



Stratford, Connecticut

AMENDED* MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 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. Scott Farrington-Posner, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. David Harden, Mr. Gregory Cann, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Philip Young

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Assts. to the Town Attorney John Florek and Brian LeClerc, Town Attorney Christopher Hodgson, Human Resources Director Ronald Ing, Constituent Service and Outreach Coordinator Chris Bandecchi, CAO Chris Tymniak, Finance Director Jay Wahlberg

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Led by Gregory Cann, fifth District Council member. A moment of Silence was observed for the recent killings and world turmoil.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting and public forum of March 13, 2017

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. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS — NONE

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Farrington-Posner — re: taxes, award given to Mr. and Mrs. Rimkunas, Shakespeare theater, minutes of public forum

Mr. Kadeem — re: conduct at meetings, quarterly district meeting, large-item trash pickup, pothole repair

Mr. Harden — re: taxes, budget

Mr. Cann — re: parks and public works departments, community service events, CDBGF public hearing, Board of Education budget.

Ms. Antezzo — re: citizens' volunteering on Boards, Committees, Commissions, Agencies, term limits

Mr. Chase — re: term limits for elected officials

Mr. Llewelyn — re: Board of Education budget, Ella Grasso Center, conduct and decorum at meetings

Ms. Manus — re: term limits, Community Services events, Shakespeare Theater, Fiscal responsibility, 12% of Stratford land is open space.

Ms. Daponte — re: Sterling House, Neighborhood Assistance

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. Mayor Harkins reported. The veterans' Breakfast will be conducted again this year at Vazzy's.

5.1.1 STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT (SAEP) — Army will do additional testing on the material that will be removed from the river. It is not yet known how much material will be removed.

5.1.2 APPOINTMENTS — None

5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.2.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — The committee met on March 20, 2017 at which time the following was referred to Town Council with favorable recommendation:

- A. Stratford High School renovations project - #21 — Alternate for West Building foundation designed for 2TSF soil bearing capacity/soil stabilization procedure for the amount of \$40,250.00 to Antinozzi Associates

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and the alternate for West building foundation designed for 2TSF soil bearing capacity/soil stabilization procedure for the amount of \$40,250.00 to Antinozzi Associates (#21) be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ALTERNATE FOR PROJECT - #21. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- B. Stratford High School renovations project - Amendment #23 — West building for the amount of \$30,475.00 to Antinozzi Associates

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and amendment #23 - West building for the amount of \$30,475.00 to Antinozzi Associates be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PROJECT AMENDMENT #23. THE MOTION PASSED 9-0.

- C. Stratford High School renovations project - Amendment #22 — adjustments to IES construction phasing coordination (south end of building C) - \$20,700.00.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and amendment #22 – adjustments to IES construction phasing coordination (south end of building C) for the amount of \$20,700.00 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING AMENDMENT - #22. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- D. ~~Stratford High School renovations project—removal of the damages liquidation provision clause from Turner’s contracts.~~ *INFORMATIONAL ITEM. ACTION NOT REQUIRED.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- E. Police Station Parking Lot renovations by Geddis Architects are the amount of \$324,000 as approved in CIP funding— recommendation to Council for the Mayor’s signature.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee is accepted and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign the contract for the Police Station Parking Lot renovation as cited above.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POLICE STATION PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA LOCKING THE GATE AT PENDERS FIELD. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

LOCKING THE GATE AT PENDERS FIELD — The Public Works dept. has locked the gate of Penders field at Longbrook Park because of vandalism. At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Longbrook Park Commission, the commission has favorably recommended to the Town Council to leave the gate at Penders field at Longbrook Park open and unlocked 7 days a week, 24 hours a day with signage posting hours of public use which is from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless superseded by permitted use.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Longbrook Park Commission is accepted and keeping the gate to Penders Field at Longbrook Park open and unlocked 7 days a week, 24 hours a day as described above, be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LONGBROOK COMMISSION TO KEEP THE GATE OPEN AND UNLOCKED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.2.2 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — The committee met on Feb. 16, 2017 and referred the following to the Town Council:

Budgetary Consistency — In the interest of consistency and transparency, the budget for enterprise funds to be prepared using a consistent formula to allocate administrative expenses and overhead costs across all funds and that separate and consistent line items be used for these expenses/costs in each fund. Administrative expenses would include human resources, IT, etc. and overhead costs would include building maintenance, utilities, etc.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.2.3 ARTS COMMISSION — The Arts Commission conducted a meeting on February 8, 2017 at which time the following item was unanimously approved:

Fee approval of \$2,000.00 to Lighthouse as part of the Stratford Street Sculptures

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Arts Commission is accepted and the fee of \$2,000.00 to the Lighthouse project be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FEE OF \$2,000.00 AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.2.4 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION — The Short Beach Commission conducted a meeting on April 3 with the following request referred to Town Council:

The Short Beach Commission, via the Town Council, requests that the Parks and Recreation Committee provide the Short Beach Commission with an inventory of the recreational and park programs (events, activities, etc.) that take place at Short Beach Park. The Commission also requests that the Committee provide any of it's improvements or modifications that it deems appropriate; as defined in the Stratford Town Code - Chapter 7 (Committees); Article III (Parks and Recreation Committee), Sub-Section 7-11 (Duties) as adopted on 5-8-1978 and amended as per Ordinance No. 98-5 on 3-9-1998.

RESOLVED: that the request of the Short Beach Commission to be provided with an inventory of recreational and parks programs as described above be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE SHORT BEACH COMMISSION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

5.3.1 Brakettes License Agreement for Deluca Hall of Fame Field

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 MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING LICENSE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.2 Brakettes Concession Lease

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. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING LEASE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.3 Carter vs. Fressola – discussion of strategy and negotiations regarding pending claim and/or litigation toward the town or a member thereof as a party. Executive session requested.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: Carter vs. Fressola FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIM AND/OR LITIGATION TOWARD THE TOWN OR A MEMBER THEREOF AS A PARTY WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE ALL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, ATTORNEYS HODGSON, LECLERC, AND FLOREK AND MAYOR HARKINS. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:20 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, Scott Farrington-Posner, Wali Kadeem, David Harden, Gregory Cann, J. Vincent Chase, Alan Llewelyn and Tina Manus; Attorneys Hodgson, Florek, and LeClerc and Mayor Harkins. The above-cited item, Carter vs. Fressola, was the subject of discussion. Executive Session ended at 9:35 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:37 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS SECONDED BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.4 Jason Howell v. Town of Stratford – discussion of strategy and litigation. Eexecutive session requested.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO WAIVE THE COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE TO TAKE AN ITEM OUT OF ORDER, 7.5.8 TAVERN ROCK ROAD PROPERTY. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: TAVERN ROCK ROAD PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE IF OPENNESS MIGHT INCREASE PRICE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE ALL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, ATTORNEYS HODGSON, LECLERC, AND FLOREK AND MAYOR HARKINS. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:40 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, Scott Farrington-Posner, Wali Kadeem, David Harden, Gregory Cann, J. Vincent Chase, Alan Llewelyn and Tina Manus; Attorneys Hodgson, Florek, and LeClerc and Mayor Harkins. The above-cited item, Tavern Rock Road Property, was the subject of discussion. Executive Session ended at 9:46 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 9:50 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.5.8 TAVERN ROCK ROAD PROPERTY— continued

RESOLVED: that approval is hereby given to authorize the Town Attorney to proceed as discussed in executive session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO PROCEED AS DIRECTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

5.3.5 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Farrington-Posner: re: authority to lock the gate at Penders field

Mr. Kadeem: re: Parks and Recreation Committee and Authority over parks

Ms. Manus: re: clarification of Council's ability to choose

6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. Kadeem: re: luncheon

Ms. Manus: re: veterans' breakfast

Mr. Cann: re: 2016 transfer of WPCA funds

Ms. Antezzo: re: transfer of WPCA funds

Ms. Daponte: re: transfer of WPCA funds

RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TAKEN DURING THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2017 REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR SHAKESPEARE ARCHITECT FOR STABILIZATION OF THEATER. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

CONTRACT FOR SHAKESPEARE ARCHITECT FOR STABILIZATION OF THEATER

Resolution: The Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Building Needs Committee and its Shakespeare Subcommittee for Marvel Architects to be the selected architectural firm for the stabilization phase of the Shakespeare Theater restoration and approves its contract at a cost of \$95,000.00 with the moneys to be used from the moneys bonded in 2008 for restoration of the theater.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — NO, MR. KADEEM — NO, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. CANN — YES, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

7.1 PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRAL — The Planning Commission met on January 17 at which time the following was referred to Council with Favorable recommendation: *Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017.*

Preliminary Design Report for Stratford Greenway Extension Project

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is accepted and the preliminary design report for Stratford Greenway Extension Project be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING DESIGN REPORT. MESSRS. CHASE AND LLEWELYN

WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND THE SECOND. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.2 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REFERRAL — Referred to Ordinance Committee from Building needs Committee meeting of Dec. 16, 2016. *Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017.*

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE I (CHANGE ORDERS) (#17-04)
Chapter 8, Article I, §8-4 of the Stratford Town Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 8-4. Mayor's approval: costs.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, the Mayor, acting upon the advice of the Town Engineer with regards to the Stratford High School Renovations Project, shall have the authority to approve any such changes or deviations without the approval of the Council but only if such action is recommended by the Stratford High School Renovations Subcommittee and Building Needs Committee and further provided that the cost of any such changes or deviations does not exceed the sum of \$5,000 \$25,000 and further provided that, in the opinion of the Mayor, due to extraordinary conditions, unforeseen contingencies, market conditions or the nature of the requested change, it would not be feasible or in the best interest of the Town to delay approval of the requested change.

RESOLVED: that the readings of the foregoing ordinance are waived and the ordinance be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO WAIVE THE READINGS OF THE FOREGOING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 8 ARTICLE I AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0 VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — YES, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. CANN — YES, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — YES.

~~7.3 EMS FUNDING COMMITTEE REFERRAL~~ — ~~During the EMS Funding Committee meeting of February 21, 2017, the following was referred favorable to Town Council:~~
(Committee members Daponte and Harden abstained from voting) *Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017.*

Salary increases in the budget for all at-will EMS employees.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. HARDEN, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.4 CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR THE Stratford High School Renovations Project
Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017.

- A. ~~IES proposal for creating a bid alternate to provide 2T bearing at the west parcel foundations in lieu of the 3T design shown in Base Bid: \$35,000 + \$5250 (15% AA markup) = \$40,250~~

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- B. ~~IES proposal to update Mechanical Drawings at Building C to reflect construction phasing updated by Turner 1/18/17 (for clarity, and because the re-phasing of mechanical in this area saves significant construction dollars): \$18,000 + \$2700 (15% AA markup) = \$20,700.~~

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LLEWELYN, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.5 TABLED ITEMS

7.5.1 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING REFERRALS — During the Redevelopment Agency meeting of Jan. 19, 2017, the following was referred to Council with favorable recommendation: *Tabled during Council meeting of Feb. 14, 2017.*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS, TO TAKE ITEMS A., B., AND C., BELOW OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9-0.

- A. ~~Wades Garage~~ — sell this property for \$58,000 as outlined by Attorney Jackson.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 9 - 0.

- B. 1455 Honeyspot Road Ext. — Accept \$10,000 in payment for the Town's tax liens.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Redevelopment Agency is accepted and \$10,000 in payment for the Town's tax liens be and is hereby accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO ACCEPT PAYMENT OF *\$10,000. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

- C. Steering Committee — for downtown/Center School Development. The mission is to get the public involved in the process. The following have agreed to serve:
Eric Hampton, Mark Jarvis, Daniel Tito, Edward Goodrich, Christopher Pia,
Harold Watson

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER,

SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.5.2 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REFERRAL — The Parks and Recreation Committee met on February 2, 2017 and referred the following to Council with favorable recommendation: *Tabled during Council meeting of Feb. 14, 2017.*

- A. DeLuca field backdrop — The allocation of 80-100K for renovations needed for the field with it being a top priority because of safety concerns.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.5.3 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION MEETING REFERRALS — The Short Beach Commission met on December 5, 2016 and made the following referrals to Council: Rent from the Restaurant, Short Beach Pavilion rental fees *Placed on table during meeting of Jan. 9, 2017.* REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.5.4 TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICT (TOD) – TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016. REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.5.5 COST OF DOG PARK - \$15,000.00 is set aside from CIP 2017. *TABLED DURING COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 11, 2016.* REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.5.6 540 LONGBROOK ROAD (Contract Plating) — To be sold with the stipulation that the Health Dept. and Conservation Administrator be consulted during the sale process. Initially referred to Council with favorable recommendation from Planning Commission meeting of Oct., 18, 2016. *Tabled during Council Meeting of Nov. 14, 2016.*

RESOLVED: that 540 Longbrook Road (Contract Plating) be and is hereby eligible to be sold with the stipulation that the Health Dept. and Conservation Administrator be consulted during the sale process.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO SELL THE FOREGOING PROPERTY WITH THE STIPULATION DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER — NO, MR. KADEEM — YES, MR. HARDEN — YES, MR. CANN — YES, MS. DAPONTE — YES, MS. ANTEZZO — YES, MR. CHASE — YES, MR. LLEWELYN — YES, MS. MANUS — NO.

7.5.7 Beers Place (lot 26) – 8-24 Review recommended by the Planning Commission to be sold or abandoned to either one or both abutting property owners on Beers Place with the following considerations. *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Jan. 9. 2017.*

1. The sale price should be sure to cover all costs incurred by the Town (legal fees, engineer costs, etc.) to secure a conservation easement to preserve the wooded lot and prevent any future development. By securing a conservation easement, the town reserves the opportunity to return the channelized stream to its natural state if it so chooses, thus improving stormwater management and town's environmental impact.
2. If the Town Council chooses to sell the lot to the general public, it should be sold at full market value.
3. Should the Town Council decide to keep the lot for conservation purposes, as the lot does hold environmental value, the Council should request a regular maintenance program be developed by Public Works to ensure the lot is properly cared for and that it remains an asset to the neighborhood.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO TAKE THE FOREGOING ITEM OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.6 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.6.1 CENTER SCHOOL — RESOLUTION — (*tabled July 11, 2016*) *ACTION NOT TAKEN.*

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.

7.7 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

7.7.1 FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE — additional appointments. *Placed on table during meeting of Jan.9, 2017. REMAINED ON THE TABLE.*

7.7.2 STRATFORD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

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

7.7.3 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. REMAINED ON THE TABLE.*

- 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.

7.7.4 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE — term concurrent with Council

1 ALTERNATE MEMBERS (new position)

RESOLVED: that JANICE CUPEE of 1460 ELM STREET (231) be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Beautification Committee (term concurrent with Council – Dec. 11, 2017)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPOINT JANICE CUPEE TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 - 0.

7.7.5 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS — 4-year term, appointed by Town Council

- A. REGULAR MEMBER § 210-3 of Town code, (*tabled during Council meeting of December 12, 2016.*) *REMAINED ON THE TABLE.*

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (term of Michael Henrick expires Dec. 30, 2016)

- B. ALTERNATE MEMBERS —§ 5-77-78. (*Tabled during Council Meeting of July 8, 2016*) *REMAINED ON THE TABLE.*

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)

7.7.6 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION — § 210-3 of Town Code, 5-year term, appointed by Town Council *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Dec. 12, 2016.*

RESOLVED: that BRIAN YARMUSH of 110 HOUSATONIC AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission. (vacancy created by the passing of Alan Minter expiring May 31, 2017)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO TAKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARRINGTON-POSNER, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPOINT BRIAN YARMUSH TO THE WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

7.7.7 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term *Placed on the table during Council meeting of Jan. 9, 2017.*

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals (term of Richard Fredette expired January 1, 2017)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. CANN TO TAKE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO REAPPOINT RICHARD FREDETTE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO RETURN THE APPOINTMENT TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2012 ARREARS TAX ACCOUNTS TO THE TAX SUSPENSE ACCOUNT PENDING FURTHER ACTION (*Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017*)

WHEREAS; The Code of the Town of Stratford, Chapter 14, Article VI specifies the tax collection policy of the Town for the collection of arrears taxes and,

WHEREAS; The Tax Collector has followed the policy by providing required notices of taxes due and made several attempts to contact arrears taxpayers as required by local and state law and,

WHEREAS; Certain accounts have been in arrears since 2012 and all efforts to date to collect on these accounts have produced no response for at least the past two years and,

WHEREAS; Continued expenditure of public funds to collect these accounts is not a cost effective use of public funds and, therefore, the Tax Collector recommends that Town Council approve the transfer of the accounts to suspense pending further collection of said accounts.

RESOLVED: Town Council of the Town of Stratford authorizes the Tax Collector to transfer to the Tax Suspense Account accounts totaling \$589,198.07 for the 2012 Grand List amounts shown below.

GRAND LIST YEAR	TYPE	AMOUNT
2012	Motor Vehicle	\$255,980.05
2012	Supplemental Motor Vehicle	39,997.22
2012	Personal Property	<u>293,423.91</u>
	Total	\$589,198.07

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING TRANSFER OF ARREARS TAX ACCOUNTS. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

8.2 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$220,358,957 IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; (17-02)

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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, is \$220,358,957

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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and

That the sum of \$220,358,957 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, all in accordance with the provisions of the budget attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

DISCUSSION OF THE TIMES OF THE FIRST BUDGET MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

8.3 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE (#17-03)

Sponsored by:

- A. OF 39.93 MILLS ON THE DOLLAR ON THE GRAND LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.
- B. OF 32.00 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, 2016.

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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, are \$ 40,330,290; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has proposed an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a tax levy at the rate of 39.93 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable property [excluding motor vehicle property] in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2016, 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 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of taxable motor vehicle property in the Town of Stratford on October 1, 2016, 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 39.93 mills on the dollar on the Grand List be and is hereby levied against all taxable property [excluding Motor Vehicle] in the Town of Stratford on the Grand List of October 1, 2016;

That a tax rate of 32.00 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, 2016;

That said taxes shall be due and payable in two equal installments, one half thereof on July 1, 2017, and the second half thereof on January 1, 2018, 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, 2017.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

DISCUSSION OF THE TIMES OF THE FIRST BUDGET MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN TO REFER THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

8.4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COUNCIL, MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD AND RSM US LLP FOR AUDITING SERVICES

sponsored by:

WHEREAS; The Town Council of the Town of Stratford desires to employ an independent auditing firm to conduct an annual audit in compliance with Section 5.6.7 of the Town Charter, Connecticut General Statutes and other relevant state and federal statutes and,

WHEREAS; the Town is required to notify the State of CT Office of Policy and Management(OPM) of our FY 17 appointed auditor by June 1, 2017 and,

WHEREAS; RSM US LLP New Haven, CT has successfully completed the Town audits for FY2014 through FY2016, their annual audit fee for fiscal year 2017 is 107,000 and,.

WHEREAS; RSM US LLP may have to perform additional audit procedures due to key management change in the Finance Department and,

RESOLVED: The Town Council, Mayor and Finance Director are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with RSM US LLP for auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED 9 TO 0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 TOWN OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT INVESTMENT POLICY (*Action not taken during Council meeting of March 13, 2017*)

9.2 RENAMING OF A PORTION OF STRATFORD AVENUE TO BONDS DOCK WAY.
ACTION NOT TAKEN.

9.3 APPOINTMENTS

9.3.1 INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION, Representative-at-large. 4-year term appointed by Council Chairman. *ACTION NOT TAKEN.*

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ - be and is hereby appointed an at-large Representative to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. [term of Ariana Rawls Fine (resigned) expires May 31, 2018]

9.3.2 ARTS COMMISSION – 3-year terms, appointed by Council. *ACTION NOT TAKEN.*

A. Regular member - term of Richard Fredette expired March 10, 2017

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ - be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Arts Commission.

B. Alternate member – term of Louis DeCilio expired March 10, 2017

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ - be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Arts Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT — UPON A MOTION MADE BY MS. MANUS AND SECONDED BY MR. CANN, IT WAS VOTED 9 TO 0 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Council Clerk