



John L. Salomone
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

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

October 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Woods at 7:05 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

Staff Attendees:

John Salomone, Town Manager
Jamie Trevethan, Executive Assistant
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

III. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

A. Teach of the Year – Paul W. Kemp

Mayor Woods moved the following:

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul W. Kemp, music teacher at John Paterson Elementary School, has been designated as Newington's 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp was selected based upon his exceptional skill and dedication to children and the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp is intelligent, a strong communicator, an advocate for all students and a strong believer that public education is the vehicle to prepare all children for participation in our society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Central Connecticut State University, a Masters of Science in Music Education at Central Connecticut State University and completed additional graduate level education classes at Central Connecticut State University, and has also completed additional graduate level education classes at Central Connecticut State University, University of New England; and Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp began teaching in Newington in 1988 at John Paterson Elementary School as a music teacher (band, orchestra, chorus); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp is dedicated to his students and work and believes the harder you work the better you teach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp has been involved in numerous school and town-wide committees, all of which contributed to enhancing the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kemp has an ability to inspire student creativity through music, his commitment to promoting the arts, and his love for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes Paul W. Kemp as Newington's Teacher of the Year and extends its sincere congratulations and appreciation to his dedication and commitment to Newington's children.

Mayor Woods commented that Mr. Kemp had his daughter in music and instilled a love for the violin even after she left elementary school. Mr. Kemp thanked everyone who came to support him, the Town Council and the honor of being selected Teacher of the Year. He stated he lived in Cromwell but always thought of Newington as his community. He thanked the Council for their support of the arts and the school system.

Councilor DelBuono congratulated Mr. Kemp for being selected and that it was wonderful that a teacher who was not part of the core curriculum be honored. She stated that music, art and gym were also very important to the children and were not always recognized. Councilor Nagel also congratulated him and stated he knew, as a retired teacher, the amount of dedication put into not only the classes but in other areas as well. Councilor Nagel had taught theater and worked with music departments and knew how much they went above and beyond. Councilor Castelle congratulated Mr. Kemp as well. He stated that Newington had many potential candidates for the honor and was glad Mr. Kemp was chosen this year.

Councilor McBride seconded the motion and it passed 9 – 0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Maria Pane, 638 Church Street: She attended the last meeting and mentioned that during a recess Councilor Klett had talked to a reporter, who Mrs. Pane was sitting next to, about Mayor Woodsr. She said that Councilors were held to a higher standard and talking about things in front of people they didn't know who could be offended was inexcusable. Mrs. Pane commented on Councilor Borjeson's remarks regarding libel and slander and stated that none of the Councilors were qualified to deem anyone unfit. She stated the Council had no regrets about her family and felt it was politics and personal especially since her daughter had been upset by them. When someone questioned one of the Councilors' regarding something they had done, it was turned into dirty politics.

Cece Borjeson, 45 Glenview Drive: She and Councilor Borjeson had been actively supporting the Mayor for reelection and the Republicans claims of unethical behavior were of concern to her. Councilors Bottalico and DelBuono offered to show anyone their many efforts in obtaining an ethics form. She contacted them and they did finally meet. The first item of discussion was the ethics request and stated she was given only two email requests. She stated they were informed by the Town Clerk's office they would only need to send a notarized letter. Instead of sending the letter, they chose to send the matter to

the State Attorney's office, which found Mayor Woods had been conducting his business properly. The second topic of discussion was Councilor Bottalico's evidence of wrong doing, which turned out to be a notebook of purchase orders and invoices indicating business conducted between Stonehedge and the Town of Newington. It was the same information given to the State Attorney's office. After discussion about the legality of doing business with the Town, Councilor Bottalico stated he felt the Charter should be changed and she stated his opinion did not constitute fact. Mrs. Borjeson also stated that Councilor DelBuono said the Mayor had filed his disclosure of holdings and associations form on January 12, 2013, after learning the Republicans had been looking into ethics charges. She stated she learned from the Town Clerk's office the form had been stamped January 12, 2012 and not 2013. Mrs. Borjeson indicated that Councilor DelBuono had never filed a disclosure form. The code of ordinances stated that all elected public officials and specific boards and town employees should file with the Town a listing of real estate holdings, and business associations within 30 days of election and Mrs. Borjeson stated Councilor DelBuono was in violation. After a year of investigating the Mayor, they had no incriminating evidence against the Mayor to show her. Mrs. Borjeson stated the Republicans should put their cards on the table or apologize to the Mayor.

Sandy Lallier, 27 Elton Drive: She said she came to the meeting to witness some real government, hear the issues and see what the Town Council was doing. Mrs. Lallier wanted to see how each party handled the issues since the Council was turning into a soap opera with only a few weeks left before election.

Neal Forte, 123 Church Street: He stated there were inaccuracies in the Mayor's statement at the last meeting regarding the State Attorney's investigation. He was contacted by the investigator and told because the Mayor was not an elected State official, the investigator could not go forward with an investigation. He was advised to go to other authorities. Mr. Forte had never been told the Mayor had been exonerated. He stated he was told from the Town Manager's office that there was not an official ethics form but was given forms after a search of the archives several months later. Mr. Forte said more information would be released to the public as soon as verified.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She stated she, like Councilor DelBuono, was livid after the last Council meeting and after the May 28 meeting. At that time a former elected official asked Mayor Woods to apologize to Mrs. Klett regarding quotes in the newspaper. She brought up comments made by Councilor DelBuono regarding statements made by her husband at meetings. Mrs. Lyons stated that when a member of the public came forward to continually to make those public statements, it was considered a personal agenda, and Mrs. Lyons felt it served to foster angst among Council members. She said that in researching her comments from the November 2012 meeting, she found no reference to statements regarding Mrs. DelBuono's husbands remarks and welcomed any possible correction in the matter. Mrs. Lyons stated she had brought up the turf field on numerous occasions and did have a personal agenda which was to ask questions of the Council she felt as a citizen she had the right to do. She said she had been appointed as an alternate to the Board of Ethics and was careful not to mention Mr. DelBuono's comments up to the May 28, 2013 meeting. At the January 22, 2013, meeting she mentioned she was concerned about not being able to find a form to file a complaint and not as concerned about changing the rules. She did not know if there was a form or not, but she did not know of anyone who had the form. At the same meeting, she requested someone call a meeting of the Ethics Board to discuss the situation and why wait until the election campaign to bring up her comments. In closing her comments, she stated she felt the Republican Town Committee owed Mayor Woods, Donald Woods and their families, Stonehedge Landscaping, taxpayers of the State of Connecticut and the residents of Newington for the manner in which the investigation was handled.

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Borjeson stated the following: 1) The Code of Ethics gave specific instructions on what to do to file a complaint, timelines and how to do it, 2) The day after the Council's last meeting he requested a copy of the Ethics form from the Town Manager and received it the next day along with 11 other forms since it was a 12 form package, 3) The ethics of the Mayor, the Town Manager and staff had been called into question because of their relationship in dealing with the Mayor. Mr. Forte claimed recently the Ethics Commission was not ethical. Mr. Borjeson said that the amount of time and money spent on the issue led him to believe that the people who were unethical were the Republican Town Committee and Republican Town Council members.

Councilor DelBuono read her comments into the record. See Attached.

Councilor Klett stated she was concerned that a member of the Town Council received a copy of the ethics form the next day and did not want anyone to think they did not make multiple efforts to get the form. She was happy that one councilor got the form the next day but there were other people who requested it and did not get it.

Mayor Woods read his statement into the record. See Attached.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS
A. Access Health CT Assister Program

John Salomone requested the Town Council consider authorizing the Town Manager to enter an agreement with the CT Health Insurance Exchange to provide information and assistance to people who would be applying and needed information on the CT exchange. At the last meeting he did not have a contract and stated the Town would be reimbursed for the time any individual would spend on the project. He felt it was a good idea since it would bring information to a local level.

Councilor DelBuono stated it was a good opportunity to support seniors in navigating the new system.

Councilor McBride moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, John L. Salomone, to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange d/b/a Access Health CT for funding related to the Access Health CT Assister Program, a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 9 – 0.

B. Collective Bargaining – AFSCME Contract

Councilor McBride moved the following:

WHEREAS, AFSCME Local 2930 membership ratified the proposed FY 2012-2013 through FY 2015-2016 labor contract on September 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after said ratification by the membership the proposed contract would be considered for Town Council approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby approves the proposed AFSCME Local 2930 contract for fiscal years 2012 - 2013 through 2015 - 2016, and authorizes the Town Manager to execute said contract on behalf of the Town.

Councilor Borjeson wanted to commend AFSCME for their professionalism during the negotiations, getting their point across and were always dignified. He stated John had also acted in the same manner and commended him as well. He felt it was a fair contract since negotiations could be very difficult.

Councilor DelBuono was glad to see members of AFSCME attend the Council meetings and wanted to commend them for expressing their views even though the Council did not participate in the negotiations. She felt it was a good agreement for both the Town and the union.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 9 – 0.

C. Administrative Group Salaries

Councilor McBride moved the following:

WHEREAS, there exists a budget amount sufficient to fund from contingency a two percent (2%) salary increase for eligible Administrative Group employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council approves a salary increase for eligible Administrative Group employees of two percent (2%) effective July 1, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 9 – 0.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Manager Review of Purchasing Process

John Salomone explained that Councilor Bottalico asked for the item be placed on the agenda and he would be willing to answer any questions the Council had. He had sent an email to Councilor DelBuono regarding purchasing and how it worked in Town.

Councilor Bottalico asked about department heads getting verbal quotes and he thought that was unacceptable. He stated he had a budget item for \$30k for mulch. The department head stated that 1,000 cubic yards at \$30 a yard had been purchased. The actual purchase price was \$23.50 a yard. Only 310 yards had been used and he wanted to know if the money would go back to the Town since the fiscal year had ended. Mr. Salomone said that if it was in the CIP it would carry over and if in the general fund and not spent, it would go back to the fund balance. He explained the difference between the \$30 and \$23.50 was due to an estimate being put in the budget and would prefer to err on the high side.

Mr. Bottalico questioned not having three written quotes. Mr. Salomone explained there were different thresholds and if over \$30k, would automatically trigger sealed bids and a formal bid process. He said that between \$25-30k the Town required formal quotes as well, unless waived by the Town Manager. Between \$15-20k there was another threshold where the Town had to obtain quotes, verbal or written, unless waived by the Town Manager or purchasing agent. Each department head was responsible for obtaining competitive prices for goods and services.

Mr. Bottalico asked how purchases were tracked that went over \$29,999. Mr. Salomone indicated that each company had a vendor file in the Finance Department. All purchases over \$30 had a purchase order and once ordered, the P.O. confirmed the number, and when the item was delivered, an invoice would be checked against the P.O. to confirm the correct amount. All expenditures would be found in the vendor file.

Councilor DelBuono thought this was a worthwhile discussion and wanted to know if there was a list of approved vendors or were purchases based on the discretion of a supervisor. Mr. Salomone stated it was determined by the best price, availability, and delivery. It would do no good to get the best price if it could not be delivered in a timely manner and vice versa.

Councilor DelBuono asked Mr. Salomone about receiving quotes unless waived by the Town Manager and what would be an instance of that. He said there could be a situation where there was only one vendor for a product and in that case, he would probably waive the requirement for a written quote.

Councilor Klett asked Mr. Salomone about instituting a process to scan no bid contracts into a website where the public could have access to see how tax dollars were spent. She felt it would be in the best interests of the citizens. She asked him to bring some ideas on achieving this to the Council and Mr. Salomone indicated he would do that.

B. Connecticut Educational Network (CEN) Broadband Update

Mr. Salomone said that Newington was entering into an agreement with CT Nutmeg Network. It was a new broadband access that would enable the town to tap into. Currently the Town used Cox Cable and

paid quite a bit to have access. The new access through CT Nutmeg would enable the Town to tap into the system which had about 10x the speed that was currently available and for about half to a third of the cost. This would be an enhancement and would cost a lot less than the Town was currently paying. The new fiber infrastructure was created for public safety and education organizations. Through local and state efforts, towns were now allowed to use the network. He explained the amount of information that could be held in the super highway was much greater than currently. Since the Town was getting into more video, etc. which was heavy with data, it was important to have the added capability.

Councilor Borjeson commended Mr. Salomone and Paul Boutot for being on top of the item for several years. He indicated there would be a presentation in Rocky Hill on October 16, 9 a.m. on the network.

Councilor Cohen asked Mr. Salomone about the amount of potential savings, and he indicated the new cost would be about \$600-700 a month and the Town was currently paying \$1,900.

Councilor Nagel asked if the Library and the Senior Center would be included in the network as well. Mr. Salomone commented it would include all buildings hardwired to the system, which included the Senior Center and the Library. What would not be included would be the Public Works garage and the speed would not be quite as fast as at the Library.

VIII. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (none)

IX. TAX REFUNDS

Councilor DelBuono moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$2,413.98 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.

Councilor Cohen seconded the motion and the motion passed 9 – 0.

X. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING **A. Regular meeting: 9/24/13**

Councilor Klett indicated that on page 3 in her comments it should have read "Councilor Klett wanted to assure the public there was nothing she had said at the Town Council meeting (inaudible) or outside the Town Council meeting that she would not be willing to swear to as the truth."

The motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Councilor Castelle and seconded by Councilor DelBuono. The motion was passed 9 – 0.

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

Mr. Salomone stated the Town had been waiting for the State Board of Education to review the grant request for the Transition Academy roof for over a year and had received no response from the State. The funding would be about \$30k out of \$115k it was estimated that would be needed. The roof was still leaking and was impacting the new Transition Academy. The Town was able to take advantage of a State bid price for roofing under the unit cost for roofing and within the next few weeks would be installing the roof. The estimated cost was about \$106k, which was about \$12k less than in the CIP. The Town would lose the \$30k but would gain having no damage to the Academy and if the Town used State funding, Newington would be required to do certain things that would drive the cost up. He felt the Town could not wait any longer to fix the roof and the bid price made it possible. Mr. Salomone indicated that the Kellogg Eddy House had needed a roof as well and the Town was able to get a competitive bid from the same

vendor to do the Kellogg Eddy House. He said he hoped to do the roof this year as well before winter set in.

XII. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Castelle wanted to thank the committee members of the Senior and Disabled Center who worked on the project. (inaudible) He said they had done a fabulous job and were to be commended.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL

Joseph Cirigliano, 56 Brentwood Road: As President of AFSCME he wanted to thank John Salomone and felt the contract that was approved was a fair one to the Town and employees. Something was gotten for the union, the Town and the taxpayers. He thanked the Council for their approval.

Madeline Kenny, 56 Crestview Drive: She had three requests: 1) when the meeting was in progress, she asked the Councilors not use cell phones for texting 2) when Councilors made closing comments, she asked they not assume her response to incidents that occurred previously 3) asked the Councilors not politicize their comments since the Council meetings were not the place.

Neal Forte, 123 Church Street: He said that Mayor's previous comments were not relative to the facts presented by Councilor DelBuono. His decision to go forward was based on information he received. Mr. Forte said the Mayor could do business with the Town but asked him to follow the strict requirements set forth in the Charter. It was not a personal attack but wanted to know why he did not have to follow the rules and regulations in the Charter. Mr. Forte indicated the Mayor did work for many property owners and developers and failed to abstain from votes pertaining to private customers. He felt it set a pattern. The amount of work done did not include the value of the work and exceeded the value of \$223,000 stated.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She wondered why the Ethics Board had not had a meeting back in January when changes were discussed and was offended the charges were not brought to it. She mentioned she thought the artificial turf field was a waste of money. Mrs. Lyons was concerned that members of the Council sat on that committee and no issues were raised at that time. She commented that if rules needed to be fixed, they should be fixed and the Council should stop shooting arrows at each other.

XIV. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Bottalico stated he had served on the turf committee and indicated they did not have the information they had now. He also commented that the situation at Bone Fish had been resolved by adding the fire lanes and signage.

Councilor Cohen thought it was odd that issues with the turf field were brought up from two years ago and wondered why they were issues now. She had attended all Council meetings from the late 1970's, except for a short period, and was around when the ethics ordinance was created with a lot of effort and time spent on it. Councilor Cohen was disappointed the Council was spending so much time on issues there were not Council business and thought the time should have been spent commenting on what had been accomplished and what was still to be done. The complaint had not been substantiated against a reputable citizen. She questioned the idea of not allowing business people to serve on boards or allowing the Town to do business with local businesses which would in effect send business out of town. Councilor Cohen thought it was an embarrassment to the Town to have to listen to matters that did not pertain to the business of the Council.

Councilor DelBuono agreed with Councilor Cohen that when the Ethics Ordinance was written it was probably well written and ahead of its time; however, there were several members on the Council who had requested the Ordinance be reviewed and revised, which was voted down. Some of the language was outdated and needed revision.

Councilor McBride mentioned the Federal shutdown and was appalled along with most people across party lines. Leaders were elected to provide leadership, ideas and push the country forward. People need leadership from those elected and the situation was sad to watch. There was a lot of grandstanding that did not amount to much. There were parallels to the Federal level and the local level. He hoped young adults

would not be discouraged to get involved. Councilor McBride asked for all elected individuals to ask what example they were setting for future leaders.

Councilor Castelle had tried to understand the savagery and the perseverance of the Republican Town Committee's position and the people who support them. The Republicans were using a smear campaign against one of the finest adults he had ever met, his family, Town staff and the individuals on the Ethics Committee.

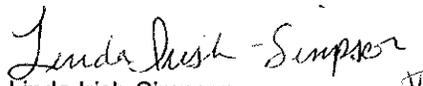
Councilor Klett stated that regarding Mrs. Kenny's comments regarding use of cell phones Councilor Klett used her phone to take notes and not text during public participation. She indicated she was on the Council when the Ethics Ordinance was passed in 1987 and could verify the ethics form passed out was from that timeframe. She did not believe that a Republican or a Democrat active in the political process should serve on the Ethics Board. The ethics form was not made available when requested and therefore, the decision was made to move forward. Councilor Klett said that nobody in previous meetings had said anything about the need for a police investigation in Newington but that the word the Mayor used was exonerated and she asked who used the word to the Mayor and if it was from the State level. Mr. Forte was told the route to go by the State investigator but had not initiated a Newington investigation.

Mayor Woods commented he felt the reason the complaint did not go to the Ethics Commission was the word "confidential." If the complaint had gone that route, it would not have been used by the Republicans as a campaign strategy and they would have had to swear to it. He said they would continue to smear him no matter what and that the form had been available for two weeks and not filed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Borjeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and was seconded by Councilor McBride. The motion passed 9 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council

Att.

Councilor DelBuono's Comments
Remarks By Councilors

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Chapter 32. ETHICS, CODE OF

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Newington 9-22-1987 (§§ 2-41 to 2-54 of the 1974 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 32-8. Employment incompatible with Town duties.

[Amended 10-23-1991]

- A. Outside services.
- B. Disqualifications. Public officials and employees shall disqualify themselves from all discussions, attempts at influencing the views of others, and decisionmaking with respect to any issue in which their employment may conflict with their Town position.

ITEM 1: On 6-12-12 and 6-24-12 the Mayor voted on accepting the Clem Lemire Project without disclosing he was subcontracted to perform work on this project. The Mayor did not disclose, disqualify himself from discussions or recuse himself from decision making in respect to this issue. Reference Item 1: Town Council Meeting Minutes 6-12-12 and 6-24-12.

ITEM 2: The Mayor's brother was a member of the Building Committee for the Clem Lemire project. He failed to disclose he was working on the project or disqualify himself from voting. On 10-27-11 he voted to approve payment and release town funds on a project he and the Mayor were subcontracted for. In essence and indirectly, he voted to approve the Mayor's and his own payment. Reference Item 2: Clem Lemire Building Committee Meeting Minutes 10-27-11.

Chapter 32. ETHICS, CODE OF

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Newington 9-22-1987 (§§ 2-41 to 2-54 of the 1974 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

INTEREST

Direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit accruing to a public official or employee as result of a contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action by or with the Town, except for such contracts or transactions which by their terms and by the substance of their provisions confer the opportunity and right to realize the accrual of similar benefits to all other persons and/or property similarly situated. For the purposes of this chapter, a public official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the affairs of:

- A. Any person related to him by blood or marriage in a degree closer than the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity (determined by the civil law method);
- B. Any person or business entity with whom a contractual relationship exists with the public official or employee or member of his or her immediate family;
- C. Any business entity in which the public official or employee is an officer, director or member having a financial interest in or employed by;
- D. Any business entity in which the stock of, or legal or beneficial ownership of, in excess of 5% of the total stock or total legal and beneficial ownership, is controlled or owned directly or indirectly by the public official or employee.

Chapter 32. ETHICS, CODE OF

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Newington 9-22-1987 (§§ 2-41 to 2-54 of the 1974 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 32-5. Conflict of interest.

[Amended 7-21-1988; 10-23-1991]

Public officials and employees often have occupations, professions, businesses, or have financial or personal interests that interface with Town government operations. It is expected that public officials and employees will be acutely sensitive to possible conflict of interest issues and that they will conduct themselves in a manner that will scrupulously avoid any conflict of interest.

- A. Personal gain.
- B. Preferential treatment. Public officials and employees shall not offer or render preferential treatment to others on the basis of such factors as family ties, financial interests, or other personal interests.

ITEM 3: The Mayor named relatives or employees to SEVEN (7) Different Boards or Committees on 12-13-11. Reference Item 3 Town Council Meeting Minutes 12-13-11.

- C. Contracts.
- D. Undue influence.
- E. Financial interest.
- F. Appointment. No employee of the Town shall be appointed to any board, commission or other Town body that deliberates and/or makes decisions directly or indirectly affecting that employee's remuneration or working conditions.
- G. Disclosure of interest. Any elected or appointed Town public officials or any Town employees who have a personal or financial interest in any matter to be acted upon or coming before their board, commission or office shall make full record disclosure in writing of that interest, which shall be incorporated in the minutes of the particular board, commission or office, and a full copy of such minutes shall be filed as required by the freedom of information laws of the State of Connecticut, *Editor's Note: See C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.* and such person shall be disqualified to act in any way upon such matter. Violation of this section with knowledge, expressed or implied, will make said decision voidable.

ITEM 4: The Mayor met with the members of Victory Gardens about the development and did not disclose he was working for Victory Gardens or their developers although he discussed the project including at the 4-24-12 Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor failed to disclose or disqualify (Section 32-5G and 32-8) himself from discussions or actions. Reference Item 4: Town Council Meeting Minutes of 4-24-12.

- H. Personal interest.

Chapter 32. ETHICS, CODE OF

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Newington 9-22-1987 (§§ 2-41 to 2-54 of the 1974 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

32-10. Disclosure of holdings and associations.

[Amended 7-21-1988; 10-23-1991]

- A. Purpose. The disclosure by Town public officials of specified holdings and associations seeks to deter unethical conduct by giving the public access to information about areas of potential conflict of interest. The very disclosure of outside interests will increase public confidence in government by dispelling possible suspicion.
- B. Specific principle. All elected public officials, appointed members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Development Commission, Standing Insurance Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Manager and Town Attorney shall file with the Town Clerk a listing of real estate holdings, whether they have any or not, partially or wholly owned, which are located within or partially within the Town, and the identity of any business associations or interests which may impinge on Town affairs, within 30 days of election or appointment. Any change in these holdings or business associations must be filed within 30 days of such change. Ownership of the public official's or employee's primary residence need not be included in the disclosure. The information filed with the Town Clerk will be available to the public.

ITEM 5: The Mayor has failed to file a disclosure of associations while performing work for the town while sitting on the Board of Education and as Mayor. No submission has been ever filed by until January of 2013 after we questioned such last December. Reference Item 5: List of disclosure of holdings and association forms filed by elected officials attached as provided by Town Clerk in September 2013.

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Staff in attendance:

John Salomone –Town Manager
Ann Harter – Finance Director
Richard Mulhall – Chief of Police
Craig Minor – Town Planner
Andy Brecher – Economic Development Coordinator
Peter Boorman – Town Attorney
Jamie Trevethan – Executive Assistant
Linda Irish-Simpson – Clerk of the Council

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL

Richard Spring, 47 Deepwood Drive: he expressed concern over the future of Cedar Mountain and brought up the possibility of the town taking the land for public use through eminent domain since Toll Bros. has expressed interest in the development of the land. He suggested a referendum to allow residents to vote on the project and thought that Newington was over developed at the present time.

Bernadette Conway, 177 Hartford Avenue: She stated that Toll Bros was back wanting to develop Cedar Mountain and there was also a group in town that would fight to keep the last piece of over developed Newington undeveloped. She requested the Town Council consider acquiring the land through eminent domain. Mrs. Conway stated that in the Town 20/20 plan Cedar Mountain was mentioned many times. The plan is the official policy guide for future actions regarding the physical development of the community. She wanted the Council to read the document thoroughly since it was stated in the 20/20 plan that Cedar Mountain was desirable for open space and was cited the #1 strategy was for preserving the mountain from development.

Mr. Salomone explained the State originally requested two appraisals. One was completed and accepted last summer and the second appraisal was completed in early May. The State has requested another one, which would be required to get the final grant.

Councilor Castelle made a motion to suspend the rules so action could be taken on the CT DEEP Grant Funding for Cedar Mountain. The motion was seconded by Councilor Klett and the motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Bottalico-absent for vote).

Councilor Castelle moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That Town Manager John Salomone of the Town of Newington be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire the Marcap property CSAP 2012-03.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That John Salomone, Town Manager, is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and the motion passed 9 - 0.

- E. Clem Lemire Synthetic Turt Field Project
 - 1. Accept Project
 - 2. Dismiss Committee

Mayor Woods indicated the project was completed and the committee would be dismissed with action being taken at the next meeting. Mr. Salomone stated the project was complete and there were funds left over, which would go back to the Capital Projects Fund. Councilor Klett said the committee had met on May 24 and voted to accept the project. Mayor Woods stated the project was controversial from the start but was a huge success since it came in under budget and would be a community field. The item will be on the next agenda to accept the project and to dismiss the committee.

- F. Job Description: Maintainer III (Schools)

John Salomone said that BOE job descriptions are integrated into the Town's and the proposed job description was for a new classification of Maintainer III. Councilor Castelle asked if it was a new position and Mr. Salomone stated it expanded on the Maintainer II position. The position required more skills in order to maintain the buildings and said there would be no increase in staffing. Mayor Woods indicated he would contact the BOE to determine if they were promoting an individual into this position and have someone attend the next Council meeting to discuss.

- G. (Amended) Councilor Castelle moved the following:

RESOLVED to add an amendment to the agenda to include V. G. to add discussion of the BOE Wallace Middle School Roof Replacement Committee actions.

Councilor Castelle indicated that the State grant was approved and was out to bid. The bids would be opened on June 21. If the agenda was not amended tonight, the rules would have to be waived on the 26th in order to approve the contract. He estimated the cost to be around \$785k. The item will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and the motion passed 9-0.

VI. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

- A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Audit Committee
 - 2. Half-Town Committee
 - 3. Career/Technical Program Renovation Project Building Committee



John L. Salomone
Town Manager

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MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
7:00 P.M.**

June 26, 2011

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS 6:45 P.M., CONF.
ROOM 1 (ROOM 117)**

Councilor Bottalico moved to adjourn the executive session at 6:58 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Councilor Castelle. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett Absent)

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Helen Nelson Room in Town Hall.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett – absent
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

Staff in attendance:

John Salomone –Town Manager
Jamie Trevethan – Executive Assistant
Linda Irish-Simpson – Clerk of the Council

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone)

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She stated that the Town spent \$1M plus on the Clem Lemire Turf Field project and once again the Town did not include signs directing the public to the park entrance from Willard Avenue from Main Street. She noted that the Parks and Rec Department recently stated they had one rental for the field in the amount of \$900. She hoped common sense would be used for the appropriation of signs so people could get to the various completed projects in Town.

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council, pursuant to Chapter 8, Article X, Project Building Committees, of the Newington Code of Ordinances; and upon the recommendation of the Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building Committee; hereby accepts the bid of the Beaulieu Company of Manchester, Connecticut in the amount of \$712,815.00, for the remaining roof replacement work at John Wallace Middle School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, John L. Salomone, to execute appropriate contracts the Beaulieu Company of Manchester, Connecticut to accomplish the construction in accordance with the bid specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the project budget as follows:

REVENUES

Balance Forward	\$ 416,961.00
2012-13 Appropriation	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
Available Funds	\$ 916,961.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

Construction (Bid Amount)	\$ 712,815.00
Contingency (10%)	\$ 71,282.00
Design Construction Admin.	<u>\$ 8,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 792,597.00

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett – absent).

E. Accept Project/Disband Committee: Clem Lemire Synthetic Turf Field Project

Councilor Bottalico asked about money that was taken out of the contingency fund and when money was given back, where did the returned money go. Mr. Salomone indicated the money would go back into the capital projects fund. Councilor Bottalico wanted to know why it did not go back to the contingency fund, and Mr. Salomone said that the money had been appropriated to the capital projects so it stayed within the capital projects fund. Councilor Bottalico indicated about \$4k should have gone back into the contingency fund and when closed out, should have gone to the capital fund. He stated he did not think you got true costs when you did not return contributed funds to a project to contingency funds. Mr. Salomone said that contributions went back into contingency and the amount showed for the project was the net cost to the Town. He indicated he would ask Ann Harter for further explanation of the accounting for various projects.

Councilor McBride moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the final report dated May 3, 2012 of the Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Project Building Committee and formally discharges this committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby expresses its appreciation to the Chairman and to all the members, past and present, of the Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Project Building Committee for their diligence in overseeing the design and construction of the project.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett - absent).

V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- A. School Code Compliance Committee: Tennis Courts/Baseball Dugouts (Action Requested)
 - 1. Accept Plans
 - 2. Authorize Town Manager to go out to Bid

SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD INSTALLATION
CLEM LEMIRE RECREATION COMPLEX
2011 CONSTRUCTION

Contractor: DeRita & Sons Construction, Inc., Middletown, CT

Subcontractors:

Field Turf

Sub-sub Contractors: Frazier's Landscapes, Inc. d/b/a Track & Field Installers
Go Turf, LLC

Cornerstone Fence & Ornamental Gate, LLC
Kuzma Heavy Bulldozing
Maynard & Oliveira Concrete Pumping, LLC
Paramount Construction, LLC
Stonehedge Landscaping Company

ITEM 2

§ 32-8. Employment incompatible with Town duties.

- B. Disqualifications. Public officials and employees shall disqualify themselves from all discussions, attempts at influencing the views of others, and decisionmaking with respect to any issue in which their employment may conflict with their Town position.

ITEM 2: The Mayor's brother was a member of the Building Committee for the Clem Lemire project. He failed to disclose he was working on the project or disqualify himself from voting. On 10-27-11 he voted to approve payment and release town funds on a project he and the Mayor were subcontracted for. In essence and indirectly, he voted to approve the Mayor's and his own payment. Reference Item 2: Clem Lemire Building Committee Meeting Minutes 10-27-11.

CLEM LEMIRE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

October 27, 2011

Town Hall Conference Room One

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to order – the meeting was called to order by Ms. Klett, at 7:00 pm.
- II. Roll call – Members present: Maureen Klett, Chairperson; Don Woods; Jay Bottalico, Bill DeBlasio, Fred Callahan, Kathy Zolad, Paul Vessella, and Rich Khentigan. Others present: Maureen Perillo; Bruce Till, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Public participation – None.
- IV. Approval of prior meeting minutes – Mr. Khentigan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2011 meeting, as presented. Second by Mr. Woods. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Project Status – Mr. Baron notified the Committee that most of the punch list items identified when the field was substantially completed have been addressed. Nine items have been identified as outstanding by Milone and MacBroom, three each for construction, lighting and the turf. The construction items are touch up of the goal posts, for which the Contractor has the paint and is waiting for dry weather to apply; the stair rails, which were installed but needed to be replaced, for which the subcontractor has not yet provided an estimated completion date; and the grass, which has been reseeded several times but will continue to be a problem during the season due to heavy foot traffic. An e-mail from the subcontractor on this was distributed, along with the Contractor's response to the other remaining punch list items. On the lighting, tests were taken by Musco which showed the foot candle levels were at or above acceptable levels. An independent report is needed. It must also state that the lighting meets a specific standard that was set forth in the bid. An operation manual for the lights is also needed. The turf items are two additional maintenance manuals beyond the one already received from Field Turf; as-built drawings that show significant items such as seams, electrical lines, etc; and the scheduling of an annual inspection by Field Turf. Mr. Woods made a motion that the Committee accept the project as completed, contingent upon the completion of the nine outstanding items identified to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Second by

Ms. Zolad. Discussion: final payment will not take place until these items have been resolved and Milone and MacBroom recommends release of the money. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8 YES to 0 NO. Mr. Baron then distributed a financial status report, showing a project contingency of \$64,231.48

- VI. Consider and take action on Change Order requests – Attached to the financial status report were a number of additional items that the Committee was being requested to approve, with available backup documentation. Each was discussed. The formal change order for the construction contract was included, for \$ 4,337.59, for the removal of additional unsuitable material beneath the sub-base, along with subsequent repair of the sub-base and the turf. This was to correct the depression found along the twenty yard line at the northeast end of the field. The other items for which funding approval was requested were for a twenty minute shut off delay for the northeast bank of lights, \$691.49; access restriction improvements for a gate at the concession stand drive and fencing around the electrical transformer equipment, \$5,210; professional line striping for the sports that were not permanently sewn on the field, \$ 2,400; and soccer goals that would be compatible with the new single-support football goal posts, estimated to be \$5,000. Mr. Bottalico questioned the soccer goals. Ms. Zolad identified the specific cost to be \$3,594, which includes the goals, shipping and special corner flags that also were needed. They have been paid for by the soccer club in order to be able to use the field for soccer prior to formal Committee action, but are part of the cost of a multi-use field necessitated by changing the style of the football goal posts. Those around the table did not think about the need for new soccer goals at the time the decision was made to request new football goal posts. Mr. Woods also added a request for the approximately \$500 the Parks and Recreation Department spent on locks and chains for the fields. Mr. Bottalico questioned the cost of this item and expressed his concern that items such as the locks and soccer goals are being requested at the end of the project that reduce the contingency amount. Over a dozen locks and/or chains were purchased. Each gate to the field is now secured and the locks are the same for the entire field, although not the same as for all the other fields in Town.

Questions were also asked about the security cameras and equipment. This item was approved at a prior meeting and was not part of the request for consideration at this meeting. The cost that will be charged against the project came to \$ 9,475.32. There is an additional \$500 that has been received from the soccer club and a pledge of \$2,000 from midget football. These will applied to the approximately \$12,000

SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD INSTALLATION

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Stonehedge Landscaping Company

ITEM 3

§ 32-5. Conflict of interest.

- B. Preferential treatment. Public officials and employees shall not offer or render preferential treatment to others on the basis of such factors as family ties, financial interests, or other personal interests.

ITEM 3: The Mayor named relatives or employees to SEVEN (7) Different Boards or Committees on 12-13-11. Reference Item 3 Town Council Meeting Minutes 12-13-11.



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MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 P.M.
Helen Nelson Room

December 13, 2011

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL – Councilors Present

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods
◦ Councilor McBride - absent

Staff Present

John Salomone – Town Manager
Richard Mulhall – Chief of Police
Jaime Trevethan – Executive Assistant to the Town Manager
Linda Irish-Simpson – Clerk of the Council

III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Retirement – Tony Ferraro, Town Engineer

Mayor Woods moved the following:

WHEREAS, Anthony Ferraro was appointed as the Town of Newington's interim Engineer on August 14, 2006 and to the position of Town Engineer on August 13, 2007; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1968 and served as a Lt. Colonel of the U.S. Army Reserves; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro came to Newington with over thirty years of experience serving other area towns including Berlin, East Haven and Hartford; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro skillfully led staff through numerous Engineering and interdepartmental projects in a professional and knowledgeable manner; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro served as the staff advisor to the Inland Wetland Commission and assisted the Town Plan and Zoning Commission with appropriate development reviews; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro has retired from the Town of Newington, effective September 16, 2011;

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Councilor Nagel wanted to state that waiving of the rules should be done on a limited basis since this is something that previous Councils have taken this into consideration. Mayor Woods stated that he felt it was an oversight on the part of the previous Council and John Salomone explained that he delayed requesting the cancellation in case something of importance needed to be discussed.

A motion to waive the rules was made by Councilor Bottalico and seconded by Councilor Klett. The motion passed 8 – 0 Councilor McBride, Absent

Councilor Klett moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby alters its meeting schedule by canceling its regular meeting scheduled for December 27, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Klett. The motion passed 8 – 0 Councilor McBride, Absent

VII RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- A. Accept Resignation of Paul Plavcan (Alternate)

Councilor Klett moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Paul Plavcan from the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate) in accordance with a communication dated November 14, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Councilor DelBuono. The motion passed 8 – 0 Councilor McBride, Absent.

- B. Accept Resignation of Kathleen Clark (Alternate)

Councilor Klett moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Kathleen Clark as an Alternate member of the Conservation Commission, in accordance with correspondence dated December 1, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel. The motion passed 8 – 0 Councilor McBride, Absent

- C. Accept Resignation of Dave Lenares

Councilor Klett moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of David Lenares as a member of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, in accordance with correspondence dated December 12, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Bottalico. The motion passed 8 – 0 Councilor McBride, Absent.

- D. Appointments – Other

Councilor Klett moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby makes the following appointments:

**Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency
Donald Woods 82 Ivy Lane – Party D
Commission on Aging and Disabled**

Matilda Demaio -485 Connecticut Avenue – Party D
William Demaio- 22 Burdon Lane – Party D
Eunice Scharr- 260 West Hill Road – Party D
Building Code of Appeals
Alan Paskewich--100 Cambria Avenue – Party D
Committee on Community Safety
Phylliss Dicara – 29 Crown Ridge – Party D
Conservation Commission
Kathleen Clark - 50 Grandview Drive – Party D
Jeff Zelek -55 Welles Drive N – Party D
Alan Paskewich -100 Cambria Avenue – Party D (Alternate)
Development Commission
Greg Polk -1069 Main Street – Party D
Tom Shields- 56 Wilson Avenue – Party D
Linda Woods- 82 Ivy Lane -- Party D
Dave Marsden- 73 Maple Hill Avenue – Party D (Alternate)
EMS Committee
Gloria Olesen- 1433 Willard Avenue #3 – Party D (Public Rep.)
Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee
Terrance Sullivan- 188 Forest Drive – Party D
Jon Kehi -243 Reservoir Road – Party D (Specialist)
Environmental Quality Commission
Michael Camillo- 126 Willard Avenue – Party D (Public Rep)
Paul Plavcan- 38 Welles Drive N – Party D (Public Rep)
Michael Fox- 1901 Main Street – Party D (Public Rep)
Pam Foster -414 Griswold Hills Drive – Party D (Public Rep)
Edward Horan- 35 Crestview Drive – Party D (Public Rep)
Stein Ramstad- 555 Main Street – Party D (Public Rep)
Fair Rent Commission
Audra Eckstrom – 281 Faith Court – Party D (Dwell. Unit Tenant)
Linda Woods – 82 Ivy Lane – Party D (Dwell. Unit Landlord)
Don Woods – 82 Ivy Lane – Party D (Alt. Dwell. Unit Landlord)
Michele Camerota – 364 Cypress Road – Party D (Alt. Elector)
Library Board
Leean Manke – 112 Northwood Road – Party D
C.Neil Ryan – 237 Brockett Street – Party D
Kristine Nasinnyk – 50 Theodore Street – Party D
Newington Historical Society and Trust
Linda Woods -- 82 Ivy Lane -- Party D
Human Rights Commission
Audra Eckstrom – 281 Faith Court – Party D
Karen Faust – 55 Faith Court – Party D
Louise Rickard – 108 Little Brook Drive – Party D
Board of Parks and Recreation
William DeBlasio – 68 Harold Drive – Party D
Richard Khentigan – 79 Whitewood Road – Party D
Jim Marocchini – 75 Michael Lane – Party D
Standing Insurance Committee
Cheryl Constantine – 198 Beacon Street – Party D (Underwriter)
James Zolad – 269 Candlewyck Drive – Party D (Underwriter)
Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Dana Woods – 1632 Willard Avenue – Party D
Stanley Sobieski – 26 Deepwood Drive – Party D
Mike Camillo – 126 Willard Avenue – Party D (Alternate)
Tri-town Community Cable Access Committee
Michael Fox – 1901 Main Street – Party D
Vehicle Appeals Board
Judy Iglelski – 23 Old Musket Drive – Party D
Don Woods – 82 Ivy Lane – Party D
Zoning Board of Appeals

ITEM 4

§ 32-5. Conflict of interest.

Disclosure of interest. Any elected or appointed Town public officials or any Town employees who have a personal or financial interest in any matter to be acted upon or coming before their board, commission or office shall make full record disclosure in writing of that interest, which shall be incorporated in the minutes of the particular board, commission or office, and a full copy of such minutes shall be filed as required by the freedom of information laws of the State of Connecticut, *Editor's Note: See C.G.S. § 1-200 et seq.* and such person shall be disqualified to act in any way upon such matter. Violation of this section with knowledge, expressed or implied, will make said decision voidable.

ITEM 4: The Mayor met with the members of Victory Gardens about the development and did not disclose he was working for Victory Gardens or their developers although he discussed the project including at the 4-24-12 Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor failed to disclose or disqualify (Section 32-5G and 32-8) himself from discussions or actions. Reference Item 4: Town Council Meeting Minutes of 4-24-12.



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MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELEN NELSON ROOM – TOWN HALL
7:00 P.M.**

APRIL 24, 2012

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Helen Nelson Room of the Town Hall.

I & II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager
Tom Molloy, Superintendent, Highway Department
Rob Hillman, Asst. Superintendent, Highway Department
Ann Harter, Finance Director
Linda Irish-Simpson – Clerk of the Council

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Wallace School Roof Replacement Project

Councilor Cohen moved the following:

RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Chapter 8, Article X, Section 8-45 (H), Project Building Committees, of the Newington Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council hereby approves the final plans and cost estimates for the John Wallace Middle School Roof Replacement as reviewed by the Town Council and as approved by the Board of Education and the Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building

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Mayor Woods indicated that signage was being made up and should be completed shortly in Town Hall. He stated he had met with members of the Victory Garden and they would be attending the May 22 meeting for a presentation. The shovels were planned to be in the ground in June and permits would be issued shortly.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Castelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and was seconded by Councilor DelBuono. The motion passed 9 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council

Cc: T. Lane, Town Clerk

ITEM 5

32-10. Disclosure of holdings and associations.

B. Specific principle. All elected public officials, appointed members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Development Commission, Standing Insurance Committee, Conservation Commission, Town Manager and Town Attorney shall file with the Town Clerk a listing of real estate holdings, whether they have any or not, partially or wholly owned, which are located within or partially within the Town, and the identity of any business associations or interests which may impinge on Town affairs, within 30 days of election or appointment. Any change in these holdings or business associations must be filed within 30 days of such change. Ownership of the public official's or employee's primary residence need not be included in the disclosure. The information filed with the Town Clerk will be available to the public.

ITEM 5: The Mayor has failed to file a disclosure of associations while performing work for the town while sitting on the Board of Education and as Mayor. No submission has been ever filed by until January of 2013 after we questioned such last December. Reference Item 5: List of disclosure of holdings and association forms filed by elected officials attached as provided by Town Clerk in September 2013.

Ethics Forms

2010

Louise Rickard Human Rights Commission

2011

Terry Borjeson Town Council

2012

Audra Ekstrom TPZ
Jay Bottalico Town Council
Maureen Klett Town Council
Myra Cohen Town Council
Cheryl Constantine Insurance Committee
Frank Aieta TPZ
John Richter
Paul Vessella ZBA
Mike Turgeon ZBA
Louis Califano ZBA
Paul Plavcan ZBA
David Lenares TPZ
Stanley Sobieski TPZ
David Pruett TPZ
Michael Camerota TPZ
Cathleen Hall TPZ
Carol Anest TPZ
Robert Clarke Castelle Town Council

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