

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Hemmann, Hurley, Kotkin, Manousos, Martino, Rell, Roberts, Deputy Mayor Barry, and Chairperson Montinieri

Also present: Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks & Recreation and Social and Youth Services, Sally Katz, Director Physical Services, Police Chief Cetran, Denise Bradley, Assistant Planner, Frank Dellaripa Building Committee School Projects, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk.

Councilor Martino led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Montinieri took a moment of silence on behalf of Dave Scales, a fallen comrade of our Police Department recently retired. He had been with us for 26+ years. David passed away unexpectedly a short time ago and left behind a wife and two children. It was certainly untimely and shocking loss of life. Many of us know that Dave served the community in several capacities. One of the notable ones was as Officer Dare for our young adults who went through that program that Dave headed up. Many of us knew him personally. I'm sure all of us would agree that his family is going through some very difficult time. Many of the officers and friends of the Scales family will reach out and support them but I ask that our community place them in our thoughts. He asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Console, 38 Ivy Lane commented on a recent article on the Webb School tennis courts and their use in the newspaper. There should be a study done before expending any monies on them, as they were underused previously. Also the blue paint used in Webb is perhaps not the best choice for the school.

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Ave. would like the Town to take another look at traffic, site lines and a stop sign near Orchard and Morrison intersection.

Lee Sekas, 117 Wells Road spoke of the cost of the recent primary and the need to merge districts for a primary. Also the free concert at Mill Woods Park drew 3 to 4 times more people than the ones held at the Keeney Center. He would also like the Town to require new businesses, as they change hands, require them to comply with the American Disability Act to enable all people to have access.

Dorene Ciarcia, 36 Spring Street spoke as the Chairperson of the Wethersfield Library Board and introduced Brook Berry, the new Library Director. She was previously with the Mid Manhattan branch of the New York Public Library as Department Head of Technology. The Library Board was impressed with her as she had researched the history of our Town and knew of various parades and events happening here. There will be a reception in the fall for the community.

Steve Kelly, 29 Old Smithy Lane, spoke of the archway, placed at the high school in 1974 and wanted the Council to know that people would like to see it replaced during the renovation. He thinks the Town Manager should call to find out if they intend to replace it and if not inquire as to how it could be incorporated into the gate plan. Also as the head of the Wethersfield Seniors Baseball Booster Club he had concerns that the field would not be usable next year because of all of the clay bricks installed there now.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Rd stated after settling the suit against Motorola the Town received \$2 -2,500 credit towards upkeep of the system after we have spent millions on it and it was a 20 year bond.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM”**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Barry reported that he was at the Building Committee meeting last Monday. There are a lot of moving parts with the project. We are going to have a tour of the building this Thursday for the Council members. We can see the progress. While there is a lot going on with a lot of things coming into place for the school opening, at this point, things are moving as expected for the fall school opening. Certainly O&G has been advised to let us know if there are any issues that come up at crunch time; they are aware that it needs to be done and obviously school is fast approaching.

Councilor Martino reported he was at the Economic Development Commission meeting. The subcommittee has finished their final draft of the Façade Loan Program Policy which they gave to all of the members' last meeting to review. At the next meeting EDIC will go through it in more detail, probably pass it and forward it on to the manager for legal review and forwarding to Council for acceptance. He reported on a few new businesses in town. Rim & Roll has moved into the space Wooden Toy was in and they moved further down into the Plaza on Goff Brook. He reported that a Karate school has moved into the space underneath the corner store across from Town Hall and a dog groomer is moving into space on the Berlin Turnpike and Dance 10

Studios is expanding to take over space next to its current store so they are taking over that whole building. There is a new Japanese Hibachi coming into the space where Wells Tavern was previously. Our open spaces are starting to fill up which is good news.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Hurley commented on what Steve Kelley said about the Building Committee, concerning replacing the arch. It would be nice to have that arch back it's been up there for many years. I don't think people realize that it's not going back up. It's a small thing but I think it means a lot to people.

Deputy Mayor Barry commented he doesn't know what the status is but certainly it has been heard and agrees that it is something does not seem difficult to do. Councilor Hurley suggested, maybe the Manager may talk to somebody before they do anything tomorrow. Deputy Mayor Barry said very good idea.

Councilor Kotkin welcomed the new Library Director Brook to town and stated he looks forward to working with her on the Library Committee.

Councilor Manousos commented that he also thinks it would be a shame if the arch is not put up like everybody expected it, so let's make it happen. Since Steve is the liaison, maybe you can send that message. Deputy Mayor Barry responded that he will certainly convey that sentiment.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bridges reported that they will work on the arch. He stated that the field that was going to be ready for next season, we are prepping it for the field hockey season. He stated that we know we have significant work to do on it. It's been dug up and traversed repeatedly during the construction so we knew going into the next season, we had quite a bit of work to do. We spent our resources on fields that were in use this year but over the past week, we've reseeded it and we will be getting it ready for the field hockey season. It will be ready next spring.

COUNCIL ACTION

Deputy Mayor Barry moved **“TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF SHIREEN D. AFORISMO, 185 BROAD STREET FROM THE TOURISM COMMISSION EFFECTIVE 08-06-2014, PETER SILBO, 59 APPLE HILL FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE FROM 7-21-14 TO 7-23-2014 AND BASIA DELLARIPA, 37 ROBBINSWOOD DR. FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM 7-21-2014 TO 7-22-2014”**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

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

Deputy Mayor Barry moved **“TO APPOINT DANIEL M. SILBO, 59 APPLE HILL RD. TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM 8-18-2014 TO 06-30-2017”**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

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

Councilor Hemmann moved **“TO APPOINT MICHAEL S. WRONA, 16 FAIRMONT STREET TO THE WETHERSFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE TERM 9-1-2014 TO 8-31-2019 AND TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, CHRISTINE TAYLOR, TOWN EMPLOYEE 8-18-2014 TO 6-30-2016”**, seconded by Councilor Rell.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Martino moved **“TO APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER #64 FOR \$22,608.89 FOR FERGUSON ELECTRIC”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained all change orders over \$20,000 have to come to council. We have a change order this evening for electricity to the Cottone Field concession stand during the renovation project. The existing underground utilities were very shallow so those had to be removed and reinstalled per code and that’s the cost of doing this to get power out to the concession stand.

Councilor Hemmann commented that she emailed Jeff today with a number of questions. First off, when was the concession stand built at the High School, who oversaw that construction and why was the electrical not up to code. She stated that Jeff did respond to that today and it looks like it was changed from a line coming in via a pole to underground but we do not have any of the specifics about why it was not up to code. Councilor Hemmann asked where the town inspectors were at the time. Those were my questions. Mr. Bridges responded that it was built in 1982, with the overhead power and at some point, the power went underground. He stated that he just didn’t have an opportunity to find out that when that happened today. Mr. Bridges asked if anyone knew when we put underground power in and stated that there is a rock ledge along that field, and imagined that they just laid the power cables on top of the rock rather than excavating the rock. Council Hemmann commented that if the code hasn’t changed at all, I still go back to where were the town inspectors in wrapping that up because if it was out of code now, it was out

of code then so that's a big concern. Mayor Montinieri commented that is a good point. He agrees and assumes that Jeff, once he has a chance to go through some of the files and talk to the school system about it, to determine what happened there and report back in some form to us. Mr. Bridges responded sure. Mayor Montinieri asked for any questions on the change order.

Councilor Manousos asked when work would be done to be complete maybe before the season starts. Mr. Bridges stated as soon as possible. Mayor Montinieri commented that there won't be any impact on concession stands this fall, this will be corrected before we have the season correct. Councilor Manousos asked if it would be completed prior to the September 6th. Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Dellaripa if they were talking about getting in done before the 6th of September. Mr. Dellaripa responded yes. Councilor Manousos asked which field they were talking about earlier. Mr. Bridges responded the High School baseball field. Councilor Manousos questioned if the DiCicco Field would be ready by the 6th as well. Mr. Bridges responded that he doesn't know where we are with that. Mayor Montinieri invited Frank Dellaripa to come up to the podium for any questions. Mr. Bridges also invited Physical Services Director Sally Katz to the podium to answer any questions about the fields. Mr. Bridges asked what the go to plan is for DiCicco field.

Ms. Katz explained that the inside of DiCicco right now is playable and they are going to be using it for the beginning of school activities. Right now there is a lot of work that has to be done on the track. We are preparing the track to be resurfaced but they can still get in and use the fields in accordance with the way Mike Maltesse from the Board of Education wants to be able to schedule the preschool athletic activities in that location. Deputy Mayor Barry commented that his understanding from all the meetings is that certainly the JV soccer, which is usually played there, that field will be available but thinks it goes off-line mid-October to the end of October and that's when the track will be resurfaced. So that is my memory of the timeline at least as of a week ago. Ms. Katz explained the process of the track resurfacing. She mentioned that the track surface overlay takes a significant amount of time to cure properly and it's really very important that no one walks on the track while that surface is curing. So they've been able to work with the Board of Education Department of Athletics to schedule activities to work around the needs of the Athletics Department and the need to stay on schedule for the construction.

