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Minutes

February 6, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled February 6, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hamzy and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the February 6, 2018 Plymouth Town Council agenda with the following amendments:

To remove Michael Maffia and Steven Westall's reappointments to the Police Commission; to add "to appoint Paul Schwanka from an Alternate member to a Regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission with an ending term of 02/01/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

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.

Invocation

Mayor David Merchant stated "God Bless the United States of America, the Town of Plymouth, and all of our military troops serving around the world to protect and preserve our freedoms" for the record.

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Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly commented on the reduced hours at the Terryville Library and the Town bidding process,

Cathy Kosak, 201 Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, briefly commented on the Library's charge.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Melanie Church 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly commented on the Charter Revision Commission's charge.

Acceptance of Minutes (January 9, 2018)

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to accept the January 9, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Merchant reported and provided updates on the following: the State of Connecticut's Budget and Project Funding; Municipal Stabilization Grant; State of Connecticut Funding and the Town's work with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)/Tighe and Bond specs for the bid process.

Financial Report

Mayor Merchant stated if any Council members had questions regarding the General Fund Revenue/Expenditures for the month of December to contact him or the Finance Director and noted the January report would be available in the next couple of weeks.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault for the report he had requested, noted she had provided an excellent spread-sheet and briefly elaborated.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Cab East LLC \$225.12; Chris Tramuta \$31.46; Cynthia Geary \$67.81; Honda Lease Trust \$21.89; Michael Melchionna \$14.69; Vault Trust \$157.26, \$136.44, \$579.71; \$107.36

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to accept the refund overpayments of Property Taxes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To accept the resignation of Wayne Radke from the Planning and Zoning Commission; to reappoint Vernon Wagner to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020; to reappoint Keith Golnik to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020; to reappoint Daniel Wollenberg to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020; to reappoint Matt Tellier to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/21/2021; to reappoint Philip J. Armbruster to the WPCA with an ending term of 01/01/2021; to reappoint George Andrews to the WPCA with an ending term of 01/01/2021; to appoint Paul Schwanka as a Alternate member to a Regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission with an ending term of 02/01/2021

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the resignation of Wayne Radke from the Planning and Zoning Commission with regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Vernon Wagner to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to reappoint Keith Golnik to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Daniel Wollenberg to the Fire Commission with an ending term 11/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Matt Tellier to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/21/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Philip J. Armbruster to the WPCA with an ending term of 01/01/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski to reappoint George Andrews to the WPCA with an ending term of 01/01/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Resignations Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Paul Schwanka from an Alternate member to a Regular member on the Planning and Zoning Commission with an ending term of 02/01/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

To appoint Joe Green, Carl Johnson, Mark Malley, Cathy Paskus, David Sekorski, Elizabeth Wollenberg to the Charter Revision Commission

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Joe Green to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Carl Johnson to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Mark Malley to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Cathy Paskus to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint David Sekorski to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Elizabeth Wollenberg to the Charter Revision Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss and take action on the charge to the Charter Revision Commission; which shall be to consider a Town Manager form of government or any other Charter items to come before the Commission

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to charge to the Charter Revision Commission to consider a Town Manager form of government or any other Charter items to come before the Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Old Business

No report.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the WPCA took a hit with the bad weather, which created freezing and a little extra maintenance. She further stated the WPCA had discussed their financial status and they were working on their budget.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Code Enforcement Committee was moving forward and approaching the \$10,000 mark on fines for some properties and briefly elaborated. He further stated Scott Eisenlohr, Zoning Enforcement Officer, was doing a good job and working on public concerns about Terryville Chevrolet and the Austin House. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education was working on its curriculum and its budget.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had nothing to report at this time.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated an application for moving the sand and gravel operation up to 309 Town Hill Road would be held at the Planning and Zoning Commission's Public Hearing this Thursday evening. He further stated at a prior meeting of the Commission a couple of neighboring property owners had expressed their opposition to this move.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated the Human Services Commission was putting together a new contract for the Dial-A-Ride van. Town Councilman John Pajeski stated the Real Estate Commission was sending a couple of foreclosed properties to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval and then they would be put up for sale.

Mayor David Merchant stated the Plymouth Fire House was starting to take shape, noting most of the walls were up and all the asbestos had been abated. He further stated the heat had been installed and the trucks would be parked in the building later this month.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated Public Works was working diligently on their budget and had made significant effort to reduce their costs. She further stated in order not to hurt the taxpayers we need to keep our eye on employee cuts because the improvements won't get done. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she hoped all the other Town departments were looking at the same things without hurting the taxpayers.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) he learned CCM had a Municipal Consulting service called Menefee Associates Consulting, LLC.

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Town Council Comments Cont'd.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Guilaine Menefee, President, was willing to come to the next Town Council meeting and speak for 15 to 20 minutes on ways the Town could lower the mill rate and briefly elaborated.

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

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had no Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he had no Council Comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary