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Minutes

January 3, 2017

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled January 3, 2017, Town of Plymouth Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilwoman Ana LeGasse, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance was Town of Plymouth Assessor Rae Ann Walcott.

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.

Reading of Legal Notice

Mayor Merchant read the following Legal Notice into the record:

Per Chapter 3, Section 5c of the Charter of the Town of Plymouth, Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth and all qualified taxpayers to be heard at a Public Hearing to be held in the: Plymouth Town Hall Community Room, 80 Main Street, Terryville, CT 06786, Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m. for the following purpose: To give citizens the opportunity to hear and or make oral/written recommendations concerning the Veteran's Tax Exemption Ordinance. David V. Merchant, Mayor, dated this 20th day of December 2016.

To discuss and consider amendments to the Veteran's Tax Exemption Ordinance

Mayor Merchant read the proposed Veteran's Tax Exemption Ordinance into the record as follows:

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Article III. Exemptions, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 15-46. Veteran's Exemption. (1) In accordance with the provisions of section 12-81f of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), an exemption from local property taxation in an amount not to exceed four thousand dollars of assessed valuation is hereby granted to that veteran and to that veteran's surviving spouse who qualifies in accordance with the provisions of CGS section 12-81f commencing with the assessment date of October 1, 2016 and continuing on each assessment date thereafter. (b) Such exemption shall be in addition to that provided by CGS section 12-81 (c) All applications shall be made bi-annually between February 1 and September 30 and shall be renewable upon proof by such veteran or such veteran's spouse of eligibility in accordance with CGS section 12-81.

Plymouth Assessor Rae Ann Walcott explained and detailed the amendments for the proposed Veteran's Tax Exemption Ordinance; a brief discussion followed.

Mayor Merchant stated the financial impact on the Town would be \$15,000, noting that would be the amount if all 57 eligible Town Veterans applied for the exemption. He further stated this was a good idea and hopefully it would pass this evening. Mayor Merchant stated the American Legion Post 20 was also in favor of this Ordinance.

Mayor Merchant thanked Rae Ann Walcott for her assistance explaining the Ordinance this evening.

Adjournment

Town Councilwoman Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to adjourn the Town of Plymouth Public Hearing meeting at 6:43 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary