



Stratford, Connecticut

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Mr. Joseph Gresko, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Town Attorneys John Florek, Christopher Hodgson, Brian LeClerc, and Bruce Jackson, Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, Chief of Staff Marc Dillon, Finance Director Susan Collier, Constituent Service and Outreach Coordinator Chris Bandecchi, Public Safety Director Larry Ciccarelli

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY: Fourth District Council Member, Hon. David Harden. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by a Boy Scout Troop.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Regularly scheduled meeting of April 11, and special meeting of April 25, 2016.

RESOLVED: That the reading of the foregoing minutes be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Mr. Harden announced that a presentation will be made for Emergency Educational training for High School Students.

**3. COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Dumas — Mighty Quinn Foundation, budget 2016/2017, Shakesbeer festival event funds.

Mr. Kadeem — Budget

Mr. Harden — budget

Mr. Young — Budget

Ms. Antezzo — Budget

Mr. Chase — budget

Mr. Llewelyn — Budget

Ms. Manus — People of Stratford, Budget

Ms. Daponte — budgetary background

### WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO TAKE THE ITEMS, 5.2.3.2 A. AND B., OUT OF ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 5.2.3.1 ORDINANCES

- A. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$215,344,250  
~~\$216,051,861~~ IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; (16-07)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective July 1, 2016. (appended as page 20)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO AMEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ABOVE TO \$215,159,468. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO REAMEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO \$215,144,250. Discussion took place.

MR. CHASE MOTIONED TO CALL THE QUESTION. MS. ANTEZZO SECONDED MR. CHASE'S MOTION. THE MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION PASSED VIA ROLL VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES.

MR. YOUNG'S AMENDMENT PASSED 6 TO 5 WITH THE MAYOR BREAKING THE TIE VOTE VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MR. HARKINS — YES. (Amendments cited below)

Amendment to the ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Stratford, CT for the fiscal year 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017 to decrease the appropriation by (\$907,611) from \$216,051,861 to \$215,144,250. This change is as follows:

Department		FY17 TC \$ Increase / (Decrease)		
01100-4266	General Fund Rev	Grants for Municipl	(600,000)	Decr
01100-4231	General Fund Rev	ST Ed Cost Sharing	(106,684)	Decr
01100-4237	General Fund Rev	Mashantucket In Grt	(418)	Decr
01100-4242	General Fund Rev	In Lieu of ST Prop	(958)	Decr
01100-xxxx	General Fund Rev	MV Prop Tax Grant	(195,599)	Decr
01100-5043	General Fund Rev	Transfer from EMS	100,000	Incr
<b>Town Revenues</b>			<b>(\$803,659)</b>	
01109-6440	Agencies	Arts Commission	(23,500)	Decr
01101-6681	Council Clerk	Council Conting	23,500	Incr
01101-6004	Council Clerk	Payroll Part Time	40,000	Incr
01105-6061	CAO's Office	Education	(2,000)	Decr
01106-6020	Registrar of Voters	Payroll - Overtime	(1,500)	Decr
01106-6526	Registrar of Voters	Primaries/Specials	(16,600)	Decr
01107-6004	Town Clerk	Payroll Part Time	(5,909)	Decr
01109-6376	Town Buildings	Sewer Usage Fees	-	Decr
01109-6423	Agencies	Probate Court	(2,600)	Incr
01109-6435	Agencies	SisterCities-Intl Ds	500	Incr
01109-6455	Agencies	Off of Vet Affairs	(6,000)	Decr
01201-6742	Debt Retirement	Transf to Cap Equip	(15,218)	Decr
01353-6004	Recreation	Outside Services	(2,580)	Decr
01354-6399	Senior Services	Outside Services	(35,000)	Decr
01355-xxxx	Sterling House	Total Allocation	(21,000)	Decr
01358-6004	Economic Develop	Payroll Part Time	(20,000)	Decr
01358-6003	Economic Develop	Payroll	-	Decr
01105-6003	CAO's Office	Payroll	(25,440)	Decr
01358-6004	Economic Develop	Payroll	25,440	Incr
01360-6422	VNA	VNA Allocation	(53,000)	Decr
01461-6523	Fire Admin	Emer Mgt/HomeSec	(21,600)	Decr
01151-6024	Contingency	Fire Callback	(50,000)	Decr
01462-6024	Fire Suppression	Callback	50,000	Incr
01474-6003	Police Patrol	Payroll	(42,627)	Decr
01471-6522	Police Admin	Comm Svcs/PAL	(5,000)	Decr
01474-6024	Police Patrol	Callback	(25,000)	Decr
01461-6003	Fire Admin	Payroll	(15,000)	Decr
01463-6003	Fire Prevention	Payroll	(4,507)	Decr
01471-6003	Police Admin	Payroll	(48,000)	Decr
01471-6003	Police Admin	Payroll	(5,240)	Decr
01475-6003	Dispatchers	Payroll	(100)	Decr
<b>Town Expenses</b>			<b>(\$307,981)</b>	
01551-6802	Board of Education	Total BOE Alloc	(599,630)	Decr
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>			<b>(907,611)\$</b>	

MS. ANTEZZO MOTIONS TO ADD \$200,000, WPCA EXPENSES – LINE ITEM 011086376 (PAGE 24 OF PROPOSED BUDGET BOOKLET). MS. ANTEZZO WITHDRAWS THE MOTION.

MR. DUMAS APPEALS THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR re: MAYOR BREAKING A TIE VOTE. MR. LECLERC RENDERS AN OPINION.

MS. ANTEZZO MOTIONS TO ADD \$200,000, WPCA EXPENSES – LINE ITEM 011086376 (PAGE 24 OF PROPOSED BUDGET BOOKLET). MR. DUMAS SECONDS. MR. CHASE CALLS THE QUESTION, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0. THE MOTION TO ADD PASSES 10 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — YES, MS. DAPONTE — YES.

Amendment to the ordinance adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Stratford, CT for the fiscal year 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017 to increase the appropriation by \$200,000 from \$215,144,250 to \$215,344,250 This change of \$200,000\* is as follows: (Amendments cited below)

Department		FY17 MP Bgt accts		FY17 TC \$ Incr/(Decr)		FY17 Bgt accts-revised
01100-4266	Gen Fund Rev	<b>Grants for Mun</b>	3,507,689	<b>(600,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	2,907,689
01100-4231	Gen Fund Rev	<b>ST Ed Cst Shar</b>	21,818,466	<b>(106,684)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	21,711,782
01100-4237	Gen Fund Rev	<b>Mash In Grant</b>	161,178	<b>(418)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	160,760
01100-4242	Gen Fund Rev	<b>InLieuOfSTPrp</b>	123,243	<b>(958)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	122,285
01100-xxxx	Gen Fund Rev	<b>MVPropTxGrnt</b>	1,325,915	<b>(195,599)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	1,130,316
01100-5043	Gen Fund Rev	<b>Trans frm EMS</b>	300,000	<b>100,000</b>	<b>Incr</b>	400,000
<b>Town Revenues</b>				<b>(803,659)\$</b>		
01109-6440	Agencies	<b>Arts Comm</b>	25,000	<b>(23,500)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	1,500
01101-6681	Council Clerk	<b>CouncilContin</b>	11,000	<b>23,500</b>	<b>Incr</b>	34,500
01101-6004	Council Clerk	<b>PR Part Time</b>	-	<b>40,000</b>	<b>Incr</b>	40,000
01105-6061	CAO's Office	<b>Education</b>	8,400	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	6,400
01106-6020	Reg of Voters	<b>PR - Overtime</b>	1,500	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01106-6526	Reg of Voters	<b>Prim/Specials</b>	33,200	<b>(16,600)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	16,600
01107-6004	Town Clerk	<b>PR Part Time</b>	34,678	<b>(5,909)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	28,769
01109-6376	Town Bdgs	<b>*SewrUseFees</b>		<b>200,000</b>	<b>Incr</b>	200,000
01109-6423	Agencies	<b>Probate Court</b>	15,600	<b>(2,600)</b>	<b>Incr</b>	13,000
01109-6435	Agencies	<b>SisterCitIntIDs</b>	-	<b>500</b>	<b>Incr</b>	500
01109-6455	Agencies	<b>OffVetAffairs</b>	6,000	<b>(6,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01201-6742	Debt Retire	<b>TransToCapEq</b>	12,235,147	<b>(15,218)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	12,219,929
01353-6004	Recreation	<b>Outside Svcs</b>	233,152	<b>(2,580)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	230,572
01354-6399	Senior Svcs	<b>Outside Svcs</b>	35,000	<b>(35,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01355-xxxx	Sterling House	<b>Total Alloc</b>	182,483	<b>(21,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	161,483
01358-6004	Econ Develop	<b>PR Part Time</b>	20,000	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01358-6003	Econ Develop	<b>Payroll</b>	204,050	-	<b>Decr</b>	204,050
01105-6003	CAO's Office	<b>Payroll</b>	155,880	<b>(25,440)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	130,440
01358-6004	Econ Develop	<b>Payroll</b>	188,832	<b>25,440</b>	<b>Incr</b>	214,272
01360-6422	VNA	<b>VNA Allocation</b>	53,000	<b>(53,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01461-6523	Fire Admin	<b>EmMgt/HmSec</b>	50,000	<b>(21,600)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	28,400
01151-6024	Contingency	<b>Fire Callback</b>	50,000	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	-
01462-6024	Fire Suppress	<b>Callback</b>	2,100,000	<b>50,000</b>	<b>Incr</b>	2,150,000
01474-6003	Police Patrol	<b>Payroll</b>	5,139,435	<b>(42,627)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	5,096,808
01471-6522	Police Admin	<b>CommSvcPAL</b>	20,000	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	15,000
01474-6024	Police Patrol	<b>Callback</b>	525,000	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	500,000
01461-6003	Fire Admin	<b>Payroll</b>	274,006	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	259,006
01463-6003	Fire Prevent	<b>Payroll</b>	363,715	<b>(4,507)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	359,208
01471-6003	Police Admin	<b>Payroll</b>	486,246	<b>(48,000)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	438,246
01471-6003	Police Admin	<b>Payroll</b>	438,246	<b>(5,240)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	433,006
01475-6003	Dispatchers	<b>Payroll</b>	877,691	<b>(100)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	877,591
<b>Town Expenses</b>				<b>(107,981)\$</b>		
01551-6802	Board of Ed	<b>Ttl BOE Alloc</b>	107,394,632	<b>(599,630)</b>	<b>Decr</b>	106,795,002
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>				<b>(707,611)\$</b>		

MR. DUMAS MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO AMEND ORDINANCE 5.2.3.2 A FOR A NET CHANGE IN EXPENDITURES REDUCED BY \$9,595,255.00. MS.

ANTEZZO MOTIONS TO POSTPONE THE VOTE UNTIL TOMORROW. THE MOTION TO POSTPONE DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND. MR. CHASE MOTIONS, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO CALL THE QUESTION. THE MOTION PASSES 10 TO 0.

MS. DUMAS' MOTION (TO REDUCE) FAILS VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — NO, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — NO, MR. LLEWELYN — NO, MS. MANUS — YES, MS. DAPONTE — NO.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:18 p.m.*

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:28 p.m.*

MR. YOUNG MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO MOVE THE QUESTION TO VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. (Amend the dollar amount of \$215,144,250 by \$200,000 to the amount of \$215,344,250) THE MOTION PASSES VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES.

MR. DUMAS MOTIONS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR TO CALL THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION. THE MOTION FAILS VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — NO, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — NO, MR. LLEWELYN — NO, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — NO.

THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSES VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MR. HARKINS - YES.

**B. PROPOSED – MILL RATE ORDINANCE – FY17 (WITH PROPOSED MV 37 AND NON-MV 38.99 REVISIONS) (#16-08)**

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective July 1, 2016. (appended as pages 21-22)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO AMEND THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO: MOTOR VEHICLE RATE — 37 MILLS AND ALL OTHER RATES — 38.99 MILLS. THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MR. HARKINS — YES. Discussion continued.

MR. YOUNG MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO CALL THE QUESTION. THE MOTION PASSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES.

THE MAIN MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MR. HARKINS - YES.

MR. DUMAS MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION FAILS VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — NO, MR. GRESKO — NO, MR. YOUNG — NO, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — NO, MR. LLEWELYN — NO, MS. MANUS — YES, MS. DAPONTE — NO.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES**

##### **4.1 RESIGNATION OF** Harold D. Watson from Parks and Recreation Committee

RESOLVED: that the resignation of Harold D. Watson from the Parks and Recreation Committee be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MR. WATSON FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. DUMAS, OPPOSED.

#### **5. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

**5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT** — Charter § 1.2.14, report on employment, vacancies, promotions and recently hired employees. — Mayor Harkins reported:  
Raymark soft ball field, SAEP, River cleanup, Memorial Day parade – May 30, Veterans' Breakfast

##### **5.1.1 APPOINTMENTS**

A. Historic District Commission (minimum representation) — No appointments

##### **5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.2.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE** — The Building Needs Committee referred the following Stratford High School renovations project change orders to Council with favorable recommendation from their regularly scheduled meeting of April 18:

- A. Turner Construction for \$75,000.00 which covers the first 9 months of their work before the BSC decided on a design.

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of Building Needs Committee is accepted and the change order in the amount of \$75,000 to Turner Construction re: Stratford for High School Renovations project be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO CALL THE QUESTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0. THE MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED 10 TO 0.

- B. Antinozzi Associates amendment for \$34,500 for audio/video design

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of Building Needs Committee is accepted and the change order to Antinozzi Associates in the amount of \$34,500 be is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

- C. Antinozzi Associates amendment for \$110,400 for technology design consulting by D'Agostino & Associates

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of Building Needs Committee is accepted and the change order to Antinozzi Associates for D'Agostino & Associates' technology design consulting in the amount of \$110,400 be is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.2.2 EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE — At the regularly scheduled meeting of the EMS Funding Committee, the following was referred to Council:

Request from volunteers for Public Donation funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 for purchasing appropriate uniforms and accessories for the Honor Guard.

RESOLVED: that, providing the funds are available for reimbursement to the volunteers, the amount of \$4,500.00 be and is hereby endorsed/approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HARDEN, SECONDED BY MR. DUMAS TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.2.3 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

5.2.3.1 The Ordinance Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on April 25 at which time the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200, TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VEGETATION (#14-10)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage. (appended as pages 15-21)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. DUMAS — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. GRESKO — YES, MR. YOUNG — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — NO, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO, MS. DAPONTE — YES.

5.2.3.2 The Ordinance Committee conducted a special meeting of May 3 at which time the following was referred to Council with unfavorable recommendation:

C. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,565,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 (#16-09)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES 7 TO 3.

D. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,565,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#16-10)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES 9 TO 1.

E. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$762,500 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 (#16-11)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage. (appended as page 24)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES 87 TO 23.

F. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$762,500 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#16-12)

RESOLVED: that the second reading of the above entitled Ordinance be dispensed with as copies thereof have been received by all Council Members and the foregoing be and is hereby approved effective thirty days from passage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES 7 TO 3.

MS. MANUS MOTIONS, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO RECONSIDER HER VOTE FROM "YES" TO "NO" FOR LINE ITEM "E." ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED 7 TO 3

5.2.4 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION — The Short Beach Commission met on May 2, 2016 and referred the following to Council with favorable recommendation:

FTS Gallery's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – June 5. Allow workers and artisans with a list provided by FTS Gallery's free entrance to the park.

RESOLVED: that Forest to Shore Gallery volunteer workers and artisans be and are hereby allowed free entrance to Short Beach Park on June 5 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING REQUEST FOR FREE ENTRANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 2.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Hodgson reported on the status of the \$2,000.00 donation from the Shakesbeer festival to the Stratford Arts Commission. Questions arose re: SSG using the \$2,000.00 as collateral for a loan.

5.3.1 BRACKETTE'S LICENSE FOR DELUCA FIELD

5.3.2 BRACKETTES LEASE FOR CONCESSION STAND

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO PLACE ITEMS 5.3.1 AND 5.3.2 ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES.

5.3.3 CHARLES V. JOHNSON — executive session requested re: pending claim.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS OR LITIGATION TOWARD THE TOWN OR A MEMBER THEREOF AS A PARTY WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL, THE MAYOR AND TOWN ATTORNEYS. THE MOTION PASSED 7 TO 3.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed into executive session: 10:18 p.m.*

Executive Session took place in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The following persons entered into executive Session: Council members Beth Daponte, Mark Dumas, Wali Kadeem, David Harden, Joseph Gresko, Philip Young, Marianne Antezzo, Vincent Chase, Alan Llewelyn and Tina Manus; Mayor Harkins, Attorneys Hodgson, Florek, Jackson and LeClerc. The above-cited item was the subject for discussion. Executive Session ended at 10:35 p.m.

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:37 p.m.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

RESOLVED: THAT approval is given for the Attorney to proceed as discussed in executive session in connection with Charles v. Johnson.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR HARDEN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE DECISION MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

5.3.4 SHORT BEACH RESTRAURANT — Attorney Jackson reported the status of the restaurant.

5.3.5 MIGHTY QUINN FOUNDATION — Executive Session requested

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL, THE MAYOR AND TOWN ATTORNEYS. THE MOTION PASSED 8 TO 2.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed into executive session: 10:40 p.m.*

Executive Session took place in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT. The following persons entered into executive Session: Council members Beth Daponte,

Mark Dumas, Wali Kadeem, David Harden, Joseph Gresko, Philip Young, Marianne Antezzo, Vincent Chase, Alan Llewelyn and Tina Manus; Mayor Harkins, Attorneys Hodgson, Florek, Jackson and LeClerc. The above-cited item was the subject for discussion. Executive Session ended at 10:58 p.m.

*Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 11:00 p.m.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

RESOLVED: THAT approval is given to Attorney Jackson to enter into negotiations with the Mighty Quinn Foundation as discussed in executive session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HARDEN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE DECISION MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

#### 5.3.6 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Dumas — re: term limits

##### 5.3.1 BRAKETTE'S LICENSE FOR DELUCA FIELD (Previously tabled)

RESOLVED that the License agreement for DeLuca Hall of Fame Field between the Town of Stratford and Stratford Brakettes Women's Softball Team be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO TAKE THE FOREGOING LICENSE AGREEMENT ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING LICENSE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

##### 5.3.2 BRAKETTES LEASE FOR CONCESSION STAND (Previously tabled)

RESOLVED that the lease agreement for the Concession Stand between the Town of Stratford and Stratford Brakettes Organization be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO TAKE THE FOREGOING LEASE AGREEMENT ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DUMAS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING LEASE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION FAILS.

**6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF**

Ms. Manus — Vehicles in use by VNA, Ferry Boulevard tract of land on the market

Mr. Kadeem — South End Community Center, Economic Development

Ms. Antezzo — Land behind Contract Plating that appears to be a dumpsite

Mr. Dumas — Land behind Contract Plating that appears to be a dumpsite

Ms. Daponte — Fleet Policy

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS****7.1 STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT** (continuing item)

**7.2 ROLL-CALL VOTE REQUIRED FOR FINAL PASSAGE.** Initially the ordinance was referred to Council with favorable recommendation and approved during Council meeting of April 11:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT TO REQUIRE THAT THE FINANCE DIRECTOR PUBLISH TOWN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS AND A LIST OF NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE ON A MONTHLY BASIS; (#16-01) — ACTION NOT TAKEN.

**7.3 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** — terms concurrent with Town Council (2 years) — ACTION NOT TAKEN.

**7.3.1 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** — term concurrent with Council  
4 2 alternate members (new positions)

**7.3.2 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** —1 electorate member

**7.3.3 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE**

**7.3.4 FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE** — appointment of Chair

**7.4 TABLED ITEMS** — NONE.

**7.5 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** — None.

**7.6 TABLED APPOINTMENTS**— ACTION NOT TAKEN.

**7.6.1 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

**7.6.2 COMMISSION ON AGING** — (9) appointments remaining;

**7.6.3 SIKORSKY MEMORIAL AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE**

**7.6.4 ETHICS COMMISSION**

**7.6.5 DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD**

**7.6.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**7.6.7 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** — None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE ALTERATIONS AT 3704 MAIN STREET**— ACTION NOT TAKEN.

9.2 CHANGE ORDER FOR LIBRARY PROJECT — ACTION NOT TAKEN.

9.3 APPOINTMENTS — ACTION NOT TAKEN.

9.3.1 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council

9.3.2 ARTS COMMISSION — Town code § 5-52, 3 year terms.

9.3.3 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – ALTERNATE MEMBERS — 4-year term, appt. by Council, § 5-77-78

9.3.4 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS — Alternate member, 3-year term

9.3.5 INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION — appointed by Council Chair, § 217-4A of Town code

9.3.6 VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR ACADEMY

HILL — 5-19 OF Town code, appointed by Council, 4-year terms

Commission as a representative-at-large. (term of George Vagasky expires May 2016)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 9 IN FAVOR AND 1, MR. DUMAS, OPPOSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

*Carol Cabral*

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200, TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VEGETATION (#14-10)

Sponsored by: Hon: Beth Daponte, Hon. Wali Kadeem, Hon. J. Vincent Chase, Hon. Tina Manus

**TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VEGETATION.**

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**§ 200-21. Tree Protection During Construction Activities.**

**§ 200-22. Duties of the Deputy Tree Warden.**

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**§200-1. Purposes.**

The purposes of this Ordinance are:

- A.** To promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance, protection and removal of trees, shrubs and woody vegetation within the Town of Stratford.
- B.** To recognize and appreciate that trees produce oxygen, capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, provide air purification, prevent soil erosion, control flooding, assist in water purification, contribute to the quality of life by providing cooling shade, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce noise levels, and aesthetically enhance the landscape.

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- C. To preserve and protect trees and their canopies as an important environmental and cultural resource that enhances the Town of Stratford's natural character and heritage.
- D. To protect the people in the Town of Stratford from personal injury and property damage caused by the improper planting, maintenance, protection or removal of trees, shrubs and woody vegetation located on Town-owned property.
- E. To protect property values by maintaining a healthy and vigorous community forest

§200-2. Definitions.

- A. **Tree Warden:** The Stratford Tree Warden shall have all the powers, duties and authority provided by the Public Shade Trees and Tree Protection Examining Board Statute (Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 23-59) as may be hereafter amended, and by this Ordinance.
- B. **Deputy Tree Warden(s):** Stratford Deputy Tree Warden(s) as appointed by the Tree Warden.
- C. **Urban/Community Forest:** Collectively, the natural resource of all Town-owned trees, shrubs and woody vegetation upon street right-of-ways, parks, school campuses, open space properties, and grounds of Town facilities.
- D. **Town-owned Property:** Any and all real property owned by the Town of Stratford.
- E. **Tree:** A woody plant, usually with one main trunk, reaching a height of at least fifteen feet when mature.
- F. **Shrub:** A woody plant, branched from the base, generally less than fifteen feet in height when mature.
- G. **Woody Vegetation:** All woody, non-herbaceous plants, not defined as trees or shrubs.
- H. **Town of Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual:** A manual prepared by the Tree Warden pursuant to § 200-8, as amended from time to time.
- I. **Person:** Any person, firm, corporation or other entity, including any public utility.
- J. **Public Nuisance:** Any tree, shrub or woody vegetation which is hazardous or injurious to the public health, safety and welfare or which causes substantial depreciation in the value of real property in the neighborhood.

§ 200-3. Declaration of Nuisance.

The maintenance of any tree on private property, the root system of which interferes with the proper functioning of any portion of the public sanitary or storm sewer system of the Town of

Stratford or causes a change in the elevation of any public sidewalk, curb or street pavement, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

**§ 200-4. Notice to Owner.**

The Director of Public Works shall give the record owner of private property whereon such a public nuisance exists, 10 days' written notice, by registered mail that he has determined that such a public nuisance exists.

**§ 200-5. Abatement to Town.**

The employees of the Department of Public Works, upon expiration of said ten-day period, are hereby authorized to go upon the property whereon said public nuisance is located and remove same at the owner's expense, the charge for same to become a lien on said property, to be foreclosed in the same manner as a lien for taxes.

**§ 200-6. Assumption of responsibility by owner.**

The owner of said property may inform the Director of Public Works in writing within said ten-day period that said owner will assume responsibility for the removal of said public nuisance, the removal of same to be accomplished within 30 days of the mailing of the original notice.

**§ 200-7. Court Review.**

~~The owner shall have the right to bring an action returnable to the superior court to review the determination of the Director of Public Works, provided that service of summons is made upon the Director of Public Works within the said ten-day notice period. Each notice will advise the owner of this right of appeal and the time in which it must be served. The provisions of § 200-3 hereof will be suspended as to the appellant's property during the pendency of such appeal and upon further order of the court.~~

**§ 200-8. Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual.**

The Tree Warden shall prepare and maintain a manual containing regulations and standards for the planting, maintenance, removal and protection of trees, shrubs and woody vegetation upon Town-owned property which shall be known as the Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual.

**§ 200-9. Tree Warden as Liaison to Other Municipal Departments.**

A. The Tree Warden shall serve as liaison to all Town Departments, agencies, and the Board of Education on all matters relating to individual trees and forest resources, and may provide technical assistance as appropriate. The Stratford Tree Warden shall be the Director of Public Works.

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- B. Any Town Department or agency shall notify the Tree Warden of any applications for new curb, gutter, sidewalks or driveway installations, utility installations or other improvements which might require the removal of or cause injury to any Town-owned tree.

**§ 200-10. Public Utilities.**

- A. Any public utility maintaining any overhead wires or underground pipes or conduits shall obtain a public utilities permit from the Tree Warden before performing any maintenance work on the wires, pipes, or conduits which would cause injury to Town-owned trees. The public utility shall not injure, deface, prune, or scar any Town-owned tree until its plans and procedures have been approved by the Tree Warden.
- B. When maintaining Town-owned trees, a public utility must observe good arboricultural practices, as specified by the Pruning Standards prescribed in the Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual.

**§ 200-11 Permits for Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vegetation on Town-Owned Property.**

- ~~A. No person shall plant any tree, shrub or woody vegetation within the limits of any Town owned property without having first obtained a permit to do so from the Tree Warden.~~
- ~~B. Written application for such permission shall be made to the Tree Warden setting forth the size, species, type and location of each tree, shrub or woody vegetation, for which such permission is requested.~~
- ~~C. The Tree Warden shall consider the effect of planting the specified trees, shrubs or woody vegetation upon the general welfare of the community and upon the present and future use, safety, maintenance, development and improvement of Town-owned property for all lawful purposes.~~
- ~~D. The Tree Warden shall grant or deny the applications upon the basis of such considerations.~~

**§ 200-12. Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vegetation on Town-Owned Property.**

Any tree, shrub or woody vegetation planted on Town-owned property shall become the property of the Town.

**§ 200-13. Effect of Chapter.**

Nothing in this Chapter and no permit granted pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed to prejudice any rights which the Town may now or hereafter have with respect to trees, shrubs and woody vegetation planted on Town-owned property.

ORDINANCE #14-10**§ 200-14. Prohibition; Arboricultural Standards.**

Except as otherwise provided in Sec. 200-10, 200-15 and 200-16 of this Chapter, no person shall cut, trim, prune, remove, injure or interfere with any tree, shrub or woody vegetation, including the branches, trunk, root system or crown thereof, in whole or in part, on any Town-owned property without a permit from the Tree Warden. When maintaining Town-owned trees, a person must observe good arboricultural practices, as specified by the pruning standards prescribed in the Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual.

**§ 200-15. Permits.**

Under this chapter, permits shall be issued in conformity with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 23-65(f). Applications for permits must be made on application forms provided for such purpose by the Tree Warden. Permits expire thirty (30) days after the date of issue unless otherwise noted thereon by the Tree Warden.

**§ 200-16. Work.**

All work performed on such trees, shrubs or woody vegetation shall be done in strict accordance with the permit and under the direction of the Tree Warden.

**§ 200-17. Emergencies.**

Work which, in the opinion of the Tree Warden, is of an emergency nature, such as failure of gas, water or electric utility lines, may be performed as orally prescribed by the Tree Warden at the expense of the person requesting same.

**§ 200-18. Penalties.**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who unlawfully or willfully cuts, destroys, carries away, removes, prunes, injures or defaces any tree or shrub on Town-owned property without proper authority shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each separate offense and shall be liable civilly for damages [Connecticut General Statutes, Section 23-65(b)].

In addition to any fines authorized hereunder for any tree, shrub or woody vegetation unlawfully cut, destroyed or carried away, the Tree Warden may seek recovery of three (3) times the value of the tree, shrub or woody vegetation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-560 and, for any encroachment (as referred to in Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-560a), may bring an action to enforce the remedies and damages specified in Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-560a. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Tree Warden to invoke any other remedies under Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-560 and Section 52-560a.

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Any person who affixes to a telephone, electric light pole, power pole or other utility pole, tree, shrub, rock or other natural object on Town-owned property a playbill, picture, notice, advertisement or other similar thing, or cuts, paints or marks any tree, shrub, rock or other natural object or uses climbing spurs for the purpose of climbing any tree on Town-owned property shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each affixing, cutting, painting, marking or climbing shall be considered a separate offense [Connecticut General Statutes, Section 23-65(a)].

The removal, pruning or willful injury of any tree, shrub or woody vegetation by any person without a permit from the Tree Warden or the affixing of any playbill, picture, notice, advertisement or other similar thing concerning the business or affairs of any person to a tree, shrub, rock or other natural object on Town-owned property by an agent or employee of such person shall be deemed to be the act of such person, and such person or any member of such firm or any officer of such corporation, as the case may be, shall be subject to the penalty therein provided, unless such act is shown to have been done without his knowledge or consent [Connecticut General Statutes, Section 23-65(d)].

The affixing of each individual playbill, picture, notice or advertisement or other similar thing to a tree, shrub, rock or other natural object or the willful removing, pruning, injuring or defacing of each tree or shrub shall constitute a separate violation. Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of the Tree Warden to remove, prune or otherwise deal with a tree or shrub under his jurisdiction. [Connecticut General Statutes, Section 23-65(e)].

If any person plants any tree, shrub or woody vegetation on Town-owned property, without obtaining the required permit, he shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.) and shall remove the same at his expense within a period of thirty (30) days.

**§ 200-19. No Exemption.**

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to exempt any person from the application of any other applicable statute, ordinance, regulation or rule.

**§ 200-20. Interference with Planting, Maintenance, and Removal.**

No person shall interfere with the Tree Warden or persons acting under his authority while engaged in planting, mulching, pruning, removing or maintaining any tree, shrub or woody vegetation on Town-owned property.

**§ 200-21. Tree Protection During Construction Activities.**

All trees on Town-owned property that are designated for preservation shall be protected in accordance with the Tree Protection Specifications section of the Stratford Arboricultural Specifications and Policy Manual.

ORDINANCE #14-10**§ 200-22. Duties of the Deputy Tree Warden.**

The Tree Warden may assign the Deputy Tree Warden(s) to perform those duties of the Tree Warden as the Tree Warden shall designate, but the Tree Warden shall remain responsible for those duties. The Tree Warden may rescind the right to be designated as Deputy Tree Warden at any time with or without cause.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ~~\$216,051,861~~ **\$215,344,250** IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; (16-07)

Sponsored by:

WHEREAS, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with the Stratford Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, is ~~\$216,051,861~~ **\$215,344,250**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof be and is hereby proposed as the operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and

That the sum of ~~\$216,051,861~~ **\$215,344,250** is hereby appropriated for the current expenses, permanent improvements, and other lawful charges for each department and each division thereof of the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, all in accordance with the provisions of the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PROPOSED – MILL RATE ORDINANCE – FY17 (WITH PROPOSED MV AND NON-MV REVISIONS) (#16-08)

~~AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE OF 38.84 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.~~

A TAX RATE OF ~~32.00~~ 37.00 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

A TAX RATE OF ~~39.39~~ 38.99 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF ALL OTHER TAXABLE PROPERTY [EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY] IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has prepared and submitted to the Town Council the annual operating budget for the Town of Stratford for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, according to law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has given consideration thereto and has conducted public hearings in connection therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated revenues of the Town of Stratford other than by taxation for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, are \$ 46,767,904; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has proposed an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; and

~~**WHEREAS**, a tax levy at the rate of 38.84 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2015, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;~~

**WHEREAS**, a tax levy at the rate of ~~32.00~~ 37.00 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2015, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;

**WHEREAS**, a tax levy at the rate of ~~39.39~~ 38.99 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of all other taxable property [excluding motor vehicle property] in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2015, is necessary to meet the appropriations, less the estimated amount of revenue from other sources as permitted by law to be raised;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:**

That a tax rate of 38.84 mills on the dollar on the Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable property in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List of October 1, 2015;

That a tax rate of ~~32.00~~ **37.00** mills on the dollar on the Motor Vehicle Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford on the Motor Vehicle Grand List of October 1, 2015;

That a tax rate of ~~39.39~~ **38.99** mills on the dollar on the Grand List [excluding Motor Vehicle] be and is hereby levied against all taxable property [excluding motor vehicle] in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List [excluding Motor Vehicle] of October 1, 2015;

That said taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments, one half thereof on July 1, 2016, and the second half thereof on January 1, 2017, provided, however, that any tax, the aggregate amount of which shall not exceed \$100.00 shall be due and payable in one payment on July 1, 2016.