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**Minutes**

**October 9, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled October 9, 2019, Plymouth Town Council Special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy and Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault.

**Fire Exits Notification**

Mayor David 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 America and the Town of Plymouth” for the record.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Jim Mozalak 18 Carriage Drive, Terryville, briefly commented on the Dispatchers and software pricing.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No report.

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**Mayor's Report**

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: State sponsored Public Informational Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the realignment of North Main Street and Agney Avenue; Bristol Boys and Girls Club programs for Plymouth/EdAdvance; new Soccer field; new Community Garden, and Archeological Firm RFP for Business Park Lot 17.

**Financial Director's Report**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council had previously received all the financial information from Financial Director Ann Marie Rheault.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked Financial Director Ann Marie Rheault for the financial information.

**Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Alim Ajdari \$35.35; Mikayla or Lisa Anderson \$26.74; Animal Rescue Foundation \$1,847.16; Roger Begin \$8.66; Louis Codiana, Jr., \$36.61; Michael Conway \$45.50; Dennis Doyle \$9.91; Marjorie Lebel \$202.42; Robert Lozier \$18.93; Sujewa Manikku-Badu \$7.03; Johannah Synott \$17.23; Jamie Titus \$9.26; Thomas Tobin \$29.66; Toyota Lease Trust \$148.42, \$310.82, \$81.71, \$311.05; Vault Trust \$540.05, \$180.07, \$801.82, \$801.82 \$616.30 Richard Yanavich, Jr., \$16.91.**

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the Property Tax Overpayment Refunds to the following:: Alim Ajda \$35.35; Mikayla or Lisa Anderson \$26.74; Animal Rescue Foundation \$1,847.16; Roger Begin \$8.66; Louis Codiana, Jr., \$36.61; Michael Conway \$45.50; Dennis Doyle \$9.91; Marjorie Lebel \$202.42; Robert Lozier \$18.93; Sujew Manikku-Badu \$7.03; Johannah Synott \$17.23; Jamie Titus \$9.26; Thomas Tobin \$29.66; Toyota Lease Trust \$148.42, \$310.82, \$81.71, \$311.05; Vault Trust \$540.05, \$180.07, \$801.82, \$801.82 \$616.30; and Richard Yanavich, Jr., \$16.91. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discuss and take action on the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation**

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to accept the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation.

Discussion:

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski thanked the Charter Revision Commission for the thorough job, noting it had been huge and she was very thankful.

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**Discuss/take action on the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation**

Discussion Cont'd

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he agreed with Vinnie Klimas, noting it was very difficult to see the changes made in the proposed Charter and briefly elaborated. He further stated he had problems concerning the lack of wording for bidding and stated he wanted to see in Subsection 5 "the Council shall adopt an Ordinance for bidding", noting he was concerned it would not happen.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated the public needs to know what they're voting on and needed something black and white to see what the changes were.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated to allay some concerns there is a process that can be done to explain some of the differences of the current charter and the proposed charter before any election is held. He further stated he was willing to work with the Chairman and the Charter Revision Commission to come up with an appropriate document that would take care of the issue.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to amend the motion to include that the Charter Revision Commission will produce a document to explain the changes in the Charter so the voters will understand it.

Vote on the Amendment to the Motion: Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; motion passed unanimously.

Vote on the Motion: Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; Motion passed unanimously; motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and take action on Police Building Committee Recommendation for the Space Needs Assessment**

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council had received the Design Agreement, which had gone out for a RFQ, in order to get the project moving forward.

Police Building Committee Chairman Victor Mitchell stated the Committee had been meeting since March 2019, had gone out for an RFQ to eight different companies; had seven returns and interviewed five companies. He further stated the Police Building Committee was recommending Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC, Berlin, CT.

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**Discuss and take action on Police Building Committee Recommendation for the Space Needs Assessment Cont'd.**

When questioned by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, Police Building Committee Chairman Victor Mitchell stated Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC were the second lowest bidder, but had more qualifications than the lowest bidder and briefly elaborated on the Police Stations, which Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC, had designed in the past.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Police Building Committee Chairman stated the RFQ included looking at three sites in their study, noting the Committee had discussed primarily looking at the property behind the Town Hall and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, Police Building Committee Chairman Victor Mitchell stated he would give a copy of the Study to Town Councilman Zagurski as soon as he received it.

Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated there were budgeted monies (\$40,000) in FY 2014-2016 in Capital Improvements for Facilities Assessment. She further stated this money does not revert back to the General Fund because the account has been in use.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to approve the Contract as presented between the Town of Plymouth and Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC, for the Space Needs Assessment Site Evaluation Schematic Design Professional Cost Estimating Services for the Plymouth Police Facility Plymouth, CT. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Board of Finance approved the bond refinancing and thanked the Council for sending it to them. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission discussed the preventative maintenance for the Police cruisers and whether or not it could be done at the Highway Garage, as it had in the past, noting it needed to be looked at.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education was looking at six options, or the option of doing nothing, to downsize the schools; noting they were doing a Facilities Study.

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated everyone should have received a green postcard from the Registrars of Voters, noting this year's election would be held at the Lyceum.

**Town Council Comments**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated thanked the Charter Revision Commission members and all the volunteers for their hard work, noting this Town runs by volunteers.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she did not have any Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he was glad to see the Police Department would be finally getting out of their closet and were moving forward.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski thanked Roxanne McCann for being a part of the Town Council for two years, noting she would be missed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary