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Minutes

August 20, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled August 20, 2025, Plymouth Town Council Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, Town Councilman Ron Tiscia and Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski. Excused Absence: Town Councilman Remie Ferreira.

Fire Exit Notification: Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Joe Kilduff led the Town Council Members and the Public audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Joe Kilduff requested a Moment of Silence in honor of Jim Dubowsky, PVAC Chief of Operations and former Detective Sergeant Plymouth Police Department. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Jim was a joy to work with, noting that he gave so much of himself to his community and that his loss would be felt for years to come. Mayor Joe Kilduff requested prayers for Jim's family and friends.

Invocation

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated "May God Bless the Town of Plymouth and May God Bless the United States of America" for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Virgina Kaine, 18 Adams Drive, Terryville, commented at length on Town Council meetings being cancelled due to habitual Town Council members cancelling last minute causing a lack of a quorum.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he was happy to report that all of the lots in the Business Park/Phase III have either been sold or are under contract during the past four years. He further stated this will be a big growth boost for the Town's Grand List.

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Mayor's Report Cont'd.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we are encouraging companies that have built buildings or are expanding their businesses in Town to take advantage of the Enterprise Zone benefits. He further stated that currently Accu Grind, Infinity Surfacing and Refinishing and Nutmeg Spice have applied.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Steve's Top Dog, noting he encourages everyone to try out this new restaurant. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated during the Community Investment Fund Public sessions one of the most popular wants from the Town citizens was for more places to eat in Town and noted he is happy to see some momentum happening for this request.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he is planning to hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly opened Dominican restaurant Via Al Paraiso, noting the Owner was on vacation and the event will be held in the very near future.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Plymouth was the recipient of a \$22,500.00 Grant from the State of CT Historic Preservation Office, noting the hired Historic Property Consultant is traveling around (mostly in the Pequabuck section) looking at Town properties and resources. He further stated 25 buildings have been added to the previous inventory. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this study will make Plymouth more eligible for grants and economic development and rehabilitation opportunities.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Prospect Street School renovations have started, noting the Environmental Study had been completed. He further stated the project stalled for many years but is moving along now. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the new Owner, Ryan Geddes, is working on the school first (as promised) and then will look at the field. Mayor Joe Kilduff noted Ryan Geddes has stated he plans on having people living in the building before the end of the year. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he is happy to say it will be a building the Town can be proud of in place of the blighted mess it was.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated his office is still trying to obtain the \$1.7 million Grant which the Town received from the State of CT Department of Economic and Community Development. He further stated this grant was for the Community Investment Fund which was awarded in September of last year. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town was hoping to get more done this summer and we are close. He further stated we have a good list to work with and will piggyback off of the Route 6 Project which is coming down the pike. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the State of CT Department of Transportation will be attending the September 2, 2025, Town Council meeting and will be providing an update of the project and will have a new rendering, as well. He further stated there are significant changes to the project with the lighting, street amenities, etc., which will make our Town look and feel more consistent and will help spur some new business development.

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Mayor's Report Cont'd.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated when Developers come into towns, they like to see towns that take care of themselves before they invest, noting this shows the town has "skin in the game" and are willing to improve their downtowns. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated once the Town receives the \$1.7 million, we will begin to make headway.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Community Investment Fund Ad Hoc Committee committed and voted to allocate approximately \$70,000 out of their appropriated funds from this year's budget to tear down the 244 Main Street building (next to the library). He further stated that Public Works completed the environmental which will be absorbed into that part of the budget. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we can't expect property owners to take care of their properties when the Town itself has a blighted mess. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated to start, the Town will seed the property and place a couple of picnic tables in the area so residents can read a book and have lunch. He further stated if the Town decides to do something more park-like on the property then further discussions will take place.

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the State of CT has started a Small Business Boost Fund and he is pleased to let everyone know we have had interested Town businesses apply including one that has been selected as a recipient. He further stated if anyone knows of a business that could use a boost with working capital, company machinery and real estate, to have them contact the Mayor's Office and he will have our Economic Development Consultant Vance Taylor contact them.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he met with the Developer of the Scott Road Project, which is a 47 Town House development, noting he knows there has been community concern about what it is and what it will look like. He further stated it is an affordable housing project based on the median income in the area and briefly elaborated. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated that he had requested the company invite the concerned neighbors over to the facility when they're finished and give them a tour and a meet and greet. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the company understands that this is a residential neighborhood with concerns and briefly elaborated. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town will hold them accountable for the promises they have made in relation to keeping the look and feel of the neighborhood as it is now. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this project will also add to the Town's Grand List.

Discuss and take action to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing LTD \$61.03, \$353.98, \$261.85; Jessica Barbosa \$105.00; Colleen Caron \$66.45; Martin and Debra Desautels \$21.26; Eagles Nest Enterprises LLC \$78.07; Rebecca Jackson \$13.50; Tadzia Jenkins \$89.13; Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp \$256.27; John Ogolik, Jr., \$104.85; Dwight Sands \$45.41; Jams Skoczylas \$92.84; Christopher Stokes \$399.26, \$319.41; Toyota Lease Trust \$509.62, \$492.64, \$514.00, \$196.93; Thomas Walsh \$157.92; Lori Wartonick \$108.06; Dan Wollenberg \$187.30

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Tax Overpayment Refunds Cont'd.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing LTD \$61.03, \$353.98, \$261.85; Jessica Barbosa \$105.00; Colleen Caron \$66.45; Martin and Debra Desautels \$21.26; Eagles Nest Enterprises LLC \$78.07; Rebecca Jackson \$13.50; Tadzia Jenkins \$89.13; Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp \$256.27; John Ogolik, Jr., \$104.85; Dwight Sands \$45.41; Jams Skoczylas \$92.84; Christopher Stokes \$399.26, \$319.41; Toyota Lease Trust \$509.62, \$492.64, \$514.00, \$196.93; Thomass Walsh \$157.92; Lori Wartonick \$108.06; and Dan Wollenberg \$187.30. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To accept the resignation of Lawrence Chiucarello from the Human Services Commission; to appoint Keith Golnik to the Beautification Committee

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, to accept the resignation of Lawrence Chiucarello from the Human Services Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to appoint Keith Golnik to the Beautification Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on MOU with Police Union regarding Administrative Sergeant and Corporal positions

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated in last year's budget, approval was made to promote some Police positions to the rank of Corporal and after some back and forth on the rate of pay for the Corporal and the Administrative Sergeant an agreement was reached. He further stated for the pay the Corporal rate was settled on the rate that was put into the budget so there is no added expense for it.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Administrative Sergeant's rate is \$1.00 above the Sergeants' rate which is essentially the Detective Sergeant's rate so the Administrative Sergeant and the Detective Sergeant will be making the same amount.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, to allow the Mayor to sign the MOU as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated to clarify, they will now receive the rate of increases as outlined in the contract.

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Discuss and take action on Board of Fire Commissioners request for a Special Appropriation for Fire Marshal's Vehicle

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this would be a one-time Special Appropriation not an Emergency Appropriation. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Fire Marshal's vehicle has rotted underneath and has approximately 22,000 miles on it. He further stated this vehicle needs to be replaced. He further stated the Fire Commission voted on, and unanimously approved recommending this Special Appropriation to the Town Council.

Marty Sandshaw, Fire Commission Chairman, stated at the last Fire Commission meeting the Commissioners discussed the Fire Marshal's vehicle, noting the Town Mechanic deemed it as being unrepairable. He further stated they were unsure if the \$8,000 repair estimate (included in the Council's packet) would even hold up. Marty Sandshaw stated the Fire Commission was in agreement with the Mayor in that this is a necessary and important vehicle for the Fire Marshal and the Assistant Fire Marshal to use, store and carry their equipment for inspections and is an essential need. He further stated the Fire Commissioner's vote was unanimous to go to the Mayor and Town Council to request the Special Appropriation.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated a discussion will have to take place for the 14 year old Town vehicles which will need replacing for next year's budget and briefly elaborated.

Fire Marshal Ray Kovalski stated the packet he handed out this evening contains the pricing for the truck itself, noting it is a State bid and the second sheet is for the cap for the truck, along with the Maintenance Garage's estimate to repair the engines' transmission and does not include the rust which needs immediate attention, noting the underside is gone and briefly elaborated on the need of the new vehicle, which is their toolbox on wheels.

When questioned by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski if the price included the radios and lights, etc., Fire Marshal Ray Kovalski stated they haven't done pricing for that as yet, noting there won't be any fancy lettering; only the words "Fire Marshal" on the doors; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, Fire Marshal Ray Kovalski stated the radio equipment was switchable from the old vehicle to the new one.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, to approve a one-time Special Appropriation for the Fire Marshal's vehicle not to exceed \$49,999, which will include the truck and the cap. This motion was approved unanimously.

To create an America250 Ad Hoc Committee and appoint the following members: Gretchen DelCegno, Denise Clapsaddle, Patricia Hitchborn, Jerry Milne, Michele Moskaluk, Paul Norton, Lizette Pelletier

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America250 Ad Hoc Committee Cont'd.

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the State of CT is encouraging towns to put together these Committees (similar to the Town's 225 Ad Hoc Committee) to help celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. He further stated that he had asked Gretchen Delcegno, Terryville Public Library Director, to head up the Committee and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to form the Ad Hoc Committee and appoint the following members: Gretchen DelCegno, Denise Clapsaddle, Patricia Hitchborn, Jerry Milne, Michele Moskaluk, Paul Norton, and Lizette Pelletier. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Public Works Department was very busy with road work including up in the Farms area where they are doing reclamation. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Town fleet is a disaster mostly with the Police and Town vehicles and they are working their way through their Repair budget quickly. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the WPCA is still working in their studies and should be wrapping up next month. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated Parks and Recreation just finished Summer Camp, noting everyone had a good time

Town Councilman Joe Green stated the Police Commission had met and discussed their vehicles as just mentioned by Town Councilman T.J. Zgurski.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Plymouth Lake Association has nothing to do with the illegal fireworks that go off on the July 4th holiday. He further stated he had a meeting with the Fire Marshal, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief to discuss how to make the area safer, including the clamping down of the illegal fireworks. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated there was discussion about potentially hiring a Police Officer to patrol the area and to make sure any fireworks that are set off are legal. He further stated there was also discussion about making the area one way with parking allowed on only one side of the street during the July Fourth holiday and briefly elaborated. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated it was a serious matter that the Town is taking seriously.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing on the Application for Solar One LLC, Ground Cover Solar System at 270 Preston Road. He further stated that at that time Solar One LLC stated they wanted to officially withdraw their Application and the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to accept the request for withdraw.

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Town Council Liaison Reports Cont'd.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning Application for Yvette Wiley, 3 Lynn Avenue, to construct an accessory building, was approved and the Public Hearing was kept open while they wait to hear back from the Inland-Wetlands Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Planning and Zoning Application from Premier Properties LLC for a special permit to construct at 128 North Harwinton Avenue, in the Industrial Park was approved unanimously. Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated the Application from Wendy Wood, 38 School Street, to renovate and expand the garage dwelling was unanimously approved.

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated there have been 317 fire calls to date. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated one Volunteer firefighter was injured, noting he had gone back to work. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the PVAC had dedicated their Training Room to Jim Dubowsky on July 11th. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Human Services Commission received \$544.00 from the IGA Roundup. He further stated the Human Services Commission is waiting for further information on the Small Wonders Program. Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Inland-Wetlands Commission had approved a Landscaping Application, noting an additional Application had been scheduled for a Public Hearing.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated that he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he wanted to say he couldn't agree more on Virginia Kaine's public comment.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated he wanted to thank Virginia Kaine and her daughter Madison for the Small Wonders donation that she had collected and made for the program. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Council should think about having the Town Mechanic and the Public Works Director at a future Town Council meeting to discuss the Town vehicle issues.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated that Public Works has a second Mechanic now which will be helpful. He further stated the Public Works Board needs to work on a Capitals Plan. He further stated they can attend a Council meeting to discuss purchasing/leasing, noting that most of the Town vehicles do not have high mileage even though they are 14 years old and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Virginia Kaine's daughter will be in attendance and recognized at the September Town Council meeting.

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Executive Session to discuss foreclosure of 156 Main Street, Terryville

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to not move into Executive Session to discuss the foreclosure of 156 Main Street, Terryville. This motion was approved unanimously.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

No report.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by T.J. Zagurski, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary