

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 12, 2017

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Jon Landry
Peter M. Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo
Amy Suffredini
Meredith A. Trimble
John Vibert

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Proclamation – Peter Mastrobattista, Town Council Member
2. Proclamation – Gary Palumbo, Town Council Member
3. Proclamation – Amy Suffredini, Town Council Member
4. Proclamation – Meredith Trimble, Town Council Member
5. Proclamation – John Vibert, Town Council Member

Proclamations 1-5 recorded with these minutes as Agenda Items C1-C5 were presented to the outgoing Council members before the meeting at a reception in their honor.

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WHEREAS, in addition to his long-standing commitment to the Town, Peter Mastrobattista's true devotion lies with his loved ones, including his wife Laura, and his daughters Emma and Lily.

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6. Proclamation – Jack Nelson, 2017 Firefighter of the Year
Mr. Landry read into the record the following proclamation:

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WHEREAS, John “Jack” Nelson has served the Town of Farmington as a Fire Fighter for over 40 years, starting as a volunteer fire fighter at the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Jack Nelson, held numerous social and line officer positions for the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, culminating his career as Chief of the Department from November 1994 through October 2004, and

WHEREAS, Jack Nelson is a top responder and a fixture at the East Farms Fire Department, always putting the good of the department ahead of himself, as well as serving as the Golf Tournament Chairman, the department’s largest fundraiser, and

WHEREAS, Jack Nelson is a committed parent and grandfather in the community and volunteers at East Farms Elementary School helping to provide children with fire prevention and home safety tips, and participating in the “Ride to School in a Fire Truck” Program, and

WHEREAS, Jack Nelson has made significant and lasting contributions that have fostered the well-being of the citizens of the Town of Farmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Farmington Town Council hereby commends Jack Nelson for his excellent work on behalf of the community and we congratulate him on his 2017 Firefighter of the Year Award. The Farmington Town Council hereby proclaims December 12, 2017 as Jack Nelson Day in Farmington, Connecticut.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 12th day of December 2017.

Nancy Nickerson, Chair
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The Council congratulated Mr. Nelson on his award and thanked him for his service.

7. Proclamation - Nicholas Spencer, 2017 Firefighter of the Year
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WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer joined Tunxis Hose Co. No. 1 in November of 2006, signed the constitution as a regular member in June 2007 and was recently promoted to Lieutenant of the Southwest Station, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer has completed multiple Fire Instructor certifications as well as a certification in Operational Hazardous Materials, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer was recognized in 2016 for his extrication skills at a motor vehicle accident and his leadership skills at a structure fire, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer was instrumental in the fundraising effort toward the new Regional Training Facility, utilizing his carpenter skill to fabricate a custom sign displaying a thermometer showing the \$1,000,000 goal and the actual money raised, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer participated in nearly every fundraising effort that benefitted the Training facility, helping to reach its fundraising goal, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Spencer has made significant and lasting contributions that have fostered the well-being of the citizens of the Town of Farmington.

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The Council congratulated him on his award and thanked him for his service.

D. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

E. New Items

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

F. Public Comment

There were no public comments made.

G. Reading of Minutes

1. October 11, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

2. November 14, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

1. Kathy Eagen correspondence to Scott Jellison, MDC

The Chair called the Council's attention to the letter she had written regarding the large increase in the proposed MDC budget.

I. Report of Committees

1. UConn Health Committee(s)

2. Land Acquisition Committee

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-1 or I-2.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Mr. Vibert reported the Committee had had a speaker at their last meeting who had discussed the intricacies of having solar panels installed on municipal buildings. The Committee expected to get deeper into the details during 2018.

4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee

5. Bicycle Advisory Committee

6. Farmington Gateway Committee

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-4 – I-6.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair Report

The Chair thanked the outgoing Council people for their service. She had enjoyed working with them and respected them for their hard work and dedication to the Town.

2. Board of Education Liaison Report

There was no report for Agenda Item J-2.

3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report

Mrs. Trimble thanked everyone that had attended the Jingle Bell Jubilee. She reported it had been a success and happy community gathering. She gave a special thank you to Tunxis Hose for providing Santa Claus.

4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report

Mr. Mastrobattista reported the permit for the property at the corner of Waterville Road and Farmington Avenue had been pulled and an application for 55 plus apartments of 32 units had been approved for the property across from Brickyard Road.

5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report

Mrs. Trimble took the opportunity to commend Jim Foote for his leadership of the WPCA and the outstanding work of the Bill Kaminski and Alex Kaminski. She reported the project was slightly ahead of schedule and on budget.

6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report

7. Human Relations Commission Report

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-6 - J-7.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report

Mr. Landry reported the Chamber was holding its Ugly Christmas Sweater the next evening at the Unionville Museum. He reported there was a new Welcome to Farmington sign on South Road. The Manager told the Council it had been a gift to the Town.

9. Other Liaison Reports

Farmington Historic District Commission

Mrs. Suffredini reported the Commission had had an informal presentation from St. Patrick's Church regarding an expansion of the Church. She wanted everyone to be aware of the proposed project.

K. Report of Town Manager

Moody's Credit Rating

The Manager reported that on November 15, 2017 Moody's released a report assigning an "Aaa" rating to an upcoming Town debt issue and reaffirmed their "Aaa" rating to the Town's existing debt. They cited the Town's "stable financial position," sizeable tax base, and formal financial policies as major factors in assigning and affirming the "Aaa" rating. In general they were impressed with the Town's financial practices, which put the Town in a solid financial position. It was noted by Moody's concern with Farmington's below average reserve levels for towns with "Aaa" ratings. She also reported that Moody's was concerned with the State of Connecticut's financial condition in general and specifically towns and cities heavily reliant on State of Connecticut funding.

Code of the Town of Farmington

The Manager asked all the outgoing Council people to remember to return their code books.

She thanked them for their service and told them she had enjoyed working with all of them.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to accept the report of the Town Manager.

Adopted unanimously

L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)(D)
2. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission- Alternate (Markuszk) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-1 or L-2.

3. Economic Development Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that William Wadsworth be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously

4. Farmington Historic District Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Gino Marchese be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission as an alternate member for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously

5. Green Efforts Commission (Hinze) (R)
6. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke)(R)
7. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Parady)(U)
8. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
9. Tourism Central Regional District (Bernier) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-5 – L-9.

10. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that John Brockelman be appointed to the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022.

Adopted

Voting yes were Nickerson, Landry, Mastrobattista, Palumbo, Suffredini and Trimble.
Mr. Vibert voted no.

M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To recommend the establishment of a conservation easement in favor of the Farmington Land Trust over 8885 South Ridge Road to the TPZ for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to recommend the establishment of a conservation easement in favor of the Farmington Land Trust over 8885 South Ridge Road to the TPZ for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

After discussion the First and Second were withdrawn and no action was taken on this motion.

2. To opt-out of the provisions of Public Act No. 17-155 An Act Concerning Temporary Health Care Structures

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to opt-out of the provisions of Public Act No. 17-155 an act concerning temporary health care structures.

Adopted unanimously

3. To Approve a Two and a Half-Year Contract Between the Town of Farmington and the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Inc., Farmington Volunteer Fire Department LLC, and Tunxis Hose Co. No. 1 Inc.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve a two and a half year contract between the Town of Farmington and the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Inc., Farmington Volunteer Fire Department LLC, and Tunxis Hose Co. No. 1 Inc.

Adopted unanimously

4. To Approve Property Tax Refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the following property tax refunds:

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Ari Fleet LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$60.09
2)Kristin Chace	Assessor's adjustment	\$25.83
3)P. Das & A. Pandita	Assessor's adjustment	\$148.39
4)M. & M. Gibbs	Assessor's adjustment	\$215.43
5)Patrick McGowan	Assessor's adjustment	\$106.71
6)Nissan Infiniti LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$247.54
7)Patricia Parker	Assessor's adjustment	\$16.41
8)David Rock	Assessor's adjustment	\$312.19
9)Elizabeth Thompson	Assessor's adjustment	\$77.10
10)Toyota Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$1,481.81
11)USB Leasing LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$264.93
12)VCFS Auto Leasing Co.	Assessor's adjustment	\$134.33
13)VW Credit Leasing LTD	Assessor's adjustment	\$128.69
	TOTAL:	\$3,219.45

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

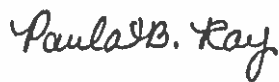
There were no Executive Sessions held.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



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