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Minutes

February 19, 2014

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled February 19, 2014, Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman William Heering, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski, Town Councilman Gary Wyszynski, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Plymouth Police Officer Dean Cyr, Executive Director Rick Dunne/Valley Council of Governments (VCOG), Executive Director Samuel Gold/Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Chief Karen Krasicky Plymouth Police Department, RPO Coordinator Daniel Morley/State of Connecticut-Office of Policy and Management, Plymouth Police Commission Chairman Chester Scoville, Jr., and Executive Director Carl Stephanie/Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor Merchant noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Council Rules and Procedures

No report.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No report.

To discuss, take action and present to David LeVasseur, Office of Policy & Management, by the Town of Plymouth, its appeal to be redesignated into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region

Mayor Merchant noted that Agenda Item No. 6 would be discussed when David LeVasseur arrived.

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To remove from the table to discuss and take action for the approval of the Assistant Chief's Contract

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to remove from the table to discuss and take action for the approval of the Assistant Chief's Contract. This motion was approved unanimously.

Chet Scoville, Plymouth Police Commission Chairman, 24 North Street, Plymouth, briefly spoke in favor of the Assistant Chief position.

Plymouth Police Officer Dean, 80 Main Street, Terryville, spoke at length in favor of the Assistant Chief position.

Chief Karen Krasicky, 80 Main Street, Terryville, spoke at length in favor of the Assistant Chief position.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly spoke against the Assistant Chief position, the wording in the Contract and noted that she wanted it to be a Lieutenant's position instead.

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Murawski, to approve the Assistant Chief's Contract, as presented in the Plymouth Police Department Employee Agreement Assistant Chief of Police document.

Discussion: Town Councilwoman Murawski questioned why did the Police Commission went with the Assistant Chief noting that they had a Captain who had to have an Associate's degree and now the Assistant Chief did not have to have any schooling. She further questioned if it wouldn't be better to be a Lieutenant because it seemed like it was going up a grade with less qualifications.

Chet Scoville stated that the Council approved the Assistant Chief's position on May 16, 2013, and felt that Town Councilwoman Murawski's question should have been asked at that time.

Chief Krasicky stated that the title of Assistant Chief was recommended and approved by the Plymouth Police Commission. She further stated that they had a Captain and a person coming in and the Commission didn't want to go down and make it the same rank or go back to a Lieutenant and briefly explained the Commission's reasoning.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Murawski, Chief Krasicky stated that this was a non-union position for the Second in Command and there was no plan for a non-union Lieutenant or Captain at this time.

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To remove from the table to discuss and take action for the approval of the Assistant Chief's Contract Cont'd.

Vote: Town Councilman Heering/no; Town Councilman Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Zagurski/yes; Town Councilwoman Murawski/yes; Town Councilman Wyszynski/no. Motion passed 3 to 2 in favor.

Discuss and take action, for \$25,000 Economic Development Relocation Grant Money to Modelcraft

Mayor Merchant stated that Modelcraft was a large manufacturing plant on Altair Avenue in Plymouth and noted that the company was very loyal to the Town.

Mayor Merchant gave a brief history and background of the company and the assistance provided to Modelcraft by the Town of Plymouth; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to approve the \$25,000 Economic Development Relocation Grant money to Modelcraft. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take Action, as may be necessary, to refund the following Property Taxes: John A. Neveu \$181.89; Joanne N. Stokes \$13.40; Tibbetts Wholesale Foods \$1,419.06; Hyundai Lease Titling TR \$183.74; Amy Marie Farrell \$201.74; Amy L. Martin \$208.45

Town Councilman Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Heering, to refund the following Property Taxes: John A. Neveu \$181.89; Joanne N. Stokes \$13.40; Tibbetts Wholesale Foods \$1,419.06; Hyundai Lease Titling TR \$183.74; Amy Marie Farrell \$201.74; Amy L. Martin \$208.45. This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss, take action and present to David LeVasseur, Office of Policy & Management, by the Town of Plymouth, its appeal to be redesignated into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region

Mayor Merchant stated that Samuel Gold, Executive Director, Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, would be making the presentation and the Town of Plymouth's redesignation appeal into the Naugatuck Planning Region, to Daniel Morley, RPO Coordinator State of Connecticut-Office of Policy and Management, this evening.

Samuel Gold, Executive Director, Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, introduced Executive Director Rick Dunne/Valley Council of Governments (VCOG) and Executive Director Carl Stephanie/Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.

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To discuss, take action and present to David LeVasseur, Office of Policy & Management, by the Town of Plymouth, its appeal to be redesignated into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region Cont'd.

Samuel Gold distributed copies of his presentation (see attachment) for the Town of Plymouth and RPO Coordinator Daniel Morley, State of Connecticut-Office of Policy and Management in an effort to make a case for Plymouth's appeal for redesignation into the Naugatuck Planning Region. Samuel Gold detailed his report item by item, at length.

Daniel Morley, RPO Coordinator, State of Connecticut-Office of Policy and Management thanked the Town of Plymouth for providing the Office of Policy and Management the opportunity to hear about Plymouth's prospect of moving to the Naugatuck Valley Region, noting that OPM would be as flexible as possible.

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, that we, as the Town of Plymouth, would like to petition the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to approve the Town of Plymouth's appeal to be redesignated from the Capitol Region to the Naugatuck Valley Region.

Vote: Town Councilman Heering/yes; Town Councilman Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Zagurski/yes; Town Councilwoman Murawski/yes; Town Councilman Wyszynski/yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Comments

Town Councilman Heering stated that he wanted to acknowledge Carlos Gomes and that he hoped he that he make a quick recovery and return to work as soon as possible.

Mayor Merchant stated that Carlos Gomes had been injured in an accident during the last snowstorm and that he had been released from the hospital and had returned home.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary