

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Edgar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Sarno, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Acting Town Manager, Lee Erdmann; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Christopher Bromson; Director of Social Services, Pamela Brown

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3461 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Edgar to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3461** adopted 9-0-2, with Councilors Bosco and Sarno abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Sonics, St. Bernards School

Students from St. Bernard's School gave a presentation regarding the disposal of propane canisters. It was recommended the Town of Enfield invest in a machine that would make it possible to dispose of propane canisters in a safe manner. Paul Kelly, Recycling Crew Leader for the Town of Enfield, commended the students for bringing this idea forward and noted a grant application has been submitted to move this idea forward. He noted they're waiting for preliminary approval on this grant.

Councilor Arnone stated this is a great idea. He questioned whether this is a 100% grant, and Mr. Kelly stated it's an 80/20 grant. He pointed out Ellington and Somers are also on board with this endeavor.

Councilor Deni commended the students for this idea.

Councilor Hall stated the students did an amazing job, and this is a fantastic idea.

Councilor Bosco encouraged students to keep thinking creatively.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Town will keep the students informed about the progress with the grant. He congratulated and thanked the students for this idea and their presentation.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Maureen Mullen, 1625 King Street

Thanked five Town representatives who came to her home on Friday to look at the CREC berm site near her home. She noted the berm is 270 feet long, 22 feet high on the street end and 34 feet high at the school end, and it contains contaminated soil. She submitted photographs, which depicted erosion from the berm. She stated according to agriculture guidelines, they're not supposed to erect a berm such as this where there's any possibility of erosion. She pointed out they still haven't seen the map that was suppose to show the depth of the cap. She noted she updated the information she passed onto CREC last spring of what she wanted, and she provided copies of this information to the Council. She concluded stating she doesn't want any contamination left.

Robert Tkacz, Frew Terrace

Stated last December a demographer delivered a projection on the school enrollment to the Assistant Superintendent. He noted if there is such a document, it hasn't been made public. He stated the other projection was done when they built the high school, and no one seems to have a copy of it. He stated his belief that what the Superintendent is saying about the amount of people in CREC from Enfield is a wild exaggeration. He noted the new document says how many are in CREC, and the Superintendent is making his budget based on getting 800 or 900 students back. He stated they don't exist. He noted the last projection done in 2008 stated there would be 500 more students in the Enfield School System than there are today, and they're not there. He stated it's the same with the projections regarding parochial schools. He noted Enfield's population is not 47,500, which is the figure on the website. He noted that's an exaggeration. He stated it's probably more like 42,000. He noted the importance of having real numbers for the budget. He stated he wants to see the enrollment projections. He suggested the Town Manager reject the School Budget and ask for a real budget. He stated he heard a wild exaggeration on the surplus this year, and if it's true, then the Town gave the school system too much money last year.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Szewczak stated she will get a copy of the projections for Mr. Tkacz. She stated her belief leadership did ask for that, but she's unsure of whether it's been received as yet.

Councilor Bosco stated a catch basin is plugged on Raffia Road, across from the northerly side of the library. He noted when it rained over the weekend, water was flooding out into the road. He noted another problem has to do with all the corners on Raffia Road. He explained snowplows are pushing the slush onto the sidewalk, which makes walkways impassable. He requested this be addressed.

MOTION #3462 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Hall to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 A1, A2, E, F, G and H.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3462** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Lee stated the Fermi Robotics Buzz Team #175 is hosting their annual pasta supper to support team activities. He noted this is scheduled for March 3rd, and flyers will be going out. He noted this fundraiser is usually held at St. Bernard's Hall on Hazard Avenue. He stated tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or from any team member.

Chairman Kaupin stated the first real snowstorm of the season is being projected for this weekend. He stated he would like communications fine-tuned for this event.

He noted the First Readers' annual trivia night is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th, at Mt. Carmel from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee is having their annual winter dinner dance on Saturday, March 5th at the Polish National Home. He noted the cost is \$25 per person.

Councilor Deni stated he visited the owner and manager of All-Phase, which is located in the UL building in Enfield. He noted the owner is a little upset with the Planning Department and how things worked out with him. He stated this business employs 50 employees. He noted they have a second business, which is solar panels.

Councilor Lee stated the Fermi Safe Graduation Committee is collecting inkjet and laser cartridges to raise funds for this year's celebration. He noted empty cartridges can be given to any Fermi student or staff member, or they can be dropped off directly at Fermi High School where there's a collection box in the main office. He stated this collection will continue through the spring.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Erdmann stated the Council has the annual comprehensive financial report completed by the auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. He noted they are in the process of scheduling the auditors to come in and meet with the Council.

He noted the Council has material relating to what was accomplished at the first goal setting session. He stated the second goal setting session is scheduled for next Monday.

Mr. Erdmann stated the Council has the summary of the municipal fiscal indicators report. He noted the latest five year municipal fiscal indicators report is on OPM's website, and that will be updated showing FY14 information, and that should be available for Monday. He stated they have a rough draft of a three-year financial forecast for the Town, which he reviewed with the Acting Finance Director. He noted they wanted to hold off giving that to the Council until they have the health insurance meeting tomorrow. He stated they also want to review the information with Board of Education staff since there is a big line item for education expenses. He noted it's hoped this will be given to the Council this week or at the goal setting session on Monday.

Chairman Kaupin questioned if the latest fiscal updates from OPM include the projected \$500 million dollar deficit. Mr. Erdmann responded no, he is referring to the five-year municipal fiscal indicators report, and they just added a year of data to it.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Bromson stated he is progressing on the review of all pending litigation against the Town or that the Town has brought. He noted he reported on some items at tonight's special meeting, and he believes he can bring the Council up to date on all the outstanding items during February.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee

Councilor Szewczak stated there will be a meeting Thursday, and she will have an update afterwards. Councilor Edgar questioned whether the phone problem has been resolved, and Councilor Szewczak stated her understanding it's 90% resolved, but she will provide an update.

Councilor Hall stated they had the General Governance meeting, and they made a request of the Town Attorney to come back and report back to the entire Town Council regarding all the pending litigation. She noted she will be attending the insurance meeting tomorrow as the liaison because of the high increase of 25%. She stated the consultant will be in attendance, and she will update the Council afterwards.

Councilor Sarno stated she'd like to know which Committees she is assigned to and the meeting dates for those committees. Chairman Kaupin indicated that information can be provided.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

MOTION #3463 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Deni to remove Item #7 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3463** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3464 by Councilor Arnone to appoint Jaime Cisneros (D) to the Clean Energy Committee for a term which expires 3/17/19.

MOTION #3465 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Edgar to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3465** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Jaime Cisneros appointed to the Clean Energy Committee by an 11-0-0 vote.

MOTION #3466 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Arnone to remove Item #10 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3466** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3467 by Councilor Edgar to appoint Carrie-Anne Wagner-Howe (D) to the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency for a term which expires 6/30/19.

MOTION #3468 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3468** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Carrie-Anne Wagner-Howe appointed to the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency by an 11-0-0 vote.

All other Town Council appointments remained tabled.

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN MANAGER)

All Town Manager appointments remained tabled.

All other Old Business items remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

NOMINATION #3469 by Councilor Lee to appoint Marion Maruca (R) to the Library Board of Trustees for a term which expires 12/31/2018.

MOTION #3470 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3470** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Marion Maruca appointed to the Library Board of Trustees by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #3471 by Councilor Edgar to reappoint Sandra Nuccio (R) to the Library Board of Trustees for a term which expires 12/31/2018.

MOTION #3472 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3472** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Sandra Nuccio reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees by an 11-0-0 vote.

MOTION #3473 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to appoint Peter Falk (R) as an Alternate on the Capital Region Council of Governments Planning Commission for a term which expires 12/31/2016.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Peter Falk (R) appointed as an Alternate to the Capital Region Council of Governments Planning Commission by an 11-0-0 vote.

MOTION #3474 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Stokes to reappoint Alan Drinan (D) to the Capital Region Council of Governments Planning Commission for a term which expires 12/31/2016.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Alan Drinan reappointed to the Capital Region Council of Governments Planning Commission by a 10-0-1 vote, with Councilor Sarno abstaining.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Kaupin stated all items have been moved to Miscellaneous, except for the Ethics Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission appointments.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION #3475 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Hall to accept the Consent Agenda. Authorize Town Manager Agreement with Village for Children & Families Transfer \$3,000 Social Services Administration

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3475** adopted 9-1-0, with Councilor Bosco voting against.

RESOLUTION #3476 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Deni.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Family Resource Center		
	Hartford Foundation Grant-FRC		
	Lego Grant		
	Salaries	22046091 511000	\$14,051
	FICA	22046091 522000	\$ 862
	Medicare	22046091 522100	\$ 202
	Other Professional Services	22046091 533900	\$ 5,000
	Printing & Reproduction	22046091 555000	\$ 1,000
	Instructional Supplies	22046091 561100	\$ 6,825
	Food/Food Related	22046091 563000	\$ 2,000
	Furniture & Fixtures	22046091 573300	\$ 8,060
	Technology Equipment	22046091 573400	\$ 2,000
	Lego Grant – FRC		
	Parent Activities	22046098 532500	\$ 2,000
	Instructional Supplies	22046098 561100	\$20,000
	Other Professional Services	22046098 533900	\$23,000
FROM:	Family Resource Center Revenue		
	Hartford Foundation FRC Grant	22044470 460091	\$40,000
	Lego Grant	22044470 460098	\$45,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above stated funds are available as of January 7, 2016.

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

Councilor Lee acknowledged the generosity of these organizations for supporting the FRC Program for another year.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3476** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3477 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Lee.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Development Services		
	Planning – Other Professional Services	10606100-533900	\$34,555
FROM:	Development Services		
	Code Enforcement – PT Salaries	10606900-512000	\$20,000
	Administration – FT Salaries	10600100-511000	\$ 9,555
	Administration – Other Supplies	10600100-561900	\$ 5,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 1, 2016.

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3477** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3478 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Lee.

WHEREAS, Chapter 22, Article II of the Town Code established the Cultural Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014 the Town Council amended the ordinance to update and redefine the Cultural Arts Commission’s purpose and responsibilities, but overlooked the name change to the “Enfield Culture & Arts Commission” (Commission), which more appropriately reflects the Commission’s expanded mission within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to implement the name change ahead of a marketing and branding campaign with additional amendments to Chapter 22, Article II; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to seek input from the residents of the Town of Enfield regarding the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. to allow interested residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the proposed amendment in the name of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3478** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3479 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Arnone.

RESOLVED, that Lee C. Erdmann, Acting Town Manager, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments with the Office of Policy and Management Intertown Capital Equipment Purchasing Incentive Program in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield for equipment purchases.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3479** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Robert Tkacz, Frew Terrace

Stated demographers project on the optimistic side, therefore, enrollment will be far lower than what the projections should show. He went on to note a school board member did a study of the capacity of the seven elementary schools. He noted this was based on square feet by state statute. He stated this study showed 700 empty seats at the elementary level. He noted in the past Superintendents made storage rooms and offices out of classrooms, however, those are still classrooms, but he believes they dummied it up to say they're tight on space.

As concerns school enrollments across the state, 150 towns out of 169 towns are losing school enrollment. He noted population has declined and projections are going down. He stated it's not because of the economic climate, but rather men and women are having fewer children today, and they're very mobile, they don't want to buy a home, and they want to move where the jobs are.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3480 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3480** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

RESOLVED, that the Acting Town Manager, Lee C. Erdmann is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the Village for Families and Children, Inc. for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO:	4100 Social Services Administration		
	Other Professional Services	22046891-533900	\$2,500
	Copying & Reproduction	22046891-555100	\$ 300
	Office Supplies	22046891-555000	\$ 200
FROM:	4100 Social Services Administration Revenue		
	VITA Village for Families & Children	22044001-460891	\$3,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 7, 2016.

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____