



**Town Council
Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall
MARCH 2, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING**

APPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Trinks.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Joe McAuliffe, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor James Govoni, Councilor Donald Jepsen, Councilor Michael Tustin and Councilor Kenneth Wilkos

Mayor Trinks read aloud the notice of the public hearing to hear public comment on:

- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$560,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF POQUONOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$560,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.
- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$413,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH ISLAND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND BATCHELDER ROAD REPAVING; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$345,000 BONDS AND NOTES AND \$68,000 FROM GRANTS OR DONATIONS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.
- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$325,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$325,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.
- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$175,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH MOORLANDS/LENNOX AVENUE STAIR REPLACEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$175,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION.
- Construction of Island Road and Batchelder Road sidewalks per Section 15-33 of the *Windsor Code of Ordinance*

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Jacobsen, 50 Lighthouse Hill Road, spoke about the parking lot project for Poquonock School. Mrs. Jacobsen stated that the Poquonock playground is very important to the community and to the school. She wanted to make sure the new

playground would be accessible for all. Mrs. Jacobsen expressed her concern that the playground needs to be properly funded. The PTO has been working on this for months and wants to see this fully played out, fully funded and ready in time for the 2020-2021 school year.

Allison, Joey and Sean Eichner, 37 Harvest Lane spoke to the Council. Mrs. Eichner stated that Sean is a second grader at Poquonock School and Joey will be going into Kindergarten. Sean will be going to Clover School next year, and she hopes that Joey will have a new playground to play on. Mrs. Eichner noted that they have been doing a lot of fundraising through the PTO for the playground and working hard. Her son Sean has participated in many Fun Runs to raise money and the kids are aware we are raising money for a new playground and are very excited about it. Mrs. Eichner noted that she wanted it to be fully funded and accessible to everyone.

Stefanie Thibeault, 2 Breakwater Lane, spoke about living in Windsor for the past ten years. Mrs. Thibeault stated that two of her children go to Poquonock School. She wants to make sure that when the old playground is taken down that it is replaced with something that will be here for years to come. Her husband has lived in Windsor his whole life and remembers playing there when he was young. She noted that the playground is not only used by the school children, but by other children as well. Her children don't have special needs, however she has a lot of family members who have benefited from having an accessible playground. Mrs. Thibeault noted that they believe the accessibility is very important and unfortunately they know that it does cost a lot of money. Mrs. Thibeault hoped that the project would be fully funded and would be at a level that can be used by everyone in town.

Nicole Lee, 309 Merriman Road, stated that she is a Windsor resident born and raised and her husband is as well. Mrs. Lee noted that she has two children at the Poquonock School. She is also the Co-President of the Poquonock School PTO. She expressed that once this project came up, it became very important for the PTO to fundraise as much as they possibly could to fund the playground. This has been a huge goal for the last two years. Mrs. Lee noted that she is a realtor in town and she feels it's important to promote the greatness of the town of Windsor. She is proud to brag about Poquonock School. Mrs. Lee can't wait to see something great come from all of this.

Pamela Woodruff, 72 Tobey Avenue, stated that she has been involved with the PTO. Her son has been at Poquonock School for three years. Her son is a student on the spectrum and Poquonock School has done an amazing job responding to his needs. Mrs. Woodruff stated that accessibility definitely touches home for her. She expressed that as adults, we all care about parking and how important it is. She is very excited that the new parking is going to happen, but we need to remember that the school is there for the kids. She is a teacher and a playground is an outlet for the children to be able to move and get out their energy. She lives down the street from Clover School and her son takes advantage of that playground. She feels having a fully funded playground project is very important. Mrs. Woodruff noted that it costs a lot of money and they are asking the Council for more to make this happen.

Amy Luzzi, 105 Longview Drive, spoke about her three children going to Poquonock School. Mrs. Luzzi stated that her youngest would probably get the most use out of the new playground. She noted that the PTO has made this project one of their top priorities to raise as much money as they can. The PTO has tried to find any grant money to help with the cost, but they also need the Town Council's help. Mrs. Luzzi stated that this needs to be fully funded and accessible to anyone that wants to use it.

John Fournier, 83 Hollow Brook Road, stated that he has lived right behind Poquonock School for 13 years and is constantly using the playground. Mr. Fournier noted that the whole town uses the playground, not only the Poquonock school children. Mr. Fournier expressed that he would like to see the playground as good as it once was or better and fully funded.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trinks declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ozaki
Recording Secretary