

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

July 18, 2016

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF STRATFORD TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

PUBLIC FORUM: The following members of the public addressed the Stratford Town Council:

- Edward Goodrich, 2320 Elm Street
- Frank Parady, 798 E. Broadway
- Stephen Raguskus, 94 Noble Street
- Walter Rimkunas, 425 Second Avenue
- Barbara Heimlich, 91 College Street

Hearing no other speakers, Chairman Daponte adjourned public forum at 6:47 p.m.

I CALL TO ORDER: 6:56 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Beth Daponte

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. David Harden

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins; Attorneys John Florek, Bryan LeClerc and Christopher Hodgson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council member J. Vincent Chase, District 8

II. CENTER SCHOOL — RESOLUTION

Sponsored by the Stratford Town Council

Whereas, the Town Council has the power to authorize the demolition of a town building;

Whereas, the demolition of a school has long-lasting implications on educational opportunities for the town's population;

Whereas, the number of building permits has increased in Stratford;

Whereas, the physical use of the center of Stratford has long-lasting implications on the town's reputation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL:
THAT THE PATH TO DEMOLITION OF 55 SUTTON PLACE ~~1000 EAST BROADWAY~~,
AKA THE NEW CENTER SCHOOL, BE STOPPED, STOP PHASE 3 TESTING, FURTHER,
A STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE COST OF RETURNING THE
BUILDING TO USE AS A SCHOOL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. Mr. Chase recuses himself from voting due to a perceived conflict of interest. MS. MANUS OFFERS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO CHANGE THE ABOVE-CITED ADDRESS FOR CENTER SCHOOL TO: 55 SUTTON PLACE. THE MOTION TO AMEND PASSED 6 TO 0 (MR. CHASE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING). A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE: STOP PHASE 3 TESTING. MS. ANTEZZO'S AMENDEDMENT PASSES WITH 5 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED (MR. LLEWELYN) AND MR. CHASE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO PLACE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSES 6 TO 0 WITH MR. CHASE RECUSING HIMSELF.

III. ADJOURNMENT — AT 7:27 P.M. MR. LLEWELYN MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST: *Carol Cabral*
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk