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Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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## NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*John C. Murphy*  
Town Clerk

January 13, 2026

*This meeting will be presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.*

Mayor Trister called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Councilor Budrejko  
Councilor Cappello  
Councilor deHaas  
Councilor Gonzalez  
Councilor Nieves  
Councilor Plourd  
Deputy Mayor Radda  
Councilor Tiniakos  
Mayor Trister (via Zoom)

Absent:

Staff Attendees:

Jonathan Altshul, Town Manager  
Lauren Rhines, Assistant Town Manager  
Janet Murphy, Finance Director  
Scott Hoagland, IT Network / Application Specialist (Meeting Moderator)  
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Plourd to approve the agenda. Second by Councilor Tiniakos. Motion passed 9-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from Andrew Noble, Sitestream, on Red Light Cameras

- Mr. Noble has been in the photo enforcement industry for over 21 years. In June 2023 HB 5917 was signed into law, allowing municipalities to apply to the CT DOT for red light cameras, speed cameras, and school zone safety cameras. Photo enforcement has been in place in New York and Rhode Island for some time. There are different forms of photo enforcement. Fixed cameras are now allowed in Connecticut. The DOT published guidelines in 2024 and there needs to be a safety need for the installation of a camera and the DOT requires a justification report from communities as to why it wants to install cameras. Annual reports need to be submitted to the DOT. Every three years you need to justify the need for the camera. The cameras are triggered automatically. The police department determines whether or not a ticket is issued. They are civil infractions and not reported to the DOT or insurance companies. The data cannot be used for anything other than issuing civil infractions. The fine is \$50 for the

first ticket. Each person has the right to contest the ticket. Vendors generally offer zero-city capital investment programs, where the vendor pays for the capital infrastructure and all operating costs; taking a portion of the paid violations. Typically there is a 30-45% reduction in violations over a period of 4-6 months. Traffic enforcement cameras are far more nuanced. State law suggests speeding tickets be issued at 15 miles over the posted speed limit. Not all vehicles are filmed; only those in violation. Municipalities need to determine their own best practices. Citations must be issued within 60 days of the violation. Citation designs are stylized with the city's information. Violations can be paid online. The vendor will provide statistics for the town to provide reports to the DOT. Most vendors have a call center to help with the process. Typically about 4% of tickets call the call center. Benefits of enforcement cameras include a reduction in driving violations after 6 months; 24/7 enforcement; redirects law enforcement personnel to other concerns; zero investment on the part of the town; revenue stream from citations can be earmarked for public safety, school and first responder initiatives.

- Deputy Mayor Radda thanked Mr. Nobel for his presentation.
- Councilor Gonzalez asked how is the accuracy of the camera maintained?
- Mr. Noble stated that each year the camera needs to be recalibrated and reverified.
- Councilor Gonzalez stated you mentioned tickets need to be sent out within 30 days.
- Mr. Noble stated within 30 days of running the license plate through the DMV.
- Councilor Gonzalez asked how quickly the tickets get sent out?
- Mr. Nobel stated that our company tries to work within a 3 day timeline.
- Councilor Gonzalez asked once an area has improvement, can the camera be moved to another location?
- Mr. Noble stated that after three years the DOT may suggest the camera be removed. However, you can apply for a new camera in a new location.
- Deputy Mayor Radda stated that Chief Perry is here, and Scott Sharlow with IT is here as well.
- Councilor Capello asked how violations are handled with a vehicle that can't be recognized, the vehicle may be stolen or unregistered plates.
- Mr. Nobel stated that it is run through DMV. If it comes back as a completely different vehicle it doesn't go any further and a violation would not be issued. It wouldn't even get to the police department. If you have car stolen, you can protest the ticket. If you sold your vehicle that is also a valid form of defense.
- Councilor Capello asked how many miles apart you can have cameras?
- Mr. Nobel stated that there is no technical answer to that. If you have a two mile road with 15 intersections, you wouldn't put red light camera at each intersection. You would choose the most problematic intersections. The Silas Deane highway has four intersections covered.
- Councilor Plourd stated you spoke about data privacy and how the data is collected. Can you talk a bit more about that? How long do you hold the data?
- Mr. Nobel stated the town owns the data, not the vendor. The vendor is the custodian of the data. Data cannot be shared with anybody else or used for any other purpose than for the sole purpose of these programs. Ownership of the car is an important aspect. Data can only be kept for one year (365 days). There are state controls around how data is held by vendors.

- Councilor Plourd asked what type of public outreach engagement occurs in identifying locations prior to bringing that to the DOT?
- Mr. Nobel stated that any community that wants to install cameras, by law, needs to have a public hearing to approve the ordinance. The vendor also has to engage with the town via the town website, social media, and posting of posters.
- Councilor Tiniakos stated you mentioned the Silas Deane highway. Is this typically utilized by larger cities or smaller towns?
- Mr. Nobel stated it's any community that has a safety need. It's what kind of traffic is flowing through the city with a safety need.
- Councilor Budrejko stated this should keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe as well. With the revenue that's generated, does it have to be used for public safety?
- Mr. Nobel stated that the revenue derived from the program has to be earmarked for public safety improvements in the community.
- Councilor Budrejko asked if it can go to the general fund? Does it have to be earmarked for public safety?
- Mr. Nobel stated it does. How you account for it is up to the town. You have to demonstrate that the revenue derived from the program was used for the appropriate purposes as dictated by state legislation.
- Councilor Budrejko stated it can be used for police salaries. You stated this is basically no cost to the town. How do you make money if violations go down?
- Mr. Nobel stated sadly it never goes to zero. People are always speeding. We do see that communities get safer overtime.
- Councilor Budrejko asked if the administrative fees go up every year.
- Mr. Nobel stated typically there is fixed amount over a contract period which is usually between three and five years.
- Councilor Budrejko asked if in terms of camera threshold limits; we have some intersections that have Block the Box because of issues with lots of traffic. People may be stuck in the intersection. Will those people get a citation when the camera turns red?
- Mr. Nobel stated it is not illegal to enter an intersection when a light is green or yellow. When you cross the stop mark you are in adherence with state law. The town and police department or designated official to determine whether or not a citation should be issued.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that violations are community based. Somebody can get three separate incidents that are not on record. How do you enforce this? What is the deterrent?
- Mr. Nobel stated it is statewide legislation, but it is not a statewide program. It's an individual program for each community. We can't share data with any other towns. A person's insurance company is not notified, and the voluntary payment rate is between 70 and 82%. There is some teeth in the legislation, through an ordinance the town can state if you don't pay the ticket, the town can reserve the right to protest to the DMV and do a registration hold for in-state violators. You also have the ability to impose late fees if you wanted to. For the most part people feel a sense of responsibility and pay the fine.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that the record is expunged after one year. Does that include overdue fines?
- Mr. Nobel stated that once you been issued a civil infraction that debt is on you. You can bring in a third party firm that specializes in municipal collections.

- Councilor Nieves stated she appreciated the demonstration. Is the customer service center open 24 hours? 24/7? Or is it normal business hours? Do the answer in languages other than English?
- Mr. Nobel stated that typically they are working week, with some extended evening hours. The calls are typically answered in Spanish, English and sometimes Portuguese.
- Councilor Nieves stated you mentioned a hearing officer and the enforcement cameras would be a town program. Would the hearing enforcement officer be a person hired within the town, or would that fall upon the police department?
- Mr. Nobel stated that jurisdiction lays within the town. You would have a police officer reviewing, issuing, and approving the ticket to be mailed. A person can protest the ticket and request a hearing. How that is done is up to the town.
- Town Manager Altshul stated that he is the hearing officer for parking tickets, but the volume of tickets generated by this would be substantially higher and it is something we would need to explore as to how that would work.
- Councilor Nieves asked if the citation is in English only.
- Mr. Nobel stated yes.
- Councilor Nieves asked what is the deterrent to getting multiple tickets? That is something that needs to be reviewed by the town. We are looking to change behaviors but also want to have a deterrent.
- Mr. Nobel stated these same cameras in other countries would indeed put points on licenses. Those standards don't exist in the US. Workflow software is operating to ensure a data integrity stream. The deterrent, essentially, is that people don't want to keep paying tickets. Some states, if you are an in-state violator, have registration holds. In Maryland if you get a speeding tickets there will be a hold on your registration after 60 days. A few states are looking at registration holds. The DOT in Connecticut will be flagging the DMV for in-state violators for work zone safety violations. The town of Newington also reserves that right.
- Councilor Nieves stated the site to pay citations looks very similar to the State of CT site for centralized infractions. I'm presuming that a site would be created for our town and work similarly but stay within the confines of the town?
- Mr. Noble stated exactly. When you receive a ticket, you will login to a website that is designed uniquely for Newington.
- Mayor Trister wanted to thank Mr. Nobel for coming out and giving the presentation.
- Scott Sharlow stated he sees the slide up "Zero cost." Does that include, I mean, who pays for electricity, the data connectivity or even the pole and installation of the camera?
- Mr. Nobel stated that the power itself is very small, around 25/50 watts; some use solar, some use mains power, some use both. All charges, capital construction costs, digging the hole, encroachment permits, planning permits, pouring the concrete, erecting the pole. All of those will be borne by the vendor you work with.
- Deputy Mayor Radda invited Chief Perry to come forward with any questions.
- Chief Perry stated this is force multiplier for us; it's an ever-present deterrent. That's what we want to see. It is a 15-minute process for an officer to issue a violation. The good thing is that it doesn't have a lasting impact, it's more of a corrective measure. Modest reminder to curtail behavior. We have traffic issues; we have accident issues. we have speeding issues. I support the idea of the system. Its main intent is to mitigate

traffic issues. The support for a system to augment the police department with traffic issues is, in my opinion, a positive move.

- Councilor Tiniakos asked during the process of determining the cameras, who is involved in that process?
- Town Manager Altshul stated if council were agreeable to this, we would put together an RFP and come to council for approval. Part of the RFP process would also include drafting an ordinance.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that some of our problem roads are also state roads. Would DOT have to sign off on any of those?
- Chief Perry stated it will be through the permit application process. The Silas Deane highway is a state road. If you meet the criteria and you fulfill the needs of the matrix, then the DOT will authorize the camera.
- Councilor Budrejko asked if it is a red light camera or speed camera?
- Chief Perry stated it's both. They provide both. It really depends on what the town wants. Cedar Street has known accident locations and speed locations. Camera locations have to be data driven.
- Councilor Nieves stated that Newington is centrally located, like a pass through. The Berlin Turnpike goes through four towns. I'm thinking there will be conversations with bordering towns regarding timelines and cameras.
- Chief Perry stated that Middletown is one of the first towns to go online with speed cameras. We have spoken with the Middletown chief about the efficiency of the system. The number of violations was incredible. Now there is a lot of interest because it's reducing accidents. Each town realizes that we don't have the time or staff to have that type of impact on traffic patterns like a camera does. When cameras are in place you have to have a sign indicating the use of traffic cameras. That alone is a deterrent. It is valuable and I know a lot of other towns are discussing the use of cameras.
- Councilor Nieves asked if this could include the passing of school buses. To what extent would consideration be given to that?
- Mr. Nobel stated that Connecticut has had legislation to allow school buses to have cameras. Some vendors do provide school bus arm cameras.
- Councilor deHaas stated that we have discussed the potential for a hearing officer and a law enforcement officer. Do you know how many man hours this will take?
- Mr. Nobel stated that every town is different. When any camera is first installed, there is a warning phase where tickets are not issued, but data is produced to show the number of violations on that road. Know that due process includes the need for a police office to approve the violation and it is approx. 20 second for speeding and 30 seconds for red light violations. It is generally not a burden on the police staff, they use offices who require light duty, pregnant officer, etc. In CT it doesn't need to be a sworn officer overseeing the hearing process. State law allows you to pay internal costs from the revenue funds.
- Councilor deHaas stated the funds can be used for a part time position.
- Mr. Nobel stated that the revenue can be used for salaries.
- Councilor Perry stated that some agencies have independent hearing process through the town's legal counsel, separating the town from the process.
- Deputy Mayor Radda thanked Chief Perry for his insight and Mr. Noble for his presentation.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)  
(4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ITEMS IN GENERAL)

A. Public Comments

- Jacob Milton, 10 Hillside Street. In addition to living in Newington, I spend my time in Brooklyn, New York and it is interesting to see these cameras in action. They work. Interestingly you can tell what blocks have them and not. The cameras kind of make you pay attention. When these cameras are installed, I'm generally paying attention. I've noticed intersections that post cameras after the red lights, my recommendation is to post cameras prior to red lights. Wanted to post my support.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (via zoom). How many tickets are issued for parking violations? Letters that are written are they attached to the minutes? Have a question about the transfer of funds. Earlier tonight you had a meeting on legal matters and that was in executive session. Is there anyone to call regarding a particular question about impending lawsuits and the status of them?
- Dana Havens, 113 Stoddard Avenue (via Zoom). If these cameras get approved and I get ten tickets and never pay them, will this go against my credit report? How does the town enforce that? Is there any lien or anything like that?
- Lewis, 482 Churchill Drive (via Zoom). Concerned about the proposed red light camera programs. It seems less focused on safety and more on a revenue generating program. It's a financial interest to the vendor. These cameras do not penalize reckless driving by e-bike riders. Do not support the installation of red light cameras in Newington. Concerned about potential fraud and abuse.
- Robert Terenza, 411 Maple Hill Avenue (via Zoom). Concern regarding the statement of due process and requiring the ticket to go to the registered owner of the vehicle. When a government issues a citation, is due process satisfied if the owner has to identify the offender. Suggest extending yellow light length of time at intersections.

B. Email Correspondence

- None

6. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Councilor Tiniakos stated Ms. Lyons asked if the money would go to the general funds. I believe it has to go towards public safety.
- Town Manager Altshul stated Ms. Lyons was asking about overnight parking tickets. Last year we issued 155 citations. I am the appeals officer, and I probably waved about 15% of those. So we raised about \$3,000 from overnight parking violations. Cutting the other months we, will probably lose about \$1,500. Not a substantial impact.
- Councilor Tiniakos stated that Ms. Havens asked about the credit report being affected. But it seems like we cannot share that data with anybody. As far as enforcement, we can add late fees and have flexibility to enforce it.
- Councilor Plourd asked when the rules committee is meeting
- Councilor Tiniakos stated we are meeting tomorrow at 5:30 in this room.
- Councilor Plourd stated it sound like the tickets don't get reported to credit bureaus or insurance. As far as enforcement, through an ordinance, we can have this reported to the DMV as a potential registration hold.
- Town Manager Altshul wanted to address one of Ms. Lyons comments regarding the status of lawsuits. Unfortunately, the town's official position is the town cannot comment on pending litigation.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken)**

A. **Adoption of Amendment to Overnight Parking Ordinance**

Motion by Councilor Plourd

**RESOLVED,**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby adopts Ordinance 2527-01 to amend Chapter 404, Article II, Nighttime and Winter Parking, a copy of which is attached to this resolution.**

Second by Councilor Gonzalez.

- Councilor Capello suggested adding December to this.
- Councilor Plourd thanked everyone for coming out and speaking about this. The overnight parking ban is a safety issue. How do we initiate parking bans outside of this time frame and there is a freak snowstorm? How do we mitigate that situation? In the event there is a snowstorm the police department can issue a parking ban, any time of the year. I'm supportive of this, though I fully support our police department issuing parking bans when necessary.
- Councilor Budrejko stated the public hearing solidified things I've been hearing. I had no problem with this ordinance at all. In my opinion winter is December, January, and February. We are shortening the burden on our residents. It's been proven that it does snow. Keeping December may not be a bad idea.
- Mayor Trister stated we had two snowstorms in December. Did the police department initiate a parking ban during those storms?
- Town Manager Altshul stated that the one after Christmas did have a parking ban. The one with only two inches didn't warrant a parking ban.
- Mayor Trister asked if any overnight parking tickets were issued in December 2025?
- Town Manager Altshul stated he doesn't have that information. I did get 2/3 appeals that I approved.
- Mayor Trister stated the parking ban was in effect for December and the plows were able to get through.
- Town Manager Altshul as a general statement that is correct.
- Councilor Tiniakos stated he doesn't see the negative effect of not including December. The police department is able to enact parking bans. Would much rather get this passed and focus on more important things coming up. I don't think there is a huge risk.
- Deputy Mayor Radda stated we had a major snowstorm several years ago in October and we've also had snowstorms in April and May. I feel comfortable with the fact there is always the notification of a parking ban. Regardless of when snow falls, people will be safe. Feel comfortable with what we are doing. As we consider this, when will this take place?
- Town Manager Altshul stated if this is adopted, they will stop enforcement effective March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Councilor deHaas stated that this is behavior modification. Some people know that the current start for the overnight parking ban is November. We should monitor it.
- Councilor Plourd stated he completely agrees with Councilor deHaas. We will try this and see how it goes. If there are routine snowstorms and there are a lot of violations we may need to reevaluate it. Thankful for the cooperation of the police department throughout this.
- Councilor Budrejko stated she is struggling with this. The police department and highway departments have signed off on this. Still feel that December should be included, but there are options. Neighbors have to be considerate of their neighbors.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Budrejko - yes  
Councilor Cappello - yes  
Councilor deHaas - yes  
Councilor Gonzalez - yes  
Councilor Nieves - yes  
Councilor Plourd - yes  
Deputy Mayor Radda - yes  
Councilor Tiniakos - yes  
Mayor Trister (via Zoom) - yes

Motion passed 9 yes.

8. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)

A. Approval of January 13, 2026 Refunds for Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Councilor Budrejko

**RESOLVED:**

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$42,275.55 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.

Second by Councilor deHaas. Motion passed 9-0.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. December 9, 2025 Special Meeting

- Motion by Councilor Plourd to approve the December 9, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Second by Councilor Gonzlaez. Motion passed 9-0.

B. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

- Motion by Councilor Plourd to approve the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Councilor Gonzlaez. Motion passed 9-0.

10. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Various Appointments

Motion by Councilor Budrejko

**RESOLVED:**

That the Newington Town Council here by makes the following appointment(s):

Commission on Aging and Disabled

7 Members – three-year terms

Name	Address	Party	Term	
Paul Lenzi Member	25 Longview Drive	R	Immed.- 11/30/2026	Replaces DeFacto Eliana Starr

Board of Education

9-Member Elected Board

2 NTC Liaisons

Name	Address	Party	Term
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Kelly DeHaas NTC Member	45 Lincoln Road	R	NTC Term
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**Permanent Municipal Building Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term
Gail Budrejko NTC Member	21 Isabelle Terrace	R	NTC Term

**Newington Housing Needs Study Committee**

2 NTC, 1 TPZ, 1 Sr. & Disabled Ctr. Rep., 1 Interfaith Community Member

Name	Address	Party	Term
Nancy Cappello NTC Member	66 Pepper Bush Lane	R	NTC Term

Second by Councilor Plourd. Motion passed 9-0.

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

**A. 2024-2025 Mid-Year Transfers**

- Ms. Murphy reviewed the mid-year budget transfers. This does not include CIP budget transfers. The revenue projection is better than I anticipated. I am showing us the hole for \$1.2 million and that is mainly because of the budget amount we put in there as a transfer from the BOE non-lapsing fund. We are continuing to talk with them about this. Building permits are trending well. Sales of Cannabis have gone down; we'll be lucky to see \$200,000 this year. The big variance is the \$1.2 million in the BOE non-lapsing fund. Right now, there is no guarantee they will give us anything over \$600,000, but we are working with them. For expenditures we are seeing favorable trends. We recently had a couple of retirements, and we will have payouts for vacation time later in the year.
- Councilor Plourd asked Janet to please describe, in layman's terms, what happened with the non-lapsing fund. As a layman, we budgeted and appropriated that the BOE was going to proceed with depositing x number of dollars from this account into our general fund to cover the budget. That's different than a revenue that changes year to year.
- Mr. Murphy stated that this was a one time revenue. I had discussions with the former BOE finance director and when we talked, I don't think he understood what I was saying. When we talked, I said I was going to be putting this down as revenue for the town and he said yes. But not understanding that they had already claimed it against their expenses. When the BOE did their budget, they took that amount off certain budget lines within expenses. So what they were requesting already contained the reduction for the use of the non-lapsing. So the big talk we are having is are their expenditures coming in where they thought they would be. Do they have any leeway? Are they able to actually give any of that back and not use the full amount? I'm showing \$1.2 million right now, my conservative view is hoping we can make some of that up and be about \$600,000.
- Councilor Plourd stated he appreciates that, but that is absurd. That is completely absurd. We could not have been any clearer.
- Ms. Murphy stated we are meeting with them to work collaboratively to get this resolved.
- Councilor Budrejko stated they took money off their line items to make it look like their budget was reduced, figuring they would have \$1.2 million from non-lapsing.

- Ms. Murphy stated that is correct. Where on my side I was figuring it coming in as revenue to us, so we were both counting it. We also talked about getting more details because we haven't seen that.
- Councilor Capello asked what specific BOE expenditures or cost increase consumed that \$1.2 million surplus?
- Ms. Murphy stated that when they did their line by line budget, they were taking that amount and reducing their requests. It was mainly wages and salaries across the board.
- Councilor Tiniakos thanked Janet for clarifying that. That was a big question we had. Glad we know that now.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that these transfers you are asking for now are for wages. There were no holes in our operational budget.
- Ms. Murphy stated not yet. We actually did a pretty good job. There are some things that I'm watching, but nothing.
- Councilor Budrejko stated the town departments did a good job on what you need versus what you want.

**B. 2026-2027 Budget Schedule**

- Town Manager Altshul stated that this is self explanatory.
- Ms. Murphy stated this is similar to what we have been normally doing. The BOE is good with the day they are presenting.
- Town Manager Altshul stated we have that joint meeting with the BOE on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilor Capello asked how long the meeting is on Saturday.
- Ms. Murphy stated that we go over CIP.

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

- Town Manager Altshul stated that earlier today Heather sent out a notification for Volunteer of the Year. The Winterfest is in Friday, January 16. The stairs at Mill Pond falls are being replaced.

**13. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Councilor Tiniakos stated there is some fun stuff going on at the library. The 5K is coming up. Have a few events for tweens. Thinking about changing the date for the winter concert so it doesn't conflict with the Night of Lights. They are working with Joe Salamone to replace the front door of the original building, cost of \$30,000 to \$50,000 – looking for grants to cover that cost.
- Councilor deHaas stated that the Senior & Disabled Center is still looking for a dial-a ride driver (part time 19 hours).
- Councilor Plourd stated that Councilor Budrejko and I attended the very first meeting of the PMBC. They discussed the Animal Control Center and Chapman Street project. TPZ meets tomorrow, and they will be discussing a new affordable housing development on Louis Street, through 830-g. Encourage people to attend the meeting. EDC did seat a range of new members to the commission. They are having continuous discussions about the letter writing program.
- Councilor Budrejko stated in terms of the PMBC they elected officers. The TPZ tomorrow night has two public hearings; one is for Prime Burger on Christian Lane to allow live entertainment and change the hours; one is to change the use of the convenience store to a liquor store on Willard Avenue. The Open Space Committee elected new officers.

Discussion of pursuing and identifying parcels for potential open space. The town planner will resume the identification of those parcels.

14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)**  
**(4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ITEMS IN GENERAL)**

- Jacob Milton, 10 Hillside Street. Thank you for your stamina. Wanted to speak to one of the comments from the public and the emphasis on e-bikes and the safety around them. You don't respond to cars and e-bikes and pedestrians the same way. The larger the vehicle, the more threat they offer. Keep in mind priorities you have regarding enforcement.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (*via Zoom*). Thank you to Jonathan for answering my questions. A lot of people have done a lot of talking via email to town councilors. Hopefully, you will have a uniform policy regarding how you handle that.

15. **REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

- None


16. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Mayor Trister stated Winterfest is this Friday at this library. Hope to see everyone there.
- Councilor Plourd thanked Deputy Mayor Radda for running the meeting.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilor Plourd to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Second by Councilor Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Gibbon  
Clerk of the Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 7A

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2

**RESOLVED,**

  
Town Clerk

That the Newington Town Council hereby adopts Ordinance 2527-01 to amend Chapter 404, Article II, Nighttime and Winter Parking, a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

MOTION BY: Councilor Plourd

SECONDED BY: Councilor Gonzalez

VOTE: 9-0-0 (Roll Call Vote)



Jonathan Altshul  
Town Manager

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**Office of the Town Clerk**

James E. Krupinski CCTC  
Town Clerk

## ADOPTED ORDINANCE #2527-01

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Newington that:  
**Chapter 404, Vehicles and Traffic; ARTICLE II, Nighttime and Winter Parking** of the Newington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended:

### **Chapter 404 Vehicles and Traffic Article II - Nighttime and Winter Parking**

#### **§ 404-5. Nighttime parking limit during winter months.**

No motor vehicle shall be left parked on any public highway for any period of time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day during the months of January and February, of any year.

#### **§ 404-6. Parking during snowstorms.**

No motor vehicle shall be left parked on any public highway during any snowfall or at any time during a period of eight hours after the end of any snowfall. No motor vehicle shall be left parked on any public highway at any time in any manner which impedes or interferes with snowplowing operations.

#### **§ 404-7. Removal of violations.**

Any vehicle which is left parked in violation of this article in such a manner as to constitute a hazard or interfere with the normal movement of traffic or snow removal operations may be removed from the highway by the police at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.

#### **§ 404-8. Assessment to vehicle owner when vehicle removed.**

The entire assessment to the owner of a vehicle removed pursuant to § 404-7 will be as provided in § 225-1 of this Code for violation of this article as well as the charges for towing and storage.

#### **§ 404-9. Exemptions.**

This article does not apply to vehicles of physicians on call or emergency cases of any other nature. Permission for overnight parking may be obtained from the Police Department in unusual cases or conditions.

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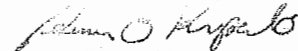
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AGENDA ITEM: 10.A.

DATE: 1/13/2026

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-4

**RESOLVED:**

  
Town Clerk

That the Newington Town Council here by makes the following appointment(s):

**Commission on Aging and Disabled**

7 Members – three-year terms

Name	Address	Party	Term	
Paul Lenzi Member	25 Longview Drive	R	Immed.- 11/30/2026	Replaces DeFacto Elaina Starr

**Board of Education**

9-Member Elected Board  
2 NTC Liaisons

Name	Address	Party	Term
Kelly DeHaas NTC Member	45 Lincoln Road	R	NTC Term

**Permanent Municipal Building Commission**

Name	Address	Party	Term
Gail Budrejko NTC Member	21 Isabelle Terrace	R	NTC Term

**Newington Housing Needs Study Committee**

2 NTC, 1 TPZ, 1 Sr. & Disabled Ctr. Rep., 1 Interfaith Community Member

Name	Address	Party	Term
Nancy Cappello NTC Member	66 Pepper Bush Lane	R	NTC Term

MOTION BY: Councilor Budrejko

SECONDED BY: Councilor Plourd

VOTE: 9-0

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3

RESOLVED:

  
Town Clerk

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$ 42,275.55 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 Budrejko

SECONDED BY: Councilor deHaas

VOTE: 9-0

**TAX REFUNDS JANUARY 13, 2026**

Acar Leasing LTD PO Box 1990 Fort Worth, TX 76101	\$ 77.42
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 1,431.11
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$1,805.16
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 2,417.53
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 2,524.45
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 2,493.74
ARI Fleet L/T 4001 Leadenhall Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 1,079.20
Cotality Po Box 9202 Centralized Refunds Coppell, TX 75019-9760	\$ 234.09
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 2,854.97
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 2,412.94
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 3,092.40
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 2,759.97
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 3,234.56
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 4,571.81
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 3,359.86



EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 1,514.74
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 1,511.57
EAN Holdings LLC DBA Enterprise Rent A Car 1 Financial Plaza STE 1905 Hartford, CT 06103	\$ 378.00
Hoffert, Cheryl Amanda Williams – Exec 244 Georgetown Dr Glastonbury, CT 06033	\$ 19.19
Honda Lease Trust 11675 Great Oaks Way Ste 200 Alpharetta, GA 30022	\$ 519.20
Nissan Infiniti Lease Trust LLC Property Tax Operations PO Box 650214 Dallas, TX 75265-9523	\$ 1,501.40
Nissan Infiniti Lease Trust LLC Property Tax Operations PO Box 650214 Dallas, TX 75265-9523	\$ 251.63
Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp Po Box 22059 Nashville, TN 37202	\$ 1,075.24
Oja, Richard 43 Frederick St Newington, Ct 06111	\$ 51.45
Sasinski, Jan 49 Kankakee Tr Palm Coast, FL 32164	\$ 63.63
Subramanian, Vishwanath 64 Ridgeview Crossing Newington, CT 06111	\$ 25.65
Torres, Edison Gomez 291 Williamstown Ct Newington, CT 06111	\$ 321.03
Toyota Lease Trust Lockbox 830238 525 Fellowship Rd Ste 330 Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 239.88
Toyota Lease Trust Lockbox 830238 525 Fellowship Rd Ste 330 Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 99.04
Toyota Lease Trust Lockbox 830238 525 Fellowship Rd Ste 330 Mt Laurel, NJ 08054	\$ 319.99
York, John 287 New Britain Ave Newington, CT 06111	\$ 34.70

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,275.55</b>