

## **REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Pitkin Community Center.

Present: Councilors Cascio, Drake, Forrest, Kirsche, Kotkin, Montinieri, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Fortunato and Chairperson Adil.

Also present: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Councilor Montinieri.

### **PRESENTATION BY BRIAN RAREY, PROJECT MANAGER FOR ITN AMERICA - ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION**

Brian Rarey, Project Manager for ITN America, said he spoke with the Dr. Nancy Stilwell, Director of Social and Youth Services and the Town Manager a few weeks ago about a \$50,000 grant that was awarded to begin a senior transportation service. The grant was started with four northern communities in Middlesex County and expanded to six. Crossing county lines would offer the best possible service. The transportation service money came from a grant from the Department of Social Services. In the proposed grant, he wanted to affiliate with a national non-profit service called ITN America, which was started eleven years ago in Portland, Maine. Last year, they gave over 16,000 rides to area seniors. What is unique about the program is that it runs seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It uses both volunteers and paid drivers for a reliable service. The other unique aspect of the program is that it runs without taxpayer dollars, which requires that the senior citizens and visually impaired become members of the program for a small fee. There is a charge per mile. It is proposed to be \$1.00 per mile. The membership fee is \$35.00. That actually sustains the program in addition to the community support that pays the other half. There are currently no programs that cross county lines, so this proposal is adding a very unique service. Another aspect is that it refers to the program as arm through arm and door to door as opposed to curb to curb. The driver will go to the door and help the senior into the car and then help the senior into the destination. When seniors stop driving, they make 15 percent less visits to the doctor and 65 percent less visits of a friendly nature. This service will be complimentary to existing services. It will fill gaps in services since it runs in the evenings and weekends. Another unique feature of the program is that it brings the community together. There are many seniors who can afford this service but it is important to note that there are those more challenged. One of the features this program offers is the software that they offer. If, for example, the local Rotary Club wanted to put money on what they refer to as a road scholarship, the money could sit in the software bank under a miles section. Seniors that do not have the money to provide for their own transportation are able to use the money. It brings the community together on a very grassroots level. Again, it works without taxpayers' money and grows as large as the membership grows and the community support is there to help sustain it.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that at the meetings with seniors about transportation an issue that always comes up is that the seniors would love to be able to go out to dinner or to see a show at the Bushnell. She said this is an opportunity to get the elderly out and about in the Hartford area to do social things that the current provider can't offer. If the Town Council wants to move forward with this, it would be an endorsement of the program so that Town staff can start working with Mr. Rarey.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked the Town Manager for a clarification on the backup material. It says that the Town would make a five year commitment to this project. Does it mean the Town or the company?

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that she thinks it is for both.

Brian Rarey said that he makes the five year commitment to ITN America to become its own independent non-profit, ITN Central CT. It will be a five year commitment between ITN America and this new non-profit. The Town's commitment is to endorse the program. The Town is not signing any contract with the non-profit.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that when the idea came to Council a few months ago, members were very supportive of it. She just wanted the clarification that there was no contract on the part of the Town. She said that she understands a non-profit will be formed and asked if it would be under the 501C3 group exemption to create its own corporation.

Brian Rarey, said yes. He would be looking for members from Wethersfield and Rocky Hill to sit on the Board.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that she is sure that the question of insurance has come up before.

Brian Rarey said that the volunteers' insurance is primary. All transportation is by automobiles, for anonymity and comfort. He said the non-profit will carry a \$1,000,000 umbrella for the volunteers, as required by ITN America. He said he would have to speak with DMV and DOT to see what licensing would be needed to expand the service.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that she agrees seniors need to have the transportation services. She said she would like an equal focus on people with disabilities that would require a lift equipped vehicle. She said that there are individuals in the State that have adaptable vehicles that they can't drive anymore. Maybe they can be used to provide transportation. There is a genuine need out there.

Brian Rarey said that it is not outside the realm of the contract he is signing. He said that ITN Portland, which has been running for eleven years, doesn't provide that service but he is not against an expanded program.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that informally, now in Connecticut's disability community, there are individuals that are providing transportation to one another to help them get around to appointments and social events. She said that he could get in touch with these individuals.

Brian Rarey said that the non-profit that he is affiliating with is really a senior transportation model and for people with a vision impairment. People with disabilities is a little outside the confines of the mission statement. He will need to talk to the national non-profit.

Councilor Kirsche said that he thanked Mr. Rarey for the presentation and certainly supports it. He sees the need for it. The Director of Social and Youth Services has worked hard on this. Seniors in Town want that increased freedom and this provides it.

Councilor Drake thanked Mr. Rarey for his presentation. He asked how the program will work.

Brian Rarey said that a senior would call the non-profit directly or it can come from the Town as a referral.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the Town will be coming out with a brochure with the various transportation options; Dial-A-Ride, ADA run through the Town, the Town volunteer group, and ITN. It will be a very detailed brochure. The Town will get the initial phone calls.

Councilor Drake asked if the Town would have any liability because it was endorsing the program. He said he doesn't have a problem with the Town having liability, he wants to make sure it is covered if it does.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that she doesn't know but would check into it.

Chairperson Adil said that normally it is the non-profit that has to provide the insurance and the Town is held harmless.

Councilor Drake said that in his experience, when the lawyers come out it will be the Town on the front line because of the endorsement. He said he endorses the program but wants to make sure the Town is covered.

Brian Rarey said that he doesn't know how to answer that. His only response is that the transportation issue is so critical and behind closed doors and that he never realized this before he got into this program. The seniors have pride and dignity and don't always want to ask for help. People want to pay their way. He said that he wouldn't let the

liability stop the program.

Councilor Kirsche said that the resource book produced in the last year for the people with disabilities has some overlap between the two groups. He knows that the book is getting a lot of circulation and if he can show the group something, he will.

Brian Rarey said that he just wanted to caution that visual impairment is within the Charter but the non-profit really isn't prepared to provide transportation for people with other disabilities. It is not prepared to meet that challenge yet. He said that he wishes they could do something more in that demographic and maybe in the future they will be able to.

Chairperson Adil asked if there are background checks run on volunteers.

Brian Rarey said that a DMV and State Police check are done on all volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved "**TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEMS B.3.G. - OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION**" seconded by Councilor Walsh.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### HEARING

RESOLUTION - \$300,000 HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT - SMALL CITIES

RESOLUTION - NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT - PITKIN COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

No one wished to speak for or against either Resolution. Chairperson Adil declared the hearings closed.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

No one wished to speak.

### COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilor Walsh said that the 375th Anniversary Committee met on September 12th. It was an exciting evening with a lot of good ideas. The Town should be in good shape come 2009 to celebrate the Town's anniversary in style.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that the Shared Services Committee met last week. The Facilities Maintenance Master Plan for the Town and Board of Education has been completed. The data base will be provided to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee to assist them in planning as well as the Town Manager and staff with budget planning. Also energy savings measures are being taken at the various schools. The cost savings analysis will be on-going. The Board of Education is continuing to research and deliberate on the potential renovation at Wethersfield High School and Hanmer School. There was an endorsement by the Committee to endorse the Walk to School Program. The State has grants available for several pilot communities. She said that she anticipates that the staff will now initiate that process. Also, it was reported that school opened with a visit from Governor Rell to Emerson-Williams School. There were no problems with the opening day. Enrollment is up at some of the schools. The Superintendent has taken action by adding a teacher in the fifth grade at Charles Wright School and some paraprofessional support.

Councilor Kotkin said that there was a Public Safety Committee meeting earlier. The Committee unanimously endorsed the new sidewalk criteria proposal. The other item discussed was the animal control shelter. The Vice President of

Protectors of Animals was there to discuss the possibility of the group, which already helps the Town with its existing shelter, stepping up and possibly help with an upgraded shelter that they would be heavily involved in both taking care of the animals as well as potentially raising the money to build the upgraded shelter. The Committee asked the Town Manager to take a look at what the Town would have to do to potentially upgrade the shelter. The Committee will meet in the next month or so to review that and to address some deficiencies that were noted in the inspection last week of the existing shelter.

Councilor Montinieri reported on EDIC. He said the façade program has been in place for almost three years. Folks may remember that this was a project that was part of the Silas Deane Highway Façade Grant Program whereby new businesses on the Silas Deane Highway and Berlin Turnpike and subsequently beyond that could apply for matching funds to improve the frontage of their buildings. In that almost three year period, the Town is in the final stage of the complete use of the funds made available and as of the middle of September a total of \$181,000 has been funded. People traveling down the Silas Deane Highway may have noticed one of the larger projects, the Connecticut Cosmetology facility. That project is a good indication of the size of the projects that have impacted the appearance of the Silas Deane Highway. This program is a good indication of some of the successes of the efforts of the EDIC.

Councilor Kotkin said that he has seen in the newspapers some interest from other Towns in the aspect of the new energy legislature that passed in June. While the Board of Education is going to meet with legislators to see what funding may be available to update schools, there is one aspect that he would ask that the Town look into in connection with the Budget Committee that has to do with possible tax abatements on vehicles that get more than 40 miles to the gallon as an incentive for people in Town to own and operate highly efficient vehicles. It is something that is brand new and not available to the Town before.

Chairperson Adil asked the Town Manager how the Town Council should proceed.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said she can see what the legislation says and she will be at a Municipal Services CROG meeting tomorrow to see if other Towns have started to get involved in this.

Chairperson Adil said that:

- The Town is trying to be in the forefront with clean energy with the 2010 project. He said this is a great idea and he would certainly support it.
- There is a business after hours for the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce members and guests hosted by Dick Peplau at the Ridge on Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Riverfront Recapture is hosting a fundraiser at Cabela's in East Hartford on Thursday.
- Wethersfield High School Parent Teacher Group will be sponsoring an energy savings light sale at the Community Center on Thursday. There is in last week's Management Report some information about a group from Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart that are pursuing some clean energy ideas. They are looking for volunteers.
- Stand Down 2007 for Veterans will be held on Friday, September 21st at the VA in Rocky Hill.
- The last dog swim will be this Saturday, September 22nd.
- Tri-town fundraising motorcycle rally is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd. Police Chief Cetran is this year's Honorary Chairperson.
- The WHS Hockey team is holding a fundraiser golf outing on Saturday, September 29th at Goodwin Park.
- The Annual CT River Watershed Council's Source to Sea Cleanup will be Saturday, September 29th. A group will be here at the Cove. The MDC will have a voluntary trash patrol at the Cove for this event.
- The Wethersfield Volunteer Firefighter's Association is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on October 20th.
- He, along with the Town Manager, Russ Morin, State Representative and Gerri Roberts, Chairperson of the Board of Education meet with a group of citizens concerning the new group home being placed on Fairview Drive. The DMR group did a very good job of setting to rest a lot of the worries that people have there. It will be a home with three ladies that are mentally retarded.

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL HUFFMAN TO THE MILL WOODS PARK BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE A. TEDONE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE"** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Councilor Forrest left the meeting.

Councilor Kirsche asked what the terms would be for the appointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk, said that Ms. Tedone's appointment is for a term to June 30, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked what Mr. Huffman's term was.

Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk said that Mr. Huffman's appointment is to the completion of the project.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Forrest returned.

Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION - \$300,000 HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT - SMALL CITIES"** seconded by Councilor Montinieri.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the Town Council has already approved this \$300,000 Small Cities Grant for housing rehabilitation. The State Department of Economic Development has come up with a new resolution that has to be passed to get the money. This should be the last of the resolutions that has to be passed for this money.

Councilor Drake said that this motion should say apply for the resolution.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Chairperson Adil asked the Town Manager if the Town should make a motion on the ITN America program.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that if Council wishes, it can make a motion to endorse the program tonight or it could be put on the next agenda.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved **"TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEM B.3.H. - THE ENDORSEMENT OF ITN AMERICA ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE"** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Drake moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION - NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT - STATE OF CONNECTICUT"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that again the Town Council has approved all of the State paperwork and now the State has another requirement that must be passed before the Town can receive the funds. This should be the last item and the Town will receive the funding.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Montinieri moved **"TO WAIVE FIFTY PERCENT OF THE POLICE SERVICES FEE FOR THE OCTOBER 12, 2007 TEAM TOWANDA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER"** seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the Team Towanda Foundation, an organization that funds mammograms for uninsured women, would like to host a fundraiser at the Community Center and would like to have a waiver of Police Fees. The estimated cost of the Police would be \$277. Normally, the Town Council would waive 50 percent of the fees.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that she has always supported the work of this group and is pleased to waive the fee for them. She asked if the Town Manager could find out how many women are served by the program in our Town and the Greater Hartford community. She said the Town Council has been a very generous group in waiving fees for a number of groups. She said that she would like to see Council continue to do that and recommends that the Town Council prepare and maintain a list of such requests so that they can be built into the Council budget. It is a service that the Council provides for these groups.

Councilor Drake asked why this group needs a police officer at the event.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the group usually sells the event out and there is a lot of traffic so an officer is there.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Walsh moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE PROPERTY LEASES FOR THE COVE WAREHOUSE, THE OLD ACADEMY, AND THE KEENEY MEMORIAL CENTER"** seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the committees have been working on the revision of leases forever it seems. For a long time there was only one master lease. Mr. Shipman asked her to have the Town Council Infrastructure sub-committee look at the leases. The Standish House lease is still being worked on. The Planning and Zoning Commission's 8-24 review returned a unanimous approval of the leases.

Doug Shipman, Director of Wethersfield Historical Society, introduced Doreen Ciarcia, Board President of the Historical Society and Judy Parker, Past President of the Board. He thanked Deputy Mayor Fortunato and Councilor Walsh, the chairpersons of the Infrastructure Committee, and the Town Manager for working with the Historical Society for an eighteen month process to review the leases.

Councilor Walsh thanked the Board Members and Director of the Historical Society for the patience and help in creating a workable agreement on the leases. He gave a special thanks to Deputy Mayor Fortunato for the effort and time she put into the leases.

Chairperson Adil said that he, too, thanked the Deputy Mayor for bringing the leases up to the 20th century.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Walsh moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTACHED EXPLANATORY TEXT TO BE MAILED TO ALL TAXPAYERS FOR THE NOVEMBER REFERENDUM QUESTION"** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that as part of all referendums, the Town puts together an explanatory text that is mailed to all taxpayers in October so they understand what the referendum question is all about in November. The Redevelopment Agency, Town Planner and herself put the text together. It was then sent to the State Elections Commission and the Town Attorney. The State Elections Commission took out a lot of what they felt was persuasive language. What is before the Council is what was approved by the State Elections Commission.

Councilor Kotkin said that on the bottom of the second paragraph there is both a dollar sign and the word dollar written out. One or the other could be omitted.

Chairperson Adil suggested eliminating the word dollar and leaving the dollar sign. He said that he received an e-mail

from a member of the Redevelopment Agency about it being a line of credit. He asked if it was discussed at the Redevelopment meeting.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that came in after the Redevelopment Committee meeting and she said in reading it she doesn't think the State Elections Commission will allow it because it is an interpretation.

Chairperson Adil said that the finances on the back are assumptions based on certain years of the debt based on an annual additional cost to taxpayers.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said yes that is correct.

Chairperson Adil said that is the only cost associated with this. It is for all of the money with the Town not receiving anything back.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said yes. There are a lot of assumptions that have to be made with this type of bond.

Chairperson Adil said that there may be instances when the Town will be able to recoup its money. This is a worst case scenario.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE DEMAND RESPONSE AGREEMENT WITH CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER"** seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the Town joined a program where if Connecticut Light and Power needs electricity, the Town will go on generator. There is a half hour notice and the Town goes on generator power for three hours. The Town receives a lot of savings. Connecticut Light and Power tried it once in August and had a lot more kilowatt hours than ever thought. The Town can go into another category to receive even more dollars but the Town Council needs to amend the agreement.

Councilor Forrest asked where these savings would be reflected in the Budget.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that on the next bill, the Town will see a lesser amount or a credit against the next electric bill. It would be a savings at the end of the year.

Councilor Forrest said that it would be seen in the utility bills.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said yes.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that she remembers the day that lights went out. In thirty minutes, the Town employees had to act very quickly. The Town should do this, it saves money but the Town needs to be able to run Town government, too. Is it possible to give additional notice?

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that she can ask but the deal was for thirty minutes. She can talk to the Governmental Representative.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato suggested asking if there are any indicators or a sense of when this may happen. She also said that a communication tree in Town Hall is important to make sure everyone gets the message. She also suggested that a message be put on the telephones saying that the services will be down for three hours and how to reach Town staff in case of an emergency.

Chairperson Adil said that the Town Hall doesn't shut down for the three hours.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that she remembers the lights out at Town Hall and staff talking about working in the dark.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the generator went down for another reason on that day. There was a small lull.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that the issue was the generator being down then.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the generator went down even though it is tested every Friday.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato thanked the Town Manager for clarifying the point about the generator.

Chairperson Adil said that the thirty minute notification is important so staff can back up their computers. When he worked at Travelers, they were never given that notification.

Councilor Drake said that Connecticut Light and Power gives \$80 per 100 kilowatt hours per year. What does it cost the Town to make electricity versus the Town buying it? Say they shut down for a month. He knows that isn't what the deal is but since the Town is first to shut off, does it cost the Town more to generate than to buy it from Northeast Utilities. If the Town generates for a long time what is the point when it is more expensive for the Town.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that she would look into it and find out.

Chairperson Adil asked how long the program ran.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that the Town can leave the program at anytime or say that it can't take part in the program on a given day.

Chairperson Adil said that once the Town Hall is renovated, won't it have a new energy system.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said yes, the system will be new. She said that the Town works with Connecticut Light and Power for energy efficiency during renovation projects, too.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Kotkin ABSTAINED. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Councilor Kirsche moved **"TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2008"** seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Walsh moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND TO ADOPT THE SIDEWALK PRIORITY LIST"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that at the last meeting Mike Turner, Director of Public Works presented an overview updating the sidewalk installation plan. The plan was done several years ago and the Town wanted to take a hard look at the plan because of the dynamics in the surrounding communities and see if the Town should upgrade the point system. Town Staff felt it did. It went to the Infrastructure and Public Safety Committees for their input. If new money was allocated for sidewalks, a priority list would be in place.

Councilor Kotkin said that there were a couple of items that were discussed at the Public Safety meeting. One adjustment was to clarify the points system. The other was to add an item, the four areas where the Town has housing for over 55 and add those areas to number 4 proximity of public, quasi public, private, elderly and disabled housing. The committee spoke to the Director of Public Works about these changes. With those provisions, the Public Safety Committee unanimously endorsed this proposal.

Councilor Walsh thanked Councilor Kotkin and the Public Safety Committee for clarifying the language because he had some questions about it at the meeting a few weeks ago.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO ASK FOR AN 8-24 REVIEW OF LOT 47 ON PROSPECT STREET FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE YMCA PROPERTY"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that as Council knows, one of the number one priorities of the community is the purchase of open space. A bond was approved last year so that the Town could start doing that. The Town has the opportunity to purchase a lot at the entrance to Mill Woods Park currently owned by the YMCA. The Town has come to an agreement with the YMCA for the property. It will be open space. In order to do this, the Town Council has to refer this to the Planning and Zoning Commission. By State law, the Planning and Zoning Commission must approve or disapprove of any purchase of new land. This is very exciting as it is the first purchase. It is almost five acres that the Town would be able to add to its open space list.

Councilor Forrest said that he believes that this is a fantastic first step towards the preservation of land. The property being discussed is adjacent to the park. It would be an expansion of the park. He said he looks forward to some upcoming renovations. This will definitely go along with the vision of the Town and the preservation of it. It also has some building lots and this will secure the land for the future. This is also a really solid five acre parcel of land centered in the Town. He looks forward to the positive review from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilor Cascio said that he would second that.

Councilor Kotkin said that this property is basically on Prospect Street and extends into Mill Woods Park. Down the road, he is looking forward to a successful closing and as the Town moves forward with Mill Woods it should think about what sort of passive recreation might be appropriate for that parcel. He said the Town doesn't get much opportunity to add to its park land and this is a great addition.

Chairperson Adil said that as a former liaison to the Park and Recreation Board, he knows that the Committee will be excited to add close to five acres to this beautiful, flagship park. If this goes forward as planned, the Town will have to update its plan to incorporate this parcel.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Kirsche moved **"THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICIALLY ENDORSES THE ITN AMERICA - ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN TOWN IMMEDIATELY"** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that she thinks it is a great program and what everyone is looking for.

Chairperson Adil said that Councilor Kirsche made a point earlier about overlap and he had a very good point. How does that work when someone has the ability to call one versus the other? The Town should help the seniors to see what makes more sense for what situation and what makes more sense for another.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that was discussed. Technically, the Town now has three programs: the regular dial-a-ride, the volunteer program that the Director of Social and Youth Services has gotten off the ground, and this one. The Town will definitely make sure that when the dues are collected for dial-a-ride, a lot of information will be provided showing the differences in the programs. It will require education over time.

Chairperson Adil said that it is a great thing that it is 24 hours a day. That should be pointed out.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **BIDS**

Councilor Cascio moved **"TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR 2007-2008 REVALUATION TO VISION APPRAISAL TECH., INC. FOR THE 2007/2008 YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455,000"** seconded by Deputy

Mayor Fortunato.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that this is the revaluation of the Town. It is for a full-blown revaluation. It has not been done for some time. The Town went out for requests for proposals and received four back. One, as Council remembers was rejected because they hadn't responded to the proposal 100 percent, Council voted not to have them interviewed. The Budget Committee; herself; Chandler Rose, Assessor; and Lisa Hancock, Finance Director interviewed the three companies. The Budget Committee made the final recommendation of Vision Appraisal. They are the company that the Town has been working with previously. She said that her big priority with this revaluation is that in the newspaper there have been reports of horror shows that communities have had with revaluations. She said that she thinks a lot of it has to do with the lack of good communication with the citizens to tell them what goes on in a revaluation. She said that she and the Budget Committee were very impressed with how many creative ideas Vision Appraisal has to communicate with residents and businesses about revaluation. Also she said that the Committee felt the price was a good one and heartily endorses this. She would like to get the revaluation process started as quickly as possible. She said that Chandler Rose, the new Assessor and representatives of Vision Appraisal are at the meeting to answer any questions.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that the recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the Budget Committee. The company has experience with the Town and the Town also uses Vision software. There are additional benefits in that this company performs much of their work when not in the field in their own offices. With the renovation going on in Town Hall, that was certainly an issue with the other bidders who would require space to conduct their work. The other issue has to do with the need for additional computer licenses and a question of cost. That is not an issue with Vision. She said, just to reiterate what the Town Manager said about education, the Committee was impressed with the measures by which Vision will go to educate any member of the public. While the other companies talked about educating the public, Vision would do whatever was necessary so that the community was comfortable with the process and understood what the revaluation process was all about. She said that she is very happy to endorse Vision Appraisal.

Councilor Drake asked if there is an impact the Town going from MUNIS to Vision Appraisal.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that they are two separate systems. One has nothing to do with the other.

Councilor Drake said that according to the paperwork there is a conversion from MUNIS to Vision Appraisal.

Chandler Rose, Assessor, said that the Vision system houses all of the real estate information. That information is bridged over to the MUNIS system that creates the billing in July.

Councilor Kirsche said there are a few reasons for his support of Vision Appraisal. They were the lowest responsible bidder, minus the one that didn't respond. Further, they brought their price down. Room in the Town Hall was also an issue. The fact that they can do most of their work remotely is a strong selling point. They have strong familiarity with the data base which will make things stronger. Also, maybe the other bidders didn't advertise it as well, is that they seem to be very efficient in their point of attack. Even to the point of having GPS on their assessors that allows them to not be in Town Hall but in their office and see where their assessors are working. In the appeals process, where someone can accuse Vision of not having been to their house during this evaluation, the fact is that the GPS will tell them exactly when they were.

Councilor Kotkin said that one other item that was noted was that Vision is doing a number of Towns this year in the State so that they have a number of people working as data collectors in the State. Fortunately, for the Town, it appears a good number of those data collectors can be used in Wethersfield. So the Town will be getting a somewhat experienced data collection force rather than hiring a group that needs to be trained.

Councilor Walsh said that another factor that stood out was the gentlemen seemed to have a real appreciation for the feelings of residents as it goes into its full revaluation, a sensitivity to making sure that it takes every measure to keep informed the public in a myriad of different ways.

Jay Taranto, Vice President of Sales of Vision Appraisal Technologies and Dave Arnold, Project Director of Vision

Appraisal Technologies introduced themselves.

Chairperson Adil said that residents probably have concerns about these people coming into their homes. Is this a possibility and if so, how will they be identifiable?

Dave Arnold said that the employees will have Vision identification and hopefully identification from the Town, created by the Police Department. The cars they drive will be marked. The information will be on file in the Assessor's Office and Police Department. A resident can look at the identification and call either the Assessor's Office or Police Department for verification.

Chairperson Adil said that the Town has been at a housing peak and is now starting to possibly go in the other direction. What will be the difference with the last revaluation?

Dave Arnold said that is part of the process that will be done over the next year, evaluating all of the sales that are occurring up to October 1, 2008. Whatever those sales reflect, we will be representing those in the new valuations.

Chairperson Adil said that there is an initiative to perhaps promote development along the Silas Deane Highway a couple of years down the road. The Town has had a large shift from homeowners. Only about 12 percent of the tax base comes from the commercial sector. How long until those properties can be reassessed? He said that earlier in the year, he went to Stamford and saw that there property values took off shortly after a revaluation took place. Is there any kind of recourse for that?

Chandler Rose, Assessor, said that the State Statute says that the Town has to do a revaluation every five years. So basically, the Town will maintain that schedule unless the law changes.

Councilor Kotkin said that it may be helpful for residents to know what the approximate schedule will be: when they might start to see data collectors and when the changes in the revaluation will take place.

Dave Arnold said the data collection, the most visible phase, will start taking place as early as October. The press will be notified about the whereabouts of the data collectors. That will go through the spring of 2008. The analysis portion will be as of October 1, 2008. They will look at a year's worth of sales. The valuations are then set and the taxpayer will start to see those values in November 2008. Everyone will be sent a notice of that valuation. It will be on-line, too. They will be able to come into Town Hall for information and give their opinion and Vision will do a re-review if necessary. It will all be finalized in January 2009. The tax bills that will reflect the revaluation will be shown the following July, July 2009 in that tax bill.

Chairperson Adil said that he noticed that his photograph of his home is available on-line. He said it is a great tool.

Chandler Rose, Assessor said that all of the data is available on [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com). The sketches, photographs and property information are on the web. Anyone can look at the information. There are also sales searches on-line and information on revaluations.

Chairperson Adil said that he would encourage the Assessor to make sure the sales data is as current as possible. Last time he searched, he said it looked like it was over a year old.

Chandler Rose, Assessor, said that the sales information was updated about two weeks ago. There is a link from the Town website to the Vision Appraisal website via the Assessor's area.

Chairperson Adil said that it was an easy system to use. He thanked the representatives from Vision Appraisal for being at the meeting.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR SALT FOR ROADWAYS TO AMERICAN ROCK SALT, CARGILL, INC. AND INTERNATIONAL SALT CO. IN A COMBINED AMOUNT NOT TO**

**EXCEED \$60,000"** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that Town staff is asking the Town Council to award the bid to all three vendors in case it is a bad winter and one vendor is not able to supply that salt, the Town can go on to another vendor. She said she has a sample of Magic Salt. The Town has been trying to get an alternative to regular salt. The Town will try it this year. The liquid that is being passed around is mixed in with the Magic Salt. She said she would like to be able to use all three companies, using the lowest bid first.

Chairperson Adil said that this wasn't pursued in the past because the Town didn't have the proper storage area. He asked how that has changed.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said there is a small area available. This will be used on a trial basis to see if it works or if there are complaints.

Chairperson Adil asked if there was anything in the Capital Budget for a larger shed for storage. He said he thought it was a priority of Town staff.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that it is huge dollars and the Town is boxed out with land down there. The Town staff has never really studied it in detail. It has always been just a concept.

Chairperson Adil said that the State delegation should know of that need.

Councilor Drake said that last year he thought the Town Council discussed a total liquid product.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that this is the same idea.

Councilor Drake said no, this still goes down like the sand/salt mix. The other was a pure liquid.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that a lot of communities that use the pure liquid have found a lot of ground corrosion.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Montinieri moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEASE PURCHASE OF A VAN AND A PICK UP TRUCK FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD"** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, said that in this year's budget for the Board of Education there is money for the replacement of some vehicles on a lease purchase agreement. The Board of Education unanimously endorsed this at its last meeting. It now has to go to the Town Council because it is a long-term lease agreement.

Frederick Bushey, Interim Business Manager, said that the old van and pick up truck is used to deliver supplies around the District. This has been in the original plan. There are a couple of other vehicles that will be coming to Council at another date to help keep the seven to ten year plan to turn over the vehicles.

Chairperson Adil said that this is not something that the Town Council is used to seeing. How did the Board of Education decide on this path?

Karen Clancy, Business Manager of the Board of Education, said the direct purchase price is too much for the budget at one time.

Councilor Drake said that he is not really pleased with this. Over the last few years, the Board of Education has been fully funded. He finds it hard to believe that the Board of Education can't fund this in the budget every year like the Town side does for the fire trucks. The Town is paying a \$7,000 premium to lease purchase the vehicles. Years ago, the Board of Education was behind and started doing these lease purchases. He said it was really always a bad idea. The Board of Education is now fully funded and he doesn't know why it doesn't have \$20,000 in its budget for these

replacements. He said he will vote against it because he thinks it is poor planning on the Board of Education's part. In a \$40,000,000 budget, where the Board of Education gave back \$16,000 to the Town, vehicle replacement should be there.

Karen Clancy, Business Manager, said that is their intention and there is a replacement plan in place. Two years ago, there was a lease purchase for three vans. It is a five year lease. Because of other priorities that came up, it was put to the side and came into this year.

Councilor Drake said several years ago, they weren't paying any premiums for the leases. That is why the Board of Education did them. The lease rates were almost zero percent. He said that he wishes the Board of Education would do a little better planning.

Karen Clancy, Business Manager, said that she and Frederick Bushey are working together to do better planning.

Councilor Kotkin said that he will vote in favor of this, but he hopes in the next budget there will be a purchase schedule. What is done on the Town side, should be done on the Board of Education side, too. He said he would like to see a vehicle purchase schedule built into the next budget.

Councilor Walsh said that he will agree with Councilor Kotkin. The vehicles are in rough shape but the point is well taken for the future budgets.

Councilor Cascio said that he agrees with the other Councilors' comments. He will vote for this motion because the monies are available in the budget, but would like a vehicle maintenance program put together on the Board of Education side. It is imperative that the vehicles that people are in, are safe.

Councilor Kotkin asked how many vehicles were in the fleet.

Karen Clancy, Business Manager, said there are seven.

Councilor Kotkin said that this will replace two vehicles and Mr. Bushey said that there are others coming down the pipe. Are they in 2008?

Frederick Bushey said that he will put in his budget something for a food services vehicle which is an eight year old vehicle and another vehicle that transports students to and from games that is also an eight year old vehicle. These two items will be in next year's budget. He will try to get these within the Board of Education budget for next year. He said that he needs to assess and see what the Board of Education has, the years of the vehicles, the mileage of the vehicles, how they have been used over the years and put together a five, seven or ten year plan for these.

Councilor Kotkin asked what the interest rate is on the lease purchase agreement.

Frederick Bushey said that he believes it is 6.3 percent.

Councilor Kotkin asked if the Board of Education shopped around for that price.

Frederick Bushey said that the bid went through the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut.

Councilor Cascio said that he is impressed with Mr. Bushey's coming forward with this great recommendation of a vehicle maintenance program. Having served on the Board of Education for ten years, it seems that this is the area that always was not funded, because there is always a part to fit the vehicle. He said he knows that every mile is received out of an engine.

Karen Clancy asked if the Town Council would like to see the list of all of the vehicles that the Board of Education has. She said that the last vehicle, the student transportation vehicle, the Suburban, is used to transfer children minimally, but also for the delivery of mail throughout the District. He also brings students, the ALS students at the

High School, to jobs.

Councilor Drake said that he wanted to clarify his position. He is not opposed to these vehicles, but the lease of them. He would rather have the Board of Education keep the \$16,000 it turned back to the Town and find the rest of the money and purchase the vehicles.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Drake voted NAY. The motion passed 8-1-0.

## **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION**

### **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 - TREES AND SHRUBS**

#### **153-1. Rationale; policy.**

- A. Trees are proven producers of oxygen, a necessary element for the survival of mankind; trees reduce the carbon dioxide content of the air and, in general, play a role in air purification; trees play a role in neutralizing wastewater which passes through the ground from the surface to groundwater tables and lower aquifers; trees stabilize soil and play an important role in soil conservation, erosion control and flood control; trees are an invaluable physical and psychological addition to the town, making life more comfortable by providing shade and cooling both air and land, reducing noise levels and glare and breaking the visual monotony of the development of the land with their beauty; and the protection of trees within the Town of Wethersfield is not only desirable but essential to the present and future health, safety and welfare of all citizens of the Town of Wethersfield.
- B. It is the policy of the Town of Wethersfield to regulate and control planting, removal, maintenance and protection of trees and shrubs in the town in order to eliminate and guard against dangerous conditions which may result in injuries to persons using the public areas and public ways of the town, to promote and enhance the beauty of the town, to prevent damage to any public sewer, utility or watermain, street, sidewalk or other public property, to protect trees and shrubs located in public areas from undesirable and unsafe planting, removal, maintenance and protection practices and to guard all trees and shrubs on public areas within the town against the spread of disease or pests. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all trees and shrubs presently or hereafter planted in or upon any public area and to all trees and shrubs planted in or upon private premises which shall endanger the life, safety or health of persons or property within the Town of Wethersfield.

#### **§ 153-2. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION** -- Include all operations of trimming, pruning, spraying, injecting, fertilizing, treating, bracing, surgery and cutting above or below ground.

**PLANTING** -- The permanent placement of any tree or shrub above or below ground.

**PUBLIC AREA** -- Includes all public ways, parks and other lands owned or leased by the town.

**PUBLIC WAY** -- Includes all public streets, roads, boulevards, alleys and sidewalks.

**REMOVAL** -- The actual physical removal or the effective removal through damaging, poisoning or other direct or indirect action resulting in or likely to result in the death of a tree.

**TREES and/or SHRUBS** -- Include all woody vegetation presently or hereafter planted on any public areas or private premises.

#### **§ 153-3. Tree Warden.**

- A. The Town Tree Warden shall be appointed by the Town Council and shall have all powers, duties and

authorities ascribed to him/her as set out in the Connecticut Public Shade Tree Statutes, particularly Connecticut General Statutes Sections 23-58, 23-59, 23-60 and 23-65, as the same may be amended, and this chapter.

- B. In addition, the Town Tree Warden shall be empowered to issue permits for the planting of trees or shrubs by private parties on public areas or public ways so long as said permits are in accordance with the Connecticut Public Shade Tree Statutes and the contents of this chapter.

#### **§ 153-4. Shade Tree Commission.**

- A. There shall be a Shade Tree Commission which shall be composed of five members appointed by the Town Council for staggered three-year terms to serve as advocates for the choice and care of attractive trees. Initially, one member shall be appointed for a term ending June 30, 1992; two members shall be appointed for terms ending June 30, 1993; and two members shall be appointed for a term ending June 30, 1994.
- B. The requirements and duties of these members shall be:
1. To have a working knowledge of the habitat, planting, growth, care and placing of trees.
  2. To develop and maintain a working relationship with the Town Tree Warden.
  3. To assist the Warden in assuring that an appropriate tree or trees are planted in properly designated locations.
  4. To compose a list of desirable tree species appropriate to Wethersfield.
  5. To serve voluntarily as contact persons for the Town Manager and the Director of Physical Services.
  6. To serve as the Warden's assistants on occasions when contractors, public utilities contractors or town laborers are working in or adjacent to town trees.
  7. To ensure that the intent and provisions of this chapter are carried out to the fullest extent possible.

#### **§ 153-5. Damage.**

No person, company, utility or government agency shall, in any public area or public way of the Town of Wethersfield, prune, remove, deface, cut, paint, mark, injure, mutilate, kill or destroy any tree or shrub, permit any animal under their control to do so, permit any fire to injure any portion of any tree or shrub or permit any toxic chemical to seep, drain or be emptied on or about any tree or shrub. During construction operations, the contractor shall erect suitable protective barriers around public trees and shrubs which may be injured as a result of his/her activities.

#### **§ 153-6. Fastening of materials prohibited.**

No person shall fasten any sign, playbill, picture, notice, advertisement, rope, wire, climbing spurs or other materials to, around or through any public trees or shrubs except in an emergency, such as storms or accidents.

#### **§ 153-7. Public utilities.**

Public utility work affecting trees or shrubs shall be limited to the actual necessities of the service of the company. Such work shall be reviewed by the Town Tree Warden prior to being undertaken and such work shall be done in a neat and professional manner. The Town Tree Warden shall, to the extent possible, supervise the work performed.

#### **§ 153-8. Authority of Tree Warden.**

The Town Tree Warden shall have the authority to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs on all public areas and public ways or which extend into or overhang the limits of all public areas and public ways as may be necessary to ensure and preserve the symmetry and beauty of such grounds and ways. The Town Tree Warden shall may consult with the Shade Tree Commission in regard to the performance of his/her duties.

#### **§ 153-9. Public nuisances.**

Any tree or shrub or part thereof growing upon private or public property which is interfering with the use of any public area, infected with infectious plant disease or endangering the life, health or safety of persons or property is declared a public nuisance. If the Town Tree Warden shall determine, with a reasonable certainty, that any nuisance

tree or shrub, as herein described, or any part thereof exists in or upon any public area or public way, he/she shall immediately cause it to be treated, trimmed, removed or otherwise abated in such manner as to destroy or prevent the spread of the nuisance. If the Town Tree Warden shall determine, with reasonable certainty, that any nuisance tree or shrub, as herein described, exists in or upon any private premises, he/she shall, in writing, notify the owner or tenant having charge of such premises. Within 30 days after issuance of said notice, said person shall cause the treatment, trimming or removal and destruction of said nuisance tree or shrub as directed in the written notice. No damage shall be awarded the owner for the destruction of trees or shrubs destroyed pursuant to this chapter. In case the owner or tenant having charge of such premises shall refuse or neglect to comply with the terms of the written notice within 30 days after receiving it, the Town Tree Warden shall cause the removal, treatment or trimming of said nuisance tree or shrub. The expense thereof shall be charged to the owner of said premises on which said tree or shrub is located and, with respect to the cost for removing that portion interfering with any public area or public way, shall become a lien on the property upon recordation of notice thereof on the town land records.

#### **§ 153-10. Appeals.**

A person who receives an order from the Town Tree Warden and objects to all or a part thereof may, within eight ten days of receipt of said notice, notify the Shade Tree Commission, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing thereon. Within eight ten days of the receipt of such notice of appeal, the Shade Tree Commission shall schedule a hearing before said Commission or its designated subcommittee to hear the objection. The hearing shall be held within eight ten days of notice to the appellant. Within eight ten days after such hearing, the Shade Tree Commission shall, in writing, notify the appellant and the Town Tree Warden of its decision. The Town Tree Warden shall be present at such hearing.

#### **§ 153-11. Master Street Tree Plan.**

There shall be a Master Street Tree Plan. The Master Street Tree Plan shall consist of town-wide, street-by-street written evaluation of all space and site factors which will aid in the determination of the tree species best suited to a particular planting site in regard to growing habits, shape, form, health, disease and pest resistance, conflicts with wires, lights, pavement, traffic, pedestrians, sidewalks, environmental pollution, sewers and space availability. The evaluation of the space and site factors and the species selection for a particular street shall be made by the Town Tree Warden, with the advice of the Shade Tree Commission.

#### **§ 153-12. Arboricultural specifications and standards.**

The following specifications and standards are hereby established for the planting, trimming and removal of trees and shrubs in the public ways and public places of the town:

##### **A. Planting.**

1. The Tree Warden, in consultation with the Shade Tree Commission, shall develop a list of species suitable for planting below overhead utility lines. No other species shall be permitted. Trees prohibited for planting in public spaces shall be identified by the Commission.
2. All trees to be planted will be not less than two inches in diameter of trunk at six inches above ground level.
3. No tree shall be planted closer than two feet from the curblineline or outer line of the sidewalk, except by special permit from the Tree Warden. All trees shall be planted in line with each other and at a spacing of between 40 and 60 feet from each other, depending on the species of the tree.
4. No tree shall hereafter be planted at or within 20 feet of an intersection.

##### **B. Trimming.**

1. All trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public street shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 14 feet; all trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public sidewalk shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 10 feet. The Town Tree Warden may waive the provisions of this subsection for newly planted trees if he/she determines they do not interfere with public travel, obstruct the light of any streetlight or endanger public safety.

2. All deadwood, stubs, broken branches, badly formed branches, disease-infected and insect-infested branches and branches interfering with public travel, lighting, existing buildings and traffic signs shall be removed during the trimming operation, with consideration given to the symmetry and beauty of the tree or shrub.
- C. Removing. All public trees and shrubs which are marked for cutting shall be completely removed from the growing site and disposed of in an authorized manner. The stump shall be ground out to a depth suitable for future planting of trees or turf.

### **§ 153-13. Right of entry.**

The Town Tree Warden or his/her representatives, after giving advance notice to the owner or tenant having charge, shall have the authority to enter upon private premises at reasonable times for the purposes of examining and inspecting any suspected nuisance tree or shrub or otherwise fulfilling their duties herein.

### **§ 153-14. Emergency tree removal.**

When it is necessary to expedite the removal of damaged or destroyed trees in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare, the Town Manager may, by decree, suspend the requirements of this chapter.

### **§ 153-15. Penalties for offenses.**

Violation of § 153-5 of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, or such greater amount as may be allowed by statute, and such person shall be liable in a civil action for damages in accordance with Section 52-560 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended. Violation of § 153-6 of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50, or such greater amount as may be allowed by statute, and such person may be subject to such criminal penalties as may be prescribed by statute. Each unauthorized pruning, removal, defacing, cutting, painting, marking or injuring of a tree protected by this chapter or other act prohibited by §§ 153-5 and 153-6 of this chapter shall be deemed a separate offense.

### **§ 153-16. Repealer.**

Former Town Code §§ 153-1, 153-2 and 153-3 relating to the preservation and protection of all trees within the Town of Wethersfield are hereby repealed.

### **§ 153-17. Enforcement.**

No person shall unreasonably hinder, prevent, delay or interfere with the Town tree Warden or his/her agents while engaged in the execution or enforcement of this Chapter.

## **ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 75, ENVIRONMENTAL CODE**

That Chapter 75, entitled Environmental Code, of the Wethersfield Municipal Code be repealed and that the Central CT Health District (CCHD) Sanitary Code be adopted. Chapter 4, in the CCHD Sanitary Code, Rooming Units.

## **ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 87, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

That Chapter 87, entitled Food Establishments, of the Wethersfield Municipal Code be repealed and that the Central CT Health District (CCHD) Sanitary Code be adopted. Chapter 2, in the CCHD Sanitary Code, Food Service Establishments

## **ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 119, PUBLIC POOLS**

That Chapter 119, entitled Public Pools, of the Wethersfield Municipal Code be repealed and that the Central CT Health District (CCHD) Sanitary Code be adopted. Chapter 3, in the CCHD Sanitary Code, Public Swimming Pools.

## **MINUTES**

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**" seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Kirsche asked that Anwar Province be changed to Anbar Province on page 14196 of his comments.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:10 p.m., Councilor Forrest moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Drake. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano  
Town Clerk

*APPROVED BY VOTE OF COUNCIL OCTOBER 1, 2007*