Chairman Capital Improvements Committee, stated that the Capital Improvements Committee wanted to bring this agenda item forward to the Town Council for approval, noting that \$1.6 million had been previously appropriated to replace the 1931 bridge. He further stated the Capital Improvements Committee had sent out a bid request and that seven Engineering firms had provided the Capital Improvements Committee with their reports. Rodney Houle stated that the Capital Improvements Committee had selected three of the seven Engineering companies and had invited them to give presentations and were interviewed by the Committee members, at length. Rodney Houle stated that the three companies had all done previous work or were currently working for the Town of Plymouth and that out of the three companies; the Committee had selected Wengell, McDonnell & Costello Consulting Engineers (WMC). Rodney Houle stated that the location of the bridge might need to be relocated because of the flooding issues associated with the bridge and that there were banks of sand/silt, tree stumps and a family of otters in the same location. Rodney Houle stated that the Town needed a competent company to do the work and that the Capital Improvements Committee were in agreement that WMC was the company to move the project forward.

Rodney Houle stated that WMC had done the South Main Street Project and the Fall Mountain Water Project, noting that WMC's specialty was bridge repair and replacement.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that WMC had provided the Town Council members with informational packets at a previous Council Meeting.

Stephen McDonnell, P.E., WMC Consulting Engineers, stated that his company had completed work on over 150 bridges for the State of Connecticut.

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Stephen McDonnell stated that WMC was looking forward to assisting the Town of Plymouth with this bridge project. He further stated that the bridge was structurally deficient, had bridge scour and that the potential for the bridge to wash out existed. Stephen McDonnell stated that his company wanted to improve the hydraulics to stop the flooding in the area. Stephen McDonnell stated that WMC was pleased to have been selected by the Capital Improvements Committee and that he and the President, Alan Wengell, would stay directly involved with the project as it moved forward. When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Stephen McDonnell stated that WMC had experience with beavers, but not otters. He further stated that the project would be scrutinized and that permitting agencies would be involved with the project.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he thought Anthony Lorenzetti or someone would have provided the Council with the RFQ's so that they would know what the design thought was about.

Rodney Houle stated that looking forward, the Capital Improvements Committee had multiple options and that because WMC was on the scene, the Committee could now move forward and make the bridge right for the next 100 years.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Rodney Houle stated that the Capital Improvements Committee felt WMC was best qualified for the job and that the Committee wanted the Town Council to give their approval of WMC for the project. He further stated that the Capital Improvements Committee, along with the Municipal Facilities Committee, would stay involved until the end of the project.

When question by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that a scope of the work needed to be negotiated and that the Capital Improvements Committee was asking the Town Council to recommend moving forward with WCM.

Stephen McDonnell explained the process, stating that once his company was on board and had been officially hired by the Town to do the project, the first step would be preliminary engineering. He further stated that preliminary engineering would include the survey of the bridge, identifying where the wetlands were, identifying native species of concern, perform the hydraulic evaluations, and then they would come up with an overall design of what type of replacement bridge would be chosen. Stephen McDonnell stated that WMC would then come back to the Committee with two or three option(s) (or maybe just one) for design work, that the Committee would review and approve it.

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Stephen McDonnell stated that then the Public could provide input on the plans and an option would be chosen for a final design of the project and specifications and it would go out to bid. He further stated that the first phase would be to decide what needed to be done, as well as how it would be done.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that this stuff should be going out to bid including the engineering because we want the most bang for our buck and so you want to look for the best price. She further stated that right now it sounded like they are going to do the design work and bill us afterwards and to her that's not the way it supposed to be done, it should go out to bid, even the engineering and get the prices and they come back and they design it and if you want the whole realm of the thing then you do, but what's being done here could end up changing with cost changes all the way though.

Matthew Tellier, 238 Preston Road, Terryville, Capital Improvements Committee Member, provided a brief background on the Capital Improvements Committee's selection process of the seven companies that had submitted Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for the North Main Street Bridge Project. He further stated that the Committee had reviewed the company histories, their strengths, cost standard fees, and from the three companies the Capital Improvements Committee had selected WMC.

Matthew Tellier stated that the Committee had also reviewed the general proposals of the scope of the project and that to ask a company to lay out an exact scope of work would be unfair because of unknown factors, which would cost in the neighborhood of ten to twenty thousand dollars. He further stated that each of the companies had provided their vision of the scope of the proposed work and that based on the comments and history of WMC, the Committee felt that WMC had the best strengths for the project.

