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MAYOR BETH DELBUONO

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

James Krupinski
Town Clerk

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

This meeting will be presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.

Mayor DelBuono called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

- Councilor Anest
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko
- Councilor Camillo
- Councilor Donahue (via Zoom)
- Councilor Manke (via Zoom)
- Councilor Nagel
- Councilor Page
- Councilor Radda
- Mayor DelBuono

Staff Attendees:

- Thomas Hutka, Town Manager
- James Krupinski, Town Clerk
- Susan Gibbon, Council Clerk

Also present:

- Lou Jachimowicz, BOE Chief Finance and Operations Officer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko to add Item 9B, Resignation of Clarke Castille from various committees and Item 11C. Council Liaison. Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

4. AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Retirement – Art Hanke, Asst. Building Inspector

Introduced by Mayor DelBuono

WHEREAS, We take pride and pleasure in joining family members and friends, along with members of the community, in congratulating Arthur (“Art”) Hanke on his deserved retirement after 25 years of service to the Town of Newington; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke has been an employee for both the Newington Building and Planning and Zoning Departments for the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke served as both the Zoning Enforcement Office and Assistant Building Inspector with vast knowledge in both building construction and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke obtained his Connecticut Building Officials Certification in 1989 and has been in the construction industry as an owner of a construction company since 1972; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke served as the Town of Newington's Acting Building Official in August of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke has been an integral part in economic development, and an extremely valuable source of information, guidance, and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Art Hanke is the model for all Town employees for the extraordinary customer service that he provides to the taxpayers of this community by doing everything he possibly can to satisfy the issues presented to him; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Mayor Beth DelBuono and the Newington Town Council hereby recognize and extend our sincere appreciation to Arthur Hanke for his professional service and dedication to the Town of Newington over the past 25 years and wish him the best in his retirement.

Dated in Newington, Connecticut, this 25th day of July, 2023.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that with 25 years of service to the town Mr. Hanke distinguished himself as an employee with a high degree of expertise and a lot of institutional knowledge and he will be missed by the staff as well as members of the public. Wish him well in his retirement.
- Councilor Manke congratulated Mr. Hanke on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the town.
- Councilor Page thanked Mr. Hanke all he's done for the town over the years. Always courteous and professional.
- Councilor Camillo thanked Art; easy to work with. Will be missed. Thank you again.
- Councilor Anest stated she worked with Art will on the ZBA and TPZ; losing a wealth of knowledge. Wish him well in his retirement, it's well deserved.
- Mayor DelBuono offered congratulations and thanks to Art. Hope he enjoys every minute of his retirement. People always so complimentary and appreciate of him.

**5. 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

6. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

7. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Disband Inactive Committees

- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that he supplied additional spreadsheets with active committees. You will see that the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency is highlighted, it was marked as inactive but that committee is required for Hopkins

Village but has been remarked as active. Adding date as to when committees were disbanded. The Chairperson for the 150th will be coming forward with her report shortly as well.

- Councilor Page asked if the idea was to gather as much information as possible prior to deciding whether to dissolve any of these.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that yes, and some need to have final reports presented prior to disbandment.

B. AMR Services Contract

- Councilor Anest stated that the contract has been reduced to 2 years, so it will be July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
- Mayor DelBuono asked the chair why the contract was changed from 3 years to 2 years.
- Matt D'Esposito, EMS Committee chair stated that all the verbal agreements approaching the contract was for a two-year extension. As we analyzed how EMS is utilized by the town, we decided a two-year contract was the best for the town.

Motion by Councilor Anest

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby authorizes Tom Hutka, Town Manager to execute an agreement between the Town of Newington and American Medical Response (AMR) for professional ambulance services, said agreement shall be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. A copy of the executed agreement shall be attached to this resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

C. John Wallace Middle School Bond Language

- Mayor DelBuono stated that we have been presented with three options along with cost estimations.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated he wanted to review the options. Option 1 is as originally presented with no changes; Option 2 would be to do the construction back-to-back and Option 3 would be to do the construction back to back as well as accelerating the design and development schedule. Sent Mr. Krupienski website to state which speaks how the grant works. Mr. Jachimowicz reviewed the state timeline for grant consideration. The funding decision does not need to be done right away, as long as you have the funding information in the referendum.
- Councilor Radda thanked Lou for this information. My concern is that there is money the town would have to put up front up we go with Option 3 and assuming we will get approval. If we decide on Option 3 what is the up-front amount?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that architect fees would be five to six hundred thousand dollars for the full project. Once the project is approved those costs become eligible for the project.
- Councilor Manke stated that he thinks it's been this councils wish to get this done as quickly as possible. If we work the project concurrently, is there room for all the classrooms to be get moved around?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated yes, we're able to absorb one wing full of children elsewhere in the building. Doing them in sequence also offers us opportunities to do work in multiple wings over the summertime.
- Councilor Manke stated he likes the concurrent method. Option 2.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko asked for Option 3 and Option 2, if the project is approved hooray; but this project is going to get done at some time and we are going to spend the money on the design anyways, so if we took the risk, eventually when it gets approved, wouldn't we be a step ahead. If we wait the design cost might go up. If we are going to do it anyway, should be get the most bang for our buck?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that he wanted to clearly articulate that we have the ability to stretch the time, but think the town keeps the money in their wallet until we are fairly certain we are going to get the funding from the state.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that the money wouldn't be lost, if approved we will get the money from the state.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is right.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that as you said, this is not a risky project, if you were a betting person 80 percent, 90 percent?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated the last time the list didn't proceed as expected was about 10 years ago during some really tough economic conditions at the state level. The following year all projects were included in the allowed projects.
- Councilor Page stated he really doesn't know much about the process, but I'm sure it wouldn't hurt for the town manager, mayor, or council to have a discussion with our representatives to get some assurances for reimbursement. Earlier you gave us an explanation of categories, it looks like there are lots of variances between the different projects.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated those percentage rates are based on state statute and the adjusted equalized grand list per capita and it measures the strength of the community based on its grand list against collective reimbursement rates. Who ever is lowest has the highest reimbursement from the state. The reimbursement rate for this project is 57%.
- Councilor Page stated it looks like there are time discrepancies in the options.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that Options 2 and 3 are reduced to 16 months. Option 1 would be 28 months.
- Councilor Nagel stated he was confused because the options were not labeled properly, and he wants to be sure that we will be not disrupting the learning environment if we shorten the schedule.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated there won't be.
- Councilor Camillo stated he doesn't want history to repeat itself. Have you figured in the increase in costs of materials? Being its more of a security project, we don't want to have to cut the budget after bids come in.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that the construction estimates include a serve percent cost escalation over time for the project.
- Councilor Camillo stated you have \$430,000 for FF&E, why is there only \$80,000 for technology?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that most of the technology that's in the building can be reused.
- Councilor Camilo stated it's older now, and this will be older then, you want to keep technology current.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated of course. We will also be supplementing out of the BOE CIP technology allocation. Nobody will do without. New in technology is a large screen tv with something called Vivi box which integrates internet, touch screen and broadcasting on a wireless basis.
- Councilor Camillo asked if egress windows have been included in the classrooms.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that will be determined during the design process.

- Councilor Camillo asked what the life span of the rest of the school was.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated with proper maintenance the building will last many years.
- Councilor Manke stated that at our last meeting the media center was listed. Is that still in there?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that there is no media center.
- Councilor Manke stated that we will at some point decide when the project is brought to the building committee.
- Councilor Nagel stated that with all these different options, we are essentially at the mercy of the state and it's a crap shoot in terms of what options we can take and what monies can be spent where. I agree with Deputy Mayor Budrejko, we are going to be spending the money at one point or another. I agree with the point that safety is first. At this point I am comfortable with Option 2. We received several resolution proposals in our packet and I assume that the media center was removed.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we have two decisions to make, and Lou stated we don't necessarily have to decide that this evening, however we do have to decide on an amount to put for referendum.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated yes. If you take Option 2 as your foundation which is \$10,500,000, as things unfold over the next several months you will have a better sense of what the general assembly will do, as of February 1 you will have the committee review the project.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that looking at the risks of upfront fees in Option 3, and correct me if I'm wrong, it seems as if Option 2 would be the middle of the road option. It would still allow us to accelerate and would be less risky than Option 3 and allow us to set the amount at that figure for the purpose of the referendum.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is correct. If you wanted to move ahead after February 1, you can do that.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we need to determine what we are comfortable with before we read the resolution in. The total appropriation amount would be, and it sounds like most agree on Option 2, for the purpose of the resolution it would be \$10,518,291. In my opinion, and based on my experiences, this would be the best option and allows us to have wiggle room.
- Councilor Nagel stated he has a question. If I understand from Lou correctly, if we set an amount, in the future we can change that amount if indeed it is less?
- Mayor DelBuono stated that my understanding is that we are setting essentially the maximum bonding amount and sending it out to referendum for people to approve the maximum. We will still need to determine the 50% piece and the terms of the language. But that is the maximum not to exceed amount, we don't need to spend that amount.
- Councilor Nagel stated that we won't need to go back at a later time given what the situation is and state this is the amount as opposed the amount that was list?
- Mayor DelBuono stated no. Similar to other building projects, if money is left over, it gets returned to the town.
- Councilor Nagel stated that he wants to make that clear.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that we do front the funding for ourselves ahead of time, it's not money that will come back, it won't be expended ahead of time. In addition to that, in the first resolution the council is authorized to reduce the scope of the project and you can spend up to your maximum bonding with reimbursement. Anything above that would require a new referendum.

- Mr. Hutka stated that tonight is just establishing a dollar amount to go into bond referendum which will in turn set the public hearing. It's important to set a dollar amount low enough but isn't so low that it's going to handcuff us. With that said, there is time to continue working on the schedule, to determine cost estimates, how we bid and how to proceed. I'd like to work with Lou, review all of the information and brief you all in advance so we won't have council meetings where we come in with lots of questions. All my career I've heard let's accelerate the construction project to save money – that's just not true. If you wait two years for any construction project, it will cost more, but accelerating a project doesn't save you money. That said we are setting a dollar amount based on the information provided to us. Options 2 and 3 will save us time, it's more an acceleration but not really a money saver. Option 1 has more savings than shown in the memo by doing all the wings at the same time we'll potentially save a lot of money in economies of scale, in mobilization of subs. That's Option 1.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that Option 1 is one per year, so it pushes it out to three full years. One wing would be July through November and the following year they'd start the second wing and the next year they would start the third wing which is a concern for this council. We wanted it to happen as quickly as possible given some of the safer and security issues.
- Mr. Hutka stated this is something we should flush out before these meeting. I'm focusing on the middle paragraph and it states the alternative project plan would be to do the three wings consecutively without a break. So, is Option 1 doing all three things at the same time as opposed to the original plan of spacing them out?
- Mayor DelBuono stated that no, Option 1 was the first plan presented to us which was July to November, school year continues; July to November, school year continues and July to November, school year continues. So, it would take three full school years to accomplish. Options 2 and 3 were brought to us when we asked if we really needed to waste all those months not getting something done. So instead, when the first wing, is done, work will begin on the next wing and when that's done work will start on the other wing.
- Mr. Hutka stated he is confused. Option 1 states that the construction schedule will be shortened by 12 months to do all three wings consecutively without a break and this would improve the timeline of the project by 12 months.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that the confusion is the language of options versus estimates.
- Councilor Anest stated that the memo is very confusing.
- Mr. Hutka stated it is. I'm confused, are we doing this project over three years or all the wings at the same time?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that Option 1 is the start of the project every 12 months. Option Construction Cost Estimate 2 takes that 28 month original schedule and when you run them back to back it brings the working schedule down to 16 months and in that first summer would be work on all three wings concurrently depending on what needs to get accomplished and what won't disrupt the active wings when school starts. Option Construction Cost Estimate 3 is the same as 2 as far as the build schedule, but the design development would be compressed by six months if the town wants to begin the design process concurrent with the submission of the grant in December. Anytime you can squeeze out a project you will eliminate cost inflation.
- Mr. Hutka asked if the school system is able to function if all three wings are done concurrently. Correct?

- Mr. Jachimowicz started no, in sequence, one after the other, after the other. We don't have enough space to close all three wings simultaneously.
- Mr. Hutka stated that in any event, you need to sync the construction with the school system, so plumbers will be mobilized three different times no matter what.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated potentially. We will look for those efficiencies of certain tasks and work we can do over that first summer that may apply to two or three wings at the same time. That will depend on how design options work out, we will see if we can get all the overhead HVAC done as the same time in one summer and it will save time and future aggravation.
- Mr. Hutka stated that this threw me because consecutive means all at the same time and that scenario is not possible.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated it's not possible unless we brought in portable classrooms or shifted kids to other schools.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she is going to look around the table to see which option we are thinking of. Again, we're not stuck to the option but we need a dollar figure to start at as a base for referendum language. A majority of the council thinks Option 2 makes the most sense for setting a figure for the referendum. The total we will be looking at is \$10,518,291 (total cost of project) and the cost to the town (after 57% state reimbursement) would be \$5,250,62. We were presented with two different forms of the resolution.
- Mike Botelho stated you have before you two different options. The first resolution provides is in an amount not to exceed and it doesn't have that additional grant language. The key is the language provision is Section 2 and it probably the most conservative language. It's not based on the amounts of grants received. The dollar amount is normally the same as the project cost. But then we have qualifying language and what that means is say we go with \$10.5 million. Basically, you have an appropriation of \$10.5 million and a bond amount not to exceed \$10.5 million but you would deduct from that amount any grants you receive from the state, and it's not dictated by the grants you receive.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we may not want to bond out the full amount and do one wing or do it differently if we didn't get the funding from the state. So, if we pass the referendum and stated \$10.5 million and don't get the funding, we would still be on the hook for the \$10.5 million.
- Mr. Botelho stated that if you don't get the grant, it doesn't mean you have to go forward with the project, at a certain point it would lapse. A lot of towns don't move forward if they don't receive grant monies. However, if you go to the second option, it provides for a limit on the amount that you would bond and that's the amount you are willing to issue debt for. If you were going to follow this approach, I recommend suggesting an amount that is a very conservative amount. With Anna Reynolds that was the case. You don't want to have a bond amount determined by an expected grant; you don't want the amount approved less the amount estimated to be received. Sometimes towns will say they want to have a maximum bond amount. It's riskier in that if you don't get that amount you need to go back to the voters.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that we are presenting a project with a dollar amount and I feel if that amount is different, we need to go back out to referendum to get an approval for expenditure greater than what we thought. I feel better presenting the voters a dollar amount.
- Mr. Botelho stated he thinks that is a reasonable approach. This is technically an appropriation and bond resolution. You're appropriating monies and your authorizing

bonding to partially cover that appropriation. In terms of the project, you were talking about \$10.5, you might want to go with a slightly higher amount because, once again, if you're a couple of dollars short, you want to have some sort of cushion.

- Mayor DelBuono stated we're picking the middle of the road figure of \$10.5, but we're also talking about in the language of the referendum we wouldn't exceed 50% but we're expecting 57% so realistically that builds in a 7% cushion so to speak in terms of our funding. Right?
- Mr. Botelho stated that he's thinking in terms of the appropriation which is actually the project cost. So, if you are comfortable with the \$10,518 I guess you can go with that. I was saying maybe include a cushion for that, but if you don't feel you need that and that's kind of in the middle you can go with that.
- Councilor Page stated that if we learned anything from the town hall, we don't want to face lawsuits, and we don't want the community to accuse us of misrepresenting the amount of dollars we are looking for for the project. I think we all share the sense of urgency in getting this done and it sounds like a very slim to none change it not being authorized. I'm comfortable with the \$10.5 number.
- Mayor DelBuono stated she is seeing heads shaking around the table and it's the consensus of the council to go with the \$10.5 figure.
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that he'd like to state that this project is different than Anna Reynolds as that was a renovate as new project and by doing certain things requested by the state it wiped away all ineligibles making the whole project grant eligible. All other projects have some factors that is not considered reimbursable and in calculating the net amount we should calculate in some provision in anticipation of ineligible so that would bring the \$5.5 million up to \$6 million for it's cap just so the project doesn't get caught short.
- Mayor DelBuono stated in your estimate you list ineligibles at \$1.2 million, is that not correct?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated that is correct, but with the final results of bidding, some things become ineligible, but all construction costs are eligible. How good will bids come in and how good is the architectural work. Certain ineligibles are consistently applied.
- Councilor Page asked if you are suggesting we are adding more money to the referendum?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated no, it is the amount not to exceed. It should be \$6 million in item 2 and item 3.
- Councilor Page stated it is creating more of a cushion.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that's right but it's half million dollars we didn't think about until now.
- Mr. Botelho started to remember that is a not to exceed amount.
- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that the \$10.5 stays the same, you are saying the total cost to Newington needs to increase to \$6 million?
- Mr. Jachimowicz stated he would recommend something in that general area. You would not be issuing \$10.5 million in bonds and in case things don't work out perfectly you have a little bit of flexibility. I don't think we are going to have a problem with the \$10.5 million cap, but they might decide that something is ineligible. I can't promise we will avoid all of them.
- Mayor DelBuono stated she has questions in terms of timeline. In terms of timeline is there a reason we need to take care of this tonight or can we move this to our next meeting? Certainly, if we need to, we can schedule a special meeting for this.

- Mr. Botelho stated that you need to send this 60 days prior to referendum. That's the key date.
- Mr. Hutka stated that on this specific issue I will meet Lou and I will come back with my recommendation at the next meeting.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that is very much appreciated. Thank you, Lou, we appreciate your getting us this information. There is a lot to think about and we need time to process and review.
- Councilor Radda stated she needs time to process this.
- Councilor Nagel stated this was like at our last meeting that something is presented to us and once you have your mind made up, something changes. I want to make that comment clear and have this presented to us in a clearer manner and we have confidence in the direction we want to go.
- Councilor Camillo asked Tom if he felt comfortable getting the information to the council by the next meeting.
- Mr. Hutka stated yes, he will meet with Lou, bond counsel and finance director to make sure all pieces are in place and come back with a best group decision.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that she and the entire council are committed to this project but want to make sure we make the best decision for the project and the taxpayer.

After a lengthy discussion this was tabled.

8. **REFUNDS (Action Requested)**

A. Approval of July 25, 2023 Refunds for an Overpayment of Taxes

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$661.96 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the "Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes," certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Radda. Motion passed 9-0.

9. **RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS (Action May Be Taken)**

A. Resignation – Board of Parks & Recreation

Motion by Deputy Mayor Budrejko

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Richard Da Silva, as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation, in accordance with email correspondence dated July 17, 2023, and effective immediately.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Mayor DelBuono

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council hereby accepts the resignation of Clarke Castille, as a member of the BALF Town Committee, Vehicle Appeals Board, Standing Insurance Committee and Employee Insurance & Pension Benefits Committee.

Seconded by Councilor Camillo. Motion passed 9-0.

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated it is with some degree of hesitation and sadness that we are processing this resignation. Mr. Castille has been very active, as a former town councilor and he's involved in so many committees. He is leaving Newington. Want to thank Mr. Castille for his work on behalf to the town of Newington.
- Councilor Page stated he appreciates all the work Clark did for the town.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilor Nagel to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Camillo. Motion passed 8-0-1.

11. NEW BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken by Waiving the Rules)

A. Sale of Town Owned Property – 690 Cedar Street

- Mayor DelBuono stated that because we have a new town manager, we need to revise the documents to Mr. Hutka to execute the documents necessary for the sale of the property and are hoping for a tentative mid-September closing.
- Councilor Page stated that he's expressed concern about the lack of appraisal on this property, we've agreed to disagree on the relevancy of an appraisal and the value of the property. I want you to think about the extent of the ongoing delays and is this an opportunity for us to revisit the sale and maybe do something better.
- Mr. Hutka stated if the proposal does not go through to keep our options open.
- Councilor Page stated that we've heard from the previous town manager that this is going to happen any time now.
- Councilor Anest stated that with any commercial deal these delays are normal.
- Councilor Page stated he is not suggesting we withdrawal from this process. Just suggesting we look at all options.

B. Amendment to the Adopted Meeting Schedule- Cancel August 22, 2023

- Mayor DelBuono stated that it is common practice to cancel one of our summer meetings to have a short hiatus. If we see that at our next meeting it makes sense to cancel, we can do that.

C. Council Liaison

- Deputy Mayor Budrejko stated that there is really nothing written in any of our documents what the role of Council Liaison is. I've been told don't worry about, just read the minutes and others have said you really do need to go. There is also confusion from the commissions regarding the role of the liaison. Some commissions have liaisons written down in attendance, others have complained council liaisons aren't present. In terms of my understanding and what the role of the council members as liaisons is to facilitate communications between the commission and the council. Didn't want to get bogged down with a subcommittee on this, so I took the liberty of drafting a description of what I think the role is of the town council liaison. I garnered this from other towns to find definitions of a council liaison. Take and read the description and if there is any questions, additions, or issues, we can revise it and discuss it. It needs to be published and the best place I could find was the Boards and Commissions handbook and there is a page which describes each board and commission and what the role is (regular member, alternate member, ex-officio member). Some people feel that we are there and can speak on behalf of the council. The board and commissions have the

power and we are there to listen and bring back any issues if there is something of significance.

- Councilor Page thanked Gail for her work on this. I would like to communicate to the chairs of the boards and commissions that my cell phone is everywhere and you can reach out to anyone of us and let us know if you have concerns.
- Councilor Manke thanked Deputy Mayor Budrejko for putting this together. They should also be added to the procedures for the council that we adopt every couple of years.
- Councilor Radda thanked Gail for putting this together. Some commissions acknowledge that liaisons are there, some don't. Some provide liaisons an opportunity to speak, others we are not invited to do that and to speak only during public participation as a resident of the town. It's different with each board we are liaison to.

12. WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

- Mr. Hutka stated he had no report this evening.

13. COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilor Nagel stated that the Senior & Disabled Center had a special meeting last night. The TLQTB+ group that the senior center has taken on to be an officially certified for outreach and programs. The town manager is planning a site visit with Jaime at the end of the week. There is plethora of Art League and other programs going on through the summer. There was a detailed report regarding COVID available. At the Volunteer of the Year dinner the AARP team that helps fill out tax returns were honored as a group for volunteer of the years. Solar panels are going to be on the roof by the end of the week. The window project is moving forward.

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

- None

15. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. CGS §1-200(6)(E) & 1-210(b)(10) Attorney-Client Privilege

Motion by Councilor Radda

RESOLVED,

That the Newington Town Council, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(E) & §1-210(b)(10) hereby moves to go into Executive Session, and invites the Town Council members, the Mayor, Board of Fire Commissioners, Whalen, Stoddard and DeMaio, Jeffrey Trommer, Fire Chief, Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Fire Chief, Ben Ancona, Town Attorney, and Tom Hutka, Town Manager, to discuss and item of Attorney-Client Privilege.

Seconded by Councilor Nagel. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilors adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

Councilors resumed the regular meeting at 10:11 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Nagel to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Anest. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Gibbon", written in a cursive style.

Susan Gibbon
Council Clerk