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Minutes

February 11, 2026

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the February 11, 2026, 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, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus and Police Commissioner Walter Seaman. Also present were Town Council Liaison Sue Boilard, Town Attorney William Hamzy, State Representative Joe Hoxha, Mayor's Executive Assistant Kevin Hayes, Police Chief Karen Krasicky, State Senator Henri Martin, Town Labor Attorney Pat McHale, and Mayor David Sekorski.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting (January 14, 2026)

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve the January 14, 2026, Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No report.

Traffic Authority Business

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, under Traffic Authority Business, to move item a. *Request from John Murphy to reduce Route 6 eastbound to one lane of traffic to the area of the intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road* down the agenda until the invited guests who will be speaking on this agenda item arrive. This motion was approved unanimously.

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 she had sent this agenda item, along with agenda items B, D, and E, to the Interim Public Works Director, Mayor David Sekorski.

Mayor David Sekorski stated that he had turned over to Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski a list of the Police Commission approved road signs which will be taken care of as soon as the department can break frozen ground. He further stated that he will follow up on the remaining pending items with Chief Krasicky.

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Traffic Authority Business Cont'd.

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 (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted the State had said they would be sending an Engineer out, but it could take months.

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

Mayor David Sekorski will follow up on this pending item with Chief Krasicky.

Request from Jason Hotchkiss for a Speed Bump and Speed Control Signage on Harwinton Avenue (Pending)

Mayor David Sekorski will follow up on this pending item with Chief Krasicky.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

No report.

Discuss and take action to accept the Chief's Report

Police Commissioner Reggie Powell stated he had no comments at this time regarding the Chief's Report.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated there were 89 Medical calls, noting that number was a lot.

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated it was a busy month for the Police Department.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the department is still short two Police Officers; noting one Officer had started on January 27th and the second Officer will start in February,

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the anticipated Overtime deficit is due to the shortage of two Police Officers, vacation time, illness, and mandated training.

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Chief's Report Cont'd.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the new Police Officer Briana Tavares was doing well, noting she has heard nothing but positive comments about her.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated Sergeant Marino had accepted the department's Accreditation Award, noting he is the department Accreditation Manager. She further stated he was taking over for the interim person who had been assisting the department. Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted the department is also doing the Advanced CALEA and had met and complied with the standard for the State and that was the reason it received the award.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated she was glad that the Accident Report is included in the Police Commissioner's packets, which show where the accidents occurred and what happened. She further stated many of the accidents are on Main Street for following other vehicles too closely.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated most of the vehicles that are stopped for accidents have their licenses and registrations in order. She further stated if the person is cited by the Officer for either violation and this information is included in the Sergeant's Report, she would include it in her Chief's Report.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated she was also glad to see all of the extra Patrol checks that the department had done, noting it was over 300 checks.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated there were a lot of medical calls, noting the Police Officers are also patrolling as they should be.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated the Terryville Fish and Game Club was holding a Pistol Permit Class this coming Saturday, so the Police Chief would be getting additional permits.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski stated the SRO (School Resource Officer) has been very busy and pointed out he was able to assist an autistic student. He further stated this is a very good program for the department and the Town.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated Steve Binette is the SRO; that he goes to all the Town schools and does an excellent job.

When questioned by Town Council Liaison Sue Boilard, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Plymouth Police Department are First Responders.

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

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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 (Pending)

John Murphy, 747 Main Street, Plymouth, questioned if the Department of Transportation had provided a response to the Police Commission's request for them to attend a Police Commission meeting regarding the Route 6 Carter Road speeding/accident ongoing issue.

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated this question would be addressed later in the meeting.

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman provided an at length, detailed PowerPoint presentation displaying the road, the signage and Reverend Dill's property, for the Route 6 Carter Road area issues. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated he is looking for something we can do right away and that the DOT might help us out with. He further stated his plan is an economical solution and that with increased new signage he feels we can reduce accidents. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated he could not see why the DOT would not be on board with this new signage, noting it's an easy relatively economic aid to a problem. He further stated that bigger signs and more of them, is a viable concept. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated the processes for compliance can possibly hold the work up, noting the size and placement of the signs can't vary from what he assumes is the Federal standards. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated he is hoping the Mayor, the State Representative, and the State Senator will be able to assist with this issue.

Mayor David Sekorski stated he, along with Rich Donovan and Rick Dunne, NVCOG, had discussed the opportunity to use the current technology of speed cameras in their initial conversations. He further stated that they are aware of the issue and will be meeting with him again to discuss the signage, and the chevron arrows. Mayor David Sekorski stated the NVCOG has been responsive and had stated the real reason for the two lanes is because it is a climbing lane; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Senator Henri Martin stated the DOT should be responsive to this issue, and the municipal Police Commission's request for a discussion. Senator Henri Martin stated his office was told two years ago that the Town did not meet the criteria for a requested guardrail and briefly elaborated. Senator Henri Martin stated they have liaisons who are responsible to the DOT, noting he was told today that the DOT will be asking the Police Department, the Mayor, and himself to start initiating this request through correspondence to the DOT as a safety evaluation with the preliminary information for the bend in the road on Route 6 and a more detailed study of the cause of the accidents. He further stated one can get done quickly (the three to four foot Chevron signage) and the other will be two to three months away. Senator Henri Martin stated the signs will determine if the road needs improving in the DOT's larger investigation.

Senator Henri Martin stated he wanted to thank John Murphy and Nikki White-Murphy for the information they sent him which included dates of all the accidents over the years. Senator Henri Martin stated he thought the lack of response from the DOT was because the request was for a guardrail and there is a lot to that type of prevention, including vehicles hitting it and bouncing back into road traffic.

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Route 6 and Carter Road Discussion Cont'd.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Senator Henri Martin stated the DOT usually pays for the signage.

When questioned by Police Commissioner Walter Seaman, Senator Henri Martin stated he had made a request today to have the new signage put up immediately while the safety evaluation studies and road safety improvements are being done. He further stated this request was approved.

When questioned by John Murphy, Senator Henri Martin stated the DOT did not give him a parameter for the safety signs which need to be followed, noting they may go to code and identify the standards and briefly elaborated.

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated he had spoken to Reverend Dill regarding the proposals which the Town is discussing to protect his property and others in the area. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman displayed pictures of fencing which is pressure treated, is 10 inches by 10 inches and goes three feet into the ground. He further stated it won't prevent accidents, but it will protect the house(s). Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated the fencing is attractive and maintains the look of the Village District in Plymouth. He further stated it is \$70.00 per linear foot installed and estimates the project at \$10,000 to \$15,000. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated the fencing could be taken out of the line of site from the State and installed on the resident's property. He further stated the proper paperwork, hold harmless agreement, legal fees, surveying, etc., would be through Town funding. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated that he had a previous discussion with the Mayor and his Assistant, and it was noted installing the fencing on the Resident's property would not require State approval. He further stated the fencing placement would protect the Resident's porch and he would be proposing it goes up to 90 feet for right now. Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated the Reverend Dill's house has been hit at least four or five times and the Town has a moral obligation to assist him.

State Representative Joe Hoxha stated what is now a major issue can turn into a tragedy, so we need to present it as \$15,000 versus a potential life one day.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to appoint Walter Seaman as the Police Commission's Liaison between Town entities, the Mayor's Office, the State Representative's Office and the State Senator's Office on the Route 6 Carter Road project in order to see it through and assist in moving it forward. This motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Henri Martin stated the Mayor's Office and the Police Chief could call his office and speak with his Legislative Aide Debra Adams who will guide the Town offices as to what needs to be included in their individual correspondence which will be forwarded back to their offices. He further stated he, along with State Representative Joe Hoxha, will also write their follow up letters.

Kevin Hayes stated he was a Bristol Police Officer for 30 years before he retired, and his personal opinion

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Route 6 and Carter Road Discussion Cont'd.

as a former Law Officer is that speeding is the culprit in this ongoing issue on Route 6 and briefly elaborated.

Mayor David Sekorski stated he approves Police Commissioner Walter Seaman as the Police Commission Liaison for the Route 6 Carter Road project. Mayor David Sekorski stated he will follow up with Police Chief Karen Krasicky on the correspondence they will be sending to Senator Martin's Office. Mayor David Sekorski stated there is also an economic side to this issue such as who is paying for the telephone poles, who is paying for the Police protection during the accidents when the road is closed, and this should also be included in the letters addressed to the Senator's Office.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Mayor David Sekorski stated he thinks everyone is in total agreement with the new signage being helpful. Mayor David Sekorski stated there are some things that he would like to investigate in terms of the Town's obligation of commitment, not so much the money, but there are liability concerns and other precedents that he is concerned with. He further stated that he will work with the Police Commission's Liaison, discuss those issues and report back to the Commission on potential revenues.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus thanked Police Commissioner Walter Seaman for his presentation.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell to have a 10-minute recess at 6:50 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the February 11, 2026, Police Commission meeting back into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to move into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m., to discuss Privilege Attorney Client Communications, and to invite the following into the Executive Session: Town Attorney William Hamzy, Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Town Labor Attorney Pat McHale, and Mayor David Sekorski. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Commissioner George Castle, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Town Labor Attorney Pat McHale, Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, Police Commissioner Walter Seaman, and Mayor David Sekorski.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the February 11, 2026, Police Commission meeting back into Regular Session at 7:25 p.m.

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Discuss and take action, if necessary, from Executive Session

No action taken.

Commissioner's Comments

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski stated he had no Commissioner Comments at this time.

Police Commissioner Reggie Powell stated he had no Commissioner Comments at this time.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated he had no Commissioner Comments at this time.

Police Commissioner Walter Seaman stated he had no Commissioner Comments at this time.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated that she wanted to thank Walter Seaman again for his presentation, and everyone else who was present and gave comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Police Commission, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Walter Seaman, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale

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Recording Secretary