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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR BETH DELBUONO
NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2022

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James E. Krupinski
Town Clerk

This meeting was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.

Mayor DelBuono called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 *(via Zoom)*
 Councilor Radda
 Mayor DelBuono

Staff Attendees:

Keith Chapman, Town Manager *(via Zoom)*
 Renata Bertotti, Town Planner *(via Zoom)*
 Bill DeMaio, Superintendent Parks & Recreation *(via Zoom)*
 Janet Murphy, Finance Director *(via Zoom)*
 James E. Krupinski, Town Clerk
 Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk *(via Zoom)*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Manke to amend agenda by adding under section 8, Resignations and Appointments, add appointment to the Central Connecticut Health District, Item C.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

A. Proclamation – July is National Recreation and Parks Month

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

PROCLAMATION - NRPA – July is National Recreation and Parks Month

WHEREAS; the Newington Parks and Recreation Department was founded in 1956 with the goal to make Newington a better place to live, work, and play, and

WHEREAS; July is deemed National Recreation and Parks Month by the National Recreation and Parks Association, and

WHEREAS; The Newington Parks and Recreation Department touches the lives of every single one of Newington’s over 30,000 residents throughout their lifetime through programs, events, grounds maintenance, parks, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; Our mission is to bring business, education, and social services together to provide the best accessible programs, parks, facilities, and services to all people, and

WHEREAS; the Newington Parks and Recreation Department has over 1,000 programs to offer to Newington residents each year that garner over 8,000 registrations, and

WHEREAS; the Department brings residents countless events throughout the year and has been awarded the very prestigious Program of Merit Award for their two largest events; the Life. Be in it. Extravaganza and Motorcycle Madness, by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association; and

WHEREAS; the Recreation Division accommodates over 80,000 visits annually to the Mortensen Community Center, and

WHEREAS; the Department has forged essential public/private partnerships with numerous organizations and businesses in Newington, CT and surrounding towns that help to make our events and programming possible;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED; the Newington Town Council recognizes the vital role that Parks and Recreation plays in their local communities and joins with every resident of the great Town of Newington to celebrate the outstanding Parks and Recreation Department's accessible programs and facilities.

Dated in Newington, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2022.

Seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed 9-0.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated she wanted to congratulate Bill DeMaio and the staff who work year round to help build a strong, vibrant community with the events and activities they offer to the town of Newington and its residents. Thank you for your contribution to our town.
- Councilor Manke stated Bill and his staff make our parks accessible to everyone; thank you for all you do.
- Mayor DelBuono stated she too wanted to thank Bill and his staff for all they do. Nice to they were recognized by the state for two of their programs. They all do an incredible job making sure they target all of our residents. Truly appreciate efforts of all of those in the Parks and Recreation department.
- Bill DeMaio stated he wanted to thank the mayor and town council for this recognition; also the businesses that have come forward and have developed public private partnerships. Most of all he wants to recognize the staff that I get the honor and privilege to lead. We have nothing but the best here in parks, recreation and cemeteries. So proud of their hard work. Put them up against anybody in the state. Wanted to let everyone know that the well company is at Young Farm and the garden plots will be ready to go soon. Thank you for the opportunity and support.

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

A. Public Comments

- Mortensen, town has changed immensely. Charter revision is to change things. Town manager residency requirements are antiquated and should be removed from the Charter. You want the best person for the job and if that is a requirement you will not be getting that. A good town manager is knowledgeable, experienced, saves on staff, creates economic development.

B. Email Correspondence

- None

6. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mayor DelBuono thanked Mr. Mortenson for coming forward and at the Charter revision meetings; not a lot of public participation; appreciate you coming forward. Made me think about it being constitutional.

7. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Appropriation Transfer for 2021-2022

1. Additional Appropriation/Special Appropriation

- Janet Murphy stated this is similar to mid-year transfers in January and this is housekeeping. A majority of this is due to meetings and public notices. Contingency will still have approx. \$124,000. Also requesting the money from Indian Hill Country Club roof moved to repair the sidewalks.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko pleased to see money left over for Indian Hill Country Club roof remaining with the country club to repair the sidewalks. Glad we are able to that this year. It is a unique gem to Newington.
- Ms. Murphy stated that Joe Salamone came to me with the recommendation to do the repairs at Indian Hill.

Motion by Councilor Radda

CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with Section 808 of the Town Charter, I hereby certify that there exists, free from encumbrances, in the following appropriations in General Fund, the amounts listed below:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
960	Contingency	\$10,000

Janet Murphy, Director of Finance

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby transfers the above-certified funds to the following accounts in the General Fund:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
110	Town Council	\$4,000
170	Town Clerk	\$5,000
460	Conservation Commission	\$1,000

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

Motion by Councilor Manke

CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with Section 808 of the Town Charter, I hereby certify that there exists, free from encumbrances, in the following appropriations in General Fund, the amounts listed below:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
31110-88005	Indian Hill Country Club Roof	\$8,993.20

Janet Murphy, Director of Finance

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby transfers the above-certified funds to the following accounts in the General Fund:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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30310-88515 Sidewalks/Pavers/Curbs \$8,993.20

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

2. Additional Appropriation – Camp Ave Study/West Meadow Cemetery Roadways

- Ms. Murphy stated that we originally going to use this money for milling and paving of Camp Avenue and were getting municipal grants from the state; approx. \$419,000 more than budgeted. That needs to be used on roads. During that meeting it was determined we would do a study. The town engineer got proposal and quotes to do the study. In addition to that we would use the remaining \$100,000 repair the roads at West Meadow Cemetery which are in poor shape.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with Section 807 of the Town Charter, I hereby certify that there exists, free from encumbrances, in the General Fund Balance, the amount listed below.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-4999F	Fund Balance	\$125,000

Janet Murphy, Director of Finance

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorize the special appropriation from the above-certified General Fund Balance to the following account in the Capital Improvement Fund:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30310-88819-3141	Camp Avenue Study	\$25,000
30310-88819	West Meadow Cemetery Road	\$100,000

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

B. Special Appropriation – Treasury Fund (Cemetery) to Cemetery Budget

- Ms. Murphy stated this is for 3 additional employees to work on cemeteries as explained to you by the town manager. In order to do this we need to approve a transfer from the fund balance to the cemetery fund.

Motion by Councilor Nagel

CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with Section 807 of the Town Charter, I hereby certify that there exists, free from encumbrances, in the Cemetery Fund Balance, the amount listed below.

Janet Murphy, Director of Finance

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20011-4999	Fund Balance	\$227,650

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorize the special appropriation from the above-certified Cemetery Fund Balance to the following account in the General Fund:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10832-8101	Full Time Salaries - Cemetery	\$195,156
10944-8220	Social Security	\$12,100
10945-8220	Medicare Taxes	\$2,830
10943-8220	Retirement	\$17,564

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

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that we are using a fund balance. Hiring three people seems like a significant increase; understand a lot of work needs to be done. Taking on three new people. Is this justified and available in the coming years to retain these people.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that by bringing in the three people is to play catchup. All cemeteries are in conditions that are not acceptable to the town of Newington. This will depend on how long it takes them to get the cemeteries on order. We may be able to reduce the number of employees. The parks and grounds department has many acres to take care of in town. There is a lot of work to get done; employees doing cemetery work now will get back to working on parks and grounds. Have discussed with Bill DeMaio and agree that this is a good time to get caught up.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko wants to make sure this is a sustainable plan.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the \$227,650 is not the entire balance of the fund; still significant balance in that account and will still collect money in order to maintain that fund.
- Councilor Manke stated that in future budgets we will just transfer more money out of the fund to do this.
- Ms. Murphy stated that is correct. We will assess every year as needed. The fund currently has a \$1.9 million balance.

C. Annual Suspense List

- Ms. Murphy stated that this is done annually. Just being done for accounting purposes; still collectable.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED,

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes a transfer in the amount of \$137,478.50 to the Suspense Tax Book for the list year 2020-2021. This action is being taken upon the recommendation of Corinne Aldinger, Revenue Collector, as shown on a revised report dated June 10, 2022.

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

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED,

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the outstanding balance from the 2006 Grand List in the amount of \$8,794.21 be removed from the Town's receivable assets as of June 30, 2022 as per the recommendation of Corinne Aldinger, Revenue Collector, as shown on a report dated June 10, 2022.

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

D. Newington High School Roof Replacement

- Town Manager Chapman stated that he is pleased to see materials and work going on at the High School. Started the project during spring break. Very pleased with contractor. Saving over \$5 million without going thru state reimbursement program. Project is on schedule and done before school opens in the fall.

Motion by Councilor Nagel

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, has been approached by the Board of Education regarding roof repairs to Newington High School; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is interested in repairing at least five (5) sections of the High School roof; and

WHEREAS, the Town has solicited a quote from Silktown Roofing of Manchester, CT to complete several roof areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, Silktown Roofing has acquired the necessary roofing materials to complete the repairs to multiple areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, Silktown Roofing is working to acquire the necessary roofing materials to complete additional areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, under the Newington Town Charter, Section C-814, hereby determines that it is not in the best interest of the Town to require sealed bids, due to the health and wellbeing of the affected employees and students within the School system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that at least the five (5) roof areas should be completed immediately and that additional areas should be completed once all necessary roofing materials have been acquired; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the outlined roof repairs should be funded through the use of the CIP, Town Buildings Roof Replacement and Repairs account.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Council hereby authorizes Keith Chapman, Town Manager to execute any and all necessary contracts with Silktown Roofing to complete the repairs to the Newington High School roof, as outlined above.

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

Motion by Councilor Donahue

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, has been approached by the Board of Education regarding roof repairs to Newington High School; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is interested in repairing at least four (4) sections of the High School roof; and

WHEREAS, the Town has solicited a quote from Architectural Sheet Metal of Manchester, CT to complete several roof areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, Architectural Sheet Metal has acquired the necessary roofing materials to complete the repairs to multiple areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, Architectural Sheet Metal is working to acquire the necessary roofing materials to complete additional areas, with a 30-year NDL Warranty upon final inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, under the Newington Town Charter, Section C-814, hereby determines that it is not in the best interest of the Town to require sealed bids, due to the health and wellbeing of the affected employees and students within the School system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby determines that at least the four (4) roof areas should be completed immediately and that additional areas should be completed once all necessary roofing materials have been acquired; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the outlined roof repairs should be funded through the use of the CIP, Town Buildings Roof Replacement and Repairs account.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Council hereby authorizes Keith Chapman, Town Manager to execute any and all necessary contracts with Architectural Sheet Metal to complete the repairs to the Newington High School roof, as outlined above.

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

E. Standing Insurance – Placement of Coverage

- Councilor Manke stated that our agent of record has recommend keeping CIRMA at this time. We also chose not to accept the rate lock at a 5% increase. The committee will be putting an RFP out in the future and will review coverage from other companies.

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with section 8-27(4)(a) of the Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the Standing Insurance Committee and directs USI Insurance Services, of Meriden, as the Town’s Agent of Record to place workers compensation, general liability, automobile liability, professional liability and umbrella coverage with the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, THAT:

The Town Council, upon recommendation of the Standing Insurance Committee, chooses not to accept the CIRMA rate lock offer at this time.

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

8. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

A. Appointment – Commission on Aging & Disabled

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council here by makes the following appointment:

Commission on Aging and Disabled

9 Members – three-year terms
Party Max: 6

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Jerilyn Nagel Member	1175 Willard Avenue	R	6/28/2022 – 11/30/2022	Reappointment of DeFacto term

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

B. Resignation(s) – Zoning Board of Appeals & Fair Rent Commission

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Audra Ekstrom from the Fair Rent Commission, in accordance with email communication received June 20, 2022, and effective on that date.

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

Motion by Councilor Manke

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Audra Ekstrom from the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with email communication received June 20, 2022 and effective on that date.

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

C. Appointment – Central CT Health District Board of Directors

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby makes the following appointment:

CENTRAL CT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 members, 3-year term

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
Roy Zartarian	25 Stuart Street Newington, CT 06111	R	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2025	Reappointment

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

9. REFUNDS (Action Requested)

A. Approval of June 28, 2022 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That property tax refund in the amount of \$19,337.48 is hereby approved in the individual amount 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.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Councilor Manke; seconded by Councilor Camillo. Councilor Nagel stated that there is a minor correction under councilor’s comments: the library has three sheds; not a shed. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Page absent)

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Accessory Dwelling Unit Opt-Out of PA 21-29

- Renata Bertotti stated that last summer the state legislature passed PA 21-29 with many changes to rules of planning and zoning rules and regulations. This rule deals with provision that allows the construction of accessory apartments on any lot unless the municipality chooses to opt out of the provisions. If we chose to opt out we need to do that by January 1, 2023; if we don’t act by then, this public act will override local regulations. The town currently has zoning regulations that allow accessory apartments with special permits and public hearings. Our regulations currently only allow attached accessory apartments. The TPZ held a public hearing over (2) nights; they voted that opting out of the act was appropriate by the town of Newington. The opt out is a two-step process. The first was a public hearing held by TPZ, a 2/3 vote to opt out and a reason why they wanted to opt out. The second step is that the town council, as governing body, need to act on this. You do not need to hold a public hearing on this, but I feel this is an important subject and you should hold a public hearing regarding this. You will also need to vote on this and it will need to pass with a 2/3 vote and you will need to state on record the reason for opting out.
- Councilor Manke asked if this was a onetime opt out.
- Ms. Bertotti stated yes, it is a onetime opt out.
- Councilor Radda asked for clarification on item 7 – towns cannot require as of right ADU’s sharing a lot with a single-family home to be preserved for lower income families.
- Ms. Bertotti stated that under the act it states that “no such apartment shall be required to be an afford accessory apartment.”

- Councilor Camillo stated that reason we have in-law apartments is to make it affordable for people to live in Newington.
- Councilor Manke stated the act currently would allow for someone to build an accessory apartment and the town wouldn't have any say in it.
- Ms. Bertotti stated that is not exactly correct. Zoning regulations will be still be in place. Building, health and fire codes will still need to be met. The idea behind this public act is that the towns cannot treat this differently. For many towns this is not a problem.
- Councilor Manke stated that by opting out we have more local control of accessory apartments.
- Ms. Bertotti stated that is correct.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that one thing stands out in the state mandate is that at least one accessory apartment will be allowed as a right on each lot that contains a single family dwelling. You stated that some towns are just adopting the state regulations, however, I just read in the paper that Glastonbury is looking at this and to opt out. The came down as a one size fits all. It doesn't address absentee landlords. Newington was proactive and do allow accessory units now and have regulations and minimum standards. We support the intent, but by opting out we will still be able to allow accessory units.
- Ms. Bertotti stated that for us it is a smart thing to opt out. Ms. Bertotti provided a map she created that shows all the properties of certain size. If allowed, would like to review the regulations for accessory apartments and change them a little bit to bring them more towards the act. We should review both attached and detached accessory units on a case by case basis. Our community is denser with smaller lots and the special permit is the way to go. Certain provisions should be removed from our regulations – the relational component is unnecessary and we don't even have it actually and there are certain things that just need to be cleaned up.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated the map illustrates that we can accommodate both attached and detached units based on the lot size and what the neighborhood is and what the density is. We can create something that will maintain neighborhoods with the flexibility of having ADU's
- Councilor Manke stated that he supports opting out. Were the TPZ hearings well attended?
- Ms. Bertotti stated they were not well attended. Think that is a different audience than what you would get. That is my reason for recommending a public hearing.
- Councilor Manke stated that he supports having a public hearing.
- Councilor Radda states she is in favor of public hearing.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that at the next meeting we will schedule the public hearing.

B. Discussion of Draft Charter and Charter Revision Commission Report

- Mayor DelBuono stated that on June 22, 2022 the Charter Revision Commission concluded their review of the charges provided to them by the council. We have been provided the draft language for our review. Attorney Ancona has also reviewed the recommendations by the commission.
- Chairman Harpie thanked the members of the Commission – Anthony Gonzalez, Nancy Cappello, Chris Miner and Kevin Borrup. This is a truly bipartisan document with recommendations on all charges. We held two public hearings as required by statute and the public has seen this. Met with other members of the town to discuss. One of the things was quorum issued; discussion was to do this through ordinance instead of having it in the Charter. I also wanted to thank the town clerk for all his hard work on this as well. Mr. Harpie reviewed the 13 charge items, 3 additional items and the commission's recommendations and the town attorney's recommendations. Believe this was done in a very objective way.

- Mayor DelBuono reviewed the charter revision process. The council has to have one public hearing on the draft report and the final public hearing no later than 45 days after the draft report.
- Mr. Harpie reviewed a recommendation by the Director of the Senior and Disabled Center regarding quorum requirements. He also stated that the commission noticed a trend with larger committee memberships sustaining quorums.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that there is a lot to review. Some things were not changed. We need to review and figure out where to go with this.
- Councilor Manke stated if we have a public hearing and want to make a change.
- Town Clerk stated that you need to approve this by September 8, have one question or multiples in order for submission to the Secretary of State's office for placement on the November ballot. It can be done after that, but it would be a stand-alone referendum.
- Councilor Manke stated you talked about commissions and number of members. You recommend that we do that by ordinance instead of Charter language to make it easier.
- Mr. Harpie stated that would be an option. We identified a list. It would be easier.
- Councilor Manke stated that we can increase or decrease numbers with a public hearing and council approval.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we need to decide what makes sense for the town as a whole. We will leave language in Charter creating commission; membership would be done via ordinance.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that regarding removal and suspensions – it says a meeting will be held with the mayor and minority leader and the intent is to have bipartisan representation at the meeting. We did have an instance where there mayor and the minority leader were the same party.
- Mr. Harpie stated then it would be with another member of the council of not the same party.
- Town Clerk Krupinski stated you will need to determine whether you want to have a separate public hearing with a special meeting after. The public can see all three documents online for their review. If anyone needs a copy I will be happy to provide them. *Mr. Krupinski reviewed the timeline.*
- Mr. Harpie stated that this was a bipartisan report.
- Mayor DelBuono thanked the committee for their hard work. Truly left politics at the door.

C. Amendment to the Adopted Meeting Schedule- Cancel August 9, 2022

- Mayor DelBuono stated that this has been past practice. Council chambers will be unavailable that day as it is being used during the primary.
- Councilor Camillo asked if this would interfere with the Charter.
- Town Clerk Krupinski stated that is shouldn't interfere with the Charter, you can have special meetings.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated we talked about two significant issues tonight requiring public hearings; work load demands we don't cancel the meeting.
- Town Clerk Krupinski stated that you can always schedule a special meeting if necessary; all work would be within timeline.
- Councilor Radda stated she recommends what Councilor Budrejko stated; we have a lot going on and it would be a disservice to cancel meeting due to amount of work that needs to be done.
- Councilor Manke stated that we can determine this at a later date.

12. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- Town Manager Chapman provided a list of construction projects currently underway in town that will be done throughout the summer; also a list of design projects underway. The town hall

summer hour's pilot program is underway – open until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; closing earlier on Friday at 12:00 p.m. Employees are still required to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. Hoping this will be a positive move.

- Councilor Nagel asked if the town manager has any information on road work under state auspices that might affect residents.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that he is aware only of East Cedar Street milling and paving. Will check with state on other projects.
- Councilor Nagel stated that there are rumors that the state is going to be working on Willard Avenue. Appreciate any updates that might affect the residents in town.

13. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that at the TPZ meeting the developers of 3333 Berlin Turnpike requested a decrease in the number of parking spaces and will be adding more green space – TPZ approved change. Construction will begin in October.

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

- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive stated she wanted to comment that during roll call asked to unmute; will just have to come down to town hall and represent myself in person. During the accessory dwelling unit discussion, TPZ public hearings, based on one thing, only one unit per property; no restrictions on how many sheds are allowed on properties; can't imagine having ADUs with all that and having our own regulations. There was not much public participation for Charter Revision meetings, have suggestions or concerns have discussion with the public. Thank everyone for taking the time. You have the ultimate choice how it is presented to the town. During the town manager's presentation, I didn't see anything regarding the project we got the grant money for Garfield Street.

15. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- Councilor Donahue stated that he had a gentlemen standing on the corner of my street handing out flyers against the train station on Saturday; not everybody on board with train station location on Cedar Street.
- Councilor Radda stated she received an email from a town resident regarding the safety of people in her neighborhood. This is a concern around town. People disregard stop signs, stop lights and speed limits. Need to come up with remedies where they may be beneficial.
- Town Manager Chapman stated he did receive the same email and he has already spoken to the police and are evaluating the complaints. The town of Newington does not support speed bumps due to negative impacts. Police are doing some investigative work now; expect report in a week or two.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that another resident reached out as well regarding situations in their neighborhood.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that if you receive any concerns regarding safety, address them to me.
- Councilor Radda asked if there was any information on the firefighters who were injured during training.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that OSHA has been in town all week for their investigation. None of the firefighters injured were from Newington; if information received will pass that along.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that the council was copied on an email from the town attorney that the town manager has established residency in the town of Newington as of June 22, 2022. If you have any questions you can contact the town attorney directly.

16. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Town Hall 2022 Summer Hours Pilot Program

B. Parks & Recreation Extravaganza Event Info

C. Town Manager Chapman stated that the dog park will be opening on Friday at 10:00 a.m. You must follow the rules; if you violate the rules you won't be allowed back in. It will be open from sunrise to sunset; everyone is expected to clean up after their dog. Want this dog park to be a welcome addition to people visiting the center of town area. Thank you to Hartford Healthcare for allowing us to use their property at a low cost. Should be a real benefit to the center of town.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Manke. Seconded by Councilor Camillo. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon
Councilor Clerk