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Minutes

March 5, 2013

Call to Order: Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled March 5, 2013, Plymouth Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Sr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Chief of Police Karen Krasicky, Director of Finance David Bertnagel, Director of Public Works-Town Engineer Anthony Lorenzetti, Wolcott Chief of Police Edward Stephens, Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano and Chairman Board of Finance Ralph Zovich.

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.

Mayor Festa welcomed Town Councilman Foote back after his absence due to illness.

Acceptance of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 5, 2013

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to accept the February 5, 2013, Town Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: Town Councilman Ferreira/yes; Town Councilman Foote/abstained, Town Councilwoman Murawski/yes; Town Councilwoman Schenkel/yes; Town Councilman Zagurski/yes. Motion passed.

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Council Rules and Procedures

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to amend the Plymouth Town Council's March 5, 2013, Agenda as follows: To add the list of Public Works Advisory Commission Members as follows: Gary Belanger, Joseph Green, Louis Santos; To remove from table Student Guardian-SmartBus Live Discussion (becomes Agenda Item No. 14); Executive Session to discuss Litigation for Old Plymouth Village Associates LLC v. Town of Plymouth; Discussion for the purpose of Real Estate; Discussion for Contract Negotiations (becomes Agenda Item No. 15); Action of necessary, from Executive Session (becomes Agenda Item No. 16); Director of Finance-Financial Report (becomes Agenda Item No. 17); Agenda Item No. 14 becomes Agenda Item No. 18, Agenda Item No. 15 becomes agenda Item No. 19, Agenda Item No. 16 becomes Agenda Item No. 20, and Agenda Item No. 17 becomes Agenda Item No. 21. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Diane Reed, 4 Chidsey Terrace, Terryville, stated that when she spoke at the January 2013 Town Council Meeting she had given the wrong information and wanted to stand corrected. She further stated that the Veterinary bills for the nine cats at 4 Chidsey Terrace, including one that had to be put down because it was sickly, had been reported to be \$2,131.75. Diane Reed stated that the bill was actually \$8,054.95 for the care of nine cats, noting that eight of them had been returned to the exact same living conditions that they were removed from and that this bill had been paid for by the Plymouth taxpayers.

Diane Reed stated that that on February 22nd there was a Legal Case in Bristol Court and at that time the State was given information on Mr. Grimkowski, 4 Chidsey Terrace, Terryville, by his Probation Officer and other resources and the State was told that Mr. Grimkowski did reside at 4 Chidsey Terrace, full time and did not live at any other location. She further stated that the occupant of 4 Chidsey Terrace was still living in the home with no running water, no heat and no access to a bathroom.

Diane Reed stated that during the court case the State had said that Mr. Grimkowski should not be residing there, that the house was inhabitable and that the Town of Plymouth needed to address the issue. She further stated that it was also said that the responsibility lies with the Town of Plymouth in finding this gentleman a suitable place to live and that it was the Town's obligation.

Diane Reed noted that the State had said that it was beyond the State's imagination as to how the Town of Plymouth could allow someone to reside in a home in this condition.

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Reading into the record, Diane Reed stated that there was a letter dated November 2012 from the Mayor to the Police Department revoking the Posting of Trespassing/Occupancy at 4 Chidsey Terrace. She further stated that the Order was for Mr. Grimkowski to not be on the premises between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and had been put into place by the Fire Marshal.

Diane Reed stated that there was correspondence between the State of Connecticut Health Department and our local Health Director, dated January 2013, and read the letter into the record, noting that Gil Roberts had stated that (per the Fire Marshal's Office) the home was not to be used for sleeping purposes until the exits were free of obstruction and all rooms were passable.

Diane Reed questioned who was in charge of these health and fire violations, the Mayor or the people that the Town paid for with their expertise in these matters. Diane Reed stated that there was schooling for these Department Heads and State laws that the Departments have to follow, however the Mayor made the decision to revoke the Fire Marshal's Order and not abide by the law.

Diane Reed stated that Rae Ann, Assessor's Office, wanted to bring forward the Code Enforcement list and that the Mayor had told her that would be handled by Dave Elder. For 2012 the list was not brought forward to the Council, as it states in the Charter, it was not accepted and now the 2013 Code Enforcement list has not been brought forward, either and that it also had not been approved.

Diane Reed stated that Remie had said he would contact her at the January meeting, a couple of weeks later they saw each other and that he approached her and told her that he would be off for a few days and that he would be calling her and that they would meet and that had not happened yet either.

Linda Kazmierski, 20 Joseph Street, Terryville, stated that she was speaking as the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Linda Kazmierski stated that she was very disappointed that all these months they have not had a Liaison to their Commission and that she was very frustrated. She further stated that she had made her comments very well known; that they were in the minutes of the meetings and that she felt the Parks and Recreation Department had been neglected.

Linda Kazmierski stated that it had taken her a long time to come up to the podium, but that this was an election year and that if that Liaison decided to run for re-election she would not support him.

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Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated that other people had been accused of wrong doing and had been put on leave, with pay, until the outcome and that we had one in the Public Works and nothing was done. Melanie Church stated that she didn't they were doing anything consistently in this Town and that we need to be fair and equitable to everyone.

Melanie Church stated that another point she wanted to bring up that was still bothering her and she had brought up at the Board of Finance was that the Police Officer which the Council voted on the one-time Expenditure that was done in June that made 24 Police Officers and now they find money in their budget to add another Police Officer. She further stated that she still thought it was wrong and that if you went back into one of the former Charters the question was could anything become aggregate noting that it could not so that position come July no longer exists, it was only for one year so that needs to be put in as an added Police Officer.

Melanie Church stated that Thomaston had nine going to eleven with approximately 7,500 people and we had a Town with approximately 12,500 and we need 25 Officers and then it's to cut down on the overtime and then in the next breath they are fighting we need all the overtime for all the jobs done on the road, and that was a conflicting story and it was bothering her. She further stated that she had always been straight forward, always been honest; something is bothering her she brings it forward. Melanie Church stated that she thinks and she still feels that they had this extra money in their before they voted on this extra expenditure to take money out when they supposedly had a bare bones budget that this was really taking advantage of the taxpayers and the voters of this Town. Melanie Church stated that we vote on a budget and it's supposed to be a straight forward budget and she thinks there was a lot of favoritism for certain departments.

Melanie Church stated that with her own eyes she observed (four days ago, but it might have been a week, if she went home she could check her notes) a retired employee of this Town was riding around in the Public Works Superintendent's car or the Town truck and we were not insured to be driving everybody around, and that was a concern. She further stated that she hoped and prayed that this Advisory Commission for Public Works takes a look at a lot of issues that are going on there. Melanie Church stated that the morale was down still. Melanie Church stated that she had asked each and every Council member to talk to the people, talk to the workers here, and they would tell you that they weren't happy, but there weren't a lot of jobs out there and if they say something they were afraid of losing their jobs. Melanie Church stated that some people said they had gone to the Mayor and it hadn't done anything so she was encouraging the Council members to talk to the workers, assure them that there would be changes. Melanie Church stated that she wanted to bring up the thing with the lead person being taken out of the budget.

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Melanie Church stated that they kept putting somebody's name in there and giving them extra money, but that it was taken out for a reason, to cut back on that budget. Melanie Church stated that there was too much playing with our budgets and then you have hard feelings because this one was being asked and this one wasn't. Melanie Church stated that now there were a couple more people being asked.

Melanie Church stated that there was a total of five men who had been working on cleaning up brush, but three didn't do any of it and now there's hurt feelings in this department and it's not that one is better than the other. If she goes to work at her job everybody should be working it doesn't mean that three get to stay inside all the time and it's been cold out there and it's these same men who had to go cut a tree down when there were wires, it's the same one's doing all the work, maybe we need to cut that by three more employees. Melanie Church stated that she hoped and she prayed that this Commission would take the worksheets that these guys signed and take a look and see what everybody's doing. She further stated that she thought that should be one of the things on the agenda for them.

Melanie Church stated that she was at another place, she believes it was Bethlehem, when it came to buying equipment the Commission went and looked at the equipment, the Commission sent out the bids, and the Commission chose which one they were going to use and maybe that would get rid of this favoritism. Melanie Church stated that there were a lot of things going out in this Town with no bids. Melanie Church stated that she brought one up this summer on Wilton Road, still never went out to bid and then we had substandard work, which we supplied the pipe for.

Melanie Church stated that now we have another person up at the new Town Garage doing the electrical, never put out for bid, we had work done on Cross Road which was ever put out for bid. Melanie Church stated that we had North Street that had been done twice and each time it rains, go take a ride up North Street and you could see it, they repaired it twice and it still isn't hitting the storm drain, it puddles in the middle of the road and in the winter that could ice and someone could get killed, those were major concerns but not for her alone for everyone. Melanie Church stated that if someone gets killed there we would all feel guilty, we all have to live with ourselves and she has brought these things up continuously and she hopes and she prays that something could be done to bring these things to a head, make accountability and please we have to watch our dollars today. Melanie Church stated that we were the only town doing this, adding this person and that person and times were hard, we don't live in a bubble and we get affected just like everyone else. Melanie Church stated that the State was in trouble, the Federal Government was in trouble and before one day we're going to wake up and we're going to be in trouble.

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Michael Kennedy, 11 Overlook Terrace Road, Terryville, stated that the last time he came before the Council was in July and he has since taken a backseat in the audience and had listened to some of the comments made by the Public and Council. He further stated that he found some of the comments being made to be very disturbing and that the action by the Council seemed like they were kind of off in some other place and not really paying attention to what was being said.

Michael Kennedy stated that we were coming into a new year, budgets would be coming out and he thought that the Council, along with the Administration, should insist on zero percent increases on the budget because we are living in hard economic times today, we were not living like we used to five, ten years ago. He further stated that we were struggling and the private sector was shrinking, there was no money because the governments keep taking and it was time that the governments realize that the people need their money so that they can manage their obligations and responsibilities.

Michael Kennedy stated that he was a prime example of doing everything that he could to keep his head above water and he doesn't want to sink, but if the governments keep reaching into his pockets and taking his money eventually he was going to sink. He further stated that he thought it was important that as the governing body of the Town of Plymouth that the Council keeps the interest of the people at the forefront of their minds at all times.

Michael Kennedy stated that he had tried, but was unable to get a copy of the Board of Finance minutes. He further stated that he was able to get his hands on the agenda and that he noticed they were talking about hiring another Police Officer. Michael Kennedy requested that the Council not take him wrong; he had nothing against the Plymouth Police Department or any law enforcement agency in the State, but that the Town hired another Officer last year through a Special Appropriation of about \$48,000.00. He further stated that was his issue last July and that he was curious if the Council was going to bring this to a Town Meeting because they already made the Special Appropriation to the dept and according to the Charter they were only allowed one in a fiscal year. Michael Kennedy stated that the way he read it was that another Officer would be hired shortly so he was curious if it would go to a Town Meeting and let the people decide whether or not if we did need another Police Officer. Michael Kennedy asked how many Police Officers did we already have and did we need more, and where would we get the money for him and that he wanted to keep his money and he would do everything he could to do that.

Michael Kennedy stated that this month he would be going before the Board of Assessors and that he would be challenging the Town on the value of his property.

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Michael Kennedy stated that he felt he was being overtaxed on his property and he brought proof to the Assessor showing that his property was valued at less than what the Town had it appraised for. He further stated that he was hoping that the Town would do the right thing and take a look at this and he thought he was being overtaxed and enough was enough. Michael Kennedy stated that it was time that the Council started realizing that and that it was time for the public sector to feel pain like the private sector and that he worked in the private sector. He further stated that the business of the company which the company he worked for, revolved around the economy and if the governments were going to take his money he wouldn't be able to have any and he would have to give it all up so that the public sector could live high on the hog.

Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, Terryville, stated that there was a half-year Police Officer who had been added into the 2012/2013 Budget this year and that it was supposed to have taken place in the second half of the year. He further state that the Board of Finance had justified this (during the Budget process) by taking \$20,000.00 from the Police Department Overtime Account and into the Salary Line Item Account because the request that had come from the Chief and the Police Commissioners was that if they had another full-time Police Officer it would help cover the absenteeism and some of the lost work time due to training, work injuries, etc., especially on third shift.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Finance had looked up the numbers for Mrs. Church for the Police Department's Salaried Account (which was the Officers) last night and the figure was \$965,000.00. He further stated that from last year to this year there was a \$60,000.00 increase in their full-time Salaried Line Item and a corresponding decrease in overtime, resulting in a net increase of \$40,000.00. Ralph Zovich stated that Budget had been approved at the second Referendum so it was a valid Budget they were working from. He further stated that the Town Council had voted to recommend to the Board Finance that they should have a Canine Officer and the Board of Finance took \$48,000.00 in transfers from other line items (without increasing the total Budget) and the total bottom line of the current Budget remains the same. Ralph Zovich stated that if the 25th Officer works out then the Town should be able to reduce overtime even more because if you have the extra person you don't need to keep bringing people in for extra time and a half. Ralph Zovich stated that due to storms, blizzards, and extra Police Department requirements. He further stated that the Board of Finance had broken out (separate line items) the difference between paid overtime and extra duty time. Ralph Zovich stated that extra duty reimbursement (the Town gets from Contractors, Police go out and direct traffic, working for the Lion's Club, etc.) goes into a separate account, noting that there were young officers willing to work double shifts (eight hours and another 15-20 hours for extra duty) the money was reimbursed to the Town from Contractors, not out of the Town's pocket.

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Ralph Zovich stated that every year the Board of Finance tries to target a zero spending increase, however some things were out of the Board's control, i.e., Unfunded Liabilities.

Ralph Zovich extended an invitation to everyone to come to the joint Meeting between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance on March 21, 2013, noting that there would be a presentation of the Board of Education's Budget at that meeting.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Finance meets every Monday and Thursday between now and the Budget Hearing in April, noting that the Board of Finance would love to hear everyone's input as they go through the Budget line by line. He further stated that it would be nice to have diverse opinions.

Mayor's Report: Preliminary Report, BL Companies, Waterwheel Project; Anthem Health Benefits Renewal, 7.02% (4.89%); Aquarion Water Co. Environmental Program; Plymouth Community Gardens program, Mr. and Mrs. Gomme

Mayor Festa stated that the BL Companies were moving forward and hopefully there would be a groundbreaking for the Waterwheel Project in the springtime. He further stated that Clover Construction had won the bid and that they would be taking care of both sides of Emmett Street (two corners).

Mayor Festa stated that due to the State and National crisis economies the Town was trying to keep its rates as best they could. He further stated that through the Human Resources Department an agreement had been reached with Anthem BlueCross BlueShield, noting that the increase on the Town's side of the budget was 4.89%.

Mayor Festa stated that due to the National Health Plan that had been passed by Congress the Town would now see a 7.02% increase on the Town's rates. Mayor Festa stated that he wanted everyone to know that the Town does its due diligence in trying to save every single penny for the taxpayers in the Community.

Mayor Festa stated that he had a disk from the Aquarion Water Company Environmental Program presentation and noted that the local schools would be made aware of a contest that the company was holding for scholarships. He further stated that the contest was for environmental changes that the participant would like to see take place.

Mayor Festa stated that he would have the disk and information available in his office to anyone that might be interested.

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Mayor Festa stated that he and Khara Dodds, Land Use Director, and the State had preliminary discussions with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gomme, relative to a Plymouth Community Gardens Program, which they would like to start with the Town Council's approval.

Howard Gomme, 342 Preston Road, Terryville, stated that his wife had come up with the idea of a Community Garden six months ago and that they had researched it at length, had made some phone calls and wanted the Council to approve the development of a Community Garden in the Town of Plymouth. He further stated that he and his wife would be happy to administer the program should the Council want them to.

Mayor Festa stated that the Gomme's had been looking at empty lots in the Industrial Park for the Community Garden, and that Khara Dodds had placed a telephone call to the State of Connecticut Health Department for regulations for temporary garden plots in the Industrial Park. He further stated that if the Council chose to move forward with this project, a letter would be sent off to the State and that the issues would also be discussed with the Economic Development Commission.

Mayor Festa stated that the Gomme's were aware that the issue would also need to be discussed further with the Town Attorney and that if it was approved, the Town would have to have everything in place, legally.

When questioned what the intentions were this evening by Town Councilman Zagurski, Mayor Festa stated that the Council would have to agree to the idea in concept and then the Town would have to check with the State to see if they were also agreeable to utilizing the lots. He further stated that after that, the legal process would begin to allow it to happen.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he fully supports a Community Garden, however he had concerns on where Howard Gomme wanted to place it. He further stated that he understood that the Economic Development Commission had people interested in purchasing lots in the Industrial Park and he that he would hate to see the lots not being sold to developers. Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he would love to have other parcels looked at for the Community Garden.

Howard Gomme stated that there were other areas in the Industrial Park that he had looked at.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he supported the Gomme's concept and if they could find a good spot for the Community Garden it would be great for the Community.

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Howard Gomme stated that there was an area on Burger Road that could be considered, as well as an area on the corner of Burger and Preston Roads.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he also had been thinking about the location on Burger Road.

Howard Gomme stated that he was ready to begin the work.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that it would good to meet the April timeframe that the Gomme's were thinking about, that the Council would have to look at a few details, and he fully supported the concept.

Howard Gomme stated that the Town of Farmington had a gigantic Community Garden out at the Flats and there were several in the State of Connecticut. He further stated that a Community Garden in the Town of Plymouth would be a positive note and that someone had already come forward and volunteered their tractor and tilling equipment.

Howard Gomme stated that the people who rented the plots would handle the cost and it would go back into that budget.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he had discussed this idea at length with Howard Gomme and that most people didn't have a spot on their own property for a garden and this idea would provide them with the opportunity, noting that the Farmington Flats fills up very fast.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he supported the Gomme's concept, as well.

Howard Gomme stated that the Plymouth Food Bank could also be involved and that many possibilities existed for the project.

Howard Gomme stated that the Town Attorney would write up the legal papers and that he had copies of several other towns' contracts, which he would turn over to him for review before he put pencil to paper.

Mayor Festa stated that the Gomme's had both the enthusiasm and the energy for the project and that he had seen this over the last couple of weeks. He further stated that he commends the Gomme's for this positive Community opportunity.

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To refund the following Property Taxes: Kenneth C. Hintz \$174.50; Paul M. Mathes \$53.11; Tiziano Covacci \$324.16; Nicholas A. Whiteway \$107.14; Steen A. Westall \$107.84; Steven A. Smith \$5.97

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to refund the following Property Taxes: Kenneth C. Hintz \$174.50; Paul M. Mathes \$53.11; Tiziano Covacci \$324.16; Nicholas A. Whiteway \$107.14; Steen A. Westall \$107.84; Steven A. Smith \$5.97

Appointments/Resignations: To appoint the following: Avis Flanders to Plymouth Housing Authority Vacancy, Term to Expire 8/31/2013; Robert A. Bishop to Economic Development Commission Vacancy, Term to Expire 6/1/2015

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to appoint Avis Flanders to the Plymouth Housing Authority, term to expire August 31, 2013. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to appoint Robert A. Bishop to the Economic Development Commission, term to expire June 1, 2015.

Discussion: Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if the appointment for the Economic Development Commission was an Alternate position or was there a membership position opened.

Mayor Festa stated that it was his understanding that an opening existed due to the resignation of Jim Murdock.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Council had not accepted a resignation as yet from Jim Murdock.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel withdrew her second to Town Councilman Zagurski's motion; Town Councilman Zagurski withdrew his motion to appoint Robert A. Bishop to the Economic Development Commission.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to table the appointment until it was determined that Jim Murdock had resigned his position. This motion was approved unanimously.

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To Appoint the following to the Public Works Advisory Commission; (Five Regular Members, Two Alternates); Joseph Carey, Sr., Scott Poulton, Richard Lyga, George Castle, Thomas Zagurski, Ronald Wollenberg, Barbara Watson, Peter Giancesini, Sr., Gary Belanger, Joseph Green, Louis Santos

Mayor Festa stated that when the Council Agenda was filed, the following names were inadvertently omitted for appointment to the Public Works Advisory Commission: Gary Belanger, Joseph Green, and Louis Santos.

Mayor Festa stated that these names were added to the following original listing: Joseph Carey, Sr., Scott Poulton, Richard Lyga, George Castle, Thomas Zagurski, Ronald Wollenberg, Barbara Watson, and Peter Giancesini, Sr.

Mayor Festa stated that this Commission consisted of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternates and that by virtue of the Charter, under the mandatory requirement of minority representation, should the Council decide to appoint the members for the Commission and that they needed to make sure that there would be no more than four members from one particular political party.

Mayor Festa stated that the voting could be by means of ballot or by roll call of names.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if all the names had been presented, noting that he had heard that Danny Gentile had applied for membership, but that his name was not on the listing.

Dan Gentile stated that he had put an application on the Secretary's desk on the first day.

Mayor Festa stated that the motion could be amended to include Dan Gentile's name.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, to add Dan Gentile's name to the listing. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she did not have any copies of the applications in her Council packet, which should have included the backgrounds on the applicants.

Mayor Festa stated that no one had copies in their packets and that there usually weren't applications included, however there were copies of resignations because the signatures were required.

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Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, called for Point of Order and stated that she thought the reason Town Councilwoman Murawski asked her question was that according to the Ordinance the potential Public Works Advisory Commission members were supposed to have a Construction background or have that expertise and that's the way she understood the Ordinance to read.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was unsure if the Council should be taking a vote in this manner and that the Council's job was to approve his Appointments, and she was not sure that this was the way the Council should go about it.

Town Attorney Vitrano stated that he did not recall a specific requirement that there be a Construction background and that the only criteria was basically the same as most appointments, that being the individuals applying be willing to serve and to serve with the interest of the Town.

Town Attorney Vitrano stated that there was no specific background requirement and he was unsure where Mrs. Church conjured that interpretation.

Richard Lyga, 58 Curtis Road, Terryville, stated that to clarify Mrs. Church's question, the Public Works Advisory Commission really didn't break it down to where an applicant had to have a Construction or a business background or anything like that. He further stated that it was what the Attorney had said; they had talked about it being a benefit, but it was never a requirement during their discussions.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that there was requirement that an applicant had to have been out of the Public Works Department for five years and questioned if Gary Belanger had met that requirement.

Mayor Festa stated that Gary Belanger did not qualify under the listing because he would not hit the five-year mark until next year (July/August) and his name could not be considered.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Ordinance stated that the Council had to select one person for a one-year term, two people for a two-year term, two people for a three-year term and he be assuming that the alternates would be a three-year term, as well.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if the Council were going to vote this evening would they be specifying regular members, alternate members, would the Council be saying if it were for a one-year term, two-year term, etc.

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Mayor Festa stated that when the Council voted they needed to look at the party affiliation and that they needed to be careful how they appointed the terms so as not to violate the Charter with a majority Commission with one party affiliation. Mayor Festa stated that it was up to the Council to decide on how they would like to vote on the issue.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Council needed to write in Dan Gentile's name so that he wasn't forgotten.

Dan Gentile stated for the record that his party affiliation was Republican.

Town Attorney Vitrano suggested that since there were two variables for each appointment (length of term and party affiliation) the Council might want to consider taking the appointments one at a time, i.e. appointment for a one-year term, vote and then proceed for the two members for the two-year term and that would help in keeping track of the nominations and the terms.

Town Councilman Foote questioned if the Commission could work this issue out themselves.

Town Attorney Vitrano stated that it was up to the Council because they were the appointing body that would appoint the person they wanted within the confines of the party affiliation requirements, as well as the length of the term.

Town Councilman Ferreira questioned if the Council could come up with a list of appointments, then revisit the term lengths and then it would be narrowed down with the term lengths at the next Council meeting in an effort to move forward.

Town Councilman Ferreira made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, that from the list of nominees for the Public Works Advisory Commission that the Town Council choose by ballot the seven members (five regular members with two alternates) with no more than 4 members being of the same political party to serve at one time due to minority representative requirements at this time and at a future time the Council would assign the terms for each of these nominees to the Public Works Advisory Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he was envisioning that the Council would choose out of the possibilities seven people that they wanted to appoint from the list and that would get compiled. He further stated that out of the seven each of the Council appoints, the top seven would be picked.

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Town Attorney Vitrano stated that it wouldn't necessarily be the top seven because of party affiliation so it would be the top seven, with party affiliation being considered, and the top number of votes.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to nominate Dan Gentile.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he did not know how the Council would do it today, but he thought the Council would nominate the people and then the tallies would happen, maybe at the next Council meeting the Council would have the results.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that would be fine with her.

Noting that the Council had ballots, Town Attorney Vitrano stated that the Council would mark their preferences (1 through 7) and it could be added up today or done Administratively and report the final seven at the next Council meeting and then the Council could choose the terms that the seven chosen people would fill.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that if the results were in the next Council packets then the Council could come up with the suggested term assignments for each person.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Town Attorney Vitrano stated that it was up to Councilman Zagurski to decide if he should vote on the listing of names because his son was one of the applicants. He further stated that if there were no financial benefit to him or his son so there was no clear, by definition, conflict of interest and that the decision was up to Councilman Zagurski.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ferreira, Town Attorney Vitrano stated that it was up to the Council members to put or not to put their names on the ballots. He further stated that with other appointments there wasn't a secret ballot so he knew of no reason why the Council would do that now.

At the request of Mayor Festa, Town Attorney Vitrano collected the ballots from each Council member.

Attorney Vitrano stated that the votes would be tallied by each number, i.e. each number one choice would be equivalent to seven votes and the two choice would be equal to six votes and then the number of votes would determine the order of preference to figure out who came up with the highest votes.

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At the request of Mayor Festa, Town Attorney Vitrano initialed each ballot.

Mayor Festa requested that Council considering having someone from the Council sit down with him after the meeting and assist him in counting the ballot sheets up for the purpose of ensuring that the Council was holding to the legal ballot process. He further stated that this would also ensure that no one could misconstrue anything down the road, as well.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to select Town Councilman Zagurski to assist in counting the ballot tally. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Zagurski thanked the Council for the appointment.

To accept the resignation of Kevin Engle from the Plymouth Fire Marshal's Office effective February 11, 2013

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to accept the resignation of Kevin Engle from the Plymouth Fire Marshal's Office, effective February 11, 2013.

Discussion: Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he wanted to thank Kevin Engle for his years of service and accept his resignation with regret.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously. (See Motion on Page Sixteen)

To discuss and take action on the Long Term Liabilities Financial Policy Statement

David Bertnagel, Director of Finance, stated that the Long Term Liabilities Financial Policy Statement (see attached), had been adopted by the Board of Finance and that it came from a history of what the Town had done in terms of Long Term Liabilities.

Noting that the Town's Financial Statements were required to be reported, David Bertnagel stated that they were known as GASB 43 and 45 or "other post employment benefits". He further stated that the Ordinance was adopted last year to establish the trust for them and this was the funding mechanism that he promised would come forward at some point in time. David Bertnagel stated that this policy covered the debt liability, the pension liabilities and the people in the old pension plan that the Town still has to pay for.

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David Bertnagel stated that these amounts covered both the Town and the Board of Education and were shown as a cumulative total. David Bertnagel stated that the Town was presently funding this as a “pay as you go” option and that it was in the Budget each year for approximately \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 in benefits for retired employees. David Bertnagel stated that this establishes the trust and that eventually it would reduce reliance on the Operating Budget and it would pay itself. He further stated that the Board of Finance had been very astute in funding these liabilities and that it could be seen in the Comprehensive Annual Report. David Bertnagel stated that there was no funding mechanism for the Long Term Liabilities and that there was 20 million in unfunded liability that included about 14.5 million for the Other Post Employment benefits. He further stated that it also included 5.5 million in Pension Liability and that Compensated Absences were about 4 million.

David Bertnagel stated that the Town has a funding mechanism in place that would not greatly impact the taxpayers, but that would put some “teeth” in place with an established fund. He further stated that basically, if everything went as planned, the Town would be debt free in about 14 years.

Ralph Zovich, Chairman Board of Finance, stated that David Bertnagel actually did all of the work for the Financial Policy Statement.

Ralph Zovich stated when David Bertnagel presented his Financial Policy Statement back in October; the Board of Finance knew that Town had a huge unfunded liability hanging out there, but that they never really quantified it.

Reading from page two of the Financial Policy Statement, Ralph Zovich stated that the GASB did not have the authority to force a town to save any money and that they only required that town account for the money. He further stated that once the amount of the unfunded liabilities was realized, most rational people would try to take some action to prepare for this and some towns and cities did not and were exposing their taxpayers to huge expenses in the future. Ralph Zovich stated that the City of Waterbury had a 500 million dollar unfunded liability and that it was an enormous tax burden for its citizens in the future.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Board of Education had changed their policy a few years back and they had no other school employees brought into the old pension systems; they had all been converted over to the Defined Contribution. Ralph Zovich reviewed the attached Financial Policy Statement in detail noting that the cumulative totals were stated in present value dollars, as principle only and did not include the projected earnings from investments.

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Ralph Zovich stated that the annual total was \$2,165,000, which was a 20-year total amount, noting that the Policy was voluntary and was a policy and procedure for future Town Councils and future Boards of Finance to help manage the huge unfunded liability hanging out there and that there was nothing legally preventing them from making the contribution, noting they could use the money elsewhere, i.e. road repair, etc. He further stated that this policy/procedure was in place because the current Board of Finance believed in being pro-active.

Ralph Zovich stated that currently, the Town spends \$500,000.00 per year just to stay even with the current pension and health benefits.

Ralph Zovich stated that the reason the Town had the 20 million dollar Unfunded Pension and Retiree Health Liability was because previous Administrations and Town Councils were very generous in approving these benefits in the Municipal Labor Contracts. He further stated that this was the money that the Town owed as of today. Ralph Zovich stated that if future Administrations and Town Councils were to go back to the Defined Benefit and continue to add health benefits for future Town employees, the number would mushroom and all bets were off.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he didn't understand the Financial Policy Statement Long-Term Liabilities table, shown on page two.

Ralph Zovich stated that the last column was cumulative funding and that the funding shown for each year beyond 2013/2014 would increase a little bit because the Town would keep adding that much each year. He further stated that in other words it was a growing fund because there was no way the Town could put 20 million dollars away up front because that would be a million dollars per year for 20 years and the Town did not have that kind of money.

Ralph Zovich stated that the Town was starting with a modest amount of \$100,000.00 in year one. He further stated that David Bertnagel was clever enough to put \$40,000.00 in reserve in anticipation for this year's budget because we had nothing in the budget for Retiree Health Benefits; we were basically just waiting for the bills to come in. Ralph Zovich stated that there would be an Unfunded Pension Liabilities Post Employment Benefits line item and that next year we would add \$110,000.00. He further stated that the second year we would have \$210,000.00 and at the end of year two we would have \$310,000.00 and that was the only way the curve would grow exponentially. Ralph Zovich stated that it was growing in the out years, starting out modestly and that in the last year that total amount would be \$2,165,000.00 in current dollars, but no one knows what the rate of inflation will be.

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Ralph Zovich stated that with some nominal interest the Town might not have to add anything after year 14 and then there would be enough principal in the reserve so that the interest alone would continue to grow and the Town would have enough to meet all of its obligations.

At Town Councilman Zagurski's request, Ralph Zovich explained that the heading "Yearly Funding" (found on page two) was the Yearly Funding that was added. He further stated that the amount presumes that the \$100,000.00 from the previous year would roll over into the next year and we would be adding \$110,000.00 to the amount on top of what we already built into the budget.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Ralph Zovich stated that the doubling penny example was called a geometric progression, i.e., 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc., this was adding the same additional amount from year 3 out to year 19 (\$115,000.00).

Ralph Zovich stated that David Bertnagel had originally proposed a 10-year schedule that was pretty steep and that members of the Board of Finance felt it was too much money up front and would have had too much of an impact on the mill rate and that was why they had stretched it out to 20 years.

Reiterating that the Town needed to earn some interest, Ralph Zovich stated that David Bertnagel had some guidelines and limitations on where the Town was actually allowed to invest the money, noting that he couldn't just invest it in the Stock Market. He further stated that the Town needed to have steady returns, even at 2%, 3% or 4% interest every year and that was why David Bertnagel was projecting that the Town could have it all paid up by year 14. Noting that the table went out to year 19, Ralph Zovich stated that would be the worse case scenario.

Town Councilman Ferreira questioned if in year 14 the amount the Town would be putting in 1.49 million dollars and if we were to project it out with no interest made and just the principal amount of money, what would be the impact on the mill rate as we stand today.

Ralph Zovich stated that there was no real growth in the Grand List.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that it would be great if the Town could put this kind of money away, but questioned the impact it would cause, noting that it could be five years out, not 14. He further stated that people, whom he had spoken to, including the Town Council Public audiences, were concerned about the mill rate going up in future years.

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David Bertnagel stated that to answer Town Councilman Ferreira's question, the liabilities were not going away. He further stated that the Town could follow the old adage of "kicking the can down the road", but as the Town went down the road you risk the fact that number one each year the Town was putting \$500,000.00 in the Operating Budget in order to be able to contain the health care cost for the past five years at a minimum of 1%, 2%, 3%, noting that was unheard of in a lot of municipalities. David Bertnagel stated that a lot of municipalities were paying 10%, 11% or 12%. He further stated that every year that the Town goes out without funding anything the Town takes the risk of increasing its cost so basically that \$500,000.00 will go up.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Long Term Liabilities Policy Financial Policy Statement. This motion was approved unanimously.

To review and take action authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Sidewalk Agreement with the State of Connecticut re. Bridge No. 01109, Marsh Brook

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that this particular bridge was located by Sandra Avenue and Route 72.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the old policy of the State used to be that if a municipality was going to have sidewalks on a bridge they would have to fund them. He further stated that the State had changed that policy and were now saying that they would fund the sidewalks, but that the municipality would have to keep the sidewalks clear and maintain them, as well as some other things contained in the Agreement. Anthony Lorenzetti stated that it was an opportunity to get something done that could have a 50-year life cycle. He further stated that there were some areas where there were sidewalks on both Route 6 and North Main Street and that at some point they could be connected and that this was a good opportunity to do it.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that this project would be funded through the State. He further stated that he had been working on the design for quite a few years.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement between the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Town of Plymouth for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the North end of Bridge No. 01109, along the Easterly and Westerly sides of CT Route 72 over Marsh Brook. This motion was approved unanimously.

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To review and take action on Ambulance Corps Proposal re. Fee Waiver for Town of Plymouth Permits

Mayor Festa stated that the Town of Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps' proposal had been included in the Council packets from Lani Johnson, President, PVAC Board of Directors.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Lani Johnson had proposed the waiver for PVAC members who active members for at least two years and that the Fire Department's requirements it was five years. He further stated that the Town Council should come up with something equitable for the two groups.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to accept the Town of Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps' proposal for Fee Waivers and to change the proposal for the Fire Department to a two-year active member requirement. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to accept the Town of Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps' proposal as amended. This motion was approved unanimously.

To take action to adopt Fair Housing Resolution

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to take action to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution, a Policy Statement compliance with Title 6, which is the Civil Rights Act and Affirmative Action. This motion was approved unanimously.

Remove from table Student Guardian-SmartBus Live Discussion

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to remove the Student Guardian-SmartBus Live Discussion from the table. This motion was approved unanimously.

Dana Meinke, Sales Specialist, Redflex StudentGuardian, stated that the SmartBus was a program that was a no-cost school safety initiative that partnered with school law enforcement in towns to implement external software and cameras to issue tickets to illegal violators who pass stopped buses.

Dana Meinke stated that they were working in 20 cities in the State of Connecticut and that they were seeing great success in towns as they act as a deterrent with fewer tickets being issued as time goes by.

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Dana Meinke stated that her company ran a violator funded program with tickets being issued through law enforcement and that this created a residual revenue for the municipality and also helped to offset program costs for the equipment.

When questioned by Dana Meinke, Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Town Council had voted down the proposal in December.

Noting that the Council was told that the cameras took a picture of the license plate, not the driver, of the car that passed the school bus and Town Councilwoman Murawski questioned if that statement was true.

Dana Meinke noted that was a correct statement.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that meant that all Redflex StudentGuardian knew was that vehicle passed the bus; they did not know who was driving the car.

Dana Meinke stated that infringement to the Law, State Statues & Code 14-279, Vehicles to stop for school bus, states that the owner of the vehicle is the operator so according to the code enforcement program the ticket would go to the owner of the vehicle. She further stated that they had established a nomination process through the Central Infractions Bureau, as well as the courthouses, to identify the correct driver.

Town Councilwoman Murawski questioned if the registered owner of the vehicle would have to prove that he was not driving the vehicle at the time.

Dana Meinke noted that was a correct statement. She further stated that they had to abide by the law that was written and that the ACLU did not want any official recognition so they do what they can to capture the vehicle information and identify the license plate.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that Redflex StudentGuardian was expecting one violation per camera per day and questioned what would happen that requirement was not met.

Dana Meinke stated that it would be a discussion and that the cameras were on for the purpose of creating a deterrent to try to make it safer for kids to ride and get on and off the school buses. She further stated that they had the reimbursement through the ticket issuing to pay for the equipment and if they were not seeing the violation per day requirement that was written into the Agreement they had other things they could do, i.e., move the cameras to buses on different routes that may have a higher ticket average, but that at the end of the day the Town wasn't paying anything, it truly wasn't a loss.

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Remove from table Student Guardian-SmartBus Live Discussion Cont'd.

Dana Meinke stated that if the buses weren't seeing any violations and the problem wasn't there, then the cameras weren't needed. She further stated that the whole goal was to make the safety impact so if they were doing their jobs then the Town wouldn't see any violations, but the nationwide (and also true for Connecticut) data stands that on the average a bus is passed once every day.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if Dana Meinke had statistics for the Town of Plymouth on how often calls come in for this violation.

Dana Meinke stated until they get cameras on the buses she had no way to provide statistics for the Town of Plymouth.

Town Councilman Foote stated that his wife drove a school bus for 8.5 years and that in all that time she only had one violation. He further stated that another woman that his wife worked with, for the same amount of years, drove the Route 6 corridor and never had any violators.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he felt the problem wasn't as great as Redflex StudentGuardian had implied and also noted that the company had come to the Town of Plymouth, rather than the Town going to Redflex StudentGuardian.

Town Councilman Foote stated that it was easy to sell this kind of program if it was to save one child, but that her company would only do a limited amount of buses. He further stated that because of the ratio of cameras to the limited amount of buses meant that a child had a better chance of being hit by a car, which wasn't protected and that was a small percentage of coverage even though it costs nothing.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he felt it was kind of an insult to him as a Councilperson because the Council would have to make the decision and they had a constituency that they were responsible for. He further stated that \$450.00 was a lot of money and he knew that the Board of Education and the Police Commission bought into it because it was a simple thing, citing the fact that he could sell a pair of shoes to a homeless man, and if one child was saved it was an easy sell. Town Councilman Foote stated that it was the car being photographed, not the driver, and that poor guy had to prove at whatever cost and taking his chances in proving that he was not the driver. He further stated that he thought it a little too much and that there wasn't any real protection in the program and it was more a moneymaking proposition, probably more for Redflex StudentGuardian than for the Town. Town Councilman Foote stated that he didn't like it before and he didn't like it now.

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Dana Meinke stated that that they looked for a certain percentage, but citing Town Councilman Foote's example, she further stated that her company would put cameras on all 17 buses if necessary and that there was not a set number of rules. She further stated that they would put cameras on all the buses that were necessary or as needed.

Dana Meinke stated that payment for the citations was the same as any other citation and that they all went through the Centralized Infractions Bureau (CIB) whether it was cash, credit, debit or however the person wanted to pay for it and that would not be any changes made to that. She further stated that it was a safety initiative that they can see works, even though it might sound like a sales pitch, but it was true and a lot of people would agree that it was a worthwhile partnership.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that when he first read the Agreement he was concerned about the issuance of one ticket per bus per day, noting that he lived on Route 6 for almost eleven years on the main bus route and he never saw one pass, not to say that there wasn't one. He further stated that he was a little concern that Dana Meinke's company didn't do the research and get the information on the number of physical tickets given by Patrolmen in Town. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had four children of his own and he was all for the safety of the Town and if the Townspeople and the Town wanted the program he was also for in favor of it. He further stated that he was concerned about the stipulations in the Agreement noting that Plymouth was off the main strip and questioned where the program would go from there. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he did not think Redflex StudentGuardian would stay around if there weren't any money to be made.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he was concerned about the \$20.00 per transmission to the municipality when the Police Department exceeded the five per month and that the language was a little vague there and questioned what it meant.

Dana Meinke stated that particular language pertained to the buses' internal cameras, which they leave in the Agreement if the Town was interested in pursuing and that the transmission meant if there was an incident on the bus they would provide that footage to the municipality, but no more than five per month without incurring a fee.

Town Councilman Ferreira those were his concerns and when the Council first met everyone thought it might be a good thing, but there wasn't anyone present to answer the questions and that there were still some Council people that were concerned about the program. He further questioned the viability of the program for the Town, noting that it was free.

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When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Dana Meinke stated that currently 19 towns currently partake in the initiative, including Wolcott, Watertown and Naugatuck.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Dana Meinke stated that there were a lot more passes happening on the urban and more traveled roads, but there were no methods to measure because they were impossible to anticipate.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Dana Meinke stated that that the Town's Agreement was for 60 months, but was negotiable down to three years.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Dana Meinke stated that her company also covered Bristol.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Dana Meinke stated that once her company perform their five-day analysis, which was as soon as the Contract was signed, the cameras would be installed and that the footage would be reviewed live, creating the evidence file, uploaded for Police review same or next day and then the ticket would be issued within 10 days of the event.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Dana Meinke stated that her company did not write the tickets, law enforcement wrote the tickets.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, noting that he thought Redflex wrote the tickets, Dana Meinke stated that they could not; they did not have the ability, but that it was a quick process that the company had been streamlining since 2008.

Chief of Police, Wolcott, CT, Chief Edward Stephens briefly explained the process involved with his department and the Student Guardian-SmartBus, noting that it was a violator funded program paid for by the person committing the crime. He further stated that the owner of the car was liable, same as a hit and run ticket. Chief Stephens stated that Redflex sends the citation right away, along with the video, and the Police Officer views the video and makes the determination whether or not a violation did in fact occur. He further stated that his Officers write the tickets.

Chief Stephens stated that the bus drivers do not want to report violators because they don't want to take the time to go to court. Chief Stephens stated that this program saves lives and comes with a video of the violators, noting that it was a win-win for towns and bus companies.

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When questioned by Town Councilman Ferreira, Chief Stephens stated that the cameras turn on when the bus arm comes out and then the car passes the bus and that the pictures were unbelievable and that the driver could probably be made out and that there was zero doubt that a car was passing a bus.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Chief Stephens stated that if the light was right you could probably pick up the driver's face, but it didn't matter because of the law in the State of Connecticut which is that the owner was liable for the violation, including family members, etc., driving the car.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Chief Stephens said an appeal could be made in a court of law.

When questioned by Howard Gomme, Chief Stephens stated that they had five hits since last June, noting that was excellent, that they did not want a lot of hits and that the Public doesn't know which buses have the cameras on them.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he felt the cost of the program was ill will, noting that if he got a bill in his mailbox for \$450.00 because a mechanic was road-testing his car or a kid living in his home decides to take the car for a ride and he has to come up with the \$450.00 was not okay with him. He further stated that the chances of getting three or five hits a day was not that great and that the real cost would be ill will on the part of the Townspeople.

Chief Stephens stated that Town Councilman Foote was putting the dollar amount in front of the safety of the kids. He further stated that if he had to go to court because of the mechanic he could explain the situation to the Judge. He further stated that the more hits a town incurs the more money they would receive.

Town Councilman Foote stated that if a kid was going to get hit by a car, passing a school bus or whatever, God forbid, it's going to happen and cited an example of watching a kid running down a narrow road and noted that a camera wouldn't stop that kind of thing. He further stated that if we save one child he was all for it, but \$450.00 was one heck of a hit and it might be a deterrent, but that that he couldn't support it because it would build more ill will amongst the Townspeople.

Chief Stephens stated that the amount of the fine was set by the State of Connecticut in every town and that the bottom line was if people obeyed the law they wouldn't get a ticket.

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Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that in addition to her concerns about being guilty until proven innocent when a car passes a bus and the registration photo was taken that car was already going by the bus and that person was not deterred and an accident could happen. She further stated that earlier this evening there was talk about the Town having more Police Officers than they ever previously had, she would like to see the Town's cops be the deterrent and follow the buses once in a while and watch them at the bus stops and if they see somebody pass they have the person that was driving the car and not someone that owns it, but wasn't there at all.

Chief Stephens stated that he couldn't speak for the Town of Plymouth; but that he did not have enough Officers to cover 30 buses and that his concern was not protecting the violators it was with enforcing the law and protecting the children. He further stated that once there was a hit they publicize it in the newspapers and on the television to send out the message not to pass buses in Wolcott and not to risk the kid's lives.

Chief Karen Krasicky stated that she agreed with Chief Stephens and that the safety of our children should be paramount in all of our minds. She further stated that if there was a hit and run and no one got the plate number, there might never be an identification of the vehicle or the person. Chief Krasicky stated that the ticket goes to the owner first, but once the driver was identified that person was responsible to pay that fee. Citing accidents where children were crushed, she noted one example where a hit and run did not produce a driver and questioned how does the Officer tell that parent that the child was not worth the \$450.00 when that happened. Chief Krasicky stated that this was a no-cost program, but even if there were a cost involved, the Town had to protect its children and citizens. She further stated that if her Officers were around they could be out and about, but she could not guarantee that they could follow every school bus and that the best thing was to deter this from happening in the first place. Chief Krasicky stated that bus drivers were afraid of repercussions and retaliation if they say something bad about the violator and that they also did not want to go to court. She further stated that vehicles do pass buses in Town and that some of them were actually on school property and not being reported by the bus drivers. Chief Krasicky stated that sometimes the bus drivers were watching the children so they couldn't see who passed the bus. Chief Krasicky stated that if the program didn't work the Contract could be rescinded, but she did not see why the Town shouldn't at least try it to protect the children and that it was a tool that would help aid the officers, the bus drivers, the Board of Education and the children. She further stated that if we couldn't say that it wasn't worth it for our children she didn't know where we were.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that it was obvious that Police Officers couldn't follow every bus, but questioned if they could ever be a presence on a bus route.

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Chief Krasicky questioned what would happen to protecting the Town when calls came in, noting that she couldn't guarantee anything, an attempt could be made, but it would be on a very limited basis, noting that a felony could be taking place and questioned why she would put an Officer in that position.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that Officers stay in one spot and do radar, etc.

Chief Krasicky stated that a camera installed on a bus would take the place of that and would be foolproof and the Town would have the information immediately.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she didn't want to see a picture of someone passing a bus; she wanted to see them deterred in another way before it happened.

Chief Krasicky stated that once a potential violator did not see the Police car in the area it would happen again.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that if they saw an Officer time after time it would help.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if the five tickets issued in Wolcott got reduced in fines.

Chief Stephens stated that they went to court and that would come down to the Prosecutor and the Judge, but he did not recall any being reduced.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Chief Stephens stated that the Town would not be sending an Officer to court; the video would go before the Judge showing the person passing the bus.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Chief Stephens stated that the fine was not going past the current \$450.00 and that in the past it was a lot lower. He further stated that the violator could watch the video, as well, and see themselves passing the school bus and breaking the law.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, Chief Stephens stated that even though they have had only five violations, Redflex has never contacted them to remove the cameras off their buses.

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Michael Maffia, 98 North Riverside Avenue, Terryville, stated that as a former bus driver he had the opportunity to drive buses with and without cameras, noting that he also had a panic button to take the picture, which provided the opportunity to see exactly what happened. He further stated that buses that did not have a camera required the driver to fill out a State form with as much information as possible and that over a course of a five-year period he turned in over 15, maybe more. Michael Maffia stated that all of the violators were on school property or in the immediate vicinity of school property. He further stated that the camera system was a good thing that would save a lot of aggravation and took some of the burden off the bus drivers.

Dave Morgan, 16 Chestnut Street, Terryville, stated that he had two children that both attended the local Elementary School and that he put his kids on the buses daily. He further stated that with no disrespect to anyone, the data that no one goes around the school buses was incorrect and that he personally had witnessed that happening a few times this year. He further stated that for the past 14 years as a volunteer firefighter it was a whole different game to have to walk up to a child that had been hit by a car and that it was something that you never want to see or that you could get a grasp on by just talking about it. Dave Morgan stated that most violators weren't hardened criminals; they were people just like us that got in a hurry and it only takes one time to pass a bus and have it happen. He further stated that he's taken care of those people as well who realize too late that the hurry was not important.

Heather Bukowski, 35 Eagle Street, Terryville, stated that she was a parent of two children and that many times cars fly through the four-way stop at her street's bus stop and that the bus did not deter them, nor did Police Officers in the area. She further stated that it was a cut through road and they see it all the time. Heather Bukowski stated that if someone uses someone else's car and the owner incurs a fine then the owner needs to speak to the driver and tell that person they shouldn't be doing that and they were still responsible. She further stated that applied to the owner's children as well. Heather Bukowski stated that there were a lot of parents at the Elementary School that also support this program.

Patrick Perugino, 82 Allen Street, Terryville, stated that he was the Chairman of the Board of Education and that they don't take this issue lightly and noted that parents and teachers had told the Board of Education that there were cars passing the school buses. Pat Perugino stated that Redflex did not sell the program to them, the Board of Education had asked for it to see what they could do and that their Board voted 100 percent to go with the program. Noting that the 1,600 children were the responsibility of the Board of Educations (once they left their homes) they took their responsibility very seriously and this was basic 101, do not pass a school bus and there should be no excuses.

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Pat Perugino stated that “Big Brother watching us” was also not a reason, noting that even Target had cameras watching all of us. He further stated that he hoped the Town Council would appreciate what the Board of Education was trying to do for the children of the Town, as well as everyone else.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Council’s concern was not the monetary amount, but that the Council had unanswered questions when they read the Contract and that no one was present to answer the questions and that he wasn’t one to pass things through without getting answers. He further stated that he had asked people on the Board of Education that also told him that they had not read the Contract. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he was for the safety of the Town, but that he wouldn’t just give his vote/seal of approval because of the recommendation of other people; he needed to be shown it was the best thing for the Town and the Town’s children. He further stated that he also had sat on the Board of Education, had four children of his own and a grandchild on the way and he thought it was a great thing to deter children from getting hit by a vehicle, but to try to paint the Council as not caring or just being concerned about money was not the case. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the reason the Council voted it down the first time was because there was no representation from SmartBus when it first came before the Council. He further stated that if someone hit a child it should be a \$1,000.00 not \$450.00.

Pat Perugino stated that the Board of Education was never notified that the issue had come up and questioned why it was tabled. He further stated that he did not know why the Council had not been made aware that they were sponsoring the program and wanted the Council’s support.

Mayor Festa stated that for clarification purposes, and in defense of the Council, when the program was presented to the Mayor it was not presented to him as being sponsored by the Board of Education, it was presented to him that it was a program that the SmartBus company put out and asked the Police Department, the schools and the Town Council to vote on it. He further stated that it was a miscommunication from all sides and that the Council was unaware that the Board of Education was sponsoring the program and needed the Council’s support, noting that the Council had been left out of the loop.

Jennifer Begley, 125 Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, stated that regardless of why we were here today, the program was a necessary one and that for personal reasons she wanted the program as well. She further stated that everyday she could see cars flying by the buses, noting that she was a homemaker and that the speed of the vehicles made her nervous.

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Jennifer Begley stated that her less than a month ago someone passed the bus that she was putting her child on and that the car could have hit other cars and other pedestrians in the area. Citing a second incident, Jennifer Begley stated that a friend of hers was coming down Harwinton Avenue and that another car passed a school bus and if he hadn't swerved to get out of the way of the speeding driver he would have been killed. She further stated that the school bus driver did not see the car; she was watching the children crossing the street. Jennifer Begley spoke at length and stated that she hoped the Town Council would also endorse the program.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to enter into an Agreement with SmartBus and the Town of Plymouth.

Discussion: Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that there was a quote about giving up our liberty for a little bit of safety and if you do that you don't deserve liberty or safety. She further stated that it seemed like we have seen our liberties being taken away quicker of late and a lot of times we have no say, however in this case we do. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that being guilty until proven innocent is not how we have done things in the United States of America and she really didn't want it to start here. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was a former EMT and that like the fire fighter who had spoken earlier this evening, she had also seen a child hit by a car and would have it in her head for as long as she lived. Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she had two children of her own, as well as a grandchild, but she was looking at this from all sides. She further stated that what was most important to her was that people did not lose their liberty.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the quote that Town Councilwoman Murawski had stated was kind of misconstrued because the liberty that she was speaking of was protecting the people who were violating the law and....

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that it was the people who did not violate the law, but were being accused of violating it.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she did not interrupt Town Councilwoman Murawski.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that Town Councilwoman Schenkel was misquoting her.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that Town Councilwoman Murawski could rebut in a moment.

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Town Councilwoman Schenkel noted that the law stated that whomever the car belonged to was immediately guilty and questioned the liberties that would never happen for the children who might end up getting hit and no one was ever brought to justice. She further stated that a walker or an oncoming car could also be hit.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she disagreed with some of the comments about this issue not being about money, noting that it was very much about money. She further stated that it was also very much about constituents being mad at a Councilperson because they would be getting a ticket and that if they didn't pass a bus they wouldn't get a ticket. Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she liked that this company had committed itself to not removing the cameras just because they didn't make their quota. She further stated that this issue was about people changing their behaviors with school buses. Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had recently seen cars passing a school bus at 6:50 a.m., three different times at the corner of Beach Avenue and Allen Street and that if there were a Police Officer hanging around she wanted Chief Krasicky to make note of this problem. Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she saw this abuse regularly and that it was not taking away anyone's liberties because the person would still have their day in court. She further stated that this was a wonderful program and that the Council should endorse it.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that when he first read the program his personal views were that it was an infringement on his personal liberties, but this wasn't about this personal view, this was about everyone who spoke, the parents and the constituents. He further stated that his main concern about the number of daily tickets were addressed today and that it was about what the Town wanted, not what he wanted, and that he now felt it was a great idea.

Vote: Town Councilman Ferreira/yes; Town Councilman Foote/no; Town Councilwoman Murawski/no; Town Councilwoman Schenkel/yes; Town Councilman Zagurski/yes. Motion passed.

Executive Session to discuss Litigation for Old Plymouth Village Associates LLC v. Town of Plymouth; Discussion for the purpose of Real Estate; Discussion for Contract Negotiations

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to move into Executive Session at 9:56 p.m., for the purpose of discussing litigation for Old Plymouth Village Associates LLC v. Town of Plymouth; discussion for the purpose of Real Estate; and discussion for Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Executive Session Cont'd.

Mayor Festa invited Town Attorney Salvatore Vitrano to attend the Executive Session.

Present for the Executive Session were Town Councilman Ferreira, Mayor Festa, Town Councilman Foote, Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Attorney Salvatore Vitrano and Town Councilman Zagurski.

Mayor Festa called the Plymouth Town Council back into Regular Session at 10:29 p.m.

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

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a settlement of Old Plymouth Village Associates LLC vs. the Town of Plymouth for the market value of \$467,000.00 for 696 Main Street and \$150,000.00 for 694 Main Street.

Discussion: Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that this was a reduction in taxes that was negotiated, that it was not a purchase of any kind of real estate and that the Tax Assessor had approved it, as well.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously. (See Motion on Page Thirty-Three)

Director of Finance-Financial Report

David Bertnagel distributed copies of the Town of Plymouth 2013-2014 Revenue Estimates and the Town of Plymouth's Recommended Budget, for review and discussion.

David Bertnagel stated that he prepares this document every quarter for the Board of Finance and that this was for the period of December 12, 2012. He further stated that basically, this report covers the entire General Fund Budget and included the Board of Education on the Expenditure side only and was a pro-forma budget. David Bertnagel stated that the General Government side of the attachment had an approved budget of 4,700,000.00 and that as of December 31, 2012, \$2,692,000.00 expended. He further stated that the biggest portions were the Employee Benefits pieces, which had been discussed earlier this evening for health benefits such heart and hypertension costs and various Town Departments that operate out of Town Hall.

David Bertnagel stated that he had been concerned about the Human Resources Department going over the past couple of years, noting that he had brought this to the attention of the Board of Finance 1.5 months ago.

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David Bertnagel stated that the hours of the Human Resource Director had exceeded the budget and that the Human Resource Director had made a presentation before the Board of Finance to explain the various cases that were being worked on with the Public Works Department and various other Unions that were transpiring. David Bertnagel stated that the Board of Finance had requested that the Human Services Director come back before them at some point in time. David Bertnagel stated that he recommended that the Human Services Director also provide the Town Council with an explanation, as well, probably next month to give the Council the same guidance as he provided to the Board of Finance, which included where his budget was going and what the workload was in that one particular department.

David Bertnagel stated that other than the Human Resource Department all of the other Departments were very well off and were in good shape.

David Bertnagel stated that (Public Safety) the Police Department, right on through to the Fire Department, were right on target with nothing out of the ordinary and were well within the budget.

David Bertnagel stated that covering Emergency Management everyone should be aware that the Town experienced a Tropical Storm last September and that the Town became eligible through the FEMA Grant and that the Town had received notification that it would be receiving approximately \$31,000.00 to \$32,000.00 of FEMA reimbursement.

David Bertnagel stated that the Public Works Department's budget was well within line and that he had provided a Staffing Analysis to the Board of Finance and would also forward the report to the Town Council within the next couple of days. He further stated that some of the savings for the Public Works Department could be seen in the salaries, noting that the department was down a couple of positions in the current fiscal year.

David Bertnagel stated that some of the expenditures were up in the Health and Social Services Department because the Town pays the expense up front, i.e., Torrington Area Health District's Medical Director line item.

David Bertnagel stated that the Library was well within its norm.

David Bertnagel stated that Parks and Recreation was exactly on target.

David Bertnagel stated that the Debt Service was fine.

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David Bertnagel stated that Land Use was well within its means, noting that the Economic Development Consultant had been paid up to date and that he could see no issues of concern.

David Bertnagel stated that the Board of Education was a little lower due to the fact that they have savings when school was out for the months of July and August.

David Bertnagel stated that basically he was projecting some sort of a expenditure surplus, however he didn't know the amount yet because we weren't totally through the winter months. He further stated that the Town was in pretty good shape and that hopefully, the Town would continue in this manner going forward.

David Bertnagel stated that the Tax Office had done a very good job this year in regards to collecting taxes and that the current levy (Current Property Taxes) was the revenue source that we always look at. He further stated that this was where the Town budgets 97% collection rate and it was budgeted based on the Grand List where the mill rate was factored, etc. David Bertnagel stated that historically speaking, the Town had never reached above 96.2% and that this year it looked as if the Town was going to hit the 97% mark for the first time in 10 to 12 years. He further stated that given the current trends, he wanted to commend the Tax Office, as well as Ted Scheidel for assisting in getting some of these items taken care of.

David Bertnagel stated that the prior levies was because of the Town had the back taxes and were from people that didn't pay in the previous years and were getting caught up. He further stated that the Town would exceed the \$700,000.00 shown, as well as with the Interest & Lien Fees and the Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax.

David Bertnagel stated that moving down it was clear where the Town was currently at and that as of January 31st referencing the Charges for Services. He further stated that the Town was right on target with the Building Permits and other department fees. David Bertnagel stated that there was a downturn in the Conveyance Tax (the Housing Transfer Tax) due to hardly any sales.

David Bertnagel stated that the Investment from Income was up significantly this year due to the Town's different investments with the Town funds.

David Bertnagel stated that the biggest nut would be the State Revenue and that we would see that a lot in the budget coming up next year, but that the Town would be okay for the current year, however he could not say where it would go next year.

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David Bertnagel stated that the Governor was proposing to increase the E.C.S. Grant costs and that this was pitting the Board of Education against the Town, noting that he didn't agree with this method. He further stated that if they were going to fund education they should, not take away another source and then tell the Town it has to provide the service.

David Bertnagel stated that there was a lot of borrowing in the State Budget, noting that the State was putting bonds out and giving it back to the towns as a grant, noting if they didn't have it they shouldn't be giving it out.

David Bertnagel stated that the Town was in very good shape and holding its own and that hopefully, it would stay this way.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned the \$8,500.00 that had been spent on Mr. Bellotti for overtime.

David Bertnagel stated that the overtime was in excess of hours, not time and a half, it was still his regular hourly pay, but was extra hours that the individual put in for. He further stated that it would be problematic given where the number was at.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that it had currently been expended, but that it hadn't exceeded the budget as yet. He further stated that he told the Board of Finance that the budget would be exceeded if it continued on this trend.

David Bertnagel stated that if Mr. Bellotti continued to work his normal hours that he works each week until the end of the year the Town would have an \$8,500.00 problem. He further stated that he would rather be proactive than reactive in this situation.

Town Councilman Zagurski requested that David Bertnagel explain the new Police Officer that the Town was hiring.

David Bertnagel stated that on March 8, 2012, during last years budget discussions/deliberations at the Board of Finance, a proposal was made at the time for the Police Department had an overtime budget for \$120,000.00 in their line item.

David Bertnagel stated that there was an open shift on the third shift where there was a lot of overtime due to a person out on injury leave and the Chief had the possibility of scheduling a split-shift position that was working out very well.

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David Bertnagel stated that the Board of Finance had said that they had received Certified employees and that they wanted overtime cut starting in February 2013, so under the Chief's premise to reduce overtime to \$100,000.00 and move \$20,000.00 back to regular wages and hire someone in February.

David Bertnagel stated that they were saying if there was a retirement that came up after the fact or this wasn't working they wouldn't fill this position going forward and that they would look to see if this was actually reducing overtime.

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if an Officer retired.

David Bertnagel stated that no Officer retired, however the potential existed for an Officer to retire in July or August of this year.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that the figure included the insurance and the Board of Finance wanted a Certified Officer.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he felt deceived after the Police Dog incident that they needed another Officer and that they had the money in their budget the whole time.

David Bertnagel stated that he had a copy of the meeting minutes for Town Councilman Zagurski.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that all of the Commissions that he was a Liaison to had requested a copy of a schedule from the Board of Finance for when their budgets would be discussed.

David Bertnagel stated that basically, the Board of Finance had set their meetings for Mondays and Thursdays and that the Board of Finance Liaisons would contact the different departments and talk to them, noting that he would follow up on this issue.

Mayor Festa stated that the Recording Secretary to the Board of Finance could make sure that the Chairmen receive the notices.

David Bertnagel stated that there were no specific dates set, as yet.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that he would get a copy of the Proposed Budget to him, and to everyone else, and that the Board of Finance would also be receiving it Thursday.

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Town Councilman Zagurski questioned if the Town would be receiving any Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) Funds to do Streetscape work this year.

David Bertnagel stated that historically speaking, the LoCIP Funds have been applied to Town Aid Roads and that there were two components used for this in the budget process. He further stated that he believed the Town had received \$99,000.00 last year and \$120,000.00 for Town Aid Road and that the two funds had been used in combination with the Town's cash contribution (the \$400,000.00) and that was the one source we used. David Bertnagel stated that under the Governor's proposed budget he wanted to double Town Aid Road and LoCIP next year, which would mean it would have to be strictly used for the Town Aid Road piece. He further stated that the LoCIP Funds would be open-ended, which would mean that they would let anybody tap into those funds. David Bertnagel stated that these were borrowed monies that were given back to us as grants. He further stated that by Charter, the Town's budget would be adopted and in place before the Town knew what was going to happen in Hartford.

David Bertnagel stated that the STEAP grant was still in the budget and that the Mayor was actively progressing on the applications that were outstanding, however the Town had not heard anything yet in order to move the project forward.

When questioned by Town Councilman Zagurski, David Bertnagel stated that nothing had been submitted as a Capital request at this time for that particular piece of the Streetscape and that as the grants come in they are applied to that project.

When questioned by Mayor Festa, David Bertnagel stated that under the Governor's proposed budget, the Transportation Grant would be eliminated for the Town (\$240,000) and would open it up to a competitive bidding process of 5 million Statewide. He further stated that the Board of Education had done its due diligence and that they were in a tri-town consortium, which in turn would make them eligible to apply for the five million dollar grant, but didn't mean they would get anything.

David Bertnagel stated that the State wanted to exempt motor vehicles from having a car tax and that there would be a phase in period for it. He further stated that the Governor wanted the towns to start implement it on July 1, 2013 and that provision was that if the towns didn't do this come July 31, 2013, then they would have to have it in place for July 1, 2014. David Bertnagel stated that if this occurred the Town would lose approximately \$85,000,000.00 off the Grand List. He further stated that if a car were worth more than \$28,000.00, the person would still have to pay the full value in the car tax. David Bertnagel stated that Town was very cognizant of these changes and would have to wait and see what happens.

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Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Economic Development Commission had noted that there were three/four businesses interested in the lots at the Industrial Park. He further stated that Bomag had gone out of business and was repossessed by the bank and that they had been trying to contact to see what they wanted for the property, but that the bank was not responding back.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that the Library Board did not meet because of the lack of a quorum.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and that there were people interested in buying the Eagles Club property and that they wanted to set up a national chain box store.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he was unable to attend the Housing Board of Appeals meeting, however the Board was currently discussing a Main Street property and trying to get it rehabilitated.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Police Commission did not meet and had to cancel their meeting.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that the Council had been previously updated on everything that concerned the Board of Finance.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she had been unable to attend the Human Services Commission meeting.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Board of Education had met and that Dr. Tenney, Director of Curriculum, had provide a presentation on the Student's Success Plan in the middle school and high school which focused on the college and career readiness, social, emotional and academic support. He further stated that it was a nice presentation that Dr. Tenney had put together.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that teacher Mrs. Farrington, Terryville High School, had been selected as a National Coach and Athletic Director of the Year finalist by the National Athletic Coaches Association and that she'd be honored at a National Award Banquet in June 2013.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the CAFE Day on the Hill was scheduled for Wednesday March 6th.

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Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had met with the Public Works Department Director Anthony Lorenzetti and the Highway Superintendent, Jim Schultz.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that they had discussed the tasks taken care of this month by Anthony Lorenzetti included various Staff meetings, design work for Safe Routes to School, the Fall Mountain Water Paving Project, attended the Town Council Meeting, the Capital Improvements Committee meeting, the TROC and Energy Task Force Meeting, had some ongoing work with the Route 6 Streetscape Project, worked on the Highway Garage addition coordination, worked on the Seymour Road Design, worked on budget submission, met with FEMA and submitted reimbursements for Blizzard Charlotte, responded to various service requests related to Blizzard Charlotte, submitted reimbursement for Town Line Road Culvert Bridge to the DOT, and that he had submitted reimbursement for FHWA portion of Storm Alfred.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he had spoken to Superintendent Jim Schultz, and noted that many of the Highway Department tasks had to do with the big blizzard in Town. He further stated that the Department had cut some brush at Jan Court, picked up a lot of the damaged curbing throughout the Town from the plowing which had been done for the snowstorms, cut ice with a grader at various locations in Town, did some cold patching of potholes across the Town, prepared all the trucks and equipment for the recent blizzard, worked with Sub-Contractors and Town workers to clear the snow from Town streets, and used the Wing Plow to open many roads and intersections.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that they had discussed the 2013 Household Hazardous Product Disposal information, noting there were pamphlets in the Town Hall outlining the information including the dates for hazardous waste collection. He further stated that Plymouth's collection date was set for April 20th at the Town Hall. Town Councilman Ferreira stated that Plymouth residents could also bring their hazardous waste to different towns including Plainville, Southington Prospect, Bristol, New Britain and Berlin.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Department of Environmental and Energy Projection had approved design plans for the Denitrification Project, noting that it would be going out to bid.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had set a Public Hearing date of March 28th for transfer of the Open Space for the Scott-Wall Subdivision, which the Council had approved at its last meeting.

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Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved Khara Dodds, Town Planner, and David Elder, former Zoning Enforcement Officer, as temporary Zoning Enforcement Officers, as needed, while there was no permanent employee in that position, so the Town would not go without anyone not doing that work.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that it was mentioned at the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development would be due again in 2015 and so the Town Council should keep this issue in the back of their minds, noting that it needed to be worked on.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he had nothing to report on at this time.

Public Comment

No report.

Council Comments

Town Councilman Zagurski welcomed Town Councilman Foote back and that it was good to see him.

Town Councilman Foote stated that he wanted to thank Melanie for offering to help his wife while he was ill.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to adjourn at 10:58 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary