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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR BETH DELBUONO

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2022

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

Mayor DelBuono called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Councilor Braverman
Deputy Mayor Budrejko
Councilor Camillo
Councilor Donahue
Councilor Manke
Councilor Nagel
Councilor Page
Councilor Radda
Mayor DelBuono

Staff Attendees:

Keith Chapman, Town Manager (*via Zoom*)
Fiona Eller, Town Assessor (*via Zoom*)
Carol Labrecque, Director of Human Services
Joseph Salamone, Assistant Town Manager
Scott Sharlow, Chief Information Officer
James E. Krupienski, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk (*via Zoom*)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Manke to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed.

4. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation – Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Jennifer P. Rodriguez

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jennifer P. Rodriguez, a First-Grade teacher at Anna Reynolds Elementary School, has been designated as Newington's 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez has been teaching in Newington since 2008 and was selected based upon her exceptional skills, and dedication to children and the teaching profession. She values the ideals of teamwork. She is intelligent, a strong communicator, an advocate for all students, and a strong believer that all students deserve an equitable educational experience. She is an individual who is poised and articulate, with an outgoing nature. She possesses the superior ability to inspire learning in all students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez will represent the Town of Newington in the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program, as a top 4 finalist; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez is a graduate of the University of St. Joseph with a Master of Arts in Education with a major in Reading/Language Elementary. She is also working on her Sixth-Year degree with a major in Reading/Language Elementary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rodriguez focuses on providing an equitable education to all students. She believes that “honoring, celebrating, representing and lifting up diverse voices leads to better learning and societal outcomes. Learners develop better critical thinking skills and social awareness amongst themselves and their peers. And most importantly, when we take an inclusive and responsive approach to diversity it enriches learning for all while dispelling biases.”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools, indicated “Jennifer’s passion for her work, ability to inspire student learning, commitment, enthusiasm, and deep compassion for her school community strongly support her selection as Newington’s Teacher of the Year”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes Mrs. Jennifer P. Rodriguez as Newington’s Teacher of the Year and extends its sincere congratulations and appreciation for his dedication and commitment to Newington’s children.

Dated in Newington, Connecticut, this 29th day of September, 2022.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

- Councilor Page thanked Mrs. Rodriguez for everything she’s done.
- Councilor Manke stated teaching is not as easy as it used to be. Appreciate all you have done for our students and our town. Well deserved honor.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated it’s quite an honor to be selected as Teacher of the Year. Proud of you being a Top 4 Finalist.
- Councilor Nagel congratulated Mrs. Rodriguez. Thank you, congratulations.
- Councilor Braverman thanked Mrs. Rodriguez; students are lucky to have you.
- Mayor DelBuono stated it’s quite an honor to be a Top 4 Finalist. Congratulations. Advocate for our school system. Thank you very much. Congratulations.
- Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the town council and everyone she works with.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Great Blue Research Inc. – Community Assessment Survey

- Town Manager Chapman stated that we haven’t done a citizen survey in Newington in over 20 years. Try to listen to residents and businesses to see what they want to see. Came to light with the Mill Pond Park and Churchill Pools; raised curiosity as to see what other things the people in town want. Great Blue Research is one of the largest companies in the state doing these types of surveys. Would like to move forward with this within the next couple of months. Will help with our budgeting to see what the needs and wants of the town are.
- Brady Lee, Great Blue Research stated they collect and analyze data to help them move forward with long term needs and goals. Have worked with a number of towns throughout the state on similar types of studies. Survey will be specific to Newington.
- Councilor Radda asked if these would be anonymous surveys. Balance of quantitative and qualitative.
- Mr. Lee stated that they are completely anonymous. Mr. Lee stated these are basically quantitative in nature; will have some qualitative as well. For the sampling we will do that on the demographic makeup of the town. Other ways to send out as well.
- Councilor Page asked how you choose 300 – 400 people when we have a population of 30,000.

- Mr. Lee stated that his a minimum we would survey. Looking for margin of error of 4.5 to 4.7. The 400 is the minimum and with it being digital we can go beyond that.
- Councilor Page asked if the question guides the respondent to specific departments and programs.
- Mr. Lee stated that the questions have not been developed; up to you as to how and what you want to ask. Don't like to go over 40 questions.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated in terms of a survey of community wishes and wants is fine; is there a way if questions can be asked "this is what you want, what are you willing to forgo".
- Mr. Lee stated we typically keep the questions close ended to things that are possible and feasible. We can write the questions and survey to get the data you want and need.
- Councilor Nagel stated he wanted to ask about the development of questions. Does this include review of any previous studies?
- Mr. Lee stated it is up to you. If you have data you want to share that is great. We can reuse questions or rewrite the questions. We can look at this study as a new bench mark going forward.
- Councilor Nagel stated you reach 400 people. Is that random? If you don't get 400 responses, do you do additional 400?
- Mr. Lee stated that the 400 is the minimum target number we want to achieve and will do that digitally. Can post on social media, add to mailers via QR code, ask people to go to town's website. It will be opened up to entire town.
- Councilor Braverman asked if they start with focus groups to determine questions.
- Mr. Lee stated that they don't' start with focus groups; we work directly with the client to determine the questions to be asked.
- Councilor Manke stated he's having a hard time how you get the random sample. Out of 100 you choose 400?
- Mr. Lee stated that we can do that if you want us to. If having a random sample is important to you we can do it that way.
- Councilor Manke stated my concern is that every year during budget time everyone tells me what they want is the most important in town. Worried that data can be skewed.
- Mr. Lee stated that we can restrict responses; having GEO coding in place. Everybody will be able to provide an opinion and we will get a good representation.

B. Human Services Department Update

- Carol Labrecque stated she wanted to touch base regarding energy assistance. Available to those at or below 60% of the median income; this program has been cut significantly. We felt the concerns and encourage people to have their voices heard. It looks like Congress is approving increased funding for New England States. Operation Fuel is another energy assistance program that may be available. It's going to be challenging. Hopefully in the next week or so we will have positive news and results. Going into holiday season. Expect 400 households in Newington will benefit from our program. Sad to say our clinical coordinator will be leaving us; hopeful we can find someone to fill her shoes. Our youth programs thrived this past summer. Have met with new emergency manager and hope we have CERT as a resource if needed. Need turkeys to distribute for the holidays.
- Councilor Manke asked how many Newington families need fuel assistance.
- Ms. Labrecque stated that is typically around 600 households.
- Councilor Manke asked if there was a way for citizens to donate specifically to the fuel needs.
- Ms. Labrecque stated that any donation that comes to our department can be allotted to what you want – fuel, youth programs, food.
- Councilor Manke stated that all the programs are important.
- Councilor Braverman asked if any grocery stores were doing turkey giveaways.

- Ms. Labrecque stated that we get a few from Stew Leonard's, Stop & Shop; majority come from Foodshare.
- Councilor Page put a plug in for Oil Coop.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked how people can
- Ms. Labrecque stated that we work through appointments. You can call our office at 860-665-8590.

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

A. Public Comments

- Stuart Caille, 641 Willard Avenue stated that the town manager is out of touch with citizens of Newington. Have had personal issues with him; will not get back to me. He needs to resign. We don't need a survey. Don't need to spend money on ballot referendum. Think Gail Budrejko would be great interim town manager. You have a cancer growing on your administration. All of these people have come to say they don't agree with Mr. Chapman. Made list of questions you need to ask Mr. Chapman. You need to move on.
- Michael Vasellie, Cedar Village on Cedar Street (*via Zoom*) Want to discuss train station on Cedar Street. Don't think it would be a good idea. Traffic would be worse that it is now. Take a poll of the area people and see what they have to say.
- Ann Marie Sunderland, President of AFSCME Local, have had issues with Town Manager Chapman; he is unprofessional. Refused to talk to us about what we did during COVID. Town Manager Chapman threatens to subcontract work. He intimidates and retaliates against members. We need solutions and would like to discuss union needs in more detail.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (*via Zoom*). Congratulated Mrs. Rodriguez, the education system in Newington is wonderful. Agree with her that it wouldn't be the shining star without all other staff members. Our Human Services department and senior center have been outstanding the past couple of years during COVID. I am a recipient of fuel assistance; encourage people to apply. Afraid of what might happen if survey is posted on Facebook. Don't know why you can send it to each household.
- Amy Perrotti, 175 Hillcrest Avenue (*via Zoom*). Stated that Mrs. Rodriguez is a wonderful advocate for our student and our community. Would like to comment on the tax agreement for 690 Cedar Street. Don't think full picture was presented or discussed. Costs of town services need to be considered. Also support Ann Marie and everyone there in green tonight.

B. Email Correspondence

- Nick DeFrancesco, 244 Goodale Drive in regards to the train station

7. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Felt you gave us respect, made your concerns know and it was professional and thoughtful. Need time to review of what you presented.
- Councilor Page also thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We as leaders in town need to gather more information and would like to learn what is going on and not in violation of labor laws. Thank you very much. This is democracy in action.
- Councilor Radda also thanked everyone for coming out for speaking and representing concerns for your union. We all want the best for our community. Very in favor of open dialogue, and open to conversation and discussion. Done in respectful way.
- Councilor Braverman stated that she wanted to say we are one extended family and we all want to work together.

- Councilor Manke stated that he wanted to thank everyone for coming down and expressing your views.
- Councilor Nagel stated he wanted to thank you all for your comments. Because we aren't commenting is not because we haven't been listening. Several issues I just learned earlier today.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she read the article today online; thank you all for waiting. We are not able to comment on personnel or labor issues. This is now a formal complaint and in the hands of the Labor Board. Appreciate everyone here in the hallway and listened in. Appreciate you coming out and having your voices heard. Thank you.

8. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Tax Assessment Fixing Agreement at 690 Cedar Street

- Town Manager Chapman stated that this a process from the discussion a couple of weeks ago. It is a standard agreement offered to other developments in the past few years. Have talked with the developer and it looks like all issues with the state and town have been addressed. Anticipate closing by the end of the year.
- Fauna Eller stated that the property is currently owned by the Town of Newington with no income for over 20 years; once transfer to developer is complete the town will start collecting tax on the property. Total potential taxes to be collected in the first 10 years is \$8 million plus. Newington is very fortunate to have this developer and project in town.
- Steve Kosofsky stated that there seems to be a concern about providing affordable housing and a portion of this development is going to be set aside for affordable housing.
- Town Manager Chapman asked Anthony Properties to provide a listing of current and prior projects they've worked on throughout the country. They are well-established throughout the country. Very excited to have them become a part of Newington. If it doesn't get developed, the agreement will become null and void.
- Councilor Page asked about the discrepancy in numbers that 50; concerned we are underwater.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that he doesn't recall stating that number.
- Mr. Kosofsky stated that this is made up of one bedroom, two bedroom and studio units.
- Mr. Eller stated that they are not large units.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of these units will be unable to have students.
- Councilor Page stated that any smart developer recognizes that mass transit raises property values along the busway and train station. It's thanks to the busway that this property is so valuable. Still concerned about students and services costs to the town and no details from the benefits of the \$70 million. I'm a no on this.
- Councilor Radda stated she encourages development and is a good location. Do have a few questions. What percent are the units are going to be affordable housing.
- Mr. Kosofsky stated it's between 10 and 15 percent.
- Councilor Radda asked if the developer has been apprised that this is coming before the council and is there any negotiation?
- Ms. Eller stated that they are aware of this.
- Councilor Radda asked if there was any room for negotiation.
- Ms. Eller stated that she worked with them on this.
- Councilor Radda stated she is concerned about the graduated abatement. Why such as drastic decrease in lieu of an equitable 10 years across the board.
- Ms. Eller stated that it has do with the cost.
- Mr. Kosofsky stated that the first few years the vacancy rate will be high until the word gets around. The first five years they are faced with higher vacancies.
- Councilor Radda stated that these costs the same that any developer would incur in the first five years of development?

