

Town of Plymouth

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Board of Finance

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1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman called the scheduled March 24, 2022, Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members in attendance: Victoria Carey-Vice Chairman, Eugene Croce, Barbara Rockwell-excused absence, Briana Brumaghim-excused absence, and Jennifer Brunoli. Also, Present: Grace K. Zweig, Director of Finance.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** James Kilduff led the group and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Exit Notification: James Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

3. **Acceptance of Minutes – March 7, 2022**

Eugene Croce made a motion, seconded by Vicky Carey to accept the minutes of March 7, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously with the following corrections:

Corrections:

Jim Kilduff read the request of Briana Brumaghim to add in Agenda Item No. 1. Call Meeting to Order: Also present, Ellen Roth, Captain of Training PVAC (Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corp)

Jim Kilduff read the request of Briana Brumaghim to add: The Board of Finance would like to see a plan from PVAC (Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corp) on their plan for sustainability.

4. **General Administration**

Jennifer Brunoli, Board of Finance member reviewed/discussed the FY 2022-2023 General Administration sections in detail from the Town of Plymouth Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 – Mayor's Proposed Draft Budget #3 dated March 15, 2022, for discussion purposes.

DRAFT/WORKING COPY* can be viewed in its entirety at the Plymouth, CT -Town Hall and on the Town of Plymouth's website (www.plymouthct.us)

NOTE: MILL RATE CALCULATION IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY. THE FINAL MILL RATE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL AFTER APPROVAL BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Jerry Milne, Beautification Committee member distributed pamphlets "Walking Tour of Historic Terryville, CT" to the Board of Finance members.

Jerry Milne read into the record:

Plymouth, Connecticut - Code of Ordinances - Chapter 2 - ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE V. - BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Sec. 2-91. - Created.

There is hereby created a beautification committee which shall serve to beautify and enhance the condition and visual aesthetics of cultural, historical and natural resources in the town.

(Ord. of 6-22-2000)

Jerry Milne highlighted various Beautification Committee projects re. planters along Main Street, painting, etc. One focus of the committee is some of the historic features, as these fall under the jurisdiction of the Beautification Committee.

Jerry Milne stated the number one issue is the Plymouth Burying Ground (displayed in photo distributed to Board of Finance members) of a dying Ash Tree with branches falling on the gravestones of revolutionary war soldiers - gravestones which date back 200 years, noted town property.

Jerry Milne stated the focus is to improve the Waterwheel Park to attract visitors, noting three (3) Trees of Heaven native to China, noting very invasive seeds spreading through downtown via Pequabuck River sprouting in various (vacant spaces).

Jerry Milne stated another goal is to rejuvenate electrical power at Waterwheel Park in order to light various sections of the Street. This also includes the planting of wildflowers, which is good for the environment and wildlife.

Jerry Milne highlighted the importance of correcting a path for safe viewing of the iron gate tunnel, which dates back to the mid-1800s to make part of the historic tour.

Dave Perugini, Beautification Committee member stated the extra money would help start some of these projects, including maintenance of tree (possible destruction), and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joseph Kilduff stated one of my priorities - one of the administrations' is to improve Main Street. This would be a step in the right direction, while also challenging our Beautification Committee. The Beautification Committee has a good list to spruce up downtown, including certainly those of historical importance and that was my thinking when increasing funding.

Dave Perugini stated thankful to volunteers, and several grants from Thomaston Savings Bank noting that does not reflect on the town budget and briefly elaborated.

Vicky Carey questioned what are the other plans for downtown beside the Waterwheel Park to make the town more aesthetically to attract businesses and people and briefly elaborated.

Jerry Milne stated we have garlands starting at Baldwin Park going eastward at holiday time. The waterwheel is unique to our town, nobody else has one, and is considered a drawing card.

Jerry Milne stated Baldwin Park and Lock Museum had no control over that – when Honey Locusts were cut down on the South Main Street and south side of Main Street – the owner of the property felt it was blocking the view of stores and we could not do anything about that.

Vicky Carey questioned/confirmed comptroller section -part-time employees - two.

5. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 128 Main Street, Terryville, CT questioned sewer, transfer station, and capitals.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Board Member's Comments

Victoria Carey -Capitals on March 31, 2022

Eugene Croce - None

Jennifer Brunoli - None

Our next meeting will be on March 28, 2022.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board of Finance, a motion was made by Vicky Carey seconded by Eugene Croce to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Yokubinas

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Recording Secretary