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Minutes

March 1, 2022

**Call to Order:** Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled March 1, 2022, Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Nate Brown, Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann and Town Councilman Ron Tiscia. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to add the following as the #17 agenda item: To discuss and take action on a Resolution entitled CDBG Certified Resolution of Applicants Small Cities Program for \$2.3 million. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the March 1, 2022, Plymouth Town Council agenda as amended. This motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Fire Exit Notification**

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Joe Kilduff led the Town Council Members and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Invocation**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated may God Bless the United States and the Town of Plymouth for the record. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated our thoughts and prayers are with the Ukraine as they face down their issues and hope for a peaceful resolution as quickly as possible.

#### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

No report.

*Joe Kilduff*  
Mayor

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**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly commented on ARPA funds being spent on the Public Works; three-bid requirement; condition of WPCA building.

Jeff Coscina, New Hope, 15 Container Drive, Terryville, briefly commented on acquiring a Cannabis permit for his Town business.

**Acceptance of Minutes (February 1, 2022)**

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the February 1, 2022, Plymouth Town Council minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Council had been provided with the most recent financials as of January 31, 2022, and if anyone had any questions to please contact his office or the Finance Director's Office.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Joe Kilduff briefly reviewed and discussed the following: Status of Police Station new building—letter and video of current Police Station sent to Governor and Bonding Commission; thank you to Town Councilman Nate Brown for arranging meeting with Department of Transportation Deputy Commissioner to discuss the Congress passed Infrastructure Grants.

**Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: ACAR Leasing Ltd. \$233.54, \$781.80; John and Karen French \$750.00; Thomas Huria \$16.91; Andrew Krenicki \$300.00; Estate of Rene Perron \$24.66; Craig Posadas \$3,273.76; Witham Corporation Inc. \$825.60**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: ACAR Leasing Ltd. \$233.54, \$781.80; John and Karen French \$750.00; Thomas Huria \$16.91; Andrew Krenicki \$300.00; Estate of Rene Perron \$24.66; Craig Posadas \$3,273.76 and Witham Corporation Inc. \$825.60. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Resignations/Appointments/Reappointments: To reappoint John Murphy to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/1/2025; to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024; to reappoint Gerald P. Wunsch to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024; to reappoint Mark Redman to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024; to reappoint Victor Mitchell to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024; to appoint Larry Chiucarella to the Human Services Commission with a term ending on 10/1/2024**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint John Murphy to the WPCA with a term ending date of 1/1/2025. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Gerald P. Wunsch to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Mark Redman to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile to reappoint Victor Mitchell to the Fire Commission Board with a term ending date of 11/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to appoint Larry Chiucarella to the Human Services Commission with a term ending on 10/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to thank all the new and current members who serve on Boards, Committees and Commissions in Town for their service, noting that's what this Town does—runs on volunteers.

**To un-table discussion and approval of the Library Board of Directors proposed By-Laws**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to un-table the discussion and approval of the Library Board of Directors proposed By-Laws. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To un-table discussion and approval of the Library Board of Directors proposed By-Laws**  
**Cont'd.**

Barbara Galvin, Terryville Library Board of Directors, stated the Board of Directors had changed Article 2, Officers, Section 2, Nominating Committee will appoint a list of candidates in November and vote on their slate of officers in November; they eliminated their December meeting; Section 1, Article 3, they will no longer hold a Board meeting in August and December; and changed meeting date from Wednesday to the third Thursday monthly.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to accept the proposed Terryville Library Board of Directors revised By-Laws as amended and presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To set a date for a Public Hearing for the proposed Cannabis Ordinance entitled “Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Consumption of Cannabis Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town -Leased Property” Repealing Ordinance Sec. 1-2(a) Entitled “Rules of Construction and Definitions” and Ordinance Sec. 12-28(12) Entitled “Prohibited Actions” and to discuss whether the sale of recreational marijuana shall be allowed in Plymouth**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the purpose of the Public Hearing would be to discuss the proposed Ordinance and secondly to have a general discussion on the direction we want to go and allow citizens to voice their opinion on whether or not the Town should allow the sale of marijuana in Plymouth.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he would request a representative from the Police Department, as well as a representative from the Planning and Zoning Commission, be present at the Public Hearing.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy briefly explained the proposed Cannabis Ordinance in detail. The timeframe for a Public Hearing was discussed.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to hold a Public Hearing for the proposed Ordinance entitled “Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Smoking and Vaping Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town-Leased Property; Consumption of Cannabis Prohibited on Town-Owned or Town -Leased Property” Repealing Ordinance Sec. 1-2(a) Entitled “Rules of Construction and Definitions” and Ordinance Sec. 12-28(12) Entitled “Prohibited Actions” and to discuss whether the sale of recreational marijuana shall be allowed in Plymouth. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**American Rescue Plan Discussion**

Mayor Joe Kilduff reiterated the process of the ARPA requests, noting any project the Town Council receives has already been approved by the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee, as well as the Board of Finance and briefly elaborated. He further stated he provides all proposed ARPA projects to the NVCOG to make sure they meet all the requirements and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the following requests had come to the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee since their last meeting: Addition of ADA accessible bathrooms in the Plymouth Town Hall; a lock box for taxes be placed outside in front of Town Hall; a memorial plaque at the Town waterwheel in memory of everyone in Town who had passed from COVID; and some items for the Terryville Public Library that will be forthcoming. She further stated she had received some requests from small business owners in Town who would like more information and she will be reaching out to them.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Town should be sure to divide the money up as equally as possible for all the approved projects.

**To discuss and take action on ARPA Ad Hoc Committee and Board of Finance recommendations to purchase A. 2022 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader; L90H GEM Grapple Bucket; Hurst Tools; Mechanical Exhaust System for Fall Mountain Fire House and Headquarters Firehouse, using ARPA funds**

Public Works Director Charles Wiegert provided a brief summary and financial reasoning for the following items using ARPA funds: 2022 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader; L90H GEM Grapple Bucket, stating the price would be going up 15% and noting the urgency of the pricing and getting the items as soon as possible. Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Volvo Wheel Loader would primarily be used at the Transfer Station but could be moved to different locations for other needs. Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated only the Grapple Bucket will have to go out to bid; everything else has three bids; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve the purchase of the 2022 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader using ARPA funds as presented. Vote: Town Councilman Nate Brown/yes; Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; Town Councilman Joe Green/abstained; Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann/yes; Town Councilman Ron Tiscia/yes. Motion passed 4 in favor; 1 abstention.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve the purchase of the L90H GEM Grapple Bucket using ARPA funds as presented.

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**To discuss and take action on ARPA Ad Hoc Committee and Board of Finance recommendations to purchase A. 2022 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader; L90H GEM Grapple Bucket; Hurst Tools; Mechanical Exhaust System for Fall Mountain Fire House and Headquarters Firehouse, using ARPA funds Cont'd.**

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Grapple Bucket fits all three machines.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee had put a cap on these items and their recommendation for the three items was up to \$370,000 as follows: \$178,000 and change for the loader, \$20,000 and change for the bucket and \$161,000 for the excavator and \$10,000 and change for the contingency.

Town Councilman Nate Brown rescinded his motion; Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann rescinded her second to the motion.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown to approve the purchase of a loader, bucket and excavator for the Public Works Department with a value up to \$370,000 using ARPA funds. Vote: Town Councilman Nate Brown/yes; Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; Town Councilman Joe Green/abstained; Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann/yes; Town Councilman Ron Tiscia/yes. Motion passed 4 in favor; 1 abstention.

**Mechanical Exhaust System for Fall Mountain Fire House and Headquarters Firehouse and Hurst Tools using ARPA funds**

Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski outlined the Fire Department's requests for ARPA funding for Fire Department equipment, noting purchasing the tools will require less manpower, will be cost effective, and will eliminate the proven cancers that plague the volunteers without the Mechanical Exhaust System, in detail and at length. He further stated he is trying to protect his volunteers for the 13,000 people who live in this Town.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski stated the numbers shown for the equipment would hold despite the expiration date shown on the quotation.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Fire Department Chief Sekorski stated the more people he can keep out of harm's way using this requested equipment the better.

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**Mechanical Exhaust System for Fall Mountain Fire House and Headquarters Firehouse and Hurst Tools using ARPA funds Cont'd.**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated these items have been on the Capitals listing for many years, especially the Mechanical Exhaust System and he is glad to see we finally have the means to provide the equipment, noting it was a no brainer that should have been taken care of long time ago.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked the Chief and volunteers for their service and stated the Town Fire Departments certainly deserve this equipment.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile to allocate up to \$80,000 worth of ARPA funds to install the Mechanical Exhaust Systems at the Terryville Fire Department Headquarters and Fall Mountain Stations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to approve up to \$135,000 of ARPA funding to purchase the Hurst Rescue Tools along with the electrical work and charging stations for all three stations. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To discuss and take action on a Resolution entitled CDBG Certified Resolution of Applicants Small Cities Program for \$2.3 Million**

Vinnie Klimas noted the State had awarded \$500,000 to Gosinski Park in State COVID funds but have since changed their opinion and are now offering \$800,000 in addition to the HUD Community Block Grant for the Small Cities portion of CDBG; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve and allow the Mayor to sign the Resolution entitled CDBG Certified Resolution of Applicants Small Cities Program for \$2.3 million. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

No report.

**Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

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

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Human Services Commission had submitted their budget to the Board of Finance. She further stated the Human Services Commission welcomed new Member Mark Malley to their Commission. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Human Services Commission is always looking for new ways to reach people in need of their services via the newspaper, churches, etc. and welcomed everyone to submit any ideas they might have. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Fire Commission was working on their budget; discussed ARPA and should have their new generator by now. She further stated that due to the COVID positivity rates, the Fire Commission did not meet in January, but normal meeting dates have begun again. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Police Building Commission was working on their budget. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had met with the Police Building Committee, noting they have worked tirelessly for their new building and were moving slowly. She further stated they had discussed moving their quotes for plans to the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Board of Finance was in full swing and meeting on Mondays and Thursdays. She further stated the Department assignments had been handed out, and they were hoping for an April 14<sup>th</sup> tri-board meeting. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated if anyone knew of groups, businesses, etc. who were looking for ARPA assistance she would like them to visit the ARPA link on the Town website for details and encouraged everyone else to look at it as well.

Town Councilman Nate Brown stated the majority of his Liaison assignments were cancelled for lack of business or lack of a quorum. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and reviewed an application on a property that was a prior dentist office and photography studio. He further stated that was passed so there will be a tattoo company in Town. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated a meeting with State of CT DOT Deputy Eucalitto took place regarding the Infrastructure Jobs Act, noting there was opportunity for the Town to get grants from the \$5.6 billion coming to Connecticut. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated the DOT still has the Agney Avenue Project listed with 6 bidders on it; two of the bidders are from the Town of Plymouth. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated he had met with Dave Barrett from Nutmeg Spice Company and discussed their expansion.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education had a special meeting regarding masks and as of the 28<sup>th</sup> there will be no mandatory masks on buses or in school. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA building has been in disarray for some time and hopefully we can fix it. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA was still working on their WPCA Phosphorus Project. Town Councilman Gentile stated there will be a bench dedication in honor of Jim Deutsch at Lake Winfield on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Town Councilman Gentile the Parks and Recreation Commission has been working DEEP, noting due to lack of monitoring staff there will be no ice fishing in any of Town ponds, lakes, etc.



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

Town Councilman Gentile stated the Parks and Recreation was very satisfied with the maintenance staff at the schools and were being treated well with their programs. Town Councilman Gentile stated Parks and Recreation Commission discussed and were looking at bus trips again.

**Town Council Comments**

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

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had no Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman Nate Brown stated the Parks and Recreation Commission has been involved with the Basketball Program, noting it has been run flawlessly. He further stated kudos to the volunteers running it this winter.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he felt dredging Lake Winfield would be a great thing for the Town. Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked all the volunteers in Town, noting he was glad there were monies to take care of the Fire Department's ARPA requests and that they have been on the shelf too long.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated dredging Lake Winfield was probably cost prohibitive, but we can work on getting a more accurate number to see if it is feasible. He further stated it was a Town jewel and we will have a community discussion on taking care of it.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary

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