

**MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING****Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Committee****May 19, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.****Mayor's Conference Room, Plymouth Town Hall****1. Call to Order/Attendance**

The meeting is called to order by **Chairman Bill Hamzy** at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main St., Terryville, CT 06786.

Members in attendance included: **Chairman Bill Hamzy, Ron Mamrosh, Roxanne Levesque, Kerry Bamrick, Seth Duke, Vinny Klimas, Vance Taylor (via Zoom), Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by the Chairman.****3. Introduction – New Member – Kevin Hayes.** Kevin provides the Committee with a little background history. He is a former Bristol Police Officer and has served on several boards and commissions in Bristol. He recently moved back into Terryville and is excited to hear about our project. It is noted that Kevin will be formally appointed at the next Town Council meeting.**4. Acceptance of Minutes**

Reviewed by the Committee.

**MOTION: Seth Duke** made a motion, which was seconded by **Ron Mamrosh** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and the motion passed with one abstention.

**5. Public Comment**

Bill Ogonowski, 160 Main St., Terryville, CT – asked for an update on 156 Main St., Terryville, CT

**Chairman Hamzy** explained that the property is progressing through the process. The property owner's attorney requested another extension, which was granted; there was a status hearing today with the judge and all of the attorneys.

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

- General Discussion / Updates /Action, if necessary

Prior to the meeting the Committee received multiple emails with information related to our Plan.

The information included "Façade Improvement Programs, DOT N Main St Realignment Update-Spring 2025, DOT N Main Realignment Spring 2025 Presentation, Main Street Assessment Results 6.05.2023, and Main Street Assessment Report 9.19.2024.

**Chairman Hamzy** provided the Committee with updates from the State DOT. The start of the realignment project has been pushed to Summer/Early Fall; we cannot get started on our project upgrades until DOT gets started. This is an unexpected 1–2-month delay.

DOT has also reviewed some of our requested changes. We had requested a change from angled parking to parallel parking, SLR felt it was safer and would control speed on the street – DOT declined this request; the Town also request a turning lane from Agney Ave onto Route 6 – DOT also declined this

request. The island planned at the bottom of the one-way section of S. Main St. will be removed. **Chairman Hamzy** also advised that the Town can always go back and restripe for the parking that we prefer later. We requested a wider sidewalk area in front of Terryville Pizza; this was also declined.

**Roxanne Levesque** questioned if the entrance to Thomaston Savings Bank was moved; the **Chairman** will check with DOT, it is difficult to determine from the plans.

There is general discussion regarding funding opportunities. Community Development Block Grant, HUD Grants, etc.

There is review and discussion regarding Façade Improvement programs set up by other Towns and the possibility of combining public and private funding. We would control the process for what is best for our Town. Set up amounts, limits, procurement processes, revolving or pay back loans for repairs. We could contract with a company that could underwrite the program. We need to investigate further – talk to local banks, CRA requirements, make the program self-sustaining, etc.

Partner with the school for Community Service to care for our planters or other needs.

**Vance Taylor** advised that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 5/22/2025 with David Corrs, Executive Director of the Municipal Development Authority with representatives from SLR and Main St., we are looking for information regarding the program, eligibility, funding sources, etc. He will provide our Committee with an update after the meeting.

**Kerry Bamrick** asks what should be shared with the Community – what to share / what not to share. We need to keep the public engaged. She is encouraged to invite the public to our meetings. There are some things out of our control (DOT Project).

**Kevin Hayes** suggests offering the public information by breaking the project down into Phases. Press releases are helpful and updates on Facebook. We can make reports that we are in the administrative phase of the project – Planning Grant award, loan closing, DOT advancements, etc.

It is suggested that something be put on the Facebook page once we close on the 1.7 million to get things rolling. We can also announce that we have chosen SLR as our consultant and provide a brief summary of their past projects.

**Vinny Klimas** feels that a Project Manager with a Connecticut license needs to be put in place. He also feels that language in the contract should reflect that everything is contingent on receiving funding from the State. **Chairman Hamzy** confirms that both items are in the contract.

7. **Administrative Matters** - none

8. **Board Member Comments**.- nothing further

9. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** **Roxanne Levesque** made a motion, which was seconded by **Seth Duke** to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was voted on unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pelletier, Recording Secretary