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Special Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor David Sekorski called the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Town Council to order on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Plymouth Town Hall, Community Room, 80 Main Street, Plymouth, CT.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor David Sekorski, Councilor TJ Zagurski, Councilor Sue Boilard, Councilor Joe Green, Councilor Ron Tiscia, and Councilor Ray Engle. A full quorum was present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Ray Engle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The Mayor offered the invocation, asking for God's blessing for the Town of Plymouth and the United States of America.

Accept Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026 Special Meeting:

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 16, 2026, was made by Councilor Tiscia and seconded by Councilor Green. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: The Mayor opened the floor to public comment. Melanie Church of 328 Main Street inquired about the STEAP grant, asking whether funds had already been allocated. The Mayor clarified that the 2025 allocation had already been processed, and that the current agenda item was solely to authorize the Town's continued participation in the program, which is renewed every four years.

Resolution Authorizing the Town of Plymouth to Participate/Opt-In to the State of CT STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program):

The Mayor explained that the primary purpose of the special meeting was to pass a resolution authorizing the Town of Plymouth to participate in the State of Connecticut's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). He noted that such authorization from the Town Council is required by the state before the Town may enter the program, which operates on a four-year commitment cycle. The Mayor further noted that Plymouth has already been classified by OPM as a community eligible for the program and that, while the resolution references 2026, any actual grant funding would be contingent upon the state opening a funding cycle, which has occurred in odd-numbered years and is anticipated for 2027.

MOTION: That the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of the Town of Plymouth, to accept the 2026 STEAP grant under the conditions and prerequisites imposed by Connecticut General Statute §4-66 and/or the State and to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents with the State as may be necessary to obtain said 2026 STEAP grant. Motion made by Councilor Ray Engle, second by Councilor Boilard, motion carried unanimously.

Boards and Commissions – Resignations:

The Mayor noted that the Town had received several resignations from board and commission members and acknowledged the efforts to ensure proper documentation was submitted to the Town Clerk's Office. He made a public appeal for residents to consider filling the resulting vacancies on the Inland Wetlands Commission, the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), the Board of Housing Appeals, the Historic Property Commission, and others, noting that the Town's website and the Mayor's Facebook page would be used to publicize the openings. The following resignations were accepted individually:

- Dean Ferrante – Inland Wetlands Commission (IW&CC)
Motion to accept the resignation of Dean Ferrante from the Inland Wetlands Commission was made by Councilor Green and seconded by Councilor Boilard. The motion carried unanimously.
- Nate Brown – Inland Wetlands Commission (IW&CC)
Motion to accept the resignation of Nate Brown from the Inland Wetlands Commission was made by Councilor Zagurski and seconded by Councilor Engle. The motion carried unanimously.
- James Maloney – Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
Motion to accept the resignation of James Maloney from the Water Pollution Control Authority was made by Councilor Joe Green and seconded by Councilor Zagurski. The motion carried unanimously.
- Scott Gray – Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)
Motion to accept the resignation of Scott Gray from the Water Pollution Control Authority was made by Councilor Joe Green and seconded by Councilor Ron Tiscia. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Mayor Sekorski exercised 'privilege of the Chair' to recognize residents who wanted to address the Town Council on non-agenda items:

Melanie Church of 328 Main Street raised concerns regarding the 2024 audit, stating it had not been made available despite repeated requests and asserting that its absence constituted a charter violation. The Mayor responded that printed copies of the 2024 audit had arrived the prior week

and were available in limited quantities, with an electronic version also accessible. He clarified that the 2024 audit is complete and filed. He further noted that the 2025 audit remains behind schedule, that appropriate documentation had been filed with OPM, and that an additional filing was required by July 31st.

Ms. Church also announced her intention to reintroduce a petition advocating for a town manager form of government. She expressed support for retaining the Town Council as the legislative body while adding a professional town manager and proposed that any such arrangement include an automatic review period after five years to allow residents to assess the model.

Connie Kapralos of 54 South Eagle Street addressed the Council regarding reports that Planning and Zoning Enforcement Officer Margus Laan was being considered for a part-time status. She expressed concern that reducing his hours could leave the Town vulnerable to developers circumventing regulations in the absence of full-time oversight. She noted that Mr. Laan attends numerous meetings related to planning and zoning matters and urged the Council to reconsider.

Town Council Comments:

Councilor TJ Zagurski had no comments.

Councilor Sue Boilard indicated she would reserve her comments for the next meeting.

Councilor Joe Green expressed satisfaction at seeing roadway construction activity occurring across town and the Mayor noted that the Public Works department was nearly at full staffing, with interviews underway for the final open position.

Councilor Ron Tiscia raised a procedural concern regarding the absence of a public comment on non-agenda items from the special meeting agenda. He noted that constituents had wished to attend and speak but were told the opportunity would not be available. The Mayor acknowledged the confusion and apologized, noting it is an optional item and committed to ensuring clearer communication in the future. The Mayor then opened the floor for non-agenda public comment.

Councilor Ray Engle thanked the Housing Authority for hosting a lunch for seniors approximately a week and a half prior, describing it as a positive community event. He also inquired about the status of the Town's website redesign. The Mayor responded that progress had been slower than expected, citing delays from some departments in submitting updated content and the significant effort involved in replacing the Police Department's communications system. He expressed cautious optimism that the updated website would be complete by the end of July or August.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM was made by Councilor Engle. Second by Councilor Green. The motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2026.

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