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Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
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**MAYOR MICHAEL LENARES**

March 22, 2011

Minutes – Newington Town Council

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

## I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## II ROLL CALL

### Councilors Present:

Councilor Banach  
Councilor Bottalico  
Councilor Casasanta  
Councilor Cohen  
Councilor Klett  
Councilor McBride  
Councilor Nagel  
Council Nasinnyk  
Mayor Lenares

### Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager  
Ann Harter, Finance Director  
Jaime Trevethan, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager  
Mary Richard, Council Clerk

## III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. National Public Health Week

**WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association has proclaimed April 4 through April 10, 2011 as National Public Health Week;**

**WHEREAS, this year's National Public Health Week theme is "Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-free" which focuses on the importance of injury and violence prevention; and**

**WHEREAS, the potential for injury is all around us, be it motor vehicles, sports, activities at home and in the workplace, as well as from violence and maltreatment affecting people of all ages;**

**WHEREAS, each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries, and almost 30 million people are injured seriously enough to go to the emergency room, and many of these injuries and deaths can be prevented by taking simple steps to protect ourselves, our families and our community.**

**AND WHEREAS, National Public Health Week also reminds us of the fundamental role that state and local health departments play in promoting the public's health; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Newington together with its neighboring towns of Rocky Hill, Wethersfield and Berlin receives quality local public health services, including prevention of injury and violence, through its regional health department, the Central Connecticut Health District, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of service.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Lenares on behalf of the Newington Town Council, do hereby proclaim**

**April 4 to April 10, 2011 as  
2011 National Public Health Week**

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**in Newington, Connecticut. I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in this celebration by acknowledging the importance of local public health activities in improving our quality of life and in creating a safer and healthier community.**

MOTION BY: Mayor Lenares  
SECONDED BY: Councilor Banach  
VOTE: 9 - 0

Present were Mr. Paul Hutcheon, Director of Central CT Health District and Mr. Kevin Borrup, Central CT Health District Board of Directors Chairman with his son Noah.

Mayor Lenares thanked Mr. Hutcheon for all that he has done for the Community. Mr. Hutcheon thanked the Council for having them here and introduced Mr. Borrup. Mr. Borrup mentioned some of the services that are available, one being with the Police department, car seats, you can call the Police Department and have them check the car seat, also with CT Children Medical Center in Rocky Hill and also sponsoring a mature driving screening. Also he mentioned displays available at the Library on the services offered. Councilor Nasinnyk said that this is a wonderful program and she said that we're very fortunate to have this available and that Newington has received special attention because of these services. Councilor Klett added her thanks for these services. She said that people don't always know of everything that's being offered and the work that's done to make these services available. Councilor McBride also thanked Mr. Hutcheon and Mr. Borrup for their hard work.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive said thank you to Mr. Borrup, and she has been a beneficiary of some of the services that are out there and encouraged everyone to check the web site to see what's available.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive said that she attended last night's meeting but with the microphones not working very well, heard very little of what was said. She shared what happens when someone calls the phone number 860-665-8736. The recording she played connected her to the Board of Education office voice mail. She said that at the last meeting the mics were not working and it was difficult to hear. Last night when listening to the Health Services issue, she couldn't hear most of it but thought she heard Mr. Salomone says that he used \$200,000 from the CIP to balance the budget and that he cut the NCTV by \$5000 and the Board of Education by \$500,000. She went on to say that she hoped they would reconsider cutting the NCTV because this group of volunteers offers a great service on our Town meetings and events.

Mady Kenny, 53 Crestview thanked the Council for the work done on this budget. She feels compelled to speak on what we do now which reflects what will happen in the future. During this time known as fiscal responsibility we have found the money close to \$500,000 to put into the field of plastic grass for midget football, soccer, baseball and lacrosse and perhaps. She finds this troubling in that issues like the steps at the Town Hall being hazardous, the chunks of cement are dangerous. A request was made for \$15,000 to repair the walls and sidewalks. She said she has come up with a couple of solutions. If it is decided not to go with the plastic grass, perhaps using goats that could trim while fertilizing, and we could repair the steps at the Town Hall since we haven't had a problem finding the money for the plastic grass we could order a little extra and pad the steps at the Town Hall. Another suggestion is that we could just find the money to repair the steps.

Duane Thomas, 401 Cedar Hollow Drive, Rocky Hill - speaking on behalf of the midget football program thanked the CIP Committee and the Council for the work done on this project and for appropriating the right amount of money and get the field done.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

A. Accept Bid: Clem Lemire Synthetic Turf Field

Councilor Klett said this project has been basically in the works for a while now – we went out to bid, we went thru discussions etc. and had four companies bid and there was a discussion to add alternate 1, which was the light package, and the low bid became the second low bid now that figure comes in about \$200,000 lower than expected, and after the recommendation of the Committee it went to Parks & Rec which approved the recommendation sent to them are here tonight for possible action tonight.

Councilor Bottalico said that this committee was very energetic with hard work and came in about \$200,000 lower than figured, we did add the light in at \$130,000 and one reason for adding the lights now, there would be cylinders already installed for the lights, about 5 or 6 feet high. Regarding Clem Lemire field he mentioned all

the lights at that field were built and paid for by Little League and Midget Football programs which amounts to about \$300,000 or \$400,000 and he believes this is a fair price and should be done. Mayor Lenares said that this committee started about a year ago and noted that this bid came in a lot lower. He said that if we decide to use all of the CIP money we can get all the alternates and still have money to return to the CIP. If we return this back to CIP this project come in at 1.1 million dollars. He said it's not about plastic grass, goats and cheese, we're talking about the youth of our Town, all about our kids. The kids in town represent a big part of youth sports in this Town. He said that this field, with lights, Newington Lacrosse, Soccer and midget football would flourish. Newington football plays 5 or 6 home games, so we're talking about 40 games on this field, then there the Lacrosse, which is exploding. With the lights we could be offering other towns to be using the field. Councilor Casasanta asked Councilor Nasinnyk if the money is returned to CIP can that money be allocated to the Town Hall steps for instance. Councilor Nasinnyk said that any money returned to CIP would be set aside for Capital improvements projects and it's not like we can take this money and use it for tax things etc. Mr. Salomone said that it would have to be a minimum of \$25,000. He said that the steps are an expensive project, and we've been patching it and he would hesitate putting more than \$25,000 into it. Councilor Klett said that while she has no interest in football and she feels that if we don't take the \$500,000 someone is in line to take it. She agrees that money could be reallocated towards many other projects. She thinks there may be some people around this table who would like more information and discussion.

Councilor Cohen said she was never a big fan of this project. It came to us as a grant that the Council had not requested, saying we had several years to decide if we'll use it. Now we're hearing that we have to use it or lose it. She cannot support the lights but if some day we have to have lights, now is the better time to do it. Mayor Lenares said that the reason we included the concrete cylinders, it's cheaper do it now and those cylinders go into the ground about 12 to 15 feet and it makes sense to do it now while the ground is under construction. He said if the committee chose to do this a different way, we still would be under budget. He said that hundreds of kids will be using this field. Sports are a big part of our Town. Councilor Klett said she had no problem the way this bid was handled. She said the question is shouldn't we have another meeting to discuss the lights and play time on the field and if we don't vote on this tonight there is nothing lost in the time frame we need to meet. Mr. Salomone said it's not crucial time wise.

Councilor McBride said he hears comments about the field being fake grass, and comments like that is like saying that a school is just bricks and mortar. It's not just walls, a coach is a teacher and educators with a close relationship with these kids and in a troubled time in a young adult, the coach can reach a child where maybe no one else can. It's about teaching life skills. The coach is the same as a teacher and he can't say enough for all the coaches, most are volunteers, and he said that having done some coaching it's a very difficult position, and he knows that it's a good thing for the kids and the community, because he still talks with some of the kids. He said he won't be supporting the lights, he will support the field. He said he would like to see some private funding and he appreciates all the work done by the committee. Councilor Bottalico said by having this field we will save other fields around the town.

