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Minutes

April 7, 2020

Call to Order: Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled April 7, 2020, Plymouth Town Council Regular virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, 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, Plymouth Tax Collector Joe Kilduff and Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to add the following to the April 7, 2020 Plymouth Town Council Agenda as Item 14a: To approve the Town of Plymouth to enter into the Deferred Tax Program, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 7S; Section 6." This motion was approved unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Merchant led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes (March 3, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes and March 3, 2020 Regular Minutes)

Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the March 3, 2020 Public Hearing minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the March 3, 2020, Regular Plymouth Town Council minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No report.

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: COVID-19 Update; Governor and State Teleconference Meetings; PPE Equipment Update; Police, Fire and EMS Update; Community/Social Distancing Update; Small Businesses Update; Business Park Donation to Food Pantry; Medical Insurance Donation to Food Pantry; LCD Switchover Update; Budget Process Update;

Finance Director's Report

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town Council had received the Director of Finance's Town of Plymouth General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary Report.

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To reappoint George Castle to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending date of 02/01/2023; to reappoint Cathy Paskus to the Police Commission with a term ending date of 01/01/2023; to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2022; to reappoint William Hall, Jr., to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2023; to reappoint Barbara Watson to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2022; to appoint John Murphy to the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term ending date of 01/01/2022

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint George Castle to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending date of 02/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Cathy Paskus to the Police Commission with a term ending date of 01/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman John Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman John Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to reappoint to reappoint William Hall, Jr., to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Barbara Watson to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 02/01/2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations Cont'd.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to appoint John Murphy to the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term ending date of 01/01/2022. Vote: Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; Town Councilman Joe Green/no; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes. Motion passed 4:1 in favor.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: JP Morgan Chase Bank \$4,491.52; Toyota Lease Trust \$625.46; Richard Wells \$265.31; Tina Klimkewicz \$110.12; Joseph or Melissa Cimadon \$2,840.91

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: JP Morgan Chase Bank \$4,491.52; Toyota Lease Trust \$625.46; Richard Wells \$265.31; Tina Klimkewicz \$110.12; and Joseph or Melissa Cimadon \$2,840.91. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on the preliminary concept building plans showing the proposed addition to the Plymouth Historical Society building

Mark Malley referenced his previously distributed February 10, 2020, correspondence explaining the Plymouth Historical Society/Plymouth Library Association's proposed project to add-on to the Plymouth Historical Society building. Mark Malley explained the preliminary concept building in detail; a lengthy discussion followed.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the preliminary concept building plans showing the proposed addition to the Plymouth Historical Society building pending the approval from the Land Use Boards. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on the Town Council Resolution for the extension of Budget deadlines

Mayor David Merchant briefly outlined the Resolution for the extension of the Town of Plymouth's Budget deadlines.

Town Attorney William Hamzy stated the all the dates in the Town Charter are extended by 30 days.

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Discuss and take action on the Town Council Resolution for the extension of Budget deadlines Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to approve the following Town Council Resolution Extension of Budget Deadlines: Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order 7C as a result of the coronavirus disease 1029 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and Whereas, section 5 of said Executive Order states "Extension of Municipal Budget Adoption Deadlines. Notwithstanding, any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, including Title 7, or any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, that conflicts with this order, all municipal budget deadlines for the preparation of the municipal budget for the fiscal year ending June 3, 2021 that fall on any date prior to and including May 15, 2020 are extended by thirty (30) days. The legislative body of the municipality, or in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen, may alter or modify the schedules and deadlines pertaining to the preparation and submission of a proposed budget and the deliberation of actions on said budget by the legislative body or other fiscal authority, including any required public hearings(s), publication, referendum or final budget adoption. All submission dates may be postponed until such time as the legislative body approves said modified dates may be postponed until such time as the legislative body approves said modified schedule and deadline, consistent with the thirty (30) day extension." This motion was approved unanimously.

To approve the Town of Plymouth to enter into the Deferred Tax Program, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 7S; Section 6

Plymouth Tax Collector Joe Kilduff explained the proposed Deferred Tax Program, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 7S; Section 6, in detail.

Town Attorney William Hamzy briefly outlined the options the Town had to choose from to approve the Deferred Tax Program; a lengthy discussion followed.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the Town of Plymouth to enter into the Deferred Tax Program, as outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 7S; Section 6, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

No report.

Town Council Liaison Reports

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

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

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

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education would be meeting tomorrow via a virtual Zoom meeting. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Park and Recreation Commission would holding their next meeting on May 21st.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he wanted to say thank you to Mayor Merchant for providing daily reports

Town Council Comments

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.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to thank Mayor Merchant for getting the Town Council's meeting on Zoom; noting we needed to show some normalcy. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to thank Bob Stafford and Tony Orsini for getting and distributing masks to Gosinski Park, and Quail Hollow.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had no Council comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary