Town of Plymouth

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Plymouth Town Council

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July 1, 2025 **Minutes**

Call to Order: Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled July 1, 2025, Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, Town Councilman Ron Tiscia and Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hamzy.

Adoption of Agenda

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, to accept the July 1, 2025, Plymouth Town Council Agenda as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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.

Invocation

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

Acceptance of Minutes (June 3, 2025, Regular Minutes)

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, to approve the June 3, 2025, minutes as presented. Vote: Town Councilman Remie Ferreira/yes; Town Councilman Joe Green/abstained; Town Councilman Anthony Roveto/yes; Town Councilman Ron Tiscia/yes; Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski/yes; Motion passed 4:1 in favor.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Connie Kapralos, South Eagle Street, Terryville, read Contingency #6 from the Agreement dated October 2017 made with past owner of Prospect Street School, out loud for the Town Council and Public Audience and requested the Administration follow through with the new owner on the remediation abatement per the real estate contract she distributed and briefly elaborated. Connie Kapralos noted the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection did not return her multiple telephone calls to them.

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Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Cont'd.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, distributed a copy of the Charter, Section 7, 3b, and read out loud regarding request for additional appropriations to cover anticipated deficits in the general fund original budget of a department and briefly elaborated. Melanie Church stated the listing of salaries for Town Employee are not correct, noting there are employees who are working other parts of jobs in the Town.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Vinnie Klimas, 6 Coral Drive, Terryville, stated speaking as a Grant Administrator and a private citizen he highly and strongly recommends the Council approve Agenda Item #12 and go for the bucket of available money for the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority and any other bucket of available money.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated work has started on Mountainview Road and Crestview Road, noting the drainage work is two to three weeks out. He further stated we are probably going to do the small section of Fountainhead Road from Preston Road to Crestview Road. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated in accordance with the Public Works Board the Public Works Department has been spraying under the guardrails, noting the Town of Wolcott uses the same spray, it is DEEP approved, and it really helps out the Public Works Employees with mowing. He further stated the spraying was also posted on the Town's website. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the spray works really well citing the Transfer Staton as an example. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp started up last week, noting they took a field trip to Urban Air Trampoline Park. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated a new basketball hoop backboard has been ordered for the Veteran's Memorial Park noting a new one has been ordered and the ripped up court flooring has been replaced. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Terryville Lions Club are busy working hard getting the Fairgrounds ready for the Terryville Fair beginning August 22nd through August 24th, noting we are all looking forward to this event. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Rotary Club Summer Concerts on the Plymouth Green Wednesday's/6:00 p.m. have begun, noting it is a great community event, and he always tries to attend them. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated an environmental abatement is being performed for 244 Main Street (Town owned property next to the library) noting the goal is to eventually take the building down. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Department of Transportation has tentatively scheduled a presentation at the September Town Council meeting and the Public is invited. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he wanted to thank the DOT for working with the Town to improve the project and giving the Town some additional say and input. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he attended the Chamber of Commerce State of the Region event last week, noting he spoke mainly about the Town's Community Investment Fund Downtown Development Plan. He further stated he also discussed the Town working cooperatively with DOT to improve the Route 6 Project.

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Mayor's Report Cont'd.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated many municipalities face the same challenges as Plymouth such as Special Education costs and annual budget issues. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Prospect Street School and Scott Road projects are moving forward and the hope is that these projects will help spur grand list growth and downtown development which is a key to the Town's growth. He further stated the Business Park is full and so we are now looking to grow downtown. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated there is a Planning and Zoning Application to install a solar farm at the old Tonn's Orchards on Preston Road that has brought concerns to the neighbors, noting he shares those concerns. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town has hired a third party Environmental Engineer to look at those concerns, which will enable the Planning and Zoning Commission to have a full picture when they make a decision on what a solar farm can mean to the neighborhood. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Historic Property Commission has hired a Consultant to look at additional historical properties in Town, noting he is looking forward to that report. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he had some good news on the economic development front, noting the Town has a potential business that would be moving next door to Inland Fuel, which could represent a multimillion dollar investment and add at least 35 jobs to start. He further stated he will have more information on this business next month.

Discuss and take action to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Joseph Berry \$163.66; Robert Culver \$97.38; Edytas Drewniak \$43.01; Enterprise FM rust \$400.56, \$695.94; Robert J. LeBlond \$27.56, \$164.64, \$8.12, \$232.71; Patrick and Stephen Norton \$29.51; Jonathon and Ashley Smart \$231.84

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Joseph Berry \$163.66; Robert Culver \$97.38; Edytas Drewniak \$43.01; Enterprise FM rust \$400.56, \$695.94; Robert J. LeBlond \$27.56, \$164.64, \$8.12, \$232.71; Patrick and Stephen Norton \$29.51; Jonathon and Ashley Smart \$231.84. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Resignations: To appoint Nate Brown to the Conservation Inland-Wetlands Commission as a Regular Member with a tern ending date of 9/01/2028; to appoint Jacob Hoadley to the Conservation Inland-Wetlands Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of 9/01/2028

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to appoint Nate Brown to the Conservation Inland-Wetlands Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of 9/01/2028. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, to appoint Jacob Hoadley to the Conservation Inland-Wetlands Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of 9/01/2028. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations Cont'd.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he wanted to thank Nate Brown and Jacob Hoadley for volunteering on this Commission, noting the Commission has been struggling with keeping a quorum.

Discuss and take action on Resolution for the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to allow the Mayor to sign the Resolution to join the CT Municipal Redevelopment Authority as a member municipality.

<u>Discussion</u>: Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he felt he doesn't have enough information to make a decision tonight, noting when someone tells him time is of the essence and money is running out, he wants to take his time and read the statute. He further stated he will be abstaining from voting for this agenda item.

<u>Vote</u>: Town Councilman Remie Ferreira/abstain; Town Councilman Joe Green/yes; Town Councilman Anthony Roveto/yes; Town Councilman Ron Tiscia/yes; Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski/yes. Motion passes 4:1 in favor.

Discuss and take action on waiver for Veteran's Memorial

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this is a waiver for a competitive bid, noting the amount of the proposal goes over the threshold of which we would need to take competitive bids. However, given Keith Golnik had gone to the rock quarry and found the exact same area/same rocks with the existing monuments, so he felt it was appropriate to come to the Town Council

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira made a motion, seconded by T.J. Zagurski, to approve the waiver for the Veteran's Memorial.

Discussion: When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Keith Golnik Chairman of the Memorial Day Parade Committee, had come before the Town Council and the Board of Finance and requested a Special Appropriation up to \$18,000 for a monument that would be for soldiers that served after the Vietnam war, including one soldier who paid the ultimate price and whose his name will be on it. He further stated the monument will be dedicated to all that have served and will be erected in Baldwin Park with the other monuments, noting Keith Golnik was able to track down the exact place where the current monuments came from, including the exact rock they were built out of. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated if Keith Golnik had to go to a competitive bid, he might not be able to match the rock perfectly. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated both the Town Council, and the Board of Finance Members unanimously approved the Special Appropriation.

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Discuss and take action on waiver for Veteran's Memorial Cont'd.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the WPCA had held a Public Hearing on the tax rate which will be coming up in August, noting they will be going up \$25.00 on their User Fees for a total tax bill of \$505.00. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the WPCA is continuing to work on their Nitrogen and Phosphorus Project upgrades, along with their Infrastructure Study. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated Public Works is busy with a lot of maintenance items such as roadside mowing, street sweeping, paving, getting ready for drainage work. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Highway Superintendent requested the Public Works Board think about outsourcing for all the Town facilities, as well as street sweeping.

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

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had tabled the Preston Road Solar Farm proposal until their July 10th meeting due to water drainage concerns the neighbors have. Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated had the Planning and Zoning Commission had also tabled until July 10th a site plan for a multi-building industrial development at 128 North Harwinton Avenue. Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had approved building a detached garage at 227 Mt. Tobe Road application proposed by Ron Gentile and Dan Gentile.

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Inland-Wetlands Commission denied a proposed project at 30 South Main Street, Plymouth with a vote of two yes/two no. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated two other applications were accepted. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Human Services Commission had a discussion regarding the lack of programs for mental health issues in Town, noting there is information at the Town Hall showing where people can go for mental health issues. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Fire Commission had noted CT Water did not show a hydrant on High Street however there is one shown on the map. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Fire Commission had answered 539 calls to date. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated next year there will be a lot of residents moving into Town under Affordable Housing (55 and up) and all emergency services will be taxed. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated Norcom said they was an antenna problem, and they are investigating the problem and solution. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Plymouth Board of Education Student Council had a motivational speaker in lieu of a mock car crash which hasn't been held in three/four years, noting the speaker was well received.

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated one of the Board of Members hasn't been receiving the agendas and they are trying to remedy this issue. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Student Council elected new Officers. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated there was some concern regarding the age cutoff for Pre-K. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated there was concern from the Public due to Contracts being negotiated behind closed doors. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated there were some concerns by some parents that they are not allowed in classrooms. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated over \$270,000 was given out in scholarships.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

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

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated we need to task the Public Works Commission to come up with a plan for Town trash, noting we need to look at curbside. He further stated we need to think about spending a lot of money at the Transfer Station and we should try to plan it out. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated with budget season coming up this issue needs to be addressed and planned.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town is going to have to make an investment in moving the Transfer Station over to where the Brush Dump is currently located, move to curbside pickup, or a combination of both, noting what we currently have is on its last leg.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he had previously brought up that he would like Public Comments from the prior Council meeting addressed in the Mayor's Report. He further stated he would like more information on Public Comments that were brought up such as the Prospect Street School, who is the new owner, are we going to stay on top of them with abatements, etc., or are we going to end up with the same situation that we are in right now.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated that any caveats, regulations or agreements that were entered into with the old owner will carry over to the new owner.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated the Prospect Street School is a transaction between two private parties and so the requirements which the original buyer had as to how to develop the school runs with the property so the new buyer has to abide by and so really there is nothing the Town would get involved with.

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Town Council Comments Cont'd.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he feels we need to keep a closer eye on it so we don't wait five years to make sure things are getting done.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated the previous owner didn't follow through on starting the project, and the remedy the Town had would have been to sue him and questioned if we wanted to incur legal fees to force someone to do a project that he could not afford to do and felt he didn't think it was prudent to incur tens of thousands of dollars to force him to do the project.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated when the Town sold the property one of the stipulations was, they had to do this and that, and he didn't do it, and whether he had the money to do it maybe that should have been looked at before we sold the property. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the people living in the neighborhood have to bear the brunt of this and he doesn't want a response, noting he's just speaking his mind. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he thinks as a Council and as a Town we need to step up a little more about things brought up one month and then forgotten about the next month. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated too bad if people don't like him speaking, he's been quiet for too long, noting nothing has been done in this Town, noting he's not running again as a Town Councilman because no one wants to do anything in this Town. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated things have been kicked down the road since he's been living in this Town and we are still dealing with the same problems, and we want to take on all these new things when we can't even get our problems taken care for the last 20 years. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated we now have a new owner so let's start with a clean slate and get the enforcement people over there and get it done, keep tabs done what is supposed be done the way it should be done. Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated the \$600,000 that has been bantered around; he doesn't know the whole history and wants more clarity on it so we can say the Town did the right thing with it or maybe we didn't, but he doesn't know and it has been brought up at the podium time and time again and as a Town Councilman he wants information on it. He further stated that as a Town Councilman he also wants to know how it was handled.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira made a motion that going forward during the Mayor's Report any Public Comments made at the previous month be addressed at the following meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia A. Hale, Recording Secretary