

**MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 2, 2018 – 7:00p.m.**

- I.    PRESENTATIONS:                    Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**
  
- II.   PUBLIC HEARING**
  - 1.        Recommended Location of Dog Park
  - 2.        Additional Appropriation to the Health Insurance Fund
  
- III.   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of December 18, 2017 Special and Regular Meetings
  
- IV.   ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**
  
- V.    APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
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  - 2.    Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions
  
- VI.   BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Meetings Only)**
  
- VII.   REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**
  
- VIII.   REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**
  - 1.    DECD Financial Assistance Proposal – 1 & 63 West Main Street
  - 2.    Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Study Update
  - 3.    Happenings
  
- IX.   PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  
- X.    OLD BUSINESS**
  
- XI.   NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider additional appropriation to Health Insurance Fund
2. Resolution – DECD Financial Assistance Proposal
3. 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 Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilwoman Morante led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to ratify establishing a public hearing Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on an additional appropriation to the Health Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.**

**I. PRESENTATIONS: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

Town Manager Lee presented Scott W. Colby, Jr, Assistant to the Town Manager, with the GOA Distinguished Budget Award for his efforts and preparations for the Annual Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

Town Clerk Skultety read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 2, 2018**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square, to hear public comment regarding:

1. The recommended location of a Dog Park at Norton Place Extension.
2. \*Consider an additional appropriation of \$550,000 to the Health Insurance Fund

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 28<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the meeting to public comments to the recommended location of a Dog Park.

Richard Ireland, 21 East Maple St, spoke in favor of a Dog Park but not in the recommended location. It's too isolated.

Danielle Roux, 76 Robert St Ext, spoke against the recommended location of a Dog Park as it is only 166ft away from her home. Expressed safety and health concerns.

Raymond Roux, 76 Robert St Ext spoke against the recommended location of a Dog Park. Expressed concern regarding property value.

Michael Bernavage, 40 Meriline Ave, spoke in favor of the Dog Park and commented he would use it.

Mike Kirkwood, 35 Overlook Dr, has many dogs in his neighborhood. He spoke in favor of recommended location of a Dog Park commenting it would be a social activity for dogs and owners.

Scott Adamson, 34 Meriline Ave, mentioned he is handicapped with 2 dogs and needs an area and Dog Park to exercise them. Being on the Dog Park Committee he feels the recommended location is a good one.

Brad Weiland, 63 Farmington Ave supports a Dog Park but not in the recommended location so close to a residence.

Doug Wright, 30 Hough St supports the development of a Dog Park. The Committee has worked hard to bring the recommended location to the Town Council.

Frank McDonough, 6 Peach Orchard Hill, spoke in favor of the Dog Park.

Joe Bandzak, 1 Mancini Way, commented he has a background in animal behavior and that he is an advocate for dogs. He questioned the Dog Park Committee's ability to monitor the park and is opposed to any Dog Park.

Ben Gediman, 5 Dickman Rd, liaison from Park & Rec, commented the Dog Park Committee has worked tirelessly. He feels the recommended location is not ideal but supports it.

Todd Cello, 12 Usher Ave feels there are safety and traffic issues in the area currently and location and spoke in opposition.

Cindy Rogers, 63 Farmington Ave spoke in opposition to the recommended location for a Dog Park. She also feels it is too close to a residence in the area.

Karen Milardo, 3 Usher Ave spoke in opposition to the recommended location of the Dog Park as close to a residence. She lives in the nearby neighborhood and expressed concerns for increased noise, traffic and decrease of property values.

Donna Cavallaro, 30 Robert St expressed her concerns regarding the increase of traffic in the neighborhood. She adopted a dog that was attached by another dog at a Dog Park and would not bring her dog to one.

Sue Cellino, 18 Usher Ave is not in favor of the recommended location. She expressed her concerns with the increase of traffic.

Christine Millette, 35 Woodside La, has a dog that would enjoy a Dog Park but feels there could be a better location.

Jill Maier, 16 Beckwith Dr, is not opposed to a Dog Park but is opposed to the recommended location and feels more research is needed.

Sue LaCombe, 204 West Main St is not against a Dog Park but would like to see a different proposed location.

Mary Ellen Wazorko, Southington stated she use to live on Usher Ave and feels the plan for a Dog Park are too vague and does not want to see one at the recommended location at the expense of the neighbors.

Amie Chasse, 176 Broad St commented typically owners take dogs to a park for enjoyment. She supports a Dog Park if it's done the right way.

Matthew Zakrzewski, 36 Linden St spoke in favor of a Dog Park. It's a social and exercise activity and would be good for senior and handicapped owners.

Doreen Raymond, 176 Broad St is a responsible dog owner and has visited other Dog Parks. She is in favor of the Dog Park.

Mike Sabel, 34 Meriline Ave spoke in favor of the Dog Park. Its exercise for the dogs and socialization for the owners.

Amanda LaCasse, 152 Camp St is a member of the Dog Park Committee and spoke in favor of the recommendation. It would be a benefit and improvement to the community. When speaking to Canine Officers in other communities the complaints were minor and that the parks are self-patrolling.

Stan Bojanowski, 99 Farmington Ave is a Dog Park Committee member. He walks his dogs in the Norton Place Extension area and it may not be ideal but its quiet. He supports the recommendation and mentioned expenses will be covered by fund raising and that the park will be monitored.

Dan Ciesielski, 33 Overlook Dr is Chairman of the Dog Park Committee. He stated off lease dog parks are the fastest growing parks. Once the Committee decided on a location they collected a petition with over 600 signatures in favor of the Dog Park. If the Town Council approves the

recommended location the committee will be raising the donations and address the concerns of the residents.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St expressed concerns with pit bulls at the Dog Park and owners cleaning up after their dogs. He feels it will take more than volunteers to run and maintain the park.

