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## MINUTES OF MEETING

THE STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 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 Jim Connor

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Chris Pia, Mr. Ron Tichy, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. Dave Harden (arrived 8:05), Mr. Greg Cann, Mr. Ken Poisson, Mr. Bill Perillo, Mr. Bill O'Brien, Ms. Laura Dancho

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Attorney Chris Hodgson, Asst. Town Attorneys John Florek, Bryan LeClerc, CAO Chris Tymniak

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation led by Mr. Bill Perillo, District 7, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regularly scheduled meeting of July 9, 2018

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. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED 9-0, MR. HARDEN ABSENT.

### 2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

#### 3.1 LETTERS OF RESIGNATION (for information only)

- Dated July 16, 2018 from Gail Liscio, Beautification Committee, term expiring December, 2019.
- Dated July 23, 2018 from Debra Gilbert Taylor, Arts Commission, term expiring April 9, 2019.
- Dated July 30, 2018 from Barbara Julian, Beautification Committee, term expiring December, 2019.

THE CHAIR NOTED FOR THE RECORD RECEIPT OF THE FOREGOING RESIGNATIONS.

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT, COMMITTEE REPORTS, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Hoydick was not in attendance. A copy of her report was distributed and included the following:

- Ribbon cutting for TD Vietnam
- VFW Post 9460 Annual Bash
- ICSC Conference in Boston
- Atria Cook-Off – guest judge
- VFW Post 9460 Annual Golf Outing
- YMCA Golf Tournament
- Blues on the Beach

4.1.1 The Mayor appointed Ann Minton of 5725 Main Street to the Boothe Park Commission as the representative of the Friends of Boothe organization. This appointment replaces Bessie Burton (resigned).

#### 4.2 QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

#### 4.3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **4.3.1 Building Needs Committee**

**4.3.1.1 The Building Needs Committee** held a Special meeting on July 16, 2018 and referred the following items to the Town Council with favorable recommendations:

- A. FF&E – Ineligible technology items for the amount of \$370,039.25 - covered under contingency funds. It does not fall under grant funds. Mr. Llewelyn accepted a motion by Mr. Petruccelli, seconded by Ms. Lance to approve the amount of \$370,039.25 for the ineligible technology items and refer to Council with favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. MOVE MANAGEMENT - \$175,000 was the budgeted amount. Two bids came in. The bid was awarded to STV in the amount of \$167,616. Mr. Llewelyn accepted a motion made by Ms. Lance, seconded by Mr. Petrucci to approve the STV bid amount \$167,616 for move management and refer to Council with favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the favorable recommendations of the Building Needs Committee are accepted and item A in the amount of \$370,039.25 and item B in the amount of \$167,616 be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. POISSON, SECONDED BY MR. TICHY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ITEMS A. AND B. THE MOTION PASSED 9-0, MR. HARDEN ABSENT.

**4.3.1.2 The Building Needs Committee** held a Regular meeting on August 6, 2018 and referred the following items to the Town Council with favorable recommendations:

- A. TURNER C.O. #080 - Mr. Poisson accepted a motion from Mr. Llewelyn to approve Turner Change Order #080 in the amount of \$27,393 for dunnage (steel for DOAS-7 curb attachment at existing roof) and refer to Town Council with favorable recommendation. Mr. Petrucci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- B. TURNER C.O. #084 - Mr. Poisson accepted a motion from Mr. Llewelyn to approve Turner Change Order #084 in the amount \$27,820 for bulletin 19.1 coolers and refer to Town Council with favorable recommendation. Mr. Connor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- C. FF&E - the differential amount of \$151,755 for the FF&E package of ineligible items. Mr. Poisson accepted a motion from Mr. Llewelyn to approve furniture purchase in the amount \$151,755 and refer to Town Council with favorable recommendation. Mr. Petrucci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the favorable recommendations of the Building Needs Committee are accepted and item A, TURNER C.O. #080 in the amount of \$27,393, item B, TURNER C.O. #084 in the amount of \$27,820 and item C, FF&E in the amount of \$151,755 be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. POISSON, SECONDED BY MR. TICHY TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ITEMS A., B., AND C. THE MOTION PASSED 9-0, MR. HARDEN ABSENT.

**4.3.2 Parks and Recreation Committee** – The Parks and Recreation Committee held a meeting on August 2, 2018 and referred the following item to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation:

- LINING THE TENNIS COURTS AT FLOOD AND BUNNELL FOR PICKLEBALL - Mr. O'Brien accepted a motion by Mr. Jackle, seconded by Mr. Marcone, to send to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation lining the tennis courts at Flood and Bunnell for pickleball. Mr. Esposito stated he did not think it would be a good idea to do so at Bunnell. Thus noted, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that the favorable recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee is accepted and the lining of the tennis courts at Flood and Bunnell for pickleball be and are hereby approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING ITEM. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

4.4 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Town Attorney Chris Hodgson reported two favorable results that the Town Attorney's office secured for the town -

- Berchem Moses obtained summary judgment in Federal Court in favor of the Town in an employment discrimination matter, case dismissed.
- Berchem Moses obtained withdrawal of State Court suit against the Town in a case alleging teacher abuse.

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

5.1 TABLED ITEMS

5.2 TABLED ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5.3 TABLED APPOINTMENTS

**6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

6.1 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 152-27. DOGS AND OTHER PETS PROHIBITED IN PARK; EXCEPTIONS (#18-12)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

Resolved: That Section 152-27 of the Town Code be amended as follows:

“Except as expressly allowed in § 152-28 hereof, it is unlawful for any person to allow or permit any dog or other pet to run at large in any park, or to permit any dog or other pet with or without a leash, except Service Animals or dogs used by public law enforcement agencies and under control of a law enforcement officer, to enter any public beach, swimming or wading area, pond, fountain, stream, organized athletics area or designated children's play area. The Superintendent

of Parks or the Animal Control Officers may ban dogs and other pets, or a specific dog or other pet, from areas of any park where he or she determines the same may be a nuisance.

Service Animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition."

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DANCHO, SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN TO ADOPT THE FOREGOING AS A FIRST READING AND REFER THE ITEM TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 APPOINTMENTS

#### **7.1.1 BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE – 2 year term concurrent with Council term**

RESOLVED: that LAM NGUYEN of 1925 ELM ST be and is hereby appointed a member of the Building Needs Committee to the vacated seat of J. Vincent Chase (resigned) expiring December, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PIA, SECONDED BY MR. HARDEN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.

#### **7.1.2 ARTS COMMISSION – 3 year term**

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Arts Commission to the seat of Lenny Kovalik expired April 9, 2018

**7.1.3 INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES – 4 year term. (Council Chair appoints)**

A. RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to the seat of Albert Schlager expired September 9, 2017

B. RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to the seat of James Tucciarone (deceased) expiring January 13, 2019

**7.1.4 PLANNING COMMISSION – Alternate Member – 3 year term**

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Planning Commission to the vacant seat expiring January, 2019

**7.1.5 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION – 5 year term**

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed a member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission to the unexpired seat of James Tucciarone (deceased) expiring May 31, 2021(Appointment of Reese Mitchell June 11, 2018 done in error)

**7.1.6 WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION – Alternate Member – 2 year term**

RESOLVED: that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission to the unexpired seat of Reese Mitchell expiring May 31, 2021

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KADEEM, SECONDED BY MR. PERILLO TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

ATTEST: Margo Paquette  
Margo Paquette, Council Clerk