

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
March 18, 2024 – 6:30p.m.**

WORK SESSION: **DOT Farmington Canal Heritage Trail
Presentation – Phase 3 Downtown Area**

Chairman Wazorko called the Work Session to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Vice Chairwoman Morante Council members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, and Town Clerk Arena

Also, in attendance via zoom from State D.O.T. staff representatives, William Hogan, Highway Design - Project Engineer, Scott Bushee, P.E., Highway Design - Principal Engineer, Stephen Hall, P.E., Highway Design - Project Manager, and Christopher F. Luongo Highway Design - Project Designer.

A PowerPoint presentation was given with updated design details of Phase 3. Discussion ensued; Town Council Members requested additional information.

The Work Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

At this time a brief recess was taken.

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REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2024 – 7:00p.m.**

- I. PRESENTATIONS:** -Lucas Grafton – Certificate of Recognition
-Element 119
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
March 4, 2024, Regular Meeting; March 7, 2024, Public Hearing; March 11, 12, and 13, 2024 Special Meetings
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**
- V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
1. Planning & Zoning Commission Re-Appointments
 2. Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission Re-Appointment
 3. Veterans Council Re-Appointment
 4. Aviation Commission Appointment

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

1. Tax Fixing Agreement – Element 119
2. Historic Preservation Grant
3. Financial Dashboard
4. Happenings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Fixing Agreement – Element 119
2. Resolution regarding Historic Preservation Grant
3. Establish public hearing regarding the Town Council's FY25 Proposed Budget
4. Set Location of Annual Town Meeting (All Day Budget Vote)
5. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CGS §1-200(6)(E) and §210(b)(5)(B)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairman Wazorko, Council members Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council Members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea and Town Clerk Arena.

Councilman Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

-Lucas Grafton – Certificate of Recognition

-Element 119

Lucas Grafton – Certificate of Recognition

Vice Chairwoman Morante congratulated Lucas Grafton on his Eagle Scout project and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition for his Community Service and dedication to Conservation and Environmental Protection with construction and installation of sustainable nesting habitat for the endangered bat population in Plainville.

Element 119 –

The leadership team at Element 119, a zero-waste ceramic coating company, presented their business model and range of products for the military, automotive, aviation, and marine industries

to the Town Council. They are seeking to relocate their corporate office and manufacturing facility to Plainville.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024, Regular Meeting and March 7, 2024, Public Hearing; March 11, 12, and 13, 2024, Special Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission and Committee on Aging meetings.

Chairman Wazorko mentioned the MSP Referendum on March 19th. Councilwoman Christopher announced D’Amico Construction Co. Inc is a candidate for the 2024 Contractor of the Year.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Planning & Zoning

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint to the Planning & Zoning Commission:

- a) Jennifer Bariss-Earley (R), 74 South Washington Street
- b) William Ricci (Ind), 208 West Main Street

for the new term ending January 2, 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Jennifer Bartiss-Earley to the Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning for the new term ending December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

Veterans Council

Councilman Hurley motioned to reappoint to the Veterans Council:

- a) David Dudek (D), 20 Overlook Drive
- b) Daniel Kulas (D), 34 Robert Holcomb Way
- c) William Brayne (R), 5 Hemingway Street

for the new term ending March 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

Aviation Commission

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint Renato Astolfi (R), 45 Bel Aire Drive, as a Regular Member to the Aviation Commission for the unexpired term ending October 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Tax Fixing Agreement – Element 119**

Element 119 is a ceramic coating company that has developed several products for the automotive, aviation, and marine industries. The company's manufacturing facility is in Thomaston and their corporate office is in Cheshire. Element 119 is looking to acquire the building located at 60 Johnson Avenue, currently Carling Switch, by April and plans to relocate its workforce of approximately 30-40 employees to Plainville. The company is committed to making a significant investment in the property beyond the multi-million-dollar acquisition cost. Based on the acquisition cost, future expansion and job creation, Element 119 requests a Tax Fixing Agreement for a seven-year period.

There is an item under New Business to consider the approval of a Tax Fixing Agreement for the property located at 60 Johnson Avenue.

- **Historic Preservation Grant**

The Connecticut State Library has announced that Plainville will be eligible to receive a grant through the Historic Document Preservation Program in the amount of \$5,500. The grant funds will be administered by the Town Clerk and will be used to purchase additional locking cabinets to store confidential records. This will add much-needed storage space for all election materials and Veteran Discharge records on file in the Clerk's Office.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard report has been provided to the Town Council through February 29, 2024, and has been posted to the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli announced activities and events within and including the Tax/Assessor Office and Senior Center. Further information can be found on the Town's website.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kisluk 65 Forestville Avenue, commented on the MSP Renovate Like New Referendum.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Fixing Agreement – Element 119

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to table this item to the April 1, 2024, Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

2. Resolution regarding Historic Preservation Grant

Councilman Gediman motioned to adopt a resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing Application for Historic Preservation Grant". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

3. Establish public hearing regarding the Town Council's FY25 Proposed Budget

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday April 8, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment in the Town Council's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 7-0.

4. Set Location of Annual Town Meeting (All Day Budget Vote)

Councilman Hurley motioned to set the location of the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of voting on the Town Council's Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget at the Plainville Firehouse, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, for the hours of 6:00am to 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

5. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Councilwoman Christopher 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

Town Manager Paulhus informed the Town Council CTDOT has begun drainage work and has closed the Woodford Avenue westbound on-ramp to I-84.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. CGS §1-200(6)(E) and §210(b)(5)(B)**

At 8:03pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to enter Executive Session for the purpose of CGS §1-200(6)(E) and §210(b)(5)(B) discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Executive Session began at 8:05pm. Present were Chairman Wazorko, Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, and Underwood. Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea, Town Planner DeVoe, and Economic Development Coordinator Halburger.

Discussion followed regarding CGS §1-200(6)(E) and §210(b)(5)(B). A motion to end the Executive Session was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 pm Councilman Gediman motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy Arena,
Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds		3/18/2024	
Current Year			Amount
1 Sherri Wells, 66 Forshaw Avenue, Plainville			\$400.00
Total			\$400.00
Previous Year			
1 Corelogic Centralized Refund, P O Box 9222, Coppell, TX 75019			\$12,488.10
Total			\$12,488.10
Sewer User Refunds			
1 Cellino Inc, P O Box 747, Farmington, CT, 06062			\$212.12
Total			\$212.12

8-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT

RESOLVED, that Michael Paulhus, Town Manager, or the Town Clerk as his designee, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Plainville, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.