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Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

**MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN**

## MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Conference Room L-101 Lower Level – Town Hall  
7:00 P.M.

**November 24, 2015**

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### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Councilor Anest  
Councilor Budrejko  
Councilor DelBuono  
Councilor Klett  
Councilor Manke  
Councilor Marocchini  
Councilor Nagel  
Councilor Serra  
Mayor Zartarian

#### Staff Attendees:

John Salomone, Town Manager  
Stephen Clark, Chief of Police  
Steve Juda, Town Assessor  
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)**

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She stated she would like the rules and procedures to be changed to include Councilor remarks at the beginning and end of the meeting. She felt the public deserved a response at the beginning of the meeting to their remarks without waiting until the end. The TPZ would announce changes to the agenda at the beginning and this was not done at a recent council meeting and it was something she would have liked to comment on. In her opinion there was confusion in the Council procedures regarding whether they follow Roberts Rules or the Council rules. Regarding the 2/3 vote she felt it should be clarified. Mrs. Lyons wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to thank the Town employees for their hard work for the Town and especially the Highway Department for the removal of leaves.

Ed Young, 485 Church Street: He was concerned about the condition of the Young Farm and stated there was no transparency in Town whatsoever. He stated he had seen the soil being stolen from the Farm and reported it to the Police and the Town Manager but no statement was ever taken. Since he had farmed the land for 50 years he knew what was in the soil, and the original soil was not brought back. He suggested the Town should close this issue by having a soil scientist take samples to match the samples he had from a previous test. He stated asphalt had been dumped on the land as well as stones and passed out to each Councilor a Google map of the area.

Scott Greczkowski, 46 Miami Avenue: He asked for an update on the ambulance contract since he was concerned with the recent response times and fines incurred. He stated he felt the flag on the town green was very small and should be much larger. He asked if it was possible for a citizen to buy a flag approximately 10' x 10' and have it raised over the green.

Gary Bolles, 28 Burdon Lane: He asked that the Town Manager get a second opinion from a structural engineer on the structural deficiencies of the current Town Hall. In regard to the I84 project he asked that the Council direct the Town Manager to contact the DOT commissioner to determine what the State could do to mitigate the traffic problem since it was a safety issue for Newington.

Cece Borjeson, 45 Glenview Drive: She asked the Town Council and Mayor to support Governor Malloy's support of bringing refugees to Connecticut. She stated the families included the elderly and suffering babies and needed safe haven. The vetting of the families was thoroughly done by government agencies. She was appalled to read two letters to the editor from Republicans opposing the humanitarian effort and urged all residents to contact their representatives to tell them values had not been lost to self-interest and fear.

Clark Castelle, 167 Connecticut Avenue: He stated he was very upset regarding the recent letters to the editor regarding the refugee situation and felt it was a rush to judgment and did not give time or thought as to what the real situation was. He commented that he had read how and by who the families were vetted and it was very thorough. Mr. Castelle felt it was political opportunism by taking a swipe at the Governor and his administration.

Patti Foley, 51 Crown Ridge: She congratulated the newly elected Council and hoped to help in any way in the future. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Zartarian: in response to public comments he stated his father did not have a breezy entry into the United States. He suggested people look up the Immigration Act of 1917, which made immigrants prove they had family support, job skills, literacy and money.

Councilor Klett also responded to the public comments and stated she did not title her letter to the editor but it was done by the paper. She only stated facts in her letter and requested the process slow down to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents. She indicated she had written another letter to the editor which had not been printed yet. She felt the Governor's action contributed to people's anxiety and caused unnecessary fear. The Councilor supported the family who had been located in New Haven but wished the Governor had handled things better.

#### **IV. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Town Hall/Community Center Project Discussion**

Mayor Zartarian said he would like to maintain the status quo on the Building Committee. Both sides during the campaign agreed outside expertise was needed to look at the structural integrity of the building and put together options for the public and the Council to review. A big objection of the public was the cost of the project and the big picture had to be kept in mind since there were other projects that needed to be done as well.

Councilor Budrejko stated the people wanted the project done right and felt a timeframe was needed.

Councilor Marocchini indicated the committee had not questioned the structural soundness of the building in their recent plan. It was cheaper to knock the building down than renovate. Councilor DelBuono agreed with the Mayor that they needed to review all facilities in Town at one time in order to prioritize. She stated there had been a structural report done in 2008, although dated, was probably still valid and thought it was a good idea to have another structural expert be brought in for a second opinion.

Mr. Salomone stated he thought the structural analysis should be done through the Building Committee as a point of contact. Councilor Marocchini indicated he thought the facilities manager could start to develop a list of items the present Town Hall would require if the renovation was further postponed. Councilor Nagel said the current building had to be maintained so it did not further deteriorate and possibly put the public or employees in jeopardy.

## **V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Newington Police Department Updates**

Chief Clark gave an overview of 1) traffic and violations: Since January of 2015 officers had made 5,400 traffic stops, and 906 accidents. Cedar Street was the central focus of the traffic which was due to the volume on the road. For the current year there were 181 accidents, which was 20% of all the accidents in Town. He felt there was a lot of issues in controlling traffic, and thought it might be a good idea to have a steering committee to include police, engineering, DOT, and Council representation. They could review the issues and problems. The Police Department's main focus was on enforcement and creation of a steering committee would be a good option. 2) Police overtime: This issue was driven by staffing and up to this date, the department has used 58% of the budgeted patrol amount. They have used 46% of the communication overtime budget, 37% for detective overtime and 28% for training. There was minimum staffing, which was part of the police contract. The day shift is one sergeant and five patrol officers. The evening shift included one sergeant and seven patrol officers and on the midnight shift there was one sergeant and four patrol officers. When anyone was out sick or in training, the shifts had to be filled by others in the department using overtime. The department had five openings and hired three officers in July but those would not be on duty for nine months due to the training involved. The Chief stated he would continue to monitor the overtime budget and use money from other allocated areas to ensure the department stayed within budget. 3) Motel calls: Chief Clark indicated that to date there had been 440 calls with most of them at the Carrier (162) and the Grantmoor (155). Most of the rooms at the Carrier were extended stays and the Grantmoor had 74 of the 92 rooms rented long term. 4) Dispatch: The State was encouraging the consolidation of dispatches for cost savings in towns serving less than 40k. In Newington dispatchers handle calls, monitor prisoners, and court transmittals. To consolidate the Town would incur large startup costs. There would be building costs, IT maintenance and it would require the hiring of a director and supervision. A feasibility study would have to review how the towns would share costs and whether it would be divided equally or on usage.

Councilor Anest said she had heard from residents that the Police Department brushed off their concerns regarding speeding on local roads. The Chief indicated that was not acceptable and he would look into that. He said since the department was short staffed they would need to be pulled from schools, etc. in order to enforce speeding on the roads. He hoped it would get better when the new officers joined the force.

Councilor Klett indicated with the State backing off regional dispatch it was for the Town Council and the Police Department to fight. The residents were concerned about always calling 911 if not a true emergency but still being able to contact an officer by phone. She indicated a steering committee might be the way to review traffic on Cedar Street and what could be done. The Councilor congratulated the Chief on the website and thanked him for his tribute on Veterans' Day, which was one of the nicest speeches she had listened to.

Councilor Budrejko felt Cedar Street needed to be reengineered since the problem would only get worse when the I84 project started. She asked the Chief if there was an increase in small crime like car break-ins, going into garages, etc. He stated he had not seen it but it was possible people did not report all the small crimes to the Police.

Councilor Nagel appreciated the Police efforts in term of traffic with the staffing he had. He said residents found that people were finding smaller roads to travel to get around traffic and many of them were people they knew. He wondered if there was anything further that could be done and the Chief indicated that one way to handle it might be to make a home visit to meet with the offender to discourage the behavior. Councilor Nagel asked if the ATV's were still an issue and Chief Clark said that some individuals had been arrested as well as ATV's seized. They were monitoring the situation and expected it to reoccur in the spring.

Councilor Klett was concerned about the amount of overtime that had already been used since it was only four months into the fiscal year. Chief Clark explained he would continue to assess the overtime and in January would review it again. If necessary, he would use other accounts to cover any shortfall so the department would stay within the budgeted amount.

Councilor DelBuono thanked him for the job he had been doing and was glad he was back in Town. She thought it was good that he was out meeting and communicating with residents. She asked whether active training shooting would suffer since he stated some training had been cut back. The Chief stated the department was well prepared, and they received training once a year. They had body armor in the cars and thought they could handle any active shooting that might occur.

Councilor Marocchini asked how the five openings had been created and the Chief said they were authorized strength positions that were budgeted. He also asked what the ideal police force strength would be. Chief Clark indicated they were currently at 51 and a perfect size would be 55.

## **B. Rules and Procedures Subcommittee**

Mayor Zartarian indicated this would be addressed in Resignations and Appointments.

## **C. Revaluation Process**

Steve Juda, Town Assessor, gave an overview of the current process, the company handling the revaluation and the money saved by him canvassing the neighborhoods with the company over the past several months. The company, eQuality Valuation Service was doing the revaluation and residential work was almost completed. Commercial properties would be finished in approximately two weeks. Informal hearings were being held for residents to understand the revaluation since some were up quite a bit and others stayed almost the same. Mr. Juda said that the new on line software that people can search property records with would be eQuality by the end of the year. The grand list composed of residential, commercial and motor vehicles was not complete, so he was not able to determine the exact growth. The commercial sites were not done, and he had not yet received the motor vehicle information. In reviewing the information on residential property he found that condos had increased from the prior year slightly as well as single family homes.

Councilor DelBuono stated a resident had contacted her about their taxes going up \$20,000 and wondered if they went to a hearing, could the amount actually increase. Mr. Juda indicated that it could if during the meeting it was found that the owner had made changes to the house like a pool, etc. which could not be ignored.

Councilor Budrejko asked what the average increase was for condos and single family homes. Mr. Juda did not have that information but would get it for the Council. She asked about the split between assessments that went up and others that went down. Mr. Juda explained it could be as a result of having been undervalued during the last revaluation and others that had a lot of work done on the properties that were not reflected in his records.

Councilor Nagel asked about the misconception of residents regarding not only their house but the value or conditions of houses surrounding them. Mr. Juda said the condition of the neighboring homes probably did not affect the revaluation but could if three or four similar properties were sold in a close timeframe. The Town could then gauge from that if the market was discounting the properties or were less because of the sales.

## **D. Discussion of I-84 Hartford Project**

Mayor Zartarian said I84 from West Hartford to Hartford was slated to be overhauled by DOT and could start in 2021. The DOT set up an advisory committee composed of the towns affected by the work. In each town meetings were being held to review options like above ground or below ground, etc. Although the work was not going through Newington, the Town had to be concerned about what would happen to the traffic while the work was going on.

The Mayor contacted the State and was told that a secondary advisory committee could be set up for those towns indirectly affected. The next meeting would be held on December 2, 2015, at the Raymond Library, Main Street, East Hartford from 4 – 8 p.m. Details can be found at [www.i84hartford.com](http://www.i84hartford.com).

Councilor Klett asked who made the decision to close the highway (legislature, DOT, etc.). John Salomone indicated it would be a DOT decision and not a legislative decision. Councilor Anest stated the DOT felt that if the road was closed they could complete the work in twelve months instead of 8 – 9 years. However, the impact on businesses would have to be considered as well.

## **E. CT State Budget Deficit**

Mayor Zartarian said there had already been a reduction in payment in lieu of taxes for the State owned buildings of approximately twenty percent. This led to a loss of \$146k to Newington. Mr. Salomone indicated the legislature had been meeting for about two weeks and a special session had been scheduled for the budget during the first week in December. He did not think the budget could be balanced without more cuts to municipalities. It depended on what the legislature did with their large expenditures, and if they got concessions from various unions. He felt a decision would be reached within the next few weeks and would be able to plan accordingly.

## **F. Consideration of Canceling the December 22, 2015 Town Council Meeting**

Mayor Zartarian indicated it was so close to Christmas and if the Council did not disagree, the item would be on the next meeting agenda for action.

## **VI. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

### **A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

- 1. Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency**
- 2. Commission on Aging and Disabled**
- 3. Balf-Town Committee**
- 4. Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building Committee**
- 5. Board of Ethics**
- 6. Capitol Region Council of Governments**
- 7. Central Connecticut Health District Board of Directors**
- 8. Committee on Community Safety**
- 9. Conservation Commission**
- 10. Development Commission**
- 11. Downtown Revitalization Committee**
- 12. Employee Insurance & Pension Benefits Committee**
- 13. Environmental Quality Commission**
- 14. Board of Ethics**
- 15. Fair Rent Commission**
- 16. Newington Housing Authority**
- 17. Human Rights Commission**
- 18. Library Renovations/Addition Project Building Committee**

- 19. Newington School Career Technical Program Renovation Project Building Committee
- 20. Open Space Committee
- 21. Board of Parks and Recreation
- 22. School Improvements Project Building Committee
- 23. STEM Academy PBC
- 24. Senior & Disabled Center Roof Replacement Project Building Committee
- 25. Standing Insurance Committee
- 26. Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee
- 27. Town Plan & Zoning Commission
- 28. Tri-Town Community Cable Access
- 29. Vehicle Appeals Board
- 30. West Meadow Cemetery Expansion Project Building Committee
- 31. Zoning Board of Appeals

For Republican appointees Councilor DelBuono moved the following:  
 For Democrat appointees Councilor Anest moved the following:

**1. Affordable Age-Restricted Housing Study Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Maureen Klett	104 Harold Drive	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	327 Walsh Avenue	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Diana Serra	237 Reservoir Road	D	NTC Term	

**2. Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces

**3. Commission on Aging and Disabled**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	1175 Willard Avenue	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	30 Harding Avenue	D	NTC Term	

**4. Board of Assessment Appeals**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Maria Pane	638 Church Street	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	M Mnich (term expires 11/30/15)

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**5. Balf-Town Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Gail Budrejko	21 Isabelle Terrace	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	75 Michael Lane	D	NTC Term	

**6. Board of Fire Commissioners**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	<b>1175 Willard Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	<b>75 Michael Lane</b>	D	NTC Term	

**7. Building Code Board of Appeals**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces

**8. Capitol Region Council of Governments**

Mayor is automatic appointment  
NTC & TPZ reps are Council appt.

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	<b>1175 Willard Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	

**9. CCHD Board of Health**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces

**10. CIP Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Maureen Klett	<b>104 Harold Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	<b>75 Michael Lane</b>	D	NTC Term	
<b>BOE Rep:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	
<b>BOE Rep:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	

**11. Committee on Community Safety**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Replaces</b>
Public Member:				
NTC Liaison: Beth DelBuono	327 Walsh Avenue	R	NTC Term	
NTC Liaison: Tim Manke	65 Rosewood Drive	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	30 Harding Avenue	D	NTC Term	
<b>BOE Liaison:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>BOE Liaison:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Youth/Adult Council Liaison:			Y/A Council Term	Vacant

**12. Conservation Commission**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Replaces</b>
Kathleen-Marie Robin Clark	<b>50 Grandview Drive</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	K. Clark (term expires 11/30/15)
Andreas Sadil	<b>45 Lamplighter Lane</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	Andreas Sadil (term Expires 11/30/15)
Peter Manke	<b>112 Northwood Drive</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	Vacant – B. Ancona Resigned
Jeffrey Zelek	<b>55 Wells Drive North</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	J. Zelek (term expires 11/30/15)
Alternate: John Bachand	<b>56 Maple Hill Avenue</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	D. Krawiec (term Expires 11/30/15)
Alternate:				

**13. Development Commission**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Replaces</b>
Richard Capuano	<b>11 Bittersweet Court</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	R. Capuano (term Expires 11/30/15)
Dana Havens	<b>113 Stoddard Avenue</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	M. Fox (term expires 11/30/15)
Dan Fisher	<b>24 Isabelle Terrace</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	D. Marsden (term Expires 11/30/15)

Maria Pane	<b>638 Church Street</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	F. Rosa (term expires 11/30/15)
NTC Rep: Gail Budrejko	<b>21 Isabelle Terrace</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**14. Facilities Naming Subcommittee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Tim Manke	<b>65 Rosewood Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	30 Harding Avenue	D	NTC Term	

**15. Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep. Tim Manke	65 Rosewood Way	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep. Diana Serra	237 Reservoir Road	D	NTC Term	
<b>BOE Rep.</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	

**16. Environmental Quality Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Public Rep:				
Industry Rep:				
Industry Rep:				
NTC Liaison: Gail Budrejko	21 Isabelle Terrace	R	NTC Term	
NTC Liaison: Jim Marocchini	75 Michael Lane	D	NTC Term	
Fire Dept. Rep				
Fire Dept. Rep:				

**17. Board of Ethics**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces

**18. Fair Rent Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Dwelling Unit Tenant: Gloria Olsen	1433 Willard Avenue	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/17	Vacant
Dwelling Unit Tenant:			12/1/13 – 11/30/15	Vacant
Dwelling Unit Landlord: Cathleen Hall	37 Pepperbush Lane	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/17	D. Woods (term exp. 11/30/15)
Dwelling Unit Landlord:				
Dwelling Unit Landlord:				
Alternate Elector:				

**19. Newington Housing Authority**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces

**20. Open Space Committee 2015**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Gail Budrejko	<b>21 Isabelle Terrace</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**21. Human Rights Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Mitch Page	36 Olive Street	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/18	P. Kruk (term expires 11/30/15)

**22. Library Board**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Chris Bieszczad	53 Maple Hill Avenue	R	12/1/15 - 11/30/21	P. Kruk (term expires 11/30/15)

NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	1175 Willard Avenue	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	75 Michael Lane	D	NTC Term	

**23. Newington School Career Technical Program Renovation PBC**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Tim Manke	<b>65 Rosewood Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**24. Newington Housing Needs Study Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Tim Manke	<b>65 Rosewood Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**25. Board of Parks and Recreation**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Sue Reniewicz	82 Stuart Street	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	R. Fresen (term expires 11/30/15)
Beth A. Manke	5 King Arthur Way #3	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	B. Manke (term expires 11/30/15)
Sarah Jorgensen	35 Florence Street	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	R. Khentigan (term Expires 11/30/15)
James J. Cultrera	39 Eckert Road	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	M. Camillo (term exp. 11/30/15)
Mary Beth Kelliher	5 Turkey Hill Road	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	B. Kelliher (term exp. 11/30/15)
Jen Crowley	62 Fox Run Court	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	J. win-Johnson (term Expires 11/30/15)
NTC Rep: Tim Manke	65 Rosewood Drive	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Diana Serra	237 Reservoir Road	D	NTC Term	

**26. School Code Compliance Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	<b>1175 Willard Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep:	<b>65 Rosewood Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	

Tim Manke				
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	<b>75 Michael Lane</b>	D	NTC Term	

**27. School Improvements Project Building Committee—Inactive**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep:			NTC Term	Vacant
NTC Rep:			NTC Term	Vacant
<b>BOE Rep.</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	<b>D. Carson (term expired)</b>
<b>BOE Rep:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	<b>D. Tatem (term expired)</b>

**28. Senior & Disabled Center Roof Replacement PBC -- Inactive**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep:			NTC Term	
NTC Rep:			NTC Term	
NTC Rep:			NTC Term	

**29. Standing Insurance Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Diana Serra	<b>237 Reservoir Road</b>	D	NTC Term	
<b>BOE Rep:</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	
<b>BOE Rep.</b>			<b>BOE Term</b>	
Underwriter:				
Casualty/Claim/ Engineering:				

