



Stratford, Connecticut

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008 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 Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Michael Julian, Mr. Alvin O'Neal, Mr. Gavin Forrester, Ms. Emma Brooks, Mr. John Dempsey, Ms. Amy Wanamaker, Mr. William Stroomer, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Joseph Kubic, Mr. Michael Henrick

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor James Miron, Town Attorney Richard Buturla, CAO Suzanne McCauley

INVOCATION BY THIRD DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN B. FORRESTER, III FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of: Regularly scheduled meeting(s) of December 10, 2007.

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. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.1 PARLIAMENTARIAN — In accordance with *Council Rules of Order* adopted December 10, 2007, Rule III

RESOLVED: that COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH KUBIC be and is hereby appointed Town Council Parliamentarian in accordance with Rule III of the *Council Rules of Order* adopted December 10, 2007.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO TAKE THE FOREGOING AGENDA ITEM OUT OF ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND 3, MR. O’NEAL, MS. BROOKS AND MS. WANAMAKER, OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH KUBIC TO THE FOREGOING POSITION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER GAVIN FORRESTER TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. COUNCIL MEMBER FORRESTER DECLINES THE NOMINATION.

THE MOTION TO APPOINT MR. KUBIC PASSED WITH 7 IN FAVOR AND THREE OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O’NEAL — NO, MR. FORRESTER — YES, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Stroomer — re: Charter Revision

Mr. Moore — re: Acting Mayor resolution of December 10, Long Beach West

Mr. Miron — re: Charter Revision

Mr. Henrick — re: Charter Revision

3. COMMUNICATIONS — None

4. MAYOR’S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORTS

4.1 MAYOR’S REPORT

4.1.1 RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF MOORING AMENDMENT TO THE STRATFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Stratford recognizes the unique environmental, cultural, and economic resources and values provided by the Housatonic River, Great Meadows Lewis Gut, and Long Island Sound at Stratford; and

ADOPTION OF MOORING AMENDMENT TO HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN — cont'd

WHEREAS, the Town Council has conferred upon the Harbor Management Commission through Chapter 210 of the Stratford Town Code the power and duty to prepare the Town’s Harbor Management Plan to guide the most desirable use and conservation of the Town’s harbor management jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Management Commission has prepared such Harbor Management Plan which has been duly approved by the Connecticut Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Transportation and duly adopted by the Town Council pursuant to Sec. 22a113m of the General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Management Commission has prepared a modification to the Harbor Management Plan concerning the establishment of a boat mooring area in the Housatonic River for the purpose of enhancing public use and enjoyment of the river and that modification has been duly approved by the Connecticut Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Stratford, pursuant to Sec. 22a113m of the General Statutes and Chapter 210 of the Stratford Town Code, does hereby adopt as a modification of the Harbor Management Plan the document “Amendment to the Stratford Harbor Management Plan Concerning Designation of a Boat Mooring Area in the Housatonic River” dated May 17, 2007, effective [add effective date].

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O’NEAL SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.2 RESOLUTION RE: BOOTHE PARK OPM ALLOCATION

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the CT Office of Policy and Management, is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Office of Policy and Management; and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to complete necessary masonry restoration to the foundations of identified park buildings; and, WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford, submit an application to the CT Office of Policy and Management in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the purpose of masonry restoration work; and, WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford would benefit from the application of such funds toward improving the historic and cultural assets that are the buildings which constitute the Park; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION RE: BOOTHE PARK OPM ALLOCATION — continued

1. That it is cognizant of the Town grant application and contract to the CT Office of Policy and Management for funds to complete necessary masonry restoration to the foundations of identified park buildings that are significantly deteriorating and are in critical condition.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with CT Office of Policy and Management, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.3 RESOLUTION RE: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor James R. Miron is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the town of Stratford with the Connecticut Department of Public Health for funding in the amount of \$170,272 for the "Public Health Emergency Preparedness" grant; to execute any amendments, revisions, or rescission thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Stratford.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.4 RESOLUTION RE: DSS HUMAN SERVICE CONTRACT/ COUNSELING GRANT

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social Services has made available funding in support of counseling services provided by the Town of Stratford in the amount of \$15,247; and

WHEREAS, it is both desirable and in the public interest to execute a grant agreement with the State Department of Social Services and to accept funding in connection with this program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor James R. Miron is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Stratford with the State Department of Social Services in the amount of \$15,247; to execute any amendments, revisions or rescissions thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Stratford.

RESOLUTION RE: DSS HUMAN SERVICE CONTRACT/ COUNSELING GRANT — cont'd

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.5 RESOLUTION RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT GRANT

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the CT Department of Public Health, is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to support an EMT refresher certification course to uphold current personnel certifications; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford, submit an application to the CT Department of Public Health in an amount not to exceed \$2,999 for the purpose of providing an EMT refresher training course; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town grant application and contract to the CT Department of Public Health for funds to implement a necessary EMT refresher certification course that will uphold current department personnel certifications.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with CT Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Equipment grant program, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.1.6 SHAKESPEARE THEATRE UPDATE — The RFP has been advertised. An RFP will be sent to various individuals and/or entities identified as potentially interested parties.

4.1.7 LONG BEACH WEST UPDATE — Mr. Buturla presented a short Historical overview of the project and a brief update.

MAYOR’S REPORT — continued

4.1.8 STRATFORD ARMY ENGINE PLANT UPDATE — The auction commenced January 14, 2008.

4.1.9 COMMUNICATIONS — INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

a) Memo Re: Blight Subcommittee Recommendations on Blight Control Reform (December 14, 2007)

4.1.10 PROCLAMATIONS — INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a) Anthony Mack Deceased (December 27, 2007)

b) Martin Luther King Day (January 21, 2008)

4.1.11 RESOLUTION RE: FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT

Sponsor: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Community Foundation, is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible through the Fairfield County Community Foundation grant program; and,

WHEREAS, funds under this grant will be used to support the Family Caregiver Support Program, expanding available resources, groups and workshop opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford, submit an application to the Fairfield County Community Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of expanding the Family Caregiver Support Program; and,

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for this grant application; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town grant application and contract to the Fairfield County Community Foundation to support the Family Caregiver Support Program, expanding available resources, groups and workshop opportunities.
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the mayor or his designee to execute and file such application with Fairfield County Community Foundation grant program, to provide such additional information and to execute such other contracts and documents as maybe necessary under this program.

RESOLUTION RE: FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.2.6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE — Public Works Committee did not conduct the regularly scheduled meeting of December 17, 2007 but did conduct the regularly scheduled meeting of November 19, 2007 with the following referred to Council:

A. Crosswalk in Stratford Center (1) Send to Town Attorney for Review (2) Send to Planning Commission for review. — DaVinci Driveways offered a high durability crosswalk in Stratford Center for the cost of materials only (estimated \$3200-3500) permits and providing traffic control. — ITEM REFERRED TO TOWN ATTORNEY’S OFFICE.

B. Huntington Road project referred favorably — Additional design services to Maguire Group for \$13,200 – upgrade final plans to reflect the latest CONNDOT specifications. (Previously distributed Report).

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Public Works Committee is accepted and the amount not to exceed \$13,200 for additional design services to Maguire Group be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ADDITIONAL PROJECT DESIGN SERVICES FEES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2.7 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE — The Building Needs Committee did not conduct the regularly scheduled meeting of December 17, 2007 but did conduct the regularly scheduled meeting of November 19, 2007 with the following referrals to Council:

A. Birdseye School HVAC - Two quotes were received for the removal of 3 cabinets from the ceiling and reducing — one quote for \$148,000 and one quote for \$157,000. The problem of noise, dried out ceiling tiles which contribute to poor acoustics, has been a 7-year problem. Mr. Henrick request that the Town Attorney report on his investigations as to the responsibility of payment for this project.

Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation toward the town or a member thereof as a party. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Stratford Town Council, the Mayor, and himself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS — continued

BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE, Birdseye School HVAC — continued

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN, SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE FOREGOING FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2.8 SHORT BEACH COMMISSION — The Short Beach Commission did not conduct meetings during the months of November and December 2007. The regularly scheduled meeting of January 8, 2008 was conducted with the following referred to Council with favorable recommendation:

A. Renaming of the 500-Foot walk from Riverdale Drive to Short Beach — to “Wayne’s Walk” in honor of Wayne Nicholas Lecardo who was killed by a drunk driver in January 2007.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Short Beach Commission is accepted and the 500-foot walk from Riverdale Drive to Short Beach be and is hereby named “Wayne’s Walk” in honor of Wayne Nicholas Lecardo.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE WALKWAY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Short Beach Picnic Area Fees Recommendation

	2007	2007	Recommended	
	Weekday	Weekend	2008	2008
			Weekday	Weekend
Resident (25 or less)(Pav.#2,3)	\$ 40	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 60
Resident (26-50)(Pav.#2,3)	\$ 65	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 85
Resident (50&over) (Pav.#1)	\$115	\$150	\$ 135	\$ 175
Resident Business	\$125	\$175	\$ 150	\$ 200
Resident Non Profit (50&over)	\$ 65	\$ 80	\$ 75	\$ 95
Resident Business (under 50)	\$ 75	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 100

Non Resident (under 50)(#2,3)	\$140	\$190	\$165	\$225
Non Resident (50&over)	\$240	\$315	\$280	\$370
Company	\$340	\$415	\$400	\$485
Non Resident Non Profit	\$110	\$165	\$130	\$195
Non Resident Company (#2,3)	\$240	\$290	\$280	\$330

Pig Roasts shall be charged an additional \$200 bond.

No rain date will be issued. Weekend is considered to be Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Damage Bond is equal to fee

\$5/car fee on weekdays and \$10 on weekends for cars without stickers (resident and non resident)

30-Day Cancellation Policy – if canceled 30 days in advance they will receive a full refund minus a \$10 administration fee. Cancellations within 29 days or less will result in a refund of their bond only.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation of the Short Beach Commission is accepted and the foregoing Picnic area fees be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PICNIC AREA FEES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE

Town Attorney Buturla requests taking the foregoing item into executive session for the purpose of a possible acquisition that disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase. Mr. Buturla would like that motion to include members of the Council, the Mayor, and himself.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MEETING AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE CITED ITEM WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT — continued

4.3.2 PROPERTY ACQUISITION — No business furnished.

4.3.3 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Julian — re: Short Beach Golf Course.

Mr. O'Neal — re: Town Council agenda.

5. QUESTIONS TO MAYOR OR STAFF

Mr. Moore — re: Town Council e-mail addresses.

Mr. Forrester — re: Town Council e-mail addresses.

Mr. O'Neal — re: Television access

Mr. Julian — re: Meeting, constituent request.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 COUNCIL AGENDA — Final version adopted April 10, 2006.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 SAEP — No business furnished.

6.3 TABLED ITEMS

6.3.1 SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR SHAKESPEARE THEATER THROUGH RFQ PROCESS (draft forwarded) — tabled during Council Meeting of Oct. 9, 2007

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO STRIKE THE FOREGOING ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4 TABLED ORDINANCES — All Ordinances remained on the Table.

6.5 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

6.5.1 VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR ACADEMY HILL (ord. #04-04) Established May 10, 2004, at least 9 members and no more than 11 members, appointed by Town Council, 4-year terms, Chairman appointed by Town Council.

6.5.1.1 REPRESENTATIVES-AT-LARGE

C. RESOLVED: that RAYMOND BARKER of HILLSIDE AVENUE be and is hereby appointed a representative-at-large of the Veterans' Monument Preservation Commission for Academy Hill.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT RAYMOND BARKER OF HILLSIDE AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING POSTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.5.2 WATERFRONT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, appointed by Town Council

6.5.2.1 ALTERNATE MEMBER, 2-year term of Office

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Waterfront Harbor Management Commission. (term of Robert Sammis expired May 30, 2006)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. WANAMAKER SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REMOVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FROM THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL TO RETURN THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT TO THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 RESOLUTION: CONCERNING THE GREAT MEADOWS MARSH

Sponsored by: The Honorable Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Marsh of Stratford, CT is listed as a valuable wetland in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the State Natural Heritage Program and in 1990

RESOLUTION: CONCERNING THE GREAT MEADOWS MARSH — continued

President Bush designated approximately four hundred acres as the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, and

WHEREAS, we should act on the moral imperative to preserve this natural resource for the health and welfare of the general public, to safeguard this meeting place of the land and sea, to protect the National Wildlife Refuge and maintain this restful, peaceful, open space for our future generations, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has designated the Great Meadows Marsh as “Tidal Wetlands” subject to federal and state protection, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Coastal Management Act requires the management of Tidal Wetlands so as to preserve their natural functions (Sec. 22a-92), and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut General Statutes declare it is in the public interest to protect and preserve tidal wetlands and to prevent despoilment and/or destruction thereof (sec. 22a-15 & 229-233),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stratford hereby go on record to conserve, preserve, and protect the tidal wetlands referred to as the Great Meadows Marsh of Stratford, CT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. O’NEAL TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 9:35 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:00 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CREATION OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

sponsor: Hon. Michael Henrick 10th District Council member

WHEREAS, many citizens of the Town of Stratford have voiced their opinion that the Town of Stratford should open its Town Charter and determine if any changes should be made to the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, a group of citizens have solicited a petition seeking the creation of a Charter Revision Commission; and

CREATION OF A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION — continued

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Council has the power, pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes to create a Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Stratford Town Council is desirous of creating a Charter Revision Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Stratford Town Council, acting pursuant to the powers given it by state law, does hereby create, empower and authorize a Charter Revision Commission to review the Stratford Town Charter and make recommendations as to any changes, amendments, modifications or clarifications that the Commission, in the Commission’s opinion, should be considered by the Town Council and the people of the Town of Stratford; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission shall be comprised of 3 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 3 Unaffiliated registered voters, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission is hereby commanded to provide the Town Council with a draft report no later than June 2, 2008

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KUBIC SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO POSTPONE ACTION FOR THE FOREGOING ITEM FOR TWO WEEKS AT 8 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR AND 4 OPPOSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: MR. JULIAN — YES, MR. O’NEAL — NO, MR. FORRESTER — NO, MS. BROOKS — NO, MR. DEMPSEY — YES, MS. WANAMAKER — NO, MR. STROOMER — YES, MR. MOORE — YES, MR. KUBIC — YES, MR. HENRICK — YES.

*Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:20 p.m.
Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 10:25 p.m.*

8.2 APPOINTMENTS

8.2.2 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PRO TEM — In accordance with §2.1.5 of Stratford Town Charter

RESOLVED: that COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS MOORE be and is hereby appointed Town Council Chairman Pro Tem in accordance with §2.1.5 of Stratford Town Charter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS MOORE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

8.2.3 ASSESSMENT APPEALS, BOARD OF, REGULAR MEMBER — 4-year term in accordance with § 5-77 of Stratford Town code adopted 3/13/00, appointed by Council.

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. (Term of Thomas Moore expired January 1, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.4 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term, appointed by Council.

RESOLVED: that RICHARD FREDETTE of 1563 STRATFORD AVENUE be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term of Thomas Cotter expired January 1, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO APPOINT RICHARD FREDETTE OF 1563 STRATFORD AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.5 DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD — 2-year term, appointed by Council

A. RESOLVED: that THOMAS COTTER, ESQ. of 145 LORDSHIP ROAD be and is hereby reappointed a member of the Disability Review Board. (Term of Thomas Cotter, Esq. expires January 13, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REAPPOINT THOMAS COTTER, ESQ. TO THE FOREGOING BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. RESOLVED: that JAMES RALABATE, M.D. of 2890 MAIN STREET be and is hereby reappointed a member of the Disability Review Board. (Term of James Ralabate, M.D. expires January 13, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO REAPPOINT JAMES RALABATE, M.D. TO THE FOREGOING BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD — continued

C. RESOLVED: that FRANK SCIFO, M.D. of 2595 MAIN STREET be and is hereby appointed a member of the Disability Review Board. (Term of Frank Scifo, M.D. expires January 13, 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO REAPPOINT FRANK SCIFO, M.D. TO THE FOREGOING BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.6 LIBRARY ASSOCIATION — 3-year term, appointed by Council

A. RESOLVED: that DOREEN JAEKLE of 280 KEATING DRIVE be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Doreen Jaekle expired December 31, 2007)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MOORE SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO REAPPOINT DOREEN JAEKLE OF 280 KEATING DRIVE THE FOREGOING ASSOCIATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Karla Glad expired December 31, 2007)

C. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Elaine Watson expired December 31, 2007)

D. RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Library Association. (Term of Maria G. Ferrera expired December 31, 2007)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. KUBIC TO PLACE THE FOREGOING THREE APPOINTMENTS (B., C., AND D.) ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS — continued

APPOINTMENTS — continued

8.2.7 PLANNING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term, appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that _____ of _____ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Planning Commission. (Term of John Lopez expires January 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. JULIAN TO PLACE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.8 ZONING COMMISSION, ALTERNATE MEMBER — 3-year term, appointed by Council

RESOLVED: that ERIC BOOTH of 81 MERCER STREET be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Zoning Commission. (Term of Kevin Harkins expires January 2008)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. STROOMER TO APPOINT ERIC BOOTH OF 81 MERCER STREET TO THE FOREGOING POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.2.9 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — terms concurrent with Town Council

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN/MEMBER</u>
Beautification Committee	Chairman — William Stroomer. Council Member Amy Wanamaker. Members: Christine Griffin, Thomas Grega, Nancy Yanosy, Katherine O'Connor, Jeffrey Thompson, Ann Fariss, Florence Kokoruda, Lee Peret, Evelyn Clough, William O'Brien
Blight Committee (a.k.a. Property Maintenance Review Committee)	<i>Council Member Designee appointed by Council</i> Chairman, Gavin Forrester
Board of Education Liaison Committee	Chairman — Gavin Forrester Council Members: William Stroomer, Emma Brooks, Thomas Moore

Boothe Park Commission	<i>Per Ordinance</i> — Council Members Thomas Moore (R), Amy Wanamaker (D)
Building Needs Committee	Chairman John Dempsey Council Members: Michael Henrick, Alvin O’Neal, Emma Brooks
Conservation Commission	<i>Council Member Liaison per Ordinance</i> — Emma Brooks
Economic Task Force	Chairman — Joseph Kubic Council Member Alvin O’Neal
EMS Funding Committee	Chairman — Thomas Moore Council Member Gavin Forrester
Finance and Claims Committee	Chairman — Michael Henrick Council Members: John Dempsey, Gavin Forrester, Amy Wanamaker
Longbrook Park Commission	<i>Chairman and Vice Chairman per Ordinance</i> Council Member Gavin Forrester (D) — Chairman Council Member William Stroomer (R) — Vice Chairman
Ordinance Committee	Chairman —Gavin Forrester All Council Members
Parks and Recreation Committee	Chairman — Alvin O’Neal Council Member: John Dempsey
Pension Board	Chairman Joseph Kubic Members: Michael Julian, Gavin Forrester, Michael Henrick, William Stroomer, Thomas Moore, John Dempsey
Public Safety Committee	Chairman — Thomas Moore Members: Joseph Kubic, Alvin O’Neal, Gavin Forrester
Public Works Committee	Chairman — William Stroomer Members: Thomas Moore, John Dempsey, Alvin O’Neal Amy Wanamaker
Roosevelt Forest Commission	Council Member Joseph Kubic — <i>per Ordinance</i>
Short Beach Commission	<i>Per Ordinance</i> Chairman Michael Julian (R), Council Member Alvin O’Neal (D)
Tax Partnership Screening Committee	Chairman Michael Henrick Members: Michael Julian, Alvin O’Neal
Water Pollution Control Authority	Chairman Michael Julian All Council Members

CHAIRMAN HENRICK ACCEPTS ALL THE CHAIRMANSHIPS THAT HAVE BEEN NAMED.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — continued

RESOLVED: that the foregoing roster of Committee appointments and Chairpersons be and is hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. FORRESTER TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ROSTER OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND CHAIRPERSONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 APPOINTMENT OF ZONING COMMISSION (TO REPLACE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF EDWARD MCDONALD) Item ruled out-of-order during Council Meeting of November 13, 2007 as letter of resignation or declaration of vacancy on the Zoning Commission has not been received by Council Members.

RESOLVED: that JAMES SHERIDAN of 118 FREEMAN AVENUE be and is hereby appointed to the Stratford Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Edward McDonald.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. JULIAN SECONDED BY MR. DEMPSEY TO APPOINT JAMES SHERIDAN OF 118 FREEMAN AVENUE TO THE FOREGOING ZONING COMMISSION POSITION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Stratford Town Council meeting recessed: 10:40 p.m.

Stratford Town Council meeting reconvened: 11:10 p.m.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.2.7 A BIRDSEYE SCHOOL HVAC

RESOLVED: that the lowest qualified bid of \$148,000 for the project be accepted with the funding source named as the reserved funds and the reserved funds will be replaced in the next budget cycle.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'NEAL SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PROJECT WITH THE ABOVE STATED FUNDING STIPULATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT—Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. UPON A MOTION BY MS. BROOKS, SECONDED BY MR. O'NEAL, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:15 P.M.

MINUTES

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 14, 2008

The Stratford Town Council entered into executive session during regularly scheduled Council meeting of Monday, January 14, 2008 into room 217 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

The following item was taken into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or litigation toward the town or a member thereof as a party:

4.2.7 A. Birdseye School HVAC

The following item was taken into executive session for the purpose that it is a possible acquisition and that disclosure of the facts and circumstances may result in a value increase:

4.3.1 AIRPORT PURCHASE

EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED: 10:41 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Julian, Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Forrester, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Dempsey, Ms. Wanamaker, Mr. Stroomer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kubic, Mr. Henrick.

OTHERS ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Attorney R. Buturla, Mayor James Miron

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED: Council members and all other persons exited from executive session 11:09 p.m.

Attested by: Carol Cabral
Carol Cabral, Council Clerk