

**MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING****Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Committee****June 16, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.****Mayor's Conference Room, Plymouth Town Hall**

1. **Call to Order/Attendance**- The meeting was called to order by **Chairman Bill Hamzy** at 6:02 p.m. Members in attendance included: **Chairman Bill Hamzy, Ron Mamrosh, Roxanne Levesque, Kerry Bamrick, Kevin Hayes, Vinny Klimas, Vance Taylor** (via Zoom), Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by the **Chairman**.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes**

**MOTION: Roxanne Levesque** made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; the motion is seconded by **Ron Mamrosh** and voted on unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**

Melaine Church – 328 Main St., Terryville, CT expresses her concern regarding 146 Main St., she understands that the Committee had a previous discussion regarding possible removal of the building. If the building is taken down, it will leave the Town with a very undersized lot which would not conform to current zoning requirements.

**Chairman Hamzy** commented that the buildings removal was not in this Committee plan, we are not a Real Estate broker. Parking is very limited there. The current owner has no ability or interest to do what needs to be done and we are looking at other options.

5. **Discuss and Take Action on Plymouth Transformational Plan**

- **General Discussion / Updates /Action, if necessary**

**Chairman Hamzy** provides the Committee with an update. He has reviewed the draft contract for SLR and has added language contingent on approval by DECD and the closing on the grant funds. There are a few things to wrap up that **Vinny Klimas** has been working on before we can schedule a closing on the 1.7 million award. I will review the new information this week and we can resubmit to the State.

DOT is planning a presentation in late August-Early September once this is done, they hope to restart on the project.

**Chairman Hamzy** advised that he feels that there are certain things that we as a Committee can start to do to move forward to keep the public engaged. Up to this point we have worked with our consultant, but we now need to focus on putting stuff together.

There is general discussion on what and how the Committee can begin to do this.

**Roxanne Levesque** will look into cost for the “planters” and speak to area businesses to make sure that they will make a commitment to take over their care once in place and planted. Planters may not be ready until the Fall so we may want to consider planting fall mums; she may have a contact for the mums.

As discussed previously, we are not yet ready to start posting on our Facebook page, but eventually this will become an important part of keeping the public and social media engaged.

**Ron Mamrosh** will contact Thomaston Savings Bank to inquire if they may be interested in partnering with the Town to offer low interest loans for a façade program.

**Roxanne Levesque** comments that either Thomaston Savings or Webster Bank may already have similar programs in place. Business owners should have some skin in the game; the program should be fair and feasible for all.

**Vinny Klimas** advised that the Housing Authority has policy and procedures in place for their program which may be available for the Town to use as a template, it is HUD based criteria for housing, we would need staff to help applicants with the paperwork. He also suggests a letter of intent that we may be interested in applying for HUD funds to be sent to DOH and DECD as we are unsure where these programs will be in the future.

**Kerry Bamrick** suggests putting visual concepts out into the Community to keep people engage, the Library, Terryville Fair, Town Hall would be good traffic areas. We should look into having SLR create the prints for us.

**Vance Taylor** will coordinate with Mayor Kilduff and David Kooris. He also suggests contacting Carl Rossa of Main St. Center – he may be able to help with the Planters.

There is also general discussion regarding holding an event in the downtown area to bring attention to the project.

**Kevin Hayes** suggests this would be a good opportunity for a soft open with social media and public outreach.

Reminder- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Public Hearing at 6:30 regarding joining the CT Municipal Development Authority as a Member Municipality to be eligible for funding for our CIF project.

6. **Administrative Matters**- none

7. **Board Member Comments.**

Next Steps – **Vinny Klimas** – need to finish submission

**Chairman Hamzy** to finish review this week and submit.

**Chairman Hamzy** comments that he was hesitant to have this meeting to brainstorm, but feels that it has given us a sense of direction.

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**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** **Roxanne Levesque** made a motion, which was seconded by **Kerry Bamrick** and the motion is voted on unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pelletier, Recording Secretary