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Minutes

April 3, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled April 3, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hamzy. Excused Absence: Town Councilman Dan Gentile.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to accept the April 3, 2018 Plymouth Town Council agenda with the following amendment:

To appoint Kathleen Mackiewicz to the Housing Authority of Plymouth with an ending term of August 1, 2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

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.

Invocation

Mayor David Merchant stated “God Bless the United States of America, the Town of Plymouth, and all of our military troops serving around the world to protect and preserve our freedoms and keep our schools safe” for the record.

Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Melanie Church 328 Main Street, Terryville, distributed copies of material from the State of CT OPM Office, requested the Council review; spoke against excess number of employees in Comptrollers’ Office; spoke in favor of a Town Manager and briefly commented.

Brian Dunn, 19 Carriage Drive, Terryville, commented on his FOI.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items

Vinnie Klimas, 5 Coral Drive, Terryville, spoke in favor of Kathleen Mackiewicz's appointment to the Housing Authority of Plymouth; stated the Housing Authority had another great year with a balanced budget two years running now; stated the Housing Authority of Plymouth had hired a new Office Manager. Vinnie Klimas thanked the Mayor and Town Council Liaison John Pajeski, for their assistance.

Acceptance of Minutes (March 15, 2018)

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to accept the March 15, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Merchant reported and provided updates on the following: 2016 Audit Report completed and filed with State; 2017 Audit underway and will be completed by the end of May; still waiting for Town's acceptance into the Liability Protection Program from DECD; continued working on remediation specs for cleanup of property; two companies interested in building in Industrial Park; Soccer Club looking to build another soccer field in Town; Work on the North Main Street Bridge is continuing and the State has approved the funding.

Financial Report

Mayor Merchant stated the Council members had received the Financial Report for March and the April Financial Report would either be emailed out in a couple of weeks or would be presented at the next Council meeting.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Bette Jo or Jason Newton \$241.55; Geoffrey Liptak \$70.60; Charlotte Fenn \$90.24; Michael or Lori Delmeida \$67.14; Cab East LLC \$195.36; Amber Flammia \$145.86; Robert Reicher \$20.51; David Yarochowicz \$108.06; Vanessa McFadden \$256.74; Three Leaf Landscaping \$5.00

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to accept the refund overpayments of Property Taxes as presented. Vote: Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann/yes; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/abstained; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes; motion passed.

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To appoint John Murphy to the Charter Revision Commission; to appoint Robert Green to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 04/01/2023; to appoint David C. Mischke to the Police Commission with a term ending 01/01/2021; to correct the ending term date of Vinnie Klimas on the Housing Authority of Plymouth Board to 08/01/2023; to correct the ending term date of Carl Johnson on the Public Works Board to 11/01/2020; to appoint Kathleen Mackiewicz to the Housing Authority of Plymouth with an ending term of August 1, 2022

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint John Murphy to the Charter Revision Commission; to appoint Robert Green to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 04/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Robert Green to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 04/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint David C. Mischke to the Police Commission with a term ending 01/01/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to correct the ending term date of Vinnie Klimas on the Housing Authority of Plymouth Board to 08/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann to correct the ending term date of Carl Johnson on the Public Works Board to 11/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Kathleen Mackiewicz to the Housing Authority of Plymouth with an ending term of August 1, 2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

To appoint Jeannette Brodeur to fill the remainder of the Library Trustees vacancy with an ending term of 11/01/2021 at the recommendation of the Democratic Town Committee

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Jeannette Brodeur to fill the remainder of the Library Trustees vacancy with an ending term of November 1, 2021.

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Vice-Chairman Matt Tellier Town Hall Annex Building Committee Report presentation/discussion

Vice-Chairman Matt Tellier provided a brief background on the history and the charge of the Town Hall Annex Building Committee, noting they had begun their charge in 2014 and provided a detailed report; a lengthy discussion followed. Matt Tellier concluded his report noting the members of the Town Hall Annex Building Committee were in agreement that the Main Street School was not a viable option for the Plymouth Police Department building.

Old Business

No report.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated in 1979 Planning and Zoning Commission had voted to turn a lot on Railroad Street into a manufacturing zone, noting even with the vote the area had never been changed. He further stated the Commission was currently in the process of making the change, however there were neighbors in the same area that were against it now and this issue would be continued.

Town Councilman John Pajeski congratulated Housing Authority of Plymouth Chairman Vinnie Klimas on getting Gosinski Park's financials back on track, noting they had been in the black and were now successful and Gosinski Park was running well.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had nothing to report on at this time.

Mayor David Merchant stated the Plymouth Fire House was really starting to take shape, noting most of the walls were up; the kitchen was framed and they were on schedule to have the work completed in July. He further stated the Council and everyone else would be really excited when it was finished.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the PVAC had met and they were working on their 50th Anniversary plans for September. She further stated for everyone that has served, or knows someone who has served on the PVAC in the past, to please go to the PVAC Website to get in touch with them regarding this event. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the WPCA was working on their budget, noting they were self-funded—they run differently from the Town, and were busy crunching numbers. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated Public Works has adhered to their budget and next years' budget was already inline. She further stated Public Works was making cuts; and were in good shape with sand and salt. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she was concerned about street improvements with the cuts and doesn't want projects to fall too far behind; a brief discussion followed.

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Town Council Comments

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she wanted to thank Matt Tellier and the Town Hall Annex Building Committee for their work in getting the Town Council the information.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had no Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he felt the Town should look at regionalizing the Police Dispatch, noting a lot of towns were doing it. He further stated the Town should also look at regionalizing the Dispatchers.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to move into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., to discuss Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Town Attorney Bill Hamzy, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Murawski, Town Councilman Pajeski, and Town Councilman Zagurski.

Mayor Merchant called the Town Council back into Regular Session at 8:14 p.m.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

No action taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary