



Stratford, Connecticut

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MEETING NOTICE

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT AT 8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 6:45 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting and public forum of August 8, 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.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES — None

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.

5.1.1 APPOINTMENTS

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.1 ARTS COMMISSION — During the Arts Commission meeting of August 10, 2016, the following items were referred to Council:

- A. Bonfire on the Beach — seeking sponsorships for the 2016 event and offered the Arts Commission Gold Level for the cost of Silver Level. \$500.00 was approved.
- B. Pal Cartooning Class — \$900.00 for PAL Cartooning Class

5.2.2 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

5.2.2.1 The Building Needs Committee conducted a special meeting on Sept. 12 and referred the following:

- A. TOWN PURCHASING of the property located at 25 North Parade Street as additional property for the scope of the Stratford High School State Construction project # 138-0101

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of 25 North Parade by the Town of Stratford be and is hereby approved.

- B. TOWN TRANSFERENCE of Town-owned property at 245 King Street to be utilized as additional property for the scope of the Stratford High School State Construction project # 138-0101

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Stratford's transference of 245 King Street be and is hereby approved.

- C. FINAL STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL PHASE One Plans and Project Manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated _____, and the associated Professional Cost Estimate dated _____, for State Office of School Construction Grants &

Review Project Number 138-0101. This motion authorizes the Chair of the Building Needs Committee to sign the School Building Committee Chairperson's line on State form SCG-042 – REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FINAL PLANS.

BE IT RESOLVED, the final Stratford High School Phase One Plans and Project Manual(s), as prepared for bidding and dated _____, and the associated Professional Cost Estimate dated _____, for State Office of School Construction Grants & Review Project Number 138-0101 be and are hereby approved and authorize School Building Needs Chairman to sign state form SCG-042 – request for final plans.

5.2.2.2 At the regularly scheduled Building Needs Committee meeting of August 15, the following was referred to Council with Favorable recommendation:

- A. MODULAR/Portable Classrooms – change order in the amount of \$41,058.83 to extend the rear walkways at Ely Whitney and Nichols Schools per order of the Fire Marshal.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and the change order for the amount of \$41,058.83 to extend the rear walkways at Ely Whitney and Nichols Schools be and is hereby approved.

- B. HVAC renovation at Fire Station 2 - This project is a design/build project that has been bid. The low bidder has been qualified to do the renovation that includes heating, air conditioning and other energy saving improvements in the facility. Value of contract is \$115,900 — County Wide Mechanical Services, LLC of Bristol, CT.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and the energy renovation at Fire Station 2 for the amount of \$115,900.00 be and is hereby approved.

- C. SHAKESPEARE THEATER RFQ— Re: building security, watertight/weatherproofing to prevent wildlife from living there, cleaning. \$1.1 million still exists in town funds for this property, architectural services.

RESOLVED; that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and an RFQ is issued for Architectural Services in order to write an RFP.

5.2.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CDBG) In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer, the Community Development Subcommittee, at its special meeting of August 31, 2016, unanimously approved the item, at which time it was referred to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

Bids for the project (Bid No. 2016-032) were received on August 18, 2016, as tabulated below:

G. Pic and Sons Construction	143,250
VAZ Quality Works	166,900
Dalling Construction	171,500
William Layden Construction	328,348

RESOLVED: that G. Pic and Sons Construction be and is hereby selected as the lowest responsible bidder, and that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with G. Pic and Sons Construction of Bridgeport, CT, in the amount not to exceed the available funding provided by the Community Development Block Grant, Program Year 41 (2015-16), and Program Year 42 (2016-17), in accordance with the project manual and bid documents, for the foregoing project.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5.3.1 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

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

A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (vacated term of Vincent Massey expires May 31, 2018)

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (vacated term of Dennis Blake expired May 31, 2016)

7.2 TABLED ITEMS

7.2.1 Cost of Dog Park - \$15,000.00 be set aside from CIP 2017. TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2016

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and that setting aside \$15,000.00 from CIP 2017 for the Dog Park be and is hereby approved.

7.3 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.3.1 CENTER SCHOOL — RESOLUTION — (tabled July 11, 2016)

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.

7.3.2 TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND RESOLUTION (*placed on the table during Council meeting of June 13, 2016*)

sponsored by:

WHEREAS: In accordance with section 6.2.5 of the Town Charter, the Town Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2016 proposed to make a transfer of certain funds in the budget appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, as hereinafter enumerated;

WHEREAS: Pursuant to said direction a Public Notice was duly posted on the Public Sign post on June 23, 2016 and appears on the return of notice as on record:

RESOLVED: that said transfer be and is hereby authorized and made as follows:

FY2016-2017 Interdept Budget Transfers / Approp [General Fund]							
Inter-Departmental Budget Transfers -							
EXPENSES:							
Org	Obj	Proj	Account Description	Beginning FY17 Budget	From Expense [Decrease]	To Expense [Increase]	Ending FY17 Budget
VISITING NURSES							
01360	6422		Visiting Nurses Association	500	53,000		53,500
Restore to historical funding amount							
TOWN BUILDINGS							
01108	6376		Sewer Use Fees-Town&BOE Bldgs	200,000	(53,000)		147,000
TOTAL EXPENSES				200,500	-	-	200,500
Net Impact					-		

7.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

7.4.1 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

- A. 3 members of the local business community (3 vacancies)
- B. 1 member-at-large

7.4.2 SIKORSKY MEMORIAL AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE — § 7-12 of Town Code, one member appointed by Mayor, one member appointed by PYE. *Placed on the Table during Council meeting of March 10, 2014.*

- A. 1 member from District of Town in which Sikorsky Memorial Airport is located – appointed by Town Council.
- B. 2 members from the Stratford Electorate at-large — appointed by Town Council.

7.4.3 ETHICS COMMISSION — 4-year term. *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Nov. 11 2015. Members — 5* (§5-30 of Town code)

Michael Peslak (Pastor) — expired Oct. 31, 2012
 Alternate members (3)

7.4.4 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council

- A. 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS (new positions)

B. REGULAR MEMBERS

RESOLVED: That _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Beautification Committee. (vacated term of Rosanne Neri)

7.4.5 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – ALTERNATE MEMBERS — 4-year term, appt. by Council, § 5-77-78. **TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2016**

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an Alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (term of Kenneth Caserta expired March 13, 2016)

7.4.6 STRATFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY — 5-year term TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2016

RESOLVED: that _____ - of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Stratford Housing Authority. (term of Kenneth Bishop ended June 30, 2016)

7.4.7 COMMITTEE/COMMISSION VACANCIES created by Town Council resignations— TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2016

A. Conservation Commission

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 RESOLUTION re: Port Security Grant Program

sponsored by:

WHEREAS, the *Town of Stratford* has applied for funding from *FEMA/U.S. Department of Homeland Security* through the *2016 Port Security Grant Program*; and

WHEREAS, grant funding will be used to support the Stratford Police Department and Fire Department's port security activities in the amount of \$77,885; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be responsible for providing matching funds in the amount of 25% of the total project budget (\$25,961); and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the *Town of Stratford* to enter into a grant agreement with *FEMA/ U.S. Department of Homeland Security*.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's application and grant award from *FEMA/ U.S. Department of Homeland Security- 2016 Port Security Grant Program* in the amount of \$77,885; and

2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, John A. Harkins, or his designee to execute such contract with *FEMA/U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, to provide such additional information, to implement the program once the award is secured, and to execute such other contracts, amendments, extensions and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

8.2 FORENSIC AUDIT OF ACTIVITIES AND REPRESENTATIONS of former Public Safety Director Lawrence Ciccarelli

sponsored by:

Whereas, Section 2.2.15 of the Town Charter gives the Town Council the Power to Investigate and Procure Information;

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Town Council that a consultant (L. Ciccarelli) for the town has acted in a manner similar as if he were an employee of the town;

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Town Council that a consultant had a history of misrepresentation to and embezzlement from a former client;

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Town Council that it is a wise and reasonable to take action to assure that no misrepresentations or misuse of funds occurred by such consultant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL:
THAT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY SUCH CONSULTANT AND ANY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS MADE BY HIM WHILE REPRESENTING THE TOWN BE REVEALED THROUGH A INVESTIGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO, A FORENSIC AUDIT BY A THIRD PARTY.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING FOR “BLUES ON THE BEACH” - 2016

9.2 APPOINTMENTS

9.2.1 ETHICS COMMISSION, Regular Members — 4-year term, appointed by Council

A. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Ethics Commission. (term of Robert Chimini expires Oct. 22, 2016)

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Ethics Commission. (term of Bruce Hawley expires Oct. 31, 2016)

10. ADJOURNMENT