

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 6:00p.m.**

6:00pm EXECUTIVE SESSION: Police Union Contract – Tentative Agreement

Councilwoman Pugliese called the special meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Chief Catania, Attorney Weinstock and Assistant to the Town Manager Colby.

A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding the Police Union Tentative Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

The Executive Session ended at 6:50pm. No further action was taken.

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 7:00p.m.**

- I. **PRESENTATIONS:** Quinn Christopher

- II. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- III. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of February 7, 2018 Special Meeting

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

- V. **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
 1. Firefighter Resignation
 2. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

1. Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report
2. Town Council March Meeting Schedule
3. Road Bond Project Update
4. BAN Sale
5. Financial Dashboard
6. Happenings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1. Consider Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report
2. Consider Police Union Tentative Agreement
3. Establish Public Hearing regarding Town Manager Lee's Proposed FY2019 Budget
4. Set Special Meetings regarding Town Council Proposed FY2019 Budget
5. Toad Bond Bids
6. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Wazoroko, Morante, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

Quinn Christopher

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Councilman Wazorko presented Quinn Christopher with a Town Chair and sincerely thanked her for her time on the Town Council and contributions she made while serving the residents.

Quinn Christopher expressed her appreciation and thanked the Town Council for their support.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairwoman Pugliese commented the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting are under review and action will take place at the next Town Council meeting.

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2018 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilman Gnazzo attended the Capital Project Building Committee meeting. Bids were reviewed for environmental services for the Wheeler School project and invoices were approved.

Councilwoman Morante attended the Committee on Aging meeting where there is a lot of activity going on with a greater focus of Veterans. The Conservation Commission is planning a Pequabuck River and Quinnipiac River clean-up, they've continued discussion of a possible recommendation regarding fracking waste and the Library Board is in the process of finding a Library Director.

Councilman Cox attended the Economic Development Agency meeting. Frankie's Restaurant has been busy cleaning up the site and making improvements, there has been activity on the White Oak property looking into potential clean-up of hazard waste and materials and the property on New Britain improvements continue to move forward.

Chairwoman Pugliese attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting and reported the 110 Annual Awards Dinner will be April 24 at Nuchie's. This year they have selected for the Beautification Award – U-Haul Moving & Storage of Pinnacle Road, Business of the Year – Farmington Bank, Distinguished Community Leader – Shirley Osle, Distinguished Families and Business Award – Tabitha W. Manafort & Quinn W. Christopher, Distinguished Women in Business Award – Jane A Carney, Painting & Decorating, Inc., Non-profit Organization of the Year – Rotary Club of Plainville

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Richard Ohidy from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

2. Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint as Regular Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission to the new term 1/2/18 – 1/2/22:

- a. Aaron Sarra (U), 29 Tyler Farms Road
- b. William Davison (R), 28 Northampton Lane
- c. Matthew Weimer (U), 16 Peace Court

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

3. Recycling & Solid Waste Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint as Regular Members of the Recycling & Solid Waste Commission to the new term 2/1/18 – 2/1/20:

- a. Marie Cassidy (D), 7 Florence Lane
- b. George Fensick (R), 2 Pinecrest Drive
- c. Rebecca Ireland (D), 21 East Maple Street
- d. Kathleen Cole (D), 2 Condale Lane

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

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

Chairwoman Saunders reported included the PHS Jazz Band won 3rd place at the Berkley Music Festival and there was a district wide in a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Superintendent Brummett sent a letter to parents in relation to the recent events in Florida. Highlighted topics included the reassurance that the schools were working closely with the police and fire departments and run realistic scenario drills on a regular basis. A meeting is being planned with the district leadership and the Plainville Police to review safety protocols.

She went on to state Dr. Brummett and Board members attended a CREC/CABE legislative breakfast where discussion touched upon a proposed bill that would eliminate the Governor's ability to reduce ESC funding in the middle of a fiscal year. Also, at the last Board meeting the BOE budget was approved at 5.13%. Details will be reviewed at the March public hearing.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was offered.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report**

A Public Hearing on the Draft Gap Closure Study was held on February 5, 2018 at the Middle School Auditorium. Approximately 150 to 175 persons attended the hearing. In addition, many letters and emails were received regarding the Draft Report as well.

CRCOG and VHB have reviewed all of the written and verbal comments that have been submitted and has made some additions to the Final Report that is being submitted for Town Council consideration this evening.

Tim Malone from CRCOG addressed the Town Council to review some of the changes to the Final Report in response to the public hearing. They include:

Broad Street –still looking at all options clarifying decisions will be made during the design phase

Pierce Street – clarification existing eastern line of the sidewalk would not be changed.

South part of Town – adjustment to the alignments. Alternates will be used that will not involve the tow path south of the park. Adjustments are to go east away from the tow path by approximately 200ft to be determined during the design phase.

Added language to the next steps. CRCOG would also be voting on the Final Report. The Town would work with CRCOG and DOT to make a formal request for the project to be initiated.

Clarifying remarks during the design phase, planners would be looking at privacy screenings on various sections of the trail including Perron Rd, area south of Rt72, Pierce St area, Hemingway, Broad St, as well as working with neighboring property owners to decide what would be the best way to screen them or provide a buffer between them and the Trail. Privacy impact has been a concern will be addressed during the design phase.

The next step is once the project is initiated with DOT, it will be assigned a project number and funding would be lined up. Next funding would be looked into for subsequent phases such as right of way, construction and contingencies. Shovel in the ground is a number of years off.

- **Town Council March Meeting Schedule**

The Town Manager's Proposed Budget will be presented at a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget will happen one week later on Thursday, March 8th.

Work sessions on the Budget could be held on March 12, 13, 14 & 15 as well as March 20, 21 & 22nd. The work sessions could begin at 6:30 pm. All of the work sessions and Public Hearings will be taped and televised by Nutmeg.

A Public Hearing on the Town Council's Recommended Budget could be held on Monday, April 2nd.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to look at their schedules and contact Town Manager Lee the following day.

- **Road Bond Project Update**

The fourth year of the Five-Year Road Bond Program will begin this spring. Town staff is recommending that State Bid prices be used once again for the project.

It is recommended that Tilcon be contracted to provide the paving materials (not to exceed \$500K), rental of construction equipment and operator of a grader and roller (not to exceed \$25K), and to provide processed aggregate. (not to exceed \$25K)

It is also recommended that catch basin items and concrete blocks & bricks be purchased from United Concrete Products under State Bid pricing in amounts not to exceed \$50K and \$15K respectfully.

Town staff is recommending that Garrity Construction be contracted to perform pavement milling operations at a cost not to exceed \$100K. The Garrity hourly rates will be the same as was used last year.

- **BAN Sale**

On February 6th four bids were received for Bond Anticipation Notes. These Notes are scheduled to mature on September 14, 2018 (7 months) when it is anticipated that permanent financing would occur. These Notes are currently financing the Road Bond Program on a temporary basis.

The note amount was for \$4M and the “low bid” was submitted by Eastern Bank in the net amount of 1.5480%. No action of the Town Council is required regarding this BAN sale.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard was included in the Council’s information package and was posted on the Town website. Scott Colby reviewed the Financial Dashboard for the period ending January 31, 2018.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events within the Senior Center and Library. 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.

Kris Hart, 7 Murzen Ln commented about a letter from the Roadways Dept. that was given to homeowners regarding leaves. He stated he made an effort to have his leaves ready by the last

date however some of his leaves were not down at that time. He suggested a spring leaf pick up for those who still have piles of leaves.

Town Manager Lee responded the intent of the letter was to notify residents that there would not be another pick up and they could bring them to the Transfer Station.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd commented on inaccuracies she feels were made in the meeting minutes of Feb 5. and offered corrections and notes.

Town Manager Lee responded meeting minutes are required to be posted within a certain time. The posted minutes are draft minutes. Town Council has received comments regarding the Feb 5 minutes and will be taking those under advisement before approving them.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St suggested the Town Council wait for corrected minutes before acting on the Gap Trail. He feels the Town Council has already made up their minds before approving the minutes. He also commented on the Northwest Drive Road project that seems to end on Perron Rd and went on to questioned if the State has approved funds for the Wheeler School Project.

Chairwoman Pugliese mention the Town Council was in attendance at the Feb 5 meeting and saw and heard the presentation and speakers.

Town Manager Lee stated the Town is still waiting for the State Legislature to take action regarding the school project.

He and Chairwoman Pugliese continued and commented the minutes are a part of the requirement of meetings The Town Council has been a part of many meetings, public hearings and special meetings. They have received countless emails regarding comments on the Trail. She does not feel the minutes a decision needs to wait for the minutes to be approved.

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to this phase any future phase of Alignment C. She feels the Town Council should take more time to review the revised plan which was recently published and consider the impact it will have on Plainville neighborhoods and citizens.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any current or future trail design, alignment or project that will be near or abuts any residential property on Perron Road. She voiced her concerns with adjustments to Broad Street, Hollyberry Lane and Pierce Street but not addressing concerns to Perron Road. Perron Road will not have a buffer and she will not be getting the peace and quiet and serenity she paid for.

Mark Swanson, 78 Metacomet Rd urged the Town Council to accept the plan and move forward with the process. He supports the plan.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave is insulted by the 3 min rule and supports the all the residents who are opposed to the trail. He went on to talk about the healthcare fund. He does not want to see the Town Council approve any funds to cover the fund's overages. He feels it is not the taxpayer's responsibility to cover employee's overages. He would also voice his concerns that his emails that were sent to the Town Manager and Town Council were shared with employees. He does not feel it is right.

Henry Tessier, 190 Tomlinson Ave 3E appreciates the work the Town Council and Town Manager have done on the Gap Study and it shows the due diligence everyone has done. He is in support of accepting the report.

Val Dumais, 43 Reliance Rd. Chairman of the Economic Development Agency spoke in support of the trail and the potential economic boom it will give to the businesses in Town. He feels this is especially important to the Downtown area.

Kathleen Cook, 62 Pierce St spoke in opposition to Alignment C or any alignment that will go through a residential street. Pierce Street is a very busy street and feels it will be a burden to the taxpayers.

Anthony Lauria, 18 Perron Rd expressed his disappointment that no Town Council member came to a special meeting of Perron Road residents. He also questioned the lack of business owners voicing their support of the trail.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln, is pleased to hear the proposal of the moving the alignment behind Hollyberry and Condale to the other side of the stream. He feels the timing of the action of the Town Council to vote on the trail is premature and still feels if there are no rails there should be no trails.

Marilyn Shorette, 18 Milford St recently spoke with Senator Martin and Representative Petit. She feels they listened to her concerns and would like to see more of that in a Town Council meeting. She spoke in opposition to the trail and doesn't feel the State has the money to give to Plainville. She does not feel the Town is laid out for the trail.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St asked the Town Council to listen to the taxpayers who are opposed to the trail. She went on and voiced her concerns that the out of towners were allowed to speak at the Feb 5 public hearing.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln, asked that the non- Plainville taxpayer's comments be ignored and would also like the Town Council to allowed 5 min during public comments.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext feels the Feb 5 was pre-arranged with notices sent out to people. He feels there has been a lot of time has been spent on the trail but does not see the economic growth.

Dale Conlin, 661Main Street, Plantsville spoke in opposition of the trail. She is familiar with the trail through Southington and is opposed to any trail that was not a rail. She has family and friends on Perron Rd and feels

At 8:40pm Councilman Wazorco motioned for a brief recess. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 8:45.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Gap Closure Trail Study Final Report

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to approve and accept the Gap Closure Trail Final Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko.

Summary comments include:

Councilman Gnazzo supports the final report to move forward in order to learn if the project is feasible. Questions such as what will the final design be, what will the final alignment be, is funding available, what the impact to neighborhoods will be, what can be done to create safe buffer zones need to be addressed.

Councilwoman Morante supports the study to allow moving to the next steps of the process. She has followed the process carefully and believes it has been very detailed, comprehensive and collaborative. There have been multiple opportunities for public input that have resulted in modifications to the plans. By accepting the Final Report it enables the Town to move on to further steps and allows the application for funding to do so. The report identifies one overall preferred alignment and explains that many design items and options are still to be determined. It clearly states that privacy concerns will be addressed. Environmental reviews will also be addressed in the next phase. Councilwoman Morante encouraged people to stay engaged in the process. Her decision is based on what is best for Plainville.

Vice Chairman Saunders has been a supporter of the trail for the past seven years. He feels while it is not perfect it is a good thing for Plainville and the design phase is to address improvements. He asked residents to give it a chance while going through the process and hopes it will benefit Plainville as it has other towns.

Councilman Wazorko commented moving forward will give the Town resources that currently are not being used. The next phase will engage people and resources who will guide the Town through what can and cannot be done and come up with a plan that will benefit Plainville, benefit the taxpayers and does not adversely affect the expectations of residents and the ability to go into their backyards and enjoying a quite evening.

Councilwoman Tompkins has been conflicted and understands the concerns of residents. She took the time along with other Council members and walked through the woods to see where the path was going and how beautiful it was and how it was not going to be abutting areas of concern.

Councilman Cox stated there are no shovels going in the ground tomorrow and before that happens there will be another vote but this first step is necessary.

Chairwoman Pugliese appreciated the Council's involvement with this project and realizes this is not embraced by everyone. There is more to be done on this project and if it's not transpiring or going in a direction that is liked by the majority of the Town Council it can be stopped at any time. The DOT does have funding for this trail but the Town will not know if they will be receiving funds until a plan is in place and a grant application to the DOT is made. Necessary steps must be made before that happens. She stated that if the funding does not come through to the Town of Plainville then the trail will not happen.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Consider Police Union Tentative Agreement

Councilman Wazorko motioned to ratify the Police Union Tentative Agreement for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

3. Establish Public Hearing regarding Town Manager Lee's Proposed FY2019 Budget

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the Town Manager Lee's Proposed FY2019 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman and passed 7-0.

4. Set Special Meetings regarding Town Council Proposed FY2019 Budget

No action was taken

5. Road Bond Bids

a. Councilman Gnazzo motioned to award Bid #2018-16B, Bituminous Concrete Materials, to Tilcon, Plainville, CT under State Contract #15PSX0232 in the amount not to exceed \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

b. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to award Bid #2018-17B, Rental of Construction Equipment and Operator of Grader and Roller, to Tilcon, Plainville, CT, under State Contract 15PSX0267 in the amount not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

c. Councilwoman Morante motioned award Bid #2018-18B, Catch Basins, to United Concrete Products, Wallingford, CT, under State Contract #14PSX0231 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

d. Councilman Gnazzo motioned to award Bid #2018-19B, Concrete Block & Bricks, to Cromwell Concrete, Cromwell, CT, under State Contract #17PSX0046 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

e. Councilwoman Tompkins motioned award Bid #2018-20B, Stone, Gravel & Processed Aggregate, to Tilcon, Plainville, CT, under State Contract #17PSX0046 in the amount not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

f. Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to waive the bid process and award Bid #2018-21B, Rental of Construction Equipment and Operator for Pavement Milling, to Garrity Construction, Bloomfield, CT, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

6. Tax Refunds - Addendum

1	Steadman, Barbara or Russell, 39 Robert St	\$10.72
	Total	\$10.72