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Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

**MAYOR MIKE LENARES**

## MINUTES

### NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

November 15, 2011

Councilors present:

Stephen Woods  
Jay Bottalico  
Clark Castelle  
Myra Cohen  
Beth DelBuono  
Maureen Klett  
Scott McBride  
Dave Nagel

Absent: Terry Borjeson

Staff Present:

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

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**I & II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER by Tanya Lane, Town Clerk at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers**

**III ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

**A. Mayor**

- Stephen Woods

**B. Town Council**

- Jay Bottalico  
- Clark Castelle  
- Myra Cohen  
- Beth DelBuono  
- Maureen Klett  
- Scott McBride  
- Dave Nagel  
- Absent - Terry Borjeson

**C. Board of Education**

- Sharon Braverman  
- Cyndi Callahan  
- Marc B. Finkelstein  
- Nancy C. Petronio  
- Pamela Raynock

- Joshua Shulman
- Jane Ancona Siegel
- David Tatum
  - o Absent - Daniel W. Carson, Sr

**D. Constables**

- Fred H. Callahan III
- Neal Forte

**E. Fire Commissioner**

- Kent Stoddard

**IV. Comments by Mayor**

Mayor Woods thanked his family and looks forward to moving forward with everyone on the Council for the residents of Newington. He assured the residents that the Council would look forward to their comments and fulfilling the promises made during the campaign. Mayor Woods also thanked Representatives Sandy Nafis, Tony Guerrero and Senator Paul Doyle for their presence at the organizational meeting.

Mayor Woods read the following press release dated November 16, 2011:

**PRESS RELEASE-STORM RELATED DEBRIS REMOVAL**

The Town of Newington Highway Department along with private contractors began a Town wide collection of storm related debris removal on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue with a second collection in the coming days. Residents are advised to place **STORM RELATED DEBRIS ONLY** curbside in the public Right of Way for collection. Crews will be monitoring each street in Town and **the deadline to place storm related debris curbside for collection will be Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not place storm debris near, or obstruct access to fire hydrants, mailboxes or utility poles. The Town of Newington is appealing to property owners not to abuse the debris removal service that is being provided by placing non storm related debris curbside. Residents (with proof of residency) may also bring storm related debris to the Town Landfill on Main Street. The Landfill will be open extended hours from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday until further notice. Town forces will conduct a limited leaf collection effort this year consisting of one pass through the entire Town. Information on leaf collection schedules will be made available soon.

Mayor Woods also gave the following update on the storm as of November 15, 2011:

**Storm Summary as of November 15, 2011**

- As of November 15 approximately 80% of the town residences have had brush removed from their properties. (25,000 cubic yards)
- In addition, the State of Connecticut has made at least one pass at removing brush on all State highways located within the Town.
- The Town has collected an additional 8000 cubic yards of material from various locations.
- A normal Town truck is 10 cubic yards in volume; therefore when the storm cleanup is complete it would be equal to over 4000 truck loads from the normal Town trucks.
- At the height of collection the contractor had 13 tandem trucks collecting brush and trees.

- Based on the present FEMA disaster declaration approximately 75% of our overtime and contractors costs should be reimbursed subject to review by FEMA auditors.
- The town will begin leaf collection after the majority of the brush has been collected from the roadside. We will continue to collect leaves as weather permits, knowing that winter is closing in on us fast.
- I wish to thank all the residents of the Town for their efforts in cleaning their property and of course all Town departments and Board of Education who played such an important role in the immediate storm response and the subsequent cleanup.

**V. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO A SUBCOMMITTEE ON COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Mayor Woods requested a motion for the tabling of this item until the next meeting

Motion to Table by: Councilor Klett

Seconded by: Councilor McBride

Vote: 8 – 0 Councilor Borjeson absent

**VI. APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR**

A. Town Attorney

- Peter Boorman
- John Kelly

B. Clerk of the Council

- Linda Irish-Simpson

C. Designation of Deputy Mayor

- Scott McBride

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA**

Don Woods, 82 Ivy Lane - Congratulated his brother and the Council on their election. He stated that his parents would be proud and that he was sure that Town will be proud as well.