Matthew Tellier stated that the next step would be discussing the overall budget, noting that the Town had approved \$1.6 million for the North Main Street Bridge Project. Matthew Tellier stated that part of the scope of work would be understanding the Town's total budget, that the Committee wasn't ignoring these things and that the Committee would be involved every step of the way to ensure that the project would be managed correctly. Matthew Tellier stated that the Capital Improvements Committee was looking for Town Council approval so that WMC could take the extra steps for the first phase of the engineering work, which was always required with a project such as this one.

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Town Councilman Zagurski thanked Matt Tellier and stated that he had been looking for some idea regarding the dollar value and the vision of the proposal, which Matthew Tellier had provided.

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to accept the proposal for the North Main Street Bridge Project as presented by the Capital Improvements Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss and take action on Energy Program for Town of Plymouth

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to table Agenda Item No. 10, "To discuss and take action on Energy Program for Town of Plymouth" until the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Town Council. This motion was approved unanimously.

To review and take action on CCRPA's four Funding Proposals under the Regional Performance Incentive Program

Abigail St. Peter, Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA) Assistant Planner, stated that CCRPA was submitting three applications (noting that the fourth application for Transportation Study had been rolled into one of the three applications) for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Program, at no cost to the municipality. She further stated that CCRPA was seeking Town Council endorsement of the Resolution for the projects. Abigail St. Peter stated that the projects were Aerial Imagery and GIS Upgrades, Dial-A-Ride Consolidation Study/Inter-municipal Busing Special Needs and Technical School Busing Study, and the Pequabuck River Flooding Study (see attached for detailed background information).

Town Councilman Foote made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to endorse CCRPA's Resolution for the Funding Proposals under the Regional Performance, as presented and read into record (see attachment). This motion was approved unanimously.

To review and take action on the Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Program

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town, along with CCRPA's assistance, had submitted a grant application two years ago for sidewalks on Maple Avenue and above North Main Street (on the easterly side) in Terryville.

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Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he had been asked to look at several options; one option being to go around the cemetery, another option to go through the cemetery and the third option being an alternate route, in between the schools and on the side of the Highway Maintenance Garage/Ballpark on Charles Street. He further stated that estimated prices were reviewed, he had met with the Board of Education showing them the proposed Route (option three) and that they had approved the option of the new location.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the attached showed the details, noting that the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation had approved the alternate route (option three).

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the \$423,000.00 figure was the amount of the original Grant, but did not include engineering/surveying, noting that Robert Green and Associates had done the surveying, with the Town Council's prior approval.

Town Councilman Zagurski thanked Anthony Lorenzetti for revisiting the project, noting that it had been a tough issue and that he appreciated the fact that he had found a good alternate route for the project.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he had a lot of assistance, including Martin Sandshaw's help, and that he could not take all of the credit.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Martin Sandshaw had come up with the original concept for the alternate route and thanked him, as well.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that his department was waiting for the Town Council to endorse the alternate route and noted that he had discussed the impact to the trees in front of the cemetery with Tree Warden Jerry Milne.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that he did not believe the State of CT required another Public Hearing because of the alternate route chosen, however at some point it would require a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to let them know what was going on.

Mayor Festa stated that the consensus of the people at the Public Hearings had been to charge Anthony Lorenzetti with finding an alternate route; however he would double check the legality/requirement of another Public Hearing.

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Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to endorse the Alternate Route, as outlined by Anthony Lorenzetti.

Discussion:

Town Councilman Zagurski amended his motion, and Town Councilman Foote amended his second, to read as follows:

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to endorse the Alternate Route, as outlined by Anthony Lorenzetti, pending the legal advice concerning another Public Hearing because of the alternate route change, which Mayor Festa will provide at the next scheduled meeting of the Town Council.

Discussion:

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, stated that the report (last page, attached) noted that the total estimated cost was \$428,000.00; however Anthony Lorenzetti had just stated that the Grant was for \$423,000.00, a \$5,000.00 difference. She further stated that the report called for \$10,000.00 in-house Engineering and she understood that the Public Works Director was an Engineer and that as part of his salary he should be covering some of the engineering for this project.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that additional survey would be required, but that it was called engineering in the report and that Bob Greene had been selected to do the surveying. He further stated that it should read "survey engineering" not "in-house engineering".

Vote: Motion passed unanimously (see Motion on page Nine).

To discuss and take action, by Resolution, empowering the Mayor to execute a contract with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, State of CT, For America-the-Beautiful Grant

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to empower the Mayor to execute a contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), for the America-the-Beautiful Grant, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously. (Town Councilman Zagurski read the Certified Resolution, attached, into the record.)

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Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he had attended the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting and that there were a few more businesses that has shown interest in the Plymouth Industrial Park.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Main Street Facade Program would be discussed at the next Town Council Meeting and that the EDC members wanted to extend the program for all of the Main Street.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had attended the Human Services Commission Meeting and that the Commission was in the process of revising their bylaws. She further stated that the Commission would be bringing the changes to the Council at a future date.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Water Pollution Control Authority had sent out 3,000 bills and out of the 3,000 originally sent out, they then sent out 1,000 Late Notices. She further stated that the Late Notices amounted to approximately \$500,000.00.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had granted a Permit Extension to Oakwood Senior Housing on Scott Road. She further stated that the infrastructure was finished; however the Developer was waiting for the economy to improve before he builds the housing there. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Permit Extension was valid until April 2018.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved a Site Plan Modification for the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), which reduced the number of trees required as a buffer around the property.

Referring to the North Street Reservoir Ad Hoc Committee (NSRAHC), Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that a group from the State of Connecticut had planned on analyzing the fish (number, health, variety) in the Reservoir with electric shocking. She further stated that the group doing the testing needed a ramp to get their boat into the water; however the Inland-Wetlands Commission did not approve the ramp for the Chairman of the NSRAHC. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that a speaker from CCRPA had attended a NSRAHC Meeting and talked about CCRPA's services and Central Funding for the area. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that a DEEP Representative had attended a NSRAHC Meeting and discussed what DEEP considered to be permitted and not permitted for recreational use at the Reservoir property.

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Town Councilman Foote stated that he had attended the Fire Board Meeting on November 8, 2012, noting that there was no action taken from their Executive Session Agenda item. Town Councilman Foote stated that Chief Sekorski reported one house fire, one well drilling rig fire and that the Chief had made several conference calls with the Governor regarding storm related issues. Town Councilman Foote stated that the Plymouth Fire House was in need of an emergency generator. Town Councilman Foote stated that there a Torrington Command unit would be coming to Plymouth to teach the Town Firemen about extracting people from hybrid cars, noting that there was a different way to do it with these types of cars. Town Councilman Foote stated that Air-pack Training was ongoing. Town Councilman Foote stated that two cylinders needed replacing on the ladder truck.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Historic Property Commission Meeting had been cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he hadn't attended a Plymouth Housing Board Meetings because the Board meets at 9:00 a.m. and it wasn't conducive to his work schedule. He further stated the Plymouth Housing Board had been cooperative with questions that had recently come to light with hopefully, some resolutions. Town Councilman Foote stated that he had requested that the Plymouth Housing Board reschedule their meetings for late afternoon or evening, if possible, even if it wasn't every month. Town Councilman Foote stated that he had also asked for minutes of their meetings so that he could update his report for the Town Council members. Town Councilman Foote stated that as of last week, members of the Plymouth Housing Board had begun apartment inspections in the company of the Caretaker and/or the Administrator. Town Councilman Foote stated that there seemed to be some attempt at better communications within the complex.

Mayor Festa stated that there was a vacancy for a Town Council Liaison on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and requested that any Council person interested in the vacancy contact him directly.

Mayor Festa stated that he would check on the meeting time for the Plymouth Housing Board and get back to Councilman Foote on the issue.

Public Comments

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, stated that she recognized that the only reason tonight's Town Council Meeting was a Special Meeting was because there wasn't a quorum for the Regular Town Council Meeting.

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Pattie DeHuff stated that she had previously asked the Mayor if there would be "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" on this evenings agenda and that the Mayor had told her that certain members of the Council did not want to have "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" because.....

Mayor Festa stated that he didn't want to interrupt Mrs. DeHuff's Public Comment, however if she was going to report something, she needed to report it properly and report it honestly.

Pattie DeHuff stated that she believed she was.

Mayor Festa stated that she was not by saying several members did not want it on the agenda and that he had told her was that several members had asked him to make the meeting briefer than what it was intended to be with the original Agenda. He further stated that he had decided to take off certain items, including "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items".

Pattie DeHuff stated to Mayor Festa that she stood corrected.

Mayor Festa thanked Pattie DeHuff for her correction.

Pattie DeHuff stated that she thought it was not a good thing to take "Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items" off the Agenda because it sends a message to the Community that the Council really does not want to hear what the Public has to say. She further stated that the Council was making all kinds of notes on Safe Routes to School, hiring an Engineer to do the North Main Street Bridge and/or applying for a Grant and all those things have to do with "our" money and that the Council Members were Public servants and they need to hear from the Public because the Council alone does not hold the entire fountain of wisdom for what the Town needs. Pattie DeHuff stated that the economy was in really bad shape with \$75 million dollars in unfunded mandates for our Town Pension, with the State of CT looking at \$365 million dollars in debt for the Budget (that's at least one million dollars per day with an estimate of it going up to a billion dollars.) She further stated that the Federal Government was up to 17 trillion dollars (or higher) and if we think we are going to be relying on the State and Federal Government for Grants, it wasn't going to happen. Pattie DeHuff stated that since it was "our" money the Council really needs to know how "we" feel about how the Councils spends it and that they should be willing to listen to what we have to say about our money and our Town because there are people that do care, although we are not elected officials and we offer a slice of knowledge as you offer a slice of knowledge.

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Pattie DeHuff stated that combined, we can work together as a Community and hang on during this time because she doesn't see it getting any better any time soon so she thinks the Council needs us to help and some of us are standing ready to offer our little slice of knowledge or wisdom. She further stated that to not put "Public Comment" on the Agenda was simply wrong and it sends a bad message to those that have said in the past that you want the Public to be respected and you want to hear what the Public has to say. Pattie DeHuff stated that these types of maneuvers do not engender our trust if that's really what the Council wants so she would encourage the Council to always have "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" on their Agenda whether it's a Special Town Council meeting or not because it's going to be a real rocky road going forward whether it's local, Statewide or Federal and the Council needs every person sitting in the audience to provide them with their slice of wisdom or their slice knowledge going forward.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that she wanted to make a couple of suggestions that the Mayor could institute. She further stated that one; we need an inventory of everything we have in the Town. Melanie Church stated that we change people, we change administrations and no one knows what we actually own in this Town whether it be six power saws, three power saws and trucks, who has the trucks and it should be kept updated so that when someone says they are replacing something we can be sure it's being replaced and replaced means get rid of it. She further stated that when it says things are going to be auctioned off, not hidden. Melanie Church stated that she was asking the Council, for all the taxpayers in this Town, that they make each department give a complete inventory and keep that inventory updated for the Public, for the Council, so when someone comes in and says they are replacing this item and six months later it's found out it's in some other place, we are not replacing, we are just hiding things and adding more to our inventory.

Council Comments

Town Councilman Zagurski thanked the Mayor for getting rid of all the ugly barrels around the Waterwheel site.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he also wanted to thank the Mayor for the fence improvements in the same vicinity and noted that the area looks really nice.

Mayor Festa thanked Town Councilman Zagurski for his comments and noted that there was more work coming forth shortly.

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Mayor Festa stated that he, himself, had left the "Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items" off tonight's Agenda. He further stated that when people ask about their opportunity to speak before the Council, at a Council Meeting, there had not been any point in time (to his knowledge, and as long as he has been the sitting on the Council as Chairman) that the Public has not participated in every single item that they wanted to on the Agenda, that were Agenda items. Mayor Festa stated that he believed in the Charter and that the Charter states "that the Public shall have input throughout the Council Meeting", and that he has held to that statement. Mayor Festa stated that when someone comes up to podium and talks about offering a slice of their knowledge or whatever, he would like them to reflect on how many meetings they had attended and had been allowed to speak on every single Agenda item that has been on an Agenda for each meeting that the Council has held. He further stated that he took exception to the statement that people in the Public have not been allowed to be listened to, or be heard on, every single Agenda item that has been allowed to be addressed by the general Public audience, every single time that a meeting has been held that he had been in charge of. Mayor Festa stated that he wanted the minutes researched to find out where, at any point in time, that he faulted on the issue that he did not allow the Public to have their say at any point in time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary

attachments