Virginia L'Etoile, 36 Robert St spoke against the recommended location. She has experienced bugs and ticks as she's walked in that area.

Barbara Steadman, 39 Robert St Ext spoke in support of the Roux family and their concerns with the recommended location.

Arthur Screen, 5 Cornell St spoke in opposition to the recommendation and to any Dog Park. He feels it is the owner's responsibility to take care and exercise their dog. It also would be difficult to keep non-residents out.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave feels a Dog Park is a place to enjoy dogs and fellow dog owners. She would feel safe if she lived near a Dog Park and spoke in favor of the recommendation.

Paul (inaudible), 91 Woodbridge Rd, Bristol is a dog handler for the State. He feels if a dog owner needs a Dog Park to take care of their dog they should not have a dog.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext, feels there is a lack of empathy for the family whose property is next to the recommended location and the Town is putting dogs before residents. A better location away from residents should be considered and have dog owners pay a fee for the use. He also questioned ongoing expenses to the Town when budgets are being cut.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St is advocating for the dogs. She feels a Dog Park has a potential danger to dogs, does not agree with the recommended location and questioned the responsibilities of monitoring the Dog Park.

Chairwoman Pugliese continued and summarized 8 emails that spoke in favor of the recommended location and acknowledged the efforts of residents who have voiced their opinions regarding the Dog Park.

At 8:50pm the first public hearing was closed and a brief recess was taken.

At 9:00pm Chairwoman Pugliese opened the seconded public hearing for comments regarding an additional appropriation of \$550,000 to the Health Insurance Fund.

Arthur Screen, 5 Cornell St questioned the amount and need of the appropriation to cover high insurance claims by Town employees and families. He does not think the Town Council should be looking at anything that will cost the Town going forward including facilities.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St the employee insurance coverage should be looked into.

Chairwoman Pugliese commented on unforeseen illnesses and ways and options to address health insurance changes.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln questioned the number of claims that reached the stop loss limits.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave commented that the price of medications have dramatically increased.

Hearing no further comments Chairwoman Pugliese closed the public hearing.

### **III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017 Special and Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

No reports were offered.

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

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

- A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to reappoint Robert Planeta as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief of the Fire Department for a 1-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**
- B. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to acknowledge the Fire Company's elected officers for 2018 and recognize the Fire Company Captain and Lieutenants as Officers of the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.**

Captain	Kurt Plourde
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	David Massey
Lieutenant	Timothy Lennon
Lieutenant	William Gammon
Lieutenant	John Myska
Lieutenant	Paul Brousseau

### **VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- **DECD Financial Assistance Proposal – 1 & 63 West Main Street**

In November the Town was notified that a grant in the amount of \$200,000 was being awarded to perform a remediation analysis on the former White Oak property on West Main Street. On December 18, 2017 the Department of Economic & Community Development submitted assistance agreement to the Town. That agreement is being reviewed by Town staff and the Town Attorney.

The Agreement requires that the Town Council pass a Resolution regarding the project. A copy of the Resolution was included in the information provided for the meeting.

- **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Study Update**

The consultants for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail are expecting to release a Draft of the Gap Closure Trail Study for public review on January 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 30-day time frame for persons to submit comments regarding the Draft Plan.

During this 30-day period, a Public Hearing is being scheduled for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to receive comments as well and that meeting will be held at the Middle School Auditorium. The consultant will then review all of the comments and determine whether or not any changes should be made before submitting a Final Plan to the Town Council. The regular Town Council meeting will follow the public hearing.

The Town Council will then be presented with the Final Plan for its consideration.

- **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](http://www.plainvillect.com).

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to a trail that splits the Pierce Street neighborhood.

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.

Richard Ireland, Jr, 21 East Maple St, voiced concerns regarding sidewalks on Maple & East Maple Streets not being shoveled.

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

An abrupt recess was taken. The meeting resumed at 9:40pm.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consider additional appropriation to Health Insurance Fund**

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to appropriate \$550,000 from Account #0100-000-32110-0000, Unassigned Fund Balance, to Account #0100-840-55575-0000, Transfer Out – Health Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

**2. Resolution – DECD Financial Assistance Proposal – See Addendum**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution regarding financial assistance from Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for an Environmental Site Assessment at 1 and 63 West Main Street, Plainville, CT. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

**3. 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 9:45pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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**1-2018**



**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CGS 32-763  
(State Statutory Reference)

the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest

that the Town of Plainville make an application to the State for

(Applicant)

\$ 200,000 in order to undertake the Environmental Site Assessment for 2 parcels located at 1 and 63 West Main Street, Plainville, Ct

(Name and Phase of Project)

and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE**

Plainville Town Council

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by

CSG 32-763

(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by

Town of Plainville

(Applicant)

in an amount not to exceed \$ 200,000 is hereby approved and that

Town Manager Robert E. Lee

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Plainville

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**Refunds****1/2/2018**

	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Bowers, Kevin, 114 White Oak Ave	\$92.16
2	Enterprise FM Trust, St Louis, MO	\$167.38
3	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$196.84
4	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$455.89
5	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$560.79
6	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$382.39
7	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$124.97
8	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$281.67
9	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI	\$304.08
10	Frazee, Edith, 6 N Washington St	\$59.44
11	Oakes, Claudette or Jack, 68 W Broad St	\$18.70
12	Snyder, David, 43 Washburn Dr	\$41.34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,685.65</b>

**Sewer User Fee**

1	Trefon, Beata & Tomasz, 17 Birch Tree Rd	\$86.47
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86.47</b>