

Town of Plymouth

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Board of Finance

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1. Call Meeting to Order - – The Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Finance was called to order on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Peter Cook in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall. Members in attendance: Vicky Carey, Peter Cook, Pattie DeHuff, Mike Drozdick and Jim Zalot. Also present: AnnMarie Rheault, Interim Director of Finance; Robin Gudczauskas, Recording Secretary; Council Liaison Sue Murawski. Excused absent: Dan Murray.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes: February 19 and 26, 2015; March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, 2015; April 2, 6, 8, 9, 2015. February 19, 26 and March 2 and 5 were already approved.

Chairman Cook stated the minutes of February 19 and 27 and March 2 and 5, 2015 were already approved.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 9, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Mike Drozdick and the vote unanimous

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 12, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Jim Zalot. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Mike Drozdick. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 19, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Jim Zalot. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 23, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Mike Drozdick. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 26, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous

MOTION: To accept the minutes of March 30, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of April 2, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of April 6, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey. Discussion: Page 3, Chairman Cook stated the “BOE” should be “BOF”. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of April 8, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of April 9, 2015 by Pattie DeHuff; second Mike Drozdick. Discussion: item 3, Ford 4x4 TK12 should be International instead of Ford for clarification. Vote: unanimous.

Chairman Cook stated as a point of clarification, you can vote against your own motion.

4. Review and Approve the Proposed 2015-2016 For the Public Hearing

Chairman Cook stated Charlie Wiegert is here to review a pass through correction to his budget. Charlie stated during his budget discussion, Contract Service, Transfer Station, said number down and had off setting loss of revenue; we get billed and invoice our hauler and planned to change and we cannot do that so cannot displace that expense and revenue. Contract services, transfer station, will be up 160,000 and revenue is going up 160,000 and nets no change. Dept 046,002, revenue, transfer station fees. Budget was at zero and add \$160,000 for total. Expenses: Dept 044, 012, Contract Services was at 500,000 and will increase to \$660,000.

Total budget of \$40,100,302. An increase in mil rate to 1.62 for a new rate of 36.47 mils.

MOTION: To approve the proposed 2015-2016 Budget for presentation to the public on Monday, April 20 by Vicky Carey; second Jim Zalot. Discussion: none. Vote: 3-1; motion carries.

Chairman Cook stated we present budget on Monday, public comment and then have a joint meeting with Town Council, BOF and BOE for last chance to make any corrections and approve. The Town Council will set a referendum date.

5. To Discuss and Take Action on the Reallocation Of Excess Funds From The Previous Bond Package

Charlie Wiegert reviewed Resolution, Section 2 read into record. He and Ann Marie talked with bond counsel who said they can reallocate funds to any of the projects in the bond and gave overview of what they are looking to do. Projects reviewed from handout dated February 10, 2015. North Main Street Bridge originally budgeted \$1,600,000, not built yet, have expended almost \$150,000 for design and reallocating \$1,650,000 and until bids come in do not know totals and wanted to leave enough money to cover construction costs and allocating \$50,000. Seymour Road originally budgeted at \$3,000,000; not complete, leaving \$225,000 and projected to be about \$700,000 under in total. Road improvements originally budgeted \$4,800,000; have not done Harwinton Avenue which is about 700' of road and leaving 100,000 to do that. \$1,060,000 would be left out of 4.8 million. Engineering originally budgeted at \$400,000 and leaving 15,000 in to finish off Bemis Street design if needed; about \$280,000 below budget for Engineering.

Total spent as of 12/31/2014 is \$5,963,211.30; Remaining is \$3,836,788.70

Charlie distributed and reviewed list of roads dated April 7, 2015 that he will apply almost \$2 million to. Discussion held. Charlie stated tree service and cops have come out of bonding. Charlie stated the Council accepted proposal to reallocate excess funds but he cannot go over 9.8 million in total. Chairman Cook stated the question is does the BOF have a problem to reallocate money to do this list of roads. He still has enough money to finish project and money to do new projects as written in the bond and approved by Town Council. Charlie reviewed the list of roads and how grouped together to save on cost. AnnMarie clarified numbers. Discussion held.