Bob Seiler, 83 Flagler St - He congratulated the Council and the Mayor on their election. He wanted to clarify that Commissioner Stoddard is the longest serving Commissioner and was glad of his service. During the election it was noted that a lot of the elected officials were not familiar with the Fire Department and the facility and equipment. A tour will be planned for the Council of the Department's facilities so they will be more familiar with the equipment and needs of the Department in the future. He stated that he felt Newington had probably the best Fire Department in the State. The men and women of the Department gave up a week of their lives to respond to 3 – 4 months of calls in a week. The Town should be very proud of each of them.

Judy Igielski, 37 Old Musket Drive - She congratulated the Council on their election and wanted to compliment them on the high road that was taken during the election season, which showed their true character and this should be applauded.

Tessa Woods, 94 New Britain Avenue congratulated her father on his election.

Tony Guerrero, 29<sup>th</sup> District Representative congratulated the Council and he looks forward to working with them.

Representative Sandy Nafis congratulated everyone on the campaign and the high road that was taken. She felt that Mayor Woods will be a good mayor and the Council will work well together. Rep. Nardis also thanked the Town Manager, John Salomone, Town Staff and volunteers for the work everyone did during the recent storm. Rep. Nardis stated that in talking with other communities, Newington really did an outstanding job for the residents.

Paul Doyle, State Senator, congratulated everyone on the Council and the Mayor on their election and looks forward to working with each of them.

Dave Marsden, (no address specified), wanted to thank each of the individuals elected and the others from previous Councils. He congratulated the Board of Education members as well. He wished them all good luck.

Fred Giantonio, (Address inaudible) - wanted to thank outgoing Mayor Lenares for his work on the Council and for the smooth transition. He also thanked the previous Board of Ed members for their two years of work for the Town. He congratulated all on the Council and felt that the Town was blessed with wonderful individuals who will do their best. He stated that the Board of Ed will have a good transition and he looks forward to the next two years.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Mrs. Lyons wished the new Council well and was proud of each member. She stated that after attending most of the Council meetings in the past, she will miss Mike but was confident that the Council will be in good hands and that her efforts in the future will be following the Parks and Rec Department.

Mike Lenares, 76 Stonehedge Drive -: congratulated the Mayor on an excellent campaign and all Council members. He stated he had full confidence in them and that the bottom line was that there were no parties, there was just one party that this the Town of Newington. Mr. Lenares thanked Ben Ancona and his brother for their hard work on the campaign. He congratulated all of the Board of Ed members and once again stated that there were no party lines just the Town of Newington moving forward. He thanked John Salomone and Jaime for their work over the last two years and hoped to stay in contact in the future. Mr. Lenares stated that the Town pulled together during the last storm and congratulated John Salomone, Parks and Rec and Highway Departments for the incredible job they all did.

## **VII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

Councilor Myra Cohen -- Thanked everyone for voting for her and keeping her on the Council. She thanked the Town staff for the job they did during the storm, especially the Fire Department who are volunteers, which is sometimes forgotten.

Councilor Dave Nagel – Thanked the voters for returning him to the Council. Councilor Nagel wanted to congratulate the voters for getting out to vote after the storm which was difficult and it showed that the process worked. He stated that he looked forward to the next two years and working with the new Council.

Councilor Clark Castelle – He congratulated the Mayor on his election and the Councilors on their reelection/election and for the voters who put their trust in him. He hoped that he would be able to live up to their expectations.

Councilor Jay Bottalico – He thanked the voters and is ready to go.

Councilor Maureen Klett – Congratulated Mayor Woods on his election and was excited to be working with him and the Council. Councilor Klett thanked everyone in attendance and for those who helped to get their message out. She thanked her family members who supported her in her service to the Town.

Councilor Beth DelBuono – Stated that she was looking forward to working with Mayor Woods again and thanked her family for their support in giving her time to serve. Councilor DelBuono thanked the voters of Newington and stated that she looked forward to working with the Board of Ed and the new members to continue her support of education in Town. Councilor DelBuono thanked the Town Departments for the incredible job they did during the storm.

Councilor Scott McBride - He thanked his family for their support and for their influence on him regarding the importance of public service. Councilor McBride thanked the voters and for everyone he worked with on the previous Council. He stated he looked forward to working with the new members and thanked the Mayor for his appointment to Deputy Mayor.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor McBride moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Councilor Klett

VOTE: 8 – 0 (Councilor Borjeson absent)

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Irish Simpson* 

Linda Irish-Simpson

Clerk of the Council