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MINUTES
SPECIAL Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 6:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by **Chairman Joseph Carey** at 6:05 p.m. on April 30, 2025 in the Assembly Room of Town Hall, 80 Main St., Terryville, CT.
2. Roll Call – Members in attendance included: **Chairman Joseph Carey, Nate Brown, Gary Deflippio, Mark Lewandoski**, Peter Giaseni, Jim Schultz – Hwy Superintendent, Council Liaison Councelman T.J. **Zagurski**.
3. Fire Exit Notification – Pointed out by the **Chairman**.
4. Pledge of allegiance – Led by the **Chairman**.
5. Draft Resolution – Review and Discussion
Purpose of meeting is to pick up where we left off from the last meeting. Board members had questions. **Chairman Carey** spoke with the Mayor and asked for clarification of the following:
 - 1) Is this Bond resolution going to be tied to the resolution for the Police Department request for a new building?
Response – No, there will be two (2) separate questions.
 - 2) If the resolution consists of two separate questions, would we be able to increase the amount of the request for roads if the Police Department building question failed?
Response – Problematically, if we increased the amount of the request for Public Works Roads and both questions passed, we would go over the amount of available funds. The Mayor also advised that he had not discussed an increase in the amount of the request for Roads with the Board of Finance and he would be reluctant to increase the amount without getting their approval. He suggested that should this past, we would have our hands full using the amount approved. Jim Schultz commented that the current bond request would cover improvements over the next two years. **Chairman Carey** advised that if the Police Dept. Building does fail and other options are investigated, if a new plan was developed at a lesser cost, the Public Works could go back and ask for additional bonded funds.

Are there any further questions on the resolution from the Board.

Nate Brown also had a conversation with the Mayor. He does have questions for the Public Works Director and unfortunately, he is not here tonight. **Nate Brown** feels that we should table the meeting until he is available to answer questions.

Nate Brown provides a brief summary of what was discussed at our last meeting. He spoke with State representatives at the State and was advised when STEAP money awards were coming out. If we do decide to go with the 4-million-dollar bond program we need to decide on which roads will be included.

The Town Council met and approved the list of planned road improvements as submitted by the Public Works Director. There is general discussion with **Councilman Zagurski** regarding guarantees that the bond package will be used for the Farms. **Chairman Carey** reads the list of roads from the motion made at the last meeting. There is general discussion on what roads would be chipseal and which would be paved with full depth construction.

Nate Brown comments that we did have questions on the values placed on the quotes, he needs to confirm with the Public Works Director that the costs estimated are at prevailing wage. We do not want to get into a situation where we do not have enough money.

Mark Lewandoski comments that we need to know if these estimates are at prevailing wage.

For the purpose of the bond, we will be starting with other funds prior the referendum. Jim Schultz advised that we would go as far as we can go.

Steven Sauvron, 7 Crestview Rd., Terryville, CT – I was under the impression that there was already \$700,000 allocated for these roads last year; what happened to that money, why are they saying there is only \$250,000 left. It seems to me know one is watching where the money is going. It is very concerning.

Melaine Church, Main St., Terryville, CT – Question what the plans for Todd Rd are; the road has been closed off to through traffic for the last year. She feels that this road needs to be a priority for the Town. There are a lot of roads that have not been built for many years. **Councilman Zagurski** advised that there is a list which includes other Roads with the Bond funding.

Nate Brown wants to clarify that this bond package is not going to alter anything planned for this construction season. The bond funding will be for the next construction season. So, it is very important that we get this right for the Community. He also feels that this discussion should be tabled until the Public Works Director is available to answer questions and suggests that we schedule a Special Meeting as soon as possible.

Melanie Church also feels that the Board should confirm with OPM that the monies allocated to S. Main St. Bridge is still available, she believes that after so many years it has to be returned to the State.

There is general discussion regarding availability for another Special meeting.

Chairman Carey advised that the Mayor was hoping for an answer for a scheduled meeting for next Tuesday. Our option is Friday or Monday. A decision was made to schedule a meeting for Friday at 2:00 p.m.

6. **Public Comment** - none

7. **Chairman's Report** - none

8. **Commission Member Comments**

Peter Giancesini questions if any of the Town's fund are in jeopardy due to the cuts being made in Washington. **Nate Brown** advised that bond money would not be affected, but any of the LoCIP, STEAP or federal funds is in jeopardy; nothing has been cut yet but we are watching very closely. There is concern that Washington will threaten our State funding if we do not comply with DEI requirements per the Presidents executive order. Everything is currently status quo, but that could change any day.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION:

Nate Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by **Peter Giancesini** and the motion is passed unanimously.

Pamela Pelletier

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Recording Secretary

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