Councilor Banach said he has a hard time working with the lights and he's not supporting the lights at this point. Councilor Casasanta said she will be supporting the lights and that it's a great project for the Town. Councilor Nasinnyk said that when an action is required she likes to make sure that all the bases are covered and it's not urgent at this time. Maybe the correct way to proceed would be to give it a period of time for a better idea of the budget. Councilor Klett said it's important to get more information and nothing will happen until we look at the budget and we still have ample opportunity to get questions answered and put this on the agenda for a future meeting. She understands that the Council has the final authority. Mr. Salomone said he would have to look into that and he's not sure how that works. Councilor Nagel agrees with comments regarding coaches etc. and it's not just a field, and he feels that we should get more information.

Mayor Lenares said regarding the \$130,000 for the lights, if the council decides not to include the lights the money goes back to CIP, there was a \$601,000 allocated to the project. He said referring to what Councilor Banach said regarding the Board of Education budget, the increase is at \$1,800,000 for 2011 – 2012. By the town Manager's figures we reduced it by \$540,000 and they're still getting an increase of \$1,300,000. He said it's not a cut to the Board of Education budget, we're adding the \$1,800,000 to their budget.

## **NO VOTE WAS TAKEN**

**V.B** Accept Final Plans & Specifications: School Code Compliance Committee

Councilor Cohen said that renovations are being done on the building, a door, or access and the outside work is being done that involves pathways and wheel chair access etc. It's a two part project, and they're doing it as one package for a better bid. She said they're prepared to get all the information together and they will get the approval and will be ready to come back to us for approval to go to bid after getting approval from the State. She said that the money is there from CIP. Councilor Nagel said this segment has to do with modifications to the auditorium, fire code issues, fire alarms and signage and the outside being pathways as well as adjustments for those with disabilities, where now there are barriers prohibiting the handicapped from access. Councilor Cohen said that this is mandated and we have to comply with the code. Mayor Lenares said that when he was on this committee it was an ongoing process with a long laundry list of things to be done. Mr. Woods, Chairman of the Board of Education, said there was a list of things to be done and we're about half way done with good results from the first stages. He said the next phase about 60% or 70% is exterior and we're making sure that the rest of the exterior is taken care of.

#### **V.C 8-24 Report – Sale of Town-Owned Land to the State of Connecticut: 690 Cedar Street**

Mr. Salomone said that this is an additional small parcel of land that the State is looking to acquire for the busway project. At this point they're requesting that this be referred to Planning and Zoning for an 8-24 report because they have to approve this sale before the Council would consider the sale. Councilor Banach asked if this would be for a busway. Mr. Salomone said yes. Councilor Klett said if we say no to the State do they still have the right to take it, and what would be the profit to take the land.

Councilor Nagel said that this land acquisition would be equally appropriate whatever is placed along that route. Councilor Cohen believes that the State will take it one way or another and we're just agreeing to the price.

#### **V.D Open Space Committee Request: Balf/MARCAP Properties**

Councilor Nasinnyk said that the Toll Brothers came before the Council with their presentation which was a bit confusing and it was suggested that the Toll Brothers do the same presentation to the Open Space Committee (OSC) who is charged with this task. She said that this is requesting that they actually make the presentation to the Open Space Committee and the OSC will make the recommendations to this body with the understanding that the OSC has no authority to make any zoning changes. Councilor Klett said that she has some serious concerns about the request. She asked why bring the Toll Brothers into the Council. The TPZ is charged with making decisions based on development in the community and she would want to hear from the Town Attorney that there would be no liability to the Town. Why would the Toll Brothers come in and put in an application to develop something. The experts are the TPZ members and there's always been a concern with being a Council member and over stepping our bounds and she would really be sure that there be no risk to the community.

Councilor Casasanta said her concern that this was a presentation at a Council meeting for the benefit of the public, it was publicized that this presentation would happen. Mayor Lenares said that he encourages this open dialogue which allows the public to stay well informed. He finds nothing wrong with the OSC and Toll Brothers having dialogue to explain what's going on. Councilor Klett said what's wrong is that TPZ has legal requirements that prevent them from commenting on any project and she said that she made a recommendation that the OSC follow Toll Brothers and she was told that OSC didn't want to do that. She believes it runs a risk of going over the line illegally and if that happens, that's where the TPZ is very versed in what they can and cannot say. Councilor Nagel said at that meeting the Toll Brothers were here with their presentation and it was suggested that they share this with the Open Space Committee to get an understanding on the OSC in terms of what they may have knowledge of. He said that the TPZ is the expert and discussion is always a good thing especially with the public. He said he has no problem in whichever way it goes, but it was suggested they want to get input from the Council. He said that it doesn't go any further than just knowledge in what the general plans the Toll Brothers have in mind.

Councilor Nasinnyk said that the TPZ can speak in front of anyone who may be watching, so making this presentation in front of the OSC isn't violating anything. Councilor McBride said that when the presentation was made he was happy that Open Space was also appearing that same day and he was glad that they could share the ideas. He asked if there is anything legal we should be concerned about. Mr. Salomone said that TPZ is separate from the OSC and would not be TPZ making this presentation. He doesn't think it would be appropriate for the TPZ to be involved with the presentation. Councilor McBride said that there is a gray area that we're treading on. He said that knowledge is power and he's all for get all the information out there.

Councilor Bottalico said that are two TPZ members on the Open Space Committee and any time we talk about land acquisition or anything pertaining to TPZ we go to Executive Session and they are asked to leave. He said as far as Councilor Klett, knowing that an application is coming in they have been told not to form any opinions. Councilor Klett said that it's obvious that Toll Brothers won't be wasting their time in coming in with an application, and where an application hasn't been submitted and she thinks they are trying to gain support for their application that they haven't yet put in. She still has the concern that the potential exists as to whether that would jeopardize anything in the future and we have to accept a project that we don't want. Councilor Cohen said she agrees and she was uncomfortable knowing that coming before us they were not planning to come before the TPZ and she thinks that it would be appropriate to get a legal opinion. She said that if it ends up with the Toll Brothers going before the OSC and now talking about property and open space, that is not the kind of thing to go into Executive Session about. She said she is not comfortable with going forward with this right now. Councilor Banach said he would be flabbergasted if the legal opinion were to be that they could appear before the Open Space Committee and it seems like simple logic. It seems if someone is making an offer which they seem to have said in terms of Open Space it would be a good thing to appear before Open Space. Open Space Committee gathers information and can further advise us. Mayor Lenares said he doesn't know why we would need a legal opinion and he thinks it's a great deal of knowledge and everyone should be there.

Councilor Nasinnyk said that there were some members of the OSC here hearing what Toll Brothers said to the public. If the committee members could see the tape and maybe do some accessing and see what the 50 acres means and what Toll Brothers presented to us. She said that the presentation held back nothing and was presented to the public, and the Open Space Committee can request to be put on the agenda. She agrees that the flow of information is a good thing. Councilor Klett said that at this point the Toll Brothers don't own the property, MARCAP owns the property and yet Toll Brothers have already come in to make this presentation to the Town Council.

Councilor Casasanta said that it seems that we are going to ask for a legal opinion, and she thinks that we have to be careful not to create any problems for the future. She recommends that we do get a legal opinion. Mayor Lenares said that what he understood from that meeting is that they wanted our input before filing the application and he looks at it like they are giving us the opportunity to give them feedback. Councilor Bottalico said he doesn't see any legal ramification and it's up to the TPZ to make the decision. Councilor Nagel noted that a representative from MARCAP was at the meeting, he didn't speak but, came in with Toll Brothers.

#### **V.E Historic Documents Preservation Grant: FY 2012**

Mr. Salomone said that each year we are eligible for a grant for the restoration and conservation of historic documents. The Town will be eligible to receive \$10,000 from the Historic Preservation grant to provide funding. There will be a resolution on the next agenda for action on this item.

#### **V.F Fair Housing Policy**

Mr. Salomone said that we are conforming to the Fair Housing Policy to make sure we are eligible for grant funding which we have. He said each year we need to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution and he has scheduled it for the next meeting.

#### **V.G Freedom of Information Letter Request**

Councilor Banach asked Councilor Casasanta if she had any objection to the letter to the Freedom of Information (FOI) hearing officer from certain members of the Council concerning the FOI case with the Board of Education being read into the record. Councilor Casasanta said she did have an objection in that she doesn't have a copy of the letter and doesn't know the content of the letter. She suggested that this matter be tabled for the time being. Councilor McBride asked if we could have a five minute recess to discuss the letter.

Councilor McBride moved for a 5 minute recess at 8:55 pm. Councilor Banach seconded. Vote 9 – 0  
The meeting was called back to order at 9 pm.

Councilor Banach read into the record the letter authored by Councilor Banach and certain members of the Town Council concerning information regarding the FOI proceeding between the Board of Education and Councilor Casasanta. A copy of the letter is attached.

Councilor Casasanta said that she has several concerns regarding the inaccuracy of the letter. She said she had stipulated several times that she was acting as a Councilor. She said that the other members of the Council did not request this information, she did. She made the decision to contact Attorney Ancona with her concerns and she acted on behalf of herself as a Councilor and the letter is inaccurate. She requested that this be discussed at another time. Councilor Klett said that what's important is that you had the Town Attorney representing you, Councilor Casasanta, and you represented us as a Council member and we wanted to make sure it was known that you did not include the other members of the Council on this issue. Councilor Cohen said that it's important for the hearing agent to know that the Attorney is representing one Councilor and not the entire Council.

Councilor Nasinnyk said that when asked, Chairman Woods said that he wasn't writing a letter and that we should write it, so we did. When we were having that discussion she thought it was Councilor Casasanta, when asked who is writing the letter and it was said at the meeting that Mayor Wright clearly said that he directed the Town Attorney to represent Councilor Casasanta. Councilor Klett said that when an individual Council member is represented by the Town Attorney she believes that the entire Council be made aware of it. Councilor Casasanta said that she would like the letter be corrected and it's time for an ending, and it wasn't just Mayor Wright, we had dialogue about my concerns.

Councilor Banach said that this is an ongoing process and it's up to the hearing officer to sort things out. He said that the Council did their best to gather what information they could. Councilor Casasanta said that she had called the Town Manager's office and she called Ann Harter and Dr. Collins so he knew where the questions were coming from. Councilor McBride said that this is no longer a Council issue. He thinks we can debate further and it's all on the record. Councilor Cohen said this is not questioning Councilor Casasanta's right to request information or her ability to go to the Town Attorney. All it's saying is that the majority of this Council was not a part of it and it was done as an individual.

## **NO VOTE WAS TAKEN**

### **V.H General Discussion: Town Manager's Proposed Budget 2011-12**

Mr. Salomone said that next Wednesday is when the Council makes their recommendations on the proposed budget. He asked to have those recommendations prior to Wednesday so we can be prepared. He did clarify the Health Insurance fund. He said when he reported on the amount available as of September he wanted to make it clear that this number could change between now and September and also that there is always a dilemma taking this number into account and the reason is that the Board of Education has to plan for staffing by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that we can make adjustments to the budget and we should take into account that the 1.2 million is probably a number which would not be considered by the Board of Education. Councilor Nasinnyk said that this is a potential return of money, sometimes more and sometimes less. Mr. Salomone said that is always a dilemma in that by April 1<sup>st</sup> we have to give notice, and if we don't it can't be reduced during the year. He said that it really gets confusing. He said that we should start thinking about it now. He said no action is necessary tonight. Councilor Casasanta.....(at this point the microphones were cutting in and out and her comments were not audible)

Councilor Cohen said that by April 1<sup>st</sup> to notify the teachers of layoffs, if a teacher has been notified can that notification be rescinded if the layoffs are cancelled. Once they receive the notification can any adjustments be made? Mr. Salomone said that the layoff notices not a final decision. Councilor Cohen said that every year she has asked for time for discussion on adds and cuts to the budget between now and the cut night. She said that tonight was supposed to be the time for discussion but now it's time to go home and she feels that there has to be a time for a discussion and answer all our questions. Councilor Cohen suggested the meeting be on Saturday. She asked if in the Board's budget for the employee benefits, does that include the number the agent of record requested. Mr. Salomone said he believes that it does. Councilor Klett said she is certain that the suggested number is higher or lower and she would caution with the language. She went on that these decisions involved real families and real children and it's a matter of a small amount of time if they're lucky enough to be rehired. She said it has a great impact for a lot of people. Ann Harter said the agent of record number was taken in consideration with the Board of Education's budget. So the agent of record gave us a reasonable number which was included in the Board of Education's budget.

Councilor Cohen asked if they are budgeted for \$9,000,000. Mr. Woods said that the answer is yes. He said that the business manager will be making a presentation tomorrow night but that number will end up between \$400,000 and \$600,000. The higher it is the better it is. Looking at what the experience is we've done

pretty well and as it grows the Town does very well with this. Mr. Salomone said that based on the twelve months used for preparation it's 1.2 million less than what the agent of record shows. Looking at six years ago was probably half of what it is now. It could be less or the same, so the credit always goes to other than personnel costs. Mayor Lenares asked Ms. Harter if this record we have is from the agent of record or is it the Finance Director's calculation. Ms. Harter said that this is her calculation. Councilor Bottalico said hearing what Mr. Salomone said but when we set the budget if that money was taken out and there was a short fall we are responsible for that short fall. If they are in the hole we as the Town Council are responsible for that money. Mr. Salomone said that's where it gets confusing. Mr. Salomone said that money is kept and they have the option to use it next in year's budget. He said we don't what next year's will be. Councilor Bottalico said that State law says that we can never go below last year's budget, is that correct? Mr. Woods said we've never done that and we can reduce the budget. Councilor Cohen said if the Board uses the amount the agent of record gave us and come up short we're responsible for the difference. Mr. Woods said that with a reserve account, it will build and it will pay for the short falls. Councilor Cohen said that this agreement drawn up in 1996 really must be rewritten.

At 9:55 PM Councilor Casasanta moved to extend the meeting to beyond 10 PM. Seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk - Vote 9 – 0

Councilor McBride said that we should do something to fix this and asked what is the next step. Mr. Salomone said that we have some time and should update the agreement. Councilor Cohen said that we are scheduled to meet on March 30<sup>th</sup> to set a budget and wants to know if we will discuss any of this. Mr. Salomone said normally we get something in advance of the meeting so we can be prepared for the meeting. Councilor Klett said that she has no problem with extra meetings, but this is a volunteer position and at 10 PM and some have to get up at 6 in the morning she thinks that the people around the table might have some discussion before the meeting. (at this point the microphones were cutting in and out and was not audible) Councilor Bottalico said two representatives from each party get together and have some further discussion.

## **VI. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Open Space Committee
  - 1. Accept Resignation of Jay Bottalico

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Jay Bottalico from the Open Space Committee effective March 17, 2011, in accordance with a communication dated March 15, 2011.**

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta  
SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk  
VOTE: 9 – 0

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Michael Lenares from the following committees, in accordance with a communication dated March 19, 2011:**

**Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building Committee  
CIP Committee  
Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Project Building Committee  
Committee on Community Safety  
Downtown Revitalization Committee  
NHS Track Renovation Project Building Committee  
Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee**

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta  
SECONDED BY: Councilor Nagel  
VOTE: 9 – 0

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby makes the following appointments:**

**Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**CIP Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Project Building Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**Committee on Community Safety**

| Name                      | Address              | Party                | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive | 37 Valley View Drive | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**Downtown Revitalization Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**NHS Track Renovation Project Building Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

**Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee**

| Name                      | Address              | Party | Term     | Replaces                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| NTC Rep:<br>Jay Bottalico | 37 Valley View Drive |       | NTC Term | M. Lenares<br>(Resigned 3-11) |

MOTION BY: Councilor Casasanta  
SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk  
VOTE: 9 – 0

**RESOLVED:**

**That property tax refunds in the amount of \$4,161.29 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the “Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes,” certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.**

MOTION BY: Councilor Nagel  
SECONDED BY: Councilor Nasinnyk  
VOTE: 9 - 0

**VIII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- A. Special Meeting, March 7, 2011 Mayor Lenares moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk. Vote 8 – 0 Councilor Bottalico abstained
- B. Regular Meeting, March 8, 2011 Mayor Lenares moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk. Vote 9 – 0
- C. Public Hearing, March 14, 2011 Mayor Lenares moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Councilor Nasinnyk. Vote 9 - 0
- D. Special Meeting, March 14, 2011 Mayor Lenares moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Vote 9 - 0

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

- A. Town Manager Reports - None

**X. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS – none**

**XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive - addressed the comments made by Councilor Casasanta regarding to the public calling certain projects by the proper name, such as the Municipal Parking Lot also known as Constitution Square. Ms. Lyons brought to everyone's attention that the proper name is the Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project, not the Constitution Square Improvement Project as Mayor Wright had reminded us before. After attending several meetings, their agenda items refer to it as the Municipal Parking Lot Project. She requested also to know what is being presented to the Town Attorney for his opinion. She would like to hear exactly what is being asked of the Town Attorney, and with all due respect to Councilor Bottalico, I believe he asked for the Town Attorney's opinion and stated that he had received one and is wondering if she could call the Attorney for an opinion.

Mady Kenny, 53 Crestview – she would like to see a breakdown on billable hours from Mr. Ancona and she wanted to clear up some misunderstanding of some of her comments. She has never once spoken about the plastic grass or the coaching volunteerism; she said that these people devote hours and teach very well and could teach also very well on earth. It's important she said to teach the athletic students to be grateful for what they have, for instance a place to play. Her comments have always focused on environmental impact, the health and the heat and adequate disposal of the artificial turf. In this time of economic difficulty, with money being spent on this project she believes there are far more projects more deserving.

Steve Woods, 94 New Britain Avenue wanted to apologize for the problems with the new microphones. Obviously all the bugs are not worked out but the installer will be in to take care of the issue tomorrow morning.

**XII REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

Councilor Klett asked if the Rules Subcommittee could meet at 6:00 P on April 12<sup>th</sup> prior to the meeting. She also asked if we could get an update on the parade, and regarding Ms. Lyons comments she believes she made it clear that the request made from the Town Attorney pertaining to the issue and there was no generality in that request.

Councilor Cohen said she would be willing to meet at 5:30 PM. on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Nasinnyk thanked the students that came out for the spelling bee and congratulated everyone who participated.

Councilor Banach urged the public to take part in the deliberation by emailing or calling with whatever issues they may have.

Councilor Casasanta thanked Rose Lyons and Mady Kenny for their comments on the Municipal Parking Lot.

Councilor McBride mentioned when he was in the high school, the gym roof leaked and they put a cone around the water and also said that he thought that this meeting was fantastic with great input from everyone and for Mr. Woods to come here because of the complex issues, it shows dedication to the Town. Councilor McBride also thanked the people from NCTV for what they do and doing such a great job with keeping the public informed.

Mayor Lenares said this was an excellent discussion and thanked everyone for coming out.

**XIII ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Casasanta moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM. Councilor Bottalico seconded.

Vote 9 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Richard  
Council Clerk