

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2018 – 7:00p.m.**

- I. PRESENTATIONS: Firefighter Service Awards**

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Minutes of January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting

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2. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

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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 Chairman Saunders, Council members Morante, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby, Attorney Chomick and Town Clerk Skultety. Councilmen Wazorko and Gnazzo were absent.

Vice Chairman Saunders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS: Firefighter Service Awards

Chairwoman Pugliese began by thanking each and every firefighter for their service and commitment to keeping the residents of Plainville safe. She also wished to congratulate those firefighters on their Service Awards.

Vice Chairman Saunders congratulated and presented the following Firefighters Service Awards:

Phillip Brousseau 5 Years
Douglas Macarelli
Brian Roper

Thomas Moschini, Jr. 10 Years
James Lenois, Sr.
Paul Brousseau

John Myska 15 Years
Stephen Chapman

Antonio LaBella 20 Years
Jeffrey Romano

Adrien Paradis, III 25 Years
Timothy Lennon

Douglas Doughty 40 Years

Fire Chief Toner addressed the Town Council and audience of firefighters and mentioned how proud he was of his department of their dedication to the Town and its residents.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the Library Trustees meeting where they reviewed their upcoming budget, the Committee on Aging and the Conservation Commission where the topic of fracking was discussed.

Chairwoman Pugliese mentioned the “State of the Town” meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, at the Library and that on Saturday, January 27, the Food Pantry will be hosting its annual Fund Raiser at the Aqua Turf.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

- A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Adam Centurelli, 222 West Main Street, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.**
- B. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Alex Girard, 23 Prentice Street, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.**
- C. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Matthew Griszkauskas from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.**

2. Inland Wetlands Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Patricia LeBeau (D), 46 East Broad Street, as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetlands Commission for the term ending January 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3rd Monday Meetings Only)

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was offered.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Referendum for WPC Phosphorus Project – January 30, 2018**

In 2015, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection re-issued Plainville's Wastewater Discharge Permit with a requirement that the amount of phosphorous discharged from the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility be reduced by 88%. The WPCF must be upgraded to meet these new permit requirements. The estimated cost of the project is \$15,761,000, and the Town is eligible to receive an estimated \$6,500,000 grant from the State of Connecticut's Clean Water Fund Program (approximately 41.2% of the project cost). The Town anticipates financing the remaining project cost with a 20-year 2% loan under the Clean Water Fund Program.

The referendum to appropriate \$15.76M for upgrades and related improvements to the Town's Water Pollution Control Plant and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes to finance the portion of the appropriation not defrayed from grants will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Residents can vote on the appropriation at the Fire House from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

An Explanatory Text describing the referendum will be mailed to all Plainville residents. People who have questions regarding this project are encouraged to contact the Town Manager's Office.

- **Financial Dashboard**

A copy of the Financial Dashboard for the first half of the fiscal year was included in the meeting information package. Assistant to the Town Manager Colby highlighted the dashboard for the Town Council. The dashboard has been posted on the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events within the Public Works Dept. and Senior Center. To view more activities please visit the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Pugliese announced there will be warning signal 30 seconds before the 3 minute rule is up and then another signal at 3 minutes. She asked the speakers to abide by the 3 minute rule allowing others to their time.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd spoke in opposition of a Dog Park in Plainville.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any trail and requested information from the January 11, 2018 Gap Trail Closure Steering Committee meeting.

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to a trail that splits the Pierce Street neighborhood and questioned if the Governor's reduction in transportation project funding would include funds for the trail.

Joe Silverio, 297 West Main St spoke in favor of the rails to trails.

Carol Nicolucci, 8 Condale La commented with the proposed trail along the canal and the approved subdivision she and her neighbors will be losing privacy and natural resources in both their front and back yards.

Barbara Martin, 6 Condale La commented on the construction of the subdivision and proposed trail alignment and feels she, and her neighbors are being hit hard. She asked for an alternate plan.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave is upset with the cutting of hours at the Library and offered suggestions for ways the Town could save funds. Tax abatements should be looked at, insurance for the Balloon Festival and Pumpkin Festival and town employees should be paying for the health insurance fund not the tax payers.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St discussed several issues that included the Dog Park monitoring and maintenance and questioned why build a trail when there are existing ways to get through Town.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext commented that Plainville is not the only gap throughout the Heritage Trail. There are others throughout the route.

Carrie Zak, 87 Hollyberry mentioned the proposed trail is intrusive to her and her neighbors and asked that other options be looked into such as using the existing sidewalk on Hollyberry Lane. There is also path in the woods behind her house and hopes that path could be an option.

Marilyn Shorette, 18 Milford St asked if there is a time line to make decisions on the trail and maybe more thought needs to be given. She also commented that the proposed Dog Park is in a tick infested area and maybe there are other options or put the idea on the shelf.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln, continued to comment against the trail. He feels the idea is being forced on the tax payers.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St spoke in opposition to the trail and any trail that's design has any impact on properties.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln, commented in opposition to any Dog Park that is within 60 yards from any residence. He went on to question the cost for the proposed trail and complimented Police Chief Catania and Town Manager Lee for their recent assistance.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Establish public hearing regarding Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday February 5, 2018, at 6:00pm in the Middle School Auditorium to hear public comment regarding the proposed draft Gap Closure Study Report followed by the regular Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.

2. Tax Refunds - Addendum

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 5-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Lee commented on the process of the Gap Closure Study. The Planning Study is the first step and is responsible for the alignment. As completed the draft report has been submitted and is online. The Town Council has determined to hold a public hearing on the draft report and once the Planning Study is finalized the Town Council needs to take action on the alignment.

The next step would be the Design Phase where applications to the State would be made for funding. If the funds were not available, the project would not go forward until design monies were available. During this phase as well as the construction phase if approved, there will be opportunities for residents to give their input.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Refunds **1/16/2018**

	Current Year	Amount
1	14 Bayville Avenue LLC & PSB Plainville	\$323.40
2	Blanchette, Donaldlene. 50 Pearl St	\$139.08
3	Byram, Arthur or Joyce, 29 North St	\$12.19
4	Chambrello, Patricia, 190 Tomlinson Ave 17-B	\$200.00
5	Koskoff, David, PO Box 347	\$107.52
6	Koskoff, David, PO Box 347	\$91.50
7	Koskoff, David, PO Box 347	\$91.50
8	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$146.15
9	Petrocione, Nancy, 14 Cassidy Dr	\$62.74
	Total	\$1,174.08

	Prior Year	Amount
1	Toyota Lease Trust, Duluth, GA	\$132.21
2	Toyota Lease Trust, Duluth, GA	\$86.28
3	Toyota Lease Trust, Duluth, GA	\$133.81
	Total	\$132.21