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December 10, 2025

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the December 10, 2025, Police Commission Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus led the Plymouth Police Commission and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Police Commissioner/Vice Chairman Tim Murawski, Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, Police Commissioner George Castle, and Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus. Excused Absence: Police Commissioner Walter Seaman. Also present were Town Council Liaison Sue Boilard and Police Chief Karen Krasicky.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting (November 12, 2025)

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to approve the November 12, 2025, Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No report

Traffic Authority Business

Request from John Murphy to reduce Route 6 eastbound to one lane of traffic in the area of the intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road

John Murphy, 747 Main Street, Plymouth, provided copies of the vehicle accident that occurred on December 1, 2025 to the Commissioners. Utilizing a flipchart, John Murphy provided a presentation and explained at length the ongoing issue concerning speeding and accidents on Route 6 in the area of the intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road.

John Murphy, referencing an email received from the State of CT Department of Transportation which acknowledged there was a flaw in the road design in the subject area, stated that from the State's DOT Study, they took the island out at this intersection and noted it did not help the problem. John Murphy stated in an effort to slow down the speeding vehicles, he would like the Route 6 eastbound lane (going up the hill) changed to one lane of traffic in the area of the intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road. He also requested that a representative from the DOT come to a meeting so the issues can be discussed.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted the State DOT reviewed this intersection several years ago and this was

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not considered a viable option because in bad weather trucks could get stuck on the hill and it would also cause traffic to back up down the hill to Thomaston.

Nanci Simmons-Murphy, 747 Main Street, Plymouth, stated she had a letter dated December 10, 2025, submitted by Town Resident Reverand Dick Dill, 751 Main Street, Plymouth, which stated his home has been hit multiple times by vehicles speeding in the Route 6/Carter Road area. She further stated that he has spoken to the local Police Department and the State of CT Department of Transportation to no avail. Nanci Simmons-Murphy stated Reverand Dick Dill has noted he is tired of having to repair his house and has placed boulders around his property, noting it's not enough and he would welcome jersey barriers.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to direct Police Chief Karen Krasicky to send Mr. Murphy's request to the Department of Transportation to send a representative to a Police Commission meeting to discuss the issues with this intersection and that a study be done regarding Mr. Murphy's request to reduce Route 6 eastbound to one lane of traffic in the area of the intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Brian McCluskey for Slow Down Children Live Here signage in the area of 663 Main Street (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated per the Police Commission's previous request and motion, she had written to Matthew Blume, Division Chief, Department of Transportation, and stated she had included Matthew Blume's response to Brian McCluskey's request for signage. She further stated that the installation of pedestrian warning signs such as requested by Brian McCluskey are not recognized by the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as approved for use on public roadways. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated Matthew Blume's response also stated that from research and CTDOT's experience, the requested signage does not effectively influence drive behavior and may create a false sense of security for nearby residents.

Request from Diana Hamzy for a Speed Sign or Bump on the incline before the driveway of 298 North Harwinton Avenue (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated per the Police Commission's previous request and motion, Diana Hamzy's request for a Speed Sign or Bump on the incline before the driveway of 298 North Harwinton Avenue had been reviewed by former Public Works Director Carl Johnson. She further stated that Carl Johnson had stated he wanted to install a total of four signs, two Speed Limit signs and two Hidden Driveway signs in both directions. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated when the Town is without a Public Works Director the Mayor is the Acting Public Works Director.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to send the former Public Works Director's recommendations for Diana Hamzy's requests to Mayor Sekorski

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for his review and action. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Michael Zych for a left turn green arrow or signage indicating westbound traffic has a longer green light for the westbound traffic for the traffic light at the intersection of Route 6 and South Main Street

Police Chief Karen Krasicky told the Police Commissioners that she sent a letter to Mr. Matthew Blume at the DOT requesting a study for Mr. Zych's request and he responded by saying that he would have someone start reviewing this request.

Request from Michael Zych for Sharp Turn Signage facing in both directions on Agney Avenue in the area of the ninety degree turn

Police Chief Karen Krasicky told the Commissioners at the previous meeting Carl Johnson stated he was going to bring the sharp turn issue to the DOT Project Manager and request signage for the area which they had directed him to do. Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to send the former Public Works Director's recommendations for Michael Zych's requests to Mayor Sekorski for his review and action. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Jason Hotchkiss for a Speed Bump and Speed Control Signage on Harwinton Avenue.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated this request had previously been reviewed by the Police Commission and former Public Works Director Carl Johnson had stated he had a Sign Inventory Program and would have more speed limit signs put up in this area. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Police Department added it to their radar request list.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to send the former Public Works Director's recommendations for Jason Hotchkiss' requests to Mayor Sekorski for his review and action. This motion was approved unanimously.

Parking Ticket Appeal from Ms. Donna Bonasera

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that Donna Bonasera informed the Records Clerk that she has applied three times for a Handicapped Parking Permit, however she has not received one to date.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to deny the Parking Ticket Appeal made by Donna Bonasera. This motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

No report.

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New Business

Discuss and take action if necessary, on the 2026-2027 Police Department Capital Expenditure Proposals

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the Capital Expenditure Proposals for FY 2026-2027 in the Commissioner packets as follows:

Police Cruiser Replacement, 3 Police Cruisers, Up-fitting, Lettering, and Changeover Cost for 3 Cruisers, Estimated Cost \$80,000 for each Cruiser for a total of \$240,000. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the department is going to request 2026 Dodge Durango's instead of the Ford Taurus Police Cruisers, noting they cost less, and because of recalls and maintenance issues with the Fords and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the Bullet Proof Vests Replacement, 24 Bullet Proof Vest, Replacement in the next five fiscal years, with the majority being replaced in fiscal year 2030-2031. She further stated the estimated cost would be \$1,038.00 for each vest for a total of \$24,912.00 and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the License Plate Reader Replacement at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00, noting the current License Plate Reader was experiencing mechanical issues and was replaced in 2023. She further stated repair monies had been set aside; however, it could not be repaired so it had to be replaced and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the Automated External Defibrillators for seven/7 Police Cruisers and one/1 for the cell block area/building at a total estimated cost of \$30,008.00, noting the current units are reaching their end of life and they will need to be replaced and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Machine at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00, that it had reached its end of life and they could no longer renew the maintenance agreement due to the parts no longer being available, that the State replaced police department AFIS Machines in 2021, but we will have to replace it when needed and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included the replacement of 34 Body-Worn Cameras and 15 Dashboard Cameras, at an estimated cost of \$475,405.85 \$95,081.17 per fiscal year for five years beginning in this current fiscal year. She further stated that technology had advanced for these units; they had better quality and better prolonged battery life and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had included a request for a 12 x 26 foot Modular Office at a cost of \$44,000 to \$52,000.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated another option, which would be more economical and reasonable, would

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be to acquire the Plymouth Town Hall Senior Lounge and adjoining Storage Room for Police Department usage and briefly elaborated.

Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had previously brought all of the Police Department's Capital requests to the Capital Improvements Committee.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated there was a grant obtained by the Town for the Senior Lounge and that would have to be checked.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to approve the Police Department Capital requests as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to accept the Chief's Report

When questioned by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that false alarms are monitored by her Administrative Assistant Ed Austin, noting that each individual/business is allowed three false alarms per year without incurring a fine.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to approve the Chief's Report as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Comments

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated the Police Officers are doing a great job, noting there is so much going on that the public at large doesn't know about.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Police Commission, Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary