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Minutes

June 5, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled June 5, 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 Dan Gentile, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault, and Amy Vaillancourt, Senior Project Manager Tighe & Bond.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to remove Tax Overpayment Refund for Cab East LLC in the amount of \$203.22 from the Agenda, and to accept the June 5, 2018 Agenda as amended. 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 and the Town of Plymouth” for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed the Unassigned Fund, school over-expenditure, State monies in the Contingency Fund, and review of the Budget.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly discussed the over-expenditure associated with the new school discussed at the Board of Finance meeting

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Report.

Acceptance of Minutes (May 1, 2018)

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept the May 1, 2018, Plymouth Town Council minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Merchant reported and provided updates on the following: North Main Street Bridge; Graham Tool; Prospect Street School and the Route 6/North Main Street Realignment Project.

Financial Report

Mayor Merchant stated the finances were in good order and the 2017 audit was all but completed, and briefly elaborated.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Cab East \$369.90, \$168.75, \$98.16; Elana Cohen \$25.34; Vault Trust \$263.68, \$365.66, \$141.76; \$272.48

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

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: to reappoint Jeffrey Scott to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 11/01/2020; to reappoint Frank Porter to the Housing Board of Appeals with an ending term of 9/1/2020; to reappoint Jamie Sykora to the Housing Board of Appeals with an ending term of 9/1/2020; to accept the resignation of Carol Rivard from the Beautification Committee

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to reappoint Jeffrey Scott to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 11/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had spoken to Jeff Scott regarding his reappointment.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Frank Porter to the Housing Board of Appeals with an ending term of 9/1/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to reappoint Jamie Sykora to the Housing Board of Appeals with an ending term of 9/1/2020.

Discussion:

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated Housing Board of Appeals member Jamie Sykora had noted on his application that he was also interested in becoming a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and inquired if we could approach him again regarding this request.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had spoken to Housing Board of Appeals member Jamie Sykora, noting he was unaware of his reappointment this evening.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Margus Laan stated there was an Alternate member position open on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to accept the resignation of Carol Rivard from the Beautification Committee with deep regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss and take action to enter into the proposed contract with Tighe & Bond for the remediation of 142 Main Street

Mayor David Merchant stated the Town was in the final stages of cleaning up 142 Main Street, and once we get through the cleanup, get the contract signed, we would be able to get the bid specs out with a pre-bid meeting at the site and briefly elaborated.

Amy Vaillancourt gave a brief background of herself, noting she was licensed Environmental Professional, a Brownsfield Specialist and the Senior Project Manager at Tighe and Bond. She also noted that she has been intimately involved with this project over the past year. Amy Vaillancourt stated the last time she came before Town Council was to enter into an application for cleanup of the site. Amy Vaillancourt provided a slide presentation (see attachment) for the Remedial Action Plan, the Budget, and the Schedule for this project; a brief question and answer session followed.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to enter into the proposed contract with Tighe & Bond for the remediation of 142 Main Street, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

To authorize the Mayor to apply for funding to replace Public Works trucks under State of Connecticut Mitigation Plan

Mayor David Merchant stated the Plymouth Town Council had received a copy of the Mitigation Plan, and noted the funding had not been put out yet; but the State of Connecticut was hoping it the grant would become available by the end of July 2018. He further stated he was looking for approval by the governing body of the Town of Plymouth to apply for the funds. Mayor David Merchant stated this is the emissions lawsuit that Volkswagen lost whereby they had to pay out 2.5 billion dollars.

He further stated we were trying to be first in line to get some of the monies and were looking to replace at least one of the big Public Works trucks that was already in the budget.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to authorize the Mayor to apply for funding to replace Public Works trucks under State of Connecticut Mitigation Plan. This motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant stated he had been meeting with the Superintendent of Schools regarding the combined Business Manager position and that he and the Superintendent would be meeting with Robert Lee, Plainville Town Manager, to discuss this position further.

Mayor David Merchant stated the Towns of Plainville and Canton have a combined Business Manager and he wanted to meet with Robert Lee before he makes a recommendation to see if the Council wants to move forward with this combined position.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he thought this was a great idea, noting we were not eliminating anyone, and that he just wants everything to run more efficiently and to have continuity. He further stated he would like this item on the July Town Council meeting agenda.

Town Council Liaison Reports

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Connor Raymond, Phyllis Worhunsky, Darlene Oakes, and Tammy Card had all received 212 Awards and briefly explained the meaning of the 212 award. He further stated they had all passed all of their MOU's, which would be a great cost savings. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Park and Recreation's summer flag football was beginning; was a great program and anyone interested should contact Park and Recreation Director Michael Ganem. He further stated Park and Recreation Summer Camp would be starting on June 25th and they are exceeding the enrollment they expected.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Park and Recreation Committee, the Charter Commission, the Code Enforcement Committee, among others, were doing a great job, noting this Town runs on volunteers.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Charter Revision Commission would be having a speaker at their meeting on Thursday, noting everything was going well and they were moving forward with the Town Manager.

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

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission had denied a request for a stop sign on Allentown Road/Seibert Drive. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the

Police Commission voted to change their proposed bylaws (which the Council has not seen as yet); and have discussed a proposed Commercial Parking Ordinance. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Tax Incentive Committee and the Economic Development Commission approved a Tax Abatement for Graham Tool, which the Council had approved at their last meeting. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Fire Department would be holding a fundraiser picnic on June 23rd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Chief of Police was charging the same Bingo fees as she previously had been using, noting she probably should get approval at some point in time from the Town Council.

When requested by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she would let the Chief know that the Council wanted her to report back regarding the Bingo fees.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated there was a lot of Economic Development going on in Town and the Economic Development Commission was working hard on their marketing plan to get the Town out in the public. She further stated the Economic Development Commission had started a new Facebook site (The Plymouth Connecticut Office of Economic Development) and were highlighting small businesses every week. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she wanted to encourage everyone to “like the page and follow it”, along with supporting and shopping at our Town’s local businesses. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the bill payments at the WPCA had been straightened out; all the information was flowing both ways, bills were being paid on time and she appreciates the effort put forth in correcting the bills. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Public Works Department has done a great job cutting their numbers in the budget this year. She further stated they have gone from a crew of twelve to five people; Five people in the Highway, one person at the Transfer Station and 1 person in the Maintenance Garage.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated with that being said when all we get this year is the bare minimum as far as pot holes being filled this and mowing once a week people would need to remember we are doing this with a staff of five people, and be patient. She further stated Public Works safety concerns would be a priority.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had no Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she 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 the school came in under budget; questioned what the \$488,000 overage was from and briefly elaborated.

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

Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Contract Negotiations

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to move into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m., to discuss Real Estate and Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Real Estate Committee Member Michael Ganem, Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor David Merchant called the Plymouth Town Council meeting back into regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to approve the sale of 30 Preston Road, Terryville, to the Richards Corporation for the amount of \$17,707.00 in accordance with the Acceptance Letter by the Real Estate Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve the sale of 15 Hosier Road, Plymouth, to the Richards Corporation for the amount of \$10,707.00 in accordance with the Acceptance Letter by the Real Estate Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary