

Town of Plymouth

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Plymouth Police Commission

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Minutes

August 13, 2025

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the August 13, 2025, Police Commission Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus led the Plymouth Police Commission and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Police Commissioner George Castle, Police Commissioner Michael Maffia, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, and Police Commissioner Tim Murawski. Also present were Police Captain John D'Aniello, Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Town Council Liaison Joe Green, and Public Works Director Carl Johnson.

Acceptance of Minutes (April 9, 2025, June 18, 2025)

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to accept the April 9, 2025, Police Commission minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to accept the June 18, 2025, Police Commission minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No report.

Traffic Authority Business

Request from Mr. Jeff Conard for "Children at Play" Signage for the Areas of Crestview Road, Mountainview Road, Fountainhead Road, Oakdale Road, and Tumblebrook Road, and also at the Bus Stop at Fountainhead Road and Crestview Road

It was noted Jeff Conard was not in attendance this evening.

Public Works Director Carl Johnson stated they can add the signage because this area is currently being reclaimed/paved, noting he will give Jim Schultz the locations. He further stated they should cost approximately a couple hundred each, noting custom signs are more expensive. Carl Johnson stated additional monies were added to the budget this year for signage. Carl Johnson stated the department will be systematically replacing signs every 10 years or as needed.

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Request from Ms. Fiona O'Neill for Permanent "No Parking" Signage to be installed in front of the Emergency Gates to the two beaches at Fall Mountain Lake-Lebreque Beach across from 50 Fall Mountain Lake Road and Dulac Beach, 1 Club Lane

Susan Berard, 1 Fall Mountain Terrace, Terryville, stated Fiona O'Neill had sent over a visual and noted the residents would like the Town to put up No Parking signage in this area due to the congested parked traffic on the July 4th holiday. She further stated that she had spoken to the Fire Chief and briefly elaborated.

Jason Eric Ladnier, 36 Highland Road, Terryville, stated in addition to blocking the gate, they are requesting No Parking signage, noting people blow through the area; and briefly elaborated.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated when he was a Councilman in 1985 there were issues at that time, and it should have been taken care of then.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia stated he is familiar with the issue too.

Carl Johnson stated the signs can be put up, noting enforcement is important; a brief discussion followed.

Susan Berard stated she will email Carl Johnson a sketch of the areas where the signs should be installed. It was noted Carl Johnson will also call Fiona and meet up with her when the signs are ready to be installed.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve the signs being installed in front of the emergency gates in front of both beaches. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa of the Plymouth Police Department for Reflective Stop Signpost Panels or Tape on Town Stop Signposts beginning with the Stop Sign at Allen Street and Garden Street

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated this location would be a good place to start but there are locations all over Town that also need them. She further stated this will help with reflectivity when drivers see the Stop Sign, not while they're going through it.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Carl Johnson stated he would have to look into the pricing, noting he was unsure.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she will get a listing of the most critical sites in Town and give it to Carl Johnson, noting when they looked it up on a website they were priced at \$23.95 for the small post; a brief discussion followed.

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Request for Reflective Stop Signpost Panels or Tape on Town Stop Signposts Cont'd.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to approve the request from Sergeant Kolpa for reflective signposts, panels or tape beginning with the Stop Sign at Allen Street and Garden Street and anywhere else that is considered critical by the department. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Director of Public Works Carl Johnson to discuss Speed Tables on Allen Street

Public Works Director Carl Johnson stated that a speed hump is made for a lot longer design and is roughly 20 feet long, comes up and has a flat area, then comes back down, noting they are more of a traffic calming method and helps for pedestrian safety because they're elevated eight inches off the ground so people driving fast can see people higher. He further stated that he is looking at two to three spots on Allen Street, noting there are different things the Town can do to slow down traffic, including parallel bars and necking.

When questioned by Town Council Liaison Joe Green as to how speed tables will affect Emergency Services, Carl Johnson stated there are offset ones (more expensive) and he will discuss this with Jim Schultz. He further stated if a vehicle is traveling fast, they can go around them, but typically it is dependent on how they are designed, noting this is just a head's up because they still have to figure out where to locate them first; a lengthy discussion followed.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Michael Maffia, to approve the Speed Tables on Allen Street as requested by Public Works Director Carl Johnson. This motion was approved unanimously.

Carl Johnson stated he will come back to the Police Commission with an update.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Request for an appropriation of funds to purchase up to two Police cruisers

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the department is having a lot of mechanical problems with the Police cruisers. Chief Karen Krasicky stated the two cruisers which she had put in her budget proposal were cut at the Tri-Board (Town Council/Board of Finance/Board of Education) Budget meeting.

Police Captain John D'Aniello stated the Board of Finance said the vehicles were too contentious with the Public and he believes this Board cut it.

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Request for an appropriation of funds to purchase up to two Police cruisers Cont'd.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia stated they cut the cruisers but gave the department extra money for the trailer.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated a Police Officer position was originally cut and she came up with a suggestion of putting the money from the Axon Body Worn Cameras and Dash Cam Cameras into the Capitals (not in the Service Contracts—approved by the Town Attorney) to balance the budget and keep everything low. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated currently her car is out of service, the Captain's car is out of service, the Detective Sergeant's car is out of service (all recalls) noting the department is looking at Durango's, as did Bristol and Cheshire (among other towns) and briefly elaborated.

Police Captain John D'Aniello stated you can't just put equipment that is designed for a Ford into a Durango so this will also need to be considered. He further stated we need to put a contingency on the cars, and we need the Police Budget to fund equipment repair because Public Works won't pay for it. Police Captain John D'Aniello stated with the contingency we are roughly looking at \$80,000 per vehicle. He further stated that when the hybrids go in for battery issues, they keep them for weeks.

Carl Johnson stated Ford has recalled more vehicles than any other company.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated these are recalls and once they are repaired the department will be getting them. Cathy Paskus stated the department is spending a lot on Police vehicles and we need to look into it further; a lengthy discussion followed.

Carl Johnson noted the State Statute reads as the money from the Special Revenue Fund needs to be used by the municipality has the criteria that it has to be for a specific goal or purpose, noting it can only be used for cars and equipment.

Town Council Liaison Joe Green stated he does not recall the Board of Finance coming up with a policy for the Extra Duty Fund.

Police Commissioner George Castle questioned if the Police vehicles could be taken out of the Extra Duty Fund; a brief discussion followed.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to ask the Board of Finance if the money for the two vehicles could be taken out of the Extra Duty Fund. This motion was approved unanimously.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia stated we could have made a motion that the money comes out of the contingency fund only.

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Discuss and take action to accept the Chief's Report

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski stated the Overtime has gone down, noting it might have been because the department is at full Staff.

Police Commissioner George Castle's wildlife complaints are bears noting it is just a matter of time before bears will need to be dealt with.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the report also includes when deer are hit by a vehicle.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Corporal positions are working out well.

Police Captain John D'Aniello stated just like with anything there is a learning acclimation period, and we are slowly shifting responsibilities to them, noting there are challenges and briefly elaborated on their training. We will have a better report for the Police Commission after the January evaluations.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated the Commission did not know there was an Intern working in the department and noted she did not like reading about it online and would like the Commission informed when things like this happen; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Captain John D'Aniello stated the last four Police Officers hired are doing well, noting they are learning their craft, which takes approximately five years to get comfortable with, and they continue job training.

When questioned by Police Commissioner George Castle, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the department will be working the Terryville Fair like usual, and there is a sign-up sheet. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated if additional Police Officers are needed, they utilize Thomaston, Watertown and Plainville Police Officers. She further noted they will also be directing traffic and that State Police have not directed traffic for many years. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Command Post van will be at the Fair.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated a meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow with herself, the Mayor, the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief to discuss the fireworks issues at Lake Plymouth during the July Fourth holiday; a lengthy discussion followed.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Town Council Liaison Joe Green stated they received a notification letter from the Fire Marshal regarding this issue and is assuming the Town Council will be addressing the issue.

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to accept the Chief's Report as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request for an appropriation of funds to purchase up to two Police cruisers Cont'd.

Commissioner's Comments

Police Commissioner Michael Maffia stated reading the report there has been an uptick in specific areas of crime and it seems like everyone has gone totally crazy lately and it's getting worse with the way people act out there, and the Police are doing a good job.

Police Commissioner George Castle stated the Police Department is doing an excellent job and he's glad the Corporals are transitioning in nicely.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated when something new or unusual is going on in the department the Police Commission wants to know.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated discussion has taken place regarding resurrecting the Animal Control Police Officer position because the department is having problems with the part time ACO's being available. She further stated that the Mayor had said as long as the position will be part of the minimum manpower and that person will still take calls, the department can have the position. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she will be putting a notice out regarding this position to see if there is interest. She further stated the position will be part of a bona fide shift and they will take it from there.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Police Commission, Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary