I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

   • Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

   Councilor Anest
   Councilor Arace
   Councilor Budrejko
   Councilor DelBuono
   Councilor Manke
   Councilor Marocchini
   Councilor Miner
   Councilor Serra
   Mayor Zartarian

   Staff Attendees:
   Tanya D. Lane, Town Manager
   Janet Murphy, Finance Director
   Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director
   James E. Krupienski, Town Clerk

   State Legislators
   Rick Lopes, State Representative 24th District
   Gary Turco, State Representative 27th District
   Kerry Szeps Wood, State Representative 29th District
   Matthew Lesser, CT Senator 9th District

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   • Councilor DelBuono, seconded by Councilor Anest moved a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
   • Councilor Anest, seconded by Councilor Marocchini made a motion to amend the Agenda to move Item VIII.A-Visit from State Legislators prior to Item VII – Old Business. Motion on the amendment carried unanimously 9-0.
   • Motion on the original motion as amended carried unanimously 9-0.
IV. AWARDS /PROCLAMATIONS

• Councilor Manke moved the Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION ON 2019 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association has proclaimed April 1 through April 7, 2019 as National Public Health Week;
WHEREAS, this year's theme is “Creating the Healthiest Nation: For Science. For Action. For Health.” and focuses on the role of public health and prevention in assuring the social determinants of health;
WHEREAS, the public health system that keeps our communities healthy and safe is changing as technologies advance, public attitudes toward health shift, and more health and safety options become available through policy changes.
AND WHEREAS, National Public Health Week reminds us each year of the fundamental role that our own state and local health departments play every day in the health of our communities; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, together with its neighboring towns of Berlin, Wethersfield, and Rocky Hill, receives quality public health service through its regional health department, the Central Connecticut Health District, now in its 23rd year of service.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Newington Town Council does hereby proclaim

April 1 to April 7, 2019 as
National Public Health Week

in Newington, Connecticut. We encourage all our citizens to join us in this celebration and in acknowledging the critical role of public health in prevention and in helping individuals and communities to achieve and maintain good health.

Signed this 25th day of March, 2019

Roy Zartarian, Mayor

• Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
• Michelle Sadlosky, CCHD Committee Vice-Chairperson
  o Thanks the Council for their continued support.
  o Fun events beginning with Talk to the Mayor on April 1st; Escape Room-Theme England 1350 Black Plague Pandemic; Climate Change movie. Can contact the Health District for more information.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION — ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)
(3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

• Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive – Asked State Legislators for information on Victory Gardens expansion that can be shared with the public this evening. Previous Public Hearing that was cancelled in July, 2018.
• Gary Bolles, 28 Burdon Lane - Endorses the proposed budget for 2019-2020, with a lower increase over last year. Suggests reduction by the Town Manager to reduce the BOE by $348,552 could be offset by using health savings account funds.

VI. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

• None

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by waiving the Rules)

A. Visit from State Legislators

• Rick Lopes, State Representative 24th District; Gary Turco, State Representative 27th District; Kerry Szeps Wood, State Representative 29th District; Matthew Lesser, CT Senator 9th District (arrived at 7:27 P.M.)
  ▪ Representative Lopes:
    ▪ No Income Tax increases; Proposals on Sales Tax and reviewing the exempted items for increased revenue; Proposed Minimum Wage increase to $15/hour; earned family leave proposal; Proposed Tolls being discussed.
  ▪ Representative Turco:
    ▪ Municipal Aid held mostly flat across the state; Proposals regarding the Teacher’s Pension and a possible shift to towns; Additional ECS funds were proposed; Proposed Bonding funds of $100,000 for EDC Train Station Transit Village Design district (TVDD); Phase 7 Streetscape Improvements at Newington Center. Cedar Mountain Bill for transfer has been filed. Myra Cohen Way to provide a Letter of Intent regarding a mutual maintenance agreement; Possibility of DOT paying for some construction costs of a parking garage instead of leased spaces.
  ▪ Representative Wood:
    ▪ May bills being discussed and sent back for committee review. Finance Committee meeting on the 27th.
  • Councilor Budrejko was thankful the work was progressing on the Cedar Mountain parcel. Questioned if there was any support to curb juvenile crime by amending the system.
  • Representative Lopes indicated that they need to review the standards based on the type of crimes.
  • Representative Woods indicated the need to educate and reform the repeat offenders.
  • Councilor Budrejko questioned the impact of legalizing or expanding gambling or marijuana.
  • Senator Lesser arrived at 7:27 P.M.
  • Representative Lopes spoke about the need to balance the issue of gambling expansion to minimize the impact to families. The revenue generated should be utilized to assist in education of their impact. Legalization of marijuana needs to be better regulated, similar to the regulation of cigarettes and alcohol.
• Councilor Manke questioned the impact and proposed placement of installing tolls.

• Senator Lesser was concerned with local traffic impact and revenue distribution that could be generated and necessary oversight. SB423, Senate version of the Tolls bill, which includes funding for the Train Station project. Looking at commuter discounts, in-state resident discounts, state EZ-pass tags and low income resident discounts. Certain roadway installations would require US DOT to approve Toll installations. Borrowing is not the way to solve the problem.

• Representative Lopes indicated that false information is causing issues. Would not impact Federal funding if tolls were implemented. No physical toll booths would be installed. Discussed toll revenue in New England by state ranging from 130 million to $2.6 billion.

• Representative Turco would support lowest impact to Newington families, but borrowing $60-80 billion is not fiscally responsible.

• Councilor Anest questioned if an option to opt-out of the Family Leave provision is being discussed.

• Senator Lesser indicated that municipalities may bargain into the program, but State non-union employees would be enrolled. The program requires eligible employees to contribute for it to function.

• Discussion took place regarding impact of requiring the payment into the program without any choice to obtain better quality coverage.

• Councilor DelBuono questioned any possible impact on Board of Education project grant reimbursements.

• Representative Turco indicated that not specific changes have been indicated.

• Councilor DelBuono questioned the Teacher Pensions being moved down to the towns and being offset by ECS funds. Concerned that those funds may not be available in future years and the town would need to absorb the costs in future years.

• Councilor Serra questioned if mandates, whether funded or unfunded, are being reviewed to determine if they are necessary or if funding may be available for them.

• Representative Lopes suggested reviewing the mandates and determining which ones the town would like to have reviewed for funding or removal.

• Councilor Anest questioned if there are any mandates that have expired but are still being funded through the town.

• Senator Lesser indicated that may bills that are written have expiration dates for programs.

• Councilor Miner questioned mandatory Pre-K by the Board of Education and any progression to require it.

• Senator Lesser indicated that he would check into the status and report back.
• Councilor Miner questioned the current status of the Victory Gardens project based on Ms. Lyons question.
• Councilor Arace left the table at 7:48 P.M.
• Councilor Arace returned to the table at 7:52 P.M.
• Representative Woods indicated that they would check with Veterans Affairs to determine the status on the project.
• Councilor Budrejko questioned proposed bills to count mileage perks as income towards pension calculation and the ability for mileage reimbursement as a passenger.
• Representative Lopes indicated that he would support removal from the pension calculation.
• Representative Turco would vote to not accept for pension calculation and vote to remove allowance as a passenger.
• Councilor Marocchini questioned if the cost for building and the time to break even had been calculated yet.
• Representative Lopes indicated that due to the changing number of gantries ranging from 80 down to 50 or lower gantries, not has yet been determined as a true cost.
• Senator Lesser felt the large amount of gantries installed would have less of an impact to local roads upon implementation.
• Councilor Marocchini questioned states with Family Leave program that is running.
• Senator Lesser indicated the Massachusetts is in the process of implementing their program, Rhode Island has been in place for 10 years, New York just implementing and New Jersey for a few years.
• Town Council took a recess at 7:56 P.M.
• Meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)

A. Set Tentative Budget – FY 2019-20

1. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 10471-8220, Economic Development, Other Contractual Services by $90,960.
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Based on position being Full-time versus Part-time Consultant, looking for the position to be Full-time.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Councilor Anest - No
   Councilor Arace - No
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini - No
Councilor Miner - No  
Councilor Serra - No  
Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

- Motion failed 4-5 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

2. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 10197-8402, General Services, Information Technology, Technical Equipment by $1,000.  
- Seconded by Councilor DelBuono  
- Would keep the level at the preceding level for the current budget.  

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Anest - No  
Councilor Arace - No  
Councilor Budrejko - Yes  
Councilor DelBuono - Yes  
Councilor Manke - Yes  
Councilor Marocchini -No  
Councilor Miner - No  
Councilor Serra - No  
Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

- Motion failed 4-5 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

3. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 10831-8310, Parks & Recreation, Grounds Maintenance, Parks & Public Grounds, Other materials by $2,000.  
- Seconded by Councilor DelBuono  
- Would keep funding at current levels.  
- Councilor Anest questioned if this would be a reduction for benches. Councilor Manke indicated it was for benches.  

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Anest - Yes  
Councilor Arace - Yes  
Councilor Budrejko - Yes  
Councilor DelBuono - Yes  
Councilor Manke - Yes  
Councilor Marocchini -Yes  
Councilor Miner - Yes  
Councilor Serra - Yes  
Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

- Motion carried unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

4. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 10831-8306, Parks & Recreation, Grounds Maintenance, Parks & Public Grounds, Construction & Maintenance Materials by $4,000.  
- Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
• Would keep funding at current levels based on increase for the pavilion roof.
• Councilor Anest indicated that the current level was $13,000 and request was $17,500.
• Councilor Manke, seconded by Councilor DelBuono moved a motion to amend the reduction to $4,500. Motion to amend carried unanimously 9-0.
• Motion as amended to decrease Account Number 10831-8306, Parks & Recreation, Grounds Maintenance, Parks & Public Grounds, Construction & Maintenance Materials by $4,500.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini -Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

• Motion carried unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

5. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 14000-8601, Board of Education by $65,524.
• Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
• Would bring the Board of Education to a 2.9% increase, in line with the Town increase.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - No
Councilor Arace - No
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini -No
Councilor Miner - No
Councilor Serra - No
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

• Motion failed 3-6 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

6. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 11100-8501, CIP Transfer to Parks & Grounds by $100,000.
• Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
• The amount after reduction is $25,000 over last year

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - No
Councilor Arace - No  
Councilor Budrejko - Yes  
Councilor DelBuono - Yes  
Councilor Manke - Yes  
Councilor Marocchini - No  
Councilor Miner - No  
Councilor Serra - No  
Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

- **Motion failed 4-5 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.**

7. **Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 11100-8501, Transfer to CIP for Synthetic Turf Field Replacement reserve by $25,000.**
   - **Seconded by Councilor DelBuono**
   - **Recommendation to transfer to the Parks & Rec CIP Fund**

   Roll Call Vote:
   - Councilor Anest - No  
   - Councilor Arace - No  
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes  
   - Councilor DelBuono - Yes  
   - Councilor Manke - Yes  
   - Councilor Marocchini - No  
   - Councilor Miner - No  
   - Councilor Serra - No  
   - Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

   - **Motion failed 4-5 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.**

8. **Councilor Manke moved to decrease Account Number 11100-8501, Transfer to CIP, Townwide Fiber Optic Development by $175,000.**
   - **Seconded by Councilor DelBuono**
   - **Would keep current level of funding from the previous year.**

   Roll Call Vote:
   - Councilor Anest - No  
   - Councilor Arace - No  
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes  
   - Councilor DelBuono - Yes  
   - Councilor Manke - Yes  
   - Councilor Marocchini - No  
   - Councilor Miner - No  
   - Councilor Serra - No  
   - Mayor Zartarian - Yes  

   - **Motion failed 4-5 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.**

9. **Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 11100-8502, Transfer to Public Building Fund for Highway Garage by $25,000.**
   - **Seconded by Councilor Marocchini**
• Not necessary to include funds this year for with proposals going out in the following years, $25,000 would not make much of a change.

• Councilor DelBuono concerned to not have funds built up as we go along.
  Roll Call Vote:
  Councilor Anest - Yes
  Councilor Arace - Yes
  Councilor Budrejkto - No
  Councilor DelBuono - No
  Councilor Manke - No
  Councilor Marocchini - Yes
  Councilor Miner - Yes
  Councilor Serra - Yes
  Mayor Zartarian - No

• Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

10. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 14000-8601, Board of Education by $269,373.
  • Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
  • Reduction would reduce to a 2.63 % increase based on the caucus compromise.
  • Councilor DelBuono questioned if the amount was random or based upon a target number.
  • Councilor Anest indicated that it was a caucus compromise but could fluctuate going forward.
  • Councilor Manke questioned if the reduction was a percentage. Councilor Anest indicated that it was to bring the increase to 2.63%
  Roll Call Vote:
  Councilor Anest - Yes
  Councilor Arace - Yes
  Councilor Budrejkto - No
  Councilor DelBuono - No
  Councilor Manke - No
  Councilor Marocchini - Yes
  Councilor Miner - No Yes
  Councilor Serra - Yes
  Mayor Zartarian - No

• Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

11. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 10956-8218, Transfer to Community Public Television by $2,500.
  • Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
  • Looking to bring the funding to $7,500 like last year although it was restore, to be in line with donations to the Veterans of the Fire Department and the Memorial Day Parade.
Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

• Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

12. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 10220-8403, Public Safety, Police Department, Police Vehicles, Passenger Cars by $43,903
• Seconded by Councilor Serra
• Coming out of their regular fleet. Last year they received two (2) vehicles, and proposing to keep it the same as last year. With the change in vehicle types and not knowing if they would be available and the need to purchase equipment of the vehicles the following year.
• Councilor DelBuono was concerned with shorting the Police Department a vehicle for a second year in a row.
• Councilor Marocchini requested the Town Manager to determine if there would be any grace period between old and new vehicles before the next budget meeting.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

• Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

13. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 10644-8402, Senior Center Fitness Equipment by $4,000.
• Seconded by Councilor Serra
• Proposing to fund the POS equipment, last year new gym equipment machine was purchased.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

- Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

14. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Account Number 11100-8501, Transfer to CIP, BOE Buses by $200,000
   - Seconded by Councilor Serra
   - Money was transferred into their transportation fund from the diesel spill, these funds could be utilized for the bus purchases.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

- Motion carried unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

15. Councilor Anest moved to increase Unsecured Fund Balance by $100,000
   - Seconded by Councilor Arace
   - Proposing to increase to $1.2 million to offset the overall budget increase.
   - Councilor Manke was concerned with using Fund Balance to pay bills.
   - Councilor DelBuono indicated using these funds was a past practice but was concerned with lowering the Fund Balance any further.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

- Motion carried 5-4 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.
16. Councilor Anest moved to increase Account Number 10957-8218, Insurance-Miscellaneous NVFD Veterans by $2,500
   • Seconded by Councilor Serra
   • Was cut last year looking to fund to the same level as the Veterans Day Parade.
   • Councilor Miner spoke to the multiple agencies they support, scholarship program and additional structure purchases for storage.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Councilor Anest - Yes
   Councilor Arace - Yes
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini -Yes
   Councilor Miner - Yes
   Councilor Serra - Yes
   Mayor Zartarian - Yes

   • Motion carried unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.

17. Councilor Anest moved to increase Account Number 10957-8403, Insurance-Miscellaneous, 150th Anniversary by $5,000
   • Seconded by Councilor Manke
   • Committee starting and supplying seed money for them to start their efforts.
   • Councilor Manke supported the increase and indicated that the 125th Anniversary committee received funds from the town to assist with their startup efforts.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Councilor Anest - Yes
   Councilor Arace - Yes
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini -Yes
   Councilor Miner - Yes
   Councilor Serra - Yes
   Mayor Zartarian - Yes

   • Motion carried unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above Roll Call vote.
   • Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director indicated the proposed Mil Rate would be 39.41, an increase of 2.36% or .91 mils.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)
   A. Visit from the State Legislators
      • Addressed prior to Old Business on the Amended Agenda
B. Discussion – Formation of a Town-wide Public Building Committee

- Mayor Zartarian reviewed previous history of research completed regarding surrounding towns. The Committee would allow for review of our town facilities to determine improvements they will be required.
- Councilor Manke felt it was important to determine the status of our facilities and which structures are in need to repair. Would not support as the committee to review all projects.
- Councilor Anest indicated it was reviewed during the Goal Setting meeting of January 20, 2016. Suggested sharing that information with the Council members.
- Councilor Marocchini indicated concern with long-term staffing of the committee.
- Councilor Manke felt that the initial reviews were completed it would be easy to update the information to keep it current.
- Councilor Miner suggested several structures that should be reviewed as well of town assets.

C. Cancellation of the March 26, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting (Waiver Requested)

- Councilor DelBuono moved the following:
  
  RESOLVED:
  
  The Newington Town Council, in accordance with Section 12 of the Town Council, Rules of Procedure, adopted May 10, 2016, hereby moves to allow action on Agenda Item VIII.C, to cancel the Regular Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2019.

  - Seconded by Councilor Manke
  - Motion to waive action carried unanimously 9-0

- Councilor Manke moved the following:
  
  RESOLVED:
  
  That the Newington Town Council hereby amends its approved meeting schedule by canceling its Regular Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2019.

  - Seconded by Councilor Anest
  - Public Participation – None
  - Motion carried unanimously 9-0

IX. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Resignation-Library Board of Trustees

- Councilor Manke moved the following:
  
  RESOLVED:
  
  That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation, with regrets, of Patricia Foley as a member of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in accordance with correspondence received March 11, 2019, and effective immediately.

  - Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
Councilor DelBuono thanked Ms. Foley for her years of service to the Library.

Motion carried unanimously 9-0

X. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)
A. Approval of March 25, 2019 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Councilor Budrejko moved the following:
RESOLVED:
That property tax refunds in the amount of $2,543.08 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 Marocchini

Motion carried unanimously 9-0

XI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
A. March 4, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
B. March 12, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes
C. March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
D. March 14, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Councilor Anest, seconded by Councilor Serra moved to adopt the minutes as published above.

Councilor Budrejko requested to revise the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, Page 9; (Bolded bullet added as part of amended minutes.)
- Councilors stated there is no charge.
- Councilor Budrejko stated that she paid $10 to get a metal chair picked up.
- Subsequently Councilors recalled that there is a charge for scrap metal pickup.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended carried unanimously 9-0.

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

Tanya D. Lane, Town Manager reviewed:

- Affordable Housing Moratorium-Identified as something Legislative delegation could assist the town with. Mayor and Town Manager met with Senator Lesser & Representative Turco for assistance. They have supplied forms to allow for review if the town met the threshold. Data is still being gathered to determine if the town would qualify for a moratorium. Should it be determined that the town meets the threshold, there would be several steps prior to a Council vote to implement a moratorium.
- Charter Oak- Possible location on the strip of land along Cedar Street running between the Town Hall and Library. Contacted Maggie Redfern, Interim Director of the College of the Arboretum, and supplied a page and picture showing the Charter Oak. Still in the process of confirming the authenticity, but the posting for removal has been removed for the time being. Town Historian believes one may be on the Library property.
• Councilor Manke suggested adding a plaque once it is confirmed.
• Ms. Lane indicated that once confirmed a plaque will be added to the tree location.
• Mayor Zartarian indicated that there is a YouTube video outlining Charter Oaks in Connecticut and the video shows it in that location.
• Councilor Anest questioned if they would be able to work around the tree for construction.
• Ms. Lane indicated it would not impact the building but some site grading may affect the tree.
• Mayor Zartarian indicated that the Public Hearing for the Town Council Tentative Budget will be held on April 2nd at 6:00 P.M.

XIII. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Councilor Manke attended the Youth Adult Council, Annual Hoopla Event on Friday. Great event and commended Sandy Pilz on organizing the event.

• Councilor Marocchini indicated that the Building Committee met to introduce Colliers International, the Owners Representative Project Manager to the committee. Reviewed their duties to the committee. Downes reviewed their schedule. Transitional Academy work will start to prepare it for demolition. Ground breaking will take place on April 1st at 4 P.M.

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)
(3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

• Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive:
  • Disgusted with the Town Plan and Zoning Commission members attitude with Staff during a previous meeting. Hopes that the proposed plaque will not be placed on the tree directly. Hopes that the town will receive some state assistance with the upcoming dredging proposal in $2.5 million instead for roadway projects.

XV. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

• Councilor DelBuono reviewed the process of the budget adoption going forward, up to the adoption on April 16th at 7:00 P.M. Requested the public to call or supply email regarding what they would like to see in the propose budget prior to adoption.

• Councilor Anest questioned if individuals to call into the Public Hearing. The Mayor indicated they were not able to but could supply emails that may be read into the record.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

• Councilor Marocchini, seconded by Councilor DelBuono moved a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 9-0.
• Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Krupienski
Acting Recording Secretary