**30. Town Council Rules and Procedures**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Maureen Klett	<b>104 Harold Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**31. Town Plan & Zoning Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Frank L. Aieta	<b>595 Church Street</b>	R	12/1/2015 – 11/30/2019	F. Aieta (term expires 11/30/15)
Domenico Pane	<b>638 Church Street</b>	R	12/1/2015 – 11/30/2019	M. Camillo (term exp. 11/30/15)
Judy Strong	<b>24 Chapman Street</b>	R	12/1/2015 – 11/30/2019	c. Hall (term exp. 11/30/15)
Chris Miner	<b>119 Revere Drive</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/17	C. Anest resigned 11/9/15
Alternate: John Bottalico	<b>37 Valley View Drive</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/19	Vacant (F. Aieta resigned 7/18/13)
Alternate: Paul Giangrave	<b>110 Richard Street</b>	R	12/1/15- 11/30/19	Anthony Claffey, Alt. (term exp. 11/30/150)
NTC Rep: Gail Budrejko	<b>21 Isabelle Terrace</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**32. Tri-Town Community Cable Access**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
			Immed. – 11/30/15	Vacant
			12/1/2013 – 11/30/2017	Vacant

**33. Vehicle Appeals Board**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Richard Klett	<b>104 Harold Drive</b>	R	12/1/2015 – 11/30/2017	Vacant
Domenico Pane	<b>638 Church Street</b>	R	12/1/2015 – 11/30/2017	D. Woods (term exp. 11/30/13)
Alternate: Frank Aieta	<b>595 Church Street</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/17	Vacant
Alternate:			Immed. – 11/30/15	Vacant

**35. Zoning Board of Appeals**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Alt: Nicole Pane	<b>98 Pickens Drive</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/20	P. Tanger (term exp. 11/30/15)
Willard Bechter	<b>43 Howard Street</b>	R	12/1/15 – 11/30/20	D. Quattromani (term exp. 11/30/15)

**36. Library Renovations PBC**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	<b>1175 Willard Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Jim Marocchini	<b>75 Michael Lane</b>	D	NTC Term	

**37. Stem Academy PBC**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**38. NCTV**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Dave Nagel	<b>1175 Willard Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Diana Serra	<b>237 Reservoir Road</b>	D	NTC Term	

**39. IHCC**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**40. Youth Adult Council**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Tim Manke	<b>65 Rosewood Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Carol Anest	<b>30 Harding Avenue</b>	D	NTC Term	

**41. Town Manager Evaluation Committee**

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
NTC Rep: Beth DelBuono	<b>327 Walsh Avenue</b>	R	NTC Term	
NTC Rep: Maureen Klett	<b>104 Harold Drive</b>	R	NTC Term	

Councilor Marocchini asked if Mr. Pane was still involved in a lawsuit against the Town and was told by Councilor DelBuono she would get back to him on it.

For Republican appointees a motion was made of all committees except for Town Plan & Zoning Commission. That was a roll call vote. Councilor Klett seconded the motion and the motion passed 9 – 0.

Results of roll call on #31. Town Plan and Zoning Commission

The motion was made by Councilor DelBuono and seconded by Councilor Klett.

VOTE: Yes: Councilors Anest, Budrejko, DelBuono, Klett, Manke, Nagel, Serra, Mayor Zartarian

No: Councilor Marocchini

For Democrat appointees the motion was seconded by Councilor Marocchini and the motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **VII. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)**

Councilor Manke made the following motion:

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That property tax refunds in the amount of \$13,686.73 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.**

The resolution was seconded by Councilor Klett and the motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **VIII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councilor DelBuono moved to accept the meeting minutes from November 10, 2015 and was seconded by Councilor Klett. The motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **IX. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Salomone said that upper Cedar Street was being worked on by the DOT. The loose rock facings on the north side were removed before they could hit the road. There was still graffiti to be removed but the DOT was determining how to get a machine up to it so it could be scrapped off. He included a letter he received from the DEEP in response to his letter regarding the Young farm. The DEEP recognized that the use of the site was good since it brought needed water and sewer service to the farm house. Water was also brought to the community gardens. The letter clarified the 1999 agreement which was silent on the process for approving things such as allowing MDC to use it for their construction. If something like that was done in the future, Newington would contact the DEEP ahead of time.

## **X. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Nagel said that the NCTV had acquired new equipment, which made the station capable of recording programs in HD. It was just put in place for Connecticut Conversations and the shows already produced will be shown in a couple of months. Residents might not get the HD recorded programs in HD because Cox Cable did not provide cable access in that format.

Councilor Klett asked if the Rules Committee could meet after the agenda meeting on December 1 at 4:30 p.m.

## **XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL**

Ed Young, 485 Church Street: He mentioned the letter received by Mr. Salomone from the DEEP. It did not explain that the town broke a lot of laws. The Town did not go to the Commissioner to use the land or to put in water, sewer service or to the Town Planning and Zoning.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: He said he agreed with Councilor Marocchini that the Town Hall structure was not in question. He supported keeping all the members of the current committee and that a second opinion would be valuable. Mr. Bachand thought it would be a good idea for the Facilities Manager to develop a list of items in Town Hall that needed be done now and should be one of the first things the Building Committee did. He indicated it would be a good idea for the Facilities Manager to be on the committee.

Iris Larsson, 41 Buckingham Street: She asked who was appointed to the Library Board, what Council members were placed on it and if there were any openings to be filled.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She thanked the Council for addressing some of the public comments made earlier in the meeting and felt any remarks should be limited to just those comments made. She hoped when the CIP and the Rules Committee met the public would be kept informed. Mrs. Lyons mentioned that during the recent campaign there were Republicans and Democrats on the corner of Cedar and Main Street. It was about 5 p.m., with high traffic and some of the people were stepping into the street causing a possible safety issue. She noticed there were pieces of furniture placed on the sidewalks and wanted people to know they needed to call the Highway Department at 860 667 5874 by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday for a Thursday pickup. There was a limit of two items per week. She felt it would be a good idea for the Conservation Committee and the TPZ to meet to review what was occurring in the separate meetings. She indicated the Safety Committee had only one member with the rest of the spots vacant. It was established after an incident at the high school but had gone downhill since then. If there was a need for the committee, she felt they should have it. She indicated the address for Mitch Page was incorrect on the appointment list.

## **XII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

Councilor Marocchini wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Serra thanked the public for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor DelBuono stated that after the discussion regarding Mr. Pane's appointment, she received an electronic communication from the Republican Town Chairman. She was told that Mr. Pane had removed his name from the lawsuit a while ago. Regarding the Rules and Procedures Committee, she was glad Councilor Klett set up a date for the meeting and she wanted to reassure Mrs. Lyons, her comments would be revisited at that time. She thanked Mr. Salomone for reading the letter from the DEEP regarding the Young Farm. The Councilor still had concerns about it and would discuss it with the other councilors to see if there was any interest in pursuing it. She said the land should be in the same condition it was in when the MDC was allowed to use it.

Councilor Klett wanted to let Mrs. Lyons know there was nothing fun about waving a sign during a campaign and was the least favorite part of the campaign. She was there that day and indicated there were a lot more people there than usual and could only recall one individual who might have stepped out into the road.

Councilor Budrejko congratulated the leaf collection people who were doing a great job and were already on their second pass through Town. She asked Mr. Salomone what would be the last date for collecting leaves and was told when all the leaves are out of the gutters or when it snows.

Councilor Nagel expressed his appreciation for everyone involved in the Veterans' Day Ceremony. He had recently attended the Fire Department's award dinner, which was a very positive tribute to the Department. He was appointed to CRCOG and wanted to assure residents that he would serve the Town and the Town's wishes. He planned to bring up whatever was in the Town's best wishes no matter what other communities might think.

Councilor Anest wanted to thank her son for his support during her campaign and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilor Manke wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He attended the Veterans' Day ceremony and appreciated the pictures and brief bios of each individual. He suggested that the Town might possibly put the pictures and bios in the lobby of Town Hall for everyone to see year round.

Mayor Zartarian urged residents to support Small Business Saturday, November 28. The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony would be held on December 5 at 5 p.m. with Santa arriving on a fire truck.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: Pending Contract & Pending Lease**

Councilor Klett moved at 10:05 p.m. to move into Executive Session and it was seconded by Councilor Nagel. The motion passed unanimously.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 10:57 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Councilor Klett. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson  
Clerk of the Council

Cc: T. Lane, Town Clerk