

Town of Plymouth

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Communications Commission

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MINUTES
Special Meeting
WEDNESDAY -January 21, 20265 - 5:00 pm
Plymouth Assembly Room, Town Hall

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Leah Krasicky
TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marty Sandshaw at 5:02 p.m. in the Assembly Room of Town Hall, 80 Main St., Terryville, CT.

2. Attendance.

Members in attendance included: Chairman Marty Sandshaw, Chief Mark Sekorski, Chief Ray Kovaleski, Tony Orsini, Chief Karen Krasicky and Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.

3. Pledge of Allegiance. – Led by the Chairman.

4. Public Comment. - NONE

5. Review, Discuss and take action on 2026/27 Communications Commission Budget.

Chief Karen Krasicky provides a brief overview of the 2026/27 proposed budget for the Communication Commission. She advised that there is only a \$1000 increase in the overall budget.

She also stated she got a ball-park figure from Litchfield County dispatch of \$324,000 for the next contract – she placed \$413,000 in the budget request.

There is discussion. Chairman Marty Sandshall asks where the lease for the generator located at the Terryville Lions Club is paid from. Chief Krasicky advised that it is included in the Police Dept. Contract Services line.

Chairman Sandshaw also advised that he met with Finance Director Vijay Dora and discussed the grant in the amount of \$912,000 award to the Fire Dept. for new radio equipment for Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Management, PWD, etc.; the Town's required contribution is \$43,428.58, he recommends that the Town portion be included in the Communications Commission budget since it was awarded to multiple Emergency Services.

Chief Krasicky will check with Finance as a new line item will need to be added to facilitate this request.

MOTION: Chief Karen Sekorski made a motion, which was seconded by Chief Mark Sekorski to add the Town share for the grant into the Communications budget in the amount of \$43,428.58. The motion is voted on unanimously.

MOTION: Chief Mark Sekorski made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Orsini to approve the 2026/27 Communications budget as amended (+\$43,428.58) and the motion is voted on unanimously.

6. Discussion – False Alarms.

There is general discussion. Chief Karen Krasicky explains that false alarm fees were waived during COVID. She is recommending reinstatement of the fees as incidents are increasing. This is allowed by Town Charter/Ordinance – There are no charges for the first two false alarm calls, fees began as of the Third call at \$25.00 and increase thereafter incrementally.

MOTION: Tony Orsini made a motion to reinstate fees per Town requirements, the motion is seconded by Chief Mark Sekorski, and the motion is voted on unanimously.

7. 2026/27 – Meeting Schedule – Review and Acceptance

Distributed and reviewed by the Commission.

MOTION: Chief Krasicky made a motion which was seconded by Chairman Marty Sandshaw to accept the 2026/27 meeting schedule as presented and the motion is voted on unanimously.

8. Member Comments -NONE

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Tony Orsini made a motion, which was seconded by Chief Krasicky to adjourn the meeting and the motion was voted on unanimously.

PLEASE NOTE: After the meeting Chief Karen Krasicky corrected a statement related to Leasing fees; she indicated in the meeting that the fees were included in the Police Dept budget. In checking after the meeting, she determined that these fees are included in the Communications Commission budget from Contract Services. She also advised that there is plenty of funds to cover projected cost.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Pelleiter, Recording Secretary

PENALTY

- (a) A penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed for the third false alarm in a calendar year requiring police response. A penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be assessed for the fourth and any subsequent false alarms in a calendar year requiring police response.
- (b) A penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be assessed for the third and each subsequent false alarm in a calendar year requiring fire department response.
- (c) A penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed for violations of section 5-12(a) for each incident.
- (d) A penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed for violation of section 5-12(b) for each incident.
- (e) For each incident, each applicable penalty shall be assessed, except that no penalty for any single incident shall, in the aggregate, exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

§ 5-15. Same—Payment.

[4-6-1993]

- (a) All payments of penalties will be made to the town tax collector within fifteen (15) days of assessment.
- (b) On the 16th day after issuance, the penalty amount will be doubled.
- (c) Any person or company who fails to pay the penalty within thirty (30) days of issuance shall be responsible for all attorney's fees, court costs, and legal fees incurred by the Town of Plymouth to enforce the collection of said penalties.

§ 5-16. Same—Appeals.

[4-6-1993]

- (a) An alarm user may appeal to the communication commission within fifteen (15) days of penalty issuance, but such appeal shall not deter any further enforcement action. The appeal must be in writing and received by the commission at least five (5) working days before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Appeals shall be acted on at the next regular meeting of the communication commission and a decision shall be mailed by certified mail to the alarm user within fifteen (15) days of that meeting.
- (b) In the event that an alarm user files an appeal of a penalty, the payment schedule in section 5-15(a) through (c) will take effect on the date of mailing of the decision of the communication commission.

§ 5-17. Liability.

[Ord. No. PLY-90-8, 11-13-1990]

The Town of Plymouth shall not be liable for any defects in operation of any signal line system; for any failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from such source; for any failure or neglect of any person in connection with the installation, operation, disconnection or removal of equipment; the transmission of alarm signals; or the relaying of such signals or messages.