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MARCH 1, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on March 1, 2004 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Present: Councilors Adil, Cascio, Czernicki, Forrest, Fortunato, Hemmann, Montinieri, Deputy Mayor Karangekis.

Absent: 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 Montinieri.

Deputy Mayor Karangekis announced that there will be an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss Personnel Matters - Chief of Police; Chief Building Inspector; Union Negotiations.

Presentation: Economic Development Report

Town Planner Peter Gillespie gave a presentation of the February, 2004 Economic Development Report. The report included the following changes for February:

- Webster Bank second floor renovation, 1160 Silas Deane Highway
- Planet Fitness interior renovations, 1199 Silas Deane Highway
- CVS/Starbucks demolition anticipated to start in May, 1080 Silas Deane Highway
- Mercury Fuel Service, Inc. negotiating real estate transaction, 151 Silas Deane Hwy.
- New medical office anticipates Spring construction start, 82-86 Wolcott Hill Road
- Methodist Church expansion, PZC approval granted, 150 Prospect Street
- Goodwill stores temporary relocation to Goff Brook Shoppes until August, 2004
- Mozzicato Family LLC retail addition, PZC application filed, 38-46 Wells Road
- Main Street Creamery, relocation, 271 Main Street
- AHEPA, Nathan Hale Apartments Phase 2, 1532 Berlin Turnpike
- Age Restricted Housing, 295 Ridge Road
- Potential coffee/retail bakery shop, 227 Main Street
- Self Defense Studio interior renovation, 965B Silas Deane Highway
- Cargill, Inc., prospective purchaser for 80 Burbank Road
- Prospective developers for purchase and re-use of 61 Arrow Road
- Prospective Developer or residential property, Old Reservoir Road
- WP Realty, possible tenant expansion, Jordan Lane Shopping Center
- Discussed zoning issues with prospective buyer of Berlin Turnpike property.
- Prospective tenant for Fun Zone property, Silas Deane Highway
- Prospective tenant for 1000 Silas Deane Highway

Mr. Gillespie said that he continues to press forward with the zoning regulations. The PZC hosted a meeting with Old Wethersfield Shopkeepers and property owners on February 9. Mr. Gillespie met with Doug Shipman from the Wethersfield Historical Society to discuss coordination issues. Mr. Gillespie reported that the EDIC has spent a considerable amount of time on their Business Visitation Program and once finalized, their program will be presented to the Council. Mr. Gillespie anticipates this will be during the first Council meeting in April. Anyone interested in participating in the visitation program can attend the mandatory training session scheduled for Monday, March 29. Mr. Gillespie also announced upcoming meetings relating to Economic Development. The Express Loan/Grant Program

continues to be worked on and specific properties in town are being targeted for potential redevelopment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEARING

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN STP-URBAN PROGRAM FUNDS, TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR TRADITIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS AND NON-TRADITIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN LOCAL ROAD ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS, TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTION FOR A STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

No one wished to speak and the Deputy Mayor declared the Hearings Segment closed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thomas Wright, 22 Coleman Road, commented on the proposed High School football field renovations and he strongly recommended that the Council announce that the question will be taken to referendum which will place the decision where it belongs in the hands of the residents of Wethersfield. Mr. Wright believes that the referendum should be broken into two separate questions; one for the artificial turf and the second for the lighting. Mr. Wright supports the artificial turf, but does not support the installation of lights. Mr. Wright commented that it was appropriate to appoint a neighborhood representative to the Artificial Turf Committee. Mr. Wright resents the public being referred to as the "peanut gallery" and is just as offended by this disparaging title as Council members are of public comments that disparage their position. Mr. Wright believes that the public's opinions should be heard and respected. Mr. Wright said that many residents who do not have access to e-mail count on Council meetings to share their comments and to be heard. Mr. Wright feels that excessive meeting length rests more on excessive politicking, ceremonies, Council reports, and verbosity.

George A. Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, commented on the five-minute rule for public speaking at the Council meetings. He does not agree with the rule and urged the Council to reconsider their positions on it. Mr. Ruhe expressed concerns about taxes and the money spent on Cottone Field. He said that taxpayers are concerned and feel that the Council needs to better prioritize the Town's needs. Regarding taxes, Mr. Ruhe urged a high level of caution on the part of the Council.

Phillip Paternostro, 18 Onlook Road, commented on the issue of blasting on Nott Street. He said that his property was affected by the last blasting off of Ridge Road. He said that the 300 foot survey area is not adequate. Mr. Paternostro asked why Nott Street has been left in its present condition for the past many months as it is a hazard.

Rene Milano, 95 Woodside Drive, said that her property has already had the preblast survey and would like to know who pays for the cost of such. Ms. Milano said that she asked for a copy of the inspection and has not received it. Ms. Milano asked what happens if a hairline fracture in her plaster wall or ceiling turns into a larger crack because of the blasting. Is this covered by the insurance? Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the state bid funds cover the cost of the preblast surveys. Mr. Tabshey informed Ms. Milano that all homeowners are entitled to a copy of their preblast survey should they request one. Mr. Cannon said that he is unsure of the insurance coverage of a pre-existing hairline crack turning into a larger crack due to the blasting. Ms. Milano suggested that residents video tape their preblast survey.

Kathy Boyes, 20 Westlook Road, commented on the Nott Street blasting issue. She agrees with Councilor Czernicki

that a new letter of notification should be sent out due to the change in location of the blasting. Ms. Voites questioned whether radon will seep into homes due to any cracks in homeowner's foundations and if tests will be provided. Mr. Voites voiced a concern for her pets that are very sensitive to high-pitched sounds. Ms. Voites also commented that she does not have easy access to e-mail and prefers to have the opportunity to speak to Council members by way of phone calls or snail mail.

Arlene McCarthy, 50 Cedar Street, said that she lives beyond the 300 foot circumference of the blasting, but she pointed out information on blasting from an engineering firm. The information indicates that the more porous the soil, the less the blasting vibrations are transmitted. Ms. McCarthy said that the blasting firm needs to look into the content of the soil as there is very little porous sand and a lot of firm clay in the blasting area. Ms. McCarthy asked who she is to contact to obtain more information.

Deputy Mayor Karangekis stated that the questions regarding the blasting will be compiled and time will be allowed to answer them.

Jim Clynych, 903 Ridge Road, recommended that the Nott Street project be scrapped due to the blasting issue. Mr. Clynych stated that he endorsed the recommended changes to the Rules and Procedures.

Ron Rodd, 88 Westway, spoke as a member of the Artificial Surface Football Advisory Committee. Mr. Rodd expressed his concern over the desire to have a field improvement recommendation formed and presented to the Council by March 15. Mr. Rodd stated that a rush to judgment is short-sighted and will invite the risk of failure to the project. Mr. Rodd said that there is a critical lack of information available for the Committee to form an informed and responsible recommendation, and listed the additional information he feels is required in order to make an informed decision on field renovations and lighting.

Mr. Rodd requested that the additional information be made available to the Advisory Committee, the failure of which could be viewed as a willful attempt to evade the proper due diligence required of the Committee. Mr. Rodd submitted his above stated comments in writing to be included in the record of the Council meeting's minutes.

Marge Hunt, 26 Westlook Road, commented that she is very concerned about potential foundation cracks and radon seepage due to the blasting. Ms. Hunt does not feel that there is any kind of danger on Nott Street and does not agree with the project taking place at all and that she is definitely opposed to the blasting. Ms. Hunt asked if Westlook Road will be "cleaned up" and repaved along with Nott Street.

Donna Glynn, 80 Timber Trail, said that her ceilings and floors have already cracked and she has already sent a letter to Tilcon requesting that a representative come to her residence and assess the damage. Ms. Glynn said that there are more questions to be answered before the Nott Street project can proceed.

Dan Maselli, 62 Westway, commented on the issues facing the Artificial Surface Football Field Advisory Committee and the lack of important information provided to the members of the Committee. Mr. Maselli stated that the Advisory Committee will need time to review and evaluate an impact study before a meaningful recommendation can be made to the Town Council. Mr. Maselli also submitted a written copy of his comments for the record.

Tom Starbek, 2 Kelley Avenue, commented on an article in Wethersfield Life about Athletic Director Jay Cottone. Mr. Starbek finds it interesting that Mr. Cottone agrees that the present football field is in disarray and agrees with the project to resurface the field. Mr. Starbek supports the resurfacing of the field. Mr. Starbek coaches youth soccer in Wethersfield and hopes that the Council will approve the proposed project. Mr. Starbek stated that once the project is approved, he can petition the Youth Soccer Club for a grant of up to \$50,000 for the project.

Judy Emmick, 88 Westway, spoke for the neighborhoods of Westway and Church Street in supporting the residents of Ridge Road and Nott Street in their fight against blasting in their area. Ms. Emmick commented that the installation of lights over Cottone Field will have a great impact on the quality of life in neighborhoods as far as one-half mile away from the field. Ms. Emmick commented that the Council has not given the Football Field Improvement Advisory Committee a charge as to the full scope of their plans for lighting the field. Ms. Emmick said that the Council should give the Committee all the time it needs to be diligent in their investigations and deliberations and that without a

complete effort on the part of the Committee, any decision made by the Council cannot be viewed as one based on reasonable and expected due diligence. Ms. Emmick presented a written copy of her comments for the record.

Paul Flannery, 382 Ridge Road, commented that he has lived in the Nott Street blasting area for thirty-six years and has never seen an accident occur. He requested that the Wethersfield Police Department provide the public with a tally of accidents that have occurred in that area and their cause. Mr. Flannery commented on the sidewalks in the area and whether residents should be responsible for half of the cost if no one is expected to use the sidewalks. Mr. Flannery stated that he is surprised that it has been requested of the Artificial Surface Football Field Advisory Committee to reach a decision by March 15. He doesn't think that there should be a time limit at all.

Bill Amo, 74 Westway, addressed the potential parking problems associated with the proposal to improve the athletic field at Wethersfield High School. Mr. Amo asked if the Town will provide a plan identifying adequate parking resources and if this plan will be provided to the Advisory Committee for them to make an informed recommendation. Mr. Amo commented that the proposed renovations are ruining the quality of life of Wethersfield residents. Mr. Amo requested that his written comments be entered into the Council minute records.

John Thibeault, 898 Cloverdale Circle, expressed his support for the lighting and artificial turf on Cottone Field. Mr. Thibeault is a volunteer coach of many different sports in Wethersfield. Mr. Thibeault feels that the field, as is, is an embarrassment and a danger to the youth playing on it. Mr. Thibeault urged the Council to maintain their commitment to the project.

Ed Czernicki, 239 Crest Street, commented on the record of Blastek, Inc. and also on the Council's knowledge of such. Mr. Czernicki said that the last time Blastek worked in Wethersfield they used inadequate equipment in order to measure the intensity of the blasting and therefore its affect on homes. Mr. Czernicki said that Blastek denied responsibility and treated residents rudely. Mr. Czernicki said that he had to take Blastek to Small Claims Court to collect compensation for his damages. Mr. Czernicki stated that the standing Council is not ignorant, yet they are inviting Blastek back again. He said that he will hire an attorney who is an expert in strict liability and on the issue of the detonation of ultra hazardous devices and will bring suit against the Town. Mr. Czernicki urged the Council to represent the people of Wethersfield and not Blastek, Inc., Tabshay Construction, or the State of Connecticut. He urged the Council to vote against the blasting.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, stated that he is astonished by tonight's report of damages to resident's homes due to blasting. Mr. Young does not feel that the Council should allow the blasting to go on. Mr. Young commented that creating a sports complex and even installing a cell tower are more examples of abuse to Wethersfield residents. In addition, the Council now wants to limit the time allowed for Public Comment at Council meetings. He feels that the Council needs to stop abusing the people of Wethersfield and stand up for them instead. Mr. Young commented that he would like to hear an update on the lawsuit with regard to the Wethersfield Cove.

Rocco Orsini, 95 Broad Street, spoke on behalf of the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. He said that he is concerned that a vote was not yet taken to remove items from the table and as a result this may have caused some in attendance to not comment on them. Mr. Orsini agrees that an honest dialog must take place regarding Cottone Field. The Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. has gone on record stating that they are not against sports, and that they will entertain the idea of a sports complex as long as it is planned, affordable, and located at a site more appropriate to dealing with large crowds. The cost of the Field renovation project was not in the Budget nor in the Five-year Plan; it appeared out of nowhere and has been placed at the top of the Town Projects priority list. The money would be better spent on the repair of Wethersfield's roads or for new books for the Board of Education. Mr. Orsini said that the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. will push to have the Field Renovation issue put to referendum and they will urge residents to vote no.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO REMOVE ITEMS B.2.b FROM THE TABLE**", seconded by Councilor Fortunato. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Adil moved "**TO REMOVE ITEM B.2.c FROM THE TABLE**", seconded by Councilor Fortunato. All

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

Councilor Czernicki moved **"TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID HEROLD FROM THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION"**, seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Councilor Hemmann ABSTAINED. The motion passed 7-0-1.

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

Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities

Frank R. Lane D 164 Windmill Hill 3-1-04 to 6-30-04

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Alternate:
Douglas A. Ovian D 56 Broad Street 3-1-04 to 6-30-05

Wethersfield Housing Authority

Raymond E. Lavoie D 63 Boardman Terrace 3-1-04 to 6-30-08

Human Rights and Relations Commission

Frank R. Lane D 164 Windmill Hill 3-1-04 to 6-30-06

Solomon Welles House Committee

Marilyn D. McPhee D 21 Hillcrest Avenue 3-1-04 to 6-30-06

Tourism Commission

George Botini Business 1330 Silas Deane Hwy. 3-1-04 to 6-30-04
Betty H. Rosania R 88 Desmond Drive 3-1-04 to 6-30-04
Alternate:
Elaine R. St.Onge R 101 Boulter Road 3-1-04 to 6-30-04

Youth Advisory Board

Helga Maria Dupont D 27 McMullen Avenue 3-1-04 to 6-30-05
John J. Mullin D 158 Windmill Hill 3-1-04 to 6-30-05
Jamey R. Curtin D 115 Center Street 3-1-04 to 6-30-05

Emergency Medical Service

George Bashura,III D 120 Mohawk Lane 3-1-04 to 12-31-05

Library/Town Hall Building Committee

Paul T. Camarco R 411 Church Street 3-1-04 to completion

Board of Building Appeals

Alternate:
Anthony C. Armentano D 73 Cross Hill Road 3-1-04 to 6-30-05

", seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Montinieri moved **"TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN STP-URBAN PROGRAM FUNDS, TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR TRADITIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS AND NON-TRADITIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Hemmann asked if this is the same program applied for, for the north end of the Silas Deane Highway. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she believes that it is. Councilor Hemmann asked what the chance is for obtaining the funds. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that it depends on what other communities apply for and

submit. Councilor Hemmann stated that she hopes that the Town is successful as they put a lot of time into the presentations. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien commented that the Town will certainly do their best.

Councilor Cascio asked if the award of the grant is rotated between communities. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that they try to do this, but it comes down to the seriousness of the issue and dollar amounts. Councilor Cascio verified that the funds will be used solely for paving and not for any safety issues. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this is correct.

Councilor Fortunato correct the resolution to read that Prospect Street is actually Route 287 and not Route 187 as presently stated. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the resolution will be amended to correct this.

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

Councilor Adil moved "**TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN LOCAL ROAD ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS, TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT**", seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Hemmann asked if there is a dollar amount ascribed to the grant. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the amount is \$200,000.

Councilor Adil said that the Traffic & Transportation Committee looked at these three projects and decided on this application due to accident statistics.

Councilor Cascio asked if there is any Town share amount for the program if the Town receives the grant. Town Engineer Mike Turner said that the maximum amount for the application is \$200,000 and the Town is responsible for 100% of the design costs and 10% of the construction costs. Councilor Cascio verified that the Traffic & Transportation Committee is recommending these projects. Mr. Turner said that this is so.

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

Councilor Fortunato moved "**TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR A STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Hemmann stated that this is a formality and that the funding has already been granted.

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

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT**", seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fees for Transfer Station

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that in the past it has been proposed that the fees for the Transfer Station be increased slowly so that over a five-year period the fees collected will cover the Town's costs. She is recommending that the Council take the item off the agenda and discuss the item during the budget deliberations.

Councilor Montinieri suggested that the Refuse Committee review the fees between now and budget time. She asked if the Transfer Station may be used by residents more often due to the new automated trash pickup and restrictions of refuse collected. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien verified that this could happen.

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO HAVE THE PROPOSED TRANSFER STATION TIPPING FEES BE REVIEWED AND ACTED UPON DURING THE 2004-2005 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND IN THE**

MEANTIME TO HAVE THE REFUSE COMMITTEE REVIEW THE PROPOSED FEES", seconded by Councilor Adil.

Councilor Adil said that this proposal requires careful consideration given the Town's new trash pickup.

Councilor Cascio clarified that the trash removal contract is mandated by various State Statutes. He said that non-processibles cannot be put out to the curbside any longer since July, 2001.

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

Proposed Changes to Rules and Procedures

Councilor Adil moved **"TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE WETHERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL'S RULES AND PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:**

- **UNDER PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS - (D) - DELETE "This is a courtesy to those citizens in attendance"**
- **UNDER THE SAME SECTION - (D) 2ND SENTENCE - DELETE "All members of Council shall accord the utmost courtesy to each member, to the Town employees and the public members appearing before the Council, and shall refrain from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to their integrity, abusive comments and statements as to motives and personalities. This applies to the citizens who speak as well. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address, if after being called to order, the speaker persists in improper conduct of remarks."**
- **To change the order of business of the Council meeting moving the Councilor Reports and Comments to the beginning of the meeting after Public General Comments.**
- **To omit the Public Comment at the end of the meeting.**
- **A simple majority vote be taken in order to extend the Council meeting past 11:00 p.m."**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Czernicki said that she doesn't understand the need to shorten the duration of the Council meetings. She believes that it may be best to continue discussion but not take votes after 11:00 p.m. Councilor Czernicki would like to maintain the five-minute rule for Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting and initiate a three-minute rule for Public Comment at the end of the meeting.

Councilor Czernicki moved **"TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ALLOW FOR A THREE-MINUTE RULE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING AND THAT NO VOTES BE TAKEN AFTER 11:00 P.M."**, seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Adil said that he agrees with the meeting continuing after 11:00 p.m. with no votes to be taken; however he does not agree with the three-minute rule for Public Comment at the end of the meeting. Councilor Adil feels that affording citizens two opportunities to speak at the beginning of the meeting is an adequate amount of time along with the various other ways to communicate with the Council.

Councilor Czernicki clarified that the public will be allowed actually two five-minute opportunities to speak at the beginning of the meeting; those being on the hearings and general comments. She still feels that there should be a final opportunity for a three-minute comment.

Councilor Forrest said that he does not agree with Council being bound by any 11:00 p.m. rule. He believes that, under the Roberts Rules, a motion to adjourn can be made at any time and voted upon.

Councilor Hemmann agrees with Councilor Czernicki's suggestion to handle the lateness of some meetings. She believes that this allows for discussion of any matter to continue without the pressure on the Council to make a decision. Councilor Hemmann agrees with limiting Public Comment at the end of the meeting to three minutes per speaker.

Councilor Czernicki stated that her goal in allowing for discussion to continue after 11:00 p.m. with no votes taken is to allow the Council to still obtain information from Town Staff or other presenters in order to aid them in making informed decisions.

Councilor Forrest stated that he understands Councilor Czernicki's goal; however, Roberts Rules clearly allows for continued discussion and for the tabling of any items at any time. He feels that the only thing

Councilor Czernicki is adding to the Rules is the binding of the Council's hands to take any votes after 11:00 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m., Councilor Forrest moved "**TO TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS**", seconded by Councilor Czernicki. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

At 9:05 p.m., the Council entered back into regular session.

The following roll-call vote was taken on the amendment:

Councilor Adil	NAY	Councilor Fortunato	NAY
Councilor Cascio	AYE	Councilor Hemmann	AYE
Councilor Czernicki	AYE	Councilor Montinieri	NAY
Councilor Forrest	NAY	Deputy Mayor Karangekis	NAY

The motion to amend failed 3-5-0.

The following roll-call vote was taken on the original motion:

Councilor Adil	AYE	Councilor Fortunato	AYE
Councilor Cascio	NAY	Councilor Hemmann	NAY
Councilor Czernicki	NAY	Councilor Montinieri	AYE
Councilor Forrest	AYE	Deputy Mayor Karangekis	AYE

The original motion passed 5-3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nott Street Road Construction

Councilor Adil moved "**TO PROCEED WITH THE NOTT STREET ROAD PROJECT AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE TOWN, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE BLASTING ON THE ROADWAY AS NECESSARY**", seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Cascio said that he still has many concerns about the issues brought forward by proceeding with the project and he is concerned for the residents in the area. He believes that too many residents still haven't been notified of the project, never mind had an inspection of their property. He cannot agree to move the project forward at this time.

Councilor Adil said that the Wethersfield Fire Marshall needs to be on-site during the entire period of blasting, that the Town Staff needs to distribute leaflets in the blasting area to insure that all have had a preblasting survey conducted on their property, and that all questions and answers from tonight's and any prior meetings be included in a flyer and on the Town website.

Councilor Czernicki said that two residents present at tonight's meeting who live within forty feet of the blasting site have yet to be approached for a preblast survey. She asked that Councilor Adil indicate the area in which he would like

the distribution of leaflets to take place. Councilor Czernicki reminded the Council that many residents have stated their concerns over not having access to a computer in order to obtain information from or communicate with the Council and therefore will still not obtain answers to any of the questions they have regarding the blasting. Councilor Czernicki corrected Councilor Adil's comment that the last Council voted to move forward with the project; it was the Council before that. Councilor Czernicki reminded the current Council that they will own some of the liability if things go wrong in people's homes and she hopes that they are comfortable with this.

Councilor Adil stated that he is concerned about the threat of a lawsuit made by Councilor Czernicki's husband, Edward Czernicki, and that she should abstain.

Councilor Czernicki said that she has every intention of abstaining and that Councilor Adil does not need to call her on that. She has already informed some of those in the audience that she will have to abstain and not represent them because of damage sustained to her home because of the same blasters who will again be used in Wethersfield.

Councilor Fortunato said that she is concerned about the comments made by residents this evening and she feels that there appears to be a lack of documentation on past decisions. She asked what the cost of not blasting will be. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she has asked this question to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and they will not provide a figure, only that there will be a financial liability for certain items. Councilor Fortunato asked what any additional liability beyond the money will be. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that it will be any costs incurred by the DOT for a project that will not go forward as originally presented. Councilor Fortunato asked if the blasting company could come back and say that the Town or Mr. Tabshey's company owes them money. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she is not aware that this could happen.

Mr. Tabshey said that to-date approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 has been spent on preblast services. He said that he prefers not to blast on this project even though it may compromise his relationship with the DOT. He would rather leave the project the way it is, blend in what has been done, put the sidewalks in and be on his way. He is concerned that the State may come after the Town of Wethersfield because the funding was granted due to a safety issue. Mr. Tabshey said that hammering through the rock would take a lot more time and would cost a lot more than blasting; however there would be a credit from the State because blasting is not taking place.

Councilor Cascio asked if there is a pressing time line that requires that the issue of blasting be voted on tonight. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the decision needs to be made as soon as possible. She said that although the vote does not have to take place tonight, the DOT would like to have a decision very soon. Mr. Tabshey said that he has scheduled work on the project to begin on April 1.

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO TABLE THE NOTT STREET ROAD PROJECT UNTIL MARCH 15, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Hemmann. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Councilor Forrest ABSTAINED. The motion passed 7-0-1.

Moving of April 5th Town Council Meeting

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she will be out of Town on April 5 and proposed three alternatives to the Council meeting on that date.

1. The meeting will be held on April 5 with a short agenda and an Interim Manager sitting in at the meeting.
2. Cancel the April 5 meeting.
3. Move the April 5 meeting to a Special Meeting on March 29.

Councilor Cascio asked the Town Manager if she has discussed this with Chairperson Morin. She said that she has and that he prefers to move the date to a Special Meeting on March 29.

Councilor Fortunato moved "**TO CANCEL THE APRIL 5, 2004 REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 29, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Czernicki. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Change Order - Stillman Building - Abatement Services

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the School Building Committee is requesting this change order in the amount of \$5,198.23 for additional attic framing bracing at the Stillman Building. The Town Manager stated that the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Drake, is present to answer any inquiries.

Councilor Adil asked if there will be any more change orders forthcoming on this project. Mr. Drake said that there most likely will be more. Mr. Drake explained that in gutting the building, a structural problem was discovered in the upper floor and emergency repair was immediately required. Mr. Drake said that the bidding process cannot begin until State approval is received and this is the next step. Mr. Drake explained that each project has its own separate budget; however, monies can be shifted between the two.

Councilor Czernicki left the meeting at this time (9:35 p.m.).

Councilor Cascio moved **"TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER OF \$5,198.23 FOR ADDITIONAL ABATEMENT SERVICES TO THE STILLMAN TO SUPERIOR ABATEMENT"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Forrest asked if the \$5,198.23 is the cost to repair the structural problem on the upper floor. Mr. Drake said that the problem was out of the ordinary and had to be repaired immediately. Councilor Forrest asked why the construction company isn't paying for this cost. Mr. Drake said that when the building was being taken apart or gutted, unexpected problems were discovered which were unbeknownst to the contractor when they made their bid relative to the original drawings; therefore the contractor is not responsible for the costs of repair.

Councilor Czernicki returned to the meeting at this time (9:40 p.m.).

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

Bid Award - Trade Contractor Award

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the School Building Committee went out to bid for the general trades for renovations to the Physical Services Complex. She said that the original bid was broken down to include options for shelving which the Building Committee decided not to include. The Committee found a company on the State Bid List, Musano, Inc., who can provide shelving at a much lower cost than what was available through the contractors. The Town Manager said that the State Bid List will expire tomorrow and Mr. Drake would like the Council to consider approval of the shelving this evening.

Councilor Cascio moved **"TO AWARD THE TRADE CONTRACTOR BID TO MARTINDALE AND SALISBURY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,646 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE PHYSICAL SERVICES BUILDING; AND TO AWARD THE PURCHASE OF SHELVING TO MUSANO, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,716.51"**, seconded by Councilor Czernicki.

Councilor Adil asked Mr. Drake why the freight elevator has been removed from the project. Mr. Drake said that it was taken out because anything on the second level will be storage only and will not require handicap accessibility. Councilor Adil asked if the elevator was part of the original bid package. Mr. Drake said that it was listed as an alternate deduction.

Councilor Fortunato asked if there will be offices on the second floor as originally considered as a possibility. Mr. Drake said that all offices will be on the first floor. Councilor Fortunato asked if the elevator could be installed in the future if necessary. Mr. Drake said that this can be done as the design will allow for this. Councilor Fortunato asked Mr. Drake if the elevator has been approved by the State and Mr. Drake said that it has been approved as an alternate to the project.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said she has discussed the elevator with Mr. Turner and they would like to see the elevator installed if at all possible. She said that there may not be a lot of money for it now, but in the future she may

have to budget for it. Mr. Drake said that the prices quoted currently are for a freight elevator and that a passenger elevator will be even more expensive.

Councilor Adil asked that the Building Committee continue to find a way to fund the elevator.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Councilor Czernicki ABSTAINED. The motion passed 7-0-1.

Location for Channel 14

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Space Needs Committee has surveyed the present uses of all Wethersfield buildings and there is no short term availability for Channel 14's use. Chief Building Official Brian O'Connor has requested that the second floor of the Olson House be cleared of equipment and storage and this has been done. The Town Manager along with Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Garrey is developing a short term fix for the Olson House which will allow Channel 14 to stay in the building for another year. It is hoped that by then there will be a permanent solution.

Donation of 1968 American LaFrance Fire Engine

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Town has purchased a new Fire Engine and since the State is in need of an instructional vehicle at their training facilities, Wethersfield will loan them our old 1968 American LaFrance Fire Engine which will be returned to the Town when the training is finished. The Town can then sell the Engine as surplus. The State will have to accept the Fire Engine on an as-is basis and will be required to maintain it at their expense. The State will also be required to sign a hold harmless agreement.

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO ALLOW THE TOWN'S 1968 AMERICAN LAFRANCE ENGINE TO BE UTILIZED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THEIR STATE FIRE SCHOOLS WITH THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS: 1) THE STATE WILL ACCEPT THE ENGINE AS IS AND MAINTAIN THE VEHICLE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE; 2) ONCE NOT NEEDED, THE STATE WILL RETURN THE VEHICLE TO THE TOWN; 3) THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD'S NAME AND ATTACHED EQUIPMENT WILL REMAIN ON THE VEHICLE; 4) THE STATE AGREES TO SIGN A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Adil asked why the Town is not selling the vehicle at this time. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the truck will not bring in a lot of money anyway (maybe \$2,000) and loaning it is a gesture of goodwill.

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

Free Refuse Disposal - Transfer Station - Spring Clean Up

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that in the past the Town has offered a coupon to residents during the month of May which enables them to dispose of items from their property at the transfer station. The dates proposed for this year are May 15 and May 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Town Manager suggests that this year the free coupons be distributed only from the Physical Services Building in order to alleviate last year's problem of residents picking up multiple coupons.

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO DEVELOP A SPRING CLEAN UP DAY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY FOR TOWN RESIDENTS USING A ONE TIME FREE COUPON PROGRAM**", seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Councilor Adil suggested that this program be offered at other times of the year as well, considering the current trash pick up situation.

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

Bonding Ordinance - Town Hall Renovations

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that Interim Finance Director, James Reynolds, brought to her attention the wording in the original ordinance and part of the bonding ordinance states that any bonding amount authorized shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town. She said that the Town will need to go back out to referendum to add the amounts of the State Library Grant (\$400,000) and the Small Cities Grant (\$390,000). She said that the Council has several options which include the following:

1. Leave the Bond Authorization at the same amount, thus reducing the amount of renovations that can be done to the Library and Town Hall by \$790,000;
2. Go back out to referendum for an additional \$790,000 which would allow a total of \$2,783,079 to be spent on the project - the amount the Building Committee felt they had to work with.
3. Go out to referendum for not only the grant amount, but also for additional funding to complete more work on the Town Hall and Library.

Councilor Adil suggested that a representative from the Building Committee attend an upcoming meeting and that a list of additional work be provided to the Council and the cost for such. Councilor Adil said that the project should be done right and that the Town should not stop short of this.

Councilor Hemmann stated that the boilers, which have reached their expected life, need to be considered for replacement. She is also concerned over the unorganized and outdated wiring throughout the Town Hall building.

Councilor Cascio said that there is a lot to still be discussed on this project and he suggests sending this to the Budget & Finance Committee as well as the Town Hall/Library Building Committee to make recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO REFER THE BONDING ORDINANCE ISSUE TO THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE TOWN HALL/LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**", seconded by Councilor Fortunato.

Councilor Fortunato said that this renovation period is a tremendous opportunity to update interior features of the building and that, with Library usage up, the renovation will provide for a stellar facility for Wethersfield.

Councilor Czernicki asked if the issue will go to the Building Committee first for a listing of what else needs to be included in the project and the costs of such, and then to the Budget & Finance Committee

Chairman of the Building Committee, Joe Coombs, said that this will be best so that the Budget & Finance Committee has some numbers to go by. Mr. Coombs said that the existing project includes a partial renovation of the Town Hall. This would include the lower level and the Library. Funds for a total renovation can be itemized and reviewed.

Councilor Adil asked if the new scope by the architects and engineers would require another RFP. Mr. Coombs said that the contract can be amended to provide the information requested. He will shoot for answers from his Committee by March 15 and if not by then, by March 29.

Councilor Forrest said that this is a policy decision and the Council needs to consider whether the Town Hall building is functional and up to date and whether it will serve the town for years to come. After the Council is provided with the dollar figures the discussion can continue.

Councilor Czernicki agrees that the Council needs more information on what additional work needs to be done and the costs in order to make an informed decision.

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

BIDS

Radio Salvage

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Town has a lot of old radio equipment to sell in order to recoup some of the costs toward the purchase of the new communication system. She said that an outside vendor should be brought in to catalogue, inventory, test and sell the equipment. Martin AG will reap the highest amount of money back to the Town. The Town will receive 70% and the vendor 30% of equipment sold within 180 days. After this time, the Town will receive 75% and the vendor 25%.

Councilor Adil moved **"TO AWARD THE BID FOR RADIO SALVAGE TO MARTIN AG AS OUTLINED IN THE BID RESPONSE"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Cascio asked if the Town has worked with Martin AG in the past. Deputy Mayor Karangekis said that he is the contractor for the radio system at the new Police Facility. Councilor Cascio asked if Martin AG has a good track record and if there are any reservations with going with him. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that a hearing was held with the Connecticut Siting Council over concerns with Mr. Martin. Councilor Cascio voiced his concerns with Mr. Martin because of this hearing. The Town Manager said that although the Council has concerns with Mr. Martin, he has a better price and definitely knows the equipment involved.

Councilor Adil asked if there is any benefit in retaining the equipment. Deputy Mayor Karangekis said that the new system is totally incompatible with anything traded in.

Deputy Mayor Karangekis asked if any of Mr. Martin's issues are diminishing the opportunity for the Town to get their percentage of the selling price of the equipment. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there is a concern from previous Council members who were not happy with Mr. Martin; however she does not want to speak for those Council members.

Councilor Hemmann asked if any of the equipment could be used for back up. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the equipment is not compatible with the current system.

Councilor Fortunato asked if it is customary to sell equipment off in this way. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that it is when there is a whole system like the one being considered. Councilor Fortunato asked if the equipment is sold "as-is" and there is no liability to the Town. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this is true.

Councilor Czernicki said that she cannot support the motion as it stands because she has a problem with the way Mr. Martin conducts business.

Councilors Adil, Forrest, Fortunato, Hemmann, Montinieri, and Deputy Mayor Karangekis voted AYE. Councilors Cascio and Councilor Czernicki voted NAY. The motion passed 6-2-0.

Custodial Service - Police Station

Councilor Czernicki moved **"TO AWARD THE BID FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE POLICE STATION TO CORPORATE JANITORIAL OF HARTFORD, CT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,305.32"**, seconded by Councilor Fortunato.

Councilor Adil asked if these folks are bonded and if their references have been checked. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Chief of Police checked this out thoroughly. She said that they would not be in the Police Facility unless he feels comfortable with them.

Deputy Mayor Karangekis said that a very rigid review is done on anyone working within the Police Facility.

Councilor Cascio asked if the same company is responsible for cleaning the Town Hall. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there are two separate custodial service providers for the Town Hall and the Police Facility. Councilor Cascio asked if a package for cleaning of all Town Facilities could be offered once the current contracts expire. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this could be looked into.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT FROM THE CAPITAL AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES AND THE AWARD OF FUNDS FROM THE GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and Social and Youth Services Director Nancy Stilwell are hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Wethersfield, a contract between the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council and the Town of Wethersfield Department of Social and Youth Services. Said contract shall be in the amount of \$4,245 for programs to increase public awareness and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse for fiscal year 2003-2004.

MINUTES

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Czernicki amended the minutes to read that the meeting took place in the Town Council Chambers rather than the Town Manager's Conference Room.

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

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Czernicki amended the minutes to read that the meeting started at 7:35 p.m.

Councilor Montinieri left the room briefly at this time.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

REPORTS

Councilor Adil announced that there will be a meeting at the Police Facility on March 2 which will be attended by the EDIC, the Silas Deane Revitalization Committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Town Staff. The meeting will be held to discuss the next step in moving forward with development along the Silas Deane Highway and the Berlin Turnpike.

Councilor Cascio reported that he attended the Senior Advisory Committee meeting and that he has invited the four separate senior groups to speak at a Council meeting to enlighten the Council of their goals and activities. Councilor Cascio said that the Memorial Day Parade Committee will meet at the Community Center on Wednesday, March 3.

Councilor Hemmann said that she attended the Tourism Commission meeting and reported that they are trying to arrange bus tours and are also working with the Historical Society to conduct kitchen tours offering different venues of cooking.

Councilor Montinieri reported that she met with the governing board of the Historical Society and they had a facilitator lead the meeting in assessing their strengths and weaknesses. The meeting was very informative.

Councilor Fortunato reported that she met with a representative from the Historical Society and two representatives of the Faces Group and spoke with them about the Historical Society applying for grants on behalf of the Faces Group. Councilor Fortunato announced that the Shared Services meeting has been changed to March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien announced that the MDC has hired Camp, Dresser, and McGee to start to resolve the issue in the Cove. The Town Manager also said that the more detailed Grant List is out and without reval the Grant List increased .039% which is very low. She said that from 2002 to 2003, real estate increased 40.56%, personal property increased 2.87% and motor vehicles decreased 4.16% for a total increase of a 34.39% increase in the Grand List because of the reval. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien complimented Town Assessor Jan Neumuth and Data Services Coordinator Paul Dudley for a job well done.

COUNCIL

Councilor Czernicki said that at a February meeting a resident asked for answers to questions about the Football Field and was told that the Town Manager would provide those. Councilor Czernicki asked for a copy of the answers. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she e-mailed the responses to the resident and she will provide a copy to the Council members. Councilor Czernicki recommended that information be provided to the Football Field Advisory Committee in a complete fashion so that they can move forward with their work and provide to Council the most accurate information. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that a lot of what is requested will cost money and will need to come back to the Council. Councilor Czernicki feels that although the additional studies may cost additional funds, it is worthwhile to obtain the information in order for the Council to make a sound decision. Councilor Czernicki read a letter she had written and requested that it be submitted into the Town Council record. Her letter expressed her concerns over bipartisanship in determining the Town's "next steps" and the conduct of the Wethersfield Town Clerk in the partisan remark she made.

Councilor Hemmann said that she forwarded a letter to the legislative delegation, to all Council members, and to Town Manager Bonnie Therrien regarding the proposed Ethics Bill. Representative Doyle was able to get answers to the questions raised at the Council's recent meeting with the delegation. Councilor Hemmann said that Representative Doyle does not support the bill as proposed and she thanked him for providing answers to questions asked.

Councilor Cascio asked what the effective date is for the new rules and procedures passed this evening. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien told him that they will go into effect at the March 15, 2004 meeting.

PUBLIC

Deputy Mayor Karangekis read into record a letter submitted by Harry Lichtenbaum, 16 Towne House Lane. The letter addressed his support of the proposed changes to the Council Rules and Procedures. Mr. Lichtenbaum feels that the changes are long overdue.

George A. Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, commented that the ordinances and resolutions must be read into the record. Mr. Ruhe questions the validity of the actions taken. Mr. Ruhe said that he and Mr. Orsini met with Mr. Oblak of the Historical Society and shared with him many concerns of theirs as well as other Wethersfield residents. Mr. Ruhe shared his concerns over new restraints and restrictions on the residents of Wethersfield. Mr. Ruhe feels that those Councilors who passed the changes to the Council Rules and Procedures are overawed with their own power in inhibiting the ability of Town citizens to be active participants and to share their wisdom.

George Wallace, 22 Chesterfield Road, commented on respect.

Rocco Orsini, 95 Broad Street, spoke on behalf of the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc. Mr. Orsini said that the Spring Cleanup should be offered twice per year. Mr. Orsini commented on the Shared Services Committee, the Grand List, and the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association, Inc.'s concerns for the residents in the area of the proposed blasting on Nott Street. Mr. Orsini also commented on the changes to the Council Rules and Procedures. He said that the second five minutes of public comment has worked for the past fifteen years and changing it is muzzling the public and is a step backward instead of forward.

Penny Stanziale, 15 Harold Street, said that by not allowing public comment at the end of the meeting, those watching the meeting at home are denied the opportunity to come to the end of the meeting to comment on a remark heard during the meeting. Ms. Stanziale respectfully suggested to the Council that they listen with respect to what people say

during the public comment segment of the Council meetings. It is the Council's job, duty and responsibility as elected officials to do such.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:55 p.m., Councilor Cascio moved "**TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**" seconded by Councilor Hemmann. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

At 11:16 p.m., Councilor Cascio moved "**TO ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO AWARD THE CHIEF OF POLICE THE SAME WAGES AND BENEFITS AS OUTLINED IN THE POLICE UNION CONTRACT**", seconded by Councilor Adil. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO AWARD TO THE CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR, AS HE COMES OFF PROBATION, \$5,000 RETRO TO THE DATE HE CAME OFF OF PROBATION AND \$2,500 JULY 1, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

At 11:20 p.m., Councilor Cascio moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk