

JUNE 19, 2006 REGULAR MEETING

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Silas Deane Middle School.

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

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 Kotkin.

Chairperson Morin announced that there will be an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters and real estate negotiations.

Presentation from Perry Cornwall and Patricia Yagmin - Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center

Ms. Yagmin, current Friends of the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center President, thanked the Council for their help and generosity toward the accomplishments at the Nature Center.

Mr. Cornwall, former President, stated that Eleanor Buck Wolf was an outstanding individual of Wethersfield who was a strong advocate for the Nature Center. Mr. Cornwall reviewed the steps taken to bring the Nature Center to its present location and that the Friends of the Nature Center have been an integral part of this. On behalf of the Friends of the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center, Mr. Cornwall presented Chairperson Morin with the last donation for the Moeller Home renovation and Nature Center relocation completed last year. Mr. Cornwall reminded everyone that the Friends organization had pledged to repay funds that the Town Council had advanced for the project in order to take advantage of a timely public grant and private challenge grant. He and Ms. Yagmin presented a check that fulfilled the pledge two years ahead of schedule and brought the Friends' total donation to an amount about two-thirds of the project's cost. Acknowledging this milestone, Mr. Cornwall thanked the Town Council for their partnership in fulfilling the dream of Eleanor Buck Wolf, the lifelong resident and naturalist who long advocated enlarging and moving the Nature Center to a Town park. Chairperson Morin accepted the check, acknowledging the Friends' effort and community's donations to support ecology education in Town. He stated that the Nature Center facility is an example of what can happen when a number of entities work together.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Nature Center facility was a joint public and private venture and the community response has been unbelievable. She said that Parks & Recreation Director Kathy Bagley and her staff did an outstanding job and that the facility continues to be a success under the direction of Christopher Shepard.

Phase II - Town Hall/Library Renovations Report - Architect & Building Committee

Chairperson Morin introduced Town Hall Building Committee Chairman Joe Coombs, Town Engineer Mike Turner, and Peter Wells from Wells and Wells Architects.

Councilor Adil moved "**TO RECESS BRIEFLY IN ORDER TO REPAIR THE SOUND TRANSMISSION**", seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

A brief recess was taken and the sound equipment was corrected in order to provide for sound transmission.

Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER BACK INTO THE MEETING**", seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Mr. Wells provided an update of Phase II of the alterations and renovations to the Wethersfield Town Hall and Library. He stated that the scope of work involved in the renovations is very diverse and includes re-roofing, hazmat, sprinklers, window replacement, Council chamber alterations, and other miscellaneous items. Mr. Wells reviewed the proposed roof plan and stated that the pitch and the insulation of the roof will both be increased which will help with energy costs. He said that the replacement of the roof will need to be coordinated with the replacement of the windows and the curtain wall system.

Mr. Wells stated that the sprinkler installation in the lower level of the Town Hall has been completed, and once the renovations are finished there will be sprinklers throughout the entire building. He said that the podium in the Council Chambers will be made handicap accessible since the Chambers does not currently comply with current fire codes, although there is no funding to update the Council dais at which Councilors sit. Mr. Wells said that he would like to see other improvements take place in the Chambers, such as lighting and an updated projection screen and sound system. He said that funding is also available for the Chambers with regard to emergency management purposes. Mr. Wells stated that the vault in the Town Clerk's office does not currently comply with State regulations in that it has windows. He said that it was planned to upgrade the vault; however, the State has informed the Town that more needs to be done than what was planned.

Mr. Wells stated that various Town Hall departments will need to be moved from one area to another in order to perform the HAZMAT work, leaving the Council Chambers as swing space during this work.

Mr. Wells explained that miscellaneous items include furniture for the Library and the scheduling of their arrival has been carefully planned to coincide with the completed renovations.

Councilor Drake asked if the hallways will be carpeted and Mr. Wells said that they will be. Councilor Drake expressed concern over the wear of carpeting in such heavily traveled areas. Mr. Wells said that this has been discussed and a commercial grade carpet has been chosen which has been used in other similar facilities. He said that the carpeting is three foot square tiles that can be easily replaced if need be. Councilor Drake asked if cleaning equipment for the carpeting is in the budget and Mr. Turner answered that the Town has a cleaning contractor who will tend to this. Councilor Drake said that the architect working on the school projects tended to steer the Town away from carpeting, and he wondered why the Town Hall project is going with carpeting. Mr. Wells answered that there is less maintenance involved with carpeting than with the rebuffering of tile. Councilor Drake asked why the water filters are being replaced, and Mr. Wells answered that the solder used in the pipe fittings may contain lead.

Councilor Forrest asked Mr. Wells if there is anything else, other than what he's mentioned, that he'd like to see done to the Council Chambers. Mr. Wells said that he'd like to see something more done to the walls than just painting them. He said that the original design of the Chambers included wood-paneled walls which have since been painted, and he's looking into testing a small area to see if the paint can be removed to reveal the original wood. Councilor Forrest requested that information on the proposed changes to the lighting, sound, and dais in the Chambers be forwarded to Council members. Mr. Wells said that he can provide this information.

Councilor Cascio thanked Mr. Wells for his presentation and asked how far delayed Phase I is, and if Phase II will begin even if Phase I isn't yet completed. Mr. Wells answered that Phase I is delayed several months and it is preferred not to have two contractors on the site at the same time. He said that Phase II external work is being organized so that it can be done at the same time that Phase I internal work is being completed. Councilor Cascio asked Mr. Wells when completion of Phase I is expected and Mr. Wells answered that it is expected by late fall.

Councilor Adil asked Mr. Wells for an idea of the Phase II exterior work schedule. Mr. Wells explained that the façade system has been designed so that it can be done at the same time or after the roofing, and it is anticipated that with the proposed technique, the façade will be worked on without having to be inside the building and disrupting various offices.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if any consideration has been given to completely removing the podium. Mr. Wells said that it was suggested that the podium be completely removed and this is entirely up to the Council. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked how homeland security funding can be used toward upgrading of the communication system in the

Chambers. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that some funding will be available and that she has asked Mr. Fippinger to write up a specific list of details. She said that the FEMA reimbursement will be 70%.

Councilor Kotkin asked for an approximate amount above the \$17,000 is anticipated for the Town Clerk vault updates. Mr. Wells said that he is unaware of who has jurisdiction over what is required in the vault, and he read some of the reported violations, including structural issues. He said that he is not aware of how far to go with renovations as he is unaware of whether the Town or the State has control over what needs to be done.

Chairperson Morin indicated that the jurisdiction issue needs to be addressed quickly and the Town Manager said that she will look into it.

Councilor Drake asked if the building is or will be entirely cleared of asbestos at some point, and Mr. Wells answered that the asbestos removal is being handled directly by the Town and the specifications are incorporated into the architect's documents.

Chairperson Morin asked when the Town is expected to go out to bid for Phase II and Mr. Wells said that it was planned for now; however with the delay of Phase I, this still needs to be determined. He said that the bid could be ready to go out in three weeks. Chairperson Morin stated that he agrees with Councilor Forrest that he'd be interested in seeing some changes to the Council Chambers.

Report from MDC - Upcoming Referendum & Smoke Test in Sections of Wethersfield

Chairperson Morin introduced MDC Long-Term Control Plan Program Manager Bob Weimar to discuss the upcoming referendum on the long-term control plan and smoke tests in sections of Wethersfield.

Mr. Weimar provided the following powerpoint presentation regarding the Clean Water Project which dates back to the 1970's, and the Smoke Testing program:

[A PowerPoint presentation took place at this time.]

Mr. Weimar stated that a referendum will be held in November on the Long-Term Control Plan. He said that approximately \$100 million has been spent to-date for the MDC to try to do what they can at the lowest cost, and they are at the point where they must face State and Federal orders for the removal of overflows in the entire district into the environment. Mr. Weimar said that recommendations will be reviewed to develop a strategy that will unfold over a fifteen-year period which will include improvements throughout the district, leaving no Town untouched. Mr. Weimar reviewed the original CSO Plan put forth in 2004 to improve conduit flows to outlying communities experiencing overflows to the environment. Mr. Weimar explained how the system works, the problems in the district, and the nature of the newly proposed improvements. He explained that overflows were built in the outlying communities surrounding Hartford in order to prevent a flood inside Hartford where 100,000,000 gallons of water could be trying to get in during a rainstorm, and the capacity of the system in Hartford is only 23,000,000; therefore the remaining flow goes into local streams and brooks, and the Connecticut River. Mr. Weimar stated that such overflows due to rain occur approximately fifty times per year and have not been successfully mitigated since basement backups and street flooding are still occurring. He added that the pollution problem occurs only in the Connecticut River releasing approximately one billion gallons of sewage in one year. He said that this is considerably less than the five billion gallons twenty years ago; however, it is still an unacceptable discharge amount which affects thirty miles of the river during storms. He said that the program as a whole will have a system wide effort of cleaning and rehabilitation of any overflow problems that have been investigated. Mr. Weimar said that the goal of the overflow elimination program is for a one-year storm meaning that in an average year there would be no overflows, rather than the current fifty per year. He said that the proposed "micro-tunnel" will move water to the treatment plant and will eliminate overflows presently occurring from the sanitary sewers. Mr. Weimar stated that a number of relief sewers will also be built to connect a number of existing overflows to the major structures being built to convey overflows to treatment. Mr. Weimar said that the size of the proposed storage tunnel is under debate as this will depend on the MDC's success in removing the water currently plaguing and overflowing sewers. He said that current studies being conducted due to requirements of the Federal Government will not be completed for another year; however, the work is proceeding as

judiciously as possibly in order to comply with time constraints under consent orders. Mr. Weimar reviewed both Phase 1A of the Clean Water Project Plan which focuses on health and safety issues, and Phase 1B which deals with the elimination of sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) with a Rocky Hill focus. Mr. Weimar stated that the previous estimation of the cost of \$671 million for the CSO program has seen 16% inflation over the past two years as well as additionally identified problems to bring that estimated cost to a current amount of \$900 million. He said that the CSO projects are mandated by the State government and the SSO projects are mandated by the Federal Government. Mr. Weimar reviewed the Wethersfield issues that will be addressed including the Folly Brook, Goff Brook, Church Street, and Wethersfield Cove areas. He said that a new, comprehensive GIS system will be made available to provide a new map allowing information on design work to be done, rather than needing an additional survey performed. Mr. Weimar stated that the Wethersfield pump station will be replaced given the amount of water flowing from Wethersfield to the Rocky Hill plant. He said that the Wethersfield Cove separation projects will begin next year and he reviewed some of the specifics of the sanitary sewer evaluation program. He said that Phase I of the program, the estimate of the amount of water in the system and identifying sewer problems, has been completed. He said that the next phase is a smoke testing phase and the problems identified through this phase will be followed up with dye testing. Mr. Weimar explained that the purpose of the project is to identify sources of clean water not contaminated by sewage in order to limit the amount of water trying to get into the sewer lines. He stated that smoke is applied with pressure into the sewers and it will go out through openings in the sewer system as well as openings in homes. He said that all homes have sewer vents to prevent gasses from going into the homes and to allow for proper ventilation, and he would expect every home to show smoke emitting from the vent. Mr. Weimar said that the smoke testing program identifies a Town drain connected to the sewer system rather than the drain, a home where smoke is not emitting from a possibly improperly installed vent, or smoke emitting from a footing drain which is conveying water into the sewer system. Mr. Weimar stated that the smoke is odorless and non-toxic and rarely enters a living space; however, great care is taken to include safety officials in the execution of the process. He said that residents will be notified via public notice in local papers, by means of public access television, and by hand-delivered notices to each home. He said that the public will be able to access information via the internet and will be able to contact the MDC with any questions. Mr. Weimar said that there is concern for those with severe respiratory disorders and they will be asked to contact the MDC so that arrangements can be made to test when these residents are not at home or in a way conducive to the circumstances. Mr. Weimar stressed that the MDC does not expect any homes to be impacted by the smoke testing. He stated that the MDC coordinator of the program is Julie McLaughlin who can be reached by phone at 860-278-7850 x3309 or by email at jmclaughlin@themdc.com. Mr. Weimar said that the MDC will be sending a referendum to the Council for approval later this summer, and if approved, the referendum vote will take place in November. He said that information will be forthcoming regarding the projects and the costs to the communities.

Councilor Adil asked what is being done to provide the public with information on the projects and the referendum. Mr. Weimar answered that a video presentation is being put together and MDC representatives will make themselves available at Town meetings to present the video and answer any questions. He said that the MDC will also be launching a website addressing the projects and referendum, will be having discussions on the radio, and will be available at a number of area wide events. Mr. Weimar said that notices are currently being included in customer's bills as well.

Councilor Kirsche asked for clarification of the purpose of the "micro tunnel" and if it will prolong the effects on the Cove. Mr. Weimar said that the "micro tunnel" focuses on the issues in Newington and West Hartford and the purpose of delaying some of the construction is to attack the problem at the source first in order to minimize the amount of collection and treatment encountered. He said that it is anticipated that the sewer separation program as well as the program in the Folly Brook area will address the Cove specifically. He said that the "micro tunnel" does not at this time have any impact on the Cove.

Councilor Walsh clarified that a lot of drainage problems in the Cove stem from the Hartford system. Mr. Weimar explained that the Folly Brook area is overflowing the same sewer line used in the Franklin Avenue area to get to the Hartford treatment plant. Councilor Walsh asked if the Cove is required to be clean by 2013 and Mr. Weimar answered that the Cove projects will be done in a staged fashion with major sewer separation projects taking place in the Franklin Avenue area resulting in \$150 million to \$200 million in construction. He said that the implementation is being devised so as to minimize the impact on citizens and businesses, and will likely take 10-12 years to complete. Mr. Weimar stated that the work done in the Folly Brook area regarding contributions from Wethersfield to the Cove

will be addressed in seven years, with tributaries from Hartford being addressed by 2018. Councilor Walsh asked what will have to be done in Hartford to accommodate a one-year storm. Mr. Weimar answered that a separation strategy is being developed for the areas tributary to the Cove so as to eliminate sewage overflows. Councilor Walsh asked how old the pipes are in Wethersfield that will be relined. Mr. Weimar answered that some of the systems are 50-75 years old with some in Hartford being over 100 years old. He said that relining will prolong the life of the pipes for another seventy-five years.

Councilor Drake asked what the voters will base their decision on for the November referendum. He asked if the referendum amount will limit the project to \$1.6 billion or if the work will continue until it's complete. Mr. Weimar answered that there is not much latitude with the program; the Federal Government specifically requires that overflows be removed and eliminated from waterways within twelve years, and within seven years for Wethersfield. He said that the State is providing a little more latitude in that they are requiring that Hartford be free of overflows within fifteen years. Mr. Weimar stated that the work must be completed within these timeframes or orders from both the State and Federal Government will be considered violated. Mr. Weimar stated that the MDC is in the process of finalizing the financial plans and budget of the project and once this is accomplished, the figures will be presented to the public. He said that one of the goals is to acquire as much State and Federal funding as possible in order to defray the costs.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato stated that the project is necessary yet costly and asked if State funding will be allocated for it. Mr. Weimar answered that the MDC recently passed a bonding participation note of \$50 million for the purposes of continuing the ongoing work, and of that \$50 million, \$15 million is eligible for State grants based on prior authorizations. He stated that the MDC is also applying for other grants as well and that the MDC is hopeful that State legislative action in July will include some funding for the Clean Water Fund grants. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked what the next steps to be taken are as the Council breaks for summer. She asked Mr. Weimar to provide a brief timeline so that citizens will know when to expect to see information about the project. Mr. Weimar stated again the number of ways that the information has already started to and will soon be made available. He said that it is anticipated that the full MDC Board will be voting on August 7 to authorize the referendum question. Deputy Mayor Fortunato suggested a number of different means in order to inform the public since not everyone has access to the internet. She stated that it is her understanding that this project must be done, so if the referendum fails, the Town risks giving up any control and having the Federal Government dictate how the project will be completed. Mr. Weimar confirmed that this is accurate.

Councilor Cascio stated that the presentation has brought back a lot of memories of what Wethersfield has been working on for a long time. He said that the good news is that many of the communities involved with the referendum have experienced overflows of one kind or another and are aware of the importance of the passing of the referendum. Councilor Cascio asked if all or only the majority of the communities have to pass the referendum. Mr. Weimar stated that the referendum will pass with a vote in each community of 50% plus one vote in favor. Councilor Cascio asked if Wethersfield has a higher priority to receive State and Federal funding since the deadline for this Town is 2013. Mr. Weimar stated that the MDC will have full responsibility for carrying any financing of the projects and MDC representatives will be meeting soon with Mayors and Town Managers of district communities to go over the details of the financing.

Councilor Drake asked if towns that benefit from the MDC but are not members will be paying into this as well. Mr. Weimar said that any community with sewers will be involved. Councilor Drake asked what happens with a community that does not have sewers, but just has MDC water. Mr. Weimar said that the project will not affect the water rates at all; but only the sewer rates.

Councilor Kotkin asked Mr. Weimar if he will be able to provide a number for the amount of outside assistance that will be received. Mr. Weimar stated that the current programs authorized by the State and Federal Government establish a certain maximum amount of benefits in both grants and loans, and at this point the MDC is assuming any amount from zero to complete funding according to those rules. He said that the MDC will determine a recommended amount due to the availability of funds.

Chairperson Morin stated that he doesn't want people to be discouraged by dates of 2013 and 2018 since the reality is that a project of this scope takes a long time, but the end result is that the waterways of this region will be the

beneficiaries of better water quality. Chairperson Morin stated that he fully supports everything Mr. Weimar brought forward during his presentation this evening. He asked Mr. Weimar if there have been any positive changes regarding what is going into the Wethersfield Cove. Mr. Weimar answered that, at this point, the primary impacts have been the improvements in Rocky Hill and this would be the first area to see a dramatic reduction.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato thanked Mr. Weimar for addressing the health issues that may arise during the smoke testing. She again suggested that informational material and assistance be provided in a number of various ways to citizens.

Councilor Adil asked how a resident would know if they have an illegal connection and suggested that information be provided to inform residents of how to determine this, other than smoke coming into their home. Mr. Weimar suggested that an informational workshop be held and he stated that homes built prior to 1961 would have been connected illegally since at that time it was encouraged that the homes connect the roof leaders and sump pumps to the sewer system. He said that the endorsement of a District Act in 1961 changed the requirements. Councilor Adil asked if homes built before 1961 will be grandfathered, and Mr. Weimar answered that this is an issue being discussed as there will be some areas where grandfathering will be more costly than the alternatives.

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO REMOVE ITEM B.6.b FROM THE AGENDA**", seconded by Councilor Adil. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Adil moved "**TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEM B.3.j FRIAR ASSOCIATES, INC. FEASIBILITY STUDY - WETHERSFIELD HIGH SHOOOL AND HANMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**", seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEARING

None.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Ken Sokolowski, 79 Main Street, commented on the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting which will include regular business and as well as a trolley tour of old Wethersfield. He encouraged and invited all to attend this meeting on June 21. Mr. Sokolowski commented on the proposed Ordinance Creating the Wethersfield Redevelopment Agency stating that he will list the applicable State Statutes on his website for information. He commented that he hopes the five members chosen will be extraordinary since although they will not have the final word, they will have a lot of sway in determining what happens in Wethersfield. Mr. Sokolowski commented that it is unfortunate that the proposed Ordinance allows for input from certain Town agencies; however, it does not allow input from the public or from the businesses community. He suggested that the proposed Ordinance be amended to include this as well as a stipulation of where the records of the Agency will be kept. Mr. Sokolowski said that he wishes the Manager well in choosing people who will make the Agency work honorably.

Scott Coleman, 200 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill, provided a summary of a concept he's come up with for the Silas Deane Highway. He said that the concept will include Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, and Cromwell and will advocate an inexpensive, low-power radio station providing local activity, weather, news, historical, and travel information. Mr. Coleman stated that the radio station would be solely a Government entity and would not provide music or commercials, and will be a turnkey system costing approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000 funded completely by grants through FEMA, NOMA, and Homeland Security. He added that the programming would be run by volunteers from the community and it is anticipated that the 10-watt system will cover the entire Silas Deane Highway. Mr. Coleman stated that he presented the concept to the Rocky Hill Silas Deane Committee and will be presenting it to the Rocky Hill Town Council at their meeting next week. Chairperson Morin stated that the Council will bring this forward to Wethersfield's Silas Deane Highway Committee.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, commented that the current vault in the Town Clerk's Office has windows and is surprised that this issue of not meeting State requirements has not been addressed previously. Mr. Young responded positively to Councilor Drake's comment at the last Council meeting regarding a cap on taxes for residents aged sixty-five or older who have lived in Town for ten years or more. In response to the MDC presentation, Mr. Young commented that the newer subdivisions in Wethersfield must not have been administered well enough by the Planning & Zoning Commission if the pipes in the system cannot handle the water flows. He indicated that the P&Z may have been overzealous in allowing developers to build. Mr. Young stated that since the proposed Redevelopment Agency will probably receive Federal and State, as well as Local funding, it should meet all the requirements of public meetings held on a regular basis, and should be open to public comment.

No one else wished to speak and the Chairperson declared the General Comments segment closed.

COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Fortunato reported that she attended the recent Fireside Chat joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Town Council. She also reported that she attended the Youth Services Adhoc Advisory Committee meeting where representatives from both the Youth Services Board and the Committee for Persons with Disabilities were present.

Councilor Cascio reported that he attended the Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting last week to wrap up the parade activities and to discuss what could be done differently to make the Parade even more of a success each year. Councilor Cascio reported that he attended the recent Channel 14 Open House and commented that they are in a wonderful new facility.

Councilor Kotkin reported that he attended the recent Youth Advisory Board meeting which will not meet again until September. He reported that the Insurance Committee did not meet last week due to the lack of a quorum, but information regarding health benefits was handed out prior to the meeting. Councilor Kotkin asked the Town Manager when information will be available regarding the Board of Education and Town's healthcare accounts compared to what is in the budget. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this information will be available some time in July or August.

Councilor Forrest reported that the Conservation Commission met recently and he distributed to Council members a copy of the updated Wethersfield Heritage Way Bikeway/Pedestrian Path map. Councilor Forrest stated that the Conservation Commission requested that the Town Manager provide them with information regarding tonight's discussion of the Town's acquisition of open space.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato announced that the David Schinn Spirit of Service Award recently was given to Matt Daskal and Jeffrey Foss who are both Wethersfield High School Seniors. She congratulated both recipients on their achievement and their involvement in the community.

Councilor Drake commented on the Board of Education's recent appointment of a new Business Manager, and stressed the importance of combining the tasks of the Board of Education and Town Finance Departments with this new person in place. Councilor Drake suggested that this issue be put onto the agenda of the next Shared Services meeting. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that she does not have an issue with this; however there are things that need to get done right now on the Town end before she considers joining the two. Councilor Drake suggested that now may be a good time for the Town's Finance Director to begin conversations with the new Board of Education Business Manager.

Councilor Cascio commented on the recent Academic Awards Night at Wethersfield High School stating that he left with a feeling of pride for both the exiting and incoming senior classes. He stated that he attended the recent Flag Day event at Corpus Christi School which was a wonderful event. Councilor Cascio asked if Wethersfield has looked into labeling vehicles of new drivers indicating that the driver is under transition. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she has not looked into this, but can obtain a copy of West Hartford's resolution at a meeting she's attending tomorrow. Councilor Cascio commented that he supports enthusiastic high school graduates putting up signs throughout Town

and he asked the Town Manager for an update of these signs and other personal property being defaced. The Town Manager reported that the High School football area was spray painted over the weekend. She said that the School Department and the Wethersfield Police are investigating the incident and they made a vandalism arrest. Councilor Cascio inquired as to whether the \$10,000 allocated in the budget for plantings along the Silas Deane Highway could be held back or used for another project since the Town has recently received STEAP funding to use toward the Silas Deane.

Councilor Adil reported that he attended the Nature Center's 1-year Anniversary Celebration and said that it was a great event. He commended the Friends of the Nature Center for the commitment to the facility and for being able to pay back the Town early. Councilor Adil also commended Parks & Recreation Director Kathy Bagley and her staff.

Chairperson Morin announced a number of upcoming community events. He stated that the Town is looking for someone who can consistently attend Council meetings to volunteer to tape the meetings.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Adil moved "**TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LUCILLE PLOUFFE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**", seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:**

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Alternate:

Steven L. Andrea	U	420 Main Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-11
Craig S. Pinney	U	40 Palomina Way	7-01-06 to 6-30-11

CONSTABLE

George W. Cote	R	131 Charter Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
Steven A. McFarland	R	80 Farmingdale Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
Frederick H. Rackle	R	14 Pebble Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE APPEALS BOARD

James Woodworth	R	5 River Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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BOARD OF ETHICS

Alternate:

Christopher Healy	R	27 Dorchester Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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FENCE VIEWERS

Richard B. Lasher	R	100 Griswold Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
Erik Litke	U	33 Farmstead Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Mark Kulmacz	R	37 Old Pewter Lane	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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Alternate:

Robert A. Garrey	R	54 Main Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION

Paul T. Camarco	R	19 Terrace Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
Richard B. Troutman	R	70 Griswold Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Louis Sanzaro R 41 Robeth Lane 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

Alternate:

Antonio L. Margiotta R 155 Stockingmill Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Paul D. Meade R 373 Main Street 7-01-06 to 6-30-11

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Courchaine R 481 Main Street 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Peter N. Kalousdian, Jr. R 154 Griswold Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Earl Munroe R 855 Ridge Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

Richard P. Roberts R 15 Lantern Lane 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

Margaret M. Wagner R 203 Clearfield Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

Alternate:

George B. Oickle R 224 Clearfield Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

SOLOMON WELLES HOUSE COMMITTEE

Patricia L. Kupper U 71 Silo Drive 7-01-06 to 6-30-09

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alternate:

Mike Wrona R 16 Fairmont Street 7-01-06 to 6-30-11

", seconded by Councilor Kirsche. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Adil moved **"TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:**

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD

Samuel A. Spratlin D 115 Broad Street 7-01-06 to 6-30-12

BUILDING APPEALS BOARD

David D. Ambrose D 119 Farmingdale Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-11

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John J. Mullin D 158 Windmill Hill 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

Margaret Wagner D 208 Clearfield Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

CONSTABLES

Albert J. Bonfiglio D 31 Bunce Road 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

John J. O'Leary U P.O. Box 290002 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

COX CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Richard S. Garrey D 35 Harding Street 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

Elizabeth Kirkpatrick TE 505 Silas Deane Hwy. 7-01-06 to 6-30-08

Gary Santoro	TE	505 Silas Deane Hwy.	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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CULTURE AND THE ARTS, COMMITTEE ON

Dawn Richardson Silver	D	839 Nott Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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Patricia C. Viani	D	72 Sunrise Terrace	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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DISABILITIES, WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH

Francis G. Meunier, Jr.	U	117 Wells Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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Kathleen Sullivan	D	90 Clearfield Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Karen Tomczyk*	TE	250 Silas Deane Hwy.	to 12-31-07
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*Public Safety representative

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

Jeanette E. Soroko	D	37B Fairway Drive	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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Cynthia L. Zuerblis	D	119 Two Rod Hwy.	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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Alternate:

Susan Grady	D	25 Westlook Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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FENCE VIEWERS

Harry L. Lichtenbaum	D	16 Towne House Lane	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
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FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Alternate:

Paul T. Camarco	R	19 Terrace Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod	D	116 Thornbush Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-11
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Alternate:

John Maycock	D	13 Meggat Park	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION

Gloria McLean	D	38 Midwell Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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Alternate:

Shirley Steinmetz	D	375 Brimfield Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

David D. Ambrose	D	119 Farmingdale Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Michael J. Fortunato	D	28 Fairmont Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-11
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LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Bedula	D	126 Meadowgate	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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Tracy Ann Gionfriddo	D	33 Belmont Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Daniel M. Silbo	D	376 Nott Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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Charles J. Wood	D	263 Brimfield Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Seth M. English	Clergy	931 Ridge Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08
Estelle B. Knurek(at large)	D	15 Pepperidge Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-08

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mark A. Alpert	D	7 Morrison Avenue	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
Bruce W. Graver	U	87 Concord Circle	7-01-06 to 6-30-09

SOLOMON WELLES HOUSE COMMITTEE

Marilyn D. McPhee	D	102 Hillcrest Avenue	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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TOURISM COMMISSION

Anne C. Kuckro	D	471 Main Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION COMMITTEE

James J. Shugrue	D	83 Sunrise Terrace	to 1-05-08
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YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Maria A. Calleri	D	180 Fox Hill Road	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
Michael R. Carragher	D	65A Fairway Drive	7-01-06 to 6-30-09
Heather Clark Zottola	D	52 Rockland Street	7-01-06 to 6-30-09

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

George W. McKee	U	52 Orchard Hill Drive	7-01-06 to 6-30-11
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", seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Deputy Mayor Fortunato ABSTAINED due to the appointment of Michael J. Fortunato to the Insurance Committee. The motion passed 8-0-1`.

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO DISSOLVE THE SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**", seconded by Councilor Adil.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Charter of the Silas Deane Highway Advisory Committee of helping to put together the Silas Deane Highway plan with Fuss & O'Neill has been achieved and at this point their services are greatly appreciated; however, no longer needed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tax Suspension List

Councilor Adil moved "**TO TRANSFER THE UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES TO TAX SUSPENSE STATUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-165 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES AND THE ATTACHED LIST**", seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Wethersfield Tax Collector, Nancy DiGirolamo, has identified certain personal and motor vehicle taxes that are considered uncollectible. The Town Manager stated that although these are transferred to a tax suspense list, the Town will continue to try to collect the taxes. She said that the total of the list is \$15,306.40.

Councilor Cascio stated that he's noticed that some of the names on the list are deceased. Ms. DiGirolamo said that the only way the name can come off as uncollectible is to put it on the suspense list, and she appreciates any information offered her regarding this.

Councilor Adil asked if the delinquent taxes go to a collection agency and Ms. DiGirolamo said that in the past the Town considered using CCM; however, the Town is no longer a member of CCM. She said that she would be willing to consider a collection agency.

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

Cancellation of Summer Town Council Meetings

Councilor Walsh moved "**TO CANCEL THE JULY 5, 2006 AND AUGUST 7, 2006 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**", seconded by Councilor Adil.

Chairperson Morin stated that if necessary, a special meeting will be called if any pressing business issues arise.

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

Waiver of Police Services Fees - Safe Graduation Party

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO WAIVE FIFTY PERCENT OF THE POLICE SERVICES FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215 FOR THE SAFE GRADUATION PARTY ON JUNE 22, 2006**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

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

Waiver of Police Services Fees - Washington/Rochambeau Event

Councilor Adil moved "**TO WAIVE FIFTY PERCENT OF THE POLICE SERVICES FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108 FOR THE WASHINGTON/ROCHAMBEAU MEETING ANNIVERSARY EVENT**", seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Councilor Adil referred to Ms. Kuckro's request to cover the expense and the Town Manager stated that even if she were asked to waive 100%, she would point out that the Town's policy is to waive 50%.

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

Dog Park Rules

Councilor Adil moved "**TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED DOG PARK RULES**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Parks & Recreation Director Kathy Bagley said that the rules have been worked on for the past several months by the Dog Park Committee members, and have gone through the process of being reviewed by the appropriate Town Departments and committees. She said that lastly, the rules were reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Board who is recommending that the Council approve the rules.

Councilor Drake asked if the Town is covered by insurance if someone should get hurt at the Park. The Town Manager said that the coverage for the Park will be added to the insurance once the Park is finished.

Councilor Cascio asked if the fact that a dog has or has not had a shot for kennel cough will be monitored at the Park. Ms. Bagley answered that Dog Park rules across the country were reviewed and kennel cough vaccination was not a priority issue. Councilor Cascio asked who is responsible if a dog goes into the park, leaves, and then gets sick. Ms. Bagley said that this would be the dog owner's responsibility, as the Town is simply providing an area for the dogs. Councilor Cascio stated that he supports the Dog Park; however, these are issues he's encountered.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the Park will be open year round and Ms. Bagley said that this is the plan; however weather conditions may dictate this. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if it will be the responsibility of Town staff to maintain the area in the winter, and Ms. Bagley answered that the maintenance will be similar to the bike trail which the Town staff does not maintain in the winter. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if there was consideration given to patrons of the Park taking their waste with them rather than providing receptacles at the Park for this purpose. Ms. Bagley said that this was discussed and most Parks have receptacles available so that the public will not simply leave the trash/waste lying around. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if a plan is in place for Town staff to be on hand to regularly clean the receptacles. Ms. Bagley answered that Parks & Recreation staff currently perform daily pickups at Parks in the summer and less often in the winter months, and this will apply to the Dog Park as well. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if any consideration was given to requiring proof of residency for entrance into the Park, and Ms. Bagley said that residency restrictions were never discussed.

Councilor Adil asked for an update of the Dog Park's special event on June 11. Ms. Bagley reported that the event went very well with just over \$15,000 being raised.

Councilor Kotkin asked if the hours of the Dog Park will be the same as the current hours of the Park overall, and Ms. Bagley replied that the hours will be the same as the current hours and will indicate that the Park is closed from sunset to 8:00 a.m. She said that although the lighted areas of the Park are open until 10:00 p.m., the Dog Park will not be, since it is not lit.

Councilor Cascio asked if the Dog Park Rules will be posted on a permanent board at the Park. Ms. Bagley said that signs will be posted at the gate. Councilor Cascio asked if the Town's insurance carrier mentioned a disclaimer other than "use at your own risk". Ms. Bagley said that the Town went through CIRMA and the Town's insurance representative to determine just what would be posted on the sign, and disclaimers did not come up. She said that she can review this point with them; however. Councilor Cascio suggested a disclaimer to the effect of "the Town is not responsible for the behavior of your dog" or something of that nature.

Chairperson Morin stated that this is a great project and he looks forward to its success. He said that revisions to the rules may be necessary as time goes by; however, this is a great start. Ms. Bagley stated that the Committee realizes and discussed that things may change and therefore revisions may need to be made.

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

Budget Transfer - Fire Department

Councilor Adil moved "**TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN THE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FIRE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED BUDGET TRANSFER FORM**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that additional funds are required in the Fire Suppression account to cover the replacement of uniform equipment damaged in a fire and the new computer necessary for testing of the new Scott air pack face masks.

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

Budget Transfer - Parks and Recreation Department

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN THE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUP DEPARTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED BUDGET TRANSFER FORMS"**, seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that this pertains to utility increases at the Community Center and custodial supplies. She said that there are additional funds in the Nature Center utility account being that this was the first year for them to project utility costs and the expenditures came in under budget.

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

Budget Transfer - Town Wide Radio System

Councilor Adil moved **"TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$11,791 FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT T1910900 5250 TO TOWN WIDE RADIO ACCOUNTS AS FOLLOWS: \$1,608 TO ACCOUNT T1068-5212, \$4,020 TO ACCOUNT T1068-5220, \$1,415 TO ACCOUNT T1068-5254, AND \$4,748 TO ACCOUNT T1068-5311"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that there was a \$4,000 payment for training that was inadvertently charged to this fiscal year that should have been charged to last year instead. She said that funding for Fire and Police Department backup batteries have been budgeted for in the next fiscal year. The Town Manager explained that the Town was not aware that they would have to handle miscellaneous regulatory items; therefore there is an increase in the consulting fees for this. She said that there have also been rate increases for CL&P.

Chairperson Morin stated that he hopes the Town doesn't again inadvertently charge items to the incorrect fiscal year. The Town Manager said that the Finance Director has sent a directive to Town Department Heads that items have to be submitted in a timely manner before fiscal year end books are closed.

Councilor Drake asked if the licensing issue is something that is ongoing and if so, why. Mr. Turner answered that the particular licensing included in the budget transfer pertain to the re-roofing of Firehouse #3 which included the removal of the radio tower which had to be re-licensed for the Town Hall, and to periodic updates/terminations of the former 460 frequency. Councilor Drake asked if it is necessary to address these issues through a consultant. Mr. Turner answered that there is paperwork and federal forms that are required to be filed, and the consultant is paid on an hourly basis as needed.

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

The Trust for Public Land - Fiscal Research and Analysis Contract

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO COMPLETE A READINESS TO BOND STUDY AND TO UTILIZE THE FUNDS FROM THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE STUDY"**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that for many years Wethersfield Councils have discussed placing a referendum question on a ballot for the acquisition of open space. She said that she has previously expressed to the Council the need to have funding already in place should the opportunity arise to purchase land. The Town Manager said that the Trust for Public Land group has a program in place, at a cost of \$2,000, to perform fiscal research and analysis of the Town's finances and readiness to bond, with recommendations on bond referenda, including size, language and timing, including a written report, a presentation, and recommendations to the Town when the work is complete. She said that this is a great service for such a low cost, and she highly recommends it.

Councilor Forrest confirmed that the Conservation Commission supports this process and stated that he supports the motion.

Councilor Cascio suggested that the Council review the Town's Policy for Open Space Acquisition. He said that he supports the motion; however, there should be coordination between the EDIC, Inland Wetlands, Parks & Recreation, Conservation Commission, and the Council, as well as a possible independent group when an effort is made to acquire properties.

Councilor Drake stated that he supports the concept; however, he is concerned with the cost of \$2,000 doesn't seem like enough for such a substantial effort, and that the Town may be wasting the money to not really get much information. He said that he'd rather spend more to make sure that meaningful information is obtained. The Town Manager said that the Trust for Public Land has done impressive work for other Towns and their reporting is very informative.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato noted that the Trust for Public Land has offices in all of the New England States and that funding coming from Government agencies may be subsidizing their efforts; therefore, communities are being encouraged to go through this process since they can keep the costs down. Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that the Trust for Public Land is a credible organization and asked the Town Manager if she has any additional information on the group. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she does not.

Councilor Kotkin stated that the bond measure design appears to be a benefit which could be expedited quickly and more effectively because of the Trust's experience. He asked the Town Manager if she considers this to be a key element of the package as well. The Town Manager said that it is important in terms of the advantage of them doing land use, in that the process can be expedited more quickly since the Town's Financial Advisor Terry Larson's expertise is not land acquisition.

Councilor Adil stated that he feels the work is well worth \$2,000 in that it will also provide creative ways of acquiring open space.

Councilor Forrest stated that within the past two years the Conservation Commission has reviewed and revised the Town's Policy for Open Space Acquisition. He said that this updated criteria has been applied to over three hundred properties in Wethersfield. Councilor Forrest noted that the Wethersfield Charter states that the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction of the inventory of open space.

Chairperson Morin stated that the Conservation Commission needs to continue working on the inventory and it is the responsibility of the Council to determine the processes required for the acquisition of open space.

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

Feasibility Study - Wethersfield High School and Hanmer School

Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved "**THAT THE FEASIBILITY AND ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES FOR RENOVATIONS TO WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND HANMER SCHOOL BE AWARDED TO FRIAR & ASSOCIATES, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000 FOR WORK TO BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN JULY 1, 2006**", seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Council has allocated monies in next year's budget for an architect to begin planning for a possible referendum for renovations to the High School and Hanmer School. She said that the Board of Education would like to use Friar & Associates, Inc. since they've had positive experiences with them in the past.

Councilor Adil asked from where the \$48,000 will come. The Town Manager answered that money is allocated in the Capital Budget for next year.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato stated that this item was discussed at Shared Services meetings, as well as at the recent joint Council/Board of Education Fireside Chat meeting. She said that renovation projects have to begin with a feasibility study and that the Board of Education is not expecting a referendum on this in the immediate future. She said that she feels it is important that this assessment be done at this time.

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

BIDS

Leaf Vacuum Bid

Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO AWARD A CONTRACT OR THE PURCHASE OF A LEAF VACUUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS TO THE ODB COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,809 IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007"**, seconded by Councilor Adil.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Council approved \$28,000 in next year's budget for a leaf vacuum. She said that the manufacturer of the Town's existing equipment is no longer in business, so staff researched equipment specifications to find a replacement that will be interchangeable with the existing equipment, and to insure that the Town receive the equipment in time for the Fall leaf pickup. The staff is therefore requesting a bid waiver.

Councilor Adil commended Mr. Turner and his staff for their efforts which saved the Town over \$5,000.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE CREATING THE WETHERSFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Be it Hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wethersfield that Part I of the Revised Charter and Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, is hereby amended by adding Article XXVII, which said article reads as follows:

ARTICLE XXVII Redevelopment Agency

§ 10-98. Redevelopment Agency created; powers and duties.

There is hereby created a redevelopment agency for the Town in accordance with Section 8-126 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, said agency to be known as the "Wethersfield Redevelopment Agency." The Agency shall have all the powers and duties now or hereafter provided for redevelopment agencies by the Connecticut General Statutes, subject to the limitations on the exercise of the power of eminent domain established by §12.1 of the Code of Ordinances, as the same may be amended from time to time.

§ 10-99. Membership; term; removal of members.

- A. The Agency shall be composed of five (5) electors resident in the Town, appointed by the Town Manager as the chief executive officer of the Town and approved by the Town Council.
- B. Of the members of the Agency first appointed, one each shall be designated to serve for one, two, three, four and five years respectively, terminating on June 30th of the respective year. All subsequent appointments of members shall be for terms of five years, commencing on July 1st of the respective year. Each member shall serve until such member's successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of original appointment.
- C. Any member of the Agency may be removed by the Town Manager for cause and, on request of such member, after public hearing.

§ 10-100. Officers.

Annually at its first meeting on or after July 1st, the Agency shall select from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman.

§ 10-101. Meetings; rules of procedure; majority of Agency necessary to act.

- A. Meetings of the Agency shall be held at such times and places as the Agency may determine.
- B. The Agency shall adopt rules of procedure for the governance of its meetings.
- C. Action by the Agency shall be taken only on a majority vote of all of the members of the Agency.

§ 10-102. Records; reports.

- A. The Agency shall keep records of its meetings and other activities.
- B. The Agency shall annually on or before July 1st submit to the Town Council a report of its activities for the prior fiscal year and its projected activities for the fiscal year then commencing. The Agency shall make such special reports as the Town Council may request from time to time.

§ 10-103. Compensation.

The members of the Agency shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, subject to budgetary limitations.

§ 10-104. Coordination with other town bodies.

The Agency shall coordinate its activities with the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, the Wethersfield Economic Development and Improvement Commission and other interested officials and agencies of the Town, and the Agency may invite to attend and participate in its meetings and deliberations, but without vote, any person not a member of the Agency.

§ 10-105. Employees.

The Agency may employ a secretary and such other officers, agents, technical consultants, legal counsel and employees as it may require, subject to budgetary limitations and relevant Charter provisions.

§ 10-106. Appropriations.

In the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers aforesaid, the Agency shall not incur any expenses or obligate the Town to pay any expense in excess of the funds appropriated by the Town Council for such purpose.

MINUTES

Councilor Kotkin moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2006**", seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Councilor Kirsche ABSTAINED. The motion passed 8-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**" seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

At 10:41 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO RECLASSIFY THE ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO A FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**", seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

At 10:42 p.m., Councilor Kotkin moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by vote of Council July 17, 2006