

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

July 28, 2021

Chairman Domenic Pane called the July 28, 2021 ZOOM meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **ROLL CALL AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Commissioners Present

Chairman Domenic Pane
Commissioner Michael Fox
Commissioner Garrett Havens
Commissioner Stanley Sobieski
Commissioner Hyman Braverman-A
Commissioner Thomas Gill-A
Commissioner Bryan Haggerty-A

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Anthony Claffey
Commissioner David Lenares
Commissioner Stephen Woods

Staff Present

Renata Bertotti, Town Planner
Erik Hinckley, Asst. Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Commissioner Braverman was seated for Commissioner Woods, Commissioner Haggarty was seated for Commissioner Claffey, Commissioner Gill seated for Commissioner Lenares.

- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Pane: I think the agenda was modified and the Town Planner can explain to us what that is all about.

Renata Bertotti: The agenda was not modified, what was modified was included in your packet. So, originally by error, the staff sent out the printed version of the packet and did not include the map and the memo for Leslie Pool application. That was subsequently included and sent out.

Chairman Pane: Okay, thank you, very good.

Domenic Pane
Town Clerk

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IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (For items not listed on the agenda; speakers limited to two minutes.)

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Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Just wondering who to contact regarding signs being put up on the Center Green, whether that is town property or the Department of Transportation right of way, and also I notice signs being put up on the corner of Hartford Avenue and Main Street regarding "Unmask our Children." I don't go up on the turnpike too often either but I have noticed more signs up there and more of those big banners, not banners, flags I guess, that, I think there is even on in the Center Green that says barber. I don't know if those are being allowed now or not, but between the bulk waste being put to the curb and the signs popping up all over the place, not for business in town, but for agendas, I'm just wondering if there is someone in our town to talk to or someone in our town as a liaison to DOT, just wondering if you can give me some information as to whom I can contact about that.

Chairman Pane: Certainly Ms. Lyons, Erik Hinckley would be our enforcement agent, so if you have a question or a concern about some signs, you can direct those to Erik and we also have the authority I believe to take any signs down in the DOT right of way but directly everything to Mr. Hinckley and I'm sure he will be able to help you.

Janet Chernoff: I'm representing the home owners at the Newington Ridge Preserve and asking the TPZ to deny any request from our developer to modify the approved plans on file in relation to the required stone accents on the exterior front elevation only. Currently there are eleven completed homes all with stone accents on the exterior front elevation. The twelfth home, which is under construction is sided but has no stone accents on the front elevation. Erik Hinckley verified that the mylars show that there are to be stone accents on the exterior front elevations, and is notifying the developer of that. He is also advising him of the process needed to modify these plans. When we purchased our newly built homes, stone accents on the exterior front elevation were included in the standard specification sheet given to us by the builder. They are also included in the drawing of the public offering statement which is given to each new property owner, as recently as this June.

In addition, the stone accents add value to our homes, and although there are different models the stone work on all of the homes make our community look more cohesive. It also adds a more expensive feel to the house which in turn adds value to our overall community. The home under construction is the one closest to our entrance way on the left and can be seen from Deming Street. This home does not represent the look that we were promised when we purchased out newly constructed homes, nor will we want the people to see as a first impression of our community. Therefore, our hope is that you take this as a serious consideration when you receive the modification request from our developer to remove the requirement for stone accents on the exterior elevations. Thank you very much for your time.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much.

VI. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Fox: Coincidentally I have the same comments about signs that Rose just made, so I called Erik and he reminded me that at the beginning of the pandemic, January 2020 I believe it was, we spoke about the signs, the wavy signs, and the temporary signs and decided that during the pandemic we would take it easy and not do anything about them. It seems that the pandemic is easing up, and although the variant is making trouble, but I don't know, maybe it is time to gently put our foot down and maybe give out some warnings and advise people, shall I say illegal signs that they need to do something about.

Commissioner Sobieski: I also have seen signs, not only there but down along Cedar Street for military recruitment; the one at the corner of Main and Hartford Avenue is Unmask our Kids, those have nothing to do with the (inaudible.) I think you need to make a distinction between business signs and versus non-business signs. I think what is happening is that people see one sign, and it's like a magnet, other signs appear all of a sudden. I have seen quite a few of them, and many on telephone poles as well. Thank you.

Chairman Pane: I think Mr. Hinckley can handle that if they are not business related signs, so I agree with you, they should be, especially if they are in the right of way, and they are not business related, they should be taken down. Our enforcement agent has the authority to do that. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Fox: Mr. Chair, I just got a text from Janet Chernoff over at Deming Farms, she wanted to say something but was unable to be heard.

Chairman Pane: Before we proceed we will go back to Public Participation and we will allow her to speak.

(See Public Participation Above)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sobieski moved to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fox. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request to release road maintenance bond for Packards's Way Subdivision Petition 69-06 from Donna DiMauro.

Chairman Pane: I'll turn this over to our Town Planner, Renata to give us a briefing on this.

Renata Bertotti: And I will promptly turn this over to Erik Hinckley who is the person who had to work on this.

Erik Hinckley: Good evening Commissioners. This performance bond, sorry, this maintenance bond was, the subdivision was approved under Petition 69-06 a number of years ago, the street was accepted by the town October 22, 2019. On November 4, 2019 a performance bond was released and converted to the maintenance bond of \$2800.00 that is left. To date, there have been no road maintenance issues or anything that needs to be resolved, and the Town Engineer, I got an e-mail from the Town Engineer agreeing that he has no issue with releasing the bond at this time.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much Mr. Hinckley for that report. Are there any questions from the Commissioners? So there is \$2850 that needs to be returned, is that correct?

Erik Hinckley: That is correct, yes.

Chairman Pane: Okay, are there any comments from the Commissioners? Pretty simple item, they, our engineering has looked at this, I would suggest that we move this to Old Business for action.

Commissioner Sobieski moved that the bond release be moved to Old Business for action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Havens. The motion passed unanimously with seven voting YEA.

Petition 34-21: Section 3.23.2.B) an accessory outside use to allow a tent event for hot tub sales at 3221 Berlin Turnpike, Applicant Leslie Pool & Spa, Contact Diane Campbell, Owner Sullivan Hayes Northeast.

Diane Campbell, 228 Williams Street, West Haven, CT: I am the sales and operations manager for Leslie Pool and Spa. We would like to host a tent event to display the model hot tubs we are selling, offering at a sale price. We've had great success throughout the State of Connecticut, this would be our second event and we would like to bring it to our store on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. We have six display tubs that would sit under a 20 x 30 foot tent. There would be no electricity whatsoever, these are just model hot tubs to show the customers that are interested, which would mostly be our store customers, taking them through the sales and the contract paperwork that would be included with the purchase. They would like to put up a

couple of road signs, feather flags, which could be eliminated, without any problem if we had to do that, there would be no music, there would be potentially no other traffic other than what would be conducted from our store business. We would like to be granted permission to do so.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much for that report, I appreciate it. I'll ask our Town Planner to see if she has any follow up?

Renata Bertotti: No, this is explained fairly well. The one comment that we had looked at was when we reviewed this proposal, the temporary installation of the tent is in the required front yard, however, this is on existing parking which is also not permitted, so in lieu of that, occupying parking, the cars are occupying parking and something else that is temporary use we found did not violate zoning regulations. I believe Erik, that is the only thing that we had, unless I am forgetting something.

Erik Hinckley: No, that is correct Renata. The thirty-five foot setback is the, the face of the building is about thirty-six feet, so anywhere in that front parking lot, where there is existing parking is actually within that thirty-five foot yard setback, so....

Chairman Pane: Thank you Renata, thank you Erik. Any questions from the Commissioners? Any concerns?

Commissioner Fox: Yes, I'm looking at the agenda here, isn't this type of issue usually a public hearing?

Chairman Pane: I don't believe so, but I'll have Renata answer that.

Renata Bertotti: I don't believe so, it is an accessory outside use and if you give me a second I'll just double check that section. Hold on a second.

Commissioner Fox: It's no big deal, I just.....

Renata Bertotti: Let's just verify, just in case. I don't mind doing that. I do not see in this section that that is a requirement. If that is a precedent practice, by the Commission then that is something that I was not aware of, but in this zoning district, it doesn't mention a need for public hearing.

Erik Hinckley If I recall, just a couple of months ago, you did the same thing for Express Kitchens for the granite display, there was no public hearing.

Commissioner Fox: I have no problem with it, I just thought we had to have a public hearing, so that tells me that anytime that this comes up we don't have to bother with a public hearing and it makes it a lot easier for the applicant. Thank you.

Chairman Pane: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? This is pretty straight forward, and it's something that we can do for the business to help them, and that is our job. If there are no other questions or comments.....

Commissioner Sobieski: I don't want to make a big deal out of this, but I think that the state right of way goes pretty close.

Chairman Pane: It does, it covers the whole area but it's all parking right now.

Commissioner Sobieski: All right, I was just wondering.

Chairman Pane: If there is nothing else, I would entertain a motion to move Petition 34-21 to Old Business for action.

The motion to move Petition 34-21 to Old Business was made by Commissioner Fox and seconded by Commissioner Braverman. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Pane: We have Petition 69-06, I'll entertain a motion to approve the return of \$2850.00 of the road maintenance bond for Packard's Way back to Donna DiMauro.

Commissioner Fox: So move. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sobieski.

Chairman Pane: Any questions?

Reason for Approval:

The term of the one year maintenance bond expired on November 4, 2020 and no maintenance issues have arisen that need to be resolved.

The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

Petition 34-21

Accessory Outside Use to allow a tent sale under Section 3.23.1.B

3221 Berlin Turnpike

Applicant Leslie Pools and Span; Contact Diane Campbell; Owner, Sullivan-Hayes Northeast

Commissioner Haven moved to approve the tent sale at 3221 Berlin Turnpike between August 4 and 18, 2021.

Reason for the Approval

This is a temporary tent sale that meets the requirements of the regulation.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fox. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, with seven voting YEA.

XI. PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING

Renata Bertotti: Mr. Chair, I have one petition that was received in our office after we issued the packet and the agenda and it is to convert what is currently a dispensary facility on Berlin Turnpike, and forgive me, I don't remember the actual address, but they would like to convert their operation into hybrid, which essentially means that they are asking for special permit to add retail applications to their existing medical marijuana dispensary.

Chairman Pane: Okay, thank you Renata. Any questions from the Commissioners?

XII. TOWN PLANER REPORT

A. Future Agenda Form

Renata Bertotti: At any rate I have to make sure in the future that James, you have the most up to date future agenda because I think what is displayed comes out of the packet and we revised that on the date of the meeting, however, as you can see, we have, and as you know, because I just told you, we received that new application for the Berlin Turnpike location, and I (inaudible) an application for the Zoning Regulation Amendment to change how we create the pricing on the signage in the business and business-BT zone, and gas stations. This application, the (inaudible) came out of the request of one of the property owners but then we looked at these two districts and decided it was (inaudible) The application requires a CRCOG review which sends this out to the second meeting in August, I had tentatively scheduled that for a hearing at the first meeting in September when we are back in person, if we have in-person meetings. So that is all that I have to report on the future agenda area. Does anyone have questions? The second thig I wanted to talk to you about is, James if you can display the power point, I would appreciate it. This is a report of, you know, I haven't really talked to you lately what we as a department are working on, so we put together a little list of all of the assignments and projects and things that we are working on, just to give you a little bit of an update of where we are on various projects.

I had just mentioned we had proposed the regulation amendment for the gas station pricing signs. I am working on the adult use cannabis regulation. I am not as expeditious with it as I wish to be but that is because honestly there are a lot of questions in regards to that legislation that keeps on getting posted by other Planners. I'm trying to get as much educated on what people's opinions on this are. There are questions on this bill surrounding all kinds of things,

even the most fundamental provision that says how many facilities you are to have per population. You know, we were discussing whether Newington would be two or just one. So, there are all kinds of conversations, I am working on it, and I will eventually submit this to you. I'm also, after we finish looking at the business zone use regulations, I started looking at the B, B-BT business zone regulations. One of the things that I am struggling with, with this particular draft is I'm trying to see whether or not it would be smart to introduce residential into this zoning district, so that is definitely something that I am kind of struggling myself with, should we even propose it, and then to what extent, and obviously once I have some kind of a document of any sort I will bring it to you for a full discussion on that.

Outdoor dining for restaurants, we had put again a provision in our regulations that actually delegates from you to me the authority to issue approvals for this, and we have issued several this summer. That provision ends in December, however the State has introduced this new law so now I think we need to rethink how we treat restaurants to begin with. The outdoor dining is going to be a permitted use, as of right, and perhaps only manageable by a Commission through a special permit.

Newington Junction regulations, essentially not a document regulation, Newington Junction write up, like a working document is on hold to be presented to you until we start having in-person meetings. A lot of people expressed interest in that, and my understanding is that the Commission felt that would be more appropriate, so that is kind of on hold for now.

Perhaps the most overwhelming project that we are going to have to start working on together of any sort is looking at our regulations, comparing it to the new laws that just got passed by the State, comparing and looking at inconsistency with our regulations, and then figuring out a way to address this.

So those are all like regulatory things we are working on. We are also looking at Sustainable CT, that project, we are trying actually to find somebody to help us with that. That is also slow moving and not progressing as well as I had hoped it would, if we had some support. We also are going to, and I'm going to do this in September or October, there is a state program that actually allows property owners, these are owners of residential homes on either the State registry or National registry to obtain grants for improvement of their property, so people can actually get some money for siding and window repair and things like that, and I think, I'm under the impression that our property owners are not aware of this program. They don't know the particulars of it so I am intending to invite somebody from (inaudible) to create kind of like a Zoom a meeting for property owners of these houses to just give them information. If they choose to use the money, that money may be available under those conditions and then at least people will know that this thing exists.

In addition to that, we are monitoring the situations where the donation bins and the maintenance of them, and they, it seems to be a little getting out of hand, so we are keeping an eye on that.

I had talked to you about application fees. I had started advertising in the Hartford Courant instead of the New Britain newspaper. I am going to wait three months to see what is an average price that we pay for an ad, a legal ad in the papers, and then we will come back to you and discuss appropriately. Before it seemed like we were paying more in ads than we were charging in the application. That is not the case now, but you will have these numbers to see where you would like to go with that. I also, another thing that was on my mind was, what type

of applications are we actually doing, because one of the things that I would like to ensure is that, as a town we keep diverse with what we get, and what kind of development goes through our Commission, so we looked into that, and I actually compiled a little list, we have had five, this is since November, we had five residential applications of which we ended with four developments. That includes perhaps a subdivision plus something else. We had twenty-three commercial areas, commercial applications of which we ended up having fifteen projects, you know, site plan, special permit, that situation. We don't have too many Industrial, we only had one industrial development that got approved. We had quite a few text amendments and one map change, so seeing these numbers puts me at ease because what we are getting is quite diverse, it's all kinds of things and that's really, in the long run, the best for the Town to have all sorts of development going on.

Aside from that, we had an intern actually our engineering department had an intern who did some very preliminary research for the parking. She checked parking in other towns and that is on hold if we ever look at parking, we will have those numbers. We are going to work on, as much as we can on fixing our web page, the Town Planners web page so that we can have a work flow that shows somebody that is applying a shed, this is where you go, this is how many days, this is what you should expect. If this happens, this is like the next step, we are working on that, so that is the department report.

Legislative Changes Summary Report – Part 2

I'm going to be super brief on this, I'll just summarize. I will send you a copy of the Powerpoint that I did. It is essentially, so this second round of legislative updates had to do with extension of permits. There is a certain period of time, I don't know if you recall but when the first market was affected by a severe crisis back in 2007, following about two years later the Legislature passed a bill that said, if your approval was from this date to this date, you get another five years to complete your project, so they did something very similar to that again now, this time and it effectively extends the permitted duration, not for permits that are issued today, but for permits that were issued within a certain time period, up from fourteen years with extensions to potentially nineteen years. This applies across the board to wetlands, subdivisions, special exceptions, and site plans, so they did that same thing again for certain permits. They also tied up the approval date on the wetlands applications to the approval date of any other applications that are pending by the Commissions and this was with the intent so that a project doesn't have like seven different expiration dates, and an effective date of a fully approved project is the last date granted, very likely by the Commission site plan and that would be the guide, the time to complete construction for all of the other permits.

James Krupienski: Renata, the presentation you are talking about is the same on that you gave to the Conservation the other night, correct?

Renata Bertotti: Yes.

James Krupienski: Okay, tell me what slide you would like.

Renata Bertotti: So this is the slide that talks about exactly what I said, it ties wetland approvals to your approval, so the effective date of the approval of wetlands is the effective date of the site plans, and in the end they get so many years to complete the project.

This is what I was just talking about, a period of extensions, so for all of the projects that are approved between July 1, 2011 and March 10, 2020, will not be extended to have fourteen years to complete.

There are several things that talk about incentives for conservation, and this is one of those things that I said we will have to compare how our regulations stack up to that and then we will consider what and how we will do any changes.

With the traffic, you will now be allowed to consider vehicle most traveled, versus the level of service process. There is some language about the speed and how the quality is okay to moderate speed, which I thought that was always the case, I thought on a town road the town had the ability to post the speed signs, but apparently that is something that was just added. They introduce these changes to promote to some extent at least developments that are dependent on vehicles. So there are requiring that we now have some language in the regulations for the bicycles, for pedestrians access for encouragement on that kind of infrastructure.

Limits on parking, we talked about that previously, and the next one is the training that I had spoken to you previously.

So that concludes what I wanted to talk to you about tonight.

Chairman Pane: Are there any questions from the Commissioners? Let me go to Erik Hinckley, he may have some things to add, and then we will go to questions from Commissioners.

Erik Hinckley: Two things I just wanted to touch on real quick, I did notify the developer of Newington Ridge this afternoon about the stone veneer and he e-mailed me back within a half an hour and said that he would be putting the stone veneer on before he asked for a c.o., so it doesn't appear that you will be asked for a modification at this point. That was his statement, so I guess we will see going forward.

Item two, about the signs, just so you are aware, I pick up between 30 and 70 of those little push-in signs every month, so the ones that aren't fore business and are in the right of way, the "we busy houses, the unmask our kids," all those get pulled up when I see them and find them. I know the banners are up, they are creeping a bit, and we have had that discussion. So, that's really all that I have.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much Mr. Hinckley, I appreciate that we are getting some signage picked up and I knew that was happening and I'm sure you will look into the other things when Ms. Lyons contacts you. Thank you very much. Questions from Commissioners?

Commissioner Sobieski: First of all, I read the other day that the Newington railroad station is proceeding. There might have been some funding passed in the last legislation, I think we should start looking at that area as soon as possible, because we want to be ahead of the game to develop that area and see what we want. That to me has a higher priority than Newington

Junction. That station will be generating traffic and will be generating (inaudible) and we need to figure out what, the prior Chairman Frank Aieta agreed that after Myra Cohen Way we were going to look at that. We know that station is coming, it has been approved by DOT. Secondly, as far as traffic, the process of approving speed limits on town roads is that the towns have to request from the Town Council and the Town Manager, a letter to OSHA, a requesting a speed limit on a town road. Once a speed limit is approved, the town can then put signs up with the authority on the bottom. There was a superior court case in Stonington to that effect. That is how that works. A state highway is automatically approved by OSHA. As far as the monies for businesses, if I'm not mistaken I think there was money given to various businesses in the center of town and I don't know if that came out of this particular grant that Renata is talking about or not, I know that it has been around for a while. I know you could apply to do the facades of the businesses. I think that was about eighteen or twenty years ago, but I could be wrong.

Chairman Pane: I think that might have been a small cities grant possibly, not historic, but it was a grant for the small businesses in the center of Newington. I do recall that.

James Krupienski: It was a small cities grant Domenic.

Chairman Pane: Thank you.

Commissioner Gill: A couple of items, I'm not sure where they fall, but to Renata, when it comes to permits, have we looked into on-line permitting, or are we thinking of it at all?

Renata Bertotti: Let me clarify, are you talking about our permitting through the zoning, or building permits?

Commissioner Gill: No, zoning, we already have it for building, right?

Renata Bertotti: We do have a system that issues building permits and zoning signs off on many of those, whenever there is like a zoning issue that is required on a building permit, that is issued on line.

Erik Hinckley: We can issue zoning permits for most things through the on-line permitting process now. You can apply for the chicken permit, you can apply for temporary signs, sheds, all the things that don't require building, you can just get the zoning ones.

Renata Bertotti: And the other permits by the Commission cannot be issues on line.

Commissioner Gill: Okay. The other item that is coming up is EV charging stations. I just saw some programs that are being put out by, I'm really not sure who, but for EV charging stations being paid by a grant or from somewhere else, so who would I talk to in the town in regard to getting that information out?

Renata Bertotti: I would just recommend that you send me an e-mail and essentially give me a synopsis of what it is that you are trying to get to. We do have the grant, the consultant company that is supposed to be starting to look for grants for us and also put together some grant proposals for the town, and with the EV stations, we actually have had some conversations between Keith and engineering, myself and public works about like who would be in charge of that, and I think the logical place was public works to start with, however all of us work together and speak every day, so you are welcome to send me an e-mail and I'll pass it along and figure out who should be responding to you.

Commissioner Gill: Okay, I will do that, thank you. The other one is addresses and addresses on signs. Is there a way that we can get it written into our regs that the address of a building is put on free standing signs in front of the building? Can we get that written into temporary signs so that we know who these temporary signs belong to? I don't know who to direct that to.

Renata Bertotti: We can look into that, I am not, I think actually it is interesting and a good idea, I need to think about it for a minute.

Erik Hinckley: There is a town ordinance that falls under the Fire Marshal that all buildings must have a visible address for obviously safety issues. There are some free standing signs that do have an address on them, some of the older ones, but yes, you are right, a lot of them don't.

Commissioner Gill: In my job I'm always looking for addresses, and it's a major problem, and it definitely for the fire service and emergency services, not having an address available is, takes away from the response. That's good, thank you very much.

Chairman Pane: Any other questions from Commissioners?

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. CRCOG Letters

XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (For items not listed on the agenda; speakers limited to two minutes.

Gail Budrejko: I was wondering with Renata's thoughts about changing the public notices from the New Britain Herald to the Hartford Courant, it's just, maybe it's minimal or petty but frankly I feel that the Hartford Courant has abandoned Newington. There is very little coverage of Newington news any more in the Hartford Courant and in fact, when you go to the on-line version, when you do the pull down menu under towns, Newington isn't even listed. There is Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, you know, Windsor, East Hartford, whatever, but Newington is even dropped off the drop down list, if you want to search for Newington news, but again, I feel the Courant has done a poor job lately of reporting on Newington news and if we are going to, I don't know how much difference it is in terms of cost to the Town of Newington, but I certainly

would prefer to reward or ward our business to a business that supports our town or is interested in our town. Thank you.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much. I think there is a substantial savings, but Renata can look into all of that.

Renata Bertotti: And just a side comment, the difference in pricing was double, from what New Britain was charging us, and the Town Council uses the Hartford Courant so frankly for legal notices I'm more upset that we are even required to issue these publications in the papers because that is literally money wasted and thrown out the window because almost nobody finds out that there is a meeting by the way of legal notices. People find it on line, they find it by looking for it by signs, that kind of thing, so if we are going to waste the money, my feeling is let's just waste less.

Chairman Pane: Thank you.

Commissioner Havens: This public notice in the papers, is there a way to get information from both the New Britain Herald and the Hartford Courant as to the number of subscribers in town? I understand I'm trying to do a cost saving here, but if one has a substantially higher customer base in town versus the other, that may be the one to go with regardless of the cost because you know you are going to reach possibly more people that way.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Commissioner Havens asked the question that I was going to ask. I had had a conversation with the former Town Planner regarding the circulation of the New Britain Herald in Newington as opposed to the Hartford Courant. I just recently stopped my delivery of the Hartford Courant and I would say that there are probably only about five people on my street that get the Courant, but I know of no one in Newington that has the New Britain Herald delivered and quite honestly I have to agree with Renata as well, people aren't looking for that and I don't know why they continue to require that. Having worked for a court, we had to put legal notices in the paper, and it's very expensive and it wasn't the burden of the court, it was the burden of the person having to have these legal notices published, so I don't know, I would have to go with the cheapest way to save some dollars. Thank you, take care, stay safe and hopefully we'll get the wiring and whatever else needs to be done in the Council chambers taken care of soon.

Chairman Pane: Anybody else from the public wishing to speak? Anybody else from the public?

XV. REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Sobieski: Could we put the notices in the Rare Reminder? I mean, that hits almost every house in Newington. I don't know if they charge, I'm just curious.

Renata Bertotti: I do not know, we could look into that. There are certain requirements that the number of subscribers or the subscribers that the newspaper reaches period, that there are certain thresholds that possibly the Reminder would not be able to meet. We can check into that.

Chairman Pane: Good. Rose, you have another question, we're out of the public participation, but I'll allow it.

Rose Lyons: I have to just thank you for allowing me to speak a second time. Once again, having worked with the court, and having to put in legal notices, Renata will probably agree with me, there is a certain time frame in which these notices have to be put into the newspaper and the Rare Reminder only comes out once a week, and sometimes it is not going to fall within the requirement by law of when the notices have to be printed. Just a comment from me.

Chairman Pane: Thank you very much. Any other Commissioners have a questions or comments?

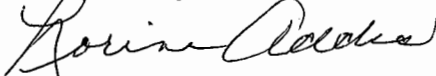
XVI. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

None

XVII. ADJOURN

Commissioner Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sobieski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Addis,
Recording Secretary