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Regular Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor David Sekorski called the Plymouth Town Council Regular Meeting to order on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Plymouth Town Hall, Community Room, 80 Main Street, Plymouth, CT.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Mayor David Sekorski, Councilor Sue Boilard, Councilor Joe Green, Councilor Ray Engle, Councilor TJ Zagurski. Absent: Councilor Ron Tiscia (conflict of interest noted by Mayor; excused absence communicated in advance). A quorum of four members was established.

3. **Fire Exit Notification:** The Mayor provided fire exit instructions to those in attendance.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sekorski.

5. **Invocation:** The Mayor offered an invocation, asking for God's blessing for America and the Town of Plymouth. He also took a moment to recognize a Department of Transportation worker who was struck and killed the prior week, asking the community to keep all public servants in their hearts. A member of the public noted the passing of Nancy Conway, a long-serving town member, which the Mayor acknowledged with gratitude.

6. **Accept Meeting Minutes from August 04, 2026 Regular Meeting:** The Mayor noted that this item had been tabled at the prior meeting. Following a brief discussion, the minutes were brought forward for a vote. One abstention was recorded from Councilor Ray Engle who had been absent from the August 4th meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting was made by Councilor Boilard and seconded by Councilor Green. The motion carried with one abstention.

7. **Accept Meeting Minutes from September 01, 2026 Regular Meeting:** The minutes from the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting were brought forward. Councilor Zagurski and Councilor Green indicated abstentions due to absence from that meeting. As the abstentions left the motion without a simple majority of eligible voters, the motion failed and the item will be returned at the next regular meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting was made by Councilor Boilard and seconded by Councilor Engle. The motion failed due to two abstentions leaving insufficient votes for a simple majority.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items: The Mayor opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. No members of the public came forward. The Mayor noted that an additional opportunity for public comment would be provided later in the meeting.

9. Tax Refunds (See attached for full list of Tax Refunds):

Motion to add the tax refund schedule to the agenda as a new Item 9 was made by Councilor Engle and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor explained that several tax refunds had been missed at the prior meeting and that the list had been reviewed with the Tax Collector and found to be in order. The council was provided with a revised tax refund schedule.

Motion to approve the tax refund schedule as provided was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Engle. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board of Education/Superintendent of Schools – Eli Terry Middle School Proposal:

Superintendent of Schools presented a proposal to explore the feasibility of utilizing space within the Eli Terry Junior/Middle School for town purposes. The Superintendent emphasized that the discussion was very early in its stages and originated from a shared desire between the Board of Education and the Town to address the Town Hall's significant space constraints.

The Superintendent identified the library media center at Eli Terry Junior Middle School as the most suitable location, noting that the space—originally the high school library—is substantially oversized for the school's current needs. The upper floor of the library has been largely unused or used for storage for at least fifteen years, and the existing offices in the space are used only by part-time or itinerant staff who could be relocated within the district.

The proposal as outlined would involve the town converting the existing library media center into a space housing a senior center, a community room, approximately five offices for town use, two bathrooms, storage, a kitchen/break room, and an upper-floor conference room. The school district would relocate its library into a newly constructed, smaller library media center carved out of an adjacent math classroom, the only classroom lost in this arrangement. Security was identified as a primary concern; the Superintendent outlined plans to seal all upper-floor access points between the town space and the school, with the sole connecting door accessible only via key fob limited to after-school hours.

The proposal also addressed the need for significant parking lot reconfiguration. The existing baseball field would be converted into a dedicated bus loop, a faculty parking lot, and a usable field for physical education, while the current parking area would serve as town visitor parking. The Superintendent noted that the school's baseball team already plays most sports at Fisher, making the loss of the field manageable.

The potential benefits to the town include additional office space, a new community room, a larger senior center, additional storage, and the opportunity to expand the police department's footprint within the existing Town Hall building. The Superintendent acknowledged the community concern around the failed police station referendum and the ongoing space pressure

at Town Hall, characterizing this as a collaborative effort to find solutions within the town's financial constraints.

Council members raised several questions. Councilor Engle asked about potential impacts to state reimbursement rates for school construction projects such as roof replacements, given the change in use of a portion of the building. The Superintendent indicated that attorneys had advised that the building's code status as a school would not change, but that the specific reimbursement question had not yet been fully researched and would require further investigation. Councilor Zagurski inquired whether the Municipal Facilities Planning Committee had been consulted. The Mayor confirmed that the committee chair and vice chair had been briefed and were aware of the proposal.

The Mayor added several broader considerations, including the potential traffic impacts of the recently reconfigured North Main Street and Route 6 intersection, which will not be fully understood until the intersection is operational. He also noted that no formal financial planning or capital cost analysis had been initiated, as it would be premature to do so before the Board of Education formally votes on the matter. The Mayor was explicit that there is no current plan to relocate the police department to the school, though the proposal would create space within Town Hall that could accommodate police expansion.

The Board of Education is scheduled to vote the following Wednesday on a motion to explore the feasibility of utilizing the school space for town purposes. The board may approve, deny, or table the motion in favor of a community meeting. The Mayor and Superintendent both underscored that any arrangement would require a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to govern the use, limitations, and conditions of the shared space. No action was required of the Town Council on this item.

11. Information/Action on Inclusion of Federal Highland Region Program:

The Mayor introduced this item, noting that Plymouth's inclusion in the Federal Highlands Conservation Act region would expand options for town residents who wish to conserve rather than develop their land. He summarized that joining the region would allow state and federal funds to flow into the community to support conservation of family-owned land for passive recreation, hunting, agriculture, and forestry—while allowing landowners to continue deriving income from their properties. The Mayor noted that Plymouth is currently one of the only towns in Litchfield County not participating in this program.

Amanda Branson, Director of Operations and Finance for the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy, was present to answer questions. Councilor Engle asked whether joining the region would have any negative tax impact on the town or property owners. Ms. Branson clarified that it depends on the type of transaction: a conservation easement would leave land on the tax rolls, while a full fee sale to a land trust could potentially remove it. She noted, however, that most qualifying land is already enrolled in PA 490, meaning it is generally not a high source of tax revenue for the town. She further clarified that because Plymouth is categorized as a distressed municipality, the Town Council would need to support any individual application for this funding on a case-by-case basis, and that simply joining the region does not obligate the town in any way nor guarantee approval—it is a competitive grant program.

A council member asked whether the program could assist with small, unbuildable parcels on which owners are paying taxes with no benefit. Ms. Branson explained that grants are based on appraised easement value, which is closely tied to development value; therefore, parcels with little development potential would generate modest grant awards, and applicants would need to evaluate whether pursuing a grant is worthwhile.

The Mayor noted the particularly good timing of this action given that the town is currently developing its Plan of Conservation and Development.

Motion to adopt the resolution supporting Plymouth's official inclusion in the Federal Highlands region as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program was made by Councilor Engle and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. Roll call vote: Councilor Zagurski – Yes; Councilor Boilard – Yes; Councilor Green – No; Councilor Engle – Yes. The motion carried 3-1.

The Mayor indicated he would transmit the resolution to the appropriate governing bodies in coordination with Ms. Branson.

12. Boards and Commissions – Resignations/Appointments:

The following appointments, reappointments, and resignation were acted upon:

Capital Improvements Committee

Motion to appoint George Castle to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending February 1, 2029, was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Michael Maffia to the Capital Improvements Committee with a term ending September 1, 2029, was made by Councilor Zagurski and seconded by Councilor Boilard. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Board

Motion to reappoint George Castle to the Public Works Board with a term ending November 1, 2028, was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Engle. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Joseph Carey to the Public Works Board with a term ending November 1, 2029, was made by Councilor Boilard and seconded by Councilor Green. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Peter A. Giancesini Sr. to the Public Works Board with a term ending November 1, 2027, was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. The motion carried unanimously.

Housing Board of Appeals

Motion to reappoint George Castle to the Housing Board of Appeals with a term ending September 1, 2027, was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Boilard. The motion carried unanimously.

Plymouth Housing Authority

Motion to reappoint Joseph Carey to the Plymouth Housing Authority with a term ending October 1, 2031, was made by Councilor Zagurski and seconded by Councilor Green. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation – Municipal Facilities Planning Committee: The Mayor noted receipt of a letter of resignation from Christopher Latimer from the Municipal Facilities Planning Committee, citing conflicting priorities. The letter was not included in the council packet but was in the possession of the Town Clerk.

Motion to accept the resignation of Christopher Latimer from the Municipal Facilities Planning Committee was made by Councilor Boilard and seconded by Councilor Engle. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor thanked all individuals serving on boards and commissions and announced that vacancies remain on Wetlands, Planning and Zoning, and the WPCA. He encouraged residents to contact the Mayor's office or a council member for information on how to serve.

13. Mayor's Report:

American Flag Protocol: In response to a concern raised at the prior meeting, the Mayor reported that a system has been established on the town hall event calendar to ensure the flag is raised, lowered, and set to half-staff appropriately. The Police Department will manage the flag on holidays and weekends, and the Mayor's office will consult state and federal directives on flag protocol. The Mayor thanked the Police Chief, staff, and union president for their cooperation.

Available Property: Information raised by the public at the prior meeting regarding available town property was forwarded to the Facilities and Planning Committee, which is evaluating all town-owned properties and buildings to inform future planning.

Police Department Renovations: Renovations converting the former senior lounge into a detectives' room have been completed. Detectives have moved into the new space, and file relocation and evidence storage reorganization are ongoing. A project description letter and cost details were included in the council packet.

Roads and Route 6 Project: Final paving of North Street has been completed. A base layer has been applied to the area of South Eagle Street, which had been gravel for much of the summer. The Mayor noted ongoing challenges in securing paving contractors due to high regional competition for such services and indicated that the town plans to go out to bid earlier next year. On Route 6, work on Agney Avenue, South Main Street, and the Main Street sidewalk continues to progress. All paving is expected to be completed and the new North Main Street intersection traffic system installed before winter.

Terry Crossing Rehabilitation Project: Final plans for the Terry Crossing rehabilitation project, encompassing Judd Road, Matthew Street, and East Plymouth Road, have been formally submitted to the state DOT for review. The project, originally submitted in 2016, has been revised to reflect updated regulations and design criteria. The estimated project cost is now nearly \$4,000,000. Comments from the state are expected within a few weeks, with approval anticipated over the winter, bidding in the spring, and construction beginning in mid-2027. The Mayor thanked the Public Works Director, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments staff, and Robert Green Associates for their work on the submission.

Historic Properties Commission: The commission has invited the Town Council to a future meeting where the consultant who completed the historic properties inventory will present economic and conservation opportunities. Details will be shared when available.

Capital Improvements and Budget Preparation: The Capital Improvements Committee will begin meeting the following Thursday. Department heads have been directed to begin preparing capital and operations budget requests. The Mayor noted that updated capital figures and documentation from the Ambulance Corps and Board of Education are being provided to Committee Chairman Castle in advance of the Thursday meeting.

Audit Updates: The Mayor, Finance Director, and auditor attended an OPM MFAC group meeting on October 23rd to provide updates on delinquent audits. The draft of the FY2025 audit is complete, with full filing expected by mid-November. The FY2026 audit is targeted for draft completion by year-end, with full compliance and filings expected by February 2027. The Mayor acknowledged Plymouth is not alone among delinquent towns but emphasized the administration's commitment to achieving compliance.

Around Town: The Mayor highlighted a Manufacturing Day event hosted by the Lauretano Sign Group, at which local and vocational school students were introduced to industry careers.

He also reported that a police officer injured on duty the prior week has been medically cleared and returned to work.

The Mayor met with Governor Net Lamont at Cafe RYB in downtown Plymouth to discuss police department needs, infrastructure, education cost-sharing, the downtown project, grant opportunities, historic preservation, and the arts. He expressed optimism about continued state economic assistance should the Governor be reelected.

Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps Promotions: The Mayor congratulated the following individuals recently promoted to Lieutenant: Shari Trenske (Disaster Preparedness), Courtney Pollack (Technology), Evan Chipman (Morale), Valerie Poulin (Community Presence), and Marisa Kambo (Community Wellness Outreach).

14. Town Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Zagurski reported on the following: the Capital Improvements Committee has been meeting regularly, focusing on a bond package and roadways; the Public Works department is actively paving roads and exploring alternative paving contractors for next year; Park and

Recreation has upcoming events including registration for the basketball program (beginning November 7th), Lanterns on the Lake on October 17th, and trunk-or-treat events hosted by the Police Department (October 18th) and the Lion's Club (October 17th); the Sewer Department is in the final design phase of the nitrogen program and is evaluating how to phase the project over multiple years given the scope and cost involved.

Councilor Boilard reported that the Police Commission has had two resignations; the Fire Commission continues to seek new members; Human Services is experiencing high demand as cold weather approaches and also has a committee opening; and the Facilities Committee, following a resignation, is engaging department heads individually to assess space needs and avoid duplication of effort.

Councilor Engle reported that the Housing Authority meeting was cancelled twice due to lack of quorum; Inland Wetlands was also cancelled due to lack of quorum; and the Finance Director and his team have completed extensive training on the town's financial software to improve reporting capabilities to the Board of Finance. Councilor Engle noted that the Board of Education uses similar software and that economies of scale may be achievable through shared utilization.

Councilor Green had no report.

15. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, asked whether the MOU for the Eli Terry school proposal would specify a rental arrangement or a gift of space. Superintendent Falcone clarified that no rent would be exchanged, as the town and school operate from the same pool of public funds.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, raised concerns about the town's compliance with the charter requirement that audits be completed and available in the Mayor's office by October 15th, noting this has not been met for approximately twelve years. She suggested that if the requirement is unworkable, charter revision may be appropriate. She also expressed concern about where youth programs would be held if the space at Eli Terry were converted for town use, arguing that Plymouth is already underserved in activities for young people relative to neighboring towns. She questioned the financial prudence of taking on additional projects given the town's existing debt and the estimated \$60 million cost associated with sewer improvements.

Harold Weiss, 304 Todd Hollow Road, raised two concerns: first, that the decorative flags on telephone poles alongside veterans' photo banners are in poor condition and should be replaced; second, and more urgently, that the bridge on Todd Hollow Road is in a deteriorating condition, with exposed rebar separated from the bridge structure. He noted the bridge carries heavy traffic including school buses, 18-wheelers, and oil trucks, and expressed concern that it requires more immediate attention than the currently approved Todd Road bridge project.

Dan Gentile, 269 Mt. Tobe Road, expressed appreciation for the volunteer work of council members and offered observations on the Town Hall parking lot lights, noting that LEDs on the left side of the lot are out. He encouraged the council to ensure that any proposal involving the Eli Terry space is accompanied by a sound business plan and adequate public communication

and cautioned against moves that could inconvenience elderly residents accustomed to accessing services at Town Hall.

16. Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege - Personnel Issues with Respect to Employee(s) or Public Officer(s):

Motion to enter Executive Session for attorney-client privilege regarding personnel issues with respect to employees and/or public officers was made by Councilor Engle and seconded by Councilor Green. The motion carried unanimously.

The Town Council entered Executive Session at 8:24 PM. The Town Attorney was invited to join the session. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:36 PM. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

17. Town Council Comments

Councilor Engle emphasized that the Board of Education's presentation on the Eli Terry proposal was intended solely to present a possible option for feasibility exploration, and that nothing has been decided or committed to. He encouraged the public to understand that the motion is about feasibility only.

Councilor Green noted that he had toured the newly renovated detective space across from Town Hall and found it to be a positive improvement. The Mayor added that members of the public are welcome to arrange visits to view the renovation and the updated control room.

Councilor Boilard expressed that she sometimes finds it difficult not to respond to public comments in the moment and appreciated the Mayor's practice of addressing concerns at subsequent meetings.

Councilor Zagurski expressed encouragement at the level of public attendance and engagement at the meeting, noting it had been increasing and hoping the trend continues.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Linda Konopaske

Linda Konopaske, CCTC, CCMO
Recording Secretary

Last Name (Business Name)	First Name	TOTAL REFUND	Current Taxes			Supplemental MV	Current		Prior Sewer	VIN	Bilt #
			Real Estate	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle		Prior Years Taxes	Sewer			
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