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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR BETH DELBUONO

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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Town Clerk

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

- Councilor Braverman *(via Zoom)*
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko
- Councilor Camillo
- Councilor Donahue
- Councilor Manke
- Councilor Nagel
- Councilor Page
- Councilor Radda
- Mayor DelBuono

Also present:

- Keith Chapman, Town Manager
- Janet Murphy, Director of Finance
- Steve Kosofsky Assessor
- Gary Fuerstenberg, Town Engineer
- Rob Hillman, Superintendent Highway Department
- Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services
- James Krupinski, Town Clerk
- Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Manke to Table Item 9, Minutes; seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Councilor Manke; seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

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

A. Public Comments

- LeAnn Manke, 112 Northwood Road. Reviewed newest version of permanent building commission; question regarding composition; previously added language regarding owner representation of Library on town committee; that is not included.
- Sue Mazzocchi, 149 Harris Drive. I can see all of you on my television.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive asked about the Cedar Mountain property and development. Has there been any updates on what the state plans to do with the Cedar Mountain

property? Maybe we can take over some of that area on the mountain. Is there going to be a state of the town presentation? Haven't heard anything.

B. Email Correspondence

- None

5. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that there is going to be a state of the town meeting on March 30th at 8 o'clock at Indian Hill Country Club.
- Councilor Page thanked Rose for bringing up the Cedar Crest property. Would like to explore possibilities and opportunities for development; don't want to take on any liabilities.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that Mr. Chapman has been in contact with the state regarding that property and can ask him for an update.

6. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Health Update – COVID-19

- Town Manager Chapman stated that town is now in yellow. Asking people to still wear their masks when coming into the building if not vaccinated.
- Councilor Page thanked Meghan Manke for all her hard work during this time.

B. 150th Anniversary Steering Committee Report

- Celebration ball postponed until August/September. On Saturday, June 11th - Town Wide Tag Sale, in conjunction with GFWC; single permit to police department. In June we will be hosting a movie night in community center, holiday movie. Welcome any public participation at 6:30, 1st Thursday of each month.

C. Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 121, Voting Districts

- Mayor DelBuono stated that they had a public hearing regarding this last evening. Voting district maps changes have been posted around town. State realigned assembly districts.
- Ms. Lavery stated that mailers are mandated by statute; greeters will be at polling locations. Will post information on Facebook page, town's website and new flashes. We can promote the district changes at Parks & Rec events; signs up on school grounds and Waterfall Festival, also both party chairs will help at their events.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the current District 8 will now be part of District 5, John Paterson Elementary School. This was done because of state reapportionment.
- Ms. Avery stated that they cannot take any new buildings into districting project until someone moves in and they are registered.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the council sets the date for the referendum, but the stand-alone referendum is not part of this proposal. The location is at the discretion of the registrar's office. That is not part of this proposal tonight.
- Councilor Donahue stated that they should run something on NCTV.
- Councilor Page stated that he would like to continue conversation to have more people to help at polling locations on voting day.
- Ms. Avery stated that the public did offer some good suggestions.
- Ms. Fox stated that there in an interview process in place to make sure they understand the job they will need to do.

- Councilor Radda stated that polling places should state Anna Reynolds Elementary School.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that for the people who get impacted by this change, can you stamp an envelope that they need to read it.
- Ms. Avery stated that they have envelopes that have voting

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby approves the amendment to Newington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 121, Voting Districts, as recommended by the Registrars of Voters, a copy of the ordinance and Voting Districts Map shall be attached to this resolution. The approved districts shall be effective March 9, 2022, per CGS §9-169b.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

D. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Award

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager, or his designee, to accept the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant award for the Newington Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount for \$41,114.50 for a Hurst Cutter, Combi Tool, Ram, Strong Arm Kit & Accessories. A copy of the executed grant shall be attached to this resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 8-0. (Councilor Camillo stepped away)

- Jackie Kotos stated that on behalf of Firehouse Subs Foundation we are pleased to be here this evening. Have granted over \$65 million for life-saving equipment with the mission to support first responders. On a personal note, this is special to me, my grandparents lived in Newington their whole life and my grandfather (John Gubbins [sp?]) was the fire commissioner for 12 years. I've been working on this foundation for 10 years.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that they are grateful for this and \$65 million is an incredible amount of money.
- Commission Whalen stated that Chief Lapierre and Sonya found this grant and applied for it. Could not come at a better time, didn't have equipment to deal with recent accidents; needed to call in help from Wethersfield. I knew John Gubbins very well, great person and great fire commissioner.
- Assistant Chief Lapierre thanked Sonya and Firehouse Subs; knew family as well.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that Sonya from Sonic has more than paid for their services.
- Commissioner Whalen and Chief Lapierre stated they are working on more grants for them (2 in process.)
- Councilor Manke thanked Assistant Chief Lapierre for applying for these and taking the initiative to get these grants.
- Assistant Chief Lapierre stated accidents in Newington have increased over the years.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that it's great you're applying for grants. Jackie from Firehouse – that's a wonderful way to give back to the community. No Firehouse Subs in Connecticut; come here to Newington. Pass the word that we want you here in Newington.
- Jackie stated that she was disappointed no locations in currently in Connecticut.

- Councilor Page thanked Firehouse Subs. Can't imagine trauma you experienced during recent accident on Cedar Mountain.
 - Commissioner Whalen stated that one of the first things we do is make sure that the firefighters are ok.
 - Mayor DelBuono stated that you respond to more than just fires, we are here to support you and are grateful for all you do.
 - Commissioner Whalen stated that the jaws of life were first developed for race cars.
- E. Draft Job Description – Deputy Assessor (A-7)
- Councilor Nagel stated that it has been an ongoing process to update job descriptions.

Motion by Councilor Nagel

RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby approves the amendment to the “Classification and Pay Plan” by approving a revised job/position description for the Deputy Assessor (A-7) position, as recommended by Keith Chapman, Town Manager, in his capacity as Personnel Director.

Seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed 8-0. (Councilor Camillo stepped away)

F. Equipment Sharing Agreement-Multi-Town Equipment Cooperative

Motion by Councilor Nagel

RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby ratifies the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Newington and the Town of Rocky Hill, for the acquisition of a John Deere Tractor & Alamo Boom. The Town Manager, Keith Chapman, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Newington. A copy of the executed Interlocal Agreement shall be attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the purchase, totaling \$167,249.44, which shall be equally divided by each Town in the amount of \$83,624.72, by utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of the referenced equipment listed above.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

- Mayor DelBuono stated that this will allow us to do some remediation around the bodies of water in town.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked if this was already approved by Rocky Hill.
- Mr. Hillman stated yes, Rocky Hill as approved this.
- Councilor Manke asked is this would also do the waterways in Mill Brook.
- Mr. Hillman stated yes. We would rent this from Acorn Rentals and they went out of business so we haven't been able to do it. It will be assisting us with the cleaning of the waterways. This would be used by parks & rec as well for roadside mowing. It's a great opportunity and it's a great piece of equipment.
- Councilor Page asked if this was is used for rising water and flooding.
- Mr. Hillman stated that it is used for mowing; not dredging.

- Councilor Nagel stated that this will also help to get into places that were difficult to get at not impede on private properties.
- Mr. Hillman stated that is correct.

G. Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services RFP

- Jeff Baron stated that that MIRA was going to significantly increase their fees per ton. The three town managers got together and decided to do a mutual RFP for disposal site. Received seven bids and three were interviewed by the three towns. Apologies for lengthy memo. Recommend that we do not remain with MIRA for financial reasons. Second decision is to award the RFP to CWPM out of Plainville; we felt they had the best set of options. Mr. Baron discussed the proposals, etc. CWPM's proposal is the cheapest of the three we interviewed.
- Mayor DelBuono asked which proposal they are recommending.
- Mr. Baron stated that the fixed is only for one year. After that we are using a \$91 figure as a high side, don't think it will ever get there, even with that, CWPM is still the cheapest.
- Mr. Hillman provided a spreadsheet with the breakdown of four-year totals.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the fixed with CWPM is \$4,718,844 and Murphy Road would be 44,733,100.
- Councilor Manke asked what is the difference between Murphy Road Option 1 and Option 2.
- Mr. Hillman stated that Option 1 is a fixed rate.
- Mr. Baron stated that both were proposed. We felt Option 1 was much less expensive than Option 2.
- Councilor Page asked how the 2497 tons calculated.
- Mr. Hillman stated that those are three averages.
- Councilor Page asked if we increased recycling and it increased by more, theoretically wouldn't Murphy Road be less?
- Mr. Hillman stated that depends on revenue from recycling; potential there. We wanted to give you all the options to see what you were comfortable with. As our recycling goes up our solid waste goes down and solid waste is always more expensive.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she was notified that the Town of Wethersfield last night did a flip flop. The memo in our packet indicates that CWPM was agreed upon, but Wethersfield's council took action last night to support Murphy Road, the four-year fixed option. I reached out to Minority Leader Page and Majority Leader Manke to give them that information. I also reached out to the mayors of Rocky Hill and Wethersfield find out what their concerns with the proposals were, and the fixed fee versus the variable was most prevalent. The size and scope of CWPM versus Murphy Road with many transfer stations and options and it seems like the bigger towns in our area went with Murphy Road. So it seems there is a trend and it makes me wonder why; what are the pros and cons, not just price wise.
- Mr. Hillman stated that they are both new to the game because for years CRRA and MIRA were pretty much the only player in the game, aside from Covanta. Town's left MIRA when they had the option and that's when Murphy Road got into the game and created more facilities for MSW. They probably have much more opportunity for waste than CWPM because they are newer to the game. If you are looking for stability that would be Murphy Road because they've in the game longer.
- Mr. Baron stated that CWPM mentioned that they are working with Middletown, Berlin, New Britain and New London. Not huge communities, but decent sized. Middletown, New Britain

and New London are bigger than we are. They are not new to the game and they are not going anywhere.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked if they visited any of the facilities or if they spoke with any of their current customers or clients.
- Mr. Baron stated that CWPM is based in Berlin and very close to Trash-Away headquarters. With Murphy Road you are taking trash to one place and recyclables to Berlin as well.
- Mr. Hillman stated that we've used both facilities for bulky waste. Trash-Away takes their bulky waste to Murphy Road and we used Murphy Road for all of our bulky waste collections. We never had an issue with either of them.
- Mr. Baron stated that the third company, Country Road, bought out the Covanta location in Wallingford. We didn't visit any of the locations, but Newington is familiar with them.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that you are the experts and I trust the work that you do, but the fact that Wethersfield switched last night, got me thinking about the proposals in more detail and trying to look at the big picture. When we are looking at fuel costs, etc., I'm concerned about the variable. It's a risk either way.
- Councilor Donahue stated that the difference over 4 years is approx. \$68,000. It's only \$22,000 per year. That may be the reasoning.
- Mr. Hillmans stated that the savings is upfront because it's a fixed rate.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the fixed versus the variable was the major consideration as well as the size of the facility and their ability to handle different situations. I personally don't feel I'm ready to take action tonight.
- Mr. Hillman stated that we need to opt out of our contract with MIRA by the 28th or 30th.
- Mayor DelBouno stated that our next council meeting is March 22nd so we can add that to our agenda. I'm hesitant to leave MIRA without having a decision first.
- Councilor Manke stated the would like to have a fixed rate contract for 4-years.
- Mr. Baron stated that our feeling was the fixed recycling rate was the more realistic of the two.
- Councilor Page stated that people need to be educated about recycling and trash disposal. Deputy Mayor Budrejko agreed with that.
- Councilor Radda asked on average what the number.
- Mr. Hillman stated between 10 and 15 percent. Which is on par with surrounding towns. Single stream is great but when not followed properly creates a lot of issues.
- Mr. Baron stated that we enquired whether the facilities has an outreach program and both CWPM and Murphy Road said they can assist with that.
- Councilor Radda asked if we feel comfortable with leaving MIRA and tabling the award of a new contract to another time.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she would like to err on the side of caution and do them both at the same time.
- Mr. Baron suggested doing them both at the same time.
- Mayor DelBuono recommended to the council that we hold off on this and take action on this at our next regular meeting on March 22nd. Mayor DelBuono stated that she does see Mr. Manafort from CWPM on the call; hesitant to address anything with him without offering the same consideration to Murphy Road. Suggest having both at our next meeting.
- Councilor Page thanked Mr. Hillman and Mr. Baron for all of their hard work on this.
 - *Action tabled to next meeting*

7. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Resignation – Vehicle Appeals Board

Motion by Councilor Page

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Kevin Borrup, as a member of the Vehicle Appeals Board, in accordance with email correspondence dated February 22, 2022, and effective immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

B. Resignation – Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD)

Motion by Councilor Radda

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Kevin Borrup, as a member of the Central CT Health District, in accordance with email correspondence dated February 22, 2022, and effective immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

8. REFUNDS (Action Requested)

A. Approval of March 8, 2022 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$2,267.68 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.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- *Minutes tabled to next meeting*

10. NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)

A. Discussion – Permanent Municipal Building Commission Creation

- Mayor DelBuono stated that building commissions are currently political appointments, concern as to making sure focus was on the project and no political agendas. Have specific knowledge of the building trade. The commission would have oversight. The Library Board is different than other town departments. Language around membership and make it apolitical, no member on serve on any other town commission or town committee; make it objective as possible. The mayor, town manager or his designee will serve as ex-officio members. This would be the same for the BOE and any departments within the town. The committee would consist of five (5) voting members – three (3) professional members and two (2) political appointments.
- Councilor Manke stated that there have been many versions of this document.

- Mayor DelBuono stated that this was discussed prior to the election.
- Councilor Page requested that they be given the opportunity to review this and discuss at the 22nd meeting, then vote at the following meeting.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that is fined, not time constraints on this. Anything that has gone out to referendum would stay in place; this would be for future projects.
- Councilor Manke stated that the two committees excluded are the Town Hall Building Committee and the Anna Reynolds Committee.
- Councilor Page stated that having political appointees seems to be contrary to the spirit of what we are trying to do.
- Councilor Manke stated that we will be looking for people with qualifications and resumes.
- Councilor Page stated that the terms should be for the length of the project.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that people can always be reappointed.
- Councilor Manke stated that we may want to expand
- Councilor Radda appreciates current iteration of this. Perhaps consider language that we can draw on expertise in town government as ex officio members.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that is under Section 5
- Mayor DelBuono stated that it would be difficult to have a seven member committee.

B. Additional Appropriation for Camp Avenue Milling & Paving

- Janet Murphy stated that we have an excess amount in municipal grants from the state this year. The appropriation will be returned when we get our funds from the state.
- Councilor Manke stated that we are only milling and paving.
- Ms. Murphy stated that is correct.
- Gary Fuerstenberg stated that Janet did a good job explaining the history of the road.
- Councilor Nagel stated that this particular street is very complicated and needs more work and part of the problem is people having to give up their own property. They deserve to have a road that is repaired and this is a start.

C. 2022 JAG Local VCP Grant Award

- Mayor DelBuono stated that The Newington Police Department has been awarded a Justice Assistance Grant for the purchase of a StarChase High Speed Pursuit Alternative Technology. This device is a Police Vehicle Mounted GPS Launcher System, mounted on a police vehicle and deployed when a suspect vehicle flees from a police officer. The GPS tag sticks to the fleeing vehicle and then can be tracked using mapping software. The Newington Police Department will be the first police department in the State of Connecticut to use such technology. The total purchase of the system will be covered with the grant funds in addition to monies from the Forfeiture Asset Fund. Thankful that Mr. Chapman and his staff are pursuing grants.
- Councilor Manke asked about ongoing camera project.
- Ms. Murphy stated that is ongoing; put in a purchase order.
- Councilor Nagel stated that all fits in with the whole idea of safety. Safety is what they are trying to do to calm traffic on the Berlin Turnpike and working the lights so people have less of an opportunity to speed and make traffic flow efficiently. Pleased to see this as well as the others come to fruition.
- Councilor Donahue stated that the Cedar Street traffic system is pretty slick; talk to the guys all the time when they are out there.

- Councilor Nagel stated that its state of the art, I talked to something from DOT about; another one of the first in the state and one of the first in the country to use this technology.
- Councilor Manke stated that we should put on our agenda having someone come in from the state and talk about the construction that's happening on the Berlin Turnpike and Cedar Street.
- Mayor Page stated that hopefully anything we can do to alleviate accidents.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated a new inactive is called SAVE with Newington, Wethersfield, Bristol and the States Attorney Office out of New Britain. It provides treatment and coping tools to children who have been victim or have been exposed to some kind of trauma. It partners with schools to help children get help on an ongoing basis and gives guidance to parents or guardians. This is a long-term program. This is the first of its kind. It's proactive. Thanks to Chief Clark for going after this and pursuing these programs.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the chief is on the cutting edge/ leading edge of getting this new technology for Newington.

D. Discussion – Canceling of April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

- Mayor DelBuono stated she brought this up because that is school vacation week. Often time's people are on vacation. We normally don't have a meeting then. Just brought up for consideration.
- Councilor Page stated his only hesitation is the public not being able to discuss their views regarding the budget or any item. But if in the past it hasn't interfered with the process, I don't have a problem with it.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we have designated budget meeting and we have a second public hearing we I'll present the council budget, so the public does have opportunities to discuss the budget. We will know more at our next agenda setting meeting.

E. Overview of Budget and Budget Procedures

- Ms. Murphy stated that at the end of November budget requests are sent to department heads; we receive them and review with the town manager and department heads. This meeting tonight will be the first departmental budget reviews. On the 19th we will be discussing CIP. Still putting together books, once done we will have them available. You will adopt the budget and set the mill rate on April 19th.

F. Department Budget Review:

1. General Government

- Town Council, Town Manager, Courts, Elections, Finance, Town Attorney, Town Clerk/Records Administration, Personnel, General Services, Facilities Management, Information Technology

- A discussion was held regarding unfilled positions and cost savings

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Change</u>
▪ Town Council	110	-3.86%
▪ Town Manager	120	-6.37%

- Ms. Murphy stated that the Grant Writers and assistant town manager positions are not included in this budget.

▪ Probate Court	130	No change
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- Elections 140 +8.14%
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked how much each election costs.
- Ms. Murphy stated that the cost is between \$35-40 thousand for each election. Biggest expense the poll workers.

▪ Finance	151	-0.94%
▪ Assessor	152	+3.37%
▪ Board of Assessment Appeals	153	No change
▪ Revenue Collector	154	+0.64%
▪ Auditing	155	+6.00%
▪ Purchasing	157	No change
▪ Town Attorney	160	No change
▪ Town Clerk/Records Administration	170	+21.48%
▪ Personnel	180	-26.35%
▪ Facilities Management	191	+2.44%
▪ Central Services	195	-0.09%
▪ Information Technology	197	+16.63%

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked if the website is included in this.

2. Public Safety

- Fire, Police, Street Lighting, Emergency Management, EMS, Hydrants

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Change</u>
▪ Police		
• Police Administration	211	+5.34%
• Police Patrol	212	+1.24%
• Police Investigation	213	+3.82%
• Police Traffic	214	+1.74%
• Police Communication	215	+3.49%
• Police Education and Training	217	+3.66%
• Police Support Services	218	+0.46%
• Police Vehicles	220	No change
• Animal Control	222	-30.83%
▪ Fire		
• Fire Department Administration	231	-0.13%
• Fire Fighting	232	+11.06%
• Fire Prevention	233	+9.49%
• Fire Training	234	+27.80%
• Fire Stations	235	+80.83%
• Fire Marshal	238	+22.58%
• Fire Safety Officer	240	-3.77%
• Regional Fire Training Tower	242	No Change
▪ Street Lighting	250	No Change
▪ Emergency Management	260	No Change
▪ EMS	270	No Change
▪ Hydrants	280	+3.44%

3. Public Works

- Engineering, Highway, Solid Waste

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Change</u>
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▪ Engineering	310	+3.53%
▪ Highway		
• Highway Administration	321	+3.97%
• Highway Operations	322	+2.25%
• Highway Snow & Ice Control	324	+4.20%
• Highway Vehicles & Equipment	327	+23.60%
• Highway Leaf Collection	328	+1.08
▪ Solid Waste		
• Refuse Collection	351	+1.96%
• Refuse Disposal	352	+9.04%
• Recycling	353	+1.53%

4. Community Development & Improvements

- Town Planner, TPZ, ZBA, Building Department, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Change</u>
▪ Town Planner (Planning and Development)	420	+3.57%
▪ TPZ	430	+2.25%
▪ ZBA	440	+2.52%
▪ Building Department	450	+4.07%
▪ Conservation Commission	460	+6.59%
▪ Economic Development Director	471	No change
▪ Economic Development Commission	472	+2.34%

11. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- None

12. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilor Nagel stated that CROG wanted us to support letter regarding legislature completing the rail line. Mayor Stewart, Chair of CROG, presented Mallory Dupree to talk about the opioid recovery program they developed in New Britain; willing to share details with surrounding towns. There were TIP projects electronic updates to parts of the FastTrack and highway safety in the greater Hartford area.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that she and Councilor Radda attended the EDC meeting and the State of the Town will be March 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Indian Hill; Chamber awards Dinners is going to be May 18th and the Waterfall Festival is scheduled for September 20th.
- Councilor Radda stated that Renata explained her role in participating in economic development. They talked about having updates on vacancies of buildings.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that at the TPZ meeting there was an approval for a new apartment complex (175 apartments / 10% for affordable housing) near Stew Leonard's and Best Buy. Proposal was promoted as being new retail and shopping centers. I asked about sidewalks and was dismissed.
- Councilor Radda stated she read the minutes from the meeting and some of the comments regarding sidewalks were "haven't seen any on Pane Road" and "I've yet to see sidewalks on Misselli" – that's because it's all been industrial use, but now we're talking about development and close to shopping areas. We have discussed the need for sidewalks in new

developments and the area becomes more resident friendly. It was dismissed, but we wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated she would like to add to the agenda the discussion of new development areas in town; traffic studies, adding 1,000/1,500 cars all will be using Main Street, etc. – would like cumulative effect, need for sidewalks. Need to stop and look at the POCD and what is the long term impact to the town? The Fire Department needs new equipment because some of these new buildings are going to be 3 or 4 stories. 1,500 to 2,000 apartments is a lot of people in town.
- Councilor Radda stated that these traffic studies were done during COVID. Do they need to be redone now that greater use of roads.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she jotted down a few things, but please email me with specifics to discuss with town manager.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that as a council we need to have a discussion. In South Windsor they are having a moratorium on new developments. How many young professionals are coming to Connecticut in the next few years? There is going to be a glut. Maybe you want this. We pride ourselves on single-family, but that is changing quickly. We need to have a conversation of what we want.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that those are very valid concerns.
- Councilor Donahue stated that he heard the parade committee got together.
- Councilor Manke state yes, the parade will be Saturday, May 28th.

13. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)**

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- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive. Trying to watch on television but the sound on NCTV is not good. Gail, thank you very much bringing up with what is going on – want to get things through, want to lower taxes, but we need to look at the whole picture. Maybe have a town hall meeting. Council has no control over TPZ. Lots of things discussed at meeting tonight. Regarding website, not sure it's departments, but lack of ability to navigate website. Also, I can hear people speaking over each other and it gets confusing when listening. Grants that were talked about, was that planned on? Maybe the town engineer can give an update. See you at the next meeting.

14. **REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

- Councilor Page stated that he doesn't remember when schools have been under such duress, need to listen to the needs of our students and decrease in reading scores; mental health crisis; need to be thoughtful in school budget.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that there may be room in the BOE budget; need to see where it ends up over the next couple of meetings.

15. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Town Clerk Krupienski no informational items tonight.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilor Manke. Seconded by Councilor Donahue. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk

BIWEEKLY TIME SHEET FOR RECORDING CLERKS /MEETINGS

NAME: Susan Gibbon WEEK ENDING: 3/12/2022

DEPARTMENT: Town Council and 2022 Charter Revision Commission

DEPARTMENT/ACTIVITY: Council Clerk

Item	Date(s)	Hours
Meeting	3/7/2022 (NTC-PH)	.5
Meeting	3/8/2022 (NTC)	4.0
Meeting	3/9/2022 (CRC-PH)	.75
Resolutions/Appts	3/10/2022	1.0
Transcribing	3/13/2022	2.0
Transcribing	3/14/2022	1.0
Transcribing	3/14/2022 (CRC)	1.5
Transcribing	3/14/2022	6.0
Transcribing	3/7/2022	1.0

Total Hours: 17.75

Comments: _____



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