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Minutes

September 9, 2026

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus called the September 9, 2026, 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 Tim Murawski, Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, and Police Commissioner Walter Seaman. Also present were Town Council Liaison Sue Boilard, Police Chief Karen Krasicky, and Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski.

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting (July 8, 2026)

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to approve and accept the July 8, 2026, Minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No report.

Traffic Authority Business

Request from Thomas Catucci to Discuss a Failing Retaining Wall at the Intersection of William Street and Route 72 and the Intersection Sight Distance at this Location

Thomas Catucci noted that he had spoken to the State of CT about this issue and they came out and cleaned up the area and painted, however they did not repair the wall. Thomas Catucci distributed pictures of the retaining wall in question and described its deteriorating condition at length. Thomas Catucci stated that when he went on the State DOT's website, there was a link to his local Traffic Authority.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Thomas Catucci noted the State of CT owns the wall.

When questioned by Police Commissioner Walt Seaman, Thomas Catucci noted the State of CT DOT told him they built the wall and showed him the plans. Thomas Catucci stated the earth which the wall was once holding back is completely gone now and the only thing left in the area is basically the wall itself.

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When questioned by Police Commissioner George Castle, Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski stated he is aware of the wall and the condition of it. He further stated when the wall was built site line regulations were not in place.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted the State of CT DOT had referred Thomas Catucci to the Plymouth Police Traffic Authority. She further stated since it is a State wall the Plymouth Traffic Authority can only support what Thomas Catucci is recommending; a brief discussion followed.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, that a letter be sent in conjunction with the Police Chief and the Public Works Director to the State DOT, noting that the wall is deteriorating, and is possible blight; that the Plymouth Traffic Authority has concerns and would like the State DOT to address it. This motion was approved unanimously.

Walt Seaman stated this would be the first step.

Request from Elizabeth Dixey for Speed Limit Signage on Preston Road

Elizabeth Dixey stated she lives on the corner of Preston and Route 72, noting accidents occur at least six to eight times per year. She further stated that she had to have two trees removed because they had been hit so many times. Elizabeth Dixey distributed pictures she had taken of her property. Elizabeth Dixey noted that she had written to the State of CT DOT and requested they put a guardrail around her property. Elizabeth Dixey stated she had a car flying through her yard just inches from her living room where she was sitting. She further stated that she has grandchildren that play outside and she can't do this any longer and would like the issue resolved. Elizabeth Dixey stated cars are speeding down Preston Road, noting the only stop sign on the road before Route 72 is on the upper portion of Preston Road by the Industrial Park. She further stated people speeding down Preston Road don't realize there is a stop sign at the bottom of the road and meet up with vehicles speeding in both directions on Route 72. Elizabeth Dixey distributed pictures showing signage before Burger Road/Preston Road and North Harwinton Avenue/Preston Road, warning drivers of the upcoming stop signs, noting there weren't any warnings at the bottom of Preston Road/Route 72. Elizabeth Dixey noted that the State had told her she had to go through the local Traffic Authority and if they agreed they could submit a proper request to the State DOT. Elizabeth Dixey stated that she had received a phone call from Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski saying that a guardrail would probably not be installed because if someone hits it and gets hurt the Town would be libel, noting she could get hurt too.

Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by George Castle, that signage be added on Preston Road traveling east, and speed limit and warning signage for the upcoming stop sign.

Discussion: Joe Sopczneski stated the signage was part of the proposal he has been working on, including

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flashing signage, noting the motion will be a start and then the rest of the plan can be studied and implemented.

Elizabeth Dixey stated she would like electronic signage on Preston Road showing vehicles their rate of speed, noting it can help the issue.

Susan Gray, 78 Preston Road, Terryville, stated there are lot of issues with the Preston Road/Route 72 intersection, especially due to vehicles speeding down Preston Road and speeding on Route 72. She further stated that she has had people pass her at the intersection with a double line. Susan Gray stated there is a small rise in the road at this intersection, and it makes it harder to see what is coming if the vehicle is a small sedan.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Police Department does run radar regularly and as often as possible.

When questioned by Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Susan Gray stated the heaviest traffic occurs on the weekends. She further stated flashing light signage is also needed to slow people down on Route 72 and make them aware of the upcoming Preston Road intersection.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal from Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski for an Industrial Park Truck Route

Public Works Director Joe Sopeczneski distributed copies of a map showing the origins of traffic in Town including the major arteries coming into Town, noting there are a lot of roads and side roads. Joe Sopeczneski stated he wanted the Police Commission's input for developing and implementing his proposal for a designated truck route for the Industrial Park. Public Works Director Joe Sopeczneski stated there is encouragement for expansion in the Industrial Park, noting truck traffic from the Industrial Park has contributed to the wear and tear of Harwinton Avenue and other roads surrounding the Industrial Park. Public Works Director Joe Sopeczneski stated these roads were not built for this type of heavy truck traffic. Referring to this evening's earlier discussion, Public Works Director Joe Sopeczneski stated signage, including flashing lights warning of the large intersection (Preston/Route 72) along with speed limit signage, would also be a part of the Truck Route proposal discussion and implementation. Public Works Director Joe Sopeczneski stated information on No Thru Truck signage was also included in the information he distributed, as well as the Seymour Road intersection. Public Works Director stated that he would like to develop consistent directional truck route signage along decision points on the route and briefly elaborated. Director Joe Sopeczneski stated that he would be working with the DOT and the Traffic Authority throughout the entire process. He further stated that he is looking for the Traffic Authority's endorsement to pursue this proposal.

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When questioned by Police Commissioner Walt Seaman, Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski stated this proposal would keep the heavy trucks off of Harwinton Avenue and Burger and direct them onto Seymour Road. He further stated that Preston Road was built to handle heavy traffic.

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated in planning the reconstruction of these roads in the future as a designated truck route, the Town can allocate more monies towards building them properly to handle the truck traffic. He further stated that there is a State of CT list of major road infrastructure route projects and Plymouth is on the list, which makes Plymouth eligible for additional grants.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski stated that there used to be No Thru Trucks signage on Seymour Road, which went away when the road was redone.

When questioned by Police Commissioner George Castle, Public Works Director Joe Sopczneski stated he would have to look at the island situation on Seymour Road.

Police Commissioner George Castle made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Walt Seaman, to authorize Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski to move forward with his proposal for an Industrial Park Truck Route. This motion was approved unanimously.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to move Old Business/Towing complaint from Nick Randalls of Wrench Rite Auto and Truck Repair LLC to the next item for discussion on the agenda. This motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Towing Complaint from Nick Randalls of Wrench Rite Auto and Truck Repair LLC

Nick Randalls stated Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa had previously spoken on his behalf regarding his local Towing business and noted that he felt he should receive an additional week on the rotation On Call listing as he is the only company on the list that pays vehicle and local taxes and briefly elaborated.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated he was unsure if Nick Randalls' request was legal, noting if the Commission were to accommodate him the Police Commission should seek prior legal counsel.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she was unsure of the legality of the proposal, noting the Town Attorney should be contacted for his opinion; a brief discussion followed.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to authorize someone to seek Legal Counsel regarding Nick Randalls' request for an additional week on the

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Towing list.

Discussion: Nick Randalls stated that he had two Towing businesses; one in Bristol and one in Terryville and questioned if his Bristol business could be put on the Towing listing, while also keeping his Terryville business on the listing.

When questioned by Nick Randalls as to why the Commission would seek legal counsel for his request to add his Bristol Towing business to the Towing list, Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that the Police Commission wants to make sure they are doing things correctly.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to add under Traffic Authority Business "Holt Street One-Way Discussion" and under Old Business "ACO Positions Discussion". This motion was approved unanimously.

Traffic Authority Business

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa for Speed Limit Signage on the Southbound Lane of North Harwinton Avenue Between Preston Road and Harwinton Avenue

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa drove around and checked the area in question for signage, noting that his request was straight forward.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa's request was for school safety.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve Agenda Items d. through g., as requested by Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa for School Zone Signage on the Southbound Side of North Harwinton Avenue Near Terryville High School

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve Agenda Items d. through g., as requested by Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa for Red Post Reflectors on the Stop Signs at the 4-Way Intersection in Front of Terryville High School

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Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve Agenda Items d. through g., as requested by Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa for Speed Limit Signage on Minor Road

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, to approve Agenda Items d. through g., as requested by Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa. This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Sergeant Kenneth Kolpa for Red Post Reflectors on the Stop Signs at the Intersection of Allen Street and Garden Street (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated this item was approved by the Police Commission previously, noting it was added to the agenda for Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski's information and attention.

Concerns from Andrew Laprise Regarding Parking on Holt Street (Pending)

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated the Police Commissioners heard Andrew Laprise's concerns at the last Police Commission meeting.

Concerns from Andrew Thibeault Regarding Parking on Holt Street (Pending)

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated the Police Commissioners heard Andrew Thibeault's concerns at the last Police Commission meeting.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus if the Commission had voted on this agenda item, Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated there was nothing to vote on.

Request from James Amis to reduce the 35 MPH Speed Limit on Marsh Road (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Police Commission had approved this agenda item, noting it was left on the agenda for Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski's information and attention.

Request from Chief Karen Krasicky for "No Parking Here to Corner" Signage on the East Side of Town Hill Road Posted on the North Side of the Second Driveway of 5 Town Hill Road (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Police Commission had approved this agenda item, noting it was left on the agenda for Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski's information and attention.

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Request from Chief Karen Krasicky for a Study in the Vicinity of Route 6 (Main Street) at Holt Street and Town Hill Road by the Department of Transportation (DOT) (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had received a letter from the State of CT with their recommendation, noting she had included it in the Police Commissioner's packets.

Request from John Murphy for a Site Survey to Review the Area of the Intersection of Route 6 and Carter Road (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted the State of CT had responded, noting they had said that they would be working on this request in the next couple of months.

Request from Diana Hamzy for a Speed Sign or Bump on the Incline Before the Driveway of 298 North Harwinton Avenue (Pending)

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to include a separate sheet of Traffic Authority Business Requests in the monthly packets for informational purposes, which would keep the Commissioners up to date on where each item stood and that the Recording Secretary would forward all monthly approved Traffic Authority Business Requests to the Public Works Director using his template form.

Discussion:

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated he had formulated a template similar to a Work Order form for tracking the pending Traffic Authority Business requests and briefly elaborated.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated she had previously forwarded all current Pending Traffic Authority Business Requests to the Public Works Director.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Michael Zych for a Left Turn Green Arrow or Signage Indicating Westbound Traffic has a Longer Green Light for the Westbound Traffic for the Traffic Light at the Intersection of Route 6 and South Main Street (Pending)

Director of Public Works Joe Sopczenski stated South Main Street was being reconfigured by the State of CT, noting he believed the light would be gone.

It was noted this item would be removed from the next Police Commission's agenda.

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Request from Michael Zych for Sharp Turn Signage Facing in both directions on Agney Avenue in the Area of the Ninety Degree Turn (Pending)

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated this agenda item was discussed with the State of CT DOT, noting there is tiny sliver of right away in this area.

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated the Commission should wait for the State of CT to finish their work, see what is left and then work with the property owners to figure out the right of way.

Request from Jason Hotchkiss for a Speed Bump and Speed Control Signage on Harwinton Avenue (Pending)

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Speed Bump was voted down.

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign has been installed.

Police Commissioner Tim Murawski stated this agenda item should also be removed because it has been completed.

Holt Street One-Way Discussion

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated the Commission had a previous discussion for Holt Street with traffic coming from Route 6 and going down to Harwinton Avenue. He further stated that he would like to receive public input on this agenda item at the next scheduled Police Commission meeting. Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that school has started, so the bus companies may possibly need the time to adjust their routes. He further stated that the PVAC, the Fire Department and the Police Department should also be notified so they can adjust their routes, as well. Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that emergency vehicles would be allowed to travel Holt Street in either direction. Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that everyone would still be able to access Lake Winfield from Harwinton Avenue.

Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated the one way street is an option that is there for the scenario on Holt Street and he would also like to hear public input. He further stated if Lake Winfield would be accessible from Harwinton Avenue, then there would need to be flashing lights and Do Not Enter signs before a decision is made.

Referencing the State of CT DOT's correspondence to Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated there have been 17 motor vehicle accidents at the intersection of Route 6 and Holt Street with vehicles exiting Holt Street onto Route 6 from March 2023 to February 2026, so making Holt Street one way would eliminate this problem. Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that he wanted to note this recommendation has nothing to do with the current business at this location; it was just the catalyst

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that brought the intersection to light.

When questioned by Police Commissioner George Castle how making Holt Street one way would affect snowplowing, Public Works Director Joe Sopczenski stated he would be speaking to the driver.

When questioned by Police Chief Karen Krasicky, Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated the No Parking signage would have to be on the east side of the street if Holt Street becomes a one way street. He further stated vehicles would be ticketed if they parked in front of the fire hydrant.

Old Business

Animal Control Discussion

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that the Police Commission had previously discussed hiring two extra ACO's per diem, noting people had contacted him about not having an ACO available and that he himself had waited over two hours for an ACO to assist him with a cat issue. Police Commissioner Walt Seaman stated that he would like to change the number to four ACO's.

When questioned by Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus, Walt Seaman stated they would only be paid if they worked.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated ACO Ray Zagurski comes in on occasion because he is employed full time elsewhere. She further stated the Police Department relies on their Reserve Officer who is also a certified ACO, Ron Rogozinski, and ACO Peter Carpenter. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated both men have been coming in regularly during the daytime hours and are handling calls. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated other than Walt Seaman's issue they haven't had any problems. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated Detective Cesar Berios oversees the ACO's, noting they haven't had any issues.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner George Castle, to authorize Police Chief Karen Krasicky to put out and advertise for two additional per diem Animal Control Officers by October 1, 2026.

Discussion: When questioned by Town Council Liaison Sue Boilard regarding the cost of putting the two potential ACO's through school, Police Chief Karen Krasicky noted State Mandated Training for 80 hours at \$30.00 per hour would be required. She further stated they would do on the job training with an ACO and would require uniforms and additional online training, refresher training, Taser and/or OC spray training, as well. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that she would recommend advertising for only one ACO, but if desired she could advertise for two ACO's.

When questioned by Police Commissioner Walt Seaman, Police Chief Karen Krasickiy stated the majority

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of Certified ACO's have full time jobs. She further stated the Plymouth Police Department doesn't have enough call volume to have a full time ACO, noting calls come in spurts.

Police Commissioner George Castle withdrew his second.

Police Commissioner Walt Seaman amended his motion as follows; motion to authorize Police Chief Karen Krasicky to put out and advertise for one additional per diem Animal Control Officer by October 1, 2026.

Vote: This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and Take Action to Accept the Chief's Report

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated the Town lost two Police Officers.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that two Police Officers had resigned; noting one is leaving on September 16th and the other Police Officer would be leaving on September 17th. She further stated the Police Department's main focus is getting these two positions filled.

Police Commission Chairwoman Cathy Paskus stated the Corporal position was made because the Commission was told it would be statewide.

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated that one of the Police Officers that is resigning is a Corporal and that two Police Officers have signed up to test for the second shift Corporal position. She further stated that the Written Test would be held on October 10th and the Oral Board would be held on October 16th.

When questioned by Walt Seaman, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated there is a Sergeant on third shift, as well as a Corporal. She further stated there was supposed to be a second Corporal on third shift; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Police Commissioner Tim Murawski, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated one Police Officer decided to go to the State Police and the other Police Officer had decided to leave law enforcement completely.

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

Commissioner's Comments

No report.

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Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Police Commission, Police Commissioner Tim Murwski made a motion, seconded by Police Commissioner Reggie Powell, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale

Patricia A. Hale, Recording Secretary