

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Cressotti on Tuesday, February 07, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

**ROLL-CALL**- Present were Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Councilor Bosco was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

**MOTION #6093** by Councilor Mangini seconded by Councilor Despard to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Negotiations and Personnel Matters.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6093** adopted, 10-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Cressotti at 5:31pm.

**ROLL-CALL**- Present were Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Councilor Bosco was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey, Director of Human Resources, Steven Bielenda; William Bellock, Bellsite Development; and Chris Boucher and John Salvatore, The Court Basketball.

Chairman Cressotti reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:27pm and stated during Executive Session the Council discussed Real Estate Negotiations and Personnel Matters with no action or votes being taken.

**REVALUATION AND THE GRAND LIST DISCUSSION**

Present for this item were Supervisor of Assessment and Revenue Collection, Todd Helems, and Director of Finance, John Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox reviewed information regarding the revaluation, home day care providers, not-for-profit organizations and PA490 designation.

Councilor Pyznar asked why letters went out to day care establishments who have been providing services for years.

Mr. Wilcox responded that the Town was doing its due diligence in determining who needs to submit a declaration.

Councilor Ludwick asked for the definition of “self-supporting” as it pertains to determining a charitable organization.

Mr. Wilcox responded that the organization would not be able to operate without the charitable contributions. He also explained that there were two additional legs the organization would need to meet. Their mission statement needs to state what their charitable purpose is, and they must be meeting that purpose.

Councilor Santanella stated that it is hard to be a life-long resident of Enfield and to hear from these entities that have been operating for years and providing services to our residents that they are no longer considered charitable entities. He feels that this should not have happened without discussion with the Town Council first. We need to fix this.

Chairman Cressotti reported that he has received multiple phone calls and emails from these organizations that have been existing for years. He would like to see a resolution to get these organizations off our tax base.

Councilor Mangini would like to see a resolution to rectify this situation. Mt Carmel is celebrating their 100-year anniversary and over the years has donated to Town of Enfield fields, sports programs, the honor society and more.

Councilor Hopkins commended the Assessor for pursuing his job and zealously looking at the laws and ensuring they are being applied fairly.

Councilor Cekala stated that she appreciates the Assessor and the Finance Director’s diligence in performing their jobs. She would like to have seen more outreach and public education such as public statements and press releases prior to the letters being sent out.

Mr. Wilcox explained that they have offered to meet with some of the organizations who have complained but have not received responses to their offer to set up meetings.

Councilor Santanella asked how many farms are currently designated under the PA490 program.

Mr. Helems stated that the numbers are fluent. Originally, we had 238 and currently it is 161.

Councilor Pyznar requested that the Council have more time to go over the Assessor’s presentation at another time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #6094** by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Hopkins to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6094** adopted 10-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey  
Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council