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MAYOR JEFF WRIGHT

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2008

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Helen Nelson Room of the Newington Town Hall.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Banach
Councilor Boni
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Bowen
Councilor Cohen
Councilor Lenares
Councilor Nagel
Councilor Nasinnyk
Mayor Wright

Staff Present:

John L. Salomone, Town Manager
Lori Verreault, Executive Assistant
Ed Meehan, Town Planner
Ann Harter, Director of Finance

III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Teacher of the Year – Thomas Myler

The item was tabled by the Council and will be included on an upcoming meeting agenda when Mr. Myler is available to attend.

IV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sandy Lallier, 27 Elton Drive: Mrs. Lallier stated that the Safety Committee is her priority, and stated that as a resident she does not know who to turn to right now on the Committee as not all of the new members have been appointed. She remarked that the process seemed rushed and asked the Council to make sure the public knows that they have an avenue to turn to with the Safety Committee. Mrs. Lallier noted two concerns, the first being with graffiti in the Town. She noted that she recently observed two teenagers, fifteen to sixteen years old, buying an entire cartful of spray paint at Lowe's. She stated that the issue of graffiti needs to be addressed in Town and on her own street. She requested some sort of rule be put into place that would require teenagers buying spray paint to register or fill out paperwork for the purchase. Mrs. Lallier also expressed concern with a crosswalk at the end of her street, which is on top of a hill and in a blind spot. She noted that her children rarely use that crosswalk; rather they use the crosswalk on the other side of Neil Drive where the drivers have better

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visibility coming up the hill. She noted that the crosswalk in question ends in bushes, and stated that it is a real blind spot. She stated that it would be safer to move the crosswalk to the other side and/or place a sign on the hill alerting drivers to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Mrs. Lallier stated that she would have brought these two concerns to the Safety Committee had she known when and where the Committee is meeting. She also urged the Council to remind the public to participate in Council meetings and stated that the Town's government is passing things very quickly and many people do not realize what is going on in the Town. She stated that the best thing a resident can do is to vote for whomever they think can do the best for the Town. Mayor Wright asked Mrs. Lallier to wrap up her remarks. Mrs. Lallier urged the Council to encourage residents to participate in the Charter revision process. She remarked that it is an important process and remarked that not many people even know it is happening and happening quickly. She stated that she would like to learn more about what is going on with the Safety Committee and would like to hear the Council encourage residents to participate.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Ms. Lyons stated concern that the Joint Committee on Community Safety will be discharged at the current meeting without there being any new nominations of members for the new Safety Committee. Ms. Lyons noted that Councilor Bowen had requested information regarding the Newington Housing Authority at a previous meeting. She stated that she attended the Housing Authority's last meeting and learned that the Housing Authority is not reportable to the Town Council. She stated that there is information available for seniors at the Library and Senior Center. She stated that she had requested that the Housing Authority also have information available to the public through its Executive Director.

Councilor Cohen moved to add item VI-D to the agenda: Newington High School Air Conditioning and Field House Project Updates. Motion seconded by Councilor Bowen. Motion passed 9-0.

V CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A Discharge Joint Committee on Community Safety

Councilor Bottalico moved the following:

WHEREAS, in 2007 in response to several incidents and community concerns, the Town Council established by resolution an *ad hoc* Joint Committee on Community Safety to determine the needs and potential solutions for ensuring the safety of the community; and
WHEREAS, the Joint Committee reviewed and discussed data and information compiled by the Central Connecticut Health District, the Connecticut Student Health Survey, Search Institute – Asset Development Survey and other national information; and
WHEREAS, additional information and communications were provided by the Schools, Police Department, Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Library, Senior and Disabled Center, Town Planner and the Central Connecticut Health District; and
WHEREAS, the Joint Committee subsequently developed and submitted a report outlining short-term recommendations which was forwarded to the Town Council for consideration; and
WHEREAS, the Town Council has recently established a permanent Committee on Community Safety by Town ordinance;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby expresses its appreciation to the Chairperson and to all the members, past and present, of the Joint Committee on Community Safety for all their diligent and hard work in helping to bring to the forefront and address issues of concern to the residents of the Town of Newington and extends an invitation for the members and Town residents to continue to be involved in the process through the permanent Committee on Community Safety

Motion seconded by Councilor Nagel.

Councilor Nasinnyk stated that she is opposed to the resolution for reasons she had mentioned several times in the past. She stated that it is no longer a Joint Committee on Community Safety; it is now a totally different type of Committee. She noted that the Committee was created as an ad-hoc Committee and remarked that its work was not yet completed.

Councilor Cohen noted that a group that provided the Joint Committee on Community Safety, the Newington Chamber of Commerce, was not included in the resolution. She stated agreement with Councilor Nasinnyk's remarks and expressed disappointment in way this item was presented. She remarked that the previous

Committee was not made permanent; it was discharged and replaced. Councilor Cohen stated that the makeup of the Committee and the support from the Police Department is different with the new Committee and remarked that it remains to be seen how the new Committee will prove itself.

Councilor Bowen stated agreement with Councilor Nasinnyk and Councilor Cohen's remarks. He stated that he will be voting against the resolution. He noted that the Council will be making further appointments to the Committee later in the meeting. Councilor Bowen remarked that the Joint Committee on Community Safety did much more than was outlined in the resolution; it dealt with ongoing issues and was very proactive in dealing with issues throughout the Town. He stated that everyone on the Committee worked together and did much more than just develop and submit a report. He stated that the previous Committee had worked very well and stated that he had wished that the Council had kept it as-is.

Councilor Banach requested a roll call vote on the item.

Mayor Wright thanked the members of the Joint Committee on Community Safety for their service and stated that the Council is going in the correct direction by making it a permanent Committee and aligning it with the rest of the Town's boards and commissions. He noted that public membership has increased on the new Committee and stated that the Committee will serve the Town very well. Mayor Wright stated that he is impressed with the experience of the appointed members of the Safety Committee.

Roll Call Vote

Councilor Banach – no
Councilor Boni – yes
Councilor Bottalico – yes
Councilor Bowen – no
Councilor Cohen – no
Councilor Lenares – yes
Councilor Nagel – yes
Councilor Nasinnyk – no
Mayor Wright - yes

Motion passed 5-4 (roll call vote)

B Facilities Naming Committee Recommendation – Discussion

Town Manager Salomone noted that the Council had received the minutes of the recent Naming Committee meeting and stated that there were unanimous opinions about naming the Town Clerk's office after Ed Serement. He stated that the second item discussed was naming the ambulance building after Russ Correll and noted that there was some discussion concern by Ambulance Board members that by naming the entire building after Mr. Correll there would not be anything to name after any worthy people in the future. Town Manager Salomone stated that the Naming Committee did pass along the naming of the ambulance building after Mr. Correll as a unanimous recommendation, but stated that it wants to get more input from the Council.

Deputy Mayor Lenares stated that the Committee is requesting to postpone action on both items until a later meeting pending more research. Councilor Bowen noted that both items had been passed by the Committee by 3-0 votes, and inquired whether there had been subsequent motions to overturn the votes since the Committee had subsequently decided to gather more information. He stated that technically the Committee had voted unanimously to support both items. He stated that if the Committee is having second thoughts it should address overturning the motions at the next meeting prior to proceeding with discussion.

Mayor Wright stated that there should be further discussion among the Committee members, the Ambulance Board and other individuals prior to the Committee making its final recommendation. Town Manager Salomone explained that the votes occurred at the meeting and then public participation after the vote prompted more thoughts. Councilor Cohen added that the Committee had passed the point on the agenda of being able to vote on the items. Councilor Banach stated that it was more procedural than anything, as the Committee had to pass a motion in order to bring the item to the Council for further discussion. Deputy Mayor Lenares stated that the Committee will meet again in the following week for further discussion.

Councilor Boni stated that he has had mixed emotions about naming things in Town after people. He stated that there are a lot of people who do a lot of good for the Town who go unrecognized because they don't belong to a

political party or for whatever reason their work goes unnoticed. He stated that he has come to the conclusion that the naming of streets, bridges and buildings has gotten a little bit out of hand, and remarked that he means no disrespect to any past or potential honorees. Councilor Boni stated that he understands naming a room or an office after someone, but stated that the naming a building or a street should be reserved for those who have lost their life serving this Town, like Officer Lavery. He stated that naming a building, street or bridge after one person when many have participated in that particular project is wrong. He stated that it is fine to name an office or a room after someone, but again stated that streets, buildings or bridges should only be named after those who have made the supreme sacrifice for the Town.

Councilor Nasinnyk stated that it is an unusual situation for the Naming Committee to have two different families come before it with requests at the same time and suggested that families making the requests be interviewed and handled separately. She commended the Committee for its work and indicated that any recommendations coming from the Committee will be well thought out.

C Update on Affordable Senior Housing

Town Manager Salomone stated that while there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes at New Samaritan, they are basically waiting to hear back from HUD in order to move forward. Town Planner Ed Meehan explained that New Samaritan has not yet heard back from HUD and stated that HUD's decision is not expected to be made prior to the end of October or early November. He stated that New Samaritan provided HUD with a full application that was submitted in June that contained all of the information requested by HUD, including local letters of support, information on site characteristics and demographics. Mayor Wright inquired how many other communities in the State submitted applications to HUD. Mr. Meehan replied that he did not know the answer to that question.

Councilor Bowen urged the Town to work in a parallel fashion on moving the site back so that it doesn't run into any timing problems with moving forward on the new site compared with the current site. Mr. Meehan agreed and stated that the Town can start working on some of the issues that are still up in the air such as working with the Housing Authority on any boundary-line adjustments or cross easements. He also stated that space needs within the Town Hall should be addressed, as well as the needs of the occupants of the NCTV building. Town Manager Salomone added that the Facilities Manager will come to the Committee with future space needs at the Town Hall, which may meet the needs of NCTV. Councilor Bowen encouraged an early start to all the pieces that need to come together for the project.

Deputy Mayor Lenares requested to get a general idea of the space needs of the occupants of the NCTV building. Councilor Cohen noted that a Police training facility was displaced when the new Police Department opened, and noted that the training facility had been paid for by a past Police Commissioner's widow. Town Manager Salomone stated that there will be multi-purpose space available that can be utilized for training by the Police and other agencies.

Councilor Nagel requested that the Town keep NCTV and the Art League informed about developments related to the project and to their move well in advance of when any move will take place.

Mayor Wright stated that there is much planning and groundwork being done for the project. He noted that it is a long-term project that is dependant on whether or not the Town receives HUD financing. He noted that last year no grants came to HUD from the State and remarked that there is no way of knowing whether or not the Town will receive funding. He stated that he is confident that if the Town does receive funding that the Town will work with New Samaritan to take care of all of the key parties including NCTV and the Art League as well as the Town's seniors. Mayor Wright inquired about the projected completion date for the project if the Town receives HUD financing this fall. Mr. Meehan stated that the timeline for occupancy is about eighteen months from this winter. Town Manager Salomone stated that the project is projected to be completed sometime in 2011 due to the various funding mechanisms.

VI CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A Downtown Revitalization Committee Update Regarding Consultant

Mayor Wright stated that the Committee met with three of the architectural and engineering firm finalists and stated that all three firms made very good presentations. He stated that the Committee will likely select a firm for recommendation to the Town Council at its next meeting. Town Manager Salomone stated that the next

scheduled meeting will fall on Rosh Hashanah, so the meeting will need to be rescheduled. Mr. Meehan stated that he will coordinate with the Committee Chair to reschedule the meeting. He stated that ten firms responded to the RFP and stated that the proposals were very carefully reviewed. He stated that the staff looked at what the lump sum fee of each proposal would bring to the Town in terms of skill and work to be accomplished, as well as other experience - particularly in streetscape projects. He stated that the firms that made presentations to the Committee met all of the required criteria and noted that the presentations contained some good, creative ideas. He stated that by the conclusion of its next meeting the Committee should be ready to make a recommendation to the Council.

Councilor Boni inquired about the range of the bids. Mr. Meehan replied that the bids ran from about \$97,500 to about \$129,000 but explained that the bids may include different items. He stated that he will create a matrix of what is included in the fees in order to create a fair comparison of the bids. Town Manager Salomone stated that he wants to assure that the proposed bid amounts are adequate to cover the items and hours necessary to complete the project. He stated that there are options within the bids, so the comparison matrix will have to take these options into account.

Mayor Wright commented that all three firms seem to be fantastic, and stated that it is good to be in the position to be choosing from the very best.

B Department of Social Services/Human Services Contract (Senior and Disabled Center)

Town Manager Salomone stated that the Town had applied for this grant previously and the requested action is to amend a contract that the Town has had in the past. He stated that the funding will be used towards a number of programs at the Senior Center. He noted that the deadline to accept the funding is October 1, 2008.

Councilor Bowen noted language on page three of the contract that states, "The Contractor shall serve 1,000 clients" and inquired how that number was derived. Town Manager Salomone replied that he is unsure of the exact answer but he would guess that it is a safe number based on participation at the Senior Center.

Councilor Boni moved to waive the rules to vote on the item. Motion seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Motion to waive the rules passed 9-0.

Deputy Mayor Lenares moved the following:

RESOLVED, by the Newington Town Council that John L. Salomone, Town Manager, is hereby empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Newington with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Special Funding for Municipalities program and to have the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 9-0.

C Transfers within the Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures Fund

Deputy Mayor Lenares stated that the CIP has met to discuss road improvements and the Town's status on funding and budget for road improvements going forward for the remainder of the fiscal year. He explained that there is a surplus of funds on the project because some of the roads were able to receive milling and overlays rather than complete restructurings. Ann Harter, Director of Finance, stated that the Committee discussed what was budgeted and spent so far this year as well as what projects are still to come, including the Webster Street and Candlewyck Drive reconstruction projects. She stated that there is currently about \$152,000 remaining, which can be reallocated to other project such as the Firehouse resurfacing program and the Parks and Grounds resurfacing program. Mayor Wright inquired whether the expected surplus will be \$152,000 or \$235,000 as indicated Ms. Harter's memo. Ms. Harter explained that the surplus is \$235,000 but \$77,000 of that it is from the Losep grant which is usually dedicated to road projects. She stated that the \$152,000 net can be reallocated for other projects, which also includes the previously mentioned projects as well as a requested sidewalk repair program.

Councilor Bowen inquired whether the \$77,000 from the Losep grant will be carried into the next fiscal year. Ms. Harter replied that it will be a good safety net for the Webster Street project and once that is done the Committee can revisit the allocation for next year. Councilor Bowen inquired about the projected cost of the Webster Street project. Ms. Harter replied that the estimated cost of the project is \$238,000, about half of which

will be paid for with Losep funds. Councilor Bowen inquired whether the \$77,000 in surplus LOSEP funds could be allocated towards the Webster Street project, thus freeing up the other funds for other projects. Ms. Harter stated that it could be done with Council approval for the reallocation and the information would need to be forwarded to the State. Mayor Wright inquired whether the grant funds for Kelsey Street are included in the memo. Ms. Harter replied in the negative. Councilor Bowen clarified that the next construction season, which starts in spring of 2009 coincides with the current 2008-2009 fiscal year.

D Newington High School Air Conditioning and Field House Project Updates (added to agenda)

Councilor Cohen indicated that the air conditioning project is moving forward and the Committee will go before the State for approval soon. She stated that the Committee had requested to add this item to the current meeting's agenda so that the Council can take quick action on the item once the numbers come back from the State. Councilor Cohen stated that the field house project is moving forward very well and is on schedule.

VII RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Bottalico moved the following:
RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby makes the following appointments:

15. Town Plan and Zoning Commission

**7 members, 3 alternates, 4 year term
 Party Max: 5
 Remaining members: 3 Dem., 3 Rep.
 Alternates: 2 Rep., 1 Dem.**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Tom Ganley	223 Goodale Drive	R	IMMED.-11/30/09	Vacant (R. Correll, dec.)
Alternate: Mike Casasanta	110 Steeplechase Drive	R		

20. Committee on Community Safety

**7 members, 4 year term (exc. initially)
 Maximum from one party: 5
 Remaining members: 2 Dem.**

Name	Address	Party	Term
Tony Casasanta	51 Vincent Drive	R	IMMED.-11/30/09
Mike Pizzuto	290 Old Farms Drive	U (R)	IMMED.-11/30/09
Chris Ganzer	26 Hunters Lane	R	IMMED.-11/30/11
Sheryl Werner	11 High Ridge	\$	IMMED.-11/30/11
Scott DelBuono	327 Walsh Avenue	U (R)	IMMED.-11/30/11

Motion seconded by Councilor Nagel.

Mayor Wright noted that regarding the appointments to the Safety Committee Mr. Casasanta is a retired Newington Police Officer, Mr. Ganzer is a Connecticut State Trooper, Mr. Pizzuto served in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. DelBuono is retired from the Air National Guard, and Mrs. Warner is a very active mom in Town.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Wright stated that the Committee on Community Safety is now fully staffed and requested that Town Manager Salomone send a letter to the Committee members requesting that they schedule the first Committee meeting. Councilor Bowen inquired whether the Committee members need to be sworn-in. Town Manager Salomone replied in the affirmative.

VIII TAX REFUNDS

Councilor Bowen moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$3,366.28 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the "Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes," certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

Motion seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk. Motion passed 9-0.

IX MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A Regular Meeting, August 12, 2008

Councilor Cohen moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 12, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilor Bowen. Motion passed 9-0.

B Regular Meeting, September 9, 2008

Councilor Boni moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 12, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Banach abstained, was absent from the September 9, 2008 meeting.)

X WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC

Town Manager Salomone indicated that Cedar Street from just west of Willard Avenue to Mill Street will be milled on September 29 and paving will commence in that area on September 30, weather permitting. He stated that the paving is expected to last several days and urged people to avoid the area as much as possible during the paving.

Councilor Boni requested to have Highway Department overtime reports similar to the Police Department reports included in the Town Manager's monthly report. He indicated that the reports should include the budget versus what was spent each month, and year-to-date.

Councilor Boni noted the two new police recruits that have recently entered the Police Academy and the two new Police Officers that have been assigned to duty. He inquired as to where these two new officers have been assigned. Town Manager Salomone replied that the two new officers have gone into patrol on various shifts. Councilor Boni inquired as to how many patrol officers are assigned to each shift on any given day. Town Manager Salomone replied that it varies by shift, and stated that he would obtain the information for Councilor Boni.

Councilor Boni noted that the Finance Department has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. He noted that this is the eighteenth consecutive year that the Department has received this honor and congratulated Ann Harter and the Finance Department. Town Manager Salomone added that only ten-percent of the nation's communities receive this award.

Councilor Boni inquired as to why it costs more for the Town to keep vegetative waste grindings (chips) than for it to dispose of them. (Page 5 of the Town Manager's report) Deputy Mayor Lenares inquired whether the Highway Department or the Parks and Recreations Department are responsible for awarding the bid. Town Manager Salomone stated that Jeff Baron will work with the Highway Department to ultimately award the bid. Deputy Mayor Lenares expressed the same concerns about the pricing as Councilor Boni. Town Manager

Salomone explained that there is a value to the chips, which is why it costs less to transport the chips rather than to keep them. He stated that the Town can use some of the chips, but not all.

Councilor Bottalico requested to have reports that indicate where each department stands monthly in terms of its budget included the Town Manager's report. Councilor Bowen stated that the report had been discussed previously in a meeting with Ann Harter.

Councilor Nagel requested an update on the Town Hall boiler replacement project and an update of the new carpeting at the Senior Center. Town Manager Salomone replied that there is a meeting of the Town Hall Heating Replacement Subcommittee scheduled for Thursday, September 25. He stated that the project is on schedule to have one of the boilers completed by October 15 and noted that one boiler is sufficient to heat the entire building. He stated that the second boiler will be installed by mid-November. Town Manager Salomone also explained that the carpet for the Senior Center is on backorder and explained that many carpet companies are manufacturing on order, which creates longer lead times.

Councilor Nagel noted the chart of investments by institution type included on page four of the Town Manager's report and remarked that given recent circumstances with the stock market the Council should receive more input on the viability of the Town's investments and the Council should be made more aware of where Town funds are invested. He also noted an increase in delinquent tax accounts.

Councilor Nagel inquired whether the parking lot reconfiguration at Martin Kellogg Middle School has helped to improve traffic flow in the area. (page eight of the Town Manager's report) Councilor Banach, a teacher at MKMS, remarked that the traffic flow has improved tremendously. Councilor Boni, a resident of the area, concurred and stated that the changes have caused the area to be less congested during drop-off and pick-up times.

Councilor Bottalico stated that the Board of Education's recent decision to decrease the walking distance to schools does not appear to have helped with traffic congestion at all in the Patterson/Wallace area. He stated that parents are still driving their children to school and stated that the project was a waste of \$70,000.

Mayor Wright commented that the Anna Reynolds entrance area project worked out well. Town Manager Salomone stated that the project served a dual purpose: it improved the sightlines and improved the drainage in the area. He stated that it was a complicated job. Mayor Wright noted that the project was completed under budget.

Mayor Wright asked for an update on the drainage project at Badger Field. Town Manager Salomone stated that the drainage project has been completed and stated that the field can be reconditioned for play by next year. Councilor Bottalico stated that Badger Field has been turfed and inquired why rock was not placed (comment not audible on tape) and why it was just left as mud. Town Manager Salomone replied that he will get an answer from the Town Engineer.

Councilor Nagel noted a report that the Highway Department is going to continue line painting on several roads and requested that the Town look specifically in the area of concern mentioned by a member of the public (Sandy Lallier) earlier in the meeting. Town Manager Salomone stated that Mrs. Lallier's concern was with the sightlines in the area. Mayor Wright requested that the Highway Department look into signage in the area.

XI COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Bottalico inquired whether AT&T can take care of the wiring for the new NCTV location if NCTV goes to AT&T for broadcasting. Councilor Nagel replied that NCTV is attempting to resolve the issue with Cox Cable and the DPUC and stated that the issue is still up in the air. Councilor Bowen noted that NCTV is not looking to switch from Cox; they are looking to have AT&T pick up the feed. He also stated that NCTV is looking to upgrade some of its equipment and stated that AT&T will not provide all of the new equipment. Councilor Bowen stated that NCTV is supposed to provide a feed to AT&T so that AT&T can broadcast the programming to its local customers and explained that the feed is currently only being provided to Cox. He also stated that NCTV is experiencing problems with Cox in regards to revenue sharing and explained the NCTV does not feel that Cox is sharing as much revenue with local affiliates as it should. Councilor Nagel concurred and further explained that the funds did not originally go to the Cox central offices, whereas now the funds do, so the local channel does not have any control over the funds.

XII PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sharon Braverman, 30 Churchill Way, Board of Education Liaison: Mrs. Braverman stated that she attended the most recent Ruth Chaffee PTA meeting and reported that there has been a great reduction in congestion at Chaffee School, which has been contributed to the increased bussing. She noted concerns from parents of Patterson and Wallace students and stated that they are still driving their children to school due to fears that crossing guards are not in place on Willard and New Britain Avenues. She stated that she will bring these concerns to the next Board meeting. Mrs. Braverman stated that having children cross the busier streets is a concern for parents.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Ms. Lyons thanked Councilor Nagel for addressing Mrs. Lallier's concerns. She also stated that she is pleased to see the vacancies in the Safety Committee filled and urged the Committee members to be sworn-in soon so that the Committee can meet as soon as possible.

XIII REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Boni inquired whether there are supposed to be crossing guards on Willard and New Britain Avenues. Mrs. Braverman replied that there are designated places for crossing guards and stated that she will obtain a list of those designated places. Deputy Mayor Lenares stated that there are crossing guards at Halleran and Church and Church and Beacon, but noted that there are no crossing guards on the other end of Halleran. Mayor Wright requested to see a report of crossing guard locations.

Councilor Cohen requested that the Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting not be rescheduled for Monday, September 29, since the meeting time may cause the meeting to go after sunset (the start of Rosh Hashanah). Mayor Wright noted that there are three weeks between Council meetings and stated that the meeting can be rescheduled. He stated that the revised schedule will be posted.

XIV EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATION STRATEGY

Councilor Bowen moved to go into Executive Session Re: Personnel/Negation Strategy at 8:25pm. Motion seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Motion passed 9-0. Mayor Wright, all Councilors, Town Manager Salomone and Town Labor Attorney Ken Plumb were present at the Executive Session.

Councilor Bowen moved to go out of Executive Session at 9:02pm. Motion seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk. Motion passed 9-0.

XV ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Boni moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Jaime Trevethan
Clerk of the Council