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Minutes

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

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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 Tax Collector Joseph Kilduff, Sustainable Connecticut Program Manager Jessica LeClair, and Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to add the following to the July 7, 2020 Agenda: To approve/endorse the Sam and Elizabeth Colt Industrial and Frontier Heritage Center Non-Profits Proposal to participate in this year's annual Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (CNAA) Tax Credit Charitable Contribution Program and accordingly wishes to pass on said approval to the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) for inclusion in this year's statewide summary of NAA Proposals; and specifically, the Colt Heritage Center wishes to seek \$150,000.00 in NAA funding for the following purpose: Energy Conservation, i.e., Replacement/Refurbishment of Windows/Roofs of the ca. 1850 Colt Brownstones." This motion was approved unanimously.

Invocation

Mayor David Merchant stated "God Bless America and the Town of Plymouth" for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Councilman Dan Gentile led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes (June 2, 2020)

Plymouth Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept the June 2, 2020 Regular minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly commented the Town Hall opening and the Police Department Building.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly commented on the WPCA Phosphorus Project; and Police Department Building.

Mayor David Merchant stated WPCA Chairman George Andrews would be invited to a Town Council meeting to discuss the Phosphorus Project in detail; a brief discussion followed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly commented on Agenda items Other Business and Executive Session.

Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: Town Hall Opening; Town Hall Zoom Meetings; Salt Shed; Prospect Street School; Historic Resources Inventory; Police Building Committee; LCD, Industrial Park Lots on Lassy Court and Swicklas Court, Industrial Park Lot 17/Nutmeg Spice; the new Soccer Facility Hydro-seeded and Protests that took place in Town.

Finance Directors Report

Mayor David Merchant stated the Finance Director was not present this evening however the Town Council had received a copy of the General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary Report. He further stated if anyone had any questions, they could contact him or the Finance Director.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile briefly commented on what line item in the Budget the monies from the sale of Surplus Equipment goes to and also requested copies of all Town bids be sent to the Town Council members by Public Works Director Charlie Wiegert and briefly elaborated.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Joseph Baldino \$730.92; Cab East LLC \$411.19, \$66.96; Jacqueline Collins \$137.00; Hedwig Koenig \$13.53; Nissan Infiniti LT \$350.96; Miguel or Amber Perez \$120.00; Richards Corp \$2,373.27; Toyota Lease Trust \$37.01, \$206.62, \$304.90; VW Credit Leasing \$135.54

Refund Overpayment of Property Taxes Cont'd.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following Joseph Baldino \$730.92; Cab East LLC \$411.19, \$66.96; Jacqueline Collins \$137.00; Hedwig Koenig \$13.53; Nissan Infiniti LT \$350.96; Miguel or Amber Perez \$120.00; Richards Corp \$2,373.27; Toyota Lease Trust \$37.01, \$206.62, \$304.90; and VW Credit Leasing \$135.54. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Sustainable Connecticut Program Resolution

Jessica LeClair, Program Manager, Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University; provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Sustainable CT Program and Resolution. Jessica LeClair stated Sustainable CT is a statewide municipal certification program intended to help towns advance their overall sustainability in more than, but including, the traditional environmental sense. She further stated they layer on things like transportation, public health, arts and culture, and local businesses. Jessica LeClaire stated it would be everything that makes a community a place where people want to live, work and play. Jessica LeClair stated Sustainable CT's mission was to provide municipalities with a menu of coordinated, voluntary actions, to continually become more sustainable; to provide resources and tools to assist municipalities in implementing sustainability actions and advancing their programs for the benefit of all residents; and to certify and recognize municipalities for their ongoing sustainability achievements. Jessica LeClair gave a brief overview noting Sustainable CT is a voluntary certification program to recognize thriving and resilient Connecticut municipalities. She further stated they were an independently funded, grassroots, municipal effort, and that Sustainable CT provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices, noting Municipalities choose Sustainable CT actions, implement them, and earn points towards certification. Jessica LeClair stated that Sustainable CT also provides opportunities for grant funding to help communities promote economic well-being and enhance equity, all while respecting the finite capacity of the natural environment. She further stated the program is designed to support all Connecticut municipalities, regardless of size, geography or resources. Sustainable CT empowers municipalities to create high collective impact for current and future residents.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to table the Mayor signing the Sustainable Connecticut Program Resolution at this time. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor David Merchant thanked Jessica LeClair for her presentation.

Jessica LeClair thanked the Mayor and the Plymouth Town Council for allowing her to present her Sustainable Connecticut presentation at this evening's Council meeting.

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Discuss and take action to approve/endorse the Sam and Elizabeth Colt Industrial and Frontier Heritage Center Non-Profits Proposal to participate in this year's annual Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (CNAA) Tax Credit Charitable Contribution Program and accordingly wishes to pass on said approval to the State Department of Revenue Services (DRS) for inclusion in this year's statewide summary of NAA Proposals; and specifically, the Colt Heritage Center wishes to seek \$150,000.00 in NAA funding for the following purpose: Energy Conservation, i.e., Replacement/Refurbishment of Windows/Roofs of the ca. 1850 Colt Brownstones."

James Griffin thanked the Plymouth Town Council for allowing him to bring the Sam and Elizabeth Colt Industrial and Frontier Heritage Center non-profit's proposal to participate in this year's annual 2020 CT Neighborhood Assistance Act (CNAA) tax credit/charitable contribution program in front of them and provided a brief background on the proposal.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he appreciated saving historic sites, a brief discussion

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to endorse the Sam and Elizabeth Colt Industrial and Frontier Heritage Center non-profit's proposal to participate in this year's annual 2020 CT Neighborhood Assistance Act (CNAA) tax credit/charitable contribution program, and accordingly wishes to pass on said approval to the State's Department of Revenue Services (DRS) for inclusion in this year's statewide Summary of NAA Proposals; and specifically, the Colt Heritage Center wishes to seek \$150,000.00 in NAA funding for the following purpose: Energy Conservation, i.e., Replacement/Refurbishment of Windows/Roofs of the ca. 1850 Colt Brownstones." This motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David Merchant stated Harwinton Avenue was in the procurement stages.

Mayor David Merchant stated that Public Works Director Charles Wiegert was sending out letters to the Harwinton Avenue residents regarding permission to dig, right of ways, etc., and briefly elaborated.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission had requested "Slow" signage on Lane Hill Road and was considering other measures to make the area safer for pedestrians. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission was also contacting the State with concerns about the Route 6 and Carter Road intersection.

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to commend the Park and Recreation Commission for voting to hold Summer Camp this year, noting there had been a lot of discussion on holding or cancelling it for the year. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Town had been notified last September about some dead trees that needed to be taken down at Lake Winfield and that they should be addressed immediately before someone got hurt. Town Councilman Dan Gentile requested Mayor Merchant have Public Works put this item on the fast track as soon as possible. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA was a great Commission that keeps him informed and apprised of everything that is going on. He further stated the WPCA had kept the User Fees the same. Town Councilman Dan Gentile briefly discussed the Phosphorus Project, noting WPCA Chairman George Andrews wanted to come to a Town Council meeting in August or September to explain the project in detail and briefly elaborated.

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

Town Councilman Joe Green stated the Capital Improvements Committee had not met. Town Councilman Joe Green stated the Economic Development Commission would be meeting tomorrow. Town Councilman Joe Green stated the PVAC had elected Dr. Bonnie Doherty Jenkins as the new President and that former President Lani Johnson would now be the new Vice-President.

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

Town Council Comments

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated that he would like to get back to normal and hold in-person Town meetings again and briefly elaborated.

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

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

Contract Discussion Executive Session

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to move into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m., to discuss Contract Discussion. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Contract Discussion Executive Session Cont'd.

Present for the Executive Session were Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Town Councilman John Pajeski, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor David Merchant called the July 7, 2020, Plymouth Town Council meeting back into Regular session at 9:05 p.m.

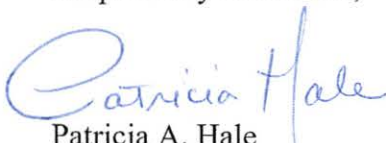
Action, as may be necessary from Executive Session

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve the Plymouth Police Department General Order 20-2, which is a promotional procedure to the rank of Captain and establish the duties and responsibilities of a Captain, and this amends/and rescinds General Order 13-2. This motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary