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Minutes

September 2, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled September 2, 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 Remie Ferreira, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, Town Councilman Ron Tiscia and Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski.

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.

Invocation

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated “May God Bless the Town of Plymouth, May God Bless the United States of America and God Bless our Service Members” for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed Board of Education’s tractor, Board of Education’s Janitors Dismissal, Board of Education’s Raises, and \$600,000 North Main Street Bridge usage.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Route 6/Agney Avenue Presentation with Public Questions and Answers

Jared Hendrickson introduced himself and his associates. Jared Hendrickson provided a PowerPoint Presentation at length.

Janet Engle, Knight Lane, Terryville, questioned if there would be an opening on South Main Street into the plaza anymore.

Jared Hendrickson stated after construction it will be opened, noting there will not be any changes to access areas.

Jim Klaneski, Beach Avenue, Terryville, questioned if the Town owned the road by the east/west section of Agney Avenue, parallel to the cemetery, he had heard from the previous Town Historian that it was never turned over to the Town by the Eagle Lock Company when they closed.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he had never heard of this before and would look into it.

When questioned by Jim Klaneski if any consideration had been given to installing speed bumps on Route 6, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the answer would be no.

When questioned by Jim Klaneski, Jared Jendrickson stated the area where the building was knocked down and has the dirt mound is owned by the State and is being used as part of the construction. He further stated that after the project has been completed it will be evaluated by the Rights of Way Unit and then it will go up for auction. Jared Hendrickson stated the Town will have the first Right of Refusal.

Ann Marie Rheault, 125 North Main Street, Terryville, stated the Eli School buses come out onto Route 6 and questioned how the DOT will be accommodating them when they make the 90 degrees turn into traffic onto Route 6 to prevent them from going into the right hand lane.

Jared Hendrickson stated that has all been checked and the radius of the curve will be wide enough to accommodate the buses.

Ann Marie Rheault noted the State put in a temporary sidewalk to the monument and left it unfinished from that point up to the corner of Route 6 and North Main, noting you have to step up 18 inches to get back onto the sidewalk or step into traffic on Route 6 to get back onto the sidewalk. She further stated that she would like to request the State continue the sidewalk before they leave the project for the winter.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, there is traffic congestion where McDonalds, Package Store, IGA Plaza is located and briefly elaborated. Melanie Church stated when coming down Prospect Street vehicles bottom out if they're low to the ground and is a problem that needs to be corrected.

Randy Picard, Old Waterbury Road, Terryville, questioned who will maintain the property, the green scrapes etc. Randy Picard stated one of the slides showed a wooden railing and questioned the life span of it—will it break apart or has it been treated or is it a different kind of wood/composite, etc.

Jared Hendrickson stated everything shown on the slide has been approved and will be maintained by the Town, including all streetscaping. Jared Hendrickson stated the railing has been used by CT DOT Parks and is unsure what the material is made of.

Ray Engle, Knight Lane, Terryville, questioned where South Street came out on Route 6 is there an ADA sidewalk crossing there or is it further up or down because there won't be a light there.

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Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to Discuss and take action to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Michael Baillargeon
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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXXX. This motion was approved unanimously.

Resignations, Appointments, Reappointments

To accept the resignation of Horace “Skip” Wilcox from the Zoning Board of Appeals; to appoint Sarah Sandshaw to the Human Services Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of 10/1/2025; to appoint Morgan Hoadley to the Human Services Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending dates of 4/1/2027

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, to accept the resignation of Horace Wilcox from the Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Chip Wilcox was a long-standing member of the Zoning Board of Appeals stating he will be missed.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to appoint Sarah Sandshaw to the Human Services Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of October 1, 2025. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to appoint Morgan Hoadley to the Human Services Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date of April 1, 2027. This motion was approved unanimously.

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) Proposal for Plymouth’s Plan of Conservation and Development and Plymouth’s Affordable Housing Plan

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated both the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and the Affordable Housing Plan (AHP) are State mandated.

Savannah-Nicole Villalba, NVCOG Community Planning Director, gave a lengthy PowerPoint Presentation as follows:

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Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we did have Town Staff attempt to draft an amendment to our POCD (previously emailed to Council) however he felt it might not be viewed as a complete plan. He further stated after seeing what the NVCOG had done for Thomaston he contacted Savannah-Nicole Villalba, worked closely with her, and put together these proposed plans. Mayor Joe Kilduff noted since both plans are State mandated he felt doing them concurrently would be a good idea and the Town wouldn't have to worry about completing them on its own. Mayor Kilduff stated the Council had both options for the POCD in their packets and one for the Affordable Housing Plan.

Savannah-Nicole Villalba reviewed the two options at length in detail, noting Option A did not include the Youth option. She further stated that Option 1 also includes a community celebration and briefly elaborated. Savannah stated they will be implanting themselves in the community while they work on the process, noting their hearts are in their work.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Savannah-Nicole Villalba stated they did see a lot of participation by the youth in Thomaston and received an award as the Education Partners of the Year, as well as a citation from the State Representatives for their work in the planning process. She further stated they worked with the Civics Teacher and broke the students into five groups with different perspectives and different topic areas noting it was an empowering opportunity for them and the NVCOG staff as well. Savannah-Nicole Villalba stated they also did Youth Surveys, along with the Youth Summit and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Savannah-Nicole Villalba noted both parts are required by the State under separate sections of the Statute. She further noted the State doesn't require both proposals to be done at the same time but that is where the financial benefit comes in, as well as having a skilled facilitator who knows how to read the plan.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the \$45,000 was put into the Capitals budget last year for the POCD plan; Option A is \$78,900 and the Affordable Housing is \$26,100.10.

When questioned by Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated there was \$45,000 set aside in the Capitals last year for just the POCD, for Option B just the POCD is \$89,100, for Option A \$78,900 and Affordable Housing \$26,100.10. He further stated the \$45,000 covers have the cost, noting it will be a multi-year process; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski, Savannah-Nicole Villalba stated that generally here are two people leading the process, but they then tap from the other four divisions as their expertise is needed. She further stated they do not go into depth as NVCOG with the Planning and Zoning on different projects that are coming through so to guide the outcome. Savannah-Nicole Villalba stated should the Town need that involvement she can speak with the mayor. She further stated the POCD has to be adopted by the Planning and Zoning Commission, who will create a Steering Committee and briefly elaborated.

Discuss and take action on NVCOG's Proposals

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by T.J. Zagurski, to contract with NVCOG for both plans; noting we go with Option B for the POCD, which includes the Youth Summit.

Discussion: Town Councilman Joe Green stated he wants the Youth Summit included for the particular reason to involve our Town youth with something different and hopefully by you going there you can entice them to go into the field that you are in such as Engineering, noting this field is short.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated he agrees with Town Councilman Joe Green, noting it is really important to get the youth involved because they are going to be here for the next 20, 40, or 50 years. He further stated their opinions are important to see where we are headed.

Vote: Remie Ferreira/no; Joe Green/yes; Anthony Roveto/yes; Ron Tiscia/yes; T.J. Zagurski/yes. Motion passed 4:1 in favor.

Discuss and take action on Police Commission's recommendation for an appropriation to replace totaled Police vehicle

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated on June 19th Cruiser #12 was parked in the back parking lot and a tree fell on it and decimated it, noting they are looking to replace it. She further stated as noted by the Mayor, the department did not get any cruisers this year and this vehicle was already in the budget.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Council members have Chief Krasicky's email showing the costs for the requested vehicle.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated they were looking to go with a Dodge Durango, after extensive research by Sergeant Latimer, which is \$3,400 cheaper than the Fords. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the department is having a lot of problems with the Ford Taurus' recalls and briefly reviewed the prices listed. She further stated this vehicle would just bring us back to the total number of vehicles they had to begin with.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated we have been having problems with the hybrids.

Sergeant Latimer stated there are currently three vehicles at the dealership that have been out for months with recalls; the Chief's car needs a new engine; and they just got the Captain's car back after a full month noting it had a recall. Sergeant Latimer stated the hybrids don't idle correctly and have check engine lights on them and they're not the cost savings now from when they first came out.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the \$73,600 could come out of the Extra Duty Fund but because it's an appropriation above \$50,000 it would require a Town meeting.

Attorney Bill Hamzy stated the Charter does not speak to the source of the funds, it speaks to whether or not an additional appropriation is made to a department's budget; so regardless of how it is paid for is immaterial when it comes to the \$50,000 limit and the process the Council has to follow and it would require a Town Meeting.

When questioned by Mayor Joe Kilduff as to if the Town Council decides to hold a Town Meeting, does the Council set the date or does it come through the Mayor's Office, Attorney Bill Hamzy stated he was unsure, but he will get an answer.

Cathy Paskus, Chairwoman Police Commission, stated the Police came to the Police Commission and gave them all the information as to what happened to the damaged cruiser. She further stated the Board of Finance cut the two vehicles that the department gets every year (due to high mileage wear and tear). She further stated the Fords were more expensive and were not reliable, so they looked at something cheaper and the Police Commission is recommending the Town Council approve this request. Cathy Paskus stated in previous years the money was taken from the Extra Duty Fund, and it did not have to go to a Town Meeting.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated in the past the money was typically taken from within the budget itself however the department didn't get any vehicles this year so there is no appropriation for it.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski questioned if the department just looked at Tahoe's, which the State and the City of Bristol are swapping over to. He further stated he heard there were problems with the Durango's as well.

Sergeant Latimer stated he spoke with Terryville Chevrolet and Northwest Hills who have the State Bid and the Tahoe's are \$5,500 to \$6,500 more and they are having big engine problems and idle hours. Cheshire and Bristol said they are having no issues with the Tahoe's.

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

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

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

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated we need to task the Public Works Commission to come up with a plan for Town trash, noting we need to look at curbside. He further stated we need to think about spending a lot of money at the Transfer Station and we should try to plan it out. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated with budget season coming up this issue needs to be addressed and planned.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski questioned if the lettering could be more visible to identify the Town of Plymouth that is not in ghost writing.

Sergeant Latimer stated there is a design fee to change the lettering but if they end up going with the Durango's they would have to pay it anyway and stated they could explore the different options.

When questioned by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto regarding the numbers being guessed at in the Police Chief's email listing, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the word "guess" was not the best verbiage and should have read as "estimate."

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the next move would be if the Town Council wants to schedule a Town Meeting, noting he would recommend holding it before the next Regular scheduled Town Council meeting on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. He further stated the Police can be present to make their proposal and the voters who show up can vote on it.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Anthony Roveto, to set a Town Meeting prior to the next Town Council Regular meeting on October 7th at 6:00 p.m., for an appropriation to replace the totaled Police vehicle. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he has nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated Public Works was working on a list of items. He further stated that Carl Johnson was working on the Town Hall antiquated phone system noting there is potential for some cost savings. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Library has two new EV Charging Stations for electric vehicles in the upper parking lot that have been installed, noting Carl Johnson had worked on a grant to procure them. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated there are a new 10 wheeler came in and one truck is down, and they are evaluating it. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated they're evaluating the material they sell out of the pit is currently at \$2.00 a yard and they are looking to increasing it to \$5.00 per yard. Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the WPCA are still working on all of their studies and will have more information next month.

Town Councilman Anthony Roveto stated the Inland-Wetlands Commission held a Public Hearing on 9 Visconti Avenue, noting all the presentations were made and they will vote on it at their next meeting. He further stated all the Applications were accepted.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Council Comments

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

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he was looking forward to tomorrow night's Public Hearing.

Town Councilman T.J. Zagurski stated the Public Hearing will be very informative with the Route 6 Project and he feels it will bring a lot of life to downtown.

Town Councilman Remie Ferreira stated he had not Town Council comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary