



**TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WINDSOR TOWN HALL
AUGUST 5, 2019
Regular Town Council Meeting**

APPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trinks called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Jody Terranova, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor James Govoni, Councilor Donald Jepsen, Councilor Joseph McAuliffe, Councilor Richard O'Reilly, Councilor Michael Tustin and Councilor Kenneth Wilkos.

2) PRAYER

Councilor McAuliffe led the group in prayer.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor McAuliffe led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS – None

5) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Sharran Bennett, 30 Capen St., spoke about living on Capen Street. Over the last few years, there has been a lot of changes in the neighborhood. There are more young children in the neighborhood which means more bus stops. There is no parking on the north side of Capen Street. Recently there has been more than the usual amount of cars between Crest Drive and the bottom of the hill. This road is also the main route to Windsor High School where children are walking. Ms. Bennett would like to recommend making the road a 'no parking on both sides' when school is in session.

Rick LeMay, thanked all of the Town Council members for their time and efforts regarding agenda item 12D to name the baseball field in honor of Mr. Barry Chasen. Mr. LeMay would particularly like to single out the efforts of Councilor McAuliffe. Mr. LeMay believed the Town Council would be hard pressed to find a more deserving person than Mr. Chasen. Mr. Chasen has dedicated most of his life to the Windsor Community for a very long time. Mr. LeMay encouraged the Council members to vote to honor Mr. Chasen with a dedication ceremony commemorating the naming of the baseball field in his honor in the near future.

Thomas O'Shea, 20 Laurel Ave, spoke of Mr. Chasen. Mr. O'Shea had the privilege to play for Mr. Chasen. He expressed the impact he had from a personal stand point. Mr. O'Shea noted you couldn't find someone better to honor.

Elizabeth Yetman, 82 Robin Road, spoke in support of the bicycle path development from the boat ramp on the Connecticut River down to Hartford. Bicycle development has a huge and positive impact on a community. Ms. Yetman hopes the town does whatever they can to make it happen.

6) REPORT OF APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSION

a) Public Building Commission (PBC)

Mr. Richard Hazelton, PBC Commission Chairman presented the following:

Safety Complex - Police and Fire Station Design – 9911

Due to general contractor's requests, the bid date was extended to August 5th. Town staff and the architect will review the general contractor's bids and provide recommendations to the PBC at its scheduled meeting on August 13.

On July 31st town staff received bids for the materials testing and commissioning. Staff will review the bids with the architect and provide recommendations to the PBC.

JFK Elementary School Replacement HVAC Systems – 9490

Once town staff receives all closeout documents, the PBC will authorize final payment and close this project.

Town Hall Portico Restoration Project – 9493

The installation of cast stone components is almost complete. When completed, the new stamped concrete deck will be poured in two sections. Then the grouting of new cast stone, columns, and portico freeze will take place.

This project is four weeks behind due to cast stone delivery, weather, and the general contractor's means and methods. The work has been slower than anticipated but we believe we are receiving quality workmanship.

Fire Security Systems – 9495

Once the Fire Marshal's office approves all of the installations and closeout documents are received, the PBC will close this project.

Poquonock School Air Conditioning Project – 9500

The classroom air-conditioning systems are installed and electrically wired. Refrigeration piping and controls wiring are continuing. The temporary electrical service was installed on July 16th. The new permanent electrical service will be installed near the end of August. Unfortunately, the new electric service will require one day with no power to the building. Town staff is working

with the Eversource electric service design team to have new service completed by August 30th.

WHS Pool House Replacement HVAC Unit - 9507

The replacement PoolPak unit was rigged into place on July 22nd. Since then, system connections have been taking place. Testing and commissioning of the unit is scheduled for this week. The pool will be available for use before the upcoming school session begins.

Sage Park Middle School Roof Design - 9506

The architect, Hibbard & Rosa, is holding his work on design drawings until the end of this summer. The PBC is scheduled to receive completed design drawings in October. After the PBC reviews and approves the design, they will then be forwarded to the state, with supporting documents, from the BOE for state project approval of the design. The PBC now expects this project will be scheduled for the summer of 2020.

DPW Building Renovation Design - 9505

The architect, Capital Studio, will present completed project drawings to the PBC at its next meeting on July 9th. Final recommendations are being made to the drawings. The architect will return and present them to the PBC for final approval.

Clover Street School Partial Roof Design – 9508

The PBC has reviewed and approved the drawings. The architect and BOE staff are working together to provide the state with all necessary documents for the state application.

Once the state receives documents from BOE, assigns a project number, it is reviewed and approved for reimbursement, we will proceed to bid this project. Due to delays this work will not take place this summer. The PBC and BOE staff have to meet and determine if this work can take place this fall while school is in session.

Northwest Park Nature Center Addition – 9503

The addition is 100% complete. Exterior siding was completed last week. The contractor has door window trim work to complete and to apply the final cost of paint.

Councilor McAuliffe asked when is the final date the portico will be completed. Mr. Hazelton stated he doesn't know of a final date. The stamped concrete has to be completed in two sections. Mr. Hazelton asked Town Manager Souza if he knew the date. Town Manager Souza stated he does not know the date. However, he did receive an updated schedule from the contractor today and can provide the Town Council with it within the next day.

Councilor Govoni asked if there was instruction on how the stamped concrete should be treated during the winter regarding salt and chemicals. Mr. Hazelton noted he will look into it further. Town Manager Souza stated there will be a sealant coating as an additional protective coating and that the information will be obtained from the contractor.

b) Human Relations Commission

Town Manager Souza stated we were expecting a representative from the commission, but had not heard from them.

c) Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)

Mr. John Avedisian, MDC Commissioner, gave the following report:

As of the last update, there was a concern for the bonding issue with the state to take care of the three more contracts they have in the tunnel project. The concern was if they didn't receive the money, they would have to raise it themselves via bonds. The potential for the clean water charge would go from \$4.60 to \$6.60. Since that time, the State Commission has had their bonding of approximately \$136,000,000 on general obligation bonds and \$291,000,000 of revenue bonds. The MDC is going to add \$80,000,000 and \$35,000,000 respectfully of grants so they can continue with this project along State Highway 91.

The ground water discharge was billed to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). A law suit has been filed and served to the DEEP.

Water treatment production as of June 9, 2019, was 49,000,000 gallons per day. MDC is still looking for other ways to sell water. They are talking to different towns, like Portland. The water capacity at Barkhamsted and Nepaug is at 98% as of June 30, 2019.

In regards to the foam spill from the airport into the river, there was nothing the MDC could have done to stop it from moving into the river. If they had just turned off the valve, a lot people would have had sewage in their cellar. This would have been a larger problem than what we actually had.

Niagara Bottling, as of June 21, 2019, is using about 685 gallons a day. That is an increase of the water they are using.

There is a warning of a suspected MDC imposter going around to the public. Mr. Avedisian didn't see it on the town website, but Town Manager Souza stated we had it on there for several months.

Deputy Mayor Terranova asked if MDC is still waiting to hear back about the integrated plan from DEEP. Mr. Avedisian stated they haven't heard from DEEP, but know they are on board with it. Mr. Avedisian will make a note and ask that question at the next meeting.

Councilor McAuliffe asked about a balloon type system that DEEP could have used to slow the flow of the foam into the river. Is this realistic? Mr. Avedisian stated they were looking for different ways to deal with it if it happened again.

7) TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Community Block Party

Just a reminder that there will be a community block party on Friday, August 9th at Deerfield Park, 70 Colton Street. This event runs from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM and admission is a school snack donation for the Weekend Wheels program. Enjoy carnival games, arts and crafts, face painting, music, bounce-house, food and more! There will be prizes and giveaways. This event is created by youth in the Summer Teen Employment Program (STEP) in partnership with the Windsor Police Department to promote family fun and community spirit in a substance free environment. Call (860) 285-1990 for more information.

Windsor Citizen's Academy

More than 200 Windsor residents have graduated from the Windsor Citizen's Academy.

The program is a fun opportunity to learn more about the services the Town of Windsor provides, how they are funded, a look at our day-to-day operations, and how you can get involved. The interactive Citizen's Academy meets on Thursday evenings beginning September 26th and focuses on how daily government operations contribute to a better community.

This is a free program for those who register by calling 860-285-1835, by going online at townofwindsorct.com or by email at: jubrey@townofwindsorct.com.

National Night Out

The Windsor police will be sponsoring an event for "National Night Out" on August 6th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Sage Park Middle School. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign, and another opportunity for our officers and other first responders to build relationships with Windsor folks on an informal basis. At the event, a rock wall, DJ, dunk tank, inflatables, food and drink will be available.

Traffic Enforcement

The Town Council recently received communications from residents expressing concerns about speeding. This type of complaint is one of the most common the police department receives. All officers are expected to conduct traffic enforcement activities in addition to responding to a wide range of calls for service throughout their shift. We have 2 officers that are assigned as a traffic unit and their primary duties relate to traffic enforcement.

We are continuing to work on specific neighborhood traffic concerns and have a multi-disciplinary staff team that meets regularly to review traffic data such as volumes, speed, vehicle type and time of day. This information helps the police to deploy limited patrol resources in a more efficient and effective manner.

Overall in FY 19, officers made a total of 11,912 traffic stops. This is nearly 11% greater than in FY 18. Also, the percentage of vehicle accidents with injuries has decreased slightly from 13.4% in FY 18 to 12.5% in FY 19. We have averaged 81 accidents with injury per year over the past 3 years.

Both the police department and I will continue to work on this important town-wide public safety and quality of life issue.

Farmington River Update

Town staff continues to remain in contact with state agencies regarding the June chemical release. At this time, the state is awaiting test results from fish tissue, surface water and the waste water treatment plant.

The consultant for Signature Flight is slated to submit plans to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for an ecological assessment along the river as well as soil testing along a section of Rainbow Road where foam was extruded from manholes onto the roadside.

Work by the consulting engineer to identify and select a sampling of private wells to be tested is ongoing. The sample size will be determined by several factors such as well depth and type of construction. Town staff reviewed records for various properties as part of this process.

Like other type of events, I and other town staff have reviewed our response to the incident. Each event or incident is different and unique but by taking time to review, we can identify possible ways to strengthen our response.

As you know, the primary agency for this incident was DEEP and we took direction and guidance from them under a modified Unified Command model. Our Director of Public Health was notified by the state on the morning of June 9th. Later in the morning, the State finalized the issuance of the advisories and sent out a media release. By 1:00 p.m. multiple media outlets had broadcast and posted information to the general public through various social media tools regarding the release and the advisories.

That afternoon the town, in support of the state agencies, posted advisory signs at several public access points along the Farmington River as well as the boat launch at East Barber Street in case boaters put their boat in there and travel north to the Farmington.

Several days later, staff at the suggestion of a resident via Mayor Trinks, worked with the state to have the signs translated into Spanish and posted them. Information also was posted on our website.

Going forward, we are looking at how to incorporate different ways of 'pushing out' information – for example, use of the Everbridge Community Notification system which is similar to Reverse-911 and the town's email subscription service.

Just this past week, we used larger signs (in both English and Spanish) on sandwich boards as well as Everbridge to notify Rainbow Reservoir users and neighbors of the algae bloom.

While our partners at the state agencies have been helpful and I appreciate their efforts, in the future town staff and I, if need be, will be more assertive in making requests as well as offering local resources and solutions if appropriate.

As I noted earlier, each event or incident is different and unique but we can learn and strengthen our response from each one and that is what we have and will continue to do.

Councilor O'Reilly asked Town Manager Souza if he had heard anything about trying to prevent future spills from happening, any lessons learned, or a change of practice. Town Manager Souza stated the Airport Authority has been working with their tenants at Bradley, as well as other various airports Bradley is responsible for in the state, to review their response plans. They have also been working with the State Fire Marshal's Office for interim response plans such as being able to get permission to block off their floor drains. It's not a uniform situation because some of the facilities already have physical containment practices in place. There has been some conversation on deploying some type of balloon device in the future to prevent it from going through the public sewer system, down into the treatment plant.

Councilor O'Reilly asked if they ever found out what the root cause was for the spill. Town Manager Souza believed it was a valve malfunction.

Councilor McAuliffe asked Town Manager Souza if there was a date when to expect the fish tissue results. Town Manager Souza stated the fish tissue test results will not be in until after Labor Day and the other testing results should be in within the next several weeks. Town Manager Souza noted once we receive the test results from DEEP, we will post them on the town website.

Councilor Jepsen asked with all these samples being collected, will they test for anything else that might be in the riverbed or streams. Town Manager Souza stated DEEP is just testing for PFAS and not any other chemicals.

8) COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Black-Burke emphasized to the viewing audience to get out and support the National Night Out event that is taking place tomorrow night at Sage Park. It's a great opportunity for our families and young people to interface with our police force and first responders.

Councilor O'Reilly addressed and appreciated Councilor McAuliffe's remarks about the mass shooting. Councilor O'Reilly stated the last time it was his turn to give a prayer he did the same thing since another unfortunate mass shooting had previously taken place. It seems to be a recurring event.

Councilor Wilkos – None

Councilor McAuliffe thanked Town Manager Souza for his report on the foam spill. It's important to recognize when something like this happens. We can't let this happen again. We need to have prevention in place at the airport and to keep on the Airport Authority and State officials to fund a project to prevent spills in our waterways.

Councilor Govoni addressed the comments about Capen Street and stated he supports what Sharran Bennett said. Councilor Govoni always wondered why a street with a school has

parking on the south side. There are sidewalks there that cars always park on. Students have to go around the cars when walking. There is a tremendous amount of traffic and it doesn't help when there is a car parked on the side of the road. Councilor Govoni agreed it is a good suggestion to make it no parking on the whole street.

Deputy Mayor Terranova thanked Town Manager Souza for the update on the spill as well as looking at ways to improve communication with the town. Deputy Mayor Terranova asked the Town Council audience to share any other means of communication that would help the town do a better job to communicate.

Councilor Tustin – None

Councilor Jepsen – None

Mayor Trinks addressed the PFAS concerns. Mayor Trinks has been very impressed with the State and the amount of time the Town Manager has been in contact with the State, State Public Health department, and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding this issue. Mayor Trinks noted information has been collected and private wells will be tested to alleviate that concern. Mayor Trinks stated he spoke with someone from the Airport Authority and they indicated they are moving forward with an emergency containment plan. The State, Department of Health and DEEP are all willing to come out to Windsor again. Mayor Trinks stated we want to support our first responders for our safety. Come on out to National Night Out and have some fun.

9) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee – Councilor O'Reilly stated we have a number of individuals that have expressed interest in appointments and reappointments to various commissions. We are working diligently to schedule a meeting to interview all individuals. It should happen within the next two weeks.

Health & Safety Committee – Councilor Black-Burke stated the committee will be meeting hopefully within the next few weeks and will have more information at the next scheduled Town Council meeting.

Finance Committee – None.

Special Projects Committee – None.

Town Improvements Committee – None.

10) ORDINANCES – None

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

12) NEW BUSINESS

a) Presentation by Riverfront Recapture (RR)

Town Manager Souza introduced representatives from Riverfront Recapture (RR), Mike Zaleski, President & CEO and Marc Nicol, Director of Park Planning & Development. Town Manager Souza stated that back in the 1980's, RR was formed. RR developed a strong, bold master plan on how to reconnect the Hartford region with the Connecticut River. These gentlemen are here to present the next stage in the long-term plan.

Mr. Zaleski stated the mission of RR is to connect people to the Connecticut River. We are presenting an exciting project which will expand the river walk into Windsor. Mr. Zaleski is joined by Mr. Nicol, who oversees the development of the park system and continued maintenance of the four parks. Mr. Zaleski stated Windsor has been a longtime supporter of RR and Mayor Trinks is a member of the board.

Mr. Nicol gave a slide show presentation showing how they propose to connect Windsor to the river walk. Mr. Nicol stated that RR was going to be acquiring a sixty acre parcel right on the Connecticut River. The parcel is mostly in Hartford with some acreage in Windsor. There is another parcel of twenty acres in Windsor owned by the DEEP, Windsor State Meadows Park, which RR is looking to acquire. The RR will be developing the south side of Decker's Brook. The overall look of the river walk would go across the private parcel to Windsor's Meadows Park and tie into the existing river walk. Mr. Nicol noted there is a manmade cove in the private parcel and they would like to expand the cove to provide public access to the Connecticut River for paddle sports.

Mr. Nicol stated the park needs to be self-sustaining and generate its own revenue. The development process of the park will include local people of Windsor and Hartford. Mr. Nicol said Eric Barz, Town Planner, Thomas Hazel, Environmental Planner and Robert Jarvis, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer are aware of the project and he will continue to keep them in the loop. The property could be a good spot for a restaurant, office, farmer's market, etc. to generate revenue.

Mr. Nicol outlined a calendar of events for clean up and development of the properties. On the private property, they have completed Environmental Phases I, II, and III. RR has public funding for development of the river walk and private funding for park development and amenities.

Councilor Govoni asked if it is hard to get funding to dredge out the channel next to the river. Mr. Nicol stated they have some of the funding in place to do the excavation. The site actually has some environmental issues and funding has been secured for that.

Councilor Wilkos asked if they have a time limit to acquiring the sixty acres. RR has been 40 years in the making. We have completed over \$65-\$70 million of development over those years. We continue to do \$1-\$3 million dollars of development each year. We have to go out and raise the money. We have had conversations with local and regional foundations that expressed their interest in helping us. The United States Environmental Protection Agency really likes this project. There is a chance if we apply for funding with them, we could get some

assistance with addressing environmental issues on the property. Development of the upper area could be private funding.

Councilor Wilkos asked what the annual cost would be. Mr. Nicol stated it depends on the development. A more sustained development will make the cost go up. Mr. Zaleski said that if this park gets developed, they would make sure it fits within the entire Greater Hartford Park system. He added that they see a park with a safe and secure kayak system in an 8 to 10 acre cove.

Councilor McAuliffe asked what the biggest stumbling block is in making this happen. Mr. Zaleski stated they have secured funding acquisition about a year ago. Unfortunately it can be complicated and they have gone through a series of environmental issues and other challenges that have prevented them from closing. They are confident by the end of the summer they will acquire the property. Mr. Zaleski noted they were fortunate to receive additional state funding that will allow them to do remediation to secure the property. The first year will focus on the restoration process. With community input and the development of a committee, we will come up with an attractive plan.

Councilor Jepsen stated he is very excited about this. How did you get the responsibility to clean the environmental impact? Councilor Jepsen stated normally the owner is responsible to clean it. Mr. Nicol stated it's up to the buyer to negotiate that before buying the property. The level of contaminants found at the property from an industrial standpoint was not an issue. Mr. Nicol explained since they want to develop the land for public use, they want to clean it and mitigate the environmental issues to make it so it is equal to a residential area. Mr. Zaleski added that the other four parks RR owns flood and they clean them up every year. Councilor Jepsen stated he is hoping that when this is completed, it will come up to Barber Street and it could possibly one day go all the way up to Bart's Drive in restaurant. Mr. Zaleski agreed with Councilor Jepsen.

Councilor O'Reilly asked if individuals wanted to help out, can they volunteer. Mr. Nicol stated individuals can help out now. There are lots of events, cleaning and administrative chores to do year round. Mr. Nicol gave the website address of www.riverfront.org for individuals that are interested in signing up to volunteer. There is contact information on the website. Mr. Zaleski stated over the next year, they are looking for local input and ideas for this project.

Councilor Govoni asked how they manage their field work. Mr. Zaleski stated that about three years ago, RR took over maintenance of the park system from MDC. We are continuing to enhance the park and having the right equipment is key. Councilor Govoni stated it's amazing how fast that forest has grown over the area.

- b) Approve collective bargaining contract with UPSEU

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Terranova, seconded by Councilor Jepsen, to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Windsor and UPSEU Local 424, Unit 10 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Town Manager Souza invited Amelia Bliss, Director of Human Resources, to provide a brief recap of the proposed contract.

The collective bargaining contract with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) Public Safety Dispatchers expired on June 30, 2019. Negotiations have largely been centered on health coverage and wages. Management and the dispatchers have come to an agreement for a contract that runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. Members of the employee association have ratified the proposed agreement and the Town Council is now being requested to approve the contract.

Ms. Bliss stated the health insurance proposals are the employee's share of the health insurance premiums and the contribution will increase from 20% to 20.5%. There was a mistake on the agenda item summary, it said July 1, 2019, but it was not supposed to change until January 1, 2020. We are also proposing to eliminate gastric bypass coverage, as well as related procedures, limiting the infertility treatment coverage to the state-mandated level, and eliminating coverage for domestic partners. These changes will bring the dispatchers in line with the affiliated group as well as the police benefits that were just approved.

The wages that were agreed to after conducting a market study and being negotiated are proposed to be 2.25% for both FY20 and FY21. The other language changes involve the union security language. The Union Security language changes are proposed based on a Supreme Court decision related to public sector union fees for employees who choose not to become a member of the union.

The financial impact for the FY20 is a \$18,920 increase over the base FY19 wages and \$12,000 for the FY21 increase.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

c) Resolution regarding Final Design of Day Hill Signal Project

RESOLVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Terranova that the town proceed into the final design phase of the CMAQ-funded adaptive traffic control signal system project and that Peter Souza, Town Manager, be authorized to sign said resolution on behalf of the Town Council.

Town Manager Souza invited Adam Kessler, Assistant Town Engineer, Robert Dinallo, Project Engineer and a representative from Milone and McBroom to speak about the project.

Town Manager Souza stated Day Hill Road is primarily an industrial and corporate corridor, with over 11 million square feet of building improvements. Day Hill Road is very important and we have a long-standing practice of managing the traffic along the roadway.

In 2009 the town commissioned a Day Hill Road Capacity Improvements study. Based on the results of that study, the Day Hill Road Adaptive Traffic Control Signal System study was performed in 2010. That study evaluated the feasibility and implementation of an intelligent

traffic adaptive system for the corridor, with the ultimate goal to improve operating conditions and maximize capacity on Day Hill Road by installing an intelligent system that is reliable, easily maintainable and flexible for future expandability. Integration of adaptive signal technologies along the Day Hill Road corridor will allow for signal timing adjustments to be made based on real time traffic conditions. These improvements will result in the more efficient movement of traffic throughout the corridor, thereby reducing traffic delays, fuel consumption, and hazardous air emissions.

The Town applied for a grant multiple times and in 2016, we were awarded \$1.32 million in federal funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) for improvements to the traffic signals along Day Hill Road. Cost estimates generated from the earlier studies and grant applications for the adaptive signal project were in the \$900,000 to \$1.32M range.

The initial project cost estimate, defined in the grant application, was approximately \$1,320,000, including design costs. After completion of the Preliminary Design (PD) Phase of the project, the cost estimate is \$2,227,000. The PD estimate was prepared using CT DOT unit prices and their recommended contingencies and incidentals. The PD assumes the installation of fiber optic communication between signals. Improved vehicle detection systems have already been installed at two intersections, and this is not accounted for in the estimate. There is also a generous contingency and incidental amount of approximately \$540,000.

During the final design phase, the designers will explore alternative methods of communication and will have the opportunity to refine some of the CT DOT standard items such as contingencies and incidentals. We anticipate that this will have the effect of reducing the project cost estimate. In the event that the project cost estimate cannot be reduced to that of the grant amount, it may be necessary to reduce the scope of the grant-funded improvements. The design team will make recommendations for scope reduction, if required. This may include eliminating the grant-funded signal improvements west of Prospect Hill Road. These signals could be upgraded at a future date with an alternate means of funding.

Councilor Govoni stated we seem to be overlaying on Day Hill Road, so wouldn't cameras be a better option than a loop. Mr. Kessler stated he wouldn't take out the loops. He agreed that camera systems are better and do even more. We are going to push for the camera systems instead of relying on loop detection. Councilor Govoni asked if we can get daily data and if we can fit a new crosswalk system into it. Mr. Kessler stated yes we can.

Councilor Jepsen asked if this is going to be a closed system or will Mr. Dinallo be able to run this from his department. Mr. Kessler stated Mr. Dinallo can do it wherever he would like to run it. It's not necessarily a closed system. Councilor Jepsen is concerned about hacking into this system. Mr. Kessler noted there is security for that.

Councilor Wilkos stated he has concerns about the whole setup. The way Day Hill Road is set up right now, it flows really well. The problem is at the end of Day Hill Road where it meets RT 75. Councilor Wilkos said sometimes traffic is backed up past Lamberton Road and he doesn't need a study to tell him that it's a disaster. There are so many vehicles flowing down Day Hill

Road. They hit the bottom of Day Hill Road and there is nowhere to go. Councilor Wilkos asked if we need to spend this money on something that will not benefit us.

Councilor Wilkos said he has an issue with the contingency amount and how the money is being used. Councilor Wilkos asked Mr. Dinallo if he agreed with any of his concerns. Mr. Dinallo stated he hears what Councilor Wilkos is saying, but we focus on the afternoon peak—what we on Day Hill Road are sending into the state system at both ends. Mr. Dinallo added we don't know how much the state is sending into Day Hill Road either. This system is going to manage and prevent ques. We need to also understand, talk to the state at some point, and look at both ends of the equation. This adaptive tool is to manage and facilitate traffic, not alleviate it. We don't have the linkage and central control of the system. As growth continues and I-91 adds more pressure to Day Hill Road, we are going to need to handle that. Mr. Dinallo stated ultimately the solution that isn't on the table is doing something between Addison Road and RT 75. What we need to do is try to manage what we have. The system can be monitored and we can make some adjustments.

Town Manager Souza noted the funding for the final design is already in place and reimbursable by the state. We will move forward with the project once it's been bid and designed. Town Manager Souza thanked Mr. Dinallo for his work. It's a tremendous amount of responsibility and Mr. Dinallo has done a great job over the years.

Councilor Tustin thanked Mr. Dinallo for the fantastic job he does behind the scene.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- d) Resolution to name Windsor High School varsity baseball field in honor of Mr. Barry Chasen

MOVED by Councilor McAuliffe, seconded by Councilor Jepsen to approve the following resolution for consideration at the Town Council's September 3, 2019 Regular meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Windsor High School varsity baseball field be designated as Barry Chasen Field in honor of Mr. Barry Chasen for his significant leadership, dedication and commitment to the Windsor Warrior baseball program as head coach for over 28 seasons starting in 1975; and for his relentless advocacy and support of growing the sport of baseball through efforts such as bringing the *Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities* program (RBI) to Hartford, and serving the game as a youth baseball umpire.

A number of residents have asked that the Town Council consider designating the varsity baseball field at Windsor High School as "Chasen Field" or another related title in honor of the 28 seasons that Mr. Barry Chasen spent coaching the varsity baseball team and his many contributions to youth over the decades.

According to the "Naming of Town Property, Buildings, and Park" policy recently adopted by the Council, it is the responsibility of the Town Council to decide the naming of this field. While the policy acknowledges a preference for naming facilities after geographical, neighborhood,

and historic elements, it does allow for facilities to be named “to acknowledge the activities and significant contributions made by individuals to the town.”

The naming policy states that community input be sought regarding any proposal brought forward, therefore it is proposed that this item be introduced on August 5th and considered for final action on or after the Town Council’s September 3, 2019 meeting. Also, please note the policy requires a two-thirds affirmative vote by the Town Council.

Councilor McAuliffe stated Mr. Chasen’s dedication to not only baseball, but youth sports in general for many years is unprecedented. This is very deserving for Mr. Chasen.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- e) Introduce a bond ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF A FIRE PUMPER ENGINE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$340,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$500,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.”

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Terranova, to waive the reading into the minutes of the text of the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF A FIRE PUMPER ENGINE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$340,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$500,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" is hereby waived, the full text of the ordinance having been distributed to each member of the council and copies made available to those persons attending this meeting; and the full text of the ordinance be recorded with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Terranova to introduce a bond ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF A FIRE PUMPER ENGINE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$340,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$500,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."

Town Manager Souza invited Fire Chief Lewis, Fire Chief Bianchi, and Paul Goldberg, Fire Department Administrator to provide a brief overview.

The pumper vehicle planned to be replaced is currently assigned to the Wilson Firehouse and is a 1996 Pierce Pumper. This vehicle has a range of equipment with various firefighting capabilities. This vehicle responds to approximately 50% of the fires in town, equaling about 375 responses per year. This creates the need for a dependable, well-equipped and modern piece of apparatus. The equipment on the truck also is aging and is planned on being replaced.

It is proposed to acquire this equipment through the nationwide inter-local cooperative purchasing program known as *HGACBuy*. This cooperative purchasing program is geared for use by municipalities, counties and state jurisdictions and has thousands of municipal users. By using this program, we have reduced the cost of the vehicle by \$6,300, saved the time and labor of creating / implementing bid solicitation process and have stayed consistent with the fire department's standardization of the fleet. The new vehicle would be purchased from Pierce Manufacturing Company. Delivery of the vehicle is approximately 9-12 months from the time the contract is executed.

Councilor Jepsen asked we don't often break up a purchase like this with part bond and part cash. My question is if we don't spend all the money does it go back into the capital fund. Town Manager Souza stated if there was any remaining balance it would be returned to the capital fund.

Councilor Tustin stated his appreciation of putting this together. He is assuming these are the same trucks from last year and members will know where everything is on them. Chief Lewis stated yes.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Black-Burke out of the room)

- f) Set a Public Hearing for September 3, 2019 at 7:20 p.m. for a bond ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF A FIRE PUMPER ENGINE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$340,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$500,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Terranova, that a Public Hearing be set for September 3, 2019 at 7:20 p.m. (prevailing local time) to act on a bond ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$840,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF A FIRE PUMPER ENGINE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$340,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$500,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION."

And

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town clerk is authorized and directed to post and publish notice of said Public Hearing."

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Black-Burke out of the room)

- g) Presentation of Wilson Redevelopment Opportunities

Town Manager Souza stated the town gathered community input, in particular the neighborhood community around the properties. Last spring, staff gathered members of Community Development, the Wilson Deerfield Committee, our Redevelopment Agency and a representative from our Planning and Zoning Commission to give options for the

redevelopment parcel and the school site. We had a series of meetings and had an online survey to gather input.

Town Manager Souza invited Jim Burke, Director of Economic Development, to speak of the possible options of these sights.

Redevelopment Parcel (458 Windsor Avenue)

The preferred use for the Redevelopment Parcel is “mixed-use,” a design that would allow for ground-level retail or office space while providing for housing in the space above. Other supported uses included residential townhouse development and preserving the land as open space/park for various community events and uses.

Wolcott School Site (451 Windsor Avenue)

The recommended or preferred use for the Wolcott School Site was single-family housing or mixed-use. Renovating the existing building was also supported by survey respondents, but the Ad Hoc Committee did not favor this option due to projected costs to repair the building.

Staff retained consulting services to assist in facilitating the process as well as to prepare a summary report entitled, “Summary Report – Wilson Opportunity Sites.” The report outlined the following suggested next steps:

- Present the report to the Town Council and request guidance to staff regarding a possible developer solicitation process for these properties.
- Share the information from this exercise with potential developers and investment funds to help promote the appropriate development of these parcels. This may dovetail with the federal Opportunity Zone tax incentive program.
- Review the zoning of the properties and the Center Design Development District provisions to ensure they are up to date and supportive of the desired development options.
- Consider pre-development steps for the properties including:
 - For the school site - completion of an A-2 survey and pre-demo hazardous materials survey, and
 - For the Redevelopment Parcel - hold discussions with utilities and Connecticut DOT regarding easements impacting potential redevelopment.

Town Manager Souza stated this is just the first step of public comment. It’s important to have the public and Council’s input. Some basic threshold questions are: In terms of the redevelopment parcel, should the site be offered for redevelopment or should it be retained as a neighborhood and community amenity? Also, for the Wolcott School, is redevelopment of the building itself desired and/or should some additional research of hazardous materials analysis be done. If we were to market this particular building for reuse, we will have that information for a developer. If demolition of building is necessary, the hazardous material testing gives us a better sense of what the cost might be. Town Manager Souza suggested that the Council refer this to committee for further discussion and then bring it back to Council.

Councilor Govoni asked if the consultant showed a conceptual plan for open space. Mr. Burke stated we didn't ask them to do one on open space. Mr. Burke noted the consultants focused on what development was possible for the site.

Councilor Govoni said he looks at how vibrant the community has been, the density of housing and how he would like to see it himself as open space. People have been talking about having a place to go that has open space and less density.

Councilor Wilkos asked if we have an idea of what hazardous materials we have and what remediation is required at Wolcott School. Town Manager Souza stated we have an idea in terms of asbestos, but it has more to do with the caulking of windows and PCPs. Councilor Wilkos stated that reuse of that building was discussed in an open forum. It was great as a school. He can't see this building being used for any other circumstance, especially since it is in the middle of the neighborhood. Councilor Wilkos said he could see having new single family homes there. He sees it fitting more in the community and the back side could be open space. We could win on both ends.

Councilor Black-Burke stated that currently we don't have a space in town for residents to rent or have an event. What about having it as mixed use where residents could benefit from it. Councilor Black-Burke asked how many residents dropped in at the open forum. Town Manager Souza stated that 31 residents stopped by the open forum and 200 participated in the online survey. Councilor Black-Burke said we need to know what the residents from the Wilson area want. A community center would be great—one where residents can use it more.

Councilor Govoni asked if we still have fuel tanks in the ground at that site. Town Manager Souza stated we do and that by the end of the calendar year 2020, we are required to remove them. If the town still owns them by that time, our plan is to remove the tanks and convert to natural gas. Councilor Govoni was concerned that once we take out the tanks, there might be something there that we don't know about.

Mayor Trinks referred this item to the Town Improvements Committee.

- h) Resolution of intent to remove appointed volunteer commission member

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Terranova, seconded by Councilor Jepsen, that the Town Council hereby adopts a resolution of intent to remove Mr. Joseph Auclair from his appointed position as an alternate member of the Public Building Commission per Section 6-3 of the Windsor *Town Charter* due to not adhering to the attendance policy of the Public Building Commission.

An alternate member of the Public Building Commission, Mr. Joseph Auclair has not attended a commission meeting since July 2018 and is not in conformance with the Public Building Commission's attendance policy. Several attempts have been made to connect with Mr. Auclair, but no communication has been received in return. Therefore it is requested that the Town Council begin the removal process.

Councilor Jepsen asked Town Manager Souza how many meetings Mr. Auclair missed. Town Manager Souza stated Mr. Auclair has missed 100% of meetings.

Deputy Mayor Terranova asked about the timeline. Were those calendar days or business days? Town Manager Souza said calendar days.

Councilor Black-Burke asked in regards to attempts, what is the method of attempt. Town Manager Souza stated the method of attempt in this case was a minimum of three written communications. The PBC chairperson had a number of verbal conversations with the alternate member as well. Also as recent as last week, there was a communication that went to Mr. Auclair's home that was copied to Town Council.

Motion Passed 8-1-0 (Councilor O'Reilly Opposed)

13) RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - None

14) MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- a) Minutes of the July 1, 2019 Regular Town Council meeting

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Terranova to approve the unapproved minutes of the July 1, 2019 Regular Town Council meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

15) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Eric Weiner, Representative of the Clean Water Task Force, 76 Palisado Road, wanted to give a brief update. Mr. Weiner attended the Governor's Task Force with State Representative Bobby Gibson, State Representative Jane Garibay and Mike Pepe, Director of Windsor Health Department on the PFAS pollution. There was at least 150 to 175 state agency employees plus non state entities there, which included the MDC, Airport Authority and other organizations. They formed three subcommittees, the Human Health Committee, Pollution Prevention Committee, and the Remediation Committee. The Commissioner of Public Health and Commissioner of DEEP took note that there was no communications committee about listening and communicating. He believes that traffic from Day Hill Road is connected to pollution. Mr. Weiner appreciated Town Manager Souza's summary on the notification work. If we had a more robust communication mechanism, that could be used to solicit information on Wilson Redevelopment. Mr. Weiner stated that he urged the Council to step back and look at how we communicate with the residents. Mr. Weiner is looking forward to giving some feedback, but feels the piece that was missing is Windsor's shopping center.

16) EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

17) ADJOURNMENT



MOVED by Councilor Wilkos, seconded by Councilor Tustin to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ozaki
Clerk of the Council