

# Town of Plymouth

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# Board of Finance

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**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman called the scheduled April 19, 2021 Board of Finance Public Hearing to order at 6:04 p.m. Zoom Meeting online- Meeting ID: 416 918 410. Members in attendance: Victoria Carey-Vice Chairman, Eugene Croce, Barbara Rockwell, Elizabeth Wollenberg, and Dave Sekorski. Also present: Mayor David V. Merchant, and Ann Marie Rheault - Director of Finance

Present were Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, and Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann. Also present from the Town of Plymouth were Town Attorney William Hamzy, Plymouth Tax Collector Joe Kilduff, and Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault. Excused Absence Town Councilman John Pajeski.

Present from the Board of Finance were Board of Finance Vice-Chairman Vicky Carey, Board of Finance Member Eugene Croce, Board of Finance Chairman Jim Kilduff, Board of Finance Member Barbara Rockwell, Board of Finance Member David Sekorski and Board of Finance Member Elizabeth Wollenberg.

Present from the Board of Education were Plymouth Board of Education Member Josiah Elsaghir, Plymouth Board of Education Member Richard Foote, Plymouth Board of Education Member Melissa Johnson, Plymouth Board of Education Member Karen Kulesa, Plymouth Board of Education Member Michelle Lucian, Plymouth Board of Education Chairman Walter Seaman, Plymouth Board of Education Member Gregory Showers, Plymouth Board of Education Business Manager Matthew Tencza, Plymouth Board of Education Superintendent Sherri Turner, Director of Technology Plymouth Schools and Town of Plymouth Richard Trudeau.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Finance Chairman Jim Kilduff led the Plymouth Town Council, Plymouth Board of Education and Plymouth Board of Finance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. Presentation of Proposed FY 2021-2022 General Fund Budget

Jim Kilduff read into the record: The Plymouth Board of Finance will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6 pm for the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 budget by way of a virtual zoom meeting noting the State of Connecticut special regulations and re. town charter on the budget process.

Jim Kilduff, Chairman welcomed everyone to the Board of Finance meeting.

### Hearing Agenda

- ❖ Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Legal Notification
- ❖ Presentation of the General Fund Budget
- ❖ Public Comment/Q & A
- ❖ Adjourn to Joint Meeting of Town Council, Boards of Finance & Education

*Jim Kilduff*  
TOWN OF PLYMOUTH, CT  
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Jim Kilduff introduced Board of Finance Members and Ann Marie Rheault - Director of Finance

The Budget Presentation included the following:

- 1. Critical Issues**
- 2. Summary of Revenues & Expenses**
- 3. Tax Impact & Closing Comments**

Jim Kilduff, Chairman discussed the following within his presentation:

**Budget Goal**

To prepare a balanced, responsible budget under the current economic conditions. If possible keep the mill rate flat.

**Tax Foundation**

**Connecticut's Property Taxes graph**

**Critical Factors**

- COVID-19 fiscal impact
- Necessary expenditures in Capitals

- ❖ **Revenues Pie Chart**
- ❖ **Expenditures Pie Chart %**
- ❖ **Expenditures Pie Chart \$**
- ❖ **Board of Education 2021-2022 Budget Funding Percentages**
- ❖ **Board of Education Flat Request**
- ❖ **Memorandum of Understanding -does not impact the MBR (minimum budget requirement)**
- ❖ **Education Cost Town of Plymouth**
- ❖ **Board of Education Cost Drivers**
- ❖ **Plymouth, CT Historical Enrollment by Grade**
- ❖ **Plymouth, CT Projections by Grade**
- ❖ **Outside Tuition and Transportation**
- ❖ **Expenditures- Graph**
- ❖ **Summary of Total Expenditures**
- ❖ **Capital Projects – FY 2021-2022**
- ❖ **Capital Projects FY 2021-2022 Highlights**
- ❖ **Property Tax – Graph**

**Commentary & Observations:**

Mayor David V. Merchant thanked the Board of Finance for doing a great job and keeping the budget flat due to COVID 19's impact on people and jobs. Noted importance of Memorandum of Understanding and working together, and the importance of finishing in black and briefly elaborated.

Walt Seaman, Chair of Board of Education thanked Mayor Merchant, Board of Finance members, Finance Director, and Board of Education for all of their hard work in resolution for this year, future conversations needed and briefly elaborated.

**4. Public Input – Question and Answer Session**

None

**5. Adjourn to Joint Meeting with Town Council & Board of Education**

**Eugene Croce made a motion, seconded by Barbara Rockwell to adjourn at 6:40 pm to Joint Meeting with Town Council & Board of Education.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michele Yokubinas*

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Recording Secretary