MOTION: To reallocate the excess funds remaining in the bond package of 2012 of \$9.8 million to be put back into the roads as listed on the Public Works Director's schedule bond package phase 1 continuing, Scott Road, Allentown Road, Railroad Street, Old Waterbury Road, South Main Street, Wolcott Road dated April 7, 2015 by Vicky Carey; second Pattie DeHuff. Discussion: none. Vote: Mike Drozdick, yes; Pattie DeHuff, yes; Jim Zalot, yes; Vicky Carey, yes. Motion passes.

6. Discussion on the Proposed \$8 Million Bond Package
Chairman Cook stated this item was tabled.

MOTION: To take off the table by Vicky Carey; second Jim Zalot and the vote unanimous.

Vicky Carey gave update on Capital Improvements meeting who have decided to rework the bond package for less and they did take out DOT required temporary construction inspectors and salt shed and wells. What we were asked to vote on is not sure if still pertinent. It will be a revised bond package and the Town Council has not approved so we have nothing before us that council approved. The \$8 million is now null and void. Discussion held.

MOTION: To not approve the Resolution of the proposed bond package of \$8 million and send it back to Town Council. By Vicky Carey; second Pattie DeHuff. Discussion: Vicky Carey reviewed procedure and not to do it and from there Town Council will rework it. Vote: Vicky Carey, yes; Jim Zalot, yes; Pattie DeHuff, yes; Mike Drozdick, yes. Motion passes that the BOF does not approve.

7. Public comment

a. Linda Kazmierski, Chairman Parks & Rec, stated (a) she is talking from herself and from the heart. At the April 6th meeting she believes Parks and Rec were discussed at length and do not feel comments made were nice or helpful. Parks & Rec has not had a council liaison for 4 years and no one from the BOF comes to them. They try to bring in money; she feels Parks & Rec was degraded by comments from people; AnnMarie and Mike are working on revolving account and trying to straighten out. Does not like the way things were handled and looking at minutes, Parks and Rec got dumped on. (b) she listened to audio and read comments on facebook and question to Chairman Cook, did you make a comment "now we can get to the lovely Parks and Rec Department."; Chairman Cook stated probably. She further read from notes on things Pattie stated. She does not want her comments from tonight on her page. In the meeting minutes none of those comments are there and she is not happy they are on facebook. Does not feel comments on facebook are necessary and not appreciated. If there are problems with Parks and Rec, come to them and ask and talk. Do not make the comments. She supports her Parks and Rec Director and Commission.

b. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street – was going through budget and went to town website and checked and we have 12 members of highway, a secretary, Director of Public Works and a Supervisor that equals a total of 15 people not 17. She went back and looked at budget and two positions for lead man and assistant mechanic. They have not been filled in over two years; she asked last year to have cut at public hearing. Now, with high mill rate they are positions that no one is in and we do not

have employees so you are leaving extra money in and makes it appear to be a padded budget and asking two positions be cut out of bottom number of public works. Also, when the Mayor came forward and changed the name change for secretary it was suppose to be a salary and as of January it is \$57,000 something which is over the salary of administrative assistant. A salary is a salary and now from what she understands it is up to 87,000 and you will be up to 100,000 and look at his budget, he is 30,000 over budget in January. Also asking for assessor to take some money out of empty positons and reinstate the assessor and clerk otherwise put money in contingency for assessors and clerk if it does not work. Chairman Cook stated Mayor in January was 30,000 under budget; read budget into record. Melanie Church stated she read it wrong but administrative assistant is supposed to be salary.

c. Brian Dunn, 19 Carriage Drive, first year sitting through these meetings and overall season has been disappointment watching and you guys are not doing financial restraint on departments. Money is being spent, diversion and anything that can defray the public from knowing what is going on and disheartening. It is gut wrenching to see what is going on and being led from mayor who does not show up to meetings after troubles such as tax collectors office and assessor office. This board as individuals and group is responsible for letting him get away with personal agenda. We are talking about assessor office who is bloodline for finances of town. Chairman Cook requested personal attacks not be given; Vicky Carey called for point of order.

8. Correspondence - none

9. Board Member Comments

a. Pattie DeHuff – responded to Linda stating comment to AnnMarie about enduring had nothing to do about Park and Rec specifically but about whole process.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn by Pattie DeHuff; second Vicky Carey and the vote unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gudeczauskas
Recording Secretary