



John L. Salomone  
Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

**MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS**

## MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 P.M.

October 23, 2012

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

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Staff attendees:

Donna Miller, Library Director  
Steve Juda, Assessor  
Ann Harter, Finance Director  
John Salomone, Town Manager  
Jamie Trevethan, Executive Assistant  
Linda Irish-Simpson, Council Clerk

Councilor Klett asked an additional proclamation be read at the meeting for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Councilor DelBuono and the motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Nagel-absent).

**III. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS**

A. Friends of the Library – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Woods moved the following:

**WHEREAS, October 21 – 27 is National Friends of Libraries Week; and**

**WHEREAS, The Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library are being recognized for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrating 50 years of service to the library and the community with a commitment that sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; and**

**WHEREAS, The Friends received the 2012 Special Achievement Award for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities from the Friends of Connecticut Libraries for their achievements and services, recruitment of new members, developing good working relationships with other community groups and sparking awareness of the library and the Friends; and**

**WHEREAS, The Friends play a major fundraising role in enhancing the library's programs and services for the community above and beyond the library's municipal operating budget, therefore providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning; and**

**WHEREAS, The Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, much needed equipment and children's services; and**

**WHEREAS, The Friends have served the Library and the Town of Newington for 50 years, continues to be an active organization; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes the value of The Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library for all their support for the Library and activities to benefit the entire community through their spirit of volunteerism, and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to for both the Lucy Robbins Welles Library and the Town in general.**

Mayor Woods congratulated the Friends of the Library on the wonderful reputation of the Library, which was a jewel known throughout the State. The volunteers thanked the Town Council for the proclamation and the recognition of a very active volunteer group. Mrs. Miller thanked the Council and the volunteers who work tirelessly at the Library all year long. Councilor DelBuono and Castelle thanked the volunteers and recognized their dedication.

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

#### B. Appalachian Service Project

Mayor Woods moved the following:

**WHEREAS, twenty-percent of the residents of Central Appalachia live below the poverty, which is three times the national poverty rate; and**

**WHEREAS, the people of Central Appalachia suffer from above average rates of cancer and chronic depression, and have the shortest life span in the nation; and**

**WHEREAS, half of the counties in Central Appalachia have only one hospital, and about 1 in 5 do not have a hospital at all; and**

**WHEREAS, Church of Christ, Congregational in Newington has been annually sending volunteers to Appalachia through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for more than two decades; and**

**WHEREAS, ASP brings thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low income families; and**

**WHEREAS, the volunteers from Church of Christ, Congregational raise all the funds needed for their trip (transportation, room & board in a local school, building supplies, etc.) themselves; and**

**WHEREAS, the volunteers who participate in ASP return to their home community with a passion for service, a renewed compassion for other people, and a fresh appreciation for their place and purpose in this world; and**

**WHEREAS, when you change the lives of others, they have a way of changing you; and**

**WHEREAS, both the youth and adults on ASP discover first-hand that regardless of geography, education, or economic class, we are all equal members of the family of God; and**

**WHEREAS, these volunteers serve as an inspiration and role model for similar acts of kindness and charity among all the townspeople of Newington, particularly our elected officials; and**

**WHEREAS, Town of Newington encourages ongoing participation in ASP, including the 44 volunteers who are signed up for next summer;**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council thanks its volunteer citizens from Church of Christ, Congregational for making the homes of those less fortunate “warmer, safer and drier”.**

Mayor Woods indicated the church offered an experience that changed those who went forever. The members of the church thanked the Council for the recognition and said it was an honor to be involved with the youth of Newington and see them grow, change and mature. They explained the work done by the teenagers involved roofing, flooring and other construction to ensure warmer homes for the homeowners. Councilor Cohen congratulated the volunteers and Councilor Castelle stated the work they did was very important and congratulated them. Councilor DelBuono thanked all the volunteers for their service to Virginia and also to the Town of Newington since they bring back renewed commitment and new ways of thinking about the Town.

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

#### C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Councilor Klett moved the following:

**WHEREAS, over 2.6 million breast cancer survivors presently live in the United States and all these men and women are a testament to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, disseminating vital information, funding research, following recommended guidelines, and offering treatment to those affected; and**

**WHEREAS, breast cancer affects both men and women, with about 1 in 8 women, just under 12% are predicted to develop invasive breast cancer in the United States, along with the expectation that approximately 57,650 women will develop new cases of non-invasive breast cancer, as well as an estimated 2,140 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men; and**

**WHEREAS, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes in the United States and about 15% of women who get breast cancer have a family member diagnosed with it and a woman’s risk for developing breast cancer doubles if she has a first-degree relative who has been diagnosed with breast cancer;**

**WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and other statewide organization have been working together to heighten awareness of breast cancer and to emphasize the life-saving message of early detection through Breast and Cervical Check program in communities across Connecticut, empowering women and men through outreach, education, and screening programs, and**

**WHEREAS, Connecticut citizens are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to follow recommended screening guidelines, and to reduce the risk of breast cancer by following the recommended health care guidelines,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes October 2012, Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Connecticut, and encourage all Connecticut citizens to take preventive measures, follow the recommended screening schedule, and to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Connecticut citizens can do to prevent breast cancer.**

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

#### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She commended ASP for the work they have done and congratulated the group. Mrs. Lyons thanked Councilor Klett for the Breast Cancer Awareness proclamation since she has known several women diagnosed with breast cancer. On behalf of herself and Maddy Kenny (52 Crestview Drive) she commented about the need for the Town Hall Renovation Committee to add two new members and although input was vital, she questioned the need to add them as voting members.

E. DiBattista, 308 Hillcrest Avenue: He was speaking on behalf of veterans and the proposed veterans' exemption. Mr. DiBattista hoped the Council would vote for additional exemptions to the veterans since they had put their lives on the line and brought freedom to the country.

#### V. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May be Taken)

##### A. Veterans' Tax Exemption

Councilor Castelle moved the following:

**RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby rescinds resolution No. 2012-117, Veterans' Tax Exemption, dated October 9, 2012.**

The motion was seconded by Councilor Borjeson and passed on a roll call vote 5 – 3.

Yes: Councilor Borjeson, Councilor Castelle, Councilor Cohen, Councilor McBride, Mayor Woods

Abstain: Councilor Bottalico, Councilor DelBuono, Councilor Klett

Absent: Councilor Nagel

Councilor Borjeson stated the Council had to weigh all actions against the needs of the entire Town and that the Council had already given the Veterans' an additional \$50k exemption. He said the Council could amend the resolution and give \$25k to the veterans and \$25k to the elderly and would be able then to give more to the low income senior veterans. The Town currently had other residents also in need with many families using the food bank and people needing energy assistance. Councilor Borjeson explained the Town ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of thirteen area towns in the amount given to the elderly if the additional \$50k was added. He stated the additional money would have to come from somewhere at budget time and the Town was facing higher costs in several areas next year after attempting to hold the budget the current year to bare bones. Businesses had incurred higher operating costs this year, the schools were facing unfunded mandates from the State and the Council had to look at the entire Town when recommending additional exemptions to the veterans.

Councilor Bottalico questioned why the elderly exemption was being discussed at the current time and not just the veterans' exemption per the agenda. The Mayor replied that Councilor Borjeson gave the Council an idea of what he proposed for both groups. Councilor Klett stated the original issue discussed at the April meeting was in regard to veterans only and not veterans and elderly. She felt the Town did a good job for seniors and was not convinced the Town did a lot for veterans. The reason the issue was brought forward now was because of the eligibility criteria and the Council was running out of time.

Councilor DelBuono felt the original amount discussed was what the Council should consider and said that the subject of an elderly exemption was not brought up in the last four meetings. She felt it was time to move forward on what was best for the veterans. Local benefits for the elderly were good and the Council needed to look at the bigger picture since the seniors had many programs in Town. Councilor DelBuono continued her support for the original \$50k recommendation.

Councilor Bottalico said he did not feel \$25k was adequate, would cost the Town approximately \$1.80 additional per taxpayer and was surprised at the recommendation for a senior exemption since it had never been discussed by the Council. Councilor Cohen stated the reason they were discussing the veterans was because the Council could not give what they wanted to in the current year and would need to include the amount in next year's budget considerations. She felt the comparison of the elderly and veterans was fair since the Council had to take the big picture into effect and would not be voting on the elderly until the Spring. She stated the veterans got other benefits from State and Federal governments; and if they were elderly, could take advantage of the Senior Center and its offerings. Councilor Cohen could support the proposed increase in the exemption.

Councilor DelBuono remarked that although there were veteran benefits from the State and Federal governments, there were elderly programs from the same as well and thought it was the Council's job to look at

what could be done for the community veterans at a local level. She asked them to keep in mind that all veterans were not seniors but soldiers who had fought in Iraq or Afghanistan. Councilor Bottalico wanted to help as many vets as possible (330 vs. 433) and Councilor Castelle indicated that 37% of veterans were 65 or older and the discussion was where to draw the line and balance need and merit. He felt that need and merit were more important than merit alone.

Mr. Juda explained the cost to the Town would be approximately \$70-80k depending on the number of eligible veterans and would bring the number eligible from 196 to approximately 330 veterans. Councilor Castelle said the Council had increased the exemption from \$2k to \$10k and the exemption amount from \$261 to \$522. He was committed to increasing the exemption in the future as the Town could afford it.

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

**WHEREAS, the Newington Town Council wishes to provide additional exemption for those veterans who meet the requirements of subdivision (19) of section 12-81; and**

**WHEREAS, section 12-81f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as may be amended from time to time, grants municipalities the authority to provide veterans eligible to an exemption under subdivision (19) of section 12-81 an additional exemption up to ten thousand dollars ; and**

**WHEREAS, section 12-81f of the General Statutes of Connecticut additionally grants municipalities the authority to provide this additional exemption to veterans at an income level that does not exceed the maximum amount under said section 12-81 by more than twenty-five thousand dollars;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby enacts an additional veteran exemption up to \$10,000 to veterans whose combined family income is less than \$45,000; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**That this additional veteran exemption shall become effective commencing with the Grand List of October 1, 2012 and shall be applied to each assessment year thereafter until changed by future resolution. This exemption will commence to eligible veterans effective with the billing date of July 1, 2013.**

Councilor DelBuono indicated she was not happy with the amount proposed but since this was the best she could do for now, she would vote for the resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Castelle and passed 7 – 1 (Councilor Nagel-absent) roll call vote:

Yes: Councilor Borjeson, Councilor Castelle, Councilor Cohen, Councilor DelBuono, Councilor Klett, Councilor McBride, Mayor Woods

Abstain: Councilor Bottalico

**B. Expansion of the Town Hall Project Building Committee**

John Salomone gave an overview of several different options for adding two additional members to the committee. The options ranged from adding them ex officio, a sunrise/sunset provision and two were hybrids of the other two. Ex officio would not have the option of voting and would have rights similar to those of the Mayor and Town Manager. Another option was to add two members and allow full rights to vote and the other option would add two members but would sunset after the work for the Mortensen Center was completed. Another option would wait a while until the regular committee made decisions as to site and scope of the project at which time the new members would be added to the committee and would be excused after the Parks and Rec portion was completed.

Councilor McBride stated people were concerned with the prospect of allowing private citizens to have voting rights on such a large, expensive project and felt elected officials should have the final say. He explained the Parks and Rec Department had concerns regarding the project and wanted to be represented on the committee. After talking to Bruce Till and John Salomone he thought that option 4 was a good start to involve Parks and

Rec but not allow them to overstep in areas/departments that would not concern them. The Council needed more time to study each proposal and refine them before they could be presented for a vote.

Councilor Bottalico asked for clarification about whether or not the Town Hall Building Renovation Committee had ever been excused and it was explained the members only served until the end of their term and the new members would continue the project. He indicated the project was larger than the Police Station and felt the elected officials should make the final decisions and wondered if Parks and Rec were brought on the committee would other departments want the same consideration. Councilor Bottalico felt the addition of two more members would drag decision making on, and he would resign rather than contend with that.

Councilor Klett stated she understood both sides and wondered if it was a good idea to bring ex officio members on the committee after it had already met 18 times. Mayor Woods stated that Parks and Rec would be the first component to be done in the project and in order to renovate the building, the department would have to be relocated. The department was the only department in the building that had private citizens representing them. All departments would have representation when the project affected them.

Councilor DelBuono understood both sides of the issue and typically committees asked representatives to go before them to express their views and to give information. Currently the Superintendent of Parks and Rec who represented the staff was on the committee and hoped the committee would not get bogged down with additional members. Her additional concern was whether they would be added, then have them excused and then adding additional members each time an area was renovated. The Mayor indicated employees could not serve on a committee as anything other than liaisons. Councilor Cohen stated there was no way the committee could have thought ahead to the potential of adding Parks and Rec as members. The proposal was for the existing committee to go forward in deciding where the Parks and Rec Department would move to and at that point to ask the Parks and Rec representatives to join and restrict their input to what was needed for that particular area. When their area was completed, they would be excused from the committee.

Don Woods, Chairman of the Parks and Rec Committee, explained this subject had been on their agenda for many years and always believe that when the project was active, someone would be part of the building committee. He stated they did not want to control anything but wanted to have the best possible facility they could get. John Salomone reminded the Council that all fiscal decisions would have to go before the Council for approval as well as approval of all bids and contracts. There would also be a referendum on the project at a later date.

Councilor Castelle indicated the project would have more public support if Parks and Rec were involved at the beginning and since they were a large part of the project, should be represented just like the Board of Education would be represented. Councilor Bottalico said that the Director of Parks and Rec was already on the committee and others could attend to give their input at any time.

Councilor Cohen agreed with Mr. Woods that their input was vital and thought they would be better qualified to determine what went into the new building than the Council representatives. If the two members brought up something that was outlandish, the other five members of the committee could outvote them. Councilor Bottalico wanted to ensure that everything the department needed would be added at the same time so they would not need to go back to the Council at a later date for more space, equipment, etc.

The item will be tabled until the next meeting.

## **VI. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken Only by Waiving the Rules.)**

### **A. MDC Presentation – Clean Water Project Bond Issue**

The representatives from the MDC presented a Powerpoint presentation on the work still to be done on the Clear Water Bond Issue that will be on the November ballot in Town. The project started in 2006 and presently on time and on budget. The next phase must be passed by the voters and if not, would be on a pay as you go basis. The project would be financed through a Special Sewer Service Charge that would pay the principal and interest on the debt and based on usage.

See slideshow attached.

B. Discussion: Elderly Tax Exemption

This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Refunding of the 2003, 2004 & 2005 Bonds  
1. Discussion

Ann Harter and the financial advisor from Phoenix Advisors reviewed the refinancing options to enable the Town to save on their outstanding bonds and create cash flow savings. Approximately \$10 million in bonds were identified for refinancing and roughly \$600k in savings. Most of the savings would be put in the fiscal year 2014.

John Salomone indicated the Council would need to set a date for the first public hearing on the issue.

Councilor Borjeson moved to suspend the rules to vote on the setting of a public hearing date for the Refunding Bond Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Nagel-absent).

2. Set Public Hearing Date (Action Requested)

Councilor Borjeson moved the following:

**INTRODUCTION: REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION**

**Resolution with respect to the authorization, issuance and sale of up to \$11,000,000 aggregate principal amount of town of Newington general obligation refunding bonds. A copy of the full text is recorded with these minutes.**

**INTRODUCED BY: Councilor Borjeson**

**RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newington hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, Helen Nelson Room, 131 Cedar Street in Newington, Connecticut, on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:55 p.m. to hear comments on the foregoing resolution.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk post and publish notice of the time, place and purpose of said public hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 406 of the Town Charter.**

(Full text is attached)

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

D. Town Hall Renovations (Action Requested)  
1. Bid Waiver

Mayor Woods explained they were requesting action on hiring Olsen Design Group Architects (ODG) for professional project management of the Town Hall renovation project. John Salomone stated ODG had done a feasibility study for the project and was impressed with their experience and service on the project. They would be asked to organize and manage the process of retaining architects for the project. There would be competition on the cost as well as creativity of the architects. Mr. Salomone also indicated that the \$73k mentioned was the total amount and could be less since Mr. Olsen agreed for Newington to use him on an a la carte basis. Mr. Olsen would not be part of the final design and would not have a vested interest in the design. Councilors McBride and Cohen both supported the action requested.

Councilor DelBuono asked why the need to suspend the rules and Mr. Salomone said time was an issue and wanted to finalize the decision as soon as possible to keep the project moving along.

Councilor Bottalico moved to suspend the rules to allow a vote on the acceptance of ODG for project management services. The motion was seconded by Councilor Borjeson and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Nagel-absent).

2. Accept Proposal – Project Management Services

Councilor Bottalico moved the following:

**WHEREAS, Olsen Design Group Architects Inc.(ODG) has completed a feasibility study for the renovations of the Newington Town Hall and Mortensen Community Center; and**  
**WHEREAS, the Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee wishes to retain ODG to perform professional project management services for the selection of an architect for the design of the new Town Hall and Mortensen Center; and**  
**WHEREAS, the Town of Newington wishes to waive the RFP process for this phase of the design of the project;**  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newington Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to enter into the attached agreement with ODG for said professional services.**

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

**VII. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS - none**

**VIII. TAX REFUNDS**

Councilor DelBuono moved the following:

**RESOLVED:**

**That property tax refunds in the amount of \$ 5,913.52 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 motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 8 -0 (Councilor Nagel-absent).

**IX. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- A. 10-9-12, Regular Meeting

Councilor Cohen indicated the table mentioned on Page 3 should be added to the minutes.

Councilor Borjeson moved to accepted the amended minutes and was seconded by Councilor Castelle. The motion passed 7 – 0 (Councilor Klett-abstain, Councilor Nagel-absent).

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

None

**XI. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Borjeson attended a recent CRCOG meeting and said the grant was approved for Newington Junction. The grant would include a base map of the area, indicate develop sites, review existing conditions and develop a concept plan. On October 29 a meeting was planned by CRCOG to get eight towns together to talk about sustainable land use. Additionally meetings on November 15, 16 were planned by Partnership for Strong Communities and were asking officials and citizens to attend to ask questions regarding the busway and the high speed rail line from New Haven to Springfield. Mr. Salomone explained it was beneficial to have a plan to give them a base line for the potential for development. Councilor Klett asked for a definition of housing diversity and Councilor Borjeson indicated he would get back to her on it.

Councilor McBride said there would be another meeting of the Town Hall Renovation Building Project Committee on November 5, 5:30 p.m. in Room L101.

Councilor DelBuono attended the Annual Town Meeting and said an update was given on the number of blasts at the Balf quarry, the number of complaints, and history of the quarry, which she found very informative.

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

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She wanted the Council, before voting on two additional members to the Town Hall Building Committee, to read the previous minutes since the plans called for leaving the gym intact and all the discussion was about moving Parks and Rec community center and the department. Some of the plans included parking on property she thought was owned by the Board of Trustees for the Library. Mrs. Lyons was concerned the cost for the artificial turf field was \$1.2 million instead of the original \$750k. She was concerned the Town Hall building would be undersold to build a separate building for Parks and Rec.

## XIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Cohen indicated she had gone to a training session for the firefighters recently. She said the firefighters were great and people needed to see them in action to realize what they gave to the Town. She mentioned the need to have the actual ballot put on NCTV as well as in the Town Crier to give people time to review what was on the current ballot.

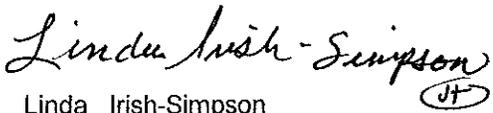
Councilor Bottalico asked the Town Manager to look into a recent situation where a firefighter was not allowed to respond to an emergency since he was a Board of Education employee. He indicated the high schools fields were a mess and wanted to know what was being done with regards to the contractor. Mayor Woods explained the issue with the fencing was a Board of Education project and separate from the one he indicated. Mr. Salomone stated a letter had been sent to the contractor who was now on formal notice and had until November 1, 2012 to respond. If not rectified, the Town would move forward with removing the contractor and complete the job with other contractors.

Councilor Klett requested Mr. Salomone get in touch with a Boulevard resident regarding blighted property and requested an update on blighted properties.

## XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bottalico moved to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. and was seconded by Councilor Klett. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Nagel-absent).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Irish-Simpson". To the right of the signature is a small circular stamp containing the initials "JS".

Linda Irish-Simpson

Linda Irish-Simpson  
Clerk of the Council

## The Metropolitan District Clean Water Project Update



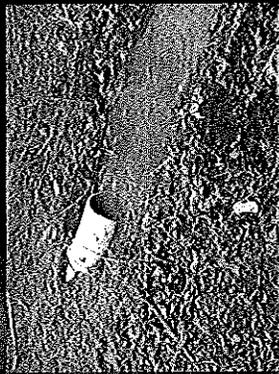
## What's the Overall Problem?

- u Whenever it rains  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or more, raw sewage combined with stormwater spills into our local streams and rivers
  - u 1 billion gallons / year
- u Sewage back-ups occur in our basements and yards
- u Sewage floods our neighborhood streets





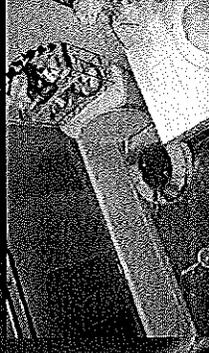
## Environmental Impact



- u Raw sewage contaminates our waterways with heavy levels of nitrogen
- u Pollutants cause algae blooms in streams and rivers
- u Seriously harms aquatic life
- u Ultimately reaching Long Island Sound

## Public Health Impact

- u When stormwater enters the sanitary sewer, the capacity of the sewer is overwhelmed
- u Sewage flooding basements and streets contains E. Coli and fecal coliform



## The Clean Water Project

- u Response to a CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Consent Order & Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Consent Decree

- u The project's goals

- u Reduce the overflows
- u Reduce nitrogen levels discharged to the Connecticut River



## The Clean Water Project

- u In the 2006 referendum, voters in the 8 MDC member towns overwhelmingly approved \$800 million for Phase I

- u Phase I 2007-2012

- u In the past 5 years

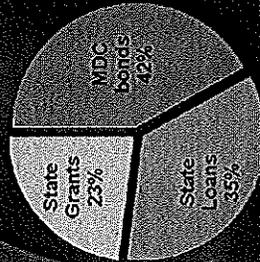
- u Reduced pollution in CT River
  - Nitrogen levels - 30% reduction

- u Sewer line improvements have decreased overflows



## CWP Funding

- u MDC has maximized grants and loans to fund the \$800 million needed for Phase I
- u Special Sewer Service Charge funds the bond and loan portion of the project
- u This charge is based on metered water consumption and is charged to District customer who have both water and sewer services
- u 2013/2014 DEP Priority List
- u MDC earmarked for 49% or \$357 million



## Special Sewer Service Charge (SSSC) Billed Quarterly

The Metropolitan District  
 455 Main Street, P.O. Box 800  
 Hartford, Connecticut 06142-0800  
 Telephone: (860) 276-7650

Customer Name:  
 Account Number:  
 Service Address:  
 Invoice Number:  
 Invoice Date:

Billing Period:  
 01/01/2012 - 04/30/2012  
 Due Date:  
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 Amount Due:

Meter Number: 80376556  
 Previous Meter Reading: 485  
 Current Meter Reading: 505  
 Water Use CCF: 20

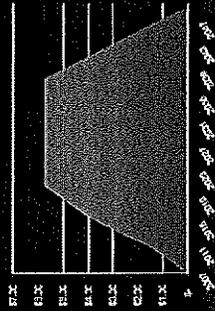
Current Charges:  
 Water Consumption Charge @ \$2.430 X 20 CCF: 48.60  
 Water CSC Domestic Charge: 38.30  
 Special Sewer Service Charge @ \$1.970 X 20 CCF: 39.00  
 Total Current Charges: \$125.90

## Special Sewer Service Charge (SSSC)

- Established in 2007 to fund the Clean Water Project
- Projected to end in 2050

Year	SSSC	Monthly Estimate <small>(based on 74,800 gal/day)</small>
2008	\$0.35 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$2.92
2010	\$1.05 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$8.75
2011	\$1.40 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$11.67
2012	\$1.90 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$15.68
2021-2038	\$5.75 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$47.92
2049	\$0.25 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$2.08
2050	\$0.00 / 748 gallons (1 bed)	\$0.00

Service Charge Projections  
2007-2050



## November 6th Ballot Question

"Shall the appropriation of an additional \$800,000,000, to be financed, in part by the issuance of bonds and Clean Water Fund grants and loans, for Phase II of the Metropolitan District's combined sewer overflow, sanitary sewer overflow and nitrogen removal programs to decrease levels of pollution in Metropolitan District member towns, the Connecticut River and its tributaries, and Long Island Sound to comply with a consent decree of the United States District Court of the District of Connecticut and a consent order of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, be approved?"

**TOWN OF NEWINGTON**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE  
AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO  
\$11,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TOWN OF  
NEWINGTON GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**

WHEREAS, Section 7-370c of the Connecticut General Statutes provides authority for any municipality to issue refunding bonds for the payment, funding or refunding of bonds, notes or other obligations previously issued; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-370c provides that such refunding bonds shall be authorized and issued by resolution of the legislative body of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, Connecticut (the "Town"), desires to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds (the "Prior Bonds").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

(1) That the Town issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$11,000,000 (the "Bonds") to refund certain of the Prior Bonds and to finance such additional amounts as are needed to pay all fees, costs, expenses and redemption premium, if any, in connection with the refunding of the Prior Bonds and the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, legal, advisory, printing and administrative expenses, underwriter's discount, and expenses in connection with credit enhancement, if necessary, and the proceeds of the Bonds be appropriated for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that the refunding of the Prior Bonds provides a net debt service savings to the Town and that the amount of the Bonds issued does not exceed the amount needed to refund the Prior Bonds and to pay the costs authorized herein.

(2) That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance of the Town (the "Officials") are hereby authorized to determine the date, rates of interest, principal payment amounts, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments, the form of such Bonds, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such Bonds and such other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the Bonds and the issuance and securing thereof, all in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town, and to take such actions and execute such documents including, but not limited to, a contract of purchase, to provide all supporting documentation as may be necessary or desirable to accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, and any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling. The Bonds authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

(3) That the Bonds shall be signed by the Officials either by their genuine signatures or by facsimiles of such signatures printed on the Bonds and that the law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut, is designated as bond counsel to render an opinion approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds.

(4) That the Officials are hereby authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, escrow agent, transfer agent and paying agent for such Bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the Bonds; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the Bonds; and to designate an underwriter in connection with any negotiated sale and purchase of the Bonds.

(5) That the Officials are authorized to sell the Bonds at a public or negotiated sale; to deliver the Bonds and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the Bonds; to make representations and covenants on behalf of the Town for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information in accordance with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as it may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering a continuing disclosure agreement; their respective approvals to be conclusively evidenced by their signature on any such agreements relating thereto.

(6) That the Officials are authorized to refund the Prior Bonds from the proceeds of the Bonds and other moneys as they may determine to make available for this purpose, and to defease the Prior Bonds by executing and delivering an escrow agreement in such form and upon such terms as they shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof.

(7) That the Officials are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to make such representations and covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds which are necessary or appropriate to ensure the exemption of interest on the Bonds from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including, but not limited to, covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; their respective approvals to be conclusively evidenced by their signature on any such agreements relating thereto.

(8) That the Officials be authorized to designate other officials or employees of the Town to take such actions and execute such documents, as are determined to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town in order to refund the Prior Bonds and to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds, and that the execution and delivery of such documents shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.