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Minutes

December 11, 2024

Call to Order: Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled December 11, 2024, Plymouth Town Council Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, Town Councilman Ron Tiscia and Town Councilman T. J. Zagurski. Also in attendance were Interim Public Works Director Carl Johnson and Town Attorney William Hamzy.

Fire Exit Notification: Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Joe Kilduff led the Town Council Members and the Public audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Kilduff called for a Moment of Silence in honor of Town Resident Gary Brown's passing, Town of Plymouth Republican Registrar Debra Brown's husband, noting Gary had been very involved in Town, including assisting at Elections, at his Church, and in our Community.

Invocation

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated "May God Bless the Town of Plymouth and the United States of America" for the record.

Set Town Council 2025 Calendar Meeting Dates and Time

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Council Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month except for the November 17th meeting which during an Election year falls on the second Monday in November per Charter.

Town Councilman Wes Donahue made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, to accept the Town Council 2025 Calendar as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed the Plymouth Tax Collector's part time employment at the Town of Norfolk, lack of funding for a new Police building.

Vinnie Klimas, 5 Coral Drive, Terryville, briefly discussed \$1.5 million road repairs that have been made, noted continuation of repairs, thanked the Town for progress.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed the Highway Garage Furnace replacement, ARPA funds, taxpayers financially suffering.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he has selected a candidate for the Director of Finance position, noting he will begin on December 16th and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town will be discontinue paying for rents at Jay's Motel and the Plymouth Motor Lodge for the displaced 156 Main Street occupants, noting the Town had been paying for their stay for the past six months. He further stated it was a hard decision to make, however the bill for the rentals was hefty and he has to think of the taxpayers, as well. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town will lien the property for the costs that have accumulated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Communications Tower at the Terryville Fairgrounds was damaged during a thunderstorm this past summer which is affecting the radios in a large section of Town and briefly elaborated. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we just received the Work Order for the project repair, which he approved, and noted Norcom will be replacing this vital Tower.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event was held this past weekend, and he wanted to thank the Plymouth 225 Committee, the Beautification Committee, the Elementary School Student Chorus and all the volunteers who put it together.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Small Wonders Christmas Program is underway, noting he wanted to thank Ann Marie Rheault and Janice Madore for heading it up, noting they do a wonderful job.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he just received the Board of Finance's Draft Fraud Risk Assessment Report (which was included in this year's Budget) noting he wanted the Director of Finance to go over it first and then it will go to the Town Council and Public shortly.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated burned out house at 104 Seymour Road taken down, noting he appreciates the work that Carl Johnson did as the new Chairman of the Code Enforcement Committee to get this two-year project finished. He further stated the Town will not tolerate ignored blight, noting it is unfair to the neighbors.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town is not looking to take properties; however residents need to maintain their properties, noting the Town will be doing a better job of enforcing blight regulations.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated there could be a pending sale of Prospect Street School and stated that hopefully the new property owner will follow through on the plans to move forward.

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Community Investment Fund Committee (CIF) Chairman Bill Hamzy stated the next Community Investment Fund Round has an application deadline scheduled for Friday, noting he will be submitting the Town's application tomorrow by end of business day. Bill Hamzy stated we have scaled back our request primarily because the Department of Transportation (DOT) Project (the realigning of Main Street with Route 6) has expanded their scope to include resurfacing South Main Street and Agney Avenue, which was part of the CIF Committee's original plan, and this comes as a pretty significant cost savings in the CIF Program. Bill Hamzy stated that actually this realignment project could be the best thing that has happened to this Town, noting the original DOT mistake was made and the resulting project that DOT is undertaking is actually going to be a positive for the Community. He further stated they will run more of the decorative lights as part of the plan up Main Street, noting part of the Town's CIF plan is to improve the sidewalks from the intersection of Route 6 and Route 72 all the way to Benedict Street. Bill Hamzy stated that part of the plan also is to implement a Facade Improvement Program for business owners to improve their buildings. He further stated there is a lot going on, a lot of moving parts, and if the Town is successful at the next phase, the timetable could be accelerated. Bill Hamzy stated once the application is submitted then the work begins in lobbying the CIF Committee and hopefully, getting approved.

Discuss and take action to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Adam Alexander \$148.34, \$134.06; Ally Financial \$515.37, \$656.66; Beth Bartell \$37.85, \$13.99; Mark and Connie Berube \$360.00; Daniel J. Bukowski \$61.71; CCAP Auto Leasing, Ltd., \$509.62; Colleen and Jacques \$478.46; Diane and Kenneth Fossaluzza \$121.90; Keith Golnik \$135.10; Honda Lease Trust \$226.05; JP Morgan Chase Bank \$556.92; Walter Lassy \$117.18; John Rush \$60.31; Everett Thompson \$70.44; Toyota Lease Trust \$678.41, \$811.82, \$572.60, \$347.16, \$432.07; \$193.01, VW Credit Leasing \$229.20, \$40.93, \$51.74, \$296.85, \$278.21; David Yarochowicz \$115.92

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve the refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Adam Alexander \$148.34, \$134.06; Ally Financial \$515.37, \$656.66; Beth Bartell \$37.85, \$13.99; Mark and Connie Berube \$360.00; Daniel J. Bukowski \$61.71; CCAP Auto Leasing, Ltd., \$509.62; Colleen and Jacques \$478.46; Diane and Kenneth Fossaluzza \$121.90; Keith Golnik \$135.10; Honda Lease Trust \$226.05; JP Morgan Chase Bank \$556.92; Walter Lassy \$117.18; John Rush \$60.31; Everett Thompson \$70.44; Toyota Lease Trust \$678.41, \$811.82, \$572.60, \$347.16, \$432.07; \$193.01, VW Credit Leasing \$229.20, \$40.93, \$51.74, \$296.85, \$278.21; and David Yarochowicz \$115.92. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To appoint Kerryanne Bambrick to the Community Investment Ad Hoc Committee; to reappoint Mark A. Redman to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to reappoint Victor Mitchell to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027;

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to reappoint Gerald P. Wunsch to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to reappoint Cathleen Beaudoin to the Human Services Commission with a term ending date of 10/1/2027; to reappoint Mark Malley to the Human Services Commission with a term ending date of 10/1/2027; to reappoint Lawrence J. Chiucarello, Jr., to the Human Services Commission with a term ending date of 10/1/2027; to reappoint Gerard Bourbonniere to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to reappoint David Downes to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to reappoint Dennis Fowler to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027; to appoint Gladys Torres to the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with a term ending date of 12/1/2029

Town Councilman Wes Donahue made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to appoint Kerryanne Bambrick to the Community Investment Ad Hoc Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to reappoint Mark A. Redman to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to reappoint Victor Mitchell to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Remie Ferriera made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to reappoint Martin Sandshaw to the Fire Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferriera, to reappoint Mark Malley to the Human Services Commission with a term ending date of 10/1/2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Town Councilman Wes Donahue made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, to reappoint Gerard Bourbonniere to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending date of 11/1/2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Town Councilman Remie Ferreira made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, to appoint Gladys Torres to the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with a term ending date of 12/1/2029. This motion was approved unanimously.

CT Main Street Assessment Results Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this agenda item is for an annual assessment that the Town of Plymouth receives from CT Main Street Center (not directly related to the Town's CIF Plan) and will provide information to think about moving forward.

Carl Rosa, Field Services Director, Connecticut Main Street Center, provided a brief background on himself and a presentation on this year's results and overview for the Town of Plymouth. Carl Rosa stated the Main Street Process has four points; Design, promotion, organization and economic vitality and outlines this process in detail and at length. Carl Rosa stated their mission is to address, educate, convene and advocate to develop and grow downtown Main Streets across Connecticut. Carl Rosa stated they are a thought leader and advocate, and they provide education and training monthly on every aspect of downtown revitalization, including customization. Carl Rosa reviewed their represented towns, communities and multi district cities, noting their network is extensive. Carl Rosa stated their processes do not have to be a break-the-bank process.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town has to have some skin in the game, but the Town also needs to get buy-in's from the property owners, noting the Town will take the lead.

CT Main Street Assessment Results Report Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferriera, Carl Rosa stated CT Main Street Center is a non-profit and most of the coordinating programs around the country fall under the Department of Economic and Community Development with the State, which also supports CT Main Street Center, but they are their own organization. He further stated this allows them to go out and get additional leverage and funding. He further stated the reason they have Eversource's name on their presentation is because Eversource has given them office space, noting Eversource, formerly Northeast Utilities, gave them their seed money; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Vance Taylor, Carl Rosa stated Thomaston is in their third year, and will be 150 years old next year, so they are sprucing up their Main Street. He further stated CT Main Street Center and Thomaston had a Walking Tour with their Economic Development Commission and identified all the areas that needed attention. Carl Rosa stated they created their work plans, noting their Commission takes a very active role in their workshops and programs and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Carl Rosa stated setting up a 501(c)(3) involves establishing a volunteer Steering Committee and or a Board of Directors and then procuring an Attorney for it and then getting formal structure for the process; and briefly elaborated.

Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposal for \$19,000.00 for Antenna Upgrade, Heating Repairs, Humidifier line item into a new line item to purchase a used vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief; Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposal for \$26,000.00 to the Terryville Fish and Game Club for the emergency dam repairs; Discuss and take action as necessary to allocate the balance of the unallocated funds of ARPA to the Town of Plymouth for technology upgrades (funds ranging from \$54,989.00 to a maximum of \$100,000.00)

Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski stated the Fire Department had \$27,000 allocated to tear down a dangerous antenna at 7 North Main Street, along with some monies for heat a dehumidifier and upgraded electrical work. He further stated Public Works Director Carl Johnson had found a company that would do the work for less money so now they have enough money to install their heat and make the electrical upgrades. Mark Sekorski stated his Assistant Fire Chief's vehicle died and noted they were told it wasn't worth the cost of repairing it. He further stated the vehicle handled 550 calls this year alone and briefly elaborated Mark Sekorski stated they would like to take the remaining \$19,000 in their Line Item to purchase a reliable used vehicle.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the \$19,000 is from the savings Carl Johnson obtained and would be an allocation.

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Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposals Cont'd.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he knew that a Board of Finance Member had asked if an extra Police Department vehicle could be used for the Assistant Fire Chief and questioned if the Fire Department needed a truck or an SUV.

Mark Sekorski stated he did not know what the Police Department had to offer.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the deadline for ARPA allocations is at the end of this month/December and this is what the ARPA Committee had recommended to the Fire Department.

Emergency Management Director Anthony Orsini stated he was present on behalf of the Terryville Fish and Game Club to provide a brief overview/history of their ARPA Proposal for \$26,000 for emergency dam repairs. Anthony Orsini stated it is crucial to do the repairs to the Middle Pond Dam and address the significant flaws, noting his biggest concern is a breach of the dam could result in major property damage and possible loss of life for the residents and businesses downstream of the dam. He further stated there is a camera at the dam because of the significant rain being forecasted and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated a sinkhole opened in the past at the Middle Pond Dam and the State of CT DEEP okayed the repair. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Terryville Fish and Game Club is responsible for the maintenance of their private property. He further stated another sinkhole has opened up in a different area and repairing dams is very expensive for a permanent fix. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this was for a temporary repair until they can find a permanent repair and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira questioned if there is a plan going forward for repairs and maintenance or will it be a Town burden. He further stated there needs to be a plan in place for this dam, especially if it will be a continued issue.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated DEEP is aware and the Terryville Fish and Game Club has consulted with a Structural Engineer, noting they are waiting for the proposal and this repair will get it satisfactory for now.

Public Works Director Carl Johnson stated DEEP decides the frequency of its inspections of the dam based on the hazard level of the dam.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated DEEP could force the removal of the dam.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Town needs to think about coming up with a plan and figure out what to do because he feels it is an asset for the Town; a brief discussion followed.

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Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposals Cont'd.

Carl Johnson stated he has been discussing Federal Grants with George Andrews, WPCA, and briefly elaborated, noting this project would be totally eligible for a long-term solution.

Jamie Terry, Director of Technology, Twin Lakes Consulting, reviewed their request to allocate the balance of the unallocated funds of ARPA to the Town of Plymouth for technology upgrades (funds ranging from \$54,989.00 to a maximum of \$100,000.00). Jamie Terry reviewed timelines with hardware failures to one of the primary servers that keeps the Town Hall running, noting it was massive and briefly elaborated on their recommendations and how to position the Town Hall, so it doesn't happen again. She further stated these upgrades need to happen for a safe, secure and functional space for the Town Hall. Jamie Terry stated this will involve the removal of old hardware and installation of new hardware that will include security and will continue to keep the Town's services live for community support to all existing departments and briefly elaborated on the critical recommendations, including the items.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this request can offset some of our technology budget if this is approved and briefly elaborated on the critical needs of the Town, including the Police Department, and the need to keep these items updated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff thanked Twin Lakes for going above and beyond to keep the Town Hall up and running. Mayor Kilduff stated he has had conversation with Jamie Terry to keep the Town's technology as up to date as possible to stay consistent and briefly elaborated, noting this is exactly why we left some funding in ARPA—for last minute emergencies.

When questioned by Town Council Remie Ferreira, Jamie Terry stated none of the technology requests are optional, they are all a must. She further stated these upgrades will get us up to standard noting the typical life of this equipment is five years and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Jamie Terry stated IT will be monitoring maintenance and licensing in their long-term plan.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated for Public Record the Town Council has two Members who are also on the Fire Department and noted the ARPA Proposal of \$19,000 for the Assistant Fire Chief's vehicle would also pass without their votes.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve as recommended by the ARPA Committee and the Board of Finance the ARPA Proposal for \$19,000 from the Antenna Upgrade, Heating Repairs, Humidifier line item into a new line item to purchase a used vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Discuss and take action as necessary on ARPA Proposals Cont'd.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, to approve the ARPA Proposal for \$26,000.00 to the Terryville Fish and Game Club for the emergency dam repairs. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve and allocate the balance of the unallocated funds of ARPA to the Town of Plymouth for technology upgrades (funds ranging from \$54,989.00 to a maximum of \$100,000.00). This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to approve the Public Works Surplus Equipment Auction Listing

Carl Johnson reviewed the Public Works Surplus Equipment Auction listing (distributed to the Town Council Members previously) and described the items as well as their value, in detail, which had been distributed previously to the Town Council Members.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we received the new Ambulance two months ago and it is registered and in use.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia if the website takes a percentage of the sales, Carl Johnson stated the Buyer pays the premium on these types of government auctions, so there is no cost to the Town.

Carl Johnson stated these items will be listed on the govdeals.com website (government surplus auction site) as we have in the past, nothing area towns use the site, as well and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman Wes Donahue made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve the Public Works Surplus Equipment Auction listing as presented to be put up for auction.

Discussion: When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Carl Johnson stated the prices for the surplus equipment are estimated prices, noting they start at \$1,000 and that at any time the Municipality can remove the item(s) or not sell the item(s) because the auction did not generate a high enough bid.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss and take action to appropriate proceeds from the Surplus Equipment Auction listing to replace Furnace at Highway Garage

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this was the auction that was held in the Spring of 2024.

Appropriation proceeds from Surplus Equipment Auction Furnace Replacement Cont'd.

Carl Johnson provided the history on the current furnace at the Highway Garage, noting he had efficiency mechanical people look it over and was able to obtain an Eversource \$7,000 credit if the work is done by December 25th. He further stated this included removal of the old furnace and installation of the energy efficient radiant heat (same as the town of Southington and Wolcott).

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he had thought this would be a good way to fund this item, noting past Town Councils have allowed Public Works to use the auction proceeds for Capital need items.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this item never went to Capitals and he did not put it in his recommended budget.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreria stated he has a problem with different groups keeping their own monies, noting it seems like every department is starting to get to the point that it's their money instead of those monies going back into to the General fund. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira cited the Police Department's Overtime and the Economic Development Commission with monies coming back from the State and briefly elaborated, noting we have too much equipment to be sold when we need funding, etc., and try to get it through on a budget or they use their slush funds. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated it seems like our tax dollars are really expanding outside of the parameters of our budget and these things are owned by the Town which is basically the taxpayers. He further stated we need to pump the brakes and noted people are seeing money going to places they didn't agree to. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated we need to put a magnifying glass to things and tighten our belts and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff the practice has been after an auction sale they approved the expenditure of a Capital need for Public Works, there is nothing saying it has to be done.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated it's great that the \$19,000 is being used for the furnace but the rest of the monies from the auction should not be going to Public Works; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Donahue about the date shown on the quotation, Carl Johnson stated the quotation is still good but has to be done by December 25th to be eligible for the Eversource credits.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Carl Johnson stated the \$5,000 figure/annual repairs was separate and would be covered under Repairs and Maintenance.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, to appropriate funds from the Surplus Auction Listing from this past Spring in the amount of \$13,690 to replace the Furnace at the Highway Garage. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Discuss and take action on a Public Roadway Variance regarding Greystone Road Extension

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this is the second time this agenda item has come back to the Town Council for approval, noting he has been working with Town Attorney and clarifying questions of what they had done previously.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated this request covers a larger area than what was initially approved in 2022. He further stated the gist of it is that the cost to remediate that area of the road would be more than it is worth. Bill Hamzy stated the risk of whatever is leaching and causing damage is less than that the cost to remediate under the road at Greystone and if the Council approves it, it still has to go to DEEP for approval, as well; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Carl Johnson stated it is not migrating across the street but they had a boring and found a block area.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this issue will be continued to be monitored.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Carl Johnson stated the area in question is 25 feet under the road and the spill was done by Iseli Corporation.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town takes no liability if this agenda item is passed.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira if any contamination has gotten into the ground water, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated not that he knows of.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Petrin if it would be beneficial to have a variance for the whole road where the factory was, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated he did not feel DEEP would approve it, which is why they're asking for this one area of the road.

Town Councilman Wes Donahue made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, to allow the Mayor to sign and approve the Public Roadway Variance regarding Greystone Road Extension. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on the US Army Corp of Engineers Soccer Field Lease Extension

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Town Attorney Bill Hamzy had reviewed the Contract and saw nothing of concern, noting this Contract would renew and extend the Lease for five years.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, to approve the US Army Corp of Engineers Soccer Field (by Hancock Dam) Lease Extension by five years.

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Discuss-take action on the US Army Corp of Engineers Soccer Field Lease Extension Cont'd.

Discussion: When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferriera, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Terryville Youth Soccer Club is responsible for paying for the maintenance at the field. He further stated the Town gets a negligible amount of money from the Federal government to offset our costs for the Police Department to patrol the area.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

To discuss and approve to allow the Mayor to submit a Grant Application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Regional Performance Incentive Program by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, for funding to support a Regional Animal Control Facility Center located in Bristol, CT

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the City of Bristol is pursuing a significant upgrade to their Animal Control Facility (discussed previously with Council) and with Plymouth currently working with Bristol (they are taking our animals) if the Council approves authorizing the Mayor to sign this application it would not bind Plymouth to any costs, other than it helps in the process of NVCOG submitting the Grant. He further stated this authorization will say Plymouth is on board with the application.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to allow the Mayor to submit a Grant Application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Regional Performance Incentive Program by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, for funding to support a Regional Animal Control Facility Center located in Bristol, CT. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Wes Petrin stated he wanted to give kudos to the Plymouth Board of Education (PBOE) Faculty and Staff for continually looking for ways to engage the student population, noting they present every month and some of the presentations/seminars have been very compelling. Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated the PBOE is looking at starting field trips again (domestically and abroad) as it's been four years since COVID, noting nothing is set in stone as yet. Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated the PBOE is working on their budget and the one thing noted so far is the Contractual Obligations, which is something for all of us to be aware of. Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated Council already knows about the Communications issue with the antenna repairs, noting there was a little confusion on who had the rights to climb the tower, etc. He further stated they now have an action plan, and he was glad to hear that from a public safety standpoint.

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated the Communications Commission is looking at options for Radio Systems and are moving forward to maximize Town funds and take advantage of some programs the State has in place, especially the State 800 Band System. Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated the Inland Wetlands Commission is trying to raise Public awareness regarding their policies and procedures and will be putting out some informational forms to help.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had received an application from Ryan Geddes, Premier Properties, to modify for a Special Permit at 9 Scott Road, noting it was mostly for handicap upgrades, noting it was approved. Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Franek family had applied for a Site Plan Application to keep their goats, noting they were a nice family, the daughter spoke on the goats, and he was happy they were approved.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated Carl Johnson is doing a good job. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated he had a hard time with the Bid for the Schools Snow Removal, noting he only received one bid. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated he had a meeting with Parks and Recreation and will be bringing more information for the Lanterns on the Lake Event at the next Town Council meeting.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Board of Finance reviewed all of the ARPA information that came before the Town Council this evening. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Housing Authority had brought forward Gladys Torres' name for appointment, noting the Town Council had voted on the appointment this evening. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he had discussion with her at the meeting and she is very nice. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Housing Authority had their Thanksgiving Luncheon and it was delicious. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the new Community Hall looks amazing, noting it is twice the size of the former room. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the new Community Hall will allow the Residents to have in-house meals, luncheons and other events where they can get together. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he had problems trying to join the Economic Development Commission's last two Zoom meetings and would need assistance. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Housing Board of Appeals meeting was held on Monday however he was unable to make it due to a previous commitment.

Town Council Comments

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira regarding the next step(s) for 156 Main Street, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated there are Blight liens and reimbursement liens on the property, as well as a mortgage and noted the Town has the priority position over the mortgage. He further stated a foreclosure has been initiated; a brief discussion followed.

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, Mayor Kilduff there was less than an acre at 156 Main Street and stated he felt it was time for the building to come down.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Carl Johnson stated he had sent a letter to the owner of the Prospect Street School and noted the Owner had the field mowed, the graffiti was painted over, the windows were replaced, the doors were chained, and the front sidewalk was paved.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he would like to suggest the Mayor update the Council Members on their Public Comment requests at the following meeting, even if the Public had received misinformation. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the Christmas Tree Lighting Event was top notch this year, noting it was great, and he had attended it with his grandchildren.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he was in charge of the goat, and it was a great and fun event.

When questioned by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he had discussed the overgrowth at Linda Kazmierski's Joseph Street property with Jim Schultz and it would be taken care of. He further stated he was unsure if the strip of land was actually the Town's property; a brief discussion followed. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town had taken a large tree down in that area and now it gets sunshine and fills up with weeds.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

When questioned by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia regarding 20 to 22 cars located on the property at 495 Carter Road, Carl Johnson stated he had sent a Blight Notice out and the Notice Recipe was acknowledged. He further stated the Assessor is involved and using the obtained Plate listing sent a letter out to the property owner to confirm their personal property tax on the vehicles; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Land Use Office is also aware of the neighboring property, noting there is a shed made out of dumpsters.

When questioned by Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated there is a Blight Ordinance stating there can only be two unregistered vehicles on a property; a brief discussion followed regarding liens and the Blight Fund.

Town Councilman Wes Donahue stated other towns post all of their minutes and agenda on their town websites and as we move forward, we should potentially do something similar.

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Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Council, and the Board of Finance do post their Agendas and Minutes, noting the smaller ones do not. He further stated there used to be a per diem person who took care of this, but the person was not replaced. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he will remind the Recording Secretaries to forward their minutes to the Webmaster and other Staff who will post them.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary