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MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2017

Mayor Zartarian called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest
Councilor Budrejko
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor Manke
Councilor Marocchini
Councilor Nagel
Councilor Serra
Mayor Zartarian

Staff Attendees:

Tanya Lane, Town Manager
Ann J. Harter, Director of Finance
Craig Minor, Town Planner
Bill DeMaio, Parks & Recreation Director
Stephen Clark, Police Chief
Ben Ancona, Town Attorney
James E. Krupienski, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor DelBuono moved to accept the agenda as written and was seconded by Councilor Manke. The motion to accept the agenda passed 9-0.

IV. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Connecticut EMS Council Award

Mayor Zartarian stated that he had the opportunity to see Ms. Bramucci receive the George Ganung Award at the CT EMS conference last month at the state capital. First time he ever did anything like and had one of our own up there getting a great award should be a source of pride for all of us.

Councilor Nagel moved the following.

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WHEREAS, Ms. Laura Bramucci has been a member of Newington Emergency Medical Services (NEMS) for over 10 years and has been an EMS volunteer since the age of 17 and; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bramucci received the George A. Ganung Award at the State of Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Awards Ceremony on May 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bramucci has held various roles at NEMS from Field Training Officer to Captain, and currently serves as Assistant Chief where she is responsible for the day-to-day operations, the Training Department, OSHA, Safety, and Special Operations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bramucci also coordinates and runs community events such as educational visits to schools or scouts, File of Life programs at senior living communities, annual blood drives, and Stuff-A-Truck; and

WHEREAS, when Ms. Bramucci isn't volunteering she works as a Senior Crisis Clinician at Wheeler Clinic with their Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service and Bristol Hospital's Emergency Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby congratulates Laura Bramucci on receiving this prestigious award and extends its appreciation for her service to all of the residents of the Town of Newington.

Seconded by Councilor Serra. Motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Bramucci thanked the council for the award and stated you are only as good as those that come before and after you. Very proud to serve Newington, it is a great town. Newington EMS has been a big part of my life and loves giving back to the community and glad to be a part of it. Thank you very much.

Councilor Budrejko stated that she does not know Laura personally, but couldn't believe when she read in addition to the volunteer work. You do this as a living. Don't know how you find the time. Clearly it is a passion and a gift and it's your whole life and we are very fortunate that people like you exist and keep giving. Thank you very much.

Councilor Manke stated that knows there are a lot of people in town that volunteer to make our community better, every volunteer effort is important and worthwhile. Volunteering as you do, you see people at their worst sometimes and it is not always easy to do. He commended her for her efforts and for sticking with it so long. Congratulations on winning the award.

Councilor Nagel would like to add his congratulations also. While looking through all the things mentioned, in addition to that, the Newington EMS is a really great asset to the town and glad you are a key part of that and this community. We really do appreciate the services that you provide. You volunteer and work on things and have served and moved up the ladder, it indeed is a passion. You wish to do things and persevere and improve upon things, you take on more responsibility and eventually are awarded for services. Thank you.

Councilor Klett would like to also congratulate Ms. Bramucci. Over the course of peoples lifetimes, many times people find one thing or another they feel a commitment to, reading all the things you have done, you have done a lot of great work. Would like to say that the world is a better place because of someone like you.

Councilor Serra would like to thank Mr. Bramucci for her dedication and service. The residents of this town are in a good place with everybody from EMS. Thank you for your hard work and congratulations on your award.

Councilor DelBuono stated it is hard to come in at the end of this. Congratulations and thank you so much for the work you do. The EMS organization in town, people forget sometimes that it is volunteer. She loves seeing an award like this that draws attention to the fact that we have volunteers in our town that do this kind of work, it is amazing. The comment you made “you are only as good as the ones that came before you and the ones that followed”, speaks volumes not only about EMS in our town, but you as a person and your character. It is easy to take the proclamation and be proud, but to share it with everyone speaks volumes about you. Thank you so much for what you do. Thank you to the whole EMS crew for what they do for our town, we really appreciate it.

Councilor Anest said congratulations.

Mayor Zartarian said there is little he can add, except congratulations, it was a great ceremony and great honor, not only for you, but also the town. Thank you.

B. Award *eesmarts* Annual Student Contest

Mayor Zartarian stated to KaryLynn that he is going to read to her a proclamation because of the poster she drew on energy saving that won a prize in the state contest.

Councilor Nagel moved the following.

WHEREAS, the *eesmarts* program of the Energize Connecticut initiative expands students’ understanding of the science, math, and technology of clean, renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the *eesmarts* annual Student Contest encourages students from kindergarten to college to create projects about energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 *eesmarts* Student Contest received more than 1,200 entries from throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the poster designed and drawn by Elizabeth Green School student KaraLynn Marsh was selected as one of the top three entries in the first-grade category; and

WHEREAS, KaraLynn was honored at the awards ceremony at the State Capitol on June 2, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council hereby recognizes KaraLynn Marsh for her awareness of the importance of energy conservation and for the talent and creativity she displayed in producing her prize-winning poster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council extends its heartiest congratulations to KaraLynn Marsh for this outstanding achievement.

Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

KaraLynn Marsh said thank you.

Brendan Marsh stated that he is very grateful that his daughter has been recognized and is receiving this. Very encouraging and very blessed to be a part of Newington, the great education system that is here and all the programs for children and family. Actually have a number of friends that have been lifetime residents. We only moved to Newington in 2009 and have definitely found a home here and feel blessed to be here. Thank you.

Councilor Manke would like to congratulate KaraLynn for her artistry, it was a great effort to create a poster that reaches people better than words. Congratulations on her achievement.

Councilor Anest would also like to congratulate KaryLynn. Keep up your work with posters, because when you get into college, you go to a lot of seminars and conferences where you have to display posters, keep up the good work.

C. 2016 Volunteer of Year

The Newington Town Council is pleased to announce that Christopher Woodward has been selected as the 2016 Town of Newington Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Woodward is an active member of the Sequin-Level Lodge in Newington where he organizes food drives to benefit Newington Human Services, volunteers at the Newington Extravaganza, annual blood drive, CT Child ID programs, as well as many other programs and Town events.

Mr. Woodward will be honored with a formal proclamation at an upcoming Town Council meeting.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736) (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON ANY ITEM)

Rod Mortenson, 53 Meadow Court. Stated he likes watching the council when they have pleasant things to do like that, like proclamations and recognizing your citizens. He felt he had to come down tonight, hate to beat a dead horse, but it is item VIII.D. the grant application/OPM for the parking garage. Sometime I sit and wonder what kinds of business people are coming up with these arrangements. One day you pick up the paper and the state of CT doesn't have money for bathrooms, for people traveling though the state, yet we have more than this in the total amount of grant money available, but we are going to award a developer \$2 million to build a garage, that he is going to own, that hopefully he leases back to the state and makes money on. What are we thinking? The whole busway, the whole TOD thing, so tired of reading about it, it should have said PIS, pie in the sky. If you build a 300, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that, if you build a 300 car parking garage, how many trips a day are going to come to that garage? Not just the 300 if it is full and if you read in the grant and the reasons for it, so that people from Waterbury, Cheshire, Farmington, etc. It doesn't say anything about Newington, can come to the garage to get on the bus way. If you build a hotel there, how many parking trips a day do you think that is going to create? Was pretty naïve when younger, but not anymore. Sat through hundreds of hours of bus way meetings, the head of the project said the reason we are building the bus way is to alleviate traffic on I-84. Has that happened? It is going to alleviate congestion on local roads. Does anybody think that happened? All the transit orientated development, the new catch phrase, is you are going to live, work and play along the bus way, bologna. Everything you do, every business that opens up, every job that is created is going to create another trip through Newington. If anybody hasn't been on Cedar Street, Fenn Road lately, what are we doing? At the beginning when this started he said it was going to be a detriment to Newington. Hartford and New Britain may think it is a magic bullet and if you sit home and have people telling you, wait the bus way is a miraculous success, a million people have ridden it, not a million people have gone from Harford to New Britain. All the people on CT Fastrack and all the bus ridership. He said it before for a grant for a midget football field, don't take the money, he knows the council said somebody else will take it. That is why we are broke, that is why next year, whoever is sitting is going to be raising property taxes because the state is jamming it down the towns

throats. Where does anybody say hey, enough it enough. It's not going to be the Newington we all knew, to get a few thousand dollars more in tax revenue down there. What is it going to do to all the people that live in that segment of town? Don't take the money, TOD is a bunch of bologna, it is getting people jobs to work on this, but real business people aren't doing that. I would love to have somebody give me \$2 million, I will build it for you and then lease it back to you. Even the DOT said we are not going to do it because we don't the money. You really need to consider this, just a lot of horse feathers. Thank you.

Gary Bolles, 28 Burden Lane. Regarding Agenda Item VII A, Alumni Road Traffic Study. According to the June 9th memo, the next step in the process would be for the town council to authorize the town manager to submit the project to the State DOT for project approval. Some of you have expressed concerns about the removal of the gate at Alumni Road. At this junction it is extremely important to get this project submitted to the DOT; this safety improvement is long overdue. When the I-84 reconstruction begins, we need to have the Alumni Road safety improvements in place. This is especially important because our Cedar Street will be the only east and west route to and from Route 9 and the Berlin Turnpike with access to I-84. At that time the gate at Alumni Road may have be opened, especially for emergency vehicles and to ease traffic congestion that will result. I have a petition here, it's 6 pages, 90 names, 90 signatures that I want to submit to you signed by all but 3 residents in our neighborhood comprising of Vincent and Bushy Hill Drives, Nutmeg and Burden Lanes and Cinnamon Road. This petition supports all improvements regarding the Alumni Road project. Once you authorize the town manager to submit this project to the State DOT, I respectfully ask that this petition accompany her letter to lend support to the projects importance and a driving force to get the construction finally under way.

Councilor Anest read a letter submitted to the town council by Mady Kenney, 53 Crestview Drive. It was in regards to Jaime Trevethan. The letter is attached.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive (*the following is verbatim per Ms. Lyons request*). I completely agree with Mady's words praising Jaime. Some of these same words were spoken about Chris Greenlaw at your May 9, 2017 town council meeting at which Chris was honored for his years of service. At that meeting Councilor DelBuono make the statement "too bad we didn't do this a week ago or two weeks ago, maybe he would have stayed. Chris Greenlaw in his farewell remarks began with 'you're certainly not going to make this easy but maybe had you talked to me two weeks ago, but stopped mid-sentence.....leaving me to wonder what he was about to say. Prior to Chris' resignation, Karen's resignation, and Jaime being transferred, the chair of the Town Hall Reno Committee suddenly resigned. Reasons for their resignations and transfer were given, but somehow I'm just not buying them. Why are we losing competent people, or transferring them? Who is next? What can we do to retain the people we have? I have been told by another resident, Stanley Sobieski, that he has asked questions as well through an email to the Town Manager and Town Councilors. If we the residents and taxpayers have questions, I wonder why you as Town Councilors are not asking the same questions and trying to figure out what the problem may be. Thank you.

Frank Wlodkowski, 170 Old Farm Drive. Very quick on Alumni Road. I disagree with the gentlemen from Vincent Drive with regards to Alumni Road as I have consistently since this started. He did bring up the main reason is the 84 project that state has coming through but it will be a permanent problem for us once 84 is finally completed and that is what I am concerned with. It's not just going to impact Old Farm Drive but Old Farm will have a major impact if it will affect the whole town. Vincent Drive is a nice neighborhood, it is tucked away, the have mostly spoken about the sidewalk, that is their main concern. The major impact is going to happen on Maple Avenue and the Old Farm Drive area. Their neighborhoods are going to be pretty much, depending on the traffic, pretty much not want to live there anymore and move as quick as you can. That is all I have to say.

Councilor Serra read a letter submitted to the town council by Pam & Zoe Raynock, Harding Avenue. It was in regards to the P&R to apply for grant for dog park. The letter is attached.

Councilor Anest read a letter submitted to the town council by Iris Larsson, 41 Buckingham Street. It was in regards to Jaime Trevethan. The letter is attached.

Councilor Anest read a letter submitted to the town council by Sejla Jahic, no address given. It was in regards to the special council meeting, BOE request. The letter is attached.

VI. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilor Anest stated that there seems to be quite a bit of public discussion here and on social media regarding the assistant to the town manager position. The position is too important to the running of our town to let it get to a point where it got without the entire council knowing the circumstances. She did request an executive session to discuss personnel matters and was refused. The town manager is also personnel director and as such she felt the responsibility to handle personnel issues are hers and not the council. If you refer to Charter Section C-903, Personnel Director "... and for making recommendations respecting personnel matters to the Council ..." it seems to her that the town council has the authority to request a discussion regarding personnel issues. In her opinion, if the council or a member of the council would like to discuss the matter or any others then the town manager should oblige.

Councilor Klett would like to respond to Ms. Lyons comment and those of the other individuals and just to support what Councilor Anest has said. She would like it noted that some members of the council have tried to get the bottom of what has transpired but there hasn't been a lot of support for that position.

Councilor Serra stated that she would also like to support Councilor Anest in having this brought into executive session. She thinks as a body they need to understand what it going on. If it is something that is requested it should be put on to the agenda.

Councilor DelBouno stated that she had a different recollection of the meeting. She knows that a request was made or a topic that was brought up at the agenda study, while one person may have had an objection to it there was a discussion that transpired and she thought that Councilor Anest was satisfied with the discussion that happened. She is surprised that is coming back and Councilor Anest wasn't satisfied she wishes they had more conversation about it.

Councilor Anest stated the reason she wasn't satisfied was she felt that the whole council should be part of the discussion and not just the leadership.

Councilor DelBuono stated she didn't get that impression at the meeting.

Councilor Anest said she is sorry Councilor DelBuono didn't, but as you can see it is all over social media.

Mayor Zartarian stated that to the best of his knowledge, and we do have the town attorney with us, that actions such as appointment, discharge, transfers, etc. are the providence of the personnel director, not the council. We have appointment over the town manager, boards and commissions, but not when it comes to classified service.

Councilor Klett stated that she doesn't think that is what the council members are asking for. She thinks the council members are asking for an explanation which was denied. We were denied that opportunity.

Mayor Zartarian stated having been on both sides of this issue, both the administrative side and now the policy side. He sympathizes with the town manager for taking, safeguarding the privacy of the action she took. Whether there were employee issues or not, he doesn't know, anything like that would be executive

session material certainly unless the employee in question wanted it to be made public. He is behind the town manager with what she did and maintaining the confidentiality of it.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (**Action May Be Taken**)

A. Alumni Road Traffic Study

Mayor Zartarian stated that there was a public information meeting held on May 2nd to see the plan for signal improvements at the Alumni Road/Maple Avenue area. The council had a condensed version at the May 23 meeting. The next step is for the council to authorize the town manager to submit this project to the DOT for project approval and get in line for funding. We have a resolution for it.

Councilor Nagel moved the following.

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes Town Manager Tanya D. Lane (or her designee) to submit the “Alumni Road Traffic Signal Project”, which includes plans for a traffic signal and improvements at the intersection of the Alumni Road/Maple Hill Avenue area, to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for approval. [amended]

Councilor DelBouno wanted to raise a question and she did talk to Councilor Anest earlier to problem solve a little bit about this. In terms of forwarding the project on, the question at hand is whether it should go to the TPZ for an 8-24 ruling prior to sending it to the state. Know that they have read the statute and have been going back and forth, it can go either way. She did ask the town attorney if he were here tonight to review the statute before coming and give us a verbal opinion if he could. Did you have enough time to do that?

Attorney Ancona stated that he looked at it quickly. It doesn't specially articulate the action that this body wants to take, but if you read it [reading from statute]. You are not specifically doing that, but are pretty close, and would suggest this go to TPZ, no harm in doing that.

Councilor Anest stated she is just playing devils advocate. The improvements are being done, not by the town, but the state. If we get into Alumni Road, then it's the town. So when it says “no municipal agency or legislative body”, we are the legislative body. Looking at it as state, not local.

Attorney Ancona said that she is absolutely right. The state is going to do what they want.

Councilor Anest stated her other concern was we are just going to the state saying, we are embracing this idea, but they are the ones that will ultimately make the decision. There is no set plan to refer to TPZ.

Attorney Ancona is saying that the body should refer to TPZ.

Councilor Anest stated that this isn't a concrete action. The plans are concrete, but we are asking for what can be done. The state might come back with a totally different plan.

Attorney Ancona stated that he is not disagreeing with you, it doesn't hurt to send it to TPZ. If it is a concrete plan that is definitely taking place by this body, it has to go to TPZ. No harm in having TPZ look at it. The statute is clear, before this body takes action it has to go to TPZ, but what you are telling me here, it this body is not taking any action that is governed by the statute, no it doesn't have to go to TPZ.

Councilor Marocchini stated that he may be wrong, but didn't this whole plan come from TPZ? To send it back to them before we give the go ahead to send it to the state to review it, this is the plan coming from individuals from the town. The state can look at it and say, no we are going to do it a totally different way if we are going to do it at all. Let's be honest we will be lucky if we see it happen within 10 years. It came from TPZ, why do they want it back. Just a vicious circle.

Councilor DelBuono stated she was just raising the questions since she doesn't know the correct process and vetted it properly before taking action.

Attorney Ancona stated that is understanding is there is a special issue of removing the gate. Is that a special issue?

Councilor Anest stated that is not part of what is going to the state. If we decide we want to do work on Alumni Road, absolutely it has to go to TPZ for their input.

Councilor Klett stated she agrees with Councilor Marocchini. Personally thought this was a very peculiar situation to have it start with TPZ and then come to the town council; not generally the direction is which things happen. She has an issue with the whole thing. While some neighborhoods might be in favor of it, not all neighborhoods are and while it may benefit one neighborhood, it may a detriment to another neighborhood and that does concern her. The resolution itself isn't a problem for her. Nothing more that can take place until the state reviews it.

Councilor Marocchini stated to Councilor Klett's point. Is this the exact right plan? Don't know, but have been talking about getting something moving. Will support the resolution.

Councilor Anest stated in reading the resolution it says it says "and improvements to the Alumni Road/Maple Hill Avenue area", the concerns her, because it alludes that we are looking to make improvements to the entire Alumni Road, that is how is I am reading it. Maybe reading too much into it. Can we add the word "intersection". So "improvements to the intersection of Alumni Road and Maple Hill Avenue area", she doesn't want to be considering where we want the state to give us ideas of how Alumni Road should be reconfigured and the gate opening.

Mayor Zartarian asked Councilor Anest to restate the changes she would like to make.

Councilor Anest stated "which includes plans for a traffic signal and improvements at the intersection of Alumni Road/Maple Hill Avenue area".

Councilor DelBouno stated that her concern, and she agrees that she doesn't have a problem narrowing it, but it is more than just that intersection, it does go all the way....

Councilor Anest stated it says "which include plans for"; the resolution doesn't specially say everything we are looking for. She want's it more tightened up on Alumni Road, getting her nervous. Doesn't want the state to dictate to us.

Mayor Zartarian stated that we don't want to exclude Alumni Road because that it is included in the plan.

Councilor Anest state that Alumni Road is on our dime, not the states dime.

Councilor DelBouno stated that the state will cover their road which is Cedar, the Alumni is, because it is part of the intersection, they may suggest things, but it would be up to us to approve it.

Councilor Anest stated do we want to do a parking lot.

Councilor DelBouno asked do we want their input on that or no?

Councilor Marocchini stated all that being said, the resolution is for the town manager to move it along, it state is not seeing the resolution, they are just seeing the plans. Not to make your point moot, but hate to go on for however long.

Councilor Nagel stated he agrees on that. He thinks trying to move further along than what the resolution actually says and states. He has no problem as long as it appears that at least a part of the community wants to see improvements within the scope of the plans we had. Things beyond that, such as the gate and what happens on Alumni Road, is a whole separate issue.

Councilor Budrejko agrees with Councilor Anest regarding the wording. Alumni Road has its own issues. This is just for the changes we reviewed at previous meetings. Want to say to those that are using the construction of I-84, this isn't going to be a magic bullet that will save Newington. This is not going to alleviate issues that will come our way from the I-84 improvements. We are screwed on that.

Mayor Zartarian stated in that regard he is a member of the I-84 Public Advisory Council which meets quarterly. He will be attending a meeting later in June and will report back to the council at that time.

Councilor Klett stated that she may be the only not supporting this tonight. She has to say if anyone has to traverse our highways on a regular basis, there it not a highway in the state that isn't dead stop at certain times. Personally doesn't see this as a long term improvement, sees this as inviting more traffic on that road, on a road that was not meant to handle 40,000 cars per day, when Wethersfield stayed their course of two lanes and we went to four lanes. Just see it adding more traffic to the road. She thinks there are residents that don't support this, whose live and homes are going to be impacted by the end result.

Councilor DelBuono sated she is looking at it differently because she travels that intersection very often; coming out of Alumni Road onto that street is treacherous at many time of the day. If this would improve that, we have hundreds of high school students on a regular basis going in and out of that intersection. She knows that traffic data shows that there are some accidents, not as many as we thought, but there are close calls there every day. If this is something that can improve the situation, we did have a public information session to hear from residents, there were opinions on both sides. Will support this, feel it is a worthwhile endeavor, something that we have tried to do over the years many times. We should provide the project to the state to get their suggestions or improvements.

Councilor Anest asked that we would be able to, or whatever council is at the table, when the project comes back, that could be 10 years from now and the dynamics of that intersection might be changed. Would they be able to say to the state, no we don't like this, they wouldn't be bound to what the state said.

Councilor Klett agrees that the intersection needs to be addressed. She doesn't believe that the plan that is moving forward is in the best interest to all residents. That is what her concerns lie.

Ms. Lane stated a technicality relative to the petition that Mr. Bolles gave to her. He has requested it be included with the information that we provide to the DOT. Does the council need to vote, amend the resolution? Not sure how to handle this.

Mayor Zartarian in regards to the resolution we have to act on Councilor Anest' s revised words, if we approve that, then we will approve the resolutions, vote on the resolution.

Ms. Lane stated right, but to include it as well the petition, is a housekeeping matter.

Mayor Zartarian stated that he is in support, but not sure if it should be included with the project documentation. Not sure if DOT would require it or even look at it.

Councilor Klett state that her concern is should all public comment be forwarded. Not all residents are in agreement and their comments should be weighed equally.

Councilor DelBuono stated she has two thought on it. First the council hasn't seen the petition, so they can't act on it and two, agree with Councilor Klett in that she doesn't feel comfortable representing one side of an issue. She encouraged Mr. Bolles to send it directly to the state.

Councilor Marocchini said ditto. Appreciate Mr. Bolles for providing the petition. Keep for minutes of record and own knowledge.

Councilor Anest asked is she could get an answer to her question.

Mayor Zartarian asked her to restate her question.

Councilor Anest asked if future council will be bound to whatever plans the state presents to us, if they have the money or can the town council say, sorry, we don't want to do this.

Mayor Zartarian stated that is a great question.

Councilor Anest asked if Mr. Minor knows the answer.

Mr. Minor said no.

Councilor Marocchini stated that the last time this came about, through the last council, when it was going to be just a traffic light and the way it was presented, the support was completely pretty much negative, but that state did back off. At the end of the day, they do what they want.

Councilor Klett asked which time was Councilor Marocchini talking about? This came up in 2009.

Councilor Marocchini stated since he has been on the council.

Councilor Klett stated that the state backed off because the council voted not to...

Councilor Marocchini stated there was never a vote. Not since he has been on the council.

Councilor Nagel wanted to add that the plans that are being presented and it is has been transparent in previous public meetings which was 50/50. This is not an ultimate fix-it for, there is no A solution. In terms of this is the best to try to improve, supposedly a situation that is dangerous and to make it one that is less dangerous or more acceptable. It isn't going to cure everything, not everyone will be pleased, but it will make an attempt to encourage in some degree to solve the problems that exist there. The state may come back in 10 years or after that.

Mayor Zartarian asked for a motion to revise the language of the resolution.

Motion Councilor Nagel to amend the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Marocchini. Motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Zartarian asked for a roll call vote on the amended resolution.

Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Klett - No
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Nagel - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

Seconded by Councilor Marocchini. Motion passed 8-1.

B. Grant Application: “2017 Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development” Grant Program

Mr. Minor stated that there are two different grants they are proposing. The one discussing at the moment was presented at the last meeting and the TPZ proposed which would fund entirely a consultant that would help TPZ come up with TOD regulations that would be acceptable to the TPZ and the town at large and to conduct outreach sessions to the residents of Newington of what TOD is, the benefits, the drawbacks. Discuss the possible hypothetical developments in that neighborhood to illustrate what TOD could world like. We made the changes that the council wanted. We also increased the amount from \$35,000 to \$45,000 to include enough money for outreach focus groups.

Mayor Zartarian asked if Mr. Minor if he could identify the area that is impacted by this.

Mr. Minor sated it is roughly an area within ½ mile of the CT Fastrak station on Willard Avenue.

Mayor Zartarian state the Newington Junction Area.

Mr. Minor stated correct.

Mayor Zartarian stated he recalls there was a study a few years ago that had people up in arms, that CROG was behind. This is going to be completely different?

Mr. Minor said exactly. That study was conducted by a consultant that CROG had hired to provide on call assistance to all the towns along CT Fastrak. Newington was late to the table on that and the direction that the consultant went, ended up at a place that was not helpful for anybody that study is sitting on a shelf. He does show it to people for conception and possible development in the area. But doesn't refer to that plan much anymore.

Councilor Marocchini stated that obviously this is all private property along that area. It give us plenty of time to develop something. Like that word or acronym TOD or not, we have it. Let's hopefully get a few dollars to design a way to deal with it, that everybody is comfortable with.

Councilor Budrejko stated that she appreciates the language changes that were made, it makes it more inclusive of residents, not only from the neighborhood, but the town. It's not dismissing fears, it is actually listening and hearing and incorporating them. Not quite as directive as the first study that was done. It's study and she support it.

Councilor DelBuono moved the following.

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the application for the “2017 OPM Responsible Transit-Oriented Development” grant funding in the amount of \$45,000 to conduct a “TOD Public Information Program”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby identifies Tanya D. Lane, Town Manager (or her designee), as an individual authorized to sign the grant application and administer the grant. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel.

Mayor Zartarian asked for a roll call vote on the amended resolution.

Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Klett - No
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Nagel - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

Motion passed 8-1.

C. Grant Application: “2017 Bark for Your Park” Grant Program

Bill DeMaio [and Isaac]. Good evening everyone.

Mayor Zartarian stated that this is a follow up to his presentation of a couple of weeks ago for an application for a grant for a dog park at the Deming-Young Farm property and the grant amount of \$25,000 will cover the entire project as envisioned, is that correct? And the balance of the money will come from?

Mr. DeMaio stated that is correct. He tried to rethink the idea after making the presentation and analyze the council and the economic climate we are in. This falls under the category, nothing ventured, nothing gained if he doesn't apply for grants. This is the time to bring private money to the town. With that in mind he re-read some of the rules and regulation and it appears that if the we built the dog park within 3 years of the time if you get the money from the PetSafe people; the odds of getting this grant is very slim; there are only 5 grants in the whole country. What he thought might happen, if you give us the opportunity to apply and were successful in getting the money, then we could put the public on notice that we would have a campaign to raise money privately from the residents and dogs lovers. Some people 25% of families have dogs. Some people asked why we were catering to a small percentage. He also spoke with real estate agents and they talked about how it is a quality of life thing now for towns and they are always asked if the town has a dog park. Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and West Hartford have them. Not guaranteeing anything. Would have an active campaign. We have raised \$1.1 million in the Parks & Rec. Department, why not try another \$40,000. That is his intent right now and it makes good common sense. In the process we will probably go through 3 town councils by the time we get it.

Councilor Marocchini moved the following.

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the application for the “2017 Bark for Your Park” grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the construction of an official dog park in Newington;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby identifies Tanya D. Lane, Town Manager (or her designee), as an individual authorized to sign the grant application and administer the grant. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Nagel wanted to mention that he was very grateful to Mr. DeMaio for rethinking where the additional monies would come from because we have found at this time we have to be very careful of how we spend our monies and what we spend them on. Dogs are very important, but he is sure that there are members of the community that might equate that with other things and services we need to provide as well. Very glad you came up with that solution and with that recommendation he whole heartedly supports the resolution.

Councilor Budrejko stated that is we were fortunate to get the grant, and say the fundraising it going slower that expected, you and still get a basic dog park built and some of these other things could be add on like the picnic tables, the park benches. The basic grant will help us get the dog park going and hopefully will have a one shot deal and have it all built, but if not we can add on. Correct?

Mr. DeMaio stated that he doesn't agree with that. There is a certain amount of dog safety involved and a people socialability involved. People need a place to sit, they need a place for shade and you dogs need water. You can make that decision down the road, but the safety of the dog and the safety of the people is pretty high up there. Wouldn't encourage putting dogs in an area with hot sun and not have shade. I understand your idea.

Councilor Budrejko states that she hates to give up the opportunity and we will have to rely on your salesmanship skills and fundraising ability and we will have super dog park.

Mr. DeMaio stated that there has been a lot of support. People are calling, are saying positive things. Never realized how many people were in favor of this.

Councilor Anest stated that this is a marvelous idea. One thing is the agility obstacle course, that is a significant sum or money and that is something that could be added in later. She believes that the Rocky Hill and Wethersfield dog parks are just and open area, they don't have those items in there. So if you are shy of \$12,000 that could be added in . Know we need the water, the chips and the sun shade.

Mr. DeMaio stated that he agrees with Councilor Anest, but he believes we will get more points if we strengthen the grant wording. Grant writing is an interesting thing, when they ask a question, you give them concrete figures and ideas. In this particular one he has a strong feeling, the reason he put the shade structure, the water, benches and these obstacle is because it gives you more points.

Councilor Anest stated that is was brought up to her by somebody in the public. We didn't have the entire grant package with us, maybe that could have been a condition.

Mr. DeMaio stated he thinks you get more points for imagination and creativity and dog opportunities.

Councilor Manke stated that he doesn't have a dog, he has a cat. He does support this. He thinks as time goes on you may get monetary donations, but you also may get service donations, someone may donate a tree, someone may build a bench or a picnic table. Those kind of things may will help improve the dog park without actually adding expense. Once it is out there, I think people will support it and rally around it.

Mr. DeMaio stated that in Rocky Hill, and he thinks in Wethersfield, they have vinyl signs all around the fencing facing in, sponsors for a couple of hundred dollars, similar to the little league signs. I think you could name drinking fountains after dogs, benches, etc.

Councilor DelBouno stated that she wanted to thank Mr. DeMaio for his out of the box thinking. Appreciate that you are always looking for grant opportunities and especially appreciate your coming to the table with the idea of fundraising. It is appreciated that you recognize the current fiscal difficulties we are facing, not just her in town, but at the state level. Thank you for your efforts. She thinks the dog park is a wonderful idea. Clearly the property is already be used for many dogs and one of the residents that called me about this is not necessarily in favor of it, but concerned that the dogs are now running off leash, and tried to explain that this would be a solution for that because it would contain the dogs to one area and they wouldn't be running all over the entire property and free to leave deposits elsewhere. For those reasons I am in support of this project and hopes it can move forward.

Councilor Klett stated that probably one of the best decisions the town council made was to keep that space as open space and it is a great place for man, woman or dog. From my son's house you can see people walking and dogs running, it is a great place. Appreciate Mr. DeMaio's thinking outside the box and for listening for what we had to say. Her only concern is that the Mayor said he wouldn't support it because of the birds. Did we solve the problem with birds?

Mayor Zartarian stated that he is not a dog owner, but godfather to two dogs. He stated that he is a birder and the young farm field is a nesting ground for an endangered species, the bobolink tails, the savannah sparrows, grass land bird also on the decline because they are loosing nesting area. He has been going around in this head on this, and has come to the conclusion that if we can get people to use the dog park and it is kept away from the nesting area, it will help the birds because dogs have been identified as a threat to nesting birds, especially ground nesters like bobolinks. He is going to support this because he has full assurance that no one will bother the bobolinks.

Mr. DeMaio thinks that the dogs that are now are loose and this will help.

Councilor Serra thanked Mr. DeMaio for bringing the grant forward. As a dog lover she is surprised to see how many people leave Newington to go to other towns for their dog parks. This will keep people in town and maybe bring some people from out of town to Newington. Looking forward to it and in full support of it.

D. Police Update: ATVs

Stephen Clark, Newington Police Chief, stated that he provided an email he sent to the governor's office back in March and it gives a good summary of what the issues are and some to the things that police department is faced with in law enforcement. Chief Clark presented a power point presentation to the council. Quick overview, the issues that we are facing is CT Bike Life. If you were to YouTube, Google, bike life 860 or 203, you will get a number of videos that the people involved in our state is happening all across the nation. Chief Clark pulled something up today and they are advocating for a cross country run from New York to California. That is how involved this is. It is also known as urban dirt biking, it is a reckless operation with and a total disregard for police. In a number of occasions, they go by and they have their hands extended, they are not waving high to the officer and bate them into a pursuit. As frustrated as the residents are, the officers are even more frustrated. Most cops he knows are Type A personalities, they

are very driven and the mere fact of not engaging them or just allowing them to leave goes against every core in their body. It is a national problem occurring in cities all across the country. It effects Harford, New Haven, Bridgeport and the surrounding communities. It is centered around Hartford and it effects the suburban communities outside Hartford. Riders come from as far away as Boston. They store their bikes and ATVs in garages in Hartford. Not only are we seeing quads and dirt bikes, but packs of street bikes. They thrive on publicity; if it is on Facebook, on the news or in a news article, they are going to applaud it and it plays right into their hands. Just Google Bike Life 860 and you will see a video and you will recognize those locations in Hartford, on the highways, in Newington, and some of the surrounding towns. They gather at one point and move out together in one big pack. The officers don't engage in pursuit because they are not going to stop and don't want to risk a liability issue because of an accident. When Chief Clark was a young officer, the pursuit policies were a little bit more flexible and over the course of time, he has watched the pursuit policy become more restrictive. At some point nobody is going to stop and the only people that are going to stop are law abiding people. Not suggesting that we pursue these people, they are very dangerous and expose the public to a tremendous amount of risk, but this is what we are faced with. From January to June 1, 2017, 6 months, we received 44 complaints, 21 complaints involving dirt bikes and quads/ATVs; there were 19 complaints involving street bikes, and of those dispatches when officers arrived in the area, we call it GOA, gone on arrival, 26 times they had already made it through town when the officers arrived in the area. There were 8 instances where officers asked them to stop and they failed to stop, resulting in the officer's pursuit. So far this year, the department has made 3 warrant arrests. Investigation and enforcement restraints; this is some of the things we are handling; pursuit policies, prohibited for engaging in pursuit for traffic violations. Since January offenders have initiated 40 pursuits, in the last 6 months there have been 40 instances where officers have attempted to stop, but they have fled on the officers and we did on pursue. Some of those again, up in the north end of town. Good time to pause with a public safety announcement. Make sure you keep your cars locked. We've had our officers up in the north end, especially around midnight, watching the main routes coming in from Hartford. The officers sit out there, they watch a car come into town, if there is 3-4 juveniles in the car, they attempt to stop the vehicle, the vehicle is stolen, the vehicle takes off. Stop sticks cannot be used on motorcycles or ATVs for obvious reasons. Last year we put an enormous amount of time an effort into this investigation; search warrants, ex parte search warrants, arrest warrants, we made a number of arrests. There is due process, defendants and their attorneys have access to our search warrants, arrest warrants, arrest reports, so they know exactly how they were identified. Our investigative methods have been altered. There is not coordinated effort between the Newington police and other law enforcement agencies in the state. We partnered with Hartford last year and made a number of arrests. Last year Hartford had 30 - 40 officers assigned, this year they have 8. We are not going to hire 5 officers on overtime to sit on Stoddard or Hartford Avenue and watch them go by and try to stop them. We have to use our overtime more efficiently. It is an investigation, similar to a narcotics investigation; not going to get into specifics. It is more of a labor intense investigation. On March 10th Chief Clark sent an email to the governor's office requesting grant money to combat the problem. Much to his disappointment, he hasn't gotten a response. No illusions, not the chief of police at NYPD or LAPD, but we represent 30,000 people and just would appreciate a response. We also submitted a grant proposal to the DOT. We asked Hartford if they would partner and they said they couldn't commit, they don't have the resources. They said they would help us out when they could, but they couldn't commit to the grant. He is still waiting to hear from the DOT, once he hears anything he will let the council know; not an application, just a proposal asking to consider this. Right now we have a sergeant and an officer assigned to the investigation and are working to identify offenders through a variety of methods. The investigation is very labor intensive. We have identified people with search warrants, arrest warrants. Most of the investigation efforts take place outside of Newington. Invite anyone of us to visit some of the areas in Hartford the officers are working in and bet some of you would be scared as well. When we receive reliable information we will act on it.

Mayor Zartarian thanked the chief and stated he realizes the that the problem is not an easy one to resolve. When residents see the gang of these creeps going up the street, what should they do?

Chief Clark stated that if you get video, they will take the video. Working with IT to create stills and are using the videos and distributing them to people who might help identify them. Often times they are putting masks on and they are covering their faces. But if there is video, we have a file where we are keeping.

Councilor Budrejko stated that there are comments on Facebook that these are kids and they are going to grow out of it. They are not kids, according to the Hartford Police Department, they are up to 30 years old and also they don't have any place to ride off road. They want to cause the issues they are causing. These are not kids having fun, this is a serious issue. Wish people would be more respectful of that. Regarding the partnership with Hartford, obviously they are having issues from a budgetary perspective. It seems that Newington, because of our location, is getting the brunt of this. Are Wethersfield, or Berlin or Rocky Hill or Glastonbury having this many issues as Newington?

Chief Clark stated that he has talked to the other chief and they are not getting the outcry from their residents, but they don't have things from Facebook either. That drives some of it. The area where it is occurring on in Hartford the north end, Hartford Avenue in Newington, they are coming in from that area there. Think our community bears the brunt of it. He knows they have gone into New Britain and West Hartford and they have gone into Wethersfield, especially on the Berlin Turnpike. Just based on our location.

Councilor Budrejko stated that she knows that Chief Clark sent a memo to the governor and the DOT. Is there anything that the town council can write a letter to support to some of our state legislators like Gary Byron or Paul Doyle or something? Can a cooperative effort of all the elected officials and town officials write something or do something on your behalf to get some attention.

Chief Clark said absolutely. He asked that the council use their political channels at the state. It is a state problem. Gary Byron has been good, he wanting to know what is going on. I would ask that you use your political channels to expedite the process of at least considering using some grant money to help with the problem. Our tax payers, we spent close to \$20,000 last year; think that is an unfair burden for all our residents. It affects the region.

Councilor Anest asked if this is something that should involve the state police.

Chief Clark said that he has had minimal conversation with the state. They are dealing with a highway issue. He thinks the best way is to put a ring around the city and stop vehicles coming in. Everybody is fighting the same issue and that is the lack of funding. The state is having issues and we have to watch our bottom line as well. We have always had a good working relationship with the state.

Councilor Marocchini stated that he assumed there is a chief's association and he imagines that they would discuss this at their meeting.

Chief Clark said good timing; we actually have a mid-state chiefs meeting tomorrow, here. But again, they are not seeing the issues that we are seeing.

Councilor Marocchini stated he thought if it is a state/national, these guys are YouTubers.

Chief Clark stated it is primarily happening in cities and it works its way out, so those immediate communities that border the city.

Councilor Marocchini stated he thought that we have some control over it somewhat in the future, but we keep hearing of budget concerns, well not when it comes to safety. Even for the jerks that are doing it, it's only a matter of time before one of them gets hurt. When it comes down to budget, whether it is pluck

money from somewhere else, you are talking public safety, there is no budget concern. Knows that it is difficult.

Chief Clark stated there are two ways, obviously the investigation. We find out where they go and swoop in and it turns into a free for all. All the officers went in and people just ran. There were fights, it gets pretty ugly. One of the persons that Hartford arrested over the weekend was one of the people that we arrested last year and served 3 arrest warrants on him, it was not kid, he was in his 30s.

Councilor Serra stated that knows he said we were working with West Hartford, Hartford, Berlin...

Chief Clark stated not working with Berlin.

Councilor Serra asked how about New Britain?

Chief Clark responded no.

Councilor Serra stated that they are coming through Newington going over the New Britain. They don't want to be involved with this?

Chief Clark stated that they are not getting the complaints that we get.

Councilor Serra stated that she has seen the last couple of Sunday's come down Willard Avenue between 5:30 and 6:00 pm and the bikes are slowing all the traffic down so they can be doing their wheelies. It is amazing what they do, supposed they don't flip over.

Councilor Budrejko asked if we, as a council, or the mayor or elected officials write something on behalf. Collectively as a council.

Mayor Zartarian will draft something and send it around for approval.

E. Update: Amendments to Various Town Ordinances by Town Attorney

Ben Ancona, Town Attorney stated he was here because of an issue originally on blight. The reason for my opinion on blight is because TPZ had asked me to work on amendments to their zoning regulations regarding enforcement. What they are trying to achieve is a ticketing system where our zoning enforcement officers go out and assess the situation. Instead of having to go back to the office and issue a warning letter, he is able to issue a warning ticket or situation type of ticket at the site. They are trying to achieve an immediate action. He thought the same guy is working on the blight and the council should look at amending the blight ordinance to effect the same outcome. This council adopted a new blight ordinance in October and he started working on it March 20th; did not realize that the ordinance had been changed; working from the old ordinance. Asking for your blessing and any thoughts at this point with something you might think would be appropriate.

Councilor Nagel stated as the Chairman of the Blight Committee he hoped that this would come back to them before it goes to council, because he was not aware of this until the agenda item. No idea about it and he doesn't think any members of that committee did. We would like to go through due process and it's not that we would object to anything you propose, but hopes that is the plan.

Mr. Ancona stated it is and hoping that he will be invited to meeting.

Councilor Serra stated that she had asked that if any changes to the Blight came before the Blight Committee before coming to the council.

Mr. Ancona stated there were other issues, Don't Block The Box, working on that, hoping to have something for you next time around.

Discussion regarding email regarding additional ordinance issues.

Councilor Anest stated that she had requested that four ordinances be discussed tonight. Not itemized on the agenda.

Mr. Ancona stated that the excavation fees if for later. Pan Handling - what does this body want to do?

Councilor Anest stated that we can't regulate state or town property correct? But can you regulate personal property from pan handlers?

Mr. Ancona stated that it depends on how you define pan handler. Many towns in CT have attempted to define what is a pan handler is. The question that exists right now, is it speech, or is it not? If it speech it is protected.

Councilor Anest asked how other towns deal with it.

Mr. Ancona stated they they adopted a sort of progressive pan handler law. Enfield has an aggressive pan handler statute in their ordinance. It really is sort of silly since aggressive pan handling is already covered under the general statutes, criminal statutes of assault, battery, breach of peace, creating public disturbance. All of these types of conduct already exist, so if that is all we have, and that conduct is already happening call an officer.

Councilor Anest asked what properties you can call an officer on.

Mr. Ancona stated that you can call an officer on any property.

Councilor Anest stated like people looking at you in your car with sign. People are intimidated. They are coming to a stop sign and people don't go all the way up because an individual is standing there. It is intimidating.

Mr. Ancona stated that is the question. Is it objectively intimidating or do you just not like seeing it.

Councilor Anest stated that she believes people are intimidated. Coming off Russell Road onto Cedar Mountain, there is gentleman or a woman and they switch back and forth. She has seen people get into the other lane to avoid them so the person is not right there looking in their car.

Mr. Ancona stated he hears her, his wife is on your side 100%. She wants them picked up, locked up, never to be seen again. It is hard to do. You have to look at the situation and say, are you really intimated or don't want to be bothered, not want to be approached, not want to read the sign.

Councilor Serra asked if you could look at it as a safety concern. Coming off of Route 9, all winter long, snow was getting higher, the man dug out a cubicle so he could stand in there.

Mr. Ancona stated that is a traffic situation and if it creates a traffic problem that is a police matter. Manchester adopted a pan handler ordinance where you will be fined if you give a pan handler money at a green light, amusing, but effective as well because you are stopping traffic.

Councilor Serra stated that she has seen that a number of times.

Mr. Ancona stated what if the pan handler says he will work for food. That's all they want, they will work for food. This body can go on for hours on this. It's not easy. He believes that what already existing in the criminal statutes suffice in this instance. He understands what this body wants to do, but believe we are there, ok. If a pan handler is actually intimidating somebody at a traffic signal, call the police and say that the guy is really aggressive.

Mayor Zartarian asked if Mr. Ancona had an opportunity to look at East Hartford's pan handling ordinance which one of the complainants for pan handling mentioned to me as a paradigm of legislation.

Mr. Ancona stated he ended up in Enfield which he found it more interesting and very cognizant of the risks of violating free speech.

Mayor Zartarian asked if any of those arrested for pan handling challenged, are there court precedence supporting the defendant?

Mr. Ancona stated that he has heard of no cases.

Councilor DelBuono asked if we are getting public complaints from the police department on this matter, are any arrests being made or warnings being issued. She doesn't know if it is that big an issue, She has encountered it and see it makes her uncomfortable at that intersection. Just trying to gage where it falls on the scale of issue.

Mr. Ancona states that begs the question as well. Do we want our officers going up to a corner and stopping somebody from doing that if they are on public property.

Councilor Anest asked if private property was different.

Mr. Ancona stated that if you are on private property the owner can tell them to leave. Private properties like Wal-Mart doesn't care. I would encourage this body this might not be

Councilor Anest stated that we are just bringing to you what residents brought to us.

Mr. Ancona stated that the last item is social media, right?

Councilor Anest stated fire hydrants.

Mr. Ancona stated he didn't realize that was up for tonight.

Mayor Zartarian stated that there is also a time limit for door to door solicitation.

Mr. Ancona stated that time limits are acceptable. If we are going to limit someone's free speech or actually conduct during the day, if you want to limit to a reasonable amount of time, there is nothing wrong with that, time, place, manner restrictions.

Councilor Budrejko stated that it is more getting reports of getting solicitation at 9:30, 10 o'clock at night which is totally unreasonable. Certainly this isn't meant to discourage, she loves when girl scouts come to her door, but even then 8 o'clock at night, beyond 8, 9 at night. Read our current ordinance and it doesn't say anything specific about door-to-door solicitation, it talks about peddling solicitation, not does it say anything about time limits. So when you are looking at that you can address specific door-to-door and a time frame.

Mr. Ancona stated again, if you come to my house at 9:30 at night, he would consider it a disturbance. The second sentence of that statute says that is you fell threatened or uncomfortable that the

conduct is inappropriate for the service. Clearly 9:30 at night could also be trespassing. It is covered under previous statute.

Councilor Budrejko asked what would be the problem with putting it in an ordinance? Door-to-door solicitation is not prohibited, why can't we say from ten in the morning until 8 at night or something.

Mr. Ancona stated that what he is saying, not everything needs another law. If you want to add a component to it.

Councilor Budrejko asked how for block the box, how were the 3 intersections selected?

Mr. Ancona stated that Chief Clark was his advisor on that, those were the three intersections that he believes were really important for following that statute. It has to be identified in the ordinance.

Councilor Budrejko stated that she was curious as to why, for example, the Cedar Street and Hawley Street intersection wasn't included block the box, that certainly, she thinks there is more than three intersections in town, since we have highways running through our town, could benefit from this.

Mr. Ancona stated that cannot be his call.

Councilor Anest asked if he was ready to discuss this at this meeting.

Mr. Ancona stated that he could get more input from Chief Clark. Those were the three intersections that he felt were most important. You don't want to be putting block the boxes everywhere, that is a lot of striping. He looked at a couple of other communities, and they have a lot of intersections. No reason there couldn't be a few more in there.

Councilor Nagel stated that what he understands is that a solicitor comes to your door, he is supposed to have a placard to show. How valid is that? Does it just apply for something like a siding company or a solar company?

Mr. Ancona stated that he loves when kids come around, the smart teenager, they make their own thing up and are from so and so and we are raising money for blah, blah, blah. Respectful, you know they made it up, if you tell them to go away, they go away, no problem with that. In theory if they are aggressive you should call the police.

Councilor Nagel stated that at his house is always asks for their placard.

Mr. Ancona stated that yes, they are supposed to have one.

Councilor Anest asked if they could talk about fire hydrants.

Mr. Ancona said let's talk more about it. What do you want to do with fire hydrants? My understanding is that you want to have some obligation to the adjacent home owner. Is that correct?

Councilor Anest stated if you need to clean a sidewalk, she doesn't think that the volunteer fire department should have to drive around time to clear people's hydrants. We have people selling houses with fire hydrant, the realtor is saying don't worry about that, the town takes care of it and they just assume the town is going to come out and clear it.

Mr. Ancona stated what happens to the person buying that house and the realtor says you have to clear the fire hydrant. There are two sides to it, what about the person living 6 houses down?

Councilor Anest stated that they take turns sometimes.

Mr. Ancona stated by ordinance you want to obligate that person to take care of a fire hydrant that benefits all of us.

Councilor Anest stated it is the same as they sidewalk.

Mr. Ancona stated that no the sidewalk...

Councilor Anest stated it benefits your neighbor, people walk on the sidewalk.

Mr. Ancona stated that you are right. Can you obligate one homeowner to take care of a fire hydrant that services an entire street.

Councilor Anest stated that they have the cheapest homeowners insurance. Just thought, if we didn't have social media, a lot of this stuff wouldn't come to fruition, but when people are opposed to cleaning fire hydrants. Just don't think it is right for volunteers to have to do that. Know that they want to do that because it is them, but also think there should be some sort of obligation on the homeowner to clear the hydrants as well.

Councilor Anest stated she is just throwing it out.

Mr. Ancona stated that he is too, just throwing it right back. Here for you; whatever the consensus is.

Councilor Serra stated maybe send kind of reminder to them that it is their responsibility to clear the hydrant. Knows that the fire department goes around and puts a stick on it. The families in my neighborhood that have the fire hydrants do clean them all the time. Maybe just a reminder. If you are moving to town, they may not know that they need to do this.

Mr. Ancona stated that they don't need to.

Councilor Serra stated that common sense says you should do it. Knows that it is not the law, just do it. It's on your property.

Councilor Nagel stated that we shouldn't have to legislate people for just doing what is best for their neighbors, community and themselves.

Councilor Manke stated that it's too bad people can't just look out for each other without being legislated, fined or coerced into doing it.

Councilor Nagel stated that the fire department does know where the hydrants happen to be, but that doesn't mean they are required to dig them out or in the middle of winter to save a burning building. It is the responsibility of the populace.

Councilor DelBuono has a question about this, but wants to go back to one to. For the hydrants, her understanding there is already an ordinance regarding hydrants, correct? What does it currently say?

Councilor Anest stated that it is generic.

Councilor DelBuono stated that in her opinion keep the in the intent of the ordinance as written but do need to clean up the language so the intent reflects what it was intended for. Looking back at the peddling and soliciting one, not sure when written, but the language in Section 311-2 is a bit offensive regarding disability and wager of fee. Encourage us to update the words if nothing else to update the language to

today's language, it currently says if the applicant is blind or crippled or is deserving of charity the Chief of Police may waive the license fee. These ordinances have been in existence for a long time and need to be updated. Now that she has seen this one, we need to act on it.

Mr. Ancona stated that we can clean up and if you wanted to do the fire hydrant, you can do that as well.

Councilor DelBuono stated that she agrees with Councilor Budrejko in terms of adding a time. If you are required to get a license for it and you are saying time, manner and place is something that is acceptable, then it makes sense to add that.

Councilor Anest stated she is reading the current ordinance and it says "the owner of said fire hydrants shall keep the hydrants clear of all obstructions", so...

Councilor Marocchini stated that would be MDC.

Councilor Anest stated MDC, they are not coming out.

Mr. Ancona asked what are the hours you would want for the peddling?

Councilor _____ said 8 o'clock.

Councilor Budrejko stated that 8 o'clock in the summer, kids are still out.

Mr. Ancona stated we are already covered by general statutes. Feels that's why the time limit was never put in the ordinance.

Councilor Budrejko stated 7:30, really don't know.

Mr. Ancona stated he will review what other towns have.

Mayor Zartarian stated that we could say something like a half hour past sunset, or is that too vague?

Councilor Marocchini is it standard time?

Councilor Budrejko stated when you get your permit, you pay your money, it is stated right there no later than 8 o'clock. I think you have to be directed.

Mr. Ancona stated again it is according to the law, if you don't enforce it everyone is going to look silly.

Ms. Lane stated that she and James recall something about cemeteries. Not sure which part of that you were looking at.

Councilor Budrejko stated she said she wanted to know about a sexton.

Mr. Lane stated that will be in the manager's report.

Councilor Anest stated they wanted to look at and see what other towns had for rules in their cemeteries.

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

A. Board of Education Non-Lapsing Account

Ann Harter stated that she is here to take the next step to move funds to appropriate accounts. The BOE took action and entered into a memorandum of understanding with the board that they adopted and according to the CT General Statutes that the board can move unencumbered funds at the year end. Actually they have two years of year end money, last year they had \$515,000 and this year they are proposing 1% of their budget \$701,859 so at the next council meeting we will have a resolution to take the appropriate action to move those funds into a non-lapsing account for operating expenses.

Councilor Marocchini wanted to know why we can do this know and not how we were proposing the CIP until January.

Ms. Harter stated that these funds are left over from the current fiscal year and the year before, so they are left and unencumbered. The amount of \$515,000 committed to the fund now, the issue we had with the previous request is that the fiscal year hadn't started yet. By Charter you can't move funds within the operating until six months and by CT General Statute we can move the funds at year end into a non-lapsing account.

B. Suspense List

Ann Harter stated that this is done every year, an annual bookkeeping entry that is requested to basically reclassify overdue motor vehicle bills that they have made many attempts to collect, and will still collect money, not writing them off, just moving them from the collectible book to a suspense book. The amount that was suspended from last year, we still collected over \$27,000. When people try to register their motor vehicle and they can't it doesn't matter whether they have been suspended or not, we can still collect it. We do this every year, after 15 years we can write off. We will have a resolution for that at the next meeting.

Councilor Anest asked if we place liens on the properties on the real estate list.

Ms. Harter stated that yes, they do.

C. Excavation Permit Fees

Mr. Ancona stated that Erik Hinckley, acting Town Engineer, was approached by CNG after complaining about the fees we charge. We need to bring our fee schedule in compliance with CNG City of Hartford in 1996 there was an administrative appeal. You can't charge by the foot at a job site, you can only charge the administrative costs for each of the permits. Just because you are apply for 600 feet of excavation, it doesn't mean you can charge more. Mr. Hinckley provided a fee schedule.

Councilor Marocchini stated that we had been charging per foot.

Councilor Anest stated we don't have to repay them.

Mr. Ancona stated no.

D. OPM Responsible Growth/TOD Grant—National Welding

Mr. Minor is sitting in for Mr. Brecher because he is in Boston right now hopefully meeting his newest grandchild. The origin of this grant application came from a meeting that Mr. Brecher had attended as did OPM Secretary Ben Barnes. Rather than trying to convince the DOT acquire more parking at the CT Fastrak for years, if the successful person could be persuaded to build a parking structure and lease those

spaces to DOT it would be a win win for everybody. It would be privately owned property on the grand list, in this case roughly \$7 million because that is how much it costs to build a parking garage, starting at \$20,000 per space. It is amazing how expensive parking garages are. At \$20,000 per space, that is a lot of money to ask DOT to lease at a rate that would provide a reasonable return to the property owner, so this discussion that Mr. Brecher had with Secretary Barnes was that if the cost of building the structure could be reduced by \$2 million, that would make it possible for the developer this parking structure to be able to lease some 300 spaces that would be affordable to DOT. This would benefit everybody. It is a \$7 million structure on the grand list for Newington. Everybody complains that the CT Fastrak are not at full capacity by any means, part of the problem is people can't find parking at the CT Fastrak station in Newington, so it would increase ridership on CT Fastrak, it seems like a good idea. How competitive will this grant be? We have no idea. It is \$10 million total, will the state give \$2 million of that to Newington, we don't know. We thought it would be a good idea for Newington.

Mayor Zartarian stated that assuming this grant goes through for the parking garage, would Newington be out of pocket any of its own money?

Councilor Anest stated not matching funds.

Mr. Minor said no to both.

Councilor Budrejko stated that this seems to be hinged on the request for interest that went out for development on the Cedar Street station and there were two proposals of interest submitted. I guess this supports the hotel with the parking garage. First of all, how do we know if this particular developer is going to still be committed, are they tied into, the level of commitment and what they are going to ensure they are going to be committed to this project worries her. Second of all, quite frankly the state worries me, because now we hope to have \$2 million but then 3-4 years from now, we don't want to lease these spaces. What kind of guarantee is the state going to give the developer and how much is the estimated yearly lease anyways? How many years are we supposedly lowering the lease payment for the state. It seems a little bit shaky, going to need signed commitments or something. It seems like a house of cards, if the developer walks away, he could run out of money, look what to Amara, the state could say I don't think we found something better with a rail station down in Stamford and Newington is going to be stuck with a hole in the ground. Just don't see the guarantee.

Mr. Minor stated that those are good questions. We are not looking for a yes from you tonight. What we are looking for is, if you are pretty sure you are going to say no in two weeks when it comes back to you, then tell us now, but if you are open minded about it at least then let us know that you are open minded. Your questions about the numbers, at the next meeting Mr. Brecher can come back with some better numbers for you. If the agreement isn't worked out between the DOT and the developer to sign a long term lease, with pro forma works for everybody then the project won't get built. It will never happen and the \$2 million grant will revert to the state, it wouldn't be ours because the project fell through for other reasons.

Councilor Budrejko stated the hotel is still part of this then. You still really want this one developer.

Mr. Minor stated yes. His understanding at this point, the affordable housing project was not even considered seriously by the town.

Councilor Budrejko stated that at the next meeting she would like a little bit more concrete discussion and the level of commitment and guarantees.

Councilor Manke wanted to reiterate that there is no town money involved in this in any way.

Mr. Minor stated correct. Hesitant to answer because there is town staff, etc.

Councilor Manke understands that. But we don't have to put any money up.

Councilor Anest stated that they have to submit the application by June 23rd and we have to have a resolution that is due by July 21st.

Councilor Serra stated if the resolution is due July 21st, then how can we pass it on July 23rd? Councilor Manke we don't have a meeting until June 27th.

Councilor Anest stated it says council endorsing submission is due by July 21st. Thereafter the council will be asked to pass the required resolution on July 23rd.

Mr. Minor stated either at your second meeting in June or your first meeting in July.

Mayor Zartarian said that we can get the resolution in after the application is submitted, is that what you are saying.

Mr. Minor stated yes, which is very unusual. Mr. Brecher worked that out with OPM. That is an amazing concession because every grant that he has ever brought before you, the grant did come with a council resolution. Apparently in this case, Mr. Brecher was able to get the state to agree to allow us to submit the grant to meet the June 23 deadline with a council resolution following.

IX. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)

None

X. TAX REFUNDS (Action Requested)

Councilor Budrejko moved the following.

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$4,276.89 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the "Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes," certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

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

XI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. May 23, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the meeting minutes by Councilor Manke, second by Councilor Serra. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett absent).

Councilor Anest asked Susan Gibbon if she made corrections to the meeting minutes that she asked her to.

Susan Gibbon responded that she was not able to make corrections to the minutes because she had already turned the tapes in to Jaime Trevethan.

Councilor Anest stated that she will send updates to the town manager regarding the May 23rd meeting, Alumni Road issue.

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

Ms. Lane stated that she is going to give a brief update on what is going on with the website. The website committee has been meeting for almost one year, it is very dynamic/responsive website and it can be displayed on any type of device; it provides a clearer interface and much better user experience. It is not quite as visually cluttered and it is much easier to navigate than our current website. It will be ADA compliant with the web content; striving for a AA compliance rating, but there is an option for a AAA compliance rating as well. One of the new features includes something called civic ready and that is a citizens' emergency notification system that actually compliments our current system. It is a mobile app that can be obtained through Apple or the Google store. Last week there was training for about 19 staff members and IT will continue to work with other departmental web maintainers to get them trained as well. We anticipate a go live date of late June to mid July. As of June 2, Bill DeMaio has been appointed the sexton of cemeteries of the town. Today we did conduct some interviews for the town engineer, it is a work in progress, not going to say anymore at this point. Real estate and personal property tax bills will be sent out on June 19th. Motor vehicle is a little bit more of a challenge, we need a definite mill rate and understand the legislators are contemplating changing the 32 mill rate motor vehicle tax cap, so if the bills don't go out in in early July, they are going to be sent out in January. It's just a logistical nightmare, confusing to the residents.

Councilor Marocchini asked does that mean you lose out on taxes, if you don't get the bill until January, your motor vehicle taxes for 2017.

Ms. Lane said don't they only go out once per year.

Councilor Anest asked on the mill rate what are they contemplating?

Ms. Lane stated that the tax cap is 32 mills and maybe one of the concerns is whether the state can make up that difference between the gap.

Councilor Anest stated if they can't what difference would that make.

Mr. Ancona stated that he just got an email that Waterbury is setting it at 37 mills, anticipating.

Councilor Anest stated that if we brought it up to our new mill rate, to our new mill rate, we wouldn't have any lost revenue.

Ms. Lane stated the last piece she had to share with the council is she got an email this afternoon indicating that the education cost sharing fund has been credited to us or we will get a payment of \$12,968,000; we had budgeted \$13,224,000. It is a bit of a loss of about \$257,000. But in the scheme of things.

Councilor Anest asked the town manager to introduce James to the public.

Ms. Lane said of course. This is James Krupienski, he is our town clerk, and he has been with us since August. He is the person who is going to be helping out with council matters.

Mayor Zartarian stated that he has a background in council matters.

Ms. Lane stated absolutely and he also has been a council member. He has served in other municipalities as town clerk.

XIII. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Nagel stated that Town Hall renovation meetings have been about construction and options aside from the basic construction cost which is around \$25 million. Setting a time line so we have everything in line to the public to know about before going on to referendum and also we are getting ready to present a plan to the council on June 27th, that is the deadline date which we have to in order to referendum and public hearing. The next meeting is on June 14 at 5 p.m. He attended an NCTV meeting, they talked primarily about nominations, yearly nominations to their board and to an advisory council that is held with area towns through Cox and preparation for the Memorial Day parade and recruitments. Attended a CROG meeting last month, budget concerns with CROG, passed a new budget, it is a 2% increase determined by population in each town. Many resolutions were passed, but two might be of interest to this council have to do with bridges in Hartford and Rocky Hill. There was a discussion about the state budget which wasn't any clearer than our discussions about the budget. He along with Mr. Marocchini attended a library board meeting last night. It was a lively discussion about the parking lot that they hope will be put on library grounds to benefit them and to also help out with town hall renovation. Andy Brecher and there was a lively discussion his vision as an individual in terms what the library renovation meeting should do. Their annual meeting of the library board is at 7:00 pm on June 14th and the public is welcome to go to that. There is continuing difficulties with books and the state wide delivery system; short version, if you have a library book that comes from Lucy Wells library, bring it to the Lucy Wells library, do not leave it off anywhere else because it is a big delay. If you want something from another library, the system is not functioning well. Also attended the town renovation marketing meeting. It was the first one they had, just to start incase things move along, it's a subcommittee involving town hall renovation, getting the facts straight for when it goes to the public.

Councilor Marocchini stated the marketing issue is how to market it while we can. Before our cutoff date as to when can technically support things and we are going to put story boards or renderings and utilize any possible thing we can up until two weeks before the public hearing.

Ms. Lane stated between July 11 and the date that public hearing takes place which is August 8, so that is the window in which you can advocate for or against the plan.

Councilor Anest stated from August 8 to the referendum we ...

Ms. Lane stated what she has done is put together a list of questions that she had forwarded to bond counsel. It is very confusing, talked to election enforcement and every body has a different answer on it. She will strive to get that as a question and answer, in fact she has asked bond counsel to attend a staff meeting to explain policy and will certainly share with you.

Councilor Anest stated that this is a little bit different than '14. It is a different type of election.

Councilor Marocchini stated that aside from town hall and community center, the library renovation committee is still working, honing in their needs assessment study, they have gotten it back a few time and sent it back, one more final round of a few things they needed to make changes to, and will have them bound for distribution to the Board to Trustees for essentially approval and then most likely coming to the council to present that and looking for funds in the future.

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

Patty Foley, 51 Crown Ridge. She found out why the meeting was not broadcasting tonight, a crash took out a utility pole and took down the fiber optics. A team is working on it, and they are going to restore services to NCTV channel 14 public station and NCTV channel 16 the government station. Rocky Hill has been in the black and so has Wethersfield. We can't even record it due to a whole bunch of other errors. She

wanted to point out that it is the Friends of the Library annual meeting tomorrow night at 7pm. The public has been non stop on her phone, good not know you were missed; just wanted to let you know that.

XV. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Nagel stated wanted to compliment the Temple on Church Street; they held an annual health fair, it is something perhaps the town residents are not aware of even though they have been doing it for several years. They give free advice on all types of health related problems. Representatives from Hartford Hospital, the health district, a representative from Semitas was there. It was an informative thing, but would be go if more people who need that kind of service, all of them are for free in terms of different kinds of tests or those just wishing to go there and learn more about different aspects of health. Hopefully trying to make it an annul a thing next spring. Open to the pubic, not just temple members or a certain population.

Mayor Zartarian just wanted to remind everyone about the economic workshop. Before it is asked it was checked through FOI, it is not for the community based on the definition we have, it will not be posted, there will not be an agenda or minutes on that. There being not other remarks by councilor we need the motion for executive session to include council, town manager, town attorney and police chief.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: REAL ESTATE

Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn to executive session at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Nagel. The motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett absent)

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor _____ moved to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. Seconded by Councilor _____. The motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk

Krupiensi, James

From: Anest, Carol
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Anest, Carol
Subject: FW: Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: melekabla1 <melekabla1@gmail.com>
To: Rose <ndrose45@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Jun 13, 2017 2:02 pm
Subject: Letter

Rose,

Would you be willing to read the following tonight at the TC meeting or ask ask someone else?

I have been in and out of town recently and at present have gone to celebrate my granddaughter 's 10th birthday. I am, therefore, asking that my concerns/comments be read for me [into the record for me](#).

I have learned that Jamie has been transferred to another position at the Senior Center.

This move is difficult to believe. Through all the turmoil of the past several years, the departure of John Salamone being only one of many, Jamie maintained a positive attitude, consistently performing her duties with commitment, diligence, integrity and competence. She has been the one constant upon which all could count for accurate, unbiased, non-political information. It would be interesting to count up the number of times someone at this table, be they counselor or administrator, has turned to her for answers. In all the times I have attended these meetings I cannot recall once when she did not know the answer or know where that answer could be found. She has also managed the issues regarding blight ordinance infractions with sensitivity and professionalism.

The number of positive adjectives to describe Jamie both personally and professionally are endless. I have full confidence that she will do a superb job in discharging whatever her new duties are, however it will certainly be a significant loss to this town's government.

While I realize that an answer will not be forthcoming, I cannot help but pose the question, why [did this happen](#)?

Mady [Kenny](#)
53 Crestview Drive

Sent from my iPad

I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH MADY'S WORDS PRAISING JAIME. SOME OF THESE SAME WORDS WERE SPOKEN ABOUT CHRIS GREENLAW AT YOUR MAY 9, 2017 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH CHRIS WAS HONORED FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE.

AT THAT MEETING COUNCILOR DELBUONO MAKE THE STATEMENT "TOO BAD WE DIDN'T DO THIS A WEEK AGO OR TWO WEEKS AGO, MAYBE HE WOULD HAVE STAYED. CHRIS GREENLAW IN HIS FAREWELL REMARKS BEGAN WITH 'YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS EASY BUT MAYBE HAD YOU TALKED TO ME TWO WEEKS AGO, but stopped mid-sentence.....leaving me to wonder what he was about to say.

Prior to Chris' resignation, Karen's resignation, and Jaime being transferred, the chair of the Town Hall Reno Committee suddenly resigned. Reasons for their resignations and transfer were given, but somehow I'm just not buying them.

Why are we losing competent people, or transferring them? Who is next? What can we do to retain the people we have?

I have been told by another resident, Stanley Sobieski, that he has asked questions as well through an email to the Town Manager and Town Councilors.

If we the residents and taxpayers have questions, I wonder why you as Town Councilors are not asking the same questions and trying to figure out what the problem may be.

Krupiensi, James

From: Pam [<mailto:pami78@cox.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Anest, Carol
Subject: Amended Letter - Dog Park

Councilors:

Please read this email into the record at the June 13th meeting.

I am writing to you today to encourage you to allow the Parks & Recreation to apply for the grant for a dog park for Newington. I and many others feel it would be a great asset and complete our town as far as services go.

As of now I have to travel to Rocky Hill or Wethersfield to use their facilities. This addition to our town would be another reason for people to move here when they are looking for a place to live.

I realize that some of you have concerns about liability and continued maintenance. With regards to these matters; we have a skate park and athletic fields that are covered under our liability insurance. Why would a dog park garner more responsibility? We also have the services of a dog warden who could do spot checks just like the one in Rocky Hill does. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets, the dogs need to be licensed and have their shots. I have been to Rocky Hill on many occasions and there are a group of quote regulars who often police the grounds.

I would much rather visit a dog park in our town where I could get to know more of our townspeople in a different setting other than the norm. We have many different excellent services for seniors, children and the like. Why not round it out with a dog park?

In closing, we are just applying for the possibility of a grant - why stop that process? Can't this council do anything to improve this town and move it forward? Everything has a price but many times the price you pay for stagnancy is much higher.

I was also very disturbed when I was at the Town Hall and realized that Jamie was no longer employed in the town managers office. Jamie was a great asset to the town in that capacity. Another step backward for the town of Newington.

Please consider moving this process forward.

Respectfully,

Pam & "Zoey" Raynock

Krupiensi, James

-----Original Message-----

From: Iris Larson [<mailto:irisbl64@cox.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:19 AM

To: Anest, Carol

Subject: Letter to be read into the council minutes Mtg June 13, 2017

Dear Carol,

I am requesting that the letter below be read into the council minutes tonight...June 13.

I was saddened to read that Jaimie Treviason has been transferred to the Senior and Disabled Center from the office of the Town Manager. Jaimie was professional and the one that could get to the bottom of any issues that she was called upon to solve. The Senior Center is gaining a treasure, the town hall is the loser.

Thank you

Iris Larsson

41 Buckingham St.

Newington, CT 06111

Sent from my iPad

Krupiensi, James

-----Original Message-----

From: Anest, Carol
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:10 PM
To: Anest, Carol
Subject: "I would like it read into the record".

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: sejla jahic [<mailto:jahicsejla@yahoo.com>]
> Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 6:01 PM
> To: zzTownCouncilExternal
> Subject: Newington schools

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> Im amazed, how the future of all Newington kids/ and the future of Newington as town depends of few of you (Town Council + Mayor), sitting in those very comfortable chairs. Everyone is replaceable. Especially if they don't do what is expected of them.
> I watched the full tv show, you already made up your mind even before everyone got on the table. As you were told all the concerns by all the people, YOU didn't even listen. Your bodies were there but not your heads. Ignoring everything, the board and citizens of Newington had to say, Shame on you. Your hearts would be there if this was effective you and your loved once.
> By the way: what is #1 reason people move to town (it is schools), parents want to make sure the school systems are good, so that their children can succeed later on in life.
> Good school system automatically means less crime, great neighborhoods, and growth of the town .What does this town has to offer to the people of Newington?
> You are taking most important thing away, Education. By the way the Mayor compared in the last meeting West Hartfords (difficult time, too), look at West Hartford, are you serious. Ask your self can you compare those two towns? West Hartford schools are rated in the top best. Beside that in the last 10 years , West Hartford has become most liked town around, for what it has to offer. It has been ranked top towns for people that move into it from out of state. So what does Newington's future looks in 10 years? Give as few Ideas, so that we know not to waste our time here. It's never to late to make the right decision, better now than to live with a regret. Thank you.

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> Sincerely :

> Sejla

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> message may be confidential and/or privileged.
> If you received this in error, please inform the sender and remove any
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THE NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
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ALTERATIONS/IMPROVEMENTS

We, the undersigned, hereby demonstrate and show by our signatures, full support for the plan to alter and improve the Alumni Road/Cedar Street/Maple Hill Avenue section as detailed by Dominic Pane, Vice Chairman of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, and Stanley Sobieski, Member of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission.

The undersigned cite the number one reason for their support is to increase the safety and security of Newington residents and travelers through Newington who may access this area as drivers, pedestrians, or otherwise would use the area in their daily life. The undersigned cite also that the alterations and improvements would prevent serious accidents and permit traffic flow in a safe and secure fashion.

Name	Address
James Bazzano	44 Cinnamon Rd
Margaret Bazzano	44 Cinnamon Road
Blanca Bass III	24 Cinnamon Rd.
Patricia D. Blane	24 Cinnamon Rd
Yashy S. M.	29 Cinnamon Rd
Robert M. Chris	10 Cinnamon Rd
Wesley Christy	10 Cinnamon Rd.
Karen Ballin	29 Cinnamon Rd
Lolape Lynch	14 Bushy Hill Dr
Cheryl Boldac	57 Burdon Lane
Susan Hazard	45 Vincent Dr
Hendy Russo	64 Vincent Dr.
John Rostkowski	35 Cinnamon Rd
Ken O'Connell	18 Cinnamon Road
Leedan Marone	17 Cinnamon Road

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- 1) Sidewalk to be built from Vincent Drive easterly to the East Junction with Old Farm Drive and to be maintained by the Town of Newington.
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- 4) The Americans with Disabilities Act ENSURES that all areas be made accessible for people with disabilities.
- 5) We have several elderly residents who need to walk but are trapped because of no access out of this area.
- 6) By installing the traffic signal at the East Junction of Old Farm Drive, it will have some impact on traffic speeds (distance between new signal light and light at RT 173 Willard Avenue will be shorter, thus not allowing traffic to build up speed as they do now); and crosswalk phase will enable the area residents the needed safety to cross the street (RT 175 Cedar Street).

The sidewalks are a non-negotiable item and we the undersigned want to make it perfectly clear that the sidewalks must be included in any plans submitted by the design engineer hired by the Town of Newington and it passed, the State DOT will incorporate the sidewalks into their final plan if approved.

This situation has gone on long enough and needs to be corrected now with this project.

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Name	Address
DAN CLAVETTE <i>Dec</i>	15 VINCENT ST
TONY CASASANTA	51 VINCENT ST
Betty Wolfe	77 Vincent St
Stephen Longchamp	87 Vincent Drive
Peter Richard	97 Vincent Drive
Christina Schmitt	107 Vincent Drive
Stephen Totter	107 Vincent Drive
Mahleen Rahman	34 Bushy Hill Dr.
Joseph Conner	23 Cinnamon Rd.
Janey Ryan	11 Cinnamon Road
John P. Alcega	2 Cinnamon Road
John	6 Cinnamon Rd
Joe Baron	30 Cinnamon Rd
John P. Hillery / John	23 Burdon Lane
Sean McVey	17 Burdon Lane

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CHARIS MORELLO	70 VINCENT AVENUE
Charlie Vella	84 Vincent Drive
Judy Barton	64 114 Vincent Dr.
Brandon Johnson	130 Vincent Drive
Alicia Reyes	113 Vincent Drive
Dejean Lewis	5 Bushy Hill Dr
ELIZABETH ENNIS	19 Bushy Hill Dr. Newington, CT
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Mark Olson	31 Bushy Hill Drive
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Chris M...	22 Burdon Lane
Susan A. DeMaio	22 Burdon Lane
Sean L. Parker	16 Burdon Lane
Robert A. Croop	34 Burdon Ln.
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Carmin A. Gonzalez	15 Nutmeg Lane
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Jeanne Fickbender	97 Vincent Dr
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ERIK SOUSA	103 VINCENT DR.
Tommy Linn	108 VINCENT DR.
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