



**TOWN COUNCIL
HYBRID MEETING – VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON
September 19, 2022
Regular Town Council Meeting
Council Chambers**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trinks called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Kenneth Smith, Councilor Jody Terranova and Councilor Lenworth Walker

2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Councilor Dobler led the group in prayer/reflection.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Dobler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

- a) Proclaiming September 2022 as Hunger Action Month

Deputy Mayor Bliss read the proclamation designating September 2022 as Hunger Action month.

5) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Susan Miller, 130 Palidsdo, stated that on October 1st there will be the first ever Windsor Sustainability Fair on the Town Green from 11:00 PM – 4:00 PM. There will be many fun events happening on that day such as yoga, music, special magic show, etc. There will be lots of interactive exhibits. Please come and join us.

6) COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Dobler wanted to thank Susan for reminding everyone about the October 1st event.

Councilor Eleveld stated that the Rotary Club in Windsor had 98 volunteers that packed up 20,000 meals of which 12,000 went to the Windsor Food Bank. Many volunteers helped to make the day a success. The Rotary Club and their volunteers were at the event, along with 30 volunteers from the CREC Aerospace Academy, some from the Team Paragon (through the robotics team at the

high school), the ROTC program at the high school, student volunteers and a handful at the Food & Fuel Bank volunteers helped as well. It was a great day and people enjoyed themselves.

Councilor Walker stated he attended the Windsor Volunteer Fire Fighter reunion event this past Thursday at the new facility. It was quite impressive. He noticed that Alan from Rivertown Village is here again tonight and he urged his colleagues to do something about his tax request.

Councilor Terranova - none

Councilor Gluck Hoffman thanked Union Street Tavern for the Tavern Trot event. There was over 800 runners and they raised over \$60,000. It was nice to see town folks going out and supporting this type of event as well as the civic organizations volunteering and helping to make the event a success.

Councilor Black-Burke wanted to say to all Windsor Latino constituents that its Happy Hispanic Heritage month.

Councilor Smith - none

Deputy Mayor Bress thanked Mayor Trinks for his generosity, cooking skills and volunteer work this past weekend at the BBQ that was held for Windsor Housing Authority residents. It was a successful event due to all the volunteers that helped. She concurred with what Councilor Black Burke said about letting everyone know that its Hispanic Heritage month. She asked that individuals keep Puerto Rico in their thoughts and prayers as there will be quite a bit of help needed there. Last week was National Suicide Prevention Week. There is now a national suicide hotline that can be reached by dialing 9-8-8. She wished everyone a Happy New Year because this is High Holy Days for those in the Jewish community.

Mayor Trinks stated he had two events he attended this weekend. One was a reunion of the 82nd Airborne which is an annual event held at Northwest Park. This year there was a special request to secure the Fife & Drum Corps for the event. He thanked Enita Jubrey, Assistant to the Town Manager, for pulling that together, especially with such short notice. The 82nd Airborne was quite impressed by them. He also had the opportunity to meet a gentleman by the name of William Straight who was in the last glider class in WWII. It was fun to hear his stories. The other event he went to was the Volunteer Fire Department reunion event. It never ceases to amaze him how family lineage is in the fire departments. You get to see a father and son and sometimes a grandson in the department. We are blessed to have a Volunteer Fire Department and thanking them once a year is appropriate.

7) REPORT OF APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

a) Library Advisory Board

Cheryl Curtis, Chair Library Advisory Board, gave the following report:

The Advisory Board consists of nine members appointed by the Town Council. The Board advises town staff in formulating library policies, recommending new programs, promoting the library to the public, assisting with cultural programs and making recommendations regarding gifts and endowments.

This year the Advisory Board met three times and amended two policies.

The Collection Development policy's 'Donations and Memorials' section now indicates that "Donations not added to the collection may be sold to the public at a library book sale" and that as part of the Withdrawals and Replacements section, books may also be sold "through a vendor sponsored buy-back program". Some wording in the Meeting Room and Use of Public Space Policy was changed to clarify that library meeting rooms are free of charge only to nonprofit/not-for-profit Windsor organizations with Windsor members.

The Advisory Board moved from Zoom to in-person meetings and were no longer required to wear masks for much of the year. More than 2,400 meetings were held at the libraries this year that over 9,000 people attended. All programs, including the popular Wilson Branch Tutoring program resumed in-person participation as well. The libraries welcomed nearly 8,000 attendees to over 700 in-person programs this year.

A program worth noting was a visit last week from Windsor's own Kid Governor, Makhi Etienne-Modesto, who shared his Protecting our Pets platform. Six libraries throughout the state were selected for a visit from Makhi and Windsor Public was, of course, chosen to be one of them.

To help make registration for library programs even easier for patrons, a new online system was introduced on September 1st. Library Calendar invites patrons to make reservations for events or meeting rooms, add events to their own digital calendars, get automated program reminders and manage all of their program registrations by simply accessing it through the library website at www.windsorlibrary.com.

Thanks to help from nearly a dozen Windsor Library Association volunteers, the main library surveyed 210 adults, seniors and teens about their ease of finding what they were looking for as they exited the building on three separate days in August. Feedback was positive and included several insightful suggestions that staff looks forward to implementing.

The Windsor Health Dept. continued to sponsor drop-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics at both libraries throughout the year. A scheduled clinic at the main library on July 12 drew unprecedented numbers of parents with young children as it also coincided with approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children under age 5. Kidspace programmer, Victoria Huertas, jumped into action by engaging little ones (whose parents didn't want to lose their places in the long line outside) with an array of interactive songs and stories. After receiving their vaccine, children were then able to move into Kidspace to play during the recommended 15 minute wait time.

The Library Director also reported that a full-day staff Training Palooza which grew out of feedback from the town's 2020 employee engagement survey was a huge success. Designed to build connection among the talented library staff, the Palooza invited both full and part time employees

to offer short conference-style presentations on topics that ranged from book repair to meditation to backyard birds.

Staff changes at the library this year included Alex Remy's shift from Teen Services to Children's Services and Cailey Klasson being hired to move into her spot. Interviews will be conducted tomorrow to fill the upcoming Head of Reference and Technical Services vacancy left by Andrea O'Shea, who, after 12 years at the library, has decided to spend more time with her young family. On a sadder note, staff and patrons of the library continue to mourn the loss of long-time employee, Mercedes Talmadge, who began working part time at the library after retirement and continued serving the public for the next 32 years! She will be remembered for her generosity, her delicious Italian cookies and uplifting stories of all that she learned to appreciate after living through our country's Great Depression. Mercedes passed away on Aug. 23 at age 98.

Each of our Advisory Board meetings includes a report from the Windsor Library Association on their activities. In addition to outlining projects that support the library, President Mike Zager kept us informed on their efforts to transfer ownership of the Wilson Memorial Library to the Town of Windsor. Mike shared news at our meeting earlier this month of the approval of the transfer and filing of all required legal documents and expects the actual transfer to take place in September or October.

b) Human Relations Commission

Kevin Washington, Chair, and Castella Copeland reported the following:

Mr. Washington thanked all the councilors that came out to the events that they have sponsored along with the Town Manager and Patrick McMahon for all their help.

Castella Copeland stated the Windsor Human Relations Commission was established to help with the promotion of better understanding and respect among racial, religious and ethnic groups and individuals in the town. It shall pursue a community-wide program of education to further inter-group understanding and to discourage and eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination. It shall concern itself with equal opportunities in housing and employment for all said groups and individuals and other areas where tensions between persons or groups exist or might exist.

Chair Washington worked with Ms. Dana Gillette to obtain the Commission's first ever Human Rights/Relations Grant for work toward educating a community in Social Justice and Human rights with the Hartford Foundation as the grant holder.

The "*Conversations on Race Series*" is a very well received program by the community, which many of our Town Council have participated in along with educating, discovering and exploring the difference of a population of almost 30,000 people. There was a variety of topics during these events. Programing will continue for this event.

Mr. Washington added that this year, their focus will be on youth in our community to let them know they are here for them. They will be talking about West Indian culture and history, as well as Indigenous people and their culture.

The commission continues to build relationships with our community partners both new and seasoned. Topics include Disability, Men's Health, Behavioral Health, and Life after Incarceration, Transgender, Back to School-students, Where are our Teachers, the most segregated day of the week-our churches and many other topics.

There are many scheduled trips coming up such as a trip to the Indigenous People Museum, United Nations, African American History Museum-Washington DC, International African American History-South Carolina and many others throughout the year.

The commission will continue to produce programming that the Community has expected from them such as the "Windsor Bridge Builder Awards". As an added component, we will have our Bridge Builder Award winners past present and future participate in a service event to the community starting this year. Some programs that will continue include:

- "One Book One Windsor" selected readings for adults and student readers
- Black History Jeopardy and Black History Month event
- Annual Juneteenth Events
- CVS window display case

Councilor Terranova thanked the commission for the work they do. She stated that some of the topics the committee brings up are difficult to talk about and it helps to have an avenue for those who do want to talk about those subjects.

Councilor Walker thanked the commission for all the work they do as well. He stated that he knows the commission has worked with Doug Shipman at the Windsor Historical Society to talk about the contributions of West Indians in the Windsor community. Most West Indians who reside in Windsor are descendants of the farmers who came to help with tobacco and other agricultural products. He also wanted to thank First Cathedral who provided their facilities for many of the events.

Councilor Black-Burke stated that she and her colleagues walked in the Bloomfield parade. She suggested that maybe we can consider hosting a parade in the Town of Windsor.

Deputy Mayor Bress echoed everything everyone else said. She also stated that she hopes the public understands the amount of time, dedication and effort this takes by the commission. She thanked them for their leadership. She feels the commission and library enrich the Windsor community immensely.

8) TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Souza stated at the last Town Council meeting, a citizen had a concern about speeding and line of sight issues on Bloomfield Avenue and Sheffield Street. Since that time, the

Department of Public Works staff has gone out to cut back what is causing line of sight issues. The Police Department has also made contact with the resident in follow up to her concerns. We will be concentrating on directing enforcement along Bloomfield Avenue over the course of the fall.

Town Manager Souza added that Councilor Smith had brought to his attention some recent yard flooding in the vicinity of the 300 block of Rainbow Road. Town staff has been in communication with the State of CT Department of Transportation (DOT). There is a state-owned brook that runs parallel with the south side of Route 20 that appears to be part of the issue, if not the entire issue. The Public Works Director will be meeting with the DOT to assess the situation of the state-owned brook.

Annual Windsor Freedom Trail Tour Walk

The Annual Windsor Freedom Trail Tour/Walk will be held September 24th from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM starting at Archer Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 320 Hayden Station Road.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on September 24th at the MDC Water Pollution Control Facility at 1222 Poquonock Avenue from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Visit themdc.com for more information.

First Town Downtown's Windsor Center Clean up

Join us on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM for a Windsor center clean up event! We'll meet at 9:00 am in front of the office at 161 Broad Street (parking across the street) and get started. Gloves and bags will be provided. Many hands make light work! Please RSVP by calling 860-247-8982.

Block Party

A Community Block Party is taking place on this Saturday, September 24th from noon to 2:00 PM at 458 Windsor Avenue, across from the former Roger Wolcott School. This event will feature a family fun atmosphere full of exciting activities like Kona Ice, yard games, arts and crafts, music, food, bounce-houses, and more. You will have the opportunity to give your feedback on the proposed plans for this future park.

Enjoy the afternoon with family, friends, and neighbors while giving your input to help us build an inclusive space that represents the needs of our residents.

Senior Health & Wellness Fair – October 6th

The Windsor Health Department will be holding a walk-in Flu Shot Clinic in conjunction with the Senior Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM at the LP Wilson Center, 599 Matianuck Avenue.

Persons 18 years old and older are eligible to receive a flu shot and those 65 years old and older are eligible to receive the high dose flu shot at the Windsor Flu Shot Clinic.

Both the high dose and standard dose flu shots are quadrivalent vaccines which means that they provide protection for 2 influenza A viruses and 2 influenza B viruses. The high dose flu shot contains four times the amount of antigen which is the ingredient that prompts the body to make antibodies creating a stronger immune response. This year the CDC has recommended that those 65 years old and older receive the high dose influenza vaccine.

Northwest Park Country Fair

The Friends of Northwest Park 41st annual country fair is slated to take place on October 15th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. There will be food, music, games and fun activities, and competitions during the event. Volunteers are needed to help out at this wonderful community tradition. For more information, visit northwestpark.org or go to the town website at www.townofwindsorct.com.

Deputy Mayor Bress thanked the Town Manager for the immediate response on the brush cut back on Bloomfield Avenue. She added that coming out of Brewster Road and making a right is perfectly clear but she's not sure of the other direction and if that is under our purview. She added that the next section up, there is overgrowth which may be causing another possible line of sight issue. Town Manager Souza added that the town is aware of that and they are working with the private owner to get permission to cut it back.

Councilor Black-Burke thanked the Town Manager for his quick response to the situation on Bloomfield Avenue. Regarding the September 24th block party event and the sharing of the plans for the proposed Wilson Park, in what other ways, outside of the social media blast, are constituents hearing about this? Town Manager Souza explained this is just one outreach event. Young residents that are in the 'Rise' program (which is an after school program at 330 Windsor Avenue) will have an opportunity to give their input on the park during one of their gatherings. We will also be developing an online opportunity for people to give their input in that manner. Other ways to be considered is to have 'drop' boxes at the Wilson Library, the Main Library and 330 Windsor Avenue for folks to be able to 'drop' in their suggestions. Town Manager Souza added he wasn't sure about what kind of outreach, besides social media that was used to promote Saturday's event. He'd have to look into that.

Councilor Black-Burke added that maybe the town should consider a targeted strategy for individuals that live in that area, just for them to have some input and feedback.

Councilor Smith thanked the Town Manager for his prompt response to the Rainbow Road water issue.

9) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Town Improvements Committee – Councilor Dobler – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Councilor Terranova – The Finance Committee met last week to discuss the Tax Increment Financing District Master plan that was referred to it. More specifics will be given when the agenda item is discussed.

Health and Safety Committee – Councilor Black-Burke – nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Deputy Mayor Rampulla Bress - The Personnel Committee will be meeting this Thursday, September 22, at 5:30 PM. The committee will be conducting interviews for board/commission candidates. They'll also be discussing the arts commission. A possible voluntary survey to current board/commission members is being considered to see if volunteers would be interested in sharing some information about themselves to get some demographic information on who is serving on boards/commissions.

10) ORDINANCES – None

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Refer proposed Town Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Master Plan program to the Town Planning & Zoning Commission and set a Public Hearing for October 17, 2022 at 7:20 PM

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Terranova, to refer the proposed Windsor Center Tax Increment Financing District Master Plan to the Town Planning and Zoning Commission for an advisory opinion and to set a Public Hearing on the proposed plan for October 17, 2022 at 7:20 p.m.

Councilor Terranova gave an overview of the item as follows:

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Master plan was presented to the Council at their last meeting where it was referred to the Finance Committee for review.

The Council adopted the TIF policy earlier in June this year. This is the first district master plan to be presented to the Council. The Finance Committee met last Wednesday and had some good discussion about the master plan. Everyone seemed to have a good understanding of what is in the plan and the control that the Council has over it.

The Finance Committee discussed the overall benefits of adopting the plan, including increasing our competitiveness for grants and other financial opportunities and reassuring commitment to the Plan of Conservation and Development and the Transit-Oriented Development master plan as well. This is not just a financial plan but also a marketing tool that will help the town attract economic development to our town center and support additional housing and business development. The Committee made sure this plan met the requirements of the policy as well as State statute requirements, which it did including being less than 10% of our taxable grand list.

The proposal is for a 20 year term which the committee thought was reasonable since it will take time for money to build up in this fund. The proposed split of the taxes is that 75% of the generated taxes will be captured within the district and 25% will go to the town's general fund.

The last piece that the Committee discussed is what control does the Council has over the money that will be generated. Who decides where the money is spent as there are certain priorities regarding how this money can be spent. The TIF Advisory Committee (which is the Economic Development Commission and an individual from the community) can make suggestions, Council

members can make suggestions, a member of the community can make a suggestion, town staff can make suggestions and it can be used for capital improvement projects. There are many ways in which the money can be used, but it still needs to come before the Council and the Council would allocate spending of that fund during that time.

Another question brought up during the Finance committee meeting was does the Council have the ability to change the proposed plan between now and 20 years from now. The majority of the Committee voted that the Council can make changes.

Also, Credit Enhancement Agreements (CEA) would need to go through their process where the developer would submit an application and it would go through the Advisory Committee and then to the Council for their review. So, there are quite a few steps along the way where the Council continues to have input so this money is not out of our control but it is something we would use for planning, purposely using it to develop the center of town.

The next steps are to refer the TIF to the Town Planning & Zoning Commission for their review and then set the public hearing for October 17th.

Councilor Black-Burke asked about the 75% that is going to be kept within the district. At any point can that be changed? Councilor Terranova responded that yes that can be changed anywhere along the way.

Councilor Eleveld asked once the program is agreed to, can the Credit Enhancement Agreement be changed? Councilor Terranova stated that it would depend on how it is worded. Councilor Eleveld added that it seems that it cannot be changed as it is a contractual obligation correct? Town Manager Souza added that a Credit Enhancement Agreement with the developer would be a contractual obligation so it would depend on how the agreement is written.

Councilor Eleveld is not a big fan on how the plan is written. He was concerned about the fire districts taking on more taxes due to the plan. He explained the way the plan works. The way this works is whatever the amount of revenue that is generated from the property today, becomes the baseline. For discussion's sake let's say its \$200,000 and someone develops the property and the new value of the property is \$1 million. The Tax Incentive program is based upon the differential between the current number and whatever the tax revenues generated. The differential in the example is \$800,000. 75% of that amount can go back to the developer or to a Credit Enhancement Agreement as an example. \$200,000 of that additional tax revenue can be used by the town. Councilor Eleveld is having issues with understanding the CEA. He asked why we are helping developers to develop in the town without the town receiving any benefit from it. He also is not liking the funding locations for the money written into the plan. He believes and hopes those are just examples.

Mayor Trinks explained that he did recuse himself last time from the meeting when this item was discussed. However, since this discussion tonight is basically to refer the item to the Town Planning & Zoning Commission, he feels it would be appropriate for him to sit in on this discussion.

Motion Passed 5-4-0 (Councilors Eleveld, Gluck-Hoffman, Smith and Walker against)

12) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Acceptance of sidewalk easement along Cook Hill Road from 28 Cook Hill , LLC

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Terranova to accept the proposed sidewalk easement from 28 Cook Hill Road, LLC over the area shown as ‘Sidewalk Easement in Favor of the Town of Windsor’ on the attached map titled ‘Plot Plan – The Hamlet at Cook Hill, prepared for 28 Cook Hill Road, LLC, 28 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, Connecticut, Scale 1”=40’, Dated February 17, 2022’, prepared by Barresi Associates, LLC.

Bob Jarvis, Department of Public Works Director/Town Engineer, stated as part of the approval for the subdivision at 28 Cook Hill Road, the development proposed the installation of a 5-foot wide sidewalk across the frontage of the property along Cook Hill Road.

Typically, sidewalks are constructed within the town’s right-of-way along the roadway. This enables the town to perform any required maintenance without the need to obtain additional rights from adjacent property owners to do so. However, there is not enough area within the Cook Hill road right-of-way to accommodate both the 5-foot wide sidewalk and allow appropriate snow shelf distance from the roadway. Consequently, an easement is required from the property developer along this section of Cook Hill Road to allow for future maintenance by the Town.

The sidewalk constructed within this easement will be considered a public walk governed by *Connecticut General Statutes* §13a-149. Snow and ice removal will remain the responsibility of 28 Cook Hill Road, LLC and its successors as governed in the *Windsor Code of Ordinances*, Section 15-3.

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission approved this easement at its regular meeting on September 13, 2022.

Councilor Eleveld asked why we are not doing this same project on Capen Street. Mr. Jarvis responded that he believes that there are sidewalks along the opposite side of Capen Street that might have been added to the Town Planning & Zoning Commission’s decision but he was not privy to that information.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- b) Acceptance of sidewalk and traffic signal related easement for 1201 Kennedy Road

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Smith that the “PROPOSED SIDEWALK EASEMENT A”, “PROPOSED TRAFFIC EASEMENT A”, “PROPOSED SIDEWALK EASEMENT B”, and “PROPOSED TRAFFIC EASEMENT B” (collectively, the “Easement Area”) on that certain map entitled “EASEMENT PLAN, PROJECT WARRIOR, 1 Joseph Ln & 1201 Kennedy Road, WINDSOR, Connecticut” prepared by Langan CT, Inc. as Project No. 140207301 dated June 17, 2022, Drawing No. EA201, Sheet 1 of 1 (the “Map”) be approved.

Bob Jarvis, Department of Public Works Director/Town Engineer stated the following:

Access to the site will be provided at three locations along Kennedy Road. One driveway is an unsignalized right-turn entrance only driveway just south of Joseph Lane. The second driveway aligns with the existing Hayden Station Road, on the westerly side of Kennedy Road creating a four-leg intersection with a traffic control signal. The third access is a signalized full access driveway on Kennedy Road, approximately 700' west of River Street.

In addition to the traffic signal installation and improvements within the public right-of-way, a 5' wide concrete sidewalk is installed along the Kennedy Road frontage of the property.

The sidewalk installed along Kennedy Road will be considered a public walk that shall be maintained and kept in repair by the town as governed by *Connecticut General Statutes* §13a-149. Snow and ice removal will remain the responsibility of the Grantor as governed in the *Windsor Code of Ordinances*, Section 15-3. The traffic signal equipment at the intersections of Kennedy Road/Hayden Station Road intersection, and the new traffic signal installation at the eastern site drive are also town-owned signals.

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission approved these easements at its regular meeting on September 13, 2022.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- c) Introduction of a resolution to name the Town Center River Trail in honor of former Mayor Brian Griffin

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to introduce the following resolution for consideration at the Town Council's October 3, 2022 regular meeting: 'That the Windsor Center River Trail be designated the *Brian T. Griffin Trail* in memory of former Mayor and Probate Judge Brian Griffin in recognition of his commitment to the project and service to the Windsor community.'

Enita Jubrey, Assistant to the Town Manager, stated the development of the Windsor Center River Trail began on July 27, 1993 with a grant under the Surface Transportation Program Enhancements (STP-E) via the Capital Region Council of Governments. In August of 1993, Town Council approved the allocation of \$61,160, or 20% of the expected project cost, as the town's share of the project.

Multiple Town Improvement Committee meetings, public information meetings and hearings ensued until the project was passed at a Special Town Meeting held on September 5, 1995. The trail was completed in the fall of 1996.

Today the multi-use trail is a vibrant hub of activity for runners, walkers, cyclists, cross country skiers, snow shoe enthusiasts and even horseback riding. Its meandering paths provide respite and breathtaking views of the Farmington River each spring, summer, fall and winter for thousands of Windsor residents and visitors.

This proposal aligns with the town's policy regarding the naming of town property, buildings, and parks. The policy allows for naming facilities after geographical, neighborhood, and historic elements, as well as to recognize and acknowledge the activities and significant contributions made by individuals to the town.

Mayor Trinks added that this item is extremely personal to him. He and Brian Griffin were good friends and he was his mentor. Mr. Griffin was an advocate for walking. He and his wife were often seen walking at Loomis Chaffee school. This idea has been in the back of his mind for years and it aligns with the policy that the town has so he is proposing it tonight.

Councilor Eleveld said that Brian was respected on both sides of the aisles which says an awful lot about his character. This is a great way of honoring him and he looks forward to the trail coming to fruition.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

13) RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Eleveld to accept the resignation of Edward Samolyk from the Insurance Commission.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

14) MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- a) Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Gluck Hoffman to approve the unapproved minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular Council meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

15) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – None

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Smith to enter into Executive session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of:

- a) Strategy and negotiations regarding possible sale, lease or purchase of real property

Motion Passed 9-0-0

16) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Kenneth Smith, Councilor Jody Terranova and Councilor Lenworth Walker



Staff: Peter Souza, Town Manager

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bress, seconded by Councilor Terranova to exit Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and to re-enter the regular Town Council meeting.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

17) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilor Gluck Hoffman, seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Albert
Recording Secretary