Mayor Montinieri commented that there was a concern about a public access to the track after the first surface is done and then the second, regardless of the schedule event which the school has control obviously, but there is a lot of public access there. Has thought been given how to ensure that that is actually not walked on by outside members of the community who may not even know? Ms. Katz responded that there has been a lot of discussion with the Building Committee about how we are going to do that because it is really very important for safety and also for the track's surfaces to be able to cure. The Building Committee is still working through what's the best way to deal with it. Mr. Dellaripa commented that we really don't want to spend any big dollars to keep people off the track. We are hoping signage. Ms. Katz commented that hopefully we'll get the word out that while it is the norm for people to use it, that during this time they

really change the way that they do their athletic activities so we can get this done. Mayor Montinieri suggested that we might have to get some public assistance from the Courant and the town website because it's a fairly significant project and could be harmed if not cured properly.

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

Councilor Martino moved "TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VALUE ENGINEERING CHANGE ORDER CONTRACT REDUCTIONS FOR THE WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

- a. Proposed change order #53 in the reduction amount of \$183,945 to the HVAC contract.
- b. Proposed change order #54 in the reduction amount of \$317,115 to the Aluminum Windows / Entrances contract.
- c. Proposed change order #55 in the reduction amount of \$188,009 to the General Trades contract.
- d. Proposed change order #56 in the reduction amount of \$328,447 to the Roofing contract.
- e. Proposed change order #57 in the reduction amount of \$102,892 to the Acoustical contract.
- f. Proposed change order #58 in the reduction amount of \$46,650 to the Structural Steel contract.
- g. Proposed change order #60 in the reduction amount of \$8,000 to the Concrete contract.
- h. Proposed change order #63 in the reduction amount of \$61,395.05 to the HVAC contract", seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained we discussed this before the first of the year and as we proceeded to the spring to refine the numbers, they would be back. These are the reductions in each of the trade contracts. You can look at the following chart on the page in how, you can see the ones you've already accepted and these this evening, I think there is one or two more to come in to complete the value engineering deduction which would get us to the new budget of roughly \$84 million dollars as a total project. Once that's done, we will publish a new overall project budget that will show the \$84 million dollar total with the true contract amount.

Councilor Manousos asked about the HVAC change order #63 it refers to changing and revising the piping hangers for all piping outside the mechanical room to be non spring loaded, so what does that impact due to safety, long term, the validity of the project, what does that change. Mr. Bridges responded nothing; it's just a less expensive way to hang them. Mr. Dellaripa commented that they asked that question quite a bit because on all these VE issues we wanted to make sure we weren't sacrificing any quality. Apparently on that hanger is very expensive, we don't need them in the mechanical room because students aren't near the mechanical room. They are not going to hear any vibrations or any noise so that's why they were eliminated there.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEW LEASE PURCHASE SCHEDULES UNDER THE EXISTING MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST NIAGARA BANK FOR THE FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE OF ROLLING STOCK INCLUDED IN THE FY15 CNEF BUDGET”**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

Mr. Bridges explained that our Finance Director, Mike O’Neil has reviewed lease terms with several banks and is recommending we approve the lease with First Niagara. Basically, all the costs, when we look at reviewing the lease documents and the legal fees, associated with creating a new master lease document with another vendor negated any savings we would get on the fractional interest rate differential. So he is recommending that we stay with First Niagara and use their quote.

Councilor Kotkin commented that Jeff indicated that we are saving legal fees, which more than outweighs the \$550. I assume that we are probably talking about thousands of dollars of legal fees to review a new lease arrangement with a new bank. Jeff Bridges responded that the legal fees will be at least equal to or greater than the difference in the total interest cost between First Niagara Bank and Bank America. Since Bank of America is new vendor, the Town would incur legal expenses to review their agreements which would not be the case with our existing vendor First Niagara Bank.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO APPROVE \$13,500 FOR THE TOWN’S SHARE OF THE BUS SHELTER PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HNS MANAGEMENT, CT TRANSIT AND THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD FOR TRANSIT PASSENGER WAITING SHELTERS”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that earlier this year we brought to you the bus shelter project. Denise Bradley is here this evening to answer any specific questions. It’s been a decade in the making. CRCOG has tried to put together a bus shelter program with CT Transit that would provide shelters for the user of the system but also alleviate the maintenance and upkeep responsibilities of the municipalities in which they are located and by this program, advertising will be sold on certain shelters, not all of them, in residential areas and other sensitive locations advertising won’t be sold, but the advertising will pay for the maintenance and upkeep, emptying the trash, cleaning of the snow and general maintenance of the shelter. The town’s commitment is \$13,500 and at our last meeting when we discussed this staff told the Council that we would bring back the amount of our payment for final approval. There is money left over in the 2014 budget in Planning and Development we would anticipate using towards this if the council sees fit to

approve it. It's been through Planning & Zoning, everything is approved, just waiting for the Council to act.

Councilor Hurley asked if the town has an agreement with them about what kind of advertising can go into the shelters. Mr. Bridges responded that there are limitations on what kind of advertising can go and it's limited to the locations that are not in the residential sections.

Councilor Manousos asked what the two locations are that are not currently being used or formally locations. Ms. Bradley responded the two new locations are in front of the former Weight Watchers and Wings Site facility on the Silas Deane Highway, the other is located at 50 Town Line Rd. across from Stop & Shop. Councilor Rell asked if the two property owners agreed to the new locations. Ms. Bradley responded that they are currently speaking with them. Councilor Rell asked who receives the advertising funds. Ms. Bradley responded CT Transit because they maintain the shelters.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PROACT INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF A DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that the CT Conference of Municipalities has entered into a partnership with Proact for the offering of a Discount Drug Program for drugs for people that don't have a medical prescription plan, you can use this card for drugs that aren't otherwise qualified or certain eye care Lasik surgeries and so forth for participating providers. It's free. If this is approved, the Town will receive cards that we can issue to residents who can use the card to get drugs that aren't otherwise covered if the pharmacy's participating. CCM has great success with this. The town's that are in the program find it very easy to use. I've seen these across the country. They're nice to have for residents who may have some spotty health insurance or want some additional services so it's nice to have for our residents and there's no cost to the Town. Mayor Montinieri commented that we had to go through legal counsel for advice because the agreement calls for several provisions and I think it's been four months or so to get this in the works. He stated that several towns have enacted it successfully and it's a service that many of our residents will have an opportunity to take advantage and am glad to see that it has finally surfaced.

Councilor Kotkin asked how residents will find out about this. Mr. Bridges responded that we will work with CCM to develop the educational materials and the public information campaign materials and once it's on websites, through our programs, we'll have to work on how to get it out there. Councilor Manousos asked if there are other competitors to Proact. He asked what will the other towns were, near us already using it. Mayor Montinieri responded Avon, Farmington and Shelton are the three that he looked at their agreement when this first got

brought forward to look at local to us. Councilor Manousos asked how do we know that our residents are going to be getting the best price for these prescription drugs that they may be able to get elsewhere, AARP. Mr. Bridges commented that they can still use their other service providers, but if all else fails, show them this, maybe there is a benefit. Councilor Manousos asked so what's the benefit to the town if we can't guarantee that they are going to get the best price using this. Mr. Bridges responded we are not engaging in a prescription drug buying program, we are offering a discount card for participating pharmacies for people who don't have prescription drug coverage or the Lasik and dental coverage which they may not have either. This has been vetted through CCM, we could probably wage our own RFP process but why do that when someone else has already done it for us. Mayor Montinieri commented that CCM did do a bid originally and there were 12 participants in the original bid process that CCM did and it gets renewed, I think, on a biannual basis with them. So they go through that process. My understanding from talking to the CCM representation back in the fall is that most of the users who signed up after the advertising found that they got additional discounts beyond their current program so there wasn't any downside to it. There is not risk and no cost to the town but based on what CCM said about the number of users that participated in the bid process, Proact was selected and it's probably going to come up for review again this fall because it's been in place for a couple of years with Proact and that renewal process when it's done would immediately go into place with this program. Councilor Manousos guesses he will support it to see how it goes. What he is worried about is that we run into the same problem we did when we tried to do energy savings for residents and that ended up not working out so well. We started fielding calls and issues that they weren't getting the rate that were supposed to get, it wasn't the best rate, so that's the only concern that I have. I think whatever messaging goes out, if we are going to approve this that it should be made clear that this has no relation to the town other than we're piggy backing on CCM's vendor. I still have some reservations about this. Mayor Montinieri commented that under the energy program, people were asked to sign up for a particular vendor who was offering an energy rate that changed is where that problem started to happen, the rate changed at some point down the road and they could opt out. That was on the part of the participants a concern about they signed up for a certain rate then it went up after a year, then they had to get out and find another vendor. The difference with this is this is a discount card that is above and beyond current coverages that residents may have through any program and the discount is, from what I understand, most of the major pharmaceutical companies that are represented in town CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, all accept this card in addition to coverage's that someone may have. So there isn't any buying in or hopefully getting a better rate. It's a discount applied to a current program. So hopefully it's fairly seamless and again the feedback from the other towns was very positive that there were no surprises and it's a program that I think CCM is offering to offer something to our residents in town. It's kind of feel good program and it's particularly in light of the costs of health care. Councilor Kotkin asked if the CCM goes out to bid and let's say a couple years from now it's turned out some other provider from Proact, would people who have already signed up and enjoyed the program be sort of automatically transferred into the new program. That's a what-if question. Mayor Montinieri commented that it's a good question but he doesn't know the answer. He thinks that the cards that people receive once they

sign up for it are probably dated and good until expiration or something of that kind but it is a great question to ask. A discussion then ensued regarding the program and potential competitors. Mayor Montinieri commented that we are not bound, there is no cost to us or no legal obligation for us to be sure that residents take it. It is completely volunteer program and is very very straight forward. CCM is looking to give residents in town a potential discount card that they can use just to pay pharmaceuticals but there is no risk to do it.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2014 HIGH VISIBILITY GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION”**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

Mr. Bridges explained that this is a grant from DOT for distracted driving enforcement. Mr. Bridges invited Chief Cetran to the podium for any questions.

Councilor Hurley asked if we did this last year. Chief Cetran responded not distracted driving, this is the first time. Councilor Hurley asked if he knows how well it has gone over in other towns that have done it. Chief Cetran responded that this is the first time for everybody. He stated that distracted driving is very dangerous and they want to jump on board. Mayor Montinieri asked when it will start. Chief Cetran responded September 3-24th. Chief Cetran commented that it's a common occurrence and until the enforcement catches up, people are going to do it. He then explained the process for catching cell phone violators. Deputy Mayor Berry asked it's that a 3-week period. Chief Cetran responded yes. Councilor Kotkin asked if he have any idea how many arrests there are over the course of the month or the year. Chief Cetran responded it's not a real significant number. Speeding is a higher number. Cell phone is a tougher one to enforce and speeding is easy especially with radar. The officers being dedicated to doing this should bring us in to bigger numbers. A discussion ensued regarding the routes that will be targeted. Councilor Rell commented that the legislature increased the fines for distracted driving a couple of years ago and hopes that the town will recoup a portion of the money I would hope from these fines, correct? Chief Cetran responded, yes.

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

BIDS

Councilor Martino moved **“TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE WETHERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SORINEX EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR \$27,235”**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

Chief Cetran explained the equipment they have now is starting to get old and there are some safety concerns with it. He wants to encourage the officers to use the equipment because the

better shape that they are in the less injuries and problems that we could, like heart attacks, etc. maybe alleviate. He explained that the officers came to him and asked if we would purchase new equipment and I agreed. They went through the bid process and when it came back as with a lot of the bids, the companies that were bidding, didn't bid on the specifications that were allotted for. So the one company that did and the best cost is the one that they asked for and the cost is \$27,235. That money will come from the asset forfeiture account. There is no budgeted money and no taxpayer money. Councilor Manousos asked how much they have in that asset forfeiture account. Chief Cetran responded we are probably sitting a little over \$1 million dollars but we still have some big plans. These are things that we want, not things that we need.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 8 DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS FROM WATCHGUARD FOR \$51,110.00”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Chief Cetran explained that this has been a project that has been in the works for a while. The technology has changed since we initially purchased the in-car video systems. The system that we have now it is based on a DVD recording and what has happened in the years that we've had these, the DVD's still take up a lot of room. They have to be secured. They are in Lieutenant Power's office. There's 2400 of them now he's getting to where he doesn't have much space to sit in anymore and this system will eliminate that problem because it is a wireless automatic upload. When the cruiser pulls in to the parking lot of the Police Station it will automatically upload the video that was recorded on the system to a server seamlessly, automatically, no hands touch it whatsoever. Chief Cetran also explained other aspects of the system including much clearer picture, sight and sound. He also explained how important the in-car video system is to them in stressful situations. Councilor Roberts asked for a quick overview of asset forfeiture. Chief Cetran explained that if it's something that we need and have to have then it should come through the budget because there is a problem that you have with asset forfeiture money in what they call supplanting and you can't supplant your budget with asset forfeiture money. This is not something that is absolutely necessary in police work. Your gun is, your badge is, and perhaps a car to patrol but in-car video is not an absolute necessity. That's what I mean by the fact that this is more of a want not a need but it is something that is extremely beneficial to us and the town as a whole because anything that can save us a lawsuit down the road could save us millions by spending this money now. I didn't mean that it wasn't something that we needed, I meant that the difference between a want and need and the budget, that's all.

Councilor Kotkin asked that he thinks over the years, they added cameras to the police cruisers and asked if they are all outfitted now. Chief Cetran responded no. We had six. The main line cars have it. There are line cars that don't have it. If a car goes down you may have a car without it. Chief Cetran explained the benefits of the in-car video system. Councilor Kotkin commented that we will have eight. Chief Cetran responded we will have eight and is something

that he can readdress in the future if they need more. Councilor Kotkin asked if there was now a trend where the officers themselves are wearing cameras. Chief Cetran responded that that is another system and he is a little leery of that one with people going into houses and it seems to be a little bit more invasive to him than the in-car video and it may be something that we need to address in the future. Chief Cetran stated that this is one of the bigger projects that they can take on and really enhance and make it better. Councilor Roberts asked if they can get a portable one in case you needed to put it in a spare or do they have to be mounted in the cars. Chief Cetran responded that it is a totally different system. He then described some features of the new system. Deputy Mayor Barry asked if they are mounted and portable. Chief Cetran responded that they are mounted and are not portable and sit behind the rear-view mirror.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM PLOURDE ENTERPRISE INCLUDING THE TWO ALTERNATES FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,000 AND TO REPLACE THE BITUMINOUS WALKWAY FOR \$11,500 AND REPAIR THE PARKING LOT FOR \$6,500, ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED FROM THE CIP RESERVE”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that Sally Katz is here to answer any questions but as part of the current year budget, we included \$62,000 in it to replace the ADA ramp at the Standish House. It is a public building and we are subject to the ADA. It is noncompliant. It was built in 1984 and for whatever reason it is not compliant and in addition, we would like to repair the parking lot where the handicapped parking takes place and repave the bituminous ramp to the base of the ramp so everything is fresh and clean and compliant. Mr. Bridges stated that Historic District Commission [HDC] has approved it and we are going to use a truex product which is recycled wood. HDC has approved that and it should have a longer life. We are also amending the doorway in the back of the building.

Councilor Manousos asked how long has this been on Capital Improvements Advisory Committee [CIP] list or in its budget. Mr. Bridges responded that this is the first year. Councilor Manousos commented so it has leap frogged over other projects that have been on there for years. Is that because of the legal issue? Mr. Bridges responded yes, we weren't aware it was noncompliant until it was brought to our attention. The building official who is our ADA Coordinator verified that it was not in compliance and therefore we decided to move on it to stave off any potential problems. Ms. Katz commented that we've now also been questioned by the State since they became aware of it. They now know it is not an ADA compliance ramp. Councilor Manousos commented that at an Infrastructure meeting six months ago, this was discussed and I thought the outcome was that we weren't legally obligated to complete this work, has this changed? Ms. Katz responded that we met with the State Office of Handicapped Services and they strongly recommended, they could not mandate it but they strongly recommended that we change this ramp. That it is known as being out of compliance it could

potentially open us up for increases our liability and short of telling us we absolutely had to do it. They strongly recommended that we do it as it is a public building and a known problem. Councilor Manousos asked if we are also then by extension legally obligated to pay for the work if we are not legally obligated to actually complete it. Ms. Katz responded that it is our building and it's our issue and we need to rectify it. Councilor Manousos commented that we are leapfrogging over other projects, we are spending the budgeted amount, and then, we are spending an additional \$10,000 from the CIP reserve. Are we afraid that we are going to open up a can of worms on buildings that we aren't legally obligated to improve? Ms. Katz responded that this was something that was brought to our attention through a number of issues from patrons that became very public and was brought to the attention of the State. The ramp is known to be out of compliance and it is actually staving off additional problems that we could have in the future by doing the work and by doing the walkway. We know we will have the appropriate grades, handrails, materials and design. We did go out to an Architecture firm. We had it designed and their code of compliance officer reviewed it and so we know that by doing this work, we are stacking the deck in our favor to provide us with the best option that we can. Councilor Manousos commented that for those reasons he is going vote in favor of this, but he thinks this just underscores the issue that's been talked about by so many people, why we are putting money into a building that's essentially a private building with a commercial use and not truly a public building.

Mayor Montinieri asked Mr. Bridges how many cases we have pending right now for falls here. Mr. Bridges responded that we have 2 claims, whether or not they go anywhere, I don't know, but it's not uncommon to get claims. Mayor Montinieri commented that that can happen regardless of whether we do this or not as well, somebody could still fall here. It reduces our risk a little. Mr. Bridges added that CIRMA will say that if you are compliant and somebody falls it is a bigger difference than being noncompliant and someone falls. Councilor Manousos commented there were discussions too about elevator access to the second floor to also increase compliance to access to a public building so is that going to be the next thing that's on our plate that we are going to have to pay for an elevator. Ms. Katz responded that an elevator is not mandated by this. It is to gain access into the building. The way that it was described to us when we met with the State, you have to add access into the facility. You do not have to have unfettered access throughout the facility and so the ability to have someone gain access to the first floor gives us the protection in that we have satisfied that requirement. We are not required to put in an elevator as we are to get people into the building. Councilor Manousos commented that we are not legally obligated to do this so I don't have a lot of confidence that we are not going to have to do that. Ms. Katz responded that the way the Statutes are currently written, we are not obligated to put in an elevator. Councilor Rell asked if the claims for the walkway the ADA ramp. Mr. Bridges responded yes. There is at least one that he remembers that happened on the ramp, of course, the tenants insurance will be primary but we will back up everything that happens on that sight. Councilor Rell asked when you say the tenant is it the tenant or the sub leasee. Mr. Bridges responded the sub leasee.

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

Councilor Martino moved **“TO PURCHASE 2 F350 PICK –UP TRUCKS FOR \$38,571 EACH FROM THE STATE CONTRACT VENDOR”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that these two trucks were part of the fleet replacement program for the current year budget. We asked for a delay at the last meeting so we could do some more homework on these and Ms. Katz is recommending these two trucks.

Councilor Kotkin asked what she discovered when doing her homework. Ms. Katz responded that one of the vehicles that we currently have, we can slightly alter to meet our needs and so we did not have to go back and completely redo our program. By making that slight alteration we can stay on track with what we want to do as far as our replacement schedule goes. We had held these out from the first vote just in case we needed to go and rework it but we don't have to. Councilor Hurley asked if we are adding another truck to the fleet. Ms. Katz responded there is a net add because what we are doing in our normal replacement, we take two vehicles and we decommission them, sell them at auction and we buy two new vehicles. What we have done this year is we approved thankfully to you, a position was changed and so when we changed the classification of that position, it went from a position that basically shared a truck with another person to now being a specialized tradesmen who needs a truck and so instead of taking and decommission the two vehicles, we are only going to decommission one this year and utilize the truck that we would have decommissioned for the HVAC mechanic. Councilor Hurley commented that he guess he didn't realize when that position was done that now we have another truck in the fleet that we would have to kind of keep track of and replace every 15 years. Ms. Katz responded it's because of the equipment that that person needs to bring from site to site that they really do need to be able to do that in a vehicle. Councilor Hurley asked what did we do before that person like with the equipment. Ms. Katz responded we only had one HVAC technician and now we will have two and so any HVAC person in their truck has a number of different tools and supplies and it's really something, when you go out to a job site, if you are working on a project you really don't want to have to go back or go to some place, you want to be able to do a continuous work product and so by having the truck there with the supplies, that person can continue to do the work. If they have a truck which does not allow them the capacity to bring those things, they are stopping work, leaving the job site, potentially coming back to the yard, trying to get what they need get back into the vehicle and go back out to the job sites so this helps the efficiency of work by being able to have the tools needed on-site. Councilor Hurley asked if that's what they were doing in the past, driving all around town. Mr. Bridges responded that we only one HVAC person and now we have two. So the second one we have to give him a truck and that's what we are doing. Mr. Bridges added before that was a maintainer position, they rode with someone else and through vacancies, we've taken that position and reclassified it to an HVAC trades person because that is where the need is in the buildings. Mayor Montinieri added we are holding on to the older truck. Ms. Katz one will be holding on to one of the older trucks. Mayor Montinieri asked how long a life do you expect with the retrofit on the older one.

Ms. Katz responded that it doesn't have as many miles and we are hoping to get a good five or six years out of it. Councilor Kotkin asked if she hired the second HVAC person. Ms. Katz responded that we are in the process of it. Councilor Kotkin asked maybe when we get to the budget we can talk about what you have accomplished by having the second person in and really whether that was the right decision to hire that person and so forth because I assume if you had extra work beforehand, either it didn't get done or did you have to go outside. Ms. Katz responded both and that was what the impetus was for us to really take a look at what the structure is of the staff and what we found was that there was and still continues to be we have an aging infrastructure in a lot of our buildings and there are always calls for because our HVAC person that we currently have on staff now is currently our plumber and so during the summer months for example there were trying to get the pools open and deal with HVAC calls in every single building that we own and just the amount of work that is out there that needs to be done and I'm talking about projects, I'm talking about regular maintenance work is truly much more significant than for one person. It just really is undoable so we had to supplement that person with vendors and overtime and it also became very difficult if that person was sick from vacation. There was no back-up, we had to go to an outside vendor and those costs are very, very high. Councilor Rell asked would that new hire come with his own equipment or would this town have to purchase. Ms. Katz responded that we do purchase some things. We have found over the years that people who we hire have been in the field for a while and we do hire experienced people and they have brought tools with them that they use but we do provide tools. We also have tools that we can outfit a truck with. We are not talking about spending thousands of dollars bringing in a new person and spending thousands of dollars to outfit them. We do very well with repurposing things.

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

Councilor Martino moved **"TO ACCEPT THE CRCOG BID OF HI-WAY SAFETY SYSTEMS FOR LINE STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKING SERVICES"**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

Mr. Bridges explained that this is a CRCOG bid for painting of lines on streets. It's budgeted annually to go out and do various portions of the street, refresh parking lots so forth and so on. Mr. Turner is here this evening and is recommending acceptance of that bid. Mayor Montinieri asked if this was in budget. Mr. Bridges responded yes. Councilor Martino asked if the vendor will be finishing that work before school starts. Mr. Bridges responded we would hope so.

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

Councilor Martino moved **"TO ACCEPT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT BID OF COSTELLO FOR PAVEMENT MILLING SERVICES"**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that this is when we pave a street, we have to mill off the old one first and the State bid to do that work. It's within budget and we are recommending accepting the State of Connecticut for Costello.

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

Councilor Martino moved **"TO APPROVE THE PAVING PROGRAM FOR MILLWOODS PARK AS REQUESTED"**, seconded by Councilor Roberts.

Mr. Bridges explained that we received a grant two years ago to pave most of Millwoods Park. The current paved areas would be repaved and it's now time to do that so we would like go ahead and get that done this fall and make it all nice. Again, those roads and parking lots are horrible. The skateboarders find it inconvenience I'm sure, but we would like to go ahead and get that done. The bid is before you and it's a combination of the State grant and there is some left over money from the creation of the gravel parking lot to the little league field and then there is some master plan user fees that we are committing to the project to get it all done. Mayor Montinieri asked if there are any issues with the timing of this project because Millwoods is so busy during the fall. Kathy Bagley explained that in talking with Mike Turner and the way they would do the work it sort would be almost like paving a street where they would be going in and getting all the rough work first, but knowing the park is busy at night, they would be making it road worthy for the evening that we could still do that. Councilor Hurley asked if the gravel lot was going to be paved. Ms. Bagley responded, no, not at this time. Councilor Hurley asked what's a loop detector. Ms. Bagley responded she believes it's the traffic signal as you're going out onto Prospect that you hit a detector for it to tell you to eventually change that light to green as you are entering prospect. Councilor Kotkin asked if we got through Millwoods without a washout for the second straight year. Ms. Bagley responded yes we did. Deputy Mayor Barry commented in terms of the High School use of Millwoods, the freshman soccer, and asked if there is any issue with the timing of this. Ms. Bagley commented that there could be but we made a commitment to make sure that the school can get to the fields so we are going to be coordinating that because that end of the park, the upper parking lots are just going to be repaved outside of the pool parking lot needs some reconstruction so there should always be a way to get them in an they come at the end of the day. Councilor Manousos asked if the access road from the main road, the to the concession stand, is that going to be milled or reconstructed or is that going to be paved over. Ms. Bagley responded a little bit of both and explained the project plan for that area.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

Mayor Montinieri introduced a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to file an application with the State of Connecticut for a State Economic Assistant Program Grant in the amount of \$450,000 for the Façade Loan Program and for redevelopment of 1000 Silas Deane Highway.

MINUTES

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2014”**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-1. (Councilor Roberts abstained).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Ave., commented that he questioned a couple meetings back who's responsibility is it for fixing up a washout in front of your house. He stated that he is sad to say and upset as well and asked where is the inspector? He stated that when the sidewalk project was initially done they failed to remove some excess pavement as indicated in the plan and that is where the washout is happening. He stated that the excess pavement behind the curtain was never removed and he asks where was the inspector? He asked where was the inspector with the electrical line at Cottone Field. He asked who is going to remove the existing pavement behind the curbing now and who is going fill in the washout. He commented that the remnants of the three cable guide railing and anchorage right on the corner of Marsh Street is really unsightly and should be removed.

Lee Sekas, 117 Wells Rd. commented on the ramp at the Standish House and stated that it was lawsuit waiting to happen a year ago and asked how long does it take for things to get fixed. He questioned the validity of the Dial-A-Ride survey and commented on some of the stops that are provided by the Dial-A-Ride Service. Adding Best Foods to shoppers list, at least twice a month, it already goes to Newington to the store, this store offers lower prices as well as switching out something for Shop Right in Glastonbury. He stated that he would like to see reconsideration of that survey done again and that it should be reopened and reexamined again very soon.

George A. Ruhe, 986 Cloverdale Circle, commented about the blight that is next to his property and how nothing has happened to correct it. He commented how they can do all kinds of work over on the green and around town, but this area is really a disgrace and a shame. He would really like to see if anybody who manages the town budget could find \$80,000 to correct the problem or whether they really don't care about it. As more states are arming police more like the military, seemingly on their way to being police states, Council should pay attention to requests made and granted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., Councilor Martino moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion

passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by Vote of Council
September 2, 2014