



Stratford, Connecticut

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:20 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Pro Tem Matthew P. Catalano

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Christian Barnaby, Ms. Stephanie Philips, Mr. Matthew Catalano, Mr. Jason Santi, Mr. John Dempsey, Mr. David Fuller, Ms. Kimberly Meuse, Mr. Paul Hoydick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. James Connor, Mr. Thomas Malloy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Harkins, Town Attorney Timothy Bishop, Asst. Town Attorney John Florek, Finance Director Susan Collier, CAO Geen Thazhampallath

INVOCATION PRESENTED BY TENTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER HON. PAUL HOYDICK FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** — Minutes of Public Forum, regularly scheduled meeting and executive session of May 9, 2011 and special meeting of May 23, 2011.

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. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS** — to: Friends of SEPTA.

Presented to: Jake's Wayback Burgers  
Mayor Harkins and Councilman Barnaby presented the award.

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

Ms. Philips — re: Honeyspot school

**4. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES** — None

**5. MAYOR’S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORTS**

**5.1 MAYOR’S REPORT** — Mayor Harkins reported on the following:

- Economic Development progress: a \$400,000 Brownsfield assessment grant received
- Tax foreclosures update: \$1,530,377
- Dedication of “Wayne’s Walk” last Saturday (June 11) in memory of Wayne LeCardo.
- Dedication of the EMS Facility last Saturday (June 11)

**5.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5.2.1 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION** — The Short Beach Commission conducted their regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2001 and referred the following to Town Council with favorable recommendation:

Increase in fees for non-Stratford residents for both Short Beach and Long Beach to **\$15.00 (weekdays and weekends).**

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Short Beach Commission is accepted and the admission fees for non-Stratford residents to both Short Beach and Long Beach is hereby increased to \$15.00 for both weekdays and weekends subject to the Mayor’s and Parks Department’s management of the Parks administration monitoring personnel to compensate for non-residents who will be attending pre-planned/pre-paid functions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING FEE INCREASE. MS. PHILIPS OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO POSTPONE THE INCREASE UNTIL SUCH TIME THE PRE-REGISTERED PAVILION RENTALS HAVE EXPIRED, TENTATIVELY JANUARY 1. MR. BARNABY ACCEPTS THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. After discussion, MR. BARNABY WITHDRAWS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

MESSRS. BARNABY AND HOYDICK WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND SECOND. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BARNABY SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ADMISSION FEE INCREASE FOR NON-STRATFORD RESIDENTS TO BOTH SHORT AND LONG BEACHES TO \$15.00 FOR BOTH WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR’S AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT’S MANAGEMENT OF THE PARKS ADMISSION MONITORING PERSONNEL. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 1, MS. PHILIPS, OPPOSED.

**5.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**5.3.1 CLAIMS REPORT** — One claim resolved for \$5,000.00.

**5.3.2 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Dempsey — re: new EMS Facility construction/building waivers

**6. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF**

Mr. Barnaby — re: Stratford High School renovations progress

Ms. Philips — re: Budget deficit, decrease in bond rating

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 SAEP

7.2 TABLED ITEM

7.2.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — The Building Needs Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on April 18, 2011 and referred the following to Town Council:  
Selection of architect for Honeyspot School (Tabled during meeting of 5/9/2011).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MS. PHILIPS TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF TAI SOO KIM AS THE ARCHITECT FOR HONEYSPOOT SCHOOL. At the request of Mr. Thazhampallath, MESSRS. DEMPSEY AND SANTI WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND THE SECOND TO THE MOTION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS SECONDED BY MR. HOYDICK TO RETURN THE FOREGOING ITEM TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.3.1 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE 33 ON INTERSTATE 95-PROJECT NUMBER 138-223 (tabled during meeting of Feb. 14, 2011) — THE RESOLUTION REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.3.2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,327,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 (#11-03) (tabled during meeting of 3/14/11) — THE ORDINANCE REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.3.3 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$550,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS OF THE TOWN AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#11-04) (tabled during meeting of 3/14/11) — THE ORDINANCE REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

7.4 TABLED APPOINTMENTS — ALL APPOINTMENTS REMAINED ON THE TABLE.

**8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**8.1 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEASE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE ACTION FOR BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC. (ABCD) FOR USE OF 19 BATES STREET**

Sponsored By: Town Council

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town of Stratford’s Mayor, John A. Harkins, is authorized to enter into a Lease Amendment Agreement with Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. extending the term of the Lease for the use of classroom space at the South End Community Center, 19 Bates Street, for an additional ten month period commencing August 29, 2011 and ending June 5, 2012. All other terms of the original Lease Agreement dated July 30, 2010, remain unchanged.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. PHILIPS SECONDED BY MR. FULLER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**8.2 SCHOOL BASED DENTAL HEALTH**

sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, The Stratford Health Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$ 2,900.00 from the *Department of Public Health* to augment and expand oral health services for Stratford school-aged children, including sealants and preventative treatment offered in the Stratford Health Department’s dental clinics.

WHEREAS, the grant is being administered and funded by the *Department of Public Health*.

WHEREAS, it is both desirable and in the public interest to execute a grant agreement between the Town of Stratford and the *Department of Public Health* and to accept funding in connection with this project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Council:**

1. That it is cognizant of the Town grant application and contract to the *Department of Public Health* for funds in the amount of \$ 2,900.00 to implement sealants and oral health services for Stratford school-aged children.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and deliver such application in the name and on behalf of the Town of Stratford, with *Department of Public Health* for funding of the Stratford Health Department’s oral health services, and to provide such additional information to execute all other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MR. FULLER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Bid No 2011-043 Housatonic River Greenway Bike/Pedestrian Trail Phase II**

Bids Received June 6, 2011 and opened by the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 PM

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Dalling Construction	\$258,361.00
Nagy Bros.	\$273,775.00
Guerrara Construction	\$291,357.00
LaRosa Construction	\$303,090.00
Hammonasset Construction	\$309,175.00
Deering Construction	\$328,607.00
Schultz Corp.	\$398,627.00

In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer and the Director of Public Works, it is recommended that the above contract be awarded to Dalling Construction on the basis of their low bid submitted.

RESOLVED: That the bid of Dalling Construction, as submitted on June 6, 2011 for Bid No 2011-043, be accepted and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Dalling Construction, conditional upon the receipt of authorization from the CT Department of Transportation to execute said contract, in the amount of \$258,361.00 for the performance of said work in accordance with the specifications prepared by Milone & MacBroom, Inc., and subject to the inspection by Milone & MacBroom, Inc. and approval of the Department of Transportation and the Town Engineer.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MR. FULLER TO APPROVE DALLING CONSTRUCTION AS CITED IN THE RESOLUTION ABOVE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**9.2 BUNNELL SCIENCE LAB** — Proposed Change Order from THP Construction to install UL certified 1 hour fire rated materials between the top of wall and roof deck at the wall between corridor and science labs, pursuant to the applicable building and fire codes — not to exceed \$8,244.

RESOLVED: that Change Order from THP Construction to install UL certified 1 hour fire rated materials between the top of wall and roof deck at the wall between corridor and science labs, pursuant to the applicable building and fire codes for the amount not to exceed \$8,244.00 be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEMPSEY SECONDED BY MR. SANTI TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CHANGE ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

9.3 WOOSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOORING PROJECT

A. **RESOLVED**, that the *Stratford Town Council* authorizes the *Stratford Board of Education* to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the *Kitchen Asbestos Abatement and Floor Replacement* project at *Wooster Middle School*.

B. **RESOLVED**, that the *Stratford Town Council* hereby authorizes at least the preparation of plans and specifications for the *Kitchen Asbestos Abatement and Floor Replacement* project at *Wooster Middle School*.

C. **RESOLVED**, that the *Building Needs Committee* is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the *Kitchen Asbestos Abatement and Floor Replacement* project at *Wooster Middle School*.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPROVE THE THREE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS — A., B., AND C. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.4 APPOINTMENTS

9.4.1 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGMENT COMMISSION, REGULAR MEMBERS

A. **RESOLVED**: that \_\_\_\_\_ - of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Frank Sterna expired May 31, 2011)

B. **RESOLVED**: that \_\_\_\_\_ - of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Thomas Gloersen expired May 31, 2011)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FULLER SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY TO PLACE THE FOREGOING TWO APPOINTMENTS, A., AND B., ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Mr. Catalano called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MR. FULLER, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Carol Cabral  
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk