

MINUTES
SPECIAL Meeting
Wednesday, MAY 21, 2025
Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 5:45 PM

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – By **Chairman Joseph Carey** at 5:50 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – **Chairman Joseph Carey, Peter Giancesini, Nate Brown, Mark Lewandoski, Gary Defilippo, Mayor Joseph Kilduff,** Carl Johnson-P.W. Director, Jim Schultz – Highway Sup't., T.J. Zagurski-Town Council Liaison and Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.
3. **Fire Exit Notification** – Pointed out by the **Chairman**.
4. **Pledge of allegiance** – Led by the **Chairman**.
5. **Review and Discussion** – Revised Road Bond Resolution
Chairman Carey explains that this is a continuation of a discussion from several previous meetings. New estimates and proposals are distributed for the Boards review of a revised road bond list which does not include Plymouth Farms (Fountainhead Rd, Oakdale Rd, Tumblebrook Rd).

Mayor Joseph Kilduff addresses the Board to provide a Summary of the revisions proposed to the new road list. He understands the board had some concerns regarding Plymouth Farms due to the estimated cost of needed drainage in the area. He feels it is prudent to take additional time (the Summer and Fall) to recalculate the project cost to include needed drainage. He also advised that the S. Main St. Bridge also came in at a higher cost than expected (\$700,000).

He feels it is wise to pause for the Board to come up with a cost that they are comfortable with. We can then add this project to the referendum expected in the Spring of 2026 when we go out to bond WPCA project. The work to be done in Plymouth Farms was not going to be done in this year's construction season anyway.

He is hoping to schedule a Public Hearing at the next Town Council meeting in June. He also wanted to clarify that the total bond package was not going to exceed \$25 million - \$4 million for Roads and \$21 million for the Police Dept.

This Board could take the time to come up with an additional bond package for roads to go to referendum in the Spring of 2026 that could include Plymouth Farms. If the Police Dept. project failed other road repairs could be considered.

Funding would be dependent upon whether the Police Dept request passes or fails.

Nate Brown states that we are talking about a future referendum and possibly a different administration. Plymouth Farms needs to be in this current referendum request; he will not support this request if it is not included. The roads in this area were last paved in 1988.

His suggestion is to increase the bond package for roads from \$4 million to \$6 million; this will give us \$2 million to do what is necessary at Plymouth Farms.

Chairman Carey asked if Director Johnson had made a site visit to the area.

Director Johnson confirms that he went out to the area; he noted that the drainage basin area must also be included in the estimate; it will need to be cleared of growing trees and vegetation for the underdrains to drain to. He also found several other areas including an area on Oakdale that has a low spot and an area near Preston Rd.

Nate Brown questions if the Director measured the site with the “wheel”, Director Johnson confirms that he did. **Nate Brown** asks for the linear footage; the Director does not have that information with him. There is back and forth discussion; the Director leaves the meeting to retrieve the information.

Director Johnson advises that the linear footage on Fountainhead road is 2321 LF; Nate Johnson says he will confirm this figure.

There is general discussion on estimated cost per linear foot for drainage (\$20); it is estimated that \$850,000 will take care of all drainage needed at Plymouth Farms.

Jim Schultz confirms that catch basins are all fine and were checked.

TJ Zagurski questions if the Board would feel comfortable with an additional \$1 million?

Nate Brown comments that \$2 million is not going to make a difference in the bond, we need to do this right.

Mayor Kilduff explains that he will need to bring this back to both the Town Council and Board of Finance and that he can't guarantee that it will be approved; he wants to make sure that something is allocated to roads.

Nate Brown suggests putting multiple questions on the resolution:

\$21 million – PD, \$15 million – RDS, or a split of \$12 million-PD/\$10 million-RDS

Further discussion adds None of the Above. Or at least 6 million for Roads.

Peter Giancesini feels we have to look at what is needed, we don't want to throw away money. Once this area is fixed, we need it to last, we want to do it right.

WPCA will need a bond package next year. The amount of sewage running through their system is more than what it was designed for. DEEP and EPA are now involved and there are heavy fines being threatened (\$1000.00 per day).

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion to increase the bond for road request from \$4 million up to \$6 million to include Plymouth Farms – Fountainhead Rd, Oakdale Rd, Tumblebrook Rd. for a construction season of 2026. The motion is seconded by **Gary Defilippo** and voted on by all members unanimously.

Mayor Kilduff advised that he will contact the Bond Council to rewrite the resolution; he will check with Town Attorney on how to structure the questions and then follow the process by bringing the request back to the Town Council and Board of Finance.

Chairman Carey also commented that if this request is not approved, a new motion may be needed to approve the funds need for the S Main St. Bridge.

6. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main St., Terryville, CT

Commented that any left-over funds reallocation would need approval.

7. **Chairman's Report** – no other comments.

8. Commission Member Comments

Peter Giancesini comments that we need to plan as well as we can, we need to do this right because we are acting in the Town's best interest. Board members brought up very valid points and concerns and we are doing what we need to do.

No other comments.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Nate Brown made a motion, which was seconded by **Mark Lewandoski** to adjourn the meeting, and the motion is voted on unanimously.

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