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**Minutes**

**June 2, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled June 2, 2020, Plymouth Town Council Regular Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Plymouth Registrar Debra Brown, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

It was noted there were no changes for the June 2, 2020 Plymouth Town Council agenda.

#### **Invocation**

Mayor David Merchant stated "God Bless America and the Town of Plymouth" for the record.

A Moment of Silence was held in memory of George Floyd.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes (May 5, 2020 Public Hearing Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes; May 5, 2020 Regular Virtual Zoom Meeting; May 18, 2020 Joint Town Council/Board of Education/Board of Finance Virtual Zoom Meeting Minutes)**

Plymouth Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the May 5, 2020 Public Hearing meeting minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the May 5, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**Acceptance of Minutes Cont'd.**

Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the May 18, 2020, Joint Town Council meeting minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

No report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No report.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: Town Hall Soft Opening/working with Emergency Management Director Tony Orsini on guidelines; Various ways to pay Town taxes (drop box, USPS Mail, internet/charge card, Thomaston Savings Bank); Employees Hours Reduction; Terryville High School Graduation; Community Garden up and running/thank you to Nate Brown and his company for all the work they donated; Town's Insurance Company/Harvard Pilgrim Donation of \$25,000 to the Plymouth Food Pantry/Mayor delivered check; Industrial Park Business/clearing new lot on Lassy Court for a new building this summer; completion of a contract on Swicklas Court; Nutmeg Spice will be purchasing Lot 17; three businesses in the lot by the Lock Museum/Domino's Pizza main tenant; Town Hall front parking lot/area where water main broke repaired.

**Finance Directors Report**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council had received the Director of Finance's Town of Plymouth General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary Report.

Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated the Budget had been filed; she would be sending the Municipal Budget database numbers to the State of Connecticut; was in the process of closing out May and briefly elaborated. Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated the Town Hall Departments were still on a non-essential item spending freeze and briefly elaborated. Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated the Auditors would be conducting virtual interim testing the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Ann Marie Rheault stated our Special Education Excess Class Revenue had come in and was approximately \$100,000 under what had been budgeted and briefly elaborated. Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated this would be the first year-end with the new system and a little training would be in order.

**Finance Directors Report Cont'd.**

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile about monies coming back from FEMA for the Town/Board of Education, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated the Town did not currently have a lot COVID costs; a brief discussion followed.

**Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations**

**To reappoint Peter Giancesini, Sr., to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/01/2023; to reappoint James Maloney to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/01/2023**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Peter Giancesini, Sr., to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint James Maloney to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discuss and take action on Parks and Recreation's Truck donation to the International Operating Engineers Union (IOEU) Local 478 Mechanical Apprenticeship Program**

Nathan Brown, International Operating Engineers Union (IOEU) Local 478, stated the Parks and Recreation's old dump truck would be used for two facets of their Mechanical Apprenticeship Program. He further stated his company does the heavy equipment training, such as what they are doing at the soccer field and that they would use the donated truck as a training device, work on it, as well as fix it and briefly elaborated.

Tom Zagurski stated the project was quite impressive.

Mayor David Merchant stated when it was completed it would be a state-of-the-art facility, and that he couldn't thank Nate Brown enough for leading the charge on this project.

Nate Brown thanked Mayor David Merchant for the opportunity. Nathan Brown briefly elaborated on the work that had been completed, noting there was a large excavator on-site that the Manafort Brothers from New Britain has donated for the project. He further stated they should be finished by the end of August. Nathan Brown stated this project would be something special and that essentially, it was done at no cost to the Town. Nathan Brown stated they felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to be up there to be able to use this training and continue to move forward to get it done for the community.

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**Parks and Recreation's Truck Donation Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to donate the used Parks and Recreation's truck to the International Operating Engineers Union (IOEU) Local 478 Mechanical Apprenticeship Program. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discuss and take action to approve the Plymouth Registrars Emergency Plan**

Plymouth Registrar Debra Brown stated the last Plymouth Registrars Emergency Plan was done in 2019 and that basically, the plan being presented this evening was the same, but some specific language was added due to COVID-19 and briefly updated the Town Council.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Plymouth Registrar Debra Brown stated she did not see any problems getting people through the process and briefly elaborated on past election numbers. It was noted there would be five stations open.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to approve the Plymouth Registrars Emergency Plan. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discuss and take action to approve the Public Works Surplus Equipment Listing**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council members had received the Public Works Equipment listing, noting we were looking for minimum values and that the listing would be put on the Government Surplus website.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to approve and authorize the Public Works Surplus Equipment listing and to have it listed on the Government Surplus website. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated the monies generated from the sale would go into the Miscellaneous Revenue line item.

**Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign the BRFFOC Inter-Community Agreement**

Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the contract was an update from a 40-year old Agreement that the Town of Plymouth, along with surrounding towns, had with Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (BRFFOC) for our solid waste garbage disposal/recycling, household hazardous waste and briefly elaborated.

**BRRFOC Inter-Community Agreement Cont'd.**

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the original deal was in 1984; and that would bring us to 2034, which correlates with the Agreement that the Town has with Covanta; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve the BRRFOC Resolution authorizing Mayor David Merchant to enter into the Inter-Community Agreement to manage municipal solid waste with the statutory authority, the Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile briefly discussed the Boards and Commissions operating under Virtual Zoom meetings, noting it just wasn't the same as in-person; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile; Mayor David Merchant stated Town Attorney William Hamzy was working on the Bingo, Bazaar and Raffle fees and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he did not feel the Town should charge.

Town Attorney Hamzy stated when the Town Hall is reopened it must comply with the Governor's Executive Orders; a brief discussion followed.

**Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission had approved the Police Cadet Program, noting it was similar to the Ambulance Explorers and the Fire Department's Junior Corps. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Building Committee had completed their feasibility study at an estimated cost of 11 million for the proposed building (located behind the Town Hall) noting it would be a little over one million dollars just to get the building plans done and all of the preliminary work. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Building Committee were discussing a timeframe for a referendum.

Town Councilman Joe Green requested information on when the PVAC meets, noting he had not received any information as yet. It was noted the Recording Secretary would take care of this request.

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**Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had attended his first WPCA meeting, noting they were an excellent committee and he was very impressed. He further stated he wanted to thank the WPCA for being on top of everything. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to name the multi-purpose field "Terryville Lions Club Multi-Purpose Complex" as a way to thank the Lions Club for the many things they do for our Town and briefly elaborated.

**Town Council Comments**

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

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated the Terryville Fair has been cancelled for this year.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he wanted to thank the Operating Engineers at International Operating Engineers Union, noting they started years ago with the Lions Club when they cleared the big parking lot, when they cut down trees, removed all the stumps, and dug out Lake Winfield. He further stated they were a great bunch of fellows who have done a lot for the Town of Plymouth and he wanted to express his heartfelt thanks. He further stated they have saved the Town a lot of money.

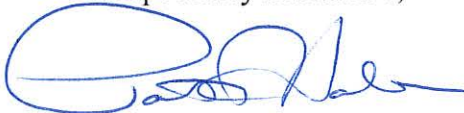
Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had no Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to thank Nate Brown again for all the hard work he and his company had done at the multi-purpose field

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary