

Town of Plymouth**80 Main Street****Terryville, Connecticut 06786****Board of Fire Commissioners****Telephone: (860)585-4001****Fax: (860)585-4015****Fire Commission Minutes****July 10, 2025**

Call to Order: Chairman Marty Sandshaw called the scheduled July 10, 2025, Fire Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Terryville Fire Department, Station 2, Plymouth Company, 691 Main Street, Plymouth, Connecticut.

Roll Call: Chairman Marty Sandshaw, Commissioner Victor Mitchell, Commissioner Mark Redman, Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, Commissioner Michael Audette and Commissioner Keith Golnik. Also, in attendance were: Fire Chief Mark Sekorski, Assistant Chief Chris Masi, Deputy Chief Greg Cody, Deputy Chief Derek Freimuth and Fire Marshal Ray Kovaleski and Councilman Tony Roveter.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Marty Sandshaw led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes dated June 12, 2025:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Redman, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to approve the June 12, 2025, Minutes. This motion was approved with one abstention.

Commissioners' Reports**Chief's Report: See attached**

Attended a meeting with the Fire Marshall re: Preston Road and North Harwinton.

Waterbury Area Fire Chiefs meeting will be held in September.

317 calls to date.

One firefighter was injured at a call.

Had a meeting with Norcom (Assistant Chief Masi, Deputy Chief Cody and Chairman Sandshaw).

PVAC training room dedication ceremony honoring Jim Dubowsky this Friday, July 11th.

Captain Joe Dolan, Chief Sekorski and Deputy Chief Cody met with the grant writer for the radios.

Many calls over the holiday weekend. Assistant Chief Masi and all the firefighters did a great job!

Treasurer's Report – The Commission went over the report.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshal Raymond Kovaleski went over his Monthly Report, Monthly Budget Expenses and List of Incidents in detail for the month of June.

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Fire Marshal Kovalski reported on the mini industrial park that is being built at Preston Road and North Harwinton. There will be seven 12,000 sf buildings – garage style with bays. It is being built by the same builder as Scott Road and Prospect Street. The plan had one exit access and the Fire Marshal requested a second emergency exit.

Fire Marshal Kovalski reported there were many fire calls. There were three vehicle fires and one of them extended to the dwelling. There was a barge raft fire at Lake Plymouth. The burn victim was exposed to fireworks. The Fire Marshal met with the Captain and two detectives. The burn victim was at Bristol Hospital. The burn victim is now at Bridgeport Hospital burn unit. There were three people on the barge. The State Police are investigating it.

Chairman Sandshaw reported the Fire Marshal's vehicle is in operable. He met with the mayor. The mayor is going to work on getting another vehicle. Chairman will follow up.

The Fire Marshal's office is using Parks and Recreation's vehicle.

Fire Marshal Kovalski asked if he could get gas from the town as he is using his own vehicle.

Communications:

Radio Report: Chief Sekorski reported there is \$65,000 in the budget and asked if \$14,000 was paid to buy another repeater to put at Fall Mountain station.

Chairman Sandshaw reported on the July 7th meeting: The town has not been invoiced. The antenna was put up. The fire department is reporting transmission problems in areas of the town. Norcom replaced the repeater with a loaner. The system is antiquated. The Chairman is waiting on an estimate. The Fire Department is going to get together with Norcom. The replaced antenna is working 100%.

Assistant Chief Masi will drive around town on Sunday and figure out bad spots regarding the radios.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Assistant Chief Masi reported there is a new generator at Fall Mountain. The floors are going to be done at Fall Mountain. The walls will be done first and then headquarters will be painted. There is still a bat problem at headquarters. He will cancel the contract with Eliminate Em. Will ask for more money in Capitals next year.

Equipment Report: Deputy Chief Freimuth reported waiting on items that were ordered last year.

Training Report: See attached

Chairman Sandshaw stated that all the training and communication shows in the department. Great job!.

Trucks Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported new tires on Engine 5 and rescue truck.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Keith Golnik, seconded by Commissioner Victor Mitchell to authorize Linda Schnaars to send flowers in the event of the death of the PVAC Chief. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion – The Fire Marshal is requesting gas or mileage reimbursement.

Chairman Sandshaw will talk to the mayor about getting gas for the Fire Marshal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keith Golnik, seconded by Commissioner Mark Redman to allow the Chairman to enter into discussions to get the Fire Marshal compensated for the use of his personal vehicle. This motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Victor Mitchell stated Lake Plymouth has always been an issue. The inability to get around the lake is a problem. He would like a letter sent to the Mayor, Police Chief, Police Commission and PVAC, Emergency Management Director and the Town Council as the department has a responsibility and they are very concerned if someone dies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Michael Audette to send a letter to the Mayor expressing their concerns about the fireworks display at Lake Plymouth and Fall Mountain. This motion was approved unanimously.

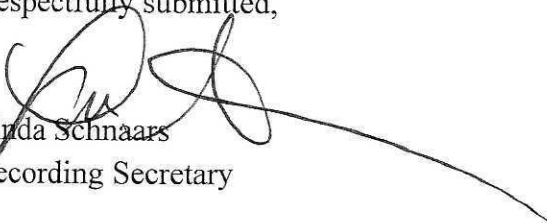
Public Comment:

Tony Roveto is the new councilman.

Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Fire Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chiefs report

July 11, 2025

Meetings attended

Public works none

Mayor – none

Town council none

Fire marshal – Preston rd. and N Harwinton Ave

Board of finance none

Training report see attached

Waterbury area fire chiefs September in Wolcott

Litchfield fire chiefs – July, 2025 meeting and show

The fire department and been very busy all to date 317 calls

539 calls last year

During a bus fire fire fighter was injured (ankle) back to work

Meeting with Norcom myself, Asst Chief Masi and Deputy Chief Cody on 7-7-2025

Also the PVAC is dedicating the training room to him (very sad) Friday 7-11-25 at 7 pm

Thank you Chief Mark Sekorski

TERRYVILLE FIRE DEPT. TRAINING SCHEDULE SUMMER 2025

JULY 07	ALL	Department Meeting	6:30PM
JULY 14	LC/PC/FM HC	Pump Ops / Tower Ops Dive Team Trailer	6:30PM 6:30PM
JULY 21	PC/FM LC/ HC	Dive Team Trailer Pump Ops / Tower Ops	6:30PM 6:30PM
JULY 28	ALL	Company Meetings	6:30PM
AUG 04	ALL	Forestry Operations DEEP	6:30PM
AUG 11	ALL	Lifting & Stabilization Websters	6:30PM
AUG 18	ALL	Captains Night	7:00PM
AUG 22-24	ALL	Terryville Fair	
AUG 25	ALL	Company Meetings	7:00 PM
SEPT 01	ALL	Labor Day	OFF
SEPT 07	ALL	Live Burn LCRFS	8:00AM
SEPT 08	PC/FM LC/HC	Rope Ops Captains Night	6:30PM
SEPT 15	LC/HC PC/FM	Rope Ops Captains Night	6:30PM
SEPT 22	ALL	Company Meetings	7:00PM
SEPT 29	ALL	Department Social	7:00PM
OCT. 05	ALL	Department Annual Meeting	10:00AM