

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – 6:00p.m.**

- I. PRESENTATIONS:**

- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. GAP Closure Trail Study Report – Tim Malone, CCROG

- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of January 11, 2018 Special Meeting and January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

- V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
 - 1. Firefighter Appointments
 - 2. Conservation Commission Appointment
 - 3. Insurance Commission Resignation
 - 4. 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. WPC Phosphorus Project Update
 - 2. Grand List
 - 3. Northwest Paving Project
 - 4. Happenings

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- X. OLD BUSINESS**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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 6:00pm in the Auditorium of the Middle School. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Recording Secretary Dahlstrom. Additional Staff present was Mark Devoe, Town Planner and Garrett Daigle Assistant Town Planner

Councilman Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

II. PUBLIC HEARING

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00pm on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the Middle School of Plainville Auditorium, Northwest Drive, to hear public comment regarding the proposed draft Gap Closure Study Report followed by the regular Town Council meeting.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 1st day of February, 2018.

Tim Malone, Regional Planner for CCROG presented the proposed Alignment C for the Trail GAP Closure as fully described online at gapclosurestudy.com.

Chairwoman Pugliese shared that 40 emails were received both in favor of and opposed to the proposed Alignment C for the Trail. She then opened the meeting to public comments.

Gerald Ledger, Granby, CT - spoke in favor of Alignment C and talked about maintenance once the trail is open.

Barbara Davison, 28 Northampton Lane - spoke in favor of the bike trail. She commented that it is healthy for families to have a place to walk and spend time outdoors.

Val Dumais 43 Reliance Road – Chairman of the Economic Development Agency - spoke in favor of the proposed alignment and trail. He commented that it will be beneficial to local businesses.

Dave Bocerello, 67 Shuttlemeadow Road - spoke in favor of the trail and proposed alignment. He commented that it will increase business in Plainville.

Craig Delapenta, Florence MA – spoke in favor of the trail. He owns a bed and breakfast on the trail in MA. It has been beneficial for his business.

Theresa Harper, 245 Farmington Avenue – spoke in favor of Trail.

Seth Winklemen, 37 Tyler Farms Road - spoke in favor of the trail, great for kids.

Kathy LaBella, 50 Pierce Street, Apt B25 - spoke in opposition to the trail. It will increase taxes and burden on taxpayers.

Pamela Jacobs – Depaolo, Southington - spoke in favor of the Trail. She commented that issues of safety and damage, graffiti need to be addressed prior to opening trail.

William Davison, 28 Northampton Lane - Commissioner from Planning and Zoning -spoke in favor of Trail and Alignment C.

John Thomas, 113 Broad Street - spoke in opposition to Alignment C. He feels there are safety and traffic issues in the area currently and thinks an alternate route should be considered.

Barbara Martin, 6 Condale Lane - spoke in opposition to the proposed Alignment C. Her back yard will be where the proposed trail is going. She is concerned about privacy.

nJeff Discosmo, 260 East Street - spoke in favor of trail and proposed Alignment C. He commented that it will bring business to Plainville.

Rich Williams, 1 Northwest Drive - spoke in favor of trail and Alignment C. He commented that it will bring business to Plainville.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Road – spoke in opposition to trail. It will go right behind her house and she is concerned about property value and privacy.

Barbara and Larry Pelletier, 160 Broad Street - spoke in opposition to Alignment C. He feels there are safety and traffic issues in the area currently and thinks an alternate route should be considered.

Douglas Nobel, Cheshire, CT - spoke in favor of trail. He commented that they just completed the trail in Cheshire and it is very successful. The location of the trail in Cheshire is on a busy street, West Main Street. There are no issues.

Toby Martin, Cheshire, CT - spoke in favor of the trail. Great for families, safe.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Road - spoke in opposition of the Trail. Trail should be on the railroad or not at all. Proposed Alignment would go behind her back yard. Concerned about property value, privacy.

Tim Miller, 19 Neil Court – Police Officer – spoke in favor of trail. Safe, healthy way for families to exercise.

Ethan Frankel, West Hartford - spoke in favor of the trail.

Gayle Dennehy, 28 Perron Road - spoke in opposition. Too close to residential. An alternate route should be looked at.

Rebecca Martinez, 8 Irving Road - spoke in favor of the trail. Home values are shown to increase.

Thomas Warnat, 11 Eastwood Drive - is the Chairman of the Park and Recreation Board and spoke in favor of the trail. It will be a benefit for all residents and businesses in Plainville.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Lane - spoke in opposition. Concerns about cost of maintenance and the burden on the Town.

Pete Salomone, 176 Redstone Hill Road – spoke in favor of the trail and the alignment. He commented that in his experience that people that live near the trail love it and add bridges from their yards to the trail.

Lidia Frangos, 3 Sachen Road - spoke in favor of the trail. It encourages community.

Zyta Zajackowski, 69 Broad Street - spoke in favor of the trail.

Foster White, 7 Overlook Road - spoke in favor of the trail.

Henry Tessier, 190 Tomlinson Ave - spoke in favor of the trail and a safe place to exercise.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave - spoke in favor of the trail and Alignment C.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext. - spoke in opposition. Concerns about cost to tax payers.

Marge Burris, 2 Mountain View Drive – Chairwoman of the Conservation Commission - spoke in favor of a trail, but not in the current proposed Alignment C. She feels it is too close to residences.

Roberta Brown, Coalition for Positive Youth Development in Plainville – spoke in favor of the trail and it will be a safe place for families to exercise.

Joann Edman, 166 West Main Street – spoke in opposition. She believes that the trail should only be constructed on the rails or not at all. Concerns about taxes and burdens on the town for trail maintenance.

Tom Moroni, 15 Bradley Street – spoke in favor of trail. He has a young daughter and they live on a busy street so it will give them somewhere safe to ride bikes.

George Fensick, 2 Pinecrest Drive – Vice Chairman of the Recycling Committee – in favor of the trail and the proposed Alignment.

Carrie Zack, 87 Hollyberry Lane – spoke in opposition. The proposed alignment will be behind her house. She is concerned about privacy and safety.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd – spoke in opposition. She commented about privacy concerns and property values.

Carol Nocolucci, 8 Condale Lane – spoke in opposition. Too close to houses, an alternate route should be considered. She is concerned about privacy.

Kathleen Cook, 62 Pierce Street – spoke in opposition. The current Alignment is on too many busy streets.

Roberta Martin, 4 Perron Road – spoke in opposition. Privacy concerns.

Laura Rosato, 24 Fairview – spoke in favor of the trail.

Rich Rollinson, Avon CT – spoke in favor of the trail.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Lane – spoke in opposition because of the wetlands located in the current proposed Alignment C.

Marilyn Shorette, 10 Milford Street – spoke in favor of a trail. She commented that alternate routes should be considered.

Mark Swanson, 78 Metacomet Road – spoke in favor of a trail. It is a great family activity.

Deb Hardy, 17 Maria Road – spoke in favor of the trail. She commented that it will be great for Plainville.

Robert Balkow, 22 Perron Road – spoke in opposition of the trail, alternate routes need to be considered.

Steve Massey, Bristol CT – spoke in favor of the trail.

Dave Buscarella, Windsor CT – spoke in favor of the trail.

Patrick Zapatka, DOT – spoke in favor of the trail. Neutral about the proposed alignment.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks Street – spoke about trail. Neutral.

Garu Oliviera, 14 Perron Road – spoke in opposition to trail. It will go behind his back yard. Privacy concerns.

Joe Becker, Farmington – spoke in favor of trail.

Hearing no further comments Chairwoman Pugliese closed the public hearing.

At 8:30 pm the public hearing was closed and a brief recess was taken.

At 8:45 pm Chairwoman Pugliese continued the Regular Town Council Meeting.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018 Special Meeting and January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

No reports were offered.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

- A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Christina Philibert, 62 Franklin Avenue as probationary Firefighter for the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**
- B. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Joel Rosado, 14 School Street as a probationary firefighter for the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

2. Conservation Commission

Councilwoman Morante motioned to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Jason Arnold to the Conservation Commission for a

term ending January 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

3. Insurance Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Linda Ferguson from the Insurance Commission effective March 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

4. Housing Authority

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to reappoint David Mazurek to the Housing Authority for another term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

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

Will be addressed at next meeting.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was offered.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

1. WPC Phosphorus Project Update

- Last Tuesday, January 30th, the WPC Phosphorus Project referendum was approved with 193 voting yes and 31 voting no. 85% of those who participated voted yes.
- The next step in the process is to finalize a Construction Administration Contract with Tighe & Bond and go out to bid for the project. This will most likely happen in March.
- After the bids are received, the Town will make a formal request for funding under the Clean Water Fund. A formal application could not be submitted until the Town had approved the appropriation and had received bids on the project.
- It is anticipated that the construction of the improvements could begin this summer. Construction is anticipated to last for approximately 2 years.

2. Grand List

- On January 22nd the October 1, 2017 Grand List was completed and signed by the Town Assessor Ann Marie Henning. The Grand List, after

exemptions, totals \$1,388,894,859. This is an increase of \$7,821,477 from the previous Grand List.

- The 0.56% increase included real estate increasing by \$2.4M, Personal property increasing by \$2.7M and motor vehicles increasing by \$2.75M. Overall, the October 2017 Grand List would generate \$203,757 under the current mill rate of 33.43.

3. Northwest Drive Paving Project

- On January 19th the Department of Transportation sent a letter confirming that grant funding is in place to proceed with repaving a portion of Northwest Drive. The project would repave Northwest Drive from the Pequabuck River Bridge to the intersection of Perron Road.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$1.1M and will be funded entirely by a state grant through what is known as the LoTCIP Program.
- Town staff is now preparing to bid this project in March with construction beginning over the summer months. I want to thank Town Engineer John Bossi and Town Development Director Mark DeVoe for putting together the grant application that was submitted to CRCOG. This was a competitive grant application whereby many other municipalities in the Capital Region were competing for limited monies.

4. Happenings

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events in Town. To view more activities please visit the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd - spoke in opposition to any trail or alignment that will have an impact on any neighborhood in Plainville. If there are no rails there should be no trails.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln, spoke at length in opposition to the trail.

Kathy LaBella, 50 Pierce Street, Apt B25 - opposed to the trail. It will increase taxes and burden on taxpayers

Jason Arnold – spoke in favor of the trail.

Joann Edman, 166 West Main Street – spoke at length in opposition to the trail.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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 7-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 9:25pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary
Town of Plainville