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The Plan and Conservation Development Steering Committee Minutes June 25, 2026

Call to Order: Chairman George Castle called the scheduled meeting to order at 5:30 pm, in the Assembly Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman George Castle led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Exit Notification: Chairman George Castle pointed out the Fire Exit to the committee.

Roll Call: Present were Chairman George Castle, Tony Roveto, Vincent Gualtieri, James Ouellette, Sue Muraski and Joe Sopczeski – Director of Plymouth Public Works.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 28, 2026 meeting of the Plan and Conservation Development Steering Committee were approved unanimously.

Chairman George Castle turned the meeting over to Acting Division Director for the Community Planning Division of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, Lana Harrison and Emely Ricci, Community Planner II of the Community Planning Division of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

Targeted Community Engagement Prioritization Results – The committee had voted to target the Terryville Lions Club, Faith Communities and the Plymouth Early Childhood Council. We will be reaching out to Plymouth Early Childhood Council first, a Faith Community next and end with Terryville Lions Club. Emely will be reaching out to all 3 to arrange times that work best for them. If any choose not to participate, we can choose another organization. George volunteered the Terryville Fish and Game Club as an alternate, but we will vote on the alternate should it become necessary. Other groups can participate through the community survey. The community survey will be available through different avenues – printed flyers with QR codes, online, Facebook links, so we reach the widest net of people.

Stakeholders Engagement Update –

Emely informed the committee the Stakeholder Engagement interviews and completed. They interviewed 11 people. Emely and team will analyze the data looking for major trends, write that information into an executive survey and then share with the committee. Stakeholders surveys were shared with the town committees via the recording secretaries. Committee members are encouraged to remind members of boards and commissions to complete the surveys. Deadline of July 3rd will be extended so we get more input from the greatest number of people possible. July meeting analysis will be shared.

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STEEPLE Activity Continued –

We continued with the STEEPLE Activity from May meeting. STEEPLE activity stands for Social, Technological, Economic, Environmental, Political, Legal, and Ethical Analysis. Some of the notes on Technology were website improvements, birth rates or family units, lack of centralized official information source, how AI is affecting Plymouth. Next is Economic factors impacting Plymouth development, town growth affected by high taxes and economic growth grants. We have external factors like energy prices, real estate trends, downtown revitalization. We will finish with Environmental factors include air and water quality in addition to the Clean Water Act, noise pollution, and traffic air pollution, as well as park and swimming spots.

Steering Committee Administration – Our next meeting will be held on July 23, 2026, at 5:30 in the Assembly room of town hall. Emely will send out calendar invites to all committee members. We will not meet in August for a summer break

Public Comment – None

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Plymouth Planning and Conservation Development Steering Committee, James Ouellette made a motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm and Joe Sopczeski seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Cappetto

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Recording Secretary