- Town Manager Chapman stated that we've left the abatement design open to each developer and based upon their financing and income and we've negotiated with them on this. Don't feel that they would be amenable to negotiating. This has been in the works for a long time now.
- Councilor Radda stated she is fully aware that this has been vacant for many years. Thank you for putting this together.
- Councilor Camillo stated that this is transit oriented development. Ninety percent of towns are looking for development. We need to do something about.
- Councilor Manke stated that it is common to do these abatements. The first was the Amara property on Cedar Mountain. Are these common to do?
- Ms. Eller stated that we have done a couple others here in town.
- Mr. Kosofsky stated that they did a few in Windsor when he was there.
- Councilor Manke stated that this is based on the tax rate remaining the same. That will increase over the years. This property has been on the market for years with no takers, concerned that if we don't do this, it will remain vacant. Also concerned that if we don't do this we will have a reputation of not doing abatements. Don't like doing this, but as long as other towns do this, we need to do it as well.
- Councilor Page stated he continues to support mass transit and over the next 30 years it should grow significantly. Did you vote on the moratorium to not develop along the busway? Some council voted on a moratorium for development along the busway. All in favor of development. Voting against this. Not going to make a multi-million dollar decision.
- Councilor Radda stated she is not opposed to abatement. Why isn't it the same across the board for 10 years and so drastic? Driven more by the developer and not by the town.
- Councilor Manke stated that one of the things was to market that piece of property when I got on the council over 7 years ago. Not crazy about the graduated abatement. This will generate tax dollars for our town.
- Councilor Camillo stated that the moratorium was started with the TPZ. The lawsuit for the apartments on Cedar Street was because of the design. These people will support businesses in town.
- Councilor Page stated that he agrees not enough people walk or bike to that area and one of the reasons they don't is because we don't have walkways and bikeways. Need to work with state legislators to get funding for Cedar Street.
- Councilor Manke stated that when we gave the abatement for Cedar Street I was very concerned. My confidence level with this is they are nationwide and they are proven. People are concerned about what will be developed along the busway. This will be luxury, upscale development and will generate the same type of development along Fenn Road. It's a proven developer with proven success. Not a lot of upscale stuff along the busway right now. This is good opportunity for us and it will provide a tax revenue.
- Councilor Manke stated that this will bring in over \$23 million dollars over 20 years. If we don't do this will shift this back to the average tax payer.
- Councilor Camillo stated that
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we need to read the resolution. There will be permitting fees close to half a million dollars.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that the permit fees are included in the sale price.
- Mayor DelBouno stated that one of the concerns for the Dakota project was the safety of people walking on Cedar Street. This is a win-win and thrilled to see this project happening. Thank you to Steve, Fauna and Keith. We need to negotiate a deal with the developer.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

WHEREAS, Section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, provides, inter alia, that any municipality may enter into a written agreement with any party owning an interest in real property

in such municipality fixing the assessment of the real property, and all improvements thereon or therein and to be constructed thereon or therein, for a period of not more than ten (10) years, provided the cost of such improvements to be constructed is not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and are constructed for certain uses which include office, manufacturing, permanent or transient residential, retail, warehouse, storage or distribution, structured multilevel parking in connection with a mass transit system, and information technology, recreational facilities or transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington ("Town") owns an interest in 690 Cedar Street in Newington, Connecticut ("Property"). Said property is more particularly bounded and described as set forth in Schedule A to be attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Properties LLC has an interest in acquiring and developing the property set forth above in Newington, Connecticut ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, Anthony Properties LLC has indicated its intent, if it receives the tax benefits herein provided for, to construct improvements to the Property which will permit them to locate and construct a Multi-family housing unit consisting of 238 units, and

WHEREAS, such improvements consist of a housing unit of approximately 264,274 square feet and a parking structure of approximately 99,396 square feet, of new construction; and

WHEREAS, said improvements, will contain approximately Fifty-six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$56,400,000.00) of fully taxable real property upon completion; and

WHEREAS, the improvements, as proposed, will meet the conditions and requirements for entering tax assessment agreements contained in Section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to Anthony Properties LLC to construct the improvements, the Town deems it desirable to enter into a tax assessment fixing agreement, fixing the assessment with respect to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Anthony Properties LLC each have full right and lawful authority to enter into this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a tax assessment fixing agreement with Anthony Properties LLC is hereby approved in accordance with Section 12-65b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and Keith Chapman, Town Manager, is authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the Town, once all required approvals have been granted.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 7-1-1 (roll call vote)

9. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS :

A. Conservation Commission, Alternate

Motion by Councilor Page

RESOLVED:

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

Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission

7 Members – 4 year staggered term
 3 Alternates – 4 year staggered term
 Member Max: 5
 Alternate Max: 2

Name	Address	Party	Term	Replaces
David Wemett,	42 Vivian Street	D	9/29/2022-	Vacancy, Appt of B

Member		11/30/2023	Conway to Member
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Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

10. REFUNDS (Action Requested)

- A. Approval of September 29, 2022 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$8,788.51 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 Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. September 6, 2022 Joint NTC/BOE Special Meeting Minutes
- C. September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Manke to accept the above minutes. Seconded by Councilor Donahue. Motion passed 9-0.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sonick Group Grant Writer Update

- Town Manger Chapman stated that they have been working with the town for over a year now.
- Sonya Richmond provided a review of what of grants received and applied for during the year and provided a list of possible grants for 2023.
- Councilor Page asked if they provide assistance for STEEP grants.
- Ms. Richmond stated that she can assist with those if the town requests that.
- Councilor Manke stated that the fire department stated you were easy to work with and helped them get (Firehouse Subs) grant.
- Councilor Radda stated that grant writing is an art. Thank you for the work you’ve done and the money you’ve brought into the town.
- Mayor DelBuono stated she was at the award ceremony for the Firehouse Subs award and the equipment we were able to get through those grants was wonderful. Can’t thank you and Nick for enough for the wonderful work you’ve done for our town.
- Councilor Nagel stated that he wants to express that other departments in town were excited to have Sonya work with them getting grant monies.
- Ms. Richmond stated that she will try to identify more grant opportunities this year.

B. Introduction – Assistant Town Manager

- Town Manager Chapman stated that he is pleased to introduce Joe Salamone as the Assistant Town Manager. Joe comes from many years of experience in municipalities. I think it’s a great choice; he went through the process and the council rated him as the top candidate.
- Mr. Salamone thanked the council for the opportunity. Have had the opportunity to work with the Sonick Group on the Kellogg Eddy grant.
- Mayor DelBuono congratulated Joe on his appointment and look forward to working with him.

C. Introduction – Chief Information Officer

- Town Manager Chapman stated that he’s pleased to introduce Scott Sharlow as the new Chief Information Officer.

- Scott Sharlow stated he is happy to be here. I live in West Harford. Very happy to be here.
- Mayor DeBuono welcomed Scott, nice to have a face with the name. Thank you for choosing Newington and we look forward to working with you.

D. Draft Job Description – Director of Administrative Services (A-9)

- Town Manager Chapman stated that this position was filled by many years by Jeff Baron. The job description is currently outdated and we've made some changes.
- Councilor Manke stated that Mr. Baron will be missed. Why is the new description a grade A-9.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that the pay grade was not up to date. Very difficult to get new employees.

13. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- Town Manager Chapman stated that the GPS system for the fire department worked as indicated. All police now in Newington have body cameras; feel it is a good safety feature for our officers. Very pleased to hear that Newington has bracelets for people with memory issues.
- Councilor Page asked Mr. Chapman to explain STEEP Grants.
- Town Manager Chapman stated that Renata still applies for them; she has been in contact with Sonya to see what she can do to help. I can get a list of grants from Renata.
- Councilor Manke stated that he appreciates the fact that the flower pots have mums in them.
- Councilor Radda stated that she is happy to see El Pollo Guapo in town.

14. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilor Nagel stated that CROG had a meeting yesterday and over 47 people were in attendance; Robert Develin the CT Inspector General was the guest speaker. Concerned about the number of suicides amongst the police. A CROG social was held at Alvarium in New Britain.; it was a good event. The CEO of CROG will be coming to Newington at some point to come and visit. CROG transportation grants that have been applied for have been accepted. CROG is overseeing CERT certifications. The Library Board discussed upcoming book sales; training sessions for software and websites; hoping to have meetings in the future in the meeting room in the library. The third week in Saturday in January will be the Winterfest; planning a promotional booklet; hoping to consider a library renovation. There are positions open on the library board; spaces that can be filled by both parties. At their annual meeting they discussed current, past and future projects. Annual race will be May 21, 2023.
- Councilor Braverman stated that the more we can get together as a council and board; library is very motivated. Hopefully the library will be up and running again.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that TPZ approved a permit for a gym, training, and sports facility on Stamm Road. It's going to be for little league tryouts and will be available to the parks and rec use. The town planner wanted to remind people that there is Current Land Use Applications tab on the website and it lists application and when they are going before the board. On October 12 at 6:30 – TPZ is going to hold an informal session to understand how they feel about our current zoning regulations. What is easy for them, difficult for them, what may not be working and what is working to help them thrive. If unable to attend they can contact the town planner.
- Councilor Page stated the wanted to give a shout out to EMS and was able to attend their virtual meeting tonight at 6. Discussed how they can be utilized by other towns.
- Councilor Manke stated he is a member of CERT; had meeting on how to reorganize themselves. CERT personnel volunteer at flu clinics. Councilor Radda and I attended a parks and rec meeting. Annual scare crow contest being held again this year. Happy to see Waterfall Festival back after 2-3 year hiatus; it was great weather and a great fall day. Compliment the Chamber on making that happen.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (Via Zoom Application or Phone)
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- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (via Zoom) stated that it was an interesting meeting. Once again affordable housing is being brought up and heard that Anthony Housing will have some. As of August 2022 we are at 8.98%. Misconception with a lot of people what qualifies as affordable housing. Going to advocate for low income seniors and for development of affordable housing in Newington.

16. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- Councilor Nagel stated that we had the official opening of the dog park and several ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses in town.
- Councilor Manke stated that he was told it's Councilor Radda's birthday today.
- Councilor Page stated that one of his thoughts is that Market Square be for pedestrians only on Sundays.
- Councilor Donahue asked about the construction on Fenn Road. What is going on?
- Town Manager Chapman stated that the car wash had an issue with MDC regarding waste water. Everything back on track.
- Councilor Camillo stated that we were looking for COVID money. BOE is going to be in a hole next year. Just read a letter that the Superintendent of Schools sent regarding the asbestos program. Dr. Calais is handing out flyers; maybe he should put the correct information on the flyers.

17. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2022 Fall Public Shredding Event

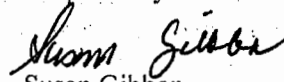
- Saturday, October 8th – 9 a.m. - Noon

B. Senior & Disabled Center – Upcoming Events and Info

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Manke to adjourn the meeting at 10:11. Seconded by Councilor Donahue. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Gibbon
Councilor Clerk