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REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2003

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on April 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Present: Councilors Fitzpatrick, Flynn, Gardow, Hemmann, Morin, Deputy Mayor O'Connor and Chairperson Czernicki. Absent: Councilors Cascio and Sassano

Also present: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager; Joseph Swetcky, Finance Director; and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Chairperson Czernicki introduced the new Town Manager, Bonnie Therrien, and welcomed her to her first Wethersfield Town Council meeting.

PRESENTATION: Wethersfield Tourism Commission

Charles Forsdick, Tourism Commission member spoke in the absence of Chairperson Anne Kuckro. He introduced Neil Walsh who gave an overview of the presentation that Ben Seidel, Director of the new Convention Center in Hartford, offered on the convention center and the growth of tourism in Hartford. Neil Walsh, 49 Woodland Street, is a member of the standing committee of the Town's Tourism Commission. He thanked the Council for providing the Tourism Commission the opportunity to share their presentation on the role of tourism and its potential as an element of Wethersfield's economic development. Planned developments in Hartford will benefit the Town of Wethersfield. The State of Connecticut has funded a development project in Hartford which, along with private development represents more than \$1 billion dollars in improvements to the infrastructure and to the regional planning stage. A new state of the art convention center facility is now being built just off of Interstate-91 in Hartford. Mr. Seidel's presentation provided information as to the type of visitor expected, the number of visitors the region will see, and how and where they will spend their money. The Center provides Wethersfield the opportunity to build upon our already significant strengths as a regional tourism destination and to benefit from this soon-to-be economic reality. The Convention Center has more than twenty-two letters of intent from trade associations and other groups intending to come here for their convention events. The average convention size is between 1500 and 2000 delegates. These visitors will spend an average of \$900 per person per stay and will be staying in the area an average of 3 1/2 days. Money will be spent on accommodations, tours, sight-seeing, food and beverage, recreation, museums, retail shopping as well as a myriad of other travel related services. These visitors will travel an average of sixty-eight miles from their original destination and are likely to take trips outside of Hartford during their stay here. Wethersfield is a natural nearby destination for them. The Convention Center organization is in the process of identifying 6+ ring area destination sites to use as a marketing tool as they sell their Center and important regional attractions as well. Mr. Steve Holz, 11 Hubbard Place, shared with those in attendance a PowerPoint presentation of the Tourism Commission's vision of what tourism can bring to Wethersfield. Tourism is a legitimate investment opportunity in the economy of Wethersfield with an exceptional return on investment potential. The following four points were highlighted: (1) Tourism is big business for other small cities; (2) State and regional investment in tourism is occurring now; (3) Wethersfield can benefit from the State and regional investment in tourism by riding the coat tails of what's going on; (4) Investment in Wethersfield tourism has already demonstrated its economic viability.

The first tangible step in promoting tourism is funding for the years 2003-2004. The Tourism Commission has requested \$24,000 for its 2003-2004 budget to support projects that will promote economic development and prepare us to capitalize on the tremendous influx of tourists to the Hartford region.

The Tourism Commission is preparing to undertake the following specific projects:

- Website development
- Signage - permanent directional and informational signage
- Transportation - trolley to and within the Historic Wethersfield district
- Calendar identifying all tourist-related activities
- Greeter training for volunteers

Wethersfield's economic future depends on its commitment to consistent investment in tourism and getting the entire community's support for the Tourism Commission's vision. We need to get going by tying into State and regional initiatives and by well conceived and adequately funded plans in order to insure our fair share of the tourism pie.

Chairperson Ann Kuckro thanked the members of the Council for their ongoing support for the Tourism Commission. She also thanked Brian McGee and his staff for the extra time they contributed to the design of the new brochure which will be delivered to each household in Town in the May issue of Wethersfield Life. The contents of the brochure will also be available on the new Wethersfield tourism website thanks to the work of Paul Courchaine and Lloyd Goldberg who donated their time and expertise to create the website www.historicwethersfield.com. Finally, Ms. Kuckro thanked Alex and Kate, two students from Central Connecticut University, who are putting together an information booklet featuring local attractions, local shops, restaurants and businesses. This booklet will be available for reference at the Keeney Center and the library.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked if any thought had been given to putting the new brochure into the Rocky Hill Life, Glastonbury Life or any other surrounding community. Ms. Kuckro said it had been discussed but a decision has not been made to do this or use the State welcome centers. The distribution plan for the remainder of the brochures is yet to be finalized. Deputy Mayor O'Connor stressed the importance of name recognition in surrounding communities.

Chairperson Czernicki asked where or when Mr. Seidel's presentation can be viewed. Ms. Kuckro said that she can find out future dates that the five-minute video will be presented.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Town Manager Bonnie Therrien. All remained standing for a moment of remembrance for Thayer Chase and Russ Lipes for their service to Wethersfield.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: Brenda Milkofsky, Wethersfield Historical Society

Brenda Milkofsky was the President of the Wethersfield Historical Society for approximately nine years and has returned to her community of Essex. She will be missed and Wethersfield greatly appreciates her contributions to our community. Chairperson Czernicki and Councilor Flynn were in attendance at Ms. Milkofsky's farewell reception. A search has begun to find a replacement for the position.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Joseph Swetcky, Finance Director and Interim Town Manager for the past eight months. The gratitude of the Council and the Town's people was expressed for Mr. Swetcky's attention to their concerns and issues. He has been an invaluable source of information, help and support for all staff. He has displayed a calm, fair and equitable manner in business.

Mr. Swetcky thanked the Council for their support and trust. His tenure as Interim Town Manager was a rewarding experience and he enjoyed working with the Town's people.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor moved "**TO REMOVE ITEMS C2i, C2j AND C2k FROM THE TABLE**", seconded by Councilor Fitzpatrick. All present voted AYE, it passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEARING

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

There being no one wishing to speak, the Chairperson declared the Hearing closed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thomas Wraight, 22 Coleman Road, wished to welcome Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and looks forward to a long relationship of good will and great performance. He spoke of the appointment of the new Police Chief, saying the enthusiastic support and faithful recognition of outstanding performance and abilities of Jim Cetran have not been forgotten. We need to get on with this piece of business as rapidly, efficiently and fairly as we can.

Peter Maxwell addressed the Council regarding petitions of August, 2000 on which residents did not have the opportunity to vote. Nearly three years later, the school renovations were voted on and approved by more than a 3/4 margin. There is a current, urgent need to end overcrowding in Wethersfield schools. The public understands the urgency. Time is the top priority. He suggests that Council direct the Building Committee to cut the fat from the meat and do all the work necessary and not drag it out for years.

Polly Moon, 99 Sharon Lane, spoke on behalf of the Wethersfield Public Library. She presented new library cards to Council members which display the new Wethersfield Library logo. The new cards come in both credit card and key tag sizes. The new card can be used to borrow materials in any public library in Connecticut through the system called "Connecticard". Also, materials borrowed at any library in Connecticut can be returned to Wethersfield and they will be returned to the owning library. All Wethersfield residents are eligible to receive the new card.

Matt DeAngelo, 16 Dennison Ridge, supports the proposal allocating funds for air conditioning at the Highcrest and Hanmer schools. At a conference last September, he noted that the temperature in his son's first grade classroom was 84 degrees at 7:30pm. During the heat of the day it had to be much hotter. He hopes the proposal passes with bipartisan support of the Council.

Matt Cholewa, 90 Ox Yoke Drive, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, spoke on behalf of the Commission. He addressed the updating of the Planning and Zoning regulations. The updating has gone slower than planned partly due to the departure of two Town Planners. He asked that Council retain the consultant currently being used and have him play a more active role to get the Commission through the process. Mr. Cholewa believes that the money being saved by Mr. Carpentino's salary would make up the \$5,000 being requested for the proposal.

Councilor Czernicki thanked Mr. Cholewa for bring up this issue and agrees that we need to finish up the work on the regulations. She asked if the \$5,000 allotment will get us to where we need to be. Mr. Cholewa said that it would.

Councilor Gardow asked Mr. Cholewa how much time \$5,000 would cover. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien asked Finance Director Joe Swetcky if he is aware of how much money is left in the account. Mr. Swetcky did not have the information readily available. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the information can be obtained and provided to Councilors.

Lisa-Anne Foster, 28 Dennison Ridge, spoke in support of allocating funds for air conditioning at Highcrest and Hanmer schools. She has a PhD in microbiology and specializes in the study of infectious diseases and understands that the situation at Highcrest could pose a potential hazard to our children. She urges the Council to do whatever they can to decrease the levels of mold spores and air contaminants in our schools to increase the health and safety of our children.

Elaine Paradise, 46 Silo Drive, supports the resolution for air conditioning at Highcrest and Hanmer schools. She is a teacher at Hanmer School and her children attended Highcrest School. Her classroom at Hanmer is over 86 degrees and that is with a window open.

Diana Feliciano, 7 Dennison Ridge, reminded Council that it is already beginning to get warm in the schools. The workers, as well as the children, are suffering as well. The cafeteria workers have been seen sweating and Ms. Feliciano fears that this sweat is dripping down into the childrens' food. Children are actually fainting in the school. The children are going out 5-6 times so that they can get some air.

Jose Aguilar, 17 Cross Hill Road, supports air conditioning in the schools for the reasons already stated. It is difficult for youngsters to concentrate and learn when their comfort is compromised. Children with asthma, allergies and other

breathing ailments have these conditions worsen in the stifling heat. These two schools need to be equipped with air conditioning to be equitable with the other schools. It is the Board of Education's mandate to be equitable in its treatment with all schools in Wethersfield.

Julie Montinieri, 43 Amato Circle, agrees with those who have spoken about the air conditioning issue. Most importantly is the issue of equity. Fans simply blow hot air, distracting and noisy and are merely a band-aid solution. Preparation for the Connecticut Mastery Tests take place during September and half the students of Wethersfield should not be forced to prepare in the heat while the other half of Wethersfield students are in a more comfortable environment. Teachers and students were able to manage without air conditioning when class sizes were smaller and security was not an issue. Increasing enrollment and the need to keep doors closed have resulted in the problems described and we need to address this accordingly. In response to Council members not hearing of any problems from parents, Ms. Montinieri shared that parents did come before the Board of Education with their concerns and that they shouldn't have to come out again to express these concerns to the Council. The Board of Education should be communicating the parents' concerns to the Council. There is a communication gap somewhere.

Patti Silva, 24 Hillcrest Avenue, supports the resolution allocating funds for air conditioning at Highcrest and Hanmer. She shared with the Council an invitation to the 7th Annual Wethersfield Schools Parent Council's Recognition Awards Ceremony. The ceremony honors volunteers within the community for the Webb Kindergarten Center - Mrs. Janet Vasil; for the Charles Wright Elementary - Mrs. Lisa Martin; Emerson Williams - Mr. Brendan Hallisey; Hanmer Elementary - Mrs. Roseann Gorski; Highcrest School - Mrs. Julie Montineiri; Silas Deane Middle School - Mrs. Cindy Rukier; Wethersfield High School - Mr. Arnold Mason, Mrs. Janet Mason; Community Award - Miss Nicki Sherwood, Ms. Liz Gray, Ms. Catherine Hugh, Ms. Kim Crapeau, Miss Emily Bantel, Mr. Tommy Filana, and Mrs. Joanna Hoffman. The ceremony will be held on May 5, 2003.

Chairperson Czernicki announced that Patti Silva is being recognized by Susan Bysiewicz for her efforts as a member of the Council of Mental Retardation. Ms. Silva was appointed by the Governor to the Council last fall.

Ed Kardas, 850 Cloverdale Circle, spoke on the Tourism Commission presentation. Suggests allowing the audience to have the opportunity to ask a question or make an observation after a presentation. During the major events season a spot survey could be conducted of the visitors and from where they've come. The Commission will then have a better idea of where to provide advertising. Chairperson Czernicki said that there is a very strong attempt already being made to find out from where folks are traveling.

Rick Garrey, 35 Harding Street, supports the air conditioning for the other schools. He asked if any alternatives other than window units have been considered. This is Mr. Garrey's field of work and rather than spend \$40,000 on window units, we could possibly spend a bit more and have it done right for good. Window units are not a long-term solution.

Paul Flannery, 382 Ridge Road, supports the air conditioning resolution and asked why we don't just open the doors? He agrees that we should look beyond window units. They do not remove spores from the air in the room, but rather recirculate air in the room.

Carol Narciss, 34 Griswold Road, is a parent of a Highcrest student. She supports putting some sort of air conditioning and likes the idea of something other than window units. There was a flood in the library at Highcrest a few weeks ago and she thinks there has got to be mold growing somewhere in the moist remainder. The High School even needs air conditioning. Students can't simply take a day off because it's too hot.

Dave Kelly, 145 Parsons Street, Rocky Hill, is the president of the Wethersfield Village Cemetery Association. He distributed a handout to Council members and read a letter he wrote to Council members regarding funds for the preservation of brownstone markers in the Ancient Burying Grounds on Marsh Street. The FACES Group, (Friends of the Ancient Cemeteries Endangered Stones), has restored or repaired 150 stones. Over 5,000 students from around the area visit our Burying Ground each year. Every fifth grader in Wethersfield takes an educational, hands-on tour of the Grounds. In this respect, the Burying Ground becomes an outdoor classroom. The FACES Group's request for funding for 2004 has been rejected by the Capital Improvements Committee. Hopefully there are funds available for this valuable preservation and maintenance program. The deterioration of the legs of the table stones has become a safety hazard. Chemical stone strengthen can stop this disintegration. The Ancient Burying Ground is a historical record of

our town. The technology exists to repair and preserve these works of art. Mr. Kelly asked that Council continue to support this important project.

Councilor Flynn asked how much funding is being requested. Mr. Kelly answered that the request is \$25,000.

Gina DeAngelo, 16 Dennison Ridge, spoke on the air conditioning issue. In the fall, she contacted OSHA regarding the situation at Highcrest and Hanmer and was told that she could do nothing about the situation because she was not a worker at either location. She then contacted the DEP and was instructed to contact the local Superintendent of Schools which she did. She spoke to Mr. Whall about the ventilation system and he told her that it is working properly. She appeals to the Council to vote for the air conditioning. The kids can't learn when it is so hot.

Matthew Forest, 222 Clearfield Road, supports the resolution establishing a Charter Revision Committee. He reminds the committee that the Charter is a document which is the contract between the Council and the people of Wethersfield. It is a contract that can be breached and by not establishing the Committee, it will be breached. In section 908 of the Charter, it specifically states that a Charter Committee is needed to look over the Charter for future revisions for the betterment of the town. He suggests that to not create such a Committee would be an embarrassment because to breach the contract would be actionable in court.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, commented that the air conditioning should probably be taken care of; however to spend \$40,000 to air condition two schools with window units may not be the best action taken. They are noisy and they cool unevenly. Regarding the budget, Mr. Young understands that Wethersfield is looking at a 6.8% budget increase. This amount is too high for our difficult economic times. We need to shoot for a 0% budget increase. We may have to consider a referendum on the budget. Unfortunately, with the resignation of the Town Planner, progress will drag on the Silas Deane projects. The State is cutting back on tourism dollars and this will work against us as we try to boost our tourism in Wethersfield. The Stillman and Webb projects need to begin as soon as possible to eliminate overcrowding.

Angeline Armillei, 30 Goodwin Park Road, commented that the Labor Department used to allow the Connecticut Transit District to use their lot for a turnaround. When they were paving the driveway at the Labor Department, the busses would come down her street and turn at the Labor Department. Last December, it was noticed that the busses came down the street, but never returned in the opposite direction. She is concerned because the noise is terrible, and the busses start coming at 6:00 a.m. six days per week. The busses race down the narrow street endangering residents which include school children. Ms. Armelie has submitted a petition to the Council to remedy this dangerous situation. Chairperson Czernicki stated that Town Manager Bonnie Therrien will set up a meeting with the Connecticut Transit District to present concerns of the neighborhood. Residents of the neighborhood will be welcome to attend the meeting. Mr. Armelie stated that the residents were never notified that the busses would be invading their street and this invasion has disrupted the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Abdul Wardak, 51 Ridge Crest Circle, stated that many of the yards on Ridge Crest Circle have big puddles and streams running through their back yards when, there is in fact no stream in the area. Ridge Crest Circle is located in a trough with the crest being Ridge Road. Throughout the winter Mr. Wardak's back yard had a sheet of ice as the soil could no longer absorb additional water. When the ice melted, the puddles were three inches deep and streams started to form along the side of his home emptying out into the road. Mr. Wardak proposes that money be set aside to aid residents who live in areas where such flood conditions exist. An engineer from the Town came to view the yard and said that since there is no flood gate in front of the house, nothing could be done. The flood gate cannot be created because there is no money set aside for it. If money is set aside, situations like this could be resolved.

Rocco Orsini, 95 Broad Street, spoke on behalf of the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. commented on the Spring Street intersection. The work done is a great improvement; however some of the foliage planted last fall for the Maple Street/Putnam Bridge project has died. He suggests that the Town go back to the contractor to have the trees replaced. Also, the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. supports the efforts of the group of neighbors on Goodwin Park Road regarding the Connecticut Transit District bus route. This is a quality of life and safety issue. With regard to the grass clippings, Mr. Orsini said that Mr. Hart's memo does not state how much the grass clippings are costing the town. Mr. Orsini believes the number is \$25,000. The Council needs to revisit the issue. The

Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. supports charging residents to have grass clippings picked up. Finally, the trash patrols are very important. The free coupon to bring a truckload of trash to the Town transfer station is only good for two weeks. In the past the coupon has been good for thirty days. The Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. supports this opportunity for residents to use the free coupon to pick up trash and bring it to the transfer station.

George Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, welcomed Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and stated that the taxpayers will do their best to work with her on any tasks at hand. He questioned the \$20,000 for the tourism commission and wonders if the money comes back to the Town. Regarding the trash patrol, Mr. Ruhe feels that the Housing Authority needs to do a better job of keeping their area of the Silas Deane free from trash. In reference to the air conditioning in the schools, Mr. Ruhe feels that we need to do it right and not panic. Also, we need to look at factual, not anecdotal, data to support the air conditioning need. We can't simply deal with emotions. We need to be thorough and get good engineering input.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Chairperson declared the general comments closed.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Fitzpatrick moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT"**, seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Town Clerk Dolores Sassano stated that the Town is applying for a \$12,000 Preservation Grant which will be used partly to preserve record books dating back to 1634. The funds will also be used to purchase shelving in the Town Clerk's office vault which contains books of all records required to be kept on file.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Gardow moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WENDY VENCUSS TO THE WETHERSFIELD SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO 6-30-04"**, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Connor. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD L. DOBMEIER TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID L. DRAKE TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD M. GIBILISCO TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH L. HAMMER TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LUCAS L. MCENTIRE TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA STRONG TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES P. VIANI TO THE SCHOOL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE - WEBB, STILLMAN, PHYSICAL SERVICES FOR A TERM OF 4-21-03 TO COMPLETION"**, seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF TOWN ROW ON CHURCH STREET

Chairperson Czernicki stated that a letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission states that they have given an unfavorable report regarding the request.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO REFER THE REQUEST TO MAJOR CONTRACTS"**, seconded by Councilor Gardow.

Councilor Gardow attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and it was determined by the Town Engineer and Town Planner that the piece of property should not be abandoned; however a more creative way for use of the property could be allowed for Mr.& Mrs. Kelly, the owners of the adjoining corner property.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

SMALL CITIES GRANT ADMINISTRATION (\$10,000)

Chairperson Czernicki said that when this bid was proposed at the March 3, 2003 Council meeting, there was concern that the one of the principals of the Ramili Associates was also a member of the Police Facility project. At that time Interim Town Manager Swetcky said that there was a possibility that this project could be undertaken in-house. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that Mr. Swetcky has informed her that this can be done in-house. Council agreed to move the project in-house.

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$40,000 FOR AIR CONDITIONERS AT THE HIGHCREST AND HANMER SCHOOLS

Councilor Fitzpatrick moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$40,000 FOR AIR CONDITIONERS AT THE HIGHCREST AND HANMER SCHOOLS"**, seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick Proctor welcomed Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and provided a brief overview pertaining to the \$40,000 allocation for air conditioning. The Board of Education feels that this is an important resolution and is strongly in favor of it. Information was provided to Councilors in their packets with regard to detailed costs of the project and also letters from Maresa M. Harvey, Principal of Highcrest School; Joanne D. Beekley, Principal of Hanmer School; and Faine Gauthier, Head Nurse supporting the need for the air conditioners. The proposal allows for 22 air conditioners to be installed in classrooms at Hanmer School at a cost of \$17,630. This includes the air conditioners, hardware, electrical parts and insulated panels. Highcrest School will have 24 air conditioners installed for a cost of \$19,160. The total cost with labor (\$10,000) will be \$46,790 of which \$40,000 is from the Town's allocation and the remainder would be from the Board of Education's present year operating budget. The work is proposed to be done over a 20-25 day period during the early summer of 2003. This issue is not only comfort which impacts childrens' learning, but also the equity issue. Most significant, however, is the health issue.

Councilor Flynn thanked Dr. Proctor for the information provided. He asked what the estimate is for annual costs to run the air conditioners. Dr. Proctor said that an estimate is not available at this time. Councilor Flynn asked if the additional costs of operating these air conditioners would be handled in the context of the proposed budget. Dr. Proctor

said that the costs would be handled and that he does not expect them to be exorbitant.

Councilor Morin said that four weeks ago he supported moving along with this resolution because it was expected that this project would be to be completed during the April vacation. He continues to support the project; however since the work won't be done until the summer, we may want to look at a more long-term alternative.

Councilor Hemmann said that the central air conditioning for both schools has been in the capital improvements budget for a number of years and it is a large expense. This resolution is an interim way to address the issue because of the large expense involved to provide central air. Currently, we are looking at roof issues. Also, one of the schools is already set up with duct work. There would be a lot of structural work required to develop a long-term solution.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor thanked Dr. Beekley, Dr. Proctor, Chairperson Stanziale and Mrs. Carney and Mo McCarthy for their efforts and for attending the meeting tonight. At the last Council meeting, much of the debate centered on obtaining information from the Principals and the school nurses on the need for the air conditioning. We have reports from these school personnel now and this makes a huge difference. Also, the Board of Education has now voiced their opinion that this issue is one on which they would like to spend money. Deputy Mayor O'Connor is happy to move forward and support this project. He questions whether the price of \$580 for a 12,000 BTU air conditioner is a general price or if it is a State contract price because he feels that we could do better price wise.

Mr. McCarthy said that this is a high-side estimate off the shelf. With the purchase of 46 units, we would need to go out to bid and we would certainly get a lower price.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor said that we may want to consider purchasing the 5-year extended warranty on the units. Mr. McCarthy said that that will be written into the specifications for the units before they go to bid. There will be an additional cost and a request of what the cost will be.

Councilor Gardow asked if the units will be installed so that there will be no security issue. Dr. Proctor said that this will be addressed. Councilor Gardow asked if the CMT test scores differed between the air conditioned schools and the non-air conditioned schools. Dr. Proctor said that no such study was conducted. Councilor Gardow understands that non-air conditioned schools would be uncomfortable for testing, but it was conjecture to state that the test scores at those schools would be lower. He appreciates the information provided this evening.

Councilor Fitzpatrick said that when he introduced this resolution, the concern was not equity. The concern was that, when speaking to parents, the temperatures in the classrooms were excessively high. He believes that it is important for the health and welfare of the students that this resolution moves forward tonight.

Councilor Flynn agreed that it is important to get this passed tonight. He asked if it is still being intended to accomplish this project through a supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education. Has the Board taken formal action to allocate the additional dollars? Dr. Proctor said that the Board has not as yet taken action, but that they will. There has been an expression of will, which was confirmed by Board Chairperson Stanziale. Also, Councilor Flynn stated that Interim Town Manager Swetcky has recommended allocating funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for this purpose. The motion would reflect the supplemental appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND"**, seconded by Councilor Fitzpatrick. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn asked Dr. Proctor what the date will be for commencement of work on the air conditioning project. Dr. Proctor said that the last day of school is June 24. Councilor Flynn said that we run the risk of having to reallocate the funds if the monies aren't expended by the end of the fiscal year. He wants to make sure we encumber the funds to do the work regardless of the fiscal year.

Councilor Gardow asked if all the money is not spent on the project, will the Board of Education keep the remainder? Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that any surplus funds will remain in the Capital Improvement Fund to be reallocated.

Councilor Flynn said that if the resolution includes the supplemental appropriation to the Board of Education then they are in charge of how the money is spent. Dr. Proctor said that the Board of Education has made a commitment of how they will spend the money.

Joe Swetcky, Town Finance Director, said that the recommendation is to leave the \$40,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund and reallocate it for the air conditioning. The money stays in the Capital budget. This is the more efficient way of allocating the funds. By appropriating the \$40,000 to the Board of Education, Council will need to come back again and do an introduction to a resolution and have another public hearing because they would be changing the bottom line of their budget.

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO WITHDRAW HIS MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND"**, seconded by Councilor Fitzpatrick. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Morin asked if we are no longer going to look at other alternatives, he will support the resolution, but it would be nice to have a better idea of these alternatives.

Chairperson Czernicki asked Mr. McCarthy if while he and Mr. Turner are looking at the bids for air conditioners, they could provide information as to how cost effective it would be to provide central air conditioning. Mr. McCarthy said that a study was done in 1999 as to what would have to be done to provide central air to each facility. The report is on file and prices have more than likely changed since that time. The cost would be approximately \$300,000-\$400,000 per elementary school and \$1.4 million for the High School. Dr. Proctor said that the current numbers could be provided per Councilor Morin's request.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE KATHARINE SMITH TRUST FUND

Councilor Flynn moved **"TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE USE OF \$600 FROM THE KATHARINE SMITH TRUST FUND TO RENEW TWELVE FLOWER BARRELS ON THE BROAD STREET GREEN"**, seconded by Councilor Morin.

Chairperson Czernicki asked if the funds are to buy new barrels or to replant the existing barrels.

Kathy Bagley, Director of Recreation & Parks, answered that the funds are to replant the existing barrels.

This is a sponsorship with the Beautification Trust and there is a \$50 renewal/sponsorship of each barrel which includes all the material inside the barrel and sponsorship of the barrel. The original barrels on the Green were sponsored by the Katherine Smith Trust Fund. Ms. Bagley receives a letter from the Beautification Trust requesting renewal sponsorship of barrels. Chairperson Czernicki said that it seems that \$50 is an incredibly high amount of money to renew sponsorship of the barrels.

Councilor Gardow asked Ms. Bagley if the barrels are similar to the one outside of Spiro's Liquors which says "Sponsored by Spiro's". Ms. Bagley said that they are the same containers. It certainly doesn't cost \$50 to fill the barrels; however, part of the money is the sponsorship toward the Wethersfield Beautification Trust. It is a way for them to continue to maintain these barrels over the years.

Councilor Fitzpatrick said that we shouldn't be sponsoring a lot of different organizations around town. The town is willing to help with the cost of putting these barrels in, but the cost of upkeep, especially if part of the cost is a donation, is unreasonable for the town to pick up the tab. The Council is overstepping its bounds when they start to make contributions to organizations.

Councilor Fitzpatrick moved **"TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR THE USE OF \$600 FROM THE KATHERINE**

SMITH TRUST FUND TO RENEW TWELVE FLOWER BARRELS ON THE BROAD STREET GREEN",
seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Connor.

Councilor Morin said that the funds are coming from the Trust Fund, not Town funds. The Trust Fund was set up specifically for the beautification of the Town. He supports approving the request.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked Ms. Bagley if the Trust Fund is specific to the Broad Street Green only. She said that it is. Deputy Mayor O'Connor said that if the renewal of a flower barrel costs \$10, then the remaining \$40 can't be spent anywhere else but on the Green. Ms. Bagley said that the container gardens are all on the Green. Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked what the term "renewal" actually entails. Ms. Bagley said that it is a complete replanting of the entire barrel and attention to any damage to the barrel. The barrels are two by two feet.

Mr. Orsini said that anyone can purchase a container for the price of \$50. To do an audit of the cost, Council would need to request an explanation from the Beautification Trust. They have probably done a study which shows that over time, the average cost to replace the containers is \$50. Deputy Mayor O'Connor is concerned that any extra funds beyond the cost of the barrels remain with the Beautification Trust and can be used anywhere in Town rather than the Green which is where the Katherine Smith Trust Fund specifies the funds be used.

Councilor Flynn clarified that the Beautification Trust charges an annual fee of \$50 to underwrite the cost of a barrel. The Beautification Trust uses the all of the proceeds from those underwriting fees to support its efforts throughout the community. The Katherine Smith Trust Fund is underwriting the costs of the twelve barrels on the Green.

Chairperson Czernicki asked if everyone who has their name on a barrel pays \$50 each year. Ms. Bagley said that each individual or group with their name on a barrel receives a letter from the Beautification Trust each year to renew their barrel. Chairperson Czernicki is also concerned that funds from the Katherine Smith Trust Fund will be spent elsewhere in town other than the Green. There may come a time when Council wishes to beautify the Green in some significant way and the Katherine Smith Trust Fund may be depleted because of the annual cost of the barrels, some of which is not spent specifically on beautification of the Green. She asked that the Beautification Trust provide the actual cost of renewing the barrels on the Green. The day-to-day maintenance is done by volunteers; however, some of the upkeep is done by the Town's Physical Services Department.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor suggested that a representative of the Katharine Smith Trust Fund explain to the Council what the Trust Fund is, where the money comes from, how it's spent and how it can become a separate organization. He's not comfortable that the money is being spent only in the area specified by the Trust. He wonders how many years money has been taken from that Fund and allocated to other areas in Wethersfield. The Council may be in violation of what the fund was set up for.

Ms. Bagley said that all deductions from the Fund are presented to Council for review. The container gardens have been funded for 4-5 years. She can research the Smith Trust Fund and provide the Council with the information requested.

Councilor Morin stated that the \$50 is for sponsorship of the Green. He asked if there is anything on the barrels indicating that they are sponsored by the Katharine Smith Trust Fund. Ms. Bagley said that she does not believe there is anything indicating that on the barrels. Councilor Morin said that there should possibly be something indicating this.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked why if there are barrels on the Green that are personally sponsored and there are only twelve all together, why is the request for the renewal of all twelve barrels. Don't the personal sponsors pay \$50 for their own barrels? Ms. Bagley said that the request before the Council is for the barrels originally purchased by the Smith Trust Fund. She needs to check into the fact that some of the barrels are personally sponsored. He supports the Beautification Trust, but he wants to make sure that money bequeathed for a specific purpose is spent only on that purpose.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion to table passed 7-0-0.

COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that now that the Police Facility is complete, the name of the Committee should change to reflect the project it represents.

Councilor Fitzpatrick said that since the School Building Committee members had to be reappointed to the new charge of Webb, Stillman and Physical Services, is this not appropriate for this committee as well?

Chairperson Czernicki said that the committee follows the referendum and because the Police Facility, the Town Hall renovation and the Library were all part of one question, that committee stays in place. If members of the committee choose to resign, there would be a need for individual appointments. Council agreed to grant the name change.

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monday April 28, 2003	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	Wethersfield High School Auditorium
Wednesday, April 30, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Overview Revenues General Government Planning & Development	Conference Room
Thursday May 1, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Library Health Social & Youth Services Recreation & Parks	Conference Room
Monday May 5, 2003	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday May 7, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Public Safety Non-Departmental Other Funds	Conference Room
Thursday May 8, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Public Works Capital Improvements	Conference Room
Monday May 12, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Education Catch up (if necessary) Budget Amendments Parameters: Admin Group Pay Raises	Conference Room
Tuesday May 13, 2003	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Catch-up (if necessary) Budget Amendments	Conference Room
Thursday May 15, 2003	6:00 p.m.	BUDGET ADOPTION	Council Chambers

Councilor Hemmann stated that she will be away on business April 30 and May 1.

Councilor Flynn has a scheduling conflict on May 6 and wonders if the Council could possibly meet on May 7 instead.

Chairperson Czernicki said that the date will be changed to Wednesday, May 7 instead of May 6.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF GREG BEDULA FROM THE TOURISM BOARD

Councilor Flynn moved "**TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF GREG BEDULA FROM THE TOURISM BOARD**", seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

GOODWIN PARK ROAD PETITION

This petition was presented during the General Comments segment of the meeting.

SURPLUS VEHICLE AUCTION

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there are seven vehicles to be brought to the auction which is scheduled for sometime in May.

Councilor Flynn moved "**AUTHORIZE SEVEN TOWN VEHICLES TO BE SOLD AT THE STATE SURPLUS VEHICLE AUCTION**", seconded by Councilor Hemmann. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF PETER MAXWELL FROM THE WETHERSFIELD TOURISM COMMITTEE

Councilor Fitzpatrick moved "**TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PETER MAXWELL FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**", seconded by Councilor Gardow. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

BIDS

Deputy Mayor O'Connor moved "**TO AWARD THE BID FOR AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO BIDDER #2 LYCOTT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,550**", seconded by Councilor Hemmann.

Councilor Gardow would like to know if this is the same vendor used last year. Vendor #2 is higher than vendor #1. He assumes that the Spring Street Pond will not be done. Finance Director Joseph Swetcky answered that he believes that Lycott was the vendor used this past year. Spring Street Pond will be done with a chemical rather than mechanical treatment. Councilor Gardow asked what is done with the \$3,500 difference of what was allocated and what will be expended. Mr. Swetcky said that this goes back into the town kitty.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked if the company had to be called back in to correct anything from last year's services. Mr. Swetcky said that they did not have to be called in.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Morin moved "**TO TABLE THE BID FOR TOWN HALL/LIBRARY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**", seconded by Councilor Flynn.

Councilor Fitzpatrick asked if a detailed spreadsheet could be provided by the Engineering Department which would include cost and principal hours. Also, he'd like an overview of the interview/selection process. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said these would be provided to Councilors.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT pursuant to Section 7-190 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 908 of the Charter of the Town of Wethersfield, there is hereby created a Charter Revision Commission to review the Charter of the Town of Wethersfield ("Charter") for the purpose of recommending modifications to the Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT within thirty (30) days of the vote of the Wethersfield Town Council ("Council") establishing the Charter Revision Commission, the Council shall, by resolution, appoint the members of

said Charter Revision Commission consisting of seven (7) electors, not more than one-third of whom may hold any other public office in the Town of Wethersfield, and not more than a bare majority of whom shall be members of any one political party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Charter Revision Commission shall submit its recommendations to the Council, in the form of a draft report, within sixteen months from the date of the appointment of the Charter Revision Commission, which report shall contain within it a statement of the reasons for the recommendations made by the Charter Revision Commission.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 139 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut is hereby amended as set forth below. *Deletions are noted by strike through and additions are noted by bold typeface.*

CHAPTER 139
Article I
Removal of Obstructions

§ 139.2 Removal of snow and ice.

A.Sidewalks.

(1) The owner, agent of the owner or occupant of any building or land bordering upon any street, square or public place within the town where there is a sidewalk graded, paved or planked shall not collect and direct the flow of any water over said sidewalk and shall cause to be removed therefrom all snow, sleet and ice within a period of 24 hours after the cessation of the snow sleet or rainfall, and whenever any such sidewalk or any part thereof shall be covered with ice, the owner, agent of the owner or the occupant of the building or the lot adjacent thereto shall, within the space of 10 hours thereafter during the daytime, cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom or by covering the same by sand or other suitable substances; provided, however that no such owner or agent of the owner or occupant having or occupying a residential lot with frontage on two nonintersecting streets shall be subject to the requirements of this section with regards to the sidewalks along the rear frontage relative to snow and ice removal and sanding.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. § 13A-149 or any other General Statute or special act, the town shall not be liable to any person injured in person or property caused by the presence of snow or ice on a public sidewalk unless the town is the owner or person in possession and control of land abutting such sidewalk, other than land used as a highway or street, provided that that the town shall be liable for its affirmative acts with respect to such sidewalk.

(3) The owner or person in possession and control of land abutting a public sidewalk shall have the same duty of care toward the portion of the sidewalk abutting his property as the town had prior to (effective date tba) , 2003, and shall be liable to persons injured in person or property where a breach of such duty is the proximate cause of such injury.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WETHERSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, that Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Town of Wethersfield, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Connecticut, a three-year lease agreement with Wethersfield Community Television, Inc. for WCTV's exclusive use of town property at 105 Marsh Street, Wethersfield, for the purpose of providing community television and local cable access broadcasting.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut is hereby amended as set forth below. *Deletions are noted by strike through and additions are noted by bold typeface.*

CHAPTER 122
Property Maintenance

Chapter 122. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

§ 122-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Property Maintenance Code of the Town of Wethersfield" ("this code") and the standards established by this code shall be referred to as and constitute the minimum property standards of the Town of Wethersfield ("Town").

§122-2. Intent; authority.

A. This code is intended to protect, preserve and promote public health, safety and welfare; to prevent and control the incidence of communicable diseases; and to reduce environmental hazards to health, safety and welfare, insofar as they are affected by the maintenance of residential and nonresidential structures, equipment and premises as provided by this code. This code is also further intended to provide minimum standards governing the condition, occupancy and maintenance of occupied and unoccupied premises and establish reasonable safeguards for the health, safety and welfare of the occupants and users of said premises, the community and the general public. This code is further intended to maintain and preserve the beauty of the neighborhoods and to allow for control of blighted premises.

B. This code shall establish minimum standards and responsibilities for the maintenance of all premises and delegates administrative responsibility and enforcement powers and creates enforcement procedures.

C. This code is adopted in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-148, § 7-148aa and 7-152c.

§ 122-3. Scope of provisions.

A. Applicability.

1. This code shall apply uniformly to the maintenance, use and occupancy of all premises now in existence or hereafter constructed, maintained or modified and shall include:
 - a. Dwellings or dwelling units, including one-family and two-family dwellings and multiple dwellings.
 - b. Lots, plots or parcels of land whether vacant or occupied.
 - c. Buildings of non-dwelling use, including commercial properties.
 - d. Accessory structures accessory to any building.
 - e. All apartments, boardinghouses, group homes, lodging houses, rooming houses, tenement houses and unrelated family units.
2. This code shall not apply to barns as identified in the book "Wonderful Barns of Wethersfield", copyright 1994, by Eleanor Buck Wolf, or to any other barn built before 1900.

§ 122-4. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this chapter.

Accessory Structure shall mean a structure, the use of which is customarily incidental and subordinate to that of principal building, structure or use on the same lot.

Blighted premises shall mean:

(A) any building or structure, or any part of a structure that is a separate unit, or a parcel of land, or any accessory structure, or fence, in which at least one of the following additional conditions exists:

1. The Director of Health determines that existing conditions pose a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the persons in Town;
2. It is not being maintained, as evidenced by the existence, to a significant degree, of one or more of the following conditions:
 - a. Missing, broken or boarded windows or doors;
 - b. Collapsing or deteriorating exterior walls, roofs, stairs, porches, handrails, railings, basement hatchways, chimneys, flues, or floors;
 - c. exterior walls which contain holes, breaks, loose or rotting materials;
 - d. foundation walls which contain open cracks and breaks;
 - e. overhang extensions, including but not limited to canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, stairways, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts, which contain rust or other decay,
 - f. rat infestations;
 - g. garbage or trash improperly stored or accumulated on the premises ;
 - h. in the case of fence, broken or rotted boards or in an otherwise dilapidated condition; or
 - i. any other exterior condition reflecting a level of maintenance which is not in keeping with community standards or which constitutes a blighting factor for adjacent property owners or occupiers or which is an element leading to the progressive deterioration of the neighborhood.
3. It is attracting illegal activity as documented in Police Department records;
4. It is a fire hazard as determined by the Fire Marshal or as documented in the Fire Department records; and/or
5. It is a factor creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of other premises within the surrounding area as documented by neighborhood complaints, police reports, the cancellation of insurance on proximate properties; or similar circumstances.

(B) Blighted premises shall not include any such building, structure or parcel of land located on any active farm.

Community standard shall mean a judgment by a reasonable member of the community.

Connecticut General Statutes shall include any applicable amendments.

Owner/occupier shall mean any person, institution, foundation, entity or authority which owns, leases, rents, possesses, or is responsible for property within the Town.

Proximate Property shall mean any premises or parcel of land within one thousand (1,000) feet of a blighted premises.

§ 122-5. Signs; awnings and marquees.

A. Signs. All permanent signs and billboards exposed to public view permitted by reason of other ordinances or laws shall be maintained in good repair. Any signs which have excessively weathered or faded or those upon which the paint has excessively peeled or cracked or whose supporting members have deteriorated shall be removed forthwith or put into a good state of repair by the owner of the sign.

B. Awnings and marquees. Any awning or marquee and its accompanying structural member which extends over any street, sidewalk or other portion of the premises shall be maintained in good repair and shall not constitute a nuisance or a safety hazard. In the event that such awnings or marquees are not properly maintained in accordance with the foregoing, they shall, together with their supporting members, be removed forthwith. In the event that said awnings or marquees are made of cloth, plastic or of similar materials, said cloth or plastic where exposed to public view shall be maintained in good condition and shall not show evidence of excessive weathering, ripping, tearing or other holes. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any encroachment on streets, sidewalks or other parts of the public domain.

§ 122-6. Removal of weeds and similar vegetation.

A. Beginning in May and continuing through the end of October of each year, every owner/occupier of properties upon which a building exists, or who is in possession of a vacant lot in an approved subdivision which fronts on a paved public road and to which a public water and/or public sewer lateral has been provided, shall cut, to a height of not more than eight inches, all grass, weeds and similar vegetation not planted as a crop to be harvested or for ornamental purposes within 25 feet of the street line of any paved public highway and within 25 feet of any side yard property line adjoining a property on which a building or dwelling exists.

B. Every owner/occupier of property shall keep his property free from vegetation of any type which, in the opinion of the Director of Health, is injurious to public health.

C. Any violation of § 122-6A or 122-6B shall constitute a nuisance which may be abated by the town at the expense of the owner, lessor, lessee or any other person in possession or any one or more of them to whom the Town Manager or his representative has given not less than 10 days written notice of intention to abate such nuisance. Such expense may be collected by the town in a civil action against any one or more of the above-named persons responsible therefor.

§ 122-7. Storage; littering.

A. Accumulation restricted. It shall be unlawful for an owner/occupier to allow solid waste to accumulate on premises in the town in such a manner as to create an offensive, unsightly or unsanitary condition.

B. Storage requirements. In the event that property usage would result in the stacking or piling of materials, including equipment and appliances, even if wanted and useful, they must be so arranged as to prohibit the creation of a blighting factor to their neighbors. Furthermore, all useful, wanted material, including equipment and appliances, stored out of doors shall be stored in an orderly fashion and, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall be located in the rear yard.

C. Throwing or depositing in town. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit solid waste, material designated recyclable or recyclables in any part of the town in such a manner as to create an offensive, unsightly or unsanitary condition. Property owners shall maintain their property litter free.

D. Throwing or depositing on streets and public grounds. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit solid waste, material designated recyclable or recyclables upon streets or sidewalks, in any catch basin, drain or watercourse or in parks or any public grounds in the town, except that solid waste, material designated recyclable and recyclables may be deposited in proper containers.

§ 122-8. Blighted Premises; Certification List.

A. No owner/occupier of real property within the Town of Wethersfield shall cause or allow blighted premises to be created nor shall any owner/occupier allow the continued existence of blighted premises.

B. Blighted Premises Certification List (Certification List).

1. Immediately following enactment of this ordinance, the Town Manager shall request that all Town department heads report any property of which they are aware which appears to be blighted, as defined by this ordinance. Such reports shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of the Town Manager's request.
2. The Town Manager shall use this information and any other available information to complete a list of blighted properties within sixty (60) days of his original request.
3. Within thirty (30) days of its completion, the Town Manager shall present the list to the Town Council which shall approve, disapprove, or modify the list. In the event that the Town Council fails to approve, disapprove or modify the list within thirty (30) days from the date it received it, then the list shall be deemed to have been approved.
4. Maintenance of the Certification List. The Town Manager may request the deletion of any premises from the

blighted properties list for consideration by the Town Council. In the event that the Town Council fails to approve, disapprove or modify any such request within thirty (30) days from the date it received such request, then the request shall be deemed to have been approved. On or before January 15 of each subsequent year, the Town Manager shall renew the process of completing a list of blighted properties as specified in this section.

5. Additions to Certification List. The Town Manager or his designee shall investigate any and all complaints made under Section 122-9A. If the Town Manager has reason to believe that an owner/occupier of property has violated the provisions of this ordinance, he shall request addition of the subject property to the blighted properties list for consideration by the Town Council. In the event the Town Council fails to approve, disapprove or modify any such request within thirty (30) days from the date it received such request, then the request shall be deemed to have been approved.

§ 122-9. Complaints; Warning.

A. Any individual, civic organization, municipal agency, or town employee affected by the action or inaction of an owner/occupier of property subject to the provisions of this ordinance, may file, in writing, a complaint of violation of this ordinance with the Town Manager. The Town Manager, upon his or her determination whether there is a violation of this ordinance, shall forward a notice letter to the owner/occupier at the time such determination has been made, and shall forward the property for consideration of inclusion on the Certification List.

B. Such a notice letter from the Town Manager or his designee shall be issued prior to issuing a citation.

C. Such notice letter shall include:

1. a description of the real estate sufficient for identification, specifying the violation which is alleged to exist and the remedial action required;
2. a due date, within a reasonable time, for the performance of any act required; and
3. the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees that may be imposed for noncompliance.

D. The owner/occupier may not contest a warning before the Citation Hearing Board.

E. Delivery of a notice letter or citation to the owner/occupier shall be by one of the following methods:

1. By personal delivery to the owner/occupier or by leaving the citation or notice letters at the usual place of abode of the owner/occupier with a person of suitable age and discretion;
2. By certified or registered mail addressed to the owner/occupier at his last known address, with postage prepared thereon; or
3. By posting and keeping posted for 24 hours a copy of the citation or notice letter in placard form in a conspicuous place on the premises.

§ 122-10. Enforcement by Citation.

A. If the corrective actions specified in the notice letter are not taken and the property has been placed on the Certification List the Director of Health or his designated representative, shall issue a written citation to the owner/occupier. A citation shall only be issued after the Director of Health has consulted with the Town Manager to ensure that the property is on the Certification List and that the blighted condition continues to exist.

B. A citation shall be in writing and include:

1. a description of the real estate sufficient for identification, specifying the violation which is alleged to exist and the remedial action required;
2. detailed information regarding the contents of the notice letter (which may be a copy of such notice letter) and the failure of the owner/occupier to take the corrective actions specified therein;
3. the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due for noncompliance; and
4. a statement that the owner/occupier may contest his liability and request a hearing before the Citation Hearing Board by delivering in person or by mail written notice of objection within ten days of the date of the citation.

C. Delivery of the citation shall be by the manner provided in § 122-9.

§ 122-11. Hearing.

A. An owner/occupier may request a hearing after receiving a citation.

B. The Citation Hearing Board is designated to conduct hearings in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-152c (a)-(f) when requested by an owner/occupier who has been cited under this chapter.

C. Any cited person who wishes to admit liability without requesting a hearing may pay the full amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees admitted to in person or by mail to the Town Manager. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who does not deliver or mail written demand for a hearing within ten days of the citation shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the Town Manager shall certify such person's failure to respond. The Citation Hearing Board shall thereupon enter and assess the fines, penalties, costs or fees provided for by the applicable ordinances and shall follow the procedures set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-152c(f).

D. Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time and place for a hearing to be held not less than 15 nor more than 30 days from the date of the mailing of notice. The Citation Hearing Board may grant a postponement or continuance for good cause. An original or certified copy of the citation and notice shall be filed and retained by the Town Manager.

§ 122-12. Appointment of Citation Hearing Board.

The Town Manager shall appoint three Wethersfield residents to serve as a Citation Hearing Board and who shall collectively constitute the Citation Hearing Officer. Such members shall serve staggered terms of three years each.

Proceedings of the Citation Hearing Board shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut and any provisions of the charter or ordinances of the Town of Wethersfield generally applicable to its boards and commissions. No zoning enforcement officer, police officer, building inspector or employee of the town may be appointed to as a hearing officer under this ordinance.

§ 122-13. Penalties for offenses; pre-judgment lien.

A. The owner/occupier of premises where a violation of any of the provisions of this code shall exist or who shall maintain any building or premises in which such violations exist may:

1. Be fined not more than \$100 for each violation. Each day that a violation exists after a citation as described in Section 122-10 is given to the owner/occupier shall constitute a new violation, and a fine may be imposed for each such violation; and/or
2. Be required to abate the violation at the owner/occupier's expense.

B. A prejudgment lien on real estate may be imposed where the fine for violation of the blighted premises provisions of this ordinance is unpaid. Any unpaid fine imposed by a municipality pursuant to the provisions of an ordinance regulating blight, adopted pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xv) shall constitute a lien upon the real estate against which the fine was imposed from the date of such fine. Each such lien may be continued, recorded and released in the manner provided by the general statutes for continuing, recording and releasing property tax liens. Each such lien shall take precedence over all other liens filed after July 1, 1997, and encumbrances except taxes and may be enforced in the same manner as property tax liens.

C. In addition to all other remedies and any fines imposed herein, the provisions of this code may be enforced by injunctive proceedings in Superior Court. The Town may recover from such owner/occupier or other responsible person any and all costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expended by the Town in enforcing the provisions of this code.

§ 122-14. Appeals; Special Consideration.

A. Any person aggrieved by any order, requirement or decision of the Citation Hearing Board may take an appeal in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-152c(g).

B. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, special consideration may be given to individuals who are elderly or disabled and who demonstrate that the violation results from an inability to maintain an owner-occupied residence and no person with that ability resides therein. Such special consideration shall be limited to the reduction or elimination of fines and/or an agreement that the Town or its agents may perform the necessary work and place a lien against the Premises for the cost thereof in accordance with the provisions of this code.

§ 122-15. Severability.

In the event that any part or portion of this code is declared invalid for any reason, all the other provisions of this code shall remain in full force and effect.

§ 122-16. Terms and Provisions.

A. Where terms are specifically defined or the meaning of such terms are clearly indicated by their context, that meaning is to be used in the interpretation of this code.

B. Where terms are not specifically defined and such terms are defined in the Charter and Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, such terms shall have the same meaning for the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter.

C. Where terms are not specifically defined in this chapter, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meaning or such meaning as the context may imply.

D. The provisions of this code shall not be construed to prevent the enforcement of other codes, ordinances or regulations of the Town of Wethersfield.

E. In any case where a provision of this code is found to be in conflict with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety or health ordinance, regulation or other provision of the Charter and Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield or the State of Connecticut, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the people of the Town of Wethersfield shall prevail.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 ENVIRONMENTAL CODE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Chapter 75-4 is hereby amended as set forth below.

CHAPTER 75
Environmental Code

§ 75-4. Licensing.

No person shall operate or be responsible for control over a rooming unit unless he holds a valid permit issued by the Director of Health in the name of the operator and for the dwelling specified in the permit. The fee for such permit shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.) for buildings of one (1) to twenty-five (25) units, one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.) for twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) units and one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.) for in excess of fifty (50) units. The operator shall apply to the Director of Health for such permit, which shall be issued by the Director of Health only after determining that said building is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. This permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place within the building at all times. No such permit shall be transferable. The Director of Health or his agents shall have the right to inspect all rooming units and premises to confirm compliance with all provisions of this code. Every permit shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 87 FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Chapter 87-5 is hereby amended as set forth below.

CHAPTER 87
Food Service Establishments

§ 87-5. Annual fees.

Annual fees shall be as follows:

A. Restaurants, Cafeterias, Food Concession Stands, or other food service operations not listed within Section 1., with or without seating, operated by a public or private for profit party or parties, having been classified by the Director of Health, in accordance with the State of Connecticut Public Health Code as:

Class I:	\$ 50.00
Class II:	\$100.00
Class III:	\$125.00
Class IV: 0 - 50 seats	\$150.00
Class IV: 51 - 100 seats	\$175.00
Class IV: over 100 seats	\$225.00

B. Itinerant Food Vendors and Caterers, having been classified by the Director of Health in accordance with the State of Connecticut Public Health Code as:

Class I:	\$ 50.00
Class II:	\$100.00
Class III:	\$125.00
Class IV:	\$150.00

C. Seasonal: seventy-five dollars (\$75.).

D. Temporary license (not to exceed fourteen (14) days): fifty dollars (\$50.).

E. Grocery with less than five thousand (5,000) square feet: seventy-five dollars (\$75.).

F. Grocery with five thousand (5,000) or more square feet: two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.).

G. New food service plan review fee: 50% of the annual license fee

H. Municipally owned and state-owned facilities, private schools, nonprofit organizations and churches must obtain a license; there will be no fee.

I. Inspection fee for second re-inspection when required by law: 50% of the amount of the annual license fee.

J. Penalty Fee-failure to obtain a license-50% of the amount of the annual license fee

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 119 POOLS, PUBLIC REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield,

Connecticut, Chapter 119-12 is hereby amended as set forth below.

CHAPTER 119
Pools, Public

§ 119-12. Annual fee.

A. Year-round public pools; seasonal public pools per location: one hundred dollars (\$100.).

B. Municipally and state owned facilities, private schools, nonprofit organizations and churches must obtain a license; there is no fee.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130 SEWERS REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

BE IT ORDAINED THAT Part II General Legislation of the Municipal Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Chapter 130 is hereby amended as set forth below.

CHAPTER 130
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

§ 130-1. Permit required for certain systems.

No subsurface sewage disposal system shall be constructed, installed, altered or repaired in the town unless a permit has been issued by the Director of Health or his designee for such work. Application for such permit shall be made on a form approved by the Director of Health and shall be filed with the Central Connecticut Health District, together with the appropriate fee. Such permit shall be obtained before a building permit is issued for the construction of any dwelling, apartment, boardinghouse, hotel, business, commercial or other structure which is to be provided with any such subsurface sewage disposal system. The Director of Health of the Central Connecticut Health District shall set such standards as he deems necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public but in no case shall such standards be less than the minimum standard as required by the Public Health Code as required by the state.

§ 130-2. Fees.

A. Soil Testing-New	\$100.00
B. Soil Testing-Repair	\$ 50.00
C. Plan Review and Permit to Install-New	\$100.00
D. Plan Review and Permit to Install-Repair	\$ 50.00
E. Subdivision Plan Review	\$ 50.00
F. Addition Review	\$ 25.00
G. Soil Testing - Addition	\$ 25.00

MINUTES

Deputy Mayor O'Connor moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2003**", seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2003**", seconded by Councilor Gardow. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Morin moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2003**", seconded by Councilor Flynn. Councilors Flynn, Gardow, Hemmann, Morin, Deputy Mayor O'Connor and

Chairperson Czernicki voted AYE. Councilor Fitzpatrick abstained. The motion passed 7-0-1.

GENERAL COMMENTS

REPORTS

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said the leaves have been picked up for the second time except for the area of Timber Village.

Chairperson Czernicki said that she received a call from a resident of Wells Road who called Physical Services and was told that she already had a second pickup and that the information was incorrect. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said she received the same call and she has been in contact with Joe Hart to verify.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor has also received inquiries from residents as to whether their street has been collected twice or not. Residents can check the website or drive to Town Hall to inquire. Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked if residents put their leaves into bags and put them out with the general trash, will they get picked up. Joe Swetcky said that bagged leaves will be picked up if the resident calls the Physical Services Department or they can be brought to the transfer station at no cost.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Chairperson Czernicki stated that both the Grass Clippings Program and the Fall Leaf Collection Program should be looked at during the Budget workshops.

APRIL CLEANUP PROGRAM

A report from Kathy Bagley and Joe Hart was provided to Council members stating people to be involved in the April Cleanup Program.

Councilor Gardow attended the meeting and said that discussion ensued regarding the methods of town-wide cleanup; including a trash patrol. The refuse committee met to discuss this and to get the word out. The Wintergreen Woods and the Nature Center have volunteered to be a part of the program. He congratulates Ms. Bagley and Mr. Hart on all their efforts to make this program a success.

SDMS RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

A tour of the school was taken by Council members on March 14, 2003. Chairperson Czernicki commented that the facility is looking quite good.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT - MARCH 31, 2003

COUNCIL

Councilor Morin spoke of the open space and land use in Wethersfield. He has tried to get a committee up and running to try to look at ways to preserve some of the open space and farmland in this town. The New Britain on April 10 had an article that stated that Lt. Governor Rell and CT DEP presented Newington with a \$491,400 open spaces grant. This is exactly what Councilor Morin is talking about for Wethersfield. We need to get the grant applications going. Regarding the Community Involvement Day, Councilor Morin said that there were many different groups including Little League who worked hard to clean up areas of town. Town crews were also very helpful and it was a nice partnership.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor asked if the Land Use Open Space Committee was the one that discussed the Moeller Home. He stated that not once at their meetings has any other issue have been brought up, such as grants. He encourages the use of Town staff for grant writing.

Councilor Morin has asked specifically for meetings to address the farms on Willow Street, Thornbush, and over by Highcrest School. The process began many years ago, and has been dropped.

Councilor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Swetcky about the Police Facilities Bond Projects Budget. We have budgeted \$2,592,000 and there is a balance of \$2,453,000. Should we be reworking the budget for the Town Hall renovations since we are short the difference. Mr. Swetcky said that we need to add in the Small Cities Grant of \$150,000 which provides for sufficient funds for the Town Hall renovations.

Chairperson Czernicki stated that she and Councilor Cascio had the honor on April 9 to attend the Youth Volunteer Recognition awards. It was a wonderful night honoring 385 students for their volunteer hours. Chairperson Czernicki also wished to recognize the latest additions to the list of those contributing to the Police Furniture Fund. They are as follows:

Linda Forend	Marion Carlson	Judy Libby
Mary & Val Latanzio	Paula Michaels	Carol Bruce
Dorcas McHugh	Abigail Flynn	Elizabeth Knapp
Marjorie Kane	John & Billy Logan	Close, Jensen & Miller
Kezla Diskowicz	Joan Winton	Jean & Carol Goldman
Ken Sokolowski	Barbara Ruhe	Bill & Ann Dest
William & Toni Angolec	Todd Lamento	

Chairperson Czernicki thanked these citizens for their donations.

Chairperson Czernicki reminded Council that on Saturday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. there will be an Arbor Day celebration near Mikey's Place. The alternate site in case of inclement weather is the Solomon Wells House.

Councilor Gardow said that the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission was in attendance earlier this evening to discuss the memo regarding the request for funding for zoning regulations update. He asked if it would be added on tonight or put on the next agenda.

Councilor Flynn moved "**TO ADD TO THE AGENDA THE REQUEST FOR NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 FOR FUNDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS UPDATE**", seconded by Councilor Gardow. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Councilor Flynn moved "**TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 FOR FUNDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS UPDATE**", seconded by Councilor Gardow. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

PUBLIC

Jim Clynch, 903 Ridge Road, welcomed Town Manager Bonnie Therrien. He asked Councilor Fitzpatrick if his classroom is air conditioned. Councilor Fitzpatrick answered that it isn't and that the heat is terrible. He said that he has windows; however, that can be opened. Mr. Clynch commented that the price of \$50 per barrel for the Beautification Commission seems rather high. It is similar to paying rent for the container and if the Town doesn't want to support the payment, the containers can simply be pulled from the green. Regarding the busses on Goodwin Park Road, Mr. Clynch suggests that a turnaround be put underneath the highway. He commended Councilors Gardow and Morin for their opposition of the boat launch in the meadows. Finally commented that Senator Ciotto was responsible in acquiring some land for the Town and Mr. Clynch has noted that there was resistance from the former Town Manager in taking these properties on. He suggests planting wild flowers on one of the properties which is on Two Rod just over the line from Newington. This way there is no expense for upkeep.

Paul Flannery, 382 Ridge Road, commented on the town situation with the leaves. He thinks that the town looks awful

with the leaves still along the roads. They need to be picked up. We need to bite the bullet and pick the leaves up.

Rocco Orsini, 95 Broad Street, spoke on behalf of the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. He also commented on the leaf pick-up. This has been an extraordinary year because of the weather. There is a double pick up and Mr. Hart has said that if there are residents who miss this double pick up for a legitimate reason, the town will go out and customize a pick up. The town at this point looks a mess. Mr. Orsini believes that Mr. Hart should continue to pick up the leaves after a reasonable amount of time until the town is beautified. This is what has been done in the past. Mr. Orsini commented on the Council's introduction of eight ordinances one of which refers to the removal of snow and ice on sidewalks. Mr. Orsini said that he has no clue what the paragraph means which refers to the town's liability for injuries. He suggests that ordinances brought forward for a vote are explained by the Town Manager. Chairperson Czernicki stated that at the next meeting Town Manager Bonnie Therrien will be prepared to answer any questions that come up regarding the ordinances. Mr. Orsini commented on the Town Budget which proposes an increase of \$3.8 million dollars or 6.8%. The school is looking for an increase of \$1.9 million. The Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. thinks that this is way too high. Council needs to bargain hard with the Unions. They need to share the hurt. We need to reorganize and consolidate services. We can't keep piling on to our debt. He urges Council to keep town residents in mind when working the new budget.

Chairperson Czernicki commented that Councilor Hemmann requested that Dr. Stillwell look into other options rather than continuing with the partnership with the Greater Hartford Transit District. Chairperson Czernicki has asked Town Manager Bonnie Therrien to impress upon Dr. Stillwell that we need that report for the budget sessions.

George Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, says Council needs to pick a number for the budget (he'd like to see 0) and make the town staff meet the budget. This evening Council spent an inordinate amount of time discussing \$600. The staff didn't even have any answers. The amount of time spent on this is unreasonable. Motions to table should not have discussions. We as a country, state and town are in for very tough times ahead. Spending approaches used in the past have got to stop. These times call for hard leadership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 p.m., Councilor Flynn moved "**TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**", seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0. Also present were Town Manager Bonnie Therrien, Finance Director Joseph Swetcky, and Town Clerk Dolores Sassano. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

At 11:14 p.m., Councilor Gardow moved "**TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**", seconded by Councilor Flynn. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 p.m., Councilor Hemmann moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Morin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano,
Town Clerk