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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

200 GARFIELD STREET  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR BETH DELBUONO

## NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

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*John O. Nagel*  
Town Clerk

Mayor DelBuono called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Attendees:

James E. Krupienski, Acting Town Manager  
Janet Murphy, Director of Finance (*via Zoom*)  
Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk (*via Zoom*)

Also present:

Lou Jachimowicz, BOE Chief Finance & Operations Officer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Manke. Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Anest absent).

4. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Newington Arts Commission

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

**WHEREAS, The Newington Art League is a non-profit arts organization serving Newington as well as regional members; and**

**WHEREAS, The Newington Art League was established in 1983, when Mikki Zadrowski solicited members with the belief that art leagues promote an interest in art by sponsoring lectures of visiting artists, providing shows and classes for anyone interested in expanding or learning artistic skills; and**

**WHEREAS, The mission of the Newington Art League is to increase interest in the visual arts by providing stimulating demonstrations and exhibitions, to advance the visual arts while fostering a community spirit through participation in community events, and to facilitate practice of the visual arts by artists of all levels of ability and interest by providing a creative venue for artists.**

**WHEREAS, After being relocated numerous times for a variety of reasons, the Newington Art League currently holds their monthly meetings at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center; and**

**WHEREAS, The Newington Art League has an annual member art show which usually takes place at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in October; and**

**WHEREAS, The Newington Art League works in conjunction with the Newington Public Schools and has a member art show in the spring each year, which was held this year in April; and**

**WHEREAS, The Newington Arts League participates in the annual community Waterfall Festival where they are also in charge of the popular Chalk Walk.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Beth DelBuono, on behalf of the Newington Town Council hereby recognize and extend our congratulations to the Newington Art League on celebrating its 40th season.**

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

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko congratulated the art league on this occasion. Activities you provide are just as important as any other provided in this town. Still struggling to acquire space of own in town; hope you will find a permanent space in town and grow.
- Councilor Radda offered her congratulations. Have learned about Art League and what they offer, gem of this community. Work forward to your continued work in the future.
- Councilor Manke congratulated the league on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Always impressed with level of art at chalk walk festival.
- Councilor Nagel congratulated them of their 40 years. Have supported you for many years. Perseverance has sustained you. Hopefully, we can find you a permanent spot. It's been a long, creative journey.
- Councilor Donahue congratulated the art league. Have many pieces in my house, my wife's aunt was a member. We even have some in the NCTV studio. Always impressive to see the work you do.
- Art League member thanked the council, honor to receive proclamation. Happy to hear so many have respect for the art league and will be doing more in the community. Will be having open painting sessions at the Senior & Disabled Center on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you very much.

B. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Newington Children's Theater

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

**WHEREAS, In 1963, the Newington Children's Theatre was formed in the Newington Parks and Recreation Department as a creative program for the town's young residents; and**

**WHEREAS, In 2002, after nearly 40 years of operation as a town program, NCT was incorporated and received non-profit recognition; and**

**WHEREAS, In 2003, NCT became known as the Newington Children's Theatre Company (NCTC); and in 2009, the theatre changed its operating name to NCTC Performing Arts Theatre; and**

**WHEREAS, The 2011-2012 season was the first season of year-round programming for NCTC. In addition to the Summer Theatre Arts Program, NCTC offers many classes, schools vacation workshops, productions, performance opportunities and outreach; and**

**WHEREAS, Newington Children's Theatre Company strives to be leaders in engaging area youth in the power of performing arts to enrich not only their lives, but the lives around them; and**

**WHEREAS, Newington Children's Theatre Company partners with the community to create memorable theatrical experiences for children of all ages, fostering an environment of creativity, exploration, and self-expression; and**

**WHEREAS, Newington Children's Theatre Company has opportunities to perform for children as young as age 5 and for counselor team members starting at age 14; and**

**WHEREAS, Newington Children's Theatre Company had a celebration in recognition of their 60<sup>th</sup> season on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hill Country Club.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Mayor Beth DelBuono, on behalf of the Newington Town Council hereby recognize and extend our congratulations to the Newington Children's Theatre Company, Performing Arts Theatre on being Connecticut's longest running non-profit youth theatre program and celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> season providing quality entertainment and hands-on educational programs in the performing arts to children and young adults.**

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

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko congratulated for an amazing program for 60 years. Has grown from a parks & rec program to something that's involved hundreds of young performers. Think your impact goes beyond the obvious and they children learn valuable skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.
- Councilor Manke offered his congratulations. Working with kids for 60 years is amazing. There are life lessons learned.
- Councilor Nagel congratulated the theatre for the many years here in Newington as an iconic cultural symbol for the state and region. The youth perform and develop learning activities. Have been connected with the theatre for many years. Take great pride in the work you are doing for the you in Newington. Thank you.
- Councilor Page thanked the theatre for welcoming my son and his friends no matter what they had to offer. It's a wonderful organization.
- Mayor DelBuono stated she's had the pleasure of having your group on Talk to the Mayor. It never ceases to amaze me how much you do. It's not just Newington, but other communities as well you are bringing a valuable program that help youth. Theatre can bring out a totally different child. You all are going strong. The programming is year-round. It's truly amazing.
- Newington Youth Theatre, Christy Fransceso, Board, President and Audrey, Grace, Ainsley accepted the award.

C. Retirement – Officer Gerry Lacasse

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

**WHEREAS, Gerry Lacasse was hired as a Police Officer for the Town of Newington on August 13, 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse transferred to Support Services on August 25, 2014; and**

**WHEREAS, On May 2, 2022, Officer Gerry Lacasse transferred to Public Safety Dispatcher; and**

**WHEREAS, In January 2009, Officer Gerry Lacasse received a Letter of Recognition for quick response and collective efforts in locating and affecting the arrest of a burglary suspect; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received Arrest/Investigation of the Month in March 2011; and**

**WHEREAS, In January and August 2012, Officer Gerry Lacasse was recognized for Proactive Patrol Enforcement; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received the Meritorious Service Award in February of 2013; and**

**WHEREAS, In April 2013, Officer Gerry Lacasse received Bloomfield Police Chief's Commendation for Presidential Motorcade Detail; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received a Written Commendation for the highest number of narcotic arrests by one officer in 2013 through March of 2014; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received various emails of recognition from Police Department heads; and**

**WHEREAS, On June 11, 2014, Officer Gerry Lacasse was recognized in the Newington Town Crier for helping out a stranded family; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received commendation letters from surrounding Police Departments, including Wethersfield and Bloomfield; and**

**WHEREAS, Officer Gerry Lacasse received various letters of appreciation from residents, business owners, citizens, AMR staff, Webster Bank, Price Chopper, Master Pools by Rizzo, and Town of Newington Department heads; and**

**WHEREAS, After 15+ years of service, Officer Gerry Lacasse retired from the Newington Police Department on April 28, 2023; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Mayor Beth DelBuono, on behalf of the Newington Town Council hereby recognize and extends our sincere appreciation to Officer Gerry Lacasse for his professional service and dedication to the Town and wishes him the best in his retirement.**

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

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko congratulated Office Lacasse on his years of service to Newington. The number of accolades and letters are a testament to his service.
- Councilor Page thanked Office Lacasse for his service to the town and for keeping us safety and maintain our quality of life.
- Mayor DelBuono offered her congratulations on his retirement and wish him all the best on his retirement.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### A. 2023 Community Assessment Survey Results

- Mr. Lee thanked the council and stated it been a pleasure working with the town on this process. Brady Lee and Chris Diggs of Great Blue Research presented the survey results. (Presentation available on the Town website). The survey focused on reasons for living in Newington; satisfaction with town services, priorities for addressing issues in town, support and prioritization of various department and community initiatives, awareness of town-related services, communication preferences and demographic profiles of respondents. Used list of email addresses provided by town, mailed postcards to half household in town, and QR codes and links. Majority residents (85.6%) rate quality of life in Newington as either "excellent" or "good."
- Councilor Page stated it was impressive that so many people responded positively.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked if they were going to be meeting with the department heads regarding the results.
- Mr. Lee stated he's not sure if it's planned, but its not an added cost, so we can.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that is something we can discuss.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated the last bullet under key study findings that over two-fifths of respondents were not familiar with the Senior & disable center programs and services. Find that concerning since a lot of the respondents where they could utilize the senior center and we pride ourselves on what they offer.
- Ms. Diggs stated that we will review that later.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that they wanted to provide the results to the council first and will be setting up meetings with each department.
- Councilor Page stated he'd like to see these results brought to the police department.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that those are conversations to have based on results.
- Councilor Nagel asked if the survey tracked the areas of town. Some areas of town crime is higher than others.
- Ms. Lee stated that was not part of the demographic questions.
- Councilor Page stated these numbers are useful and helpful. Do you compare these results to other towns of similar size?
- Mr. Lee stated that is something that we could do it if that requested.
- Councilor Page asked if people who use the senior and disabled center how they prefer communication preferences.
- Mr. Diggs stated that we can get that for you.
- Councilor Manke stated that he is a member of the senior center and does get a weekly mail. It's important for the community at whole to know what is going on and the services offered.
- Mr. Diggs stated that email is he most preferred source of communication for residents.
- Councilor Page stated he is surprised to see a third of the community has attended meetings in the last year.
- Councilor Donahue stated that they could have attended via Zoom.
- Councilor Manke stated that they may have watched a meeting on NCTV.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we see lots of comments on Facebook about meetings
- Councilor Nagel stated that even if they are in person, they don't necessarily have to say something.
- Mr. Diggs stated they have four considerations: Consider website improvement (most people go to town's website to look for parks and recreation); raise awareness of other town services.
- Deputy Mayr Budrejko stated that she finds that parks & rec has the most different and varied ways of communicating. They are on Facebook, they send out catalogs a couple time per year, they are on our website, they have signs in town.
- Mr. Diggs stated additional considerations are to conduct follow up survey research on a consistent basis and share the data. There's a lot of good information here.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that this will be useful to our new town manager, town planner and town engineer. Going over this will give them general in sight. Communication seems to be the major point.
- Mayor DelBuono thanked Beady and Chris. This is very helpful.

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

A. Public Comments

- None

B. Email Correspondence

- None

7. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

8. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Board of Education – Education Specifications for John Wallace Renovation Project

- Councilor Donahue stated this is the first step, we're not guaranteeing anything.
- Mayor DelBuono stated we are guaranteeing we are in support of the project. We are not yet in receipt of specific numbers. This will allow the BOE to apply to for state grant funding to see the level for which we are eligible. This will also allow us to put forth referendum language. This is the first step for us to be moving in the right direction.
- Lou Jachimowicz stated that are the collective first step of community action that will allow the grant application to get into the state system for consideration in December at the state of the next general assembly session. There are not penalties or negative if the project doesn't advance. Certainly when it gets passed referendum, the steps we need to take are more time specific and we need to get that information by the end of November. The standards right now are 57.4 percent reimbursement but there are possibilities for more funding for the project. Very pleased with the cost estimates that we received. Don't see a lot or risks for the town regarding the project financing. In a going place to deliver an excellent project for the town at a very reasonable cost.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that council will need to adopt bond language for referendum in November no later than September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Councilor Donahue

**RESOLVED,**

**The Newington Town Council authorizes the Newington Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to file applications to the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for school construction grant funding for the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School.**

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

Motion by Councilor Donahue

**RESOLVED,**

**In accordance with Article XII, Permanent Municipal Building Commission, of the Newington Code of Ordinances, the Newington Town Council has established a permanent commission responsible for the major construction and maintenance projects within the Town. The Permanent Building is hereby referred the following project for the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School.**

**Said committee is charged to work with the Town Manager (and/or his/her designee), Superintendent of Schools, and any other appropriate Town or Board of Education staff engaged in the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School. Such improvements shall comply with the appropriate sections of the Fire Code, Health Code, Building Code, and OSHA regulations, regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any other health and/or safety code regulations currently in force.**

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

- Councilor Manke asked why there is no wing 5, just 3, 4 and 6.

- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that wing 5 is the y-shaped wing facing John Paterson and that was built in 1999/2000 and that already has all the security and classroom attributes that we're looking to build into wings 3, 4, and 6.

Motion by Councilor Donahue

**RESOLVED:**

**The Newington Town Council hereby authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School.**

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

Motion by Councilor Donahue

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council hereby states its intention to hold a referendum on November 7, 2023, that presents the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School to the community so that funding can be authorized for this work.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**That Newington will have the referendum results certified and delivered to the OSCGR prior to December 1, 2023, so that the Renovation and Security Upgrade Project for Wings 3, 4, and 6 at John Wallace Middle School can be presented to the General Assembly for consideration for State of Connecticut School Construction Grant funding.**

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

**B. Discussion – Town Vehicle Fleet Review**

- Mr. Jachimowicz reviewed the BOE fleet of vehicles and recommended replacement costs barring any unforeseen mandates. If at some point electric vehicles are required, those are much more expensive. The budget is all set moving forward
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked Mr. Jachimowicz to review the chart. For the year 2026, does that mean 9 full size busses are going to coming offline?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that for the line 2026, those busses were purchased 2014/2015 so in 2026 those will be at the 11-year mark of age which is what our targeted plan is. If the busses are still in good shape, proven to be a strong performer with minimal repairs and major issues, they will stay stick around a few more years. The only thing is they need to be able to pass inspection with the state staff every year. Once the busses get to be 10, 11, 12 years old, they really start scrutinizing them and are more aggressive in their evaluation of the vehicles to make sure they are road worthy.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that based on the data here, according to the 11-year cycle, you would be anticipating 11 new vehicles that need to be replaced?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is the history. We may want to purchase two more in 2025. We still have vehicles on order from a year ago and have very long lead times in trying to manage the transition of the fleet.
- Councilor Nagel stated that for attaining a new bus there is a time lag. How many months does it take?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is can take 14-15 months to get a new bus.
- Councilor Nagel stated that when ordering those it might be a year before you actually get the vehicle.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is correct



- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that based on this chart, in 2027 you may be looking to replace 6 vehicles.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated right, this is all based on when we acquired the last round of vehicles. So, with an 11-year cycle, the 2027 ones were acquired in the 2015 year.
- Councilor Page asked if the replacement cost included any potential value or money coming back to the board or town for those retiring busses? Is there a market out there.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that there is a market in South and Central America. Datco can get anywhere from five to ten thousand per vehicle; used more for space parts inventory. They will also sell to brokers for use in far away lands.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that if you look at the year 2024, it lists 3 athletic buses, but in theory you would move three busses coming offline into athletic purposes and only replacing 7.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated yes, absolutely. Some of the athletic would require some refurbishing buses. We have 31 full buses that go out daily with 7 spares. The BOE has 30 non-bus vehicles in their fleet. A majority of the security vehicles are from the police department, and we have purchased a few vehicles from Bloomfield. The 2002 box truck is close to the end of its life. There are also three security vehicles that are in poor condition.
- Mayor DelBuono asked if any of the vehicles are take home vehicles.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that the security director takes his home at night. Some of the HVAC guys may be asked to take the vehicle home because its 4-wheel drive to get in on bad weather days. The HVAC tech will be asked to take the vehicle home December - February in case of overnight emergencies.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked if they had a special arrangement with Bloomfield.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that that was about 7-8 years ago and that is where we could get the vehicles and that was the only time we purchased vehicles from them.

#### C. Discussion - Disposition of Town-Owned Land

- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated he ran across a 1989 policy that the council passed regarding the disposition of town owned land. The policy puts a lot of ownership on the purchaser. It seems to be a good program and I have supplied it to the town attorney for review. These are not standard parcels. It doesn't preclude the rest of process. It was interesting to run across this.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that this is an adopted policy, and we will be following it unless the town attorney recommends any changes.
- Councilor Page stated this seems to address some of our questions and concerns.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that this policy has to do with the Stamm Road stub that we talked about a few years ago.
- Councilor Page asked if we should be concerned that other policies are out there of which we are unaware.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that up until 1994 we were creating indexes of town council minutes and that a process that's gone away since OCR has become more prevalent. We do have a bridge of minutes (from 1976 to 2006) that aren't accessible and that is something I'm trying to fix.
- Councilor Radda stated when reading though it is all seems pretty straight forward. At number 6 it says work session, we don't do those any longer. Thanks for finding this.
- Acting Town Manager stated he will correspond with the attorney's office interested in the Timothy property. Have already supplied this to her, but she was waiting to see what the status was from the council's acceptance of it. If the consensus is it's a good policy I will let them know.



D. Town Manager Search Update

- Councilor Manke stated that they interviewed three candidates and are moving ahead with the process.

Motion by Councilor Manke

**RESOLVED,**

**The Newington Town Council hereby authorizes Randi Frank Consulting, LLC to enter into negotiations with a prospective Town Manager candidate regarding a contract for employment. The Town Council shall review and approve the proposed employment contract prior to appointment.**

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

- Mayor DelBuono stated that before any contract with the town manager will be reviewed by the town attorney.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

**RESOLVED,**

**The Newington Town Council establishes the following with regard to its appointment of James Krupienski as Acting Town Manager:**

- 1. While serving as Acting Town Manager, Mr. Krupienski shall receive a salary of \$5,769.23 biweekly, as of March 3, 2023. All of Mr. Krupienski's existing benefits will continue, modified as necessary to reflect the change in salary from his position as Town Clerk.**
- 2. While serving as Acting Town Manager, Mr. Krupienski shall have the unrestricted use of a town vehicle. The Town shall be responsible for all costs relating to the operation and maintenance of said vehicle.**
- 3. Mr. Krupienski shall have the right to return to his position of Town Clerk at the conclusion of his term as Acting Town Manager, or upon removal as Acting Town Manager, except in the case of a for cause removal.**
- 4. The Town shall furnish and provide Mr. Krupienski with insurance protection including comprehensive, general liability and errors and omissions coverage applicable to all acts or omissions arising out of his employment as Acting Town Manager.**
- 5. The Council reserves the right to remove the Acting Town Manager at any time for cause, with six affirmative votes.**
- 6. This appointment shall terminate at 90 days or upon the adoption of a Resolution to appoint the permanent Town Manager, with no less than six affirmative votes, as outlined in Section 501 of the Newington Charter.**

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

- Councilor Radda asked if there is no town manager within 90 days, suggesting that for number six, add that his appointment will terminate or upon the adoption.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that because the Charter states it can only be a 90-day appointment it was understood.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that the Charter only allows for a 90-day appointment, so no matter what happens it can't be longer. Except for number 6, this is the same language we've used in the past. Because it is a 90-day appointment, it's not a renewal, it's supposed to be an appointment each time.
- Councilor Radda stated that's why I think that should be added in case there are any questions.

- Mayor DelBuono stated she is not opposed to it; in the past it was understood.

9. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment – Economic Development Commission

Motion by Councilor Manke

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Newington Town Council here by makes the following appointment(s):**

**Economic Development Commission**

9 Members, 3 Alternates

3-year term - staggered

Party Max.: 6 members, 2 alternates

Name	Address	Party	Term	
Marissa Lenzi Member	25 Long View Drive	R	5/23/2023 – 11/30/2025	Vacancy, Resignation of M. Panc

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

10. REFUNDS (Action Requested)

A. Approval of May 23, 2023 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

**RESOLVED:**

**That property tax refunds in the amount of \$1,480.49 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the “Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes,” certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.**

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

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Councilor Nagel to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Anest absent).

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA Fund Allocations

- Ms. Murphy reviewed the list of projects that will be done using ARPA funds. Total for these projects if \$1,444,500 leaving a balance of \$2,105,808.57.
- Councilor Manke asked about the pool paint, is it necessary?
- Ms. Murphy stated as of right now, yes. I can double check with Bill.
- Councilor Manke asked if it doesn't get used it will stay there?
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated he did speak with Bill, and they are trying to get the pool at Churchill Park drained.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated she is looking the Highway and Park Garage; see there is one on Milk Lane and one on Willard Avenue, thought the appropriation was for only one building.

- Ms. Murphy stated no, the preliminary plan is to keep each garage in its current locations. The design work and cost estimates in place. Put them both together to do design work at the same time to get us some preliminary numbers.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that funding as well ties into our new municipal public building committee and our on-call architects as well to have that design work completed.
- Councilor Page asked if the \$8.8 million was in the current fiscal year.
- Ms. Murphy stated no, that's over a two-year timeline.
- Councilor Page stated that year to day spending is as is. Did every one of these go through the council?
- Ms., Murphy stated that when we first started it was handled by the town manager, but then we put it in place that it has to go through council with resolution.
- Councilor Page stated he didn't remember all of them, just wanted clarification.

B. Discussion - Easement for Egress Ramp at 1042 Main Street

- Acting Town Manger Krupienski stated the town received a request to subdivide the building into two units. Flowers Etc. is looking to split the space into two separate unit and at the rear unit they are looking to do a small patio and walkway going out to Constitution Square. The ramp actually overlaps the town property line. They are requesting an easement, there would be no impact to pedestrian traffic.
- Councilor Manke asked who would be responsible for maintaining this ramp, both in the-winter and other times.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that ramp would be theirs and we could put something in the easement agreement to require that is it maintained properly for ice and snow safety.
- Councilor Radda asked if he indicated who the new tenant will be.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated he didn't think that was determined until he received council approval for the easement. He still needs to get approval from TPZ.
- Councilor Page stated he thinks it's wonderful and should be encouraged. It will add vitality to that area.
- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated he will send this to the town attorney

13. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- Acting Town Manager Krupienski stated that town engineer started on Monday; he's jumped right in. Had our bond meeting this morning, received 8 bids and \$475,000 premium. We received an update from our grant writer, the town has received \$297,000 in awarded grants. Recreational trails planning grant reapproved. Last Wednesday, myself and the Town Planner met with Governor regarding Cedar Point affordable housing in Connecticut. It was a great event, good for the town. Received a lot of interest on getting on the waiting list.

14. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

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

- None

16. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko attended the dedication of a portion of Maple Hill Avenue for retired firefighters and a celebration dinner gala 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Firefighters Association.
- Councilor Manke stated the weekend is our Memorial Day Parade and we should make an effort to attend the dedication ceremony.
- Councilor Page thanked the library for putting on fun 5K event. A lot of people ran it, and it was a great day.
- Councilor Radda asked to clarify where we meet and at what time on Saturday?
- Councilor Manke stated that we will meet in the front of the church on Main Street. Should be there around 10.
- Councilor Nagel stated that its great the town has so many things happening. The German Club had their May Fest on Saturday. Also, the Historical Society had their annual meeting and a presentation of the Radio League. Lot's going on, just have to look for it and get it on the town website. Imagine if something isn't received by you it doesn't go on the town's website.
- Councilor Radda stated that after the dedication of the roadway, some of us went back to Company 2 and got a look at the new ladder truck.
- Mayor DelBuono thanked the Masons, Sequin Lodge on Sunday. It was a brunch for bears to give to our first responders to make them feel more comfortable.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CGS §1-200(6)(A) – Personnel, Town Manager Recruitment (Negotiations)

Motion by Councilor Manke

**RESOLVED,**

**That the Newington Town Council, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(A) hereby moves to go into Executive Session, and invites the Town Council members, the Mayor, Ben Ancona, Town Attorney, and Randi Frank & Richard Brown, Consultants, to discuss a Personnel issue: Town Manager Recruitment (Negotiations).**

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

*Councilor adjourned to Executive Session at 9:32 p.m.*

*Councilor resumed the regular meeting at 10:43 p.m.*

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Camillo to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Anest absent).

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon  
Council Clerk