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**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Pugliese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council Members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Cox and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilwoman Morante led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PRESENTATIONS:                      Trail Gap Closure-DOT**

DOT staff Scott Bushee, Vitalij Staroverov and Ahmed Kadhim were in attendance. Mr. Bushee gave an overview of the project and plans going forward. In summary, Mr. Bushee stated they are designers for the Farmington Heritage Canal Trail which is part of the East Coast Greenway initiative started 20 years ago and of the approved Alignment C Trail Gap through Plainville. Funding for the project was approved in January 2019. It will be broken up into 3 phases. Phase 1 will be the southern portion of the trail coming from Southington into Norton Park. Phase 2 will be coming from Farmington into Plainville with scenic areas and Phase 3 will be through neighborhoods and downtown areas which will require more planning.

Detailed engineering has not begun yet. Surveying has begun, which will determine environmental permitting where necessary. Construction for Phase 1 may begin in the spring of 22; Phase 2 in 2023 and Phase 3 in 2024. These are tentative dates pending surveying, permitting and design.

Discussion with Town Officials and public information meetings with neighborhood residents will continue to address public safety, traffic volume, trail location and privacy concerns as the projects move forward. The designs of all three phases will be approved by the Town Council.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

**III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019 Special and Regular Meeting and August 1, 2019 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

Councilwoman Morante reported the Conservation Commission will be at the Balloon Festival with handouts and there are plans for a Pequabuck River Clean-up as well as a Paderewski Park Clean-up. She also mentioned she along with Chairwoman Pugliese and Councilman Cox, attended the dedication ceremony in Norton Park for a plaque honoring Betty Boukus for her efforts to obtain funding for major projects in the parks.

Councilwoman Tompkins attended the events during the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Chairwoman Pugliese reminded the residents of the Balloon Festival this weekend sponsored by the Plainville Fire Company.

#### **V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION**

##### **1. Fire Department**

**Councilman Cox motioned to acknowledge with regret the retirement of Mark Cahill from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.**

##### **2. Conservation Committee**

**Councilwoman Morante motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Michael Derosier from the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

#### **VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Meetings Only)**

No report was offered.

#### **VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

No report was offered.

#### **VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Valley Water Systems Update – Don Vaughan**

In May 2018, Tighe & Bond issued a study entitled “Valley Water Hardness Removal Evaluation”. The study evaluated alternatives for lowering the hardness concentration in the Valley Water distribution system.

Don Vaughn, President of Valley Water spoke to the Town Council regarding plans to address the hardness issue in the water system.

A decision was made that the most cost effective way to lower the hardness of the water was to put in an Ion Exchange Treatment System plant in the Woodford Avenue well location. That area has the hardest water as compared to others in town.

An overall rate increase to cover construction costs, for all water users would also be taken into consideration at that time since the last increase was in 2009 effective in 2010. Bids for construction would go out early spring. All rate increases are subject to the approval from PURA. During the process there will be more public hearings and notifications will be sent to all water customers.

- **T-Mobile Proposal – Generator at Firehouse**

The Town currently has a lease with T-Mobile for their communication tower located to the rear of the Fire House. The current lease guarantees a monthly payment of \$2,250 through January 2027.

T-Mobile would like to install a generator adjacent to their cell tower. Information regarding the proposed location was included in the meeting information package. T-Mobile is proposing to increase the rent payment by \$200 per month as well. The generator would operate in lieu of the battery back-up system currently in place.

The Fire House also has a separate generator to run a portion of the building during power outages. This generator does not provide power to the T-Mobile communication tower.

Town staff with the assistance of the Town Attorney, will work with T-Mobile to finalize the arrangements for the installation of the generator.

- **Financial Dashboard**

Before reviewing the first month of Fiscal Year 2020, Finance Director Robert Buden has provided some preliminary numbers regarding FY19. He is projecting that FY19 will result in a surplus of \$1.03M.

This includes revenues exceeding what was budgeted by approximately \$426K with a good portion of that amount coming from delinquent tax collections, building permits and the closing of several projects.

Expenditures are estimated to come under budget by approximately \$605K with the majority of that amount coming from staff turnover and electricity savings.

This amount is partially offset by the additional appropriation of \$290K that was made in June.

Scott Colby reviewed the first month’s results of FY20.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on Town activities and events regarding the Republican Primary, Balloon Festival, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration T-shirt sale and the Senior Center. More information may be obtained at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St commented on the dashboard.

Jim Cassidy, 19 Rockwell Ave thanked the Town Council for their work regarding the trail.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln expressed his adamant opposition to the trail and CT Fastrak

Joan McBain, Bradley St & Rachael Bell, 18 Fox Rd are bikers and spoke in favor of the trail.

Sue Dziura, 172 Broad St, spoke in favor of the trail and the benefits it would bring to the Town.

Mike Lang, 6 Timber Hill Rd, spoke in favor to the trail. He's an avid user of the current trail.

Carol Nicolucci, 8 Condale Ln voiced her concerns with the loss of personal privacy and requested that no more trees be removed along the trail through Norton Park.

Mark Swanson, 78 Metacomet Rd offered accommodations to the planners and designers of the trail and looks forward to its completion.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln comments included a request for an alternate route of the trail and to preserve as many trees in his neighborhood as possible.

Anthony Lauria, 18 Perron Rd voiced his concerns with traffic at the corner of Perron Rd and Northwest Dr.

Pete Antigiovanni, 206 Broad St thanked the Town Council for their vision for the trail. He is an avid user of the trails.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to the trail that would go through back yards in the neighborhood and the change that would result from it. She has asked the police to look at the traffic on Johnson Street and Perron Road area.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in strong opposition to the trail going through neighbor's property and voiced her safety concerns at bus stops along the trail. She commented on her meeting with Scott Bushee and questioned what if any economic development benefits that would result from the trail.

Johanna Chapman, 206 Broad St expressed her support for the completion of trail. She sees this as a benefit to the Town.

Nicole Palmieri, 20 Julie Rd report included the Board of Education has hired David Levenduski as Assistant Superintendent, Convocation will be held next Wednesday and the Board is looking forward to the upcoming school year with Superintendent LePage.

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to the proposed alignment and the additional negative impact it would have on Pierce Street. She hopes the trail will be rerouted during the design phase.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext spoke in opposition to the trail running anywhere through Plainville and questioned the status of the decision of the choral group.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St is strongly opposed to the proposed trail. She feels this is a want not a need and unnecessary.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Establishment of referendum date for the proposed Phase II and Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance – See Addendum**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled “Resolution Establishing Referendum On Proposed Phase II Road And Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

### **2. Authorization of preparation, printing and distribution of explanatory text with respect to the referendum on the proposed Phase II Road and Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance – See Addendum**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled “Resolution Authorizing Preparation, Printing And Distribution of Explanatory Tet For Proposed Phase II Road And Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

### **3. Tax Refunds-See Addendum**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

## **XI. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

## **XII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05pm Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol A. Skultety, Town Clerk  
& Clerk of the Town Council

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**10-2019**

**Resolution Establishing Referendum On Proposed Phase II Road And Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance**

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter III of the Charter of the Town of Plainville, the ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$5,000,000 For the Phase II Road and Related Improvements Program, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds And Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation” be voted upon on voting machines at the voting places established in the four voting districts of the Town between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE APPROPRIATE \$5,000,000 FOR THE PHASE II ROAD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION ?

YES

NO”

Those approving the ordinance will vote “Yes” and those opposing said ordinance will vote “No”.

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**11-2019**

**Resolution Authorizing Preparation, Printing And Distribution Of Explanatory Text For Proposed Phase II Road And Related Improvements Program Bond Ordinance**

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding the ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$5,000,000 For the Phase II Road and Related Improvements Program, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds And Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation”, such text to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the expenditure

of \$5,000 from the Referendum Costs Account is authorized for the costs for the preparation, printing and distribution of such explanatory text.

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**Refunds**

**8/19/2019**

	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Brochu, Mark, 170 Rockwell Ave.		\$7.68
2 Caruso, Elijah, 18 Pearl St		\$45.00
3 Dattilio, Mark, 190 Tomlinson Ave Apt 6A		\$108.74
4 Devoe, Kevin, 29 Linden St		\$63.83
5 Downing, Patricia, 6 Eastwood Dr		\$20.22
6 Dynamic Mechanical, 230 S Washington St Ste 18		\$51.48
7 Dynamic Mechanical, 230 S Washington St Ste 18		\$55.12
8 Hogrefe, David or Jennifer, 49 E Broad St		\$46.46
9 Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA		\$139.94
10 Morris, Bruce, 19 Farmstead Ln		\$18.73
11 Oliveira, David or Joan, 96 Farmington Ave		\$20.77
12 Ouellette, Patricia, 32 Maple St		\$23.20
13 Paradis, Scott, 12 Lena Ave		\$12.12
14 Porter, Charles or Jean, 15 Cedar St.		\$249.02
15 Robinson, Ernest, 45 Reliance Rd		\$14.57
16 Rogan, Michelle or Richard, 141 Camp St		\$35.10
17 Walczak, Karol or Christina, 57 Bel Aire Dr		\$9.38
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$921.36</b>

**Prior Year**

**Amount**

1 Ally Financial, Louisville, KY	\$69.13
2 Bailey, Jovanna or Jason, 179 Trumbull Ave	\$198.98
3 Ohidy, Sean, Little River, SC	\$32.13
4 Ohidy, Sean, Little River, SC	\$260.46
5 Ohidy, Sean, Little River, SC	\$1,449.70
6 Porsche Leasing Limited, Nashville, TN	\$1,800.29
7 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$276.31
8 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$467.16
9 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$118.10
10 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$256.81
11 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$339.41
12 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$236.04
13 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$47.31
14 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA	\$94.31

8/19/19



**Total**

**\$5,646.14**