

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2023 – 7:00p.m.**

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January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting; January 19 and 25, 2023 Special Meetings

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Tompkins, Catanzaro, Morante, Rocco, Wazorko, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Mastrianni, and Town Clerk Porrini. Town Manager Paulhus was absent.

Vice Chairman Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance

***Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to add to the agenda:**

Section V. Appointments/Resignations

2.* Board of Education Resignation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023, Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the Central CT Chamber Choice Awards on February 2nd.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Library Board of Trustees

Councilwoman Morante motioned to appoint Barbara Davison, 28 Northampton Lane, to the Library Board of Trustees for the term ending November 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Board of Education

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Deborah Hardy from the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Road, to the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 6-0. Councilwoman Tompkins abstained.

3. Fire Department

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Zachary Martin, 92 Stonecrest Drive – Bristol, as a Probationary Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

4. Board of Assessment Appeals

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Gayle Dennehy, (R), 28 Perron Road, to the Board of Assessment Appeals through October 1, 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

5. Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission (CRCOG)

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, 74 South Washington Street, to the Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission through December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

6. Economic Development Agency

Councilman Rocco motioned to reappoint to the Economic Development Agency:

Joseph Klepacki, Jr. (D), 7 Usher Avenue, through November 9, 2024
Helen Bergenty, (R), 8 Stremlau Avenue through November 9, 2026

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

7. Housing Authority

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to reappoint David Mazurek, (U), 71 West Broad Street, to the Housing Authority through February 1, 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

8. Inland Wetlands Commission

Councilman Catanzaro motioned to reappoint to the Inland Wetlands Commission:

Sandra Talbot, (U), 7 Robidoux Road,
Patricia LeBeau, (D), 46 East Broad Street
David Garewski, (R), 17 Jude Road

through January 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

9. Recycling & Solid Waste Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Richard Ireland, Jr., (D), 21 East Maple Street, through February 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli presented and discussed the following topics:

- **CRCOG 2023 Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program – (LOTICIP) Request for Proposals**

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is soliciting proposals for transportation improvements under their Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). The engineering

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department has identified the re-construction of Red Stone Hill as a top priority for funding. Work will cover approximately 2300 linear feet from Town Line Road to Poitras Road (Bristol).

John Bossi, Town Engineer will be present to provide a summary on the scope of work planned for Red Stone Hill. There is an item under New Business to authorize the Town Manager to submit a proposal to CRCOG.

- **2023 Sidewalk Construction Program**

The engineering department is proposing to use the remaining uncommitted capital sidewalk replacement account funds to replace sidewalks on Florence Lane. There is approximately \$240,000 available in these various accounts. The estimated cost for the replacement of Florence Lane is approximately \$200,000.

The engineering department is requesting to extend the current Bid #2022-16E (Sidewalk Construction) to D&P Morais Construction through a change order. D&P Morais Construction successfully completed the installation of sidewalks last summer without issues. They have expressed an interest to continue with a modest increase which the engineering department has determined is reasonable. There is an item under New Business to request approval for a change order to Bid#2022-16E to extend the contract limits and value to replace sidewalks on Florence Lane.

- **Honor Heights Discussion Update**

The Public Hearing was completed on January 19, 2023 with approximately 31 homeowners/residents in attendance. Most homeowners (50 homeowners) were not present. A preliminary design was completed by Tighe & Bond on January 6, 2023, and a portion of that design was used at the public hearing to identify potential lateral connections to homes.

A letter and map indicating lateral connections was mailed to each homeowner explaining that in most cases accommodations can be made with respect to the movement or relocation of laterals. Three easements are required for this project, and I have undertaken outreach to schedule meetings to begin negotiating these easements. I have held one meeting with Countryside Condominiums thus far and look to speak with representatives with the Mott Corporation and 23 Robidoux Road.

- **Robertson Airport Events**

Mr. Scata reported that the Airport and the Town have been approached by three organizations that want to use the airport as a venue for their respective events.

- Car Show by Nexgen, April 30th - This event will be in Hangar 1.
- Food Truck Battles by FestEx Productions – May 20th to 21st, This event will be similar in scope to the former Fly In event. There will be approximately 40 trucks.
- Penny Sale by Plainville Rotary Club – Early May

The airport will remain open and operation during all three events. A portion of money raised from each event will be donated to local charities. The Commission voted to approve all three events with the understanding that a fair amount of the total profits will be donated to local charities. The Town Manager will make a final determination on an appropriate donation amount to each charity.

- **White Oak Re-development Update**

The project is moving along, but there has been a small change in personnel at DECD. Don Friday who was the Project Manager has left the agency and was replaced with Mark Bruno. Mr. Bruno has a history of working with Tighe & Bond was quickly brought up to speed on the White Oak Project. Manafort/Newport Realty (MNR) has been accepted into the Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup (ABC) Program. The Town was accepted into the program and was granted a 1 year extension to coincide with the end date for MNR.

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Tighe & Bond has completed the supplemental assessment work with included additional soil borings and water sampling. Upon further review, Tighe & Bond feels there are other areas of concern requiring further delineation. Attorney Mastrianni is working to finalize the property title search. On the title search is complete and sent to the state, Attorney Mastrianni will begin finalizing the Financial Assistance Agreement documents with DECD. Once completed the state will be able to release grant funding, allowing the Town to seek reimbursement for eligible costs and move forward with purchase.

- **Crooked Street Bridge Repairs**

CTDOT is coordinating the repair of two bridges for Crooked Street. Project #1 (0170-3357) -Bridge repairs to Crooked Street Bridge over I-84 (Pin Replacement/Renovation). Preconstruction meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023. Construction to begin in Spring 2023 with a projected completion date in 2024.

Residents and motorists can expect lane closures and possible alternating one way traffic. Both day and night construction can be expected. Project #2 (0109-0174) Replacement of the Bridge over the Pan Am Railroad. In predesign phase.

- **Whiting Street Repaving**

Reconstruction project – Preliminary design submitted to CRCOG December 2022. Revisions to the preliminary design are on-going. Easement negotiations to begin on or about February 17, 2023, with a Public Information meeting on or about March 27, 2023.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli reported on programs and activities with Town Departments as well as Tax bill collection and events at the Senior Center. More information can be found at www.plainville.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the public comment portion of the meeting and mentioned receiving copies of communications (emails) that had been submitted to the Town Manager's Office regarding the Middle School Plainville renovation topic. Chairwoman Pugliese informed the public that the communications would be given to the Town Clerk to be included in the Town Council meeting minutes.

Pete Montana, 54 Bel-Aire Drive spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Laura Montana, 54 Bel-Aire Drive spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Emily Wasley, 176 Stillwell Drive spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Anke Behrends-Cooke, 55 Redstone Hill spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Laura Meehan, 4 Orchard Lane spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Melissa Sweeney, 40 Glenwood Drive spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Chris Strenk, 32 Webster Street spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St.,questioned why the issues are being raised at a Town Council meeting vs. a BOE meeting.

Mike L'Etoile, 36 Roberts Street spoke in favor of the renovate as new for the Middle School Plainville project.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CRCOG 2023 LOTCIP Application – Reconstruction of Red Stone Hill

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve and authorize the Town Manager to submit a proposal under the Capitol Region Council of Government's "2023 LOTCIP Solicitation" for Red Stone Hill. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Extension of Bid 2022-16E, Sidewalk Construction

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to extend Bid #2022-16E, Sidewalk Construction, to D&P Morais Construction, Ludlow, MA, for an additional amount not to exceed \$240,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Establish public hearing regarding Town Manager's FY2024 Proposed Budget

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to establish a public hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the Town Manager's FY2024 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Set Special Meetings regarding Town Council's FY2024 Proposed Budget

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to establish the following special meetings of the Town Council for the purpose of considering and acting upon the FY2024 Budget:

- March 13, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22, 2023 in the Municipal Center at 6:30 pm

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

1. Fire Department Incident Report

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 pm Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cindy A. Porrini, Town Clerk
& Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds

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	Current Year	Amount
1	CCAP Auto Lease LTD, 1601 Elm St, Dallas TX	\$369.77
2	Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA	\$283.33
3	Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA	\$164.38
4	Perrier, David J. Jr, 124 White Oak Ave.	\$8.00
5	Debinski, Kazimierz, 49 View St	\$260.59
6	Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, 4100 Wildwood Pkwy, Atlanta, GA	\$582.43
7	Lacasse, Jimmy & Crete, Annie, 98 Farmington Ave	\$166.79
8	Poplawski, R, Calvo-Poplawski, D, Morrell, R & Calvo, S 15 Pine St	\$91.92
9	Connex Credit Union, PO Box 477, New Haven, CT	\$2,389.31
10	Lyons, Matthew & Michele, 7 Lark Rd, Simsbury CT	\$845.05
11	Liberty Bank, 315 Main St, Middletown, CT	\$36.00
12	Larsen, Barbara, 16 Black Birch Rd	\$114.62
	Total	\$5,312.19
	Previous Year	
1	Poplawski, R, Calvo-Poplawski, D, Morrell, R & Calvo, S 15 Pine St	\$103.68
2	Poplawski, R, Calvo-Poplawski, D, Morrell, R & Calvo, S 15 Pine St	\$103.86
	Total	\$207.54

1. **From:** Melissa Steele
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:36 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: In FAVOR of MSP renovation plan to state

PLEASE RECONSIDER VOTING YES TO LETTING MR LEPAGE SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR MSP! ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS DESERVE US TO BE BETTER FOR THEM!!!!

Melissa and Timothy Steele
3 children at Toffolon Elementary

2. **From:** Allison Ozga
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:01 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Statement for tonight's meeting

Hello- I am writing this letter to be read at tonight's town council meeting during public comments:

As a parent of two young children who are/will be attending Plainville Community Schools, I am appalled that the town council voted to not allow a town vote regarding the MSP renovation plans. The plans outlined at this time would allow for our superintendent to apply for grant funding for the project, significantly alleviating the tax burden on Plainville residents.

While the plan to finance the program appears like a no-brainer in that it is the best option for our students, it is more concerning that the town council rejected to allow the measure to be put to a vote directly by Plainville citizens. This is deeply problematic and makes it appear that the citizens voices does not matter. Many of you ran an election stating that you wanted to represent the voices of Plainville residents. Please do good on your campaign promise and do not take this power away from us. It is our kids future and safety on the line.

Allison Ozga

3. **From:** Marie Clark
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP renovations

Council members,

Please allow the MSP renovations decision to be put out to a town vote. The grants that have been discussed would save the town so much money. Our children deserve a functioning and healthy learning environment. We have stepped up for other Plainville schools and it's time for MSP.

Allow the residents to speak by voting.

Thank you.

Marie Clark

5 Great Plain Drive

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~Marie Clark

4. **From:** Melissa Steele
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Renovate like-new!!

Please read aloud and consider for Lepage proposal of middle school renovation!

Our family is in favor of renovate like-new to be proposed to the state for the grant. We have three elementary age children now attending Toffolon who will be future students at MSP. This grant will positively benefit the town to keep renovations at a lower cost to us taxpayers. Prices are going up with everything across the board and there is no reason why we can't apply for this grant.

The Steele Family
28 Fleetwood Drive
Plainville, CT

5. **From:** Alisha Wells
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP renovation

Good afternoon,

I am unfortunately unable to attend the town meeting but I wanted to reach out, like many others, in support of the renovate-like-new opportunity for MSP. I currently have a child who attends MSP, another child who will be in a couple of years and my husband and I are also alumni. Seeing the middle school now and realizing how little it has changed since we attended nearly 25 years ago was quite shocking! Our kids deserve better, plain and simple.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alisha Wells

6. **From:** AOL Alert
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP RENOVATE AS NEW PROJECT

Dear Town Council;

I hope to address the Council on February 21 but in case I cannot, I wanted to express my complete support for this project.

Respectfully,

Val E. Dumais
Unit 26
15 West Pine Way
Plainville, CT 06062