

Town of Plymouth

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Board of Finance

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1. Call Meeting to Order: Jim Kilduff, Chairman called the scheduled Public Hearing -Plymouth Board of Finance Presentation of Proposed General Fund Budget Tuesday, April 22, 2025 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, Town Councilman Wes Donahue, Town Councilman Joe Green, and Town Councilman Remie Ferreira. Also present from the Town of Plymouth were Mayor Joe Kilduff, and Director of Finance Vijay Dora

Present from the Board of Finance were Jim Kilduff- Chairman, Vicky Carey -Vice-Chair, Board of Finance Member Eugene Croce, Board of Finance Member Dave Sekorski, Board of Finance Member Tony Osipiak, and Board of Finance Member Jennifer Brunoli

Plymouth Board of Education Members: Cindy Candrea-Florenciani-Plymouth Board of Education Member, Richard Foote-Plymouth Board of Education Member, Karen E. Kulesa, Board of Education Chair, Michelle Lucian- Plymouth Board of Education Secretary, Patrick Perugino-Plymouth Board of Education Member, Gregory Showers-Plymouth Board of Education Member, Kelly Tilton-Plymouth Board of Education Member, and Louis Zbuska-Plymouth Board of Education Member. Plymouth Board of Education Superintendent Brian Falcone, Plymouth Board of Education -Business Manager Matthew Tencza and Assistant Superintendent Beth Mellio.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: James Kilduff led the group and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Exit Notification: James Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

3. Presentation of Proposed FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget

Jim Kilduff, Chairman welcomed everyone to the Board of Finance meeting.

Jim Kilduff, Chairman read into the record:

LEGAL NOTICE - TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Board of Finance, Town of Plymouth, CT, will hold a Public Hearing at the Plymouth ~~Town Hall~~ Community Room on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to consider the recommendation of the Board of Finance regarding the Town Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Electors and qualified taxpayers of Plymouth will be heard at the Public Hearing. Immediately following the Public Hearing on Budget proposal, there will be a Joint Meeting of the Board of Finance, the Board of Education and the Town Council.

Copies of the proposed Budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance, are available from the Office of the Town Clerk, Plymouth Town Hall during regular business hours and the proposed Budget has been posted on the Town Webpage.

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The Budget Presentation included the following:

Welcome -Town of Plymouth, CT -Public Hearing on General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 dated April 22, 2025

Hearing Agenda

- ❖ Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Legal Notification
- ❖ Presentation of the General Fund Budget
- ❖ Public Comment/Q & A
- ❖ Adjourn to Joint Meeting of Town Council, Boards of Finance & Education

BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS

- **Jim Kilduff** - Chairman
- **Vicky Carey** - Vice Chair
- **Jennifer Brunoli**
- **Eugene Croce**
- **Tony Osipiak**
- **Dave Sekorski**
- **Vijay Dora** - Director of Finance
- **Remie Ferriera** - Town Council Liaison

The Budget Presentation included the following:

1. Budget Highlights
2. Summary of Revenues & Expenses
3. Tax Impact & Closing Comments

Plymouth Consolidated General Fund/Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025

Jim Kilduff, Chairman discussed in detail the following included in the presentation:

Budget Goal

To prepare a balanced, responsible budget under the current economic conditions.

Find the Midpoint – What’s Right & True – Stay Balanced

Tax Foundation

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Budget Notes

- \$200,000 for Downtown Revitalization Transformational Plan.
- Increased the Board of Education's budget to \$27,578,551, a 3% increase.
- Added part-time clerical position under Town Clerk Department Number 4147.
- Increase Library part-time hours by \$1,701.00 (2 hours/weekly) Department Number 4501.
- ❖ Capital Projects FY -2025 -2026
- ❖ Police Budget Capital Items Funded Out of the Extra Duty Fund – Capital Projects -FY 2025-2026
- ❖ Other Budget Capital Items Funded Out of the Extra Duty Fund
- ❖ Short-Term Financing of Cap Projects
- ❖ Revenues Pie Chart – Where does the money come from? Total=\$47,303,397
- ❖ Expenditures Pie Chart % - Where does it go?
- ❖ Expenditures Pie Chart \$
- ❖ Summary of Total Expenditures Bar Graph
- ❖ Budget Totals
 - \$46,015,554 General Fund 2024 - 25 budget**
 - \$47,303,397 Proposed General Fund 2025 - 26 budget**
 - \$1,287,843 or 2.80% increase**
 - 39.57 Mill Rate**

- ❖ Commentary & Observations

Mayor Joe Kilduff thanked the Board of Finance for all of their hard work.

- ❖ Public Comment

4. **Public Input – Question and Answer Session**

Round 1 Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, CT – re. Budget, requested referendum, Town Council and Charter, noted vote down the budget.

Vinnie Klimas, 5 Coral Drive, Terryville, CT– complimented the Board of Finance – a difficult job, thanked all committee members and elected officials – noted were the best town in Connecticut!

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Captain John D’Aniello expressed concern that the police vehicle replacement was removed from the budget, noting the fleet is currently in good condition but ongoing replacements or maintenance are necessary. He highlighted that a lack of replacements could impact patrol operations.

Captain John D’Aniello noted training and conferences looked at what the best practices were and looked at what was mandatory and what we have done. The best practice is that a police officer should spend about one-fifth of their year in training. When I did the budget - scaled it back to about 15 days, three weeks from that best practice standard. Noted a \$55,000 shortfall in the training budget, even after considering a transfer from the overtime line. He emphasized that while only mandatory training is being prioritized due to tight funds, this limits understanding of the true training cost and briefly elaborated.

Marty Sandshaw, 7 Richmond Drive, Plymouth, CT - Thanked the Board of Finance, Town Council, and Board of Education for all of their work. Urged the Board of Finance and Town Council to pass a reasonable budget request of over 3%, noting the town is in serious decline. Cost Sharing, increase in infrastructure, incentive tax revenue, plan in place for development. Put revenues into development and invest in our town. Let it go to referendum - let residents decide!

Virginia Kinani, 18 Adams Drive, Terryville, CT - Concerned about the school budget as recommended by the Board of Finance, not time to add staff in the town hall when schools are facing serious staffing cuts.

Becca Allen, 17 Meghan, Plymouth, CT - Very involved in school, PTA member, volunteer, see strives made in the school system, school cuts will set us back if looking to bring revenue to the town. Invest in our future, make the town a place where you want to come and live.

Round 2 Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, CT – Eighteen (18) cruisers, stop adding, extra duty cruisers, guns, and computers, wasting money, all revenue should come back to town, noted charter is not being followed. Budget over 3%.

5. Adjournment to Joint Meeting with Town Council and Board of Education

(See Plymouth Town Council Joint Meeting with the Plymouth Board of Finance and Plymouth Board of Education)

Vicky Carey made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Brunoli to adjourn at 6:45 pm to the Joint Meeting with the Town Council & Board of Education.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Yokubinas

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Recording Secretary