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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL
   Councilor Braverman
   Deputy Mayor Budrejko
   Councilor Camillo
   Councilor Donahue
   Councilor Manke
   Councilor Nagel
   Councilor Page (left meeting at 7:30 p.m.)
   Councilor Radda
   Mayor DelBuono

Staff Attendees:
Keith Chapman, Town Manager
Janet Murphy, Finance Director
Gary Fuerstenberg, Town Engineer
Paul Boutot, Director of Information
Fauna Eller, Town Assessor
James E. Krupienski, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

Also present
Lou Jachimowicz, Newington BOE, Chief Finance and Operations Officer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Councilor Manke moved that Item 4A be removed. Seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed 9-0.

4. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS
   *Chair Recognition tabled until in person meetings resume.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)
   (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ITEMS IN GENERAL)
   A. Public Comments
      • None
   B. Email Correspondence
      • None

6. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
   • None
7. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Health Update – COVID-19
- Keith Chapman stated town hall back on lock down. COVID just not going away; all four towns are in the red. Cautious of what is going on.
- Meghan Manke stated we saw a huge incline in the beginning to mid-April. As of last Thursday, positive rate is 26.7%. At least 10 departments have cases of COVID. Need to come up with a plan that will sustain us; will reassess. In this for the long haul.
- Mayor DelBuono asked what it means we’re in lockdown.
- Mr. Chapman stated that all doors except one will be locked. Need to check in at desk prior to coming into the building. Town Hall is running at full operation. Pre-K program children need to be protected. Will check with health director. Each town to decide how to handle public buildings.
- Councilor Manke asked how many staff are vaccinated.
- Ms. Manke stated that they do not have that information.
- Councilor Manke stated that we do not mandate them to be vaccinated.
- Ms. Manke stated no.
- Mr. Chapman stated he is fully vaccinated, but has COVID. Feel like I have a slight cold.
- Ms. Manke stated that there was a period of time where a lot of employees had COVID with no symptoms; new cases people have been symptomatic.
- Councilor Radda asked how this impacts the public schools. What is the impact on emergency services? Any need to for additional distribution of masks and home test kits.
- Mr. Chapman stated that we have no involvement with the BOE regarding COVID.
- Ms. Manke stated that there is a small number of people out; not worried about that. We do have test kits and plenty of masks. If anyone is interested they can contact me. Public Safety Day on June 4th and Human Services Fair on June 4th.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that programs in the Senior Center and Library are still going on, but only with mask requirements.
- Mr. Chapman stated yes, we have not eliminated any programs or services.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated she thinks this is going to be like an annual event like the flu, some offices have temperature scanners, wonder if we can use some of the COVID funds to purchase temperature scanners at the Senior Center and Town Hall.
- Mr. Chapman stated that he will look into that.
- Councilor Radda suggested that would be useful at the Library as well.
- Councilor Nagel stated that the Library Board is meeting via Zoom as well. Just going with the flow.

B. Update on ARPA Project Funding
- Ms. Murphy stated that this is an update on our spending. We will be receiving the same amount of $4,441,330.42 in June. Year to date we have spent $657,818.96 and have encumbered $1,344,057.57. We are asking to continue spending of these funds for the proposed projects listed on this sheet. Proposed projects include town fiber optics/broadband for $1.5 million; land records back indexing for $183,360; some drainage projects which include Pheasant Run for $50,000, Fisk-Gilbert for $100,000 and Moreland for $750,000 and some CCTV Inspection Equipment for $75,000. I’ve added brief projects for each one of these projects. Gary, Paul and James can provide explanations.
- Councilor Manke asked about the town fiber optics project.
- Mr. Boutot stated he’s one of the COVID victims; we are down 50% in IT. Everyone in my department has been vaccinated along with their boosters.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we have to protect the ability to conduct town business. With half the department out we need to make sure the other half doesn’t get sick.
Mr. Boutot stated this was not an eligible item first time around but with some modifications it was included in expanding or bringing different levels of services and think that we qualify. What we’re looking at doing, and what we don’t currently have in place, is our wide area network of buildings that are detached from the town hall, except for our immediate campus, has fiber optic connectivity; everything in our campus buildings work on high speed internet. What’s not connected is our highway garage, our fire departments, our parks and grounds annex; those particular locations use a thin client technology with slower speed internet connections. They can do their jobs but not at the level we have in our main campus buildings. We are also looking to add additional exterior access points for hot spots within the community. Outside the library is state hot spot, along with the senior and disabled center there is state hot spot location. We are looking to either lease or pay for dark fiber to be pulled out to all five fire companies, parks and grounds annex, our ambulance buildings; we have select parks that we think would benefit from having it – Mill Pond Park, Clem Lemire Field, Churchill Park annex. That would also allow us to put in CCTV for security purposes; controls for gates; and things of that nature. With that fiber backbone we can connect back to the town network infrastructure and deliver services.

Councilor Manke stated it’s just connecting town facilities and parks with to the network.

Mr. Boutot stated that we could also put access point that could be used free of charge for the public. At the highway garage it would only be used during business hours. It will allow us to have areas where the police cars can park and they can actually connect wirelessly back to the town securely instead of using a cellular connection. Do have some projects we can accomplish with this connectivity.

Ms. Murphy stated that the federal government changed requirements for the use of these funds. If you received under $10 million the put in place that this can be claimed as lost revenue and used for any governmental service the town usually performs.

Mr. Boutot stated that this not competing with companies putting fiber optics in residences. The vendor we will using an agnostic provider. The benefit of leasing is that we can have connectivity within 180 days to some of these buildings. Building our own fiber optics could take up to 2 ½ years because of the permitting process. We are looking at an infrastructure that would be in place for 20 years and would renegotiate lease terms at that time. Dark fiber would be utilized where it makes sense; for example we can pull our own from the town hall to Mill Pond.

Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that this is a great idea. It got me thinking... communication in general, these projects are all valid and originated from department needs. Something that came from the public is our town’s website, it’s not ideal, but many people have issues navigating it. To me this is related to communication. The public can go to the town site and get the real scoop. Has that idea been dropped?

Ms. Murphy stated that has not been dropped. I’ve gone onto other town’s website and they all look like ours; not a whole lot of difference and some are worse. Really need to explore options before we go ahead with a project like that.

Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that once you get it you should consider having a test panel of people from the senior center, just people in the public doing a beta test and working with it and listening to them. Wondering if any of this is going to help NCTV at all in terms of helping them with some of the issues they’ve been having.

Councilor Donahue stated that they are in the town hall and have their own fiber coming into the building so we don’t partake in the town fiber.

Councilor Radda asked when the work on the three different drainage projects will begin and how long will that take. Would also like more of a description or explanation of the CCTV inspection equipment.

Gary Fuerstenberg stated that the Pheasant Run drainage project is shovel ready project tend it’s ready to go. The Fisk-Gilbert project and the Brookside Avenue project – we are starting from scratch; need to start with a survey. Not shovel ready and will probably need to hire a consultant to get those moving forward. The CCTV equipment is closed circuit television equipment we can
use to do our own inspections. We currently don't have that equipment or any similar to it and are at the mercy of the MDC who will occasionally come when they are in town inspecting their pipes, they'll inspect one or two of our pipes if they are in the neighborhood; otherwise we hire this task out. We have lots of aging pipe infrastructure and we don’t know its condition beyond the catch basins and manholes. The CCTV equipment consists of a camera, robotic hardware and software that we can use to inspect pipes at every angle.

- Councilor Radda asked if this equipment could have been used to inspect the pipes at Anna Reynolds.
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated that was done by a consultant and it was poor, at best and we got what we paid for.
- Councilor Nagel stated that he thinks the town website needs to be looked at. He was looking through it today and could not find things and found it clunky at times. I'm highly in favor of doing that project since that should be the go to place for people to get information on what's happening in town. Don't want them going to Facebook for information. Regarding the drainage projects – all three are long running and I'm glad to see that they are going to be addressed. It's one of the major problems in certain sections of town on a continual basis. On the Pheasant Run project, can you explain to me what a swale is?
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated a swale is just a fancy name for a ditch. It's very subtle and will run along the property lines and the residents will be able to maintain it.
- Councilor Nagel asked if that will run into a drain or something already there.
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated yes, it will tie into a drainage system in Pheasant Run.
- Councilor Nagel stated he has something similar next to his property. Is the drainage project due in part because of the growth of trees over the pipes or is it just a combination of different things.
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated the one on Fisk and Gilbert does have a lot to do with the trees growing over and damaging the pipe, hopefully we'll be able to salvage the pipe, and otherwise we will have to replace 160 feet of pipe.
- Councilor Nagel stated he is glad to see the camera equipment being sought after it really can get to the source of what is happening or not happening. Glad you are using the funds to purchase the equipment. Any more information on the equipment other than what you've already shared?
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated that once the funding is approved we can get into greater details.
- Councilor Manke stated that one place says Brookside Avenue and another says Mooreland Avenue, it should be the same in both places. It should be Brookside, correct?
- Mr. Fuerstenberg stated that is a typo; it should be Brookside.
- Ms. Murphy stated that we did award $265,000 worth of small business grants and non-profits. We had pledged $500,000 and you will see there is still money available; I want to reopen this program for people in the fall for the remaining $230,000 we have left. After we closed this out I had at least five or six businesses contact me. I hope you are all in support of reopening it again I the fall and give people who missed it another shot at it.
- Mayor DelBono stated that is a great idea. We want to support our small businesses.
- Town Clerk Krupienski asked if anyone had any questions on the land record one. We are looking at a back filing project that would take us back to day one 1871. It's a 281 volume project and it's expected to take up about almost 100,000 instruments. The vendor will provide a digital image and they will do the indexing off the physical image and will put that onto our system. We will the images backed up onto microfilm that will be accessible in any event if we need access offsite. It will take a few years to do the project, but should meet the grant requirement deadline. The hardest part will be the books, some are small, some are large and some are actually still bound and sewn together and that will need to be outsourced for imaging but that will be separate funding under our preservation fund. Once everything is available, title searchers, attorneys, the public will be able to access those records 24 hours a day on our website. Accessibility opens so much more for everything.
C. Amendment to the FY 2022-23 Revenue Resolution, as Adopted

- Ms. Murphy stated that the state capped the motor vehicle tax at 32.46 mills; our current tax rate is 38.49. Any towns that have adopted theirs have to go back and amend it. When I amended it, I had to go back to what we were claiming off the grand list for motor vehicles and do some adaptations of it. We used to use a percentage between property tax and motor vehicle tax, but I had to strictly do motor vehicle by itself. So when you look at estimated revenues of current taxes have gone down $2,819,926, the motor vehicle went up because I'm basing it on what the grand list is using the 32.45 mill rate that went up a little over a million dollars. You will also see that state funding and state aid went up and that is the amount we received.

- Councilor Manke asked if this is a one year thing.

- Ms. Murphy stated no. This is kind of for good and this is the first year they said they would fully reimburse us. It's going to be like pilot money was for us. In the beginning we fully reimburse, then we will start to lower and lower.

- Councilor Manke stated that for next year's budget we'll already be in the hole because they've capped our revenue.

- Ms. Murphy stated yeah, they have capped our revenue.

- Town Manager Chapman stated it's like the manufacturing; the state currently owes us over $40 million and failure to pay us.

- Ms. Murphy stated that the original proposed was $2,666,721 and they brought that down to $1,726,165 so we took a little bit of a hit.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated it was originally $2 million, why did they reduce that?

- Ms. Murphy stated they didn't say; that was the original proposal and they probably thought it was too rich and almost everybody went down in the amount of money they were getting.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that you said they were going to make us whole and reimbursing us based on 100% collection rate versus what we have.

- Ms. Murphy stated yes and she doesn't think they use the most up-to-date grand list numbers.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked when we will get the reimbursement.

- Ms. Murphy stated it will come throughout the year like any of their other grants. We will probably see it about the same time we see our other pilot money which is usually in the fall.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated we will get it this budget year.

- Ms. Murphy stated yes.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That the Estimated Revenues Resolution #2022-62, adopted on 4/19/2022 be amended to read as follows:

That, in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of the Town of Newington, the following General Fund estimated revenues be raised to meet these appropriations:

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPLIED FUND BALANCE**

$134,023,411

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent).

D. Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Mill Rate, as Adopted

- Ms. Murphy stated that we need to break out in the resolution that the motor vehicle tax is 32.46 mills and now the mill rate for everything else is 38.49 which is a slight increase from the 38.47 we had prior.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated this is effective July 1st. Is that giving your office and the tax office enough time? Are there a lot of revisions that need to be made within the system?
- Ms. Murphy stated yes. As soon as we get this approved tonight, I bring it over to tax and they bring it to quality who I’m sure they are doing it for multiple towns; it is something they are used to doing.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

**RESOLVED:**

That the Mill Rate Adoption Resolution #2022-64, approved on 4/19/2022 be amended to read as follows:

In accordance with Section 805 of the Town Charter of the Town of Newington, the Town Council hereby fixes a tax rate of 38.49 mills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, which shall be levied on taxable real and personal properties and in accordance with CGS § 417-418 there shall be a tax rate of 32.46 mills for motor vehicles property in the Town of Newington listed on the October 1, 2021 Grand List, and said tax shall become due and payable in accordance with Section 43-1 of the Newington Code of Ordinances. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to make out and sign the mill rate bill in accordance with this motion.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent).

8. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Resignation – Economic Development Commission

Motion by Councilor Manke

**RESOLVED:**
That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Jennifer Ancona, as a member of the Economic Development Commission, in accordance with email correspondence dated May 2, 2022, and effective immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent).

9. REFUNDS (Action Requested)
   A. Approval of May 10, 2022 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of $69,462.53 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 Nagel. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent).

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
    A. April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
    B. April 26, 2022 Public Hearing – EQC Amendment
    C. April 26, 2022 Public Hearing – PMBC Creation
    D. April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion Councilor Manke to accept the above meeting minutes; seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent).

11. NEW BUSINESS
    A. Introduction – Town Assessor Fauna Eller
       - Town Manager Chapman stated that Fauna is a great addition to Newington and the best person we could have gotten to replace Steve. Haven’t skipped a beat and very happy she is on board with us.
       - Ms. Eller stated she came from the Town of Wethersfield was there for 7 years. I am a certified general appraiser. Did that before coming into field of assessment. Before Wethersfield worked in Groton as their assistant assessor. I have a lot of real estate background valuing as well as assessment experience. I’m happy to bring this all to the town of Newington and join the team.
       - Mayor DelBuono stated welcome, we are happy to have you on board. Have heard nothing but wonderful things about you. Nice to meet you here, can’t wait to meet you in person.
       - Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated welcome to Fauna; you know you have big shoes to fill. Feel confident that Newington did a great job in choosing Steve’s successor. Hope you have a long and successful career here.
       - Councilor Radda welcomed Fauna. Hope someday in the near future I will come, with my mask, and visit and say hello to you.
    B. Annual Appointment of Auditor
       - Ms. Murphy stated that this is done annually. Last year on 4 year contract with them. Will be going out to RFP next year. Name change to Clifton Larsen Allen.
    C. Agent of Record – Property/Casualty-Life
       - Councilor Manke stated that they put out an RFP and interviewed one firm who responded to RFP and fees have not changed from previous years. Agreed to go ahead with the firm. Have been using USI for a number of years and are very responsive. This is just for liability insurance.
    D. John Patterson Parking Lot Improvement §8-24 Referral
Mr. Jachimowicz stated that over the past 7 years have had a significant parking crunch; have only 75 spaces, need for 100. Have done preliminary work to identify underground utility issues. Scope of work will be to add parking area on the west side of the school facing Church Street, the front lot will be modified for a cut though of the side walk for passage of cars leaving the parking lot and to exit out onto Halleran and you can only take a right hand turn leaving that parking area. This will make it an easy drop off area. Handicapped spaces will be moved to right next to the front door. Increasing size of the storm drainage capacity. All are good improvements for the school. Also very valuable to all weekend sports that occur at John Paterson School. We have a number of state contract components line up already or our own town contracts. The only item going out to bid is for the site contractor to do work primarily along the west side of the school.

- Councilor Braverman asked when this will this start and be done.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated he hopes to start right after school gets out. The bid project will be out by Friday with a return date of May 27th and if all goes well award contract first week of June. We’ve had preliminary conversations with a number of people to line things up and get organized to eliminate time risk with construction shortages for materials and things like that. Obviously we haven’t signed contracts with anyone other than to do the initial prep work.
- Councilor Donahue asked if the new plan was for the drop to come in from Church Street to the new sidewalk.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that will be correct. We are going to have all traffic coming on Church Street where you can go straight to park or you can turn left to navigate the entire roadway. All the arrows on the plan are the traffic control pattern.
- Councilor Donahue stated his question is at Church and Halleran there is a stop sign. Has anybody looked at the queuing effect of having people stop in the middle of Church Street and is there enough room to get a car by on the right hand side?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that we are not anticipating that kind of problem. We were counting on approx. 18 cars in the cue as a maximum at any point in time. The town engineer expressed no concerns at all regarding that type of issue.
- Councilor Donahue stated that he’s been there in the morning and it’s congested, but if the town engineer is on board, I’m good.
- Councilor Manke asked what the cost of the project is.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated he’s estimated it to be around $500 thousand to do everything.
- Councilor Manke asked where the money is coming from.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that will be coming out of the board of education CIP account.
- Councilor Radda asked to clarify one more time the entrance will be on Church Street and the exit will be Halleran.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated where the driveway gets chocked down you will turn right and pass across the front of the school and exit onto Halleran.
- Councilor Radda stated that people won’t be able to exit out onto Church Street.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated no, not onto Church Street.
- Councilor Radda stated people like to come and go as they please, just want to make sure it is well marked.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated they have a security vehicle for each of the schools. They will control traffic coming in during high use times.
- Councilor Donahue asked where the busses go?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated they have a bus loop which is not on the plan.
- Mayor DelBuono asked if the council has access to the original diagrams. Very hard to read and process as it is now on the screen.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated yes, you all have it in your shared folder.
COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilor Nagel stated he attended library board meeting returning to masks and policies set by town.; the Friends of the Library shed has been removed, waiting for new improved storage facility to arrive which will provide more storage; having a mini book sale on June 11th as part of town wide tag sale. A feasibility study in progress for renovated and enlarged library; that is moving forward, not sure if they will have it in time for referendum in the fall or not. Question regarding new facilities building committee and what needs to be done regarding their current building committee; what is the policy? Do they disband it? Remaining virtual. They are in the process of changing policies with council approval if necessary. The road race is on the 15th. On the 27th of last month attended CROG meeting; some updates in terms of rail program still no federal funds available. Some TIP projects regarding improvements to I-91 have been approved. Discussed hiring a consulting firm regarding closing of waste management facility.

- Councilor Donahue stated that at NCTV did promotion, a PSA, Alcohol Poisoning - When Drinking Turns Dangerous, done with Sandy Goldstein and Scott Allo over at NEMS. We submitted it to the National Alliance for Community Media Awards and we took Best of Community Producer. It’s a big deal to us because we were competing with stations with $300 thousand budgets. Trying to figure out if we can send someone to receive the award. Think the award ceremony is going to be zoomed live, we may be able to pick that up and broadcast it.

- Mayor DelBuono impressed that you have been recognized and excited. The content is so needed and necessary, especially for our teens.

- Councilor Donahue stated that it’s been shown in 52 towns in Connecticut; and now we are going to be shown at the national conference. It’s a PSA so it’s mixed in, only 3 ½ minutes. I can send the link to you.

- Councilor Manke stated he, along with other councilors, attended the Fire Department awards; congratulation to all who won awards that night. Amazing at how many people have served for the number of years they have.

- Mayor DelBuono stated it was amazing of the generations of people, it’s a tradition they are passing on. Amazing to see people willing to put their lives on the line as volunteers. Honor to attend.

- Councilor Radda stated she is liaison to both the Economic Development Commission and the Aging Services. For ED there have been no meetings in the past few months - have been asked why they can’t achieve quorum. Haven’t had meeting for Aging Services yet, unfortunately. What is the reason for that?

- Mayor DelBuono stated that she doesn’t know specifics on those particular ones. Discussed at leadership the need for persons on committees.

- Councilor Manke stated that we have discussed this and are working on filling positions.

- Councilor Nagel stated that he is liaison to Senior & Disabled Center; they too are seeking to fill positions; can’t get quorum so they can’t get things passed.

- Mayor DelBuono stated that people can still serve de facto even if their term is expired. Please remind people of that.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that someone should inform the public that Independents or unaffiliated persons can also apply to be on committees.

- Mr. Chapman stated is needs to be a word of mouth situation to participate if they desire; community outreach.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked who do independents or unaffiliated get in touch with if they are interested? Contact both parties? The town clerk?

- Mr. Chapman stated that they should contact James Krupienski at the town clerk’s office if they are interested and James can guide them.
14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)
(3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ITEMS IN GENERAL)
• None

15. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS
• Councilor Radda asked if there was an issue with her and Councilor Page’s photos being put up on the website.
• James stated that he has been in contact with the IT department; issues with format of pictures. Will be up shortly.

16. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
A. Town-wide Tag Sale, Presented by the 150th Anniversary Steering Committee
   • June 11th – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
   • Subscribe on Eventbrite. No charge.
B. Parks & Recreation 2022 Concert Series
   • Thursdays at Mill Pond Gazebo
   • Saturday and Sundays at Downtown Municipal Parking Lot
C. BAPS Charities Walk/Run – Updated Flyer
   • Sunday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in support of Newington Police department
D. Human Services Wellness Resource Fair
   • June 4th from 10am – 2pm at the Walmart parking lot.
   • Councilor Donahue stated that the church in Newington center is celebrating 300 years and they are having a block party on Saturday, May 14th.

17. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. by Councilor Manke; seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk