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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 5:45PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Carey at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main St., Terryville, CT.

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2. Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Chairman Joe Carey, Nate Brown, Peter Gianesini, George Castle, Mark Lewandoski, Mayor Dave Sekorski, T.J. Zagurski-Town Council Liaison, Sue Boillard-Town Council, Vicky Carey-Board of Finance.

Other guests – Greg Cody

3. Fire Exit Notification – pointed out by the Chairman.

4. Pledge of allegiance – Led by the Chairman.

5. Acceptance of Minutes previous Meetings

Special Meeting – 12/23/2025

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Mark Lewandoski to accept the minutes of the 12/23/2025 meeting and the motion was voted on unanimously.

6. Monthly Reports – No Report

7. Old Business

- Chairman Carey made a request that Board members bring opinions and ideas back relating to the future of our Transfer Station. Thoughts might include: Permit fee increases, rebuilding of facility, moving facility to another location, privatization, etc. Once discussed, we will bring our ideas to the Town Council, looking for ways to be more efficient, the facility is too financially cumbersome.

• Trucks – 7-year lease program

We need to investigate lease agreements or outright purchasing. Lease cost has increased; this may not be advantageous any longer.

Nate Brown states we need lease cost history to make determination, then we can compare the numbers.

- Discussed at a previous meeting – Price of processed material at our recycling facility on Town Hill Rd. We currently charge \$5 per yard. Chairman Carey contacted a few vendors and found that most are charging \$8 or more per yard.

There is general discussion.

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion, which was seconded by George Castle to recommend an increase to the charge for screen material from \$5 to \$8 per yard. The motion is voted on unanimously. The secretary will prepare a letter to forward to the Town Council for their action.

- Municipal Policy – Revenue Fund (Public Works Revenue-Surplus Equipment/Material Sales)

The previous Public Works Director was asked to draft a policy similar to other Revenue (Revolving) Accounts. The draft policy is distributed and discussed.

George Castle questions where the current revenue is deposited.

Vicky Carey advised that monies go into the General Fund. Requests in the past to utilize funds received from Surplus Equipment on needed equipment purchases at Highway have been granted in the past by the Board of Finance and Town Council.

There is general discussion, additional language in the policy may be needed to clarify acceptable use of the funds.

Nate Brown also feels that the policy should be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion, which was seconded by George Castle to forward the proposed policy to Attorney William Hamzy for review. The motion is voted on unanimously.

- Mixed Sand/Salt shed

Chairman Carey understands that the shed used for mixed Sand/Salt is still standing in the same spot that the Highway received DEEP violation notices on. The agreement with the Highway Superintendent was that the shed would be removed once a new Salt shed was constructed. There was no approval for repurposing of the old structure, and it is still not in compliance, and a second violation has been issued.

Vicky Carey advised that the Board of Finance approved funds for the new shed and removal of the old structure was required as a part of the Referendum vote. The Highway Dept. misrepresented their proposal.

There is general discussion.

Do we need the shed. Can it be rebuilt or moved to an acceptable location? Can we resolve the violations?

George Castle feels additional information is needed before a recommendation can be made.

MOTION: George Castle made a motion, which was seconded by Nate Brown to table discussion and decision on this issue to provide the Board to obtain additional information. The motion is voted on unanimously.

- Repair of Excavator

Chairman Carey reports that repairs on the Excavator have still not been done. All parts for the repair have been received. Greg Cody-Transfer Station attendant reported that the parts were received at the end of October 2025, and a repair request was sent in November; he has never received a response, and nothing has been scheduled.

8. New Business

Mark Lewandoski asked why the Town does not plow Lake Winfield or the Reservoirs Parking Lots? Mayor Sekorski advised that all facilities are closed for the Winter Season; the lot on the Seymour Rd side is plowed because it is used as a bus stop.

Councilwoman Sue Boillard comments that she has seen questions of Facebook, but if the facilities are closed it could be a liability issue.

9. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main St., Terryville, CT

Regarding the old Sand/Salt shed – Violations were issued because run-off was entering the aquifer. Staff were told that the shed need to be removed and shut down.

Regarding Fee increases/Revolving Revenue Acct – We need revenue coming into this Town to offset the cost of taxes. Transfer Station and Recycling fees should be increased to cover the cost of staff running the facilities. Does not agree with a revolving account, all of them should be eliminated and money should all go into the General Fund.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters – if needed

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Invitations extended to Mayor Dave Sekorski, Guest-Joe Sopczneski, Councilman T,J Zagurski, Councilwoman Sue Boillard.

.....Executive Sessionended at 7:05p.m.

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion, which was seconded by George Castle to move the candidate forward for Town Council review and approval with the recommendation that he complete a 90-day probation period before a final offer is made. The motion is voted on unanimously.

11. Administrative - none

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Carey advised that he attended the Capital Improvements Committee meeting after discussion with the Mayor to request that they begin putting aside funds to repair/replace the Compaction System at the Transfer Station. It is prudent to include monies to cover the cost if needed.

HOTBOX – Chairman Carey expresses his frustration, that we purchased a new Hotbox for asphalt for \$30,000 and it has never been used.

Greg Cody clarifies that there was a problem once the box was installed on one of the small trucks as the box is loaded from the top and is now too high for the loader to reach. He has never seen this set up before; they are usually installed on a trailer.

Mark Lewandoski feels a trailer is the best option for this equipment.

Nate Brown feels we can wait as there is no rush now; leave it for the future.

13. Election of Officers

MOTION: Mark Lewandoski made a motion to open nominations for Election of Officers.

a. Chairman

Nominations for Chairman - George Castle nominates Joe Carey for the position of Chairman. Joe Carey declines the nomination.

Nomination for Chairman – Mark Lewandoski nominates Nate Brown for the position of Chairman. Nate Brown accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman. One vote is cast for the nominee.

b. V. Chairman

Nomination for V. Chairman – George Castle nominates Joe Carey for the position of V. Chairman. Joe Carey accepts the nomination.

There are no other nominations from the floor for the position of V. Chairman. One vote is cast for the nominee.

Newly Elected Officers will take effect as of the next meeting.

14. Commission Member Comments -none

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Mark Lewandoski made a motion which was seconded by Nate Brown to adjourn the meeting, and the motion is voted on unanimously.

Pam Pelletier

Pam Pelletier, Recording Secretary

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