

Minutes of the Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
June 12, 2018

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair  
Patricia Boye-Williams  
Bruce Charette  
Paul Cianci  
Edward Giannaros  
Beth Kintner  
C. J. Thomas

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Girl Scout Gold Award – Caterina Wang

Ms. Boye-Williams read the following proclamation into the record and the Council congratulated Ms. Wang on her accomplishments:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of America help train the youth of our community with skills which serve them well in the future, and

WHEREAS, many of our youth participate in activities of the Girl Scouts of America which benefit our community, and

WHEREAS, one of the crowning achievements of Girl Scouting is the attainment of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Caterina Wang, from the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Council, completed the requirements for the 2018 Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Caterina Wang's Multicultural Connections Gold Award Project aimed to foster a community of cultural diffusion and a shared cultural understanding in the Farmington Community, and

WHEREAS, Caterina Wang created the Asian-American Club at Farmington High School which travels annually to Irving A. Robbins Middle School to conduct a

presentation to the 7th graders called East Asia Day. This presentation brings together peers of many different backgrounds of East Asian Culture, ranging from Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Laotian cultures to introduce the students to different facets of each culture, and

WHEREAS, Caterina Wang's program allows the students to interact with role models, as well as ask questions and show their curiosity for topics that they can then conduct self-directed research projects on, and

WHEREAS, Caterina Wang has demonstrated superb leadership skills as President of the Asian American Club, Vice-President of the National Honor Society, Editor-in-Chief of the Farmington High School Yearbook, and serving on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Farmington Town Council, I hereby extend to Girl Scout 2018 Gold Award recipient, Caterina Wang, our best wishes and we hereby proclaim June 12, 2018 as Caterina Wang Day in Farmington.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 12th day of June 2018.

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Nancy W. Nickerson  
Chair, Farmington Town Council

## 2. Farmington Land Trust Presentation

Mr. Evan Cowles, Mr. Doug Pelham and Mr. Bruce Edgren from the Board of the Farmington Land Trust spoke to the Council about having the Town grant the Farmington Land Trust a conservation easement for the Aiudi property recently purchased by the Town for open space and answered Council questions.

### D. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

### E. New Items

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) to add as Agenda Item L-15 the appointment of a Justice of the Peace.

Adopted unanimously

### F. Public Comments

Brian Henrickson of 165 Main Street told the Council how much he enjoys living in Farmington, but he had concerns about the safety in the Farmington Village area pertaining to speeding cars and the poor condition of the sidewalks in the area. He didn't believe the sidewalk code was being applied consistently throughout Town and

that there were ADA and pedestrian safety issues along Main Street. He asked the Council to look into these problems.

G. Reading of the Minutes

1. May 8, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

2. May 15, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting with the following corrections:

- Correct the spelling of Petit to Pettit on Page 1
- Correct the spelling of Becker to Beckert Page 3
- Change the voting for Agenda Item D-3 to reflect Mr. Cianci voted no on the amended main motion on Page 3.

Adopted unanimously

3. May 22, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting be approved.

Adopted unanimously

4. May 29, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting be approved.

Adopted unanimously

5. June 4, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting with the following correction:

- Change the spelling of Patty to Patti on Page 2.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

There were no communications or written appeals.

## I. Report of the Committees

### 1. UCONN Health Committee

The Chair reported the Committee had met on June 8, 2018, and the UCONN Health Center representatives had given a report on various facts regarding the Health Center. They reported there were 5500 employees, over one million people are in and out of the complex per year and there are 27 towns in Connecticut out of 169 larger than the UCONN Health Center. They encouraged the Town to pass the word that the Health Center is here in Farmington with many different services.

### 2. Land Acquisition Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had completed the update of the list and map, both were on the Town website, the Town closed on 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue on May 18, 2018 and the next meeting was scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

### 3. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had met the previous week, the next meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers, they were in the process of exploring ways to reduce energy usage and waste in Town including alternatives for trash removal and encouraging composting and exploring the Sustainable CT certification program to follow the task items but not necessarily obtain the certificate.

## J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

### 1. Chair

The Chair thanked everyone that had participated in the Memorial Day Parades and especially Paul Krause and the VFW for their support and planning. She felt both parades had been a big success.

### 2. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Kintner reported the BOE had had a joint meeting with the Council on May 15, 2018 at which the two ad hoc committees had been established to address the needs of the Farmington High School, there had been a reception for Bill Silva, Principal of Farmington High School in honor of his award as High School Principal of the Year from the Connecticut School Association, there were summer professional development projects being planned, the renewal of the cafeteria contract with Chartwells was approved, the Noah Wallace Fund had approved three projects for next year totaling \$34,000 and at their June 4, 2018 meeting they had given out several student recognition awards.

### 3. Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Thomas reported the Chamber would be holding a Business After Hours meeting at the Atria on 111 Scott Swamp Road at 5:30 p.m., a Mondays in July which was a female golf clinic at Tunxis Golf Course and on August 17, 2018 the Chamber was holding their annual golf tournament at Farmington Woods for the benefit of the East Farms Fire Department.

4. Economic Development Commission Liaison

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission was hosting their first Business Resource Breakfast the next day at Power Hawk Inc. at 7:30 a.m. on Route 6. The title of this breakfast was Energy Efficient Solutions to Save You Money. The Business Resource Breakfast series was the idea of Brian F.X. Connolly and supported by everyone on the Commission.

5. Farmington Historic District Commission

There was no report for Agenda Item J-5.

6. Housing Authority

Ms. Kintner reported the next meeting was the following day.

7. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Kintner reported the Commission had met on May 23, 2018, Nancy Parent informed the group she had applied for a grant from the AARP to improve accessibility at the Senior and Community Center and for bike racks across Town and there was discussion regarding the 2011 US Access Board Guidelines which are more inclusive than ADA guidelines.

8. Library Board

There was no report for Agenda Item J-8.

9. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

Mr. Charette reported the construction on the corner of Bridgewater Rd and Route 4 had started for the 120 units of assisted living and the 32 units of elderly housing, the site work at 5 corners had started, Loehmann's Plaza had had an informal meeting in February with the TPZ and expected to have a formal proposal in the fall of 2018 and St. Patrick's Church planned on ground breaking in 2019.

10. Unionville Historic District Commission

Mr. Giannaros reported the commission was planning a house tour of Unionville homes in September.

11. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

Ms. Boye-Williams reported their last meeting had been cancelled and their next meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

12. Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Cianci reported the next meeting was the following evening.

13. Other Liaisons

Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency

Ms. Boye-Williams reported that the Agency had a public hearing on the New Horizons proposal, which had been heavily attended. She believed that with the changes New

Horizons had made to the proposal, it was well received. The Agency would make a decision on the proposal at its next meeting on June 20, 2018.

#### K. Report of the Town Manager

##### MDC Lawsuit

The Manager reported on the class action lawsuit against the MDC brought by the residents in the non-member towns served by MDC. She estimated approximately 9,000 businesses, residents and town facilities were affected by the law suit. She explained currently there was no action necessary by the Town.

##### Live Streaming

The Manager reported that beginning July 10, 2018 the meetings would be broadcast live on Nutmeg TV as well as the regular schedule of viewing.

##### Farmington Center Committee

The Manager discussed with the Council the need to establish the Committee as soon as possible, the phased charge of the Committee and possible makeup of the Committee. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Manager move forward with the Committee for the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to accept the Town Manager's Report.

Adopted unanimously

#### L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)
2. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternate (Markuszkza)
3. Human Relations Commission (Grobe)
4. Human Relations Commission (Berlandy)
5. Human Relations Commission (Mergenthaler)
6. Human Relations Commission (Nakhimovsky)
7. Human Relations Commission (Pawlik)
8. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Wienke)
9. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Parady)
10. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council
11. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)
12. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bagbigian-Buttero)
13. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Markuszkza)
14. Tourism Central Regional District

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-1 through L-14.

15. Appointment of a Justice of the Peace

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) that Christian Hoheb be appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Farmington to fill the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending January 4, 2021.

Adopted unanimously

L. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To approve the Town Council meeting schedule for 2019 and to set the date of the Annual Town Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the following Town Council meeting schedule for 2019 and to set the date of the Annual Town Meeting:

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 8	January 22
February 12	February 26 <b>(6:00 p.m. start)</b>
March 12*	March 13** <b>(4:00 p.m. start)</b>
March 14** <b>(4:00 p.m. start)</b>	March 16** <b>(9:00 a.m. start)</b>
March 18** <b>(4:00 p.m. start)</b>	March 19** <b>(4:00 p.m. start)</b>
March 26	
April 1*** (Monday)	April 23
May 14	May 28
June 11	June 25
July 9	
August 13	
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22
November 12	
December 10	

\*Town Manager Public Hearing on the budget.

\*\*Town Council Budget Meeting.

\*\*\*Town Council Public Hearing on the budget.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING(s) AND REFERENDUM(s)**

April 15     First Annual Town Meeting  
April 25     First Referendum  
April 29     Second Annual Town Meeting (if needed)  
May 9        Second Referendum (if needed)

Adopted unanimously

2. To transfer unobligated CIP balances to the accounts listed below for the purpose of closing out various inactive CIP accounts and reappropriating surplus funds to other projects that have budgetary shortfalls

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that the following unobligated CIP balances be transferred to the accounts listed below for the purpose of closing out various inactive CIP accounts and reappropriating surplus funds to other projects that have budgetary shortfalls.

**FROM:**

<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Fields/Playground Equipment	\$ 1,126
Tunxis Mead Improvements	\$ 15,152
High School Turf Field	\$ 3,644
Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 14,591
Cafeteria Equipment	\$ 64
IAR Generator	\$ 16,551
IAR Parking Lot	\$ 2,743
Energy Performance Projects	\$ 448,305
Tax & Assessment Software	\$ 33,554
Fire Station Study	\$ 2,450
TOTAL	<u>\$ 538,180</u>

**TO:**

<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Irrigation Improvements	\$ 19,922
Unionville Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 14,591
School Furniture	\$ 64
Emergency Operations Shelter	\$ 19,294
Exterior Facility Lighting	\$ 448,305
Revaluation	\$ 33,554
Live Burn Building	\$ 2,450
TOTAL	<u>\$ 538,180</u>



Adopted unanimously.

3. To appoint members to the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to appoint a Farmington High School Community Survey Committee with the following voting members:

- Beth Kintner Town Council member, Chair
- C.J. Thomas, Town Council member
- Ellen Siuta, Board of Education member
- Bill Beckert, Board of Education member
- Chris Fagan, Board of Education member
- Maura McInnis Town Resident
- Camille Simpson Town Resident

And the following non-voting members:

- Kathleen Eagen, Town Manager
- Kathleen Greider, Superintendent of Schools
- Bill Silva, Farmington High School Principal
- Matt Ross, Director of Technology
- Farmington High School Faculty Members as needed
- Survey Consultant
- Other Town and Board support staff as needed

And:

Such committee to be charged with: soliciting proposals to hire a consultant to facilitate a citizen survey poll focused on the Farmington High School facility, selecting a consultant, working with the consultant to prepare the survey, and reporting the results of the survey to the Town Council and Board of Education.

Adopted unanimously

4. To appoint members to the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Facility and Financial Committee

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to appoint a Farmington High School ad hoc facility and financial committee with the following voting members:

- Edward Giannaros, Town Council member, Chair
- Bruce Charette, Town Council member
- Paul Cianci, Town Council member
- Christine Arnold, Board of Education member
- Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, Board of Education member
- Michael Smith Town Resident
- Sharon Mazzochi Town Resident

And the following non-voting members:

- Joe Swetcky, Town Finance Director
- Vince LaFontan, School Business Administrator
- Tim Harris, Director of School Facilities
- Kimberly Wynne, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
- Matt Ross, Director of Technology
- Farmington High School Faculty Members as needed
- Farmington High School Head Custodian as needed
- Town's Financial Consultant as needed
- Kathleen Eagen/Kathleen Greider as needed
- Other Town and Board support staff as needed

And:

Such committee shall develop and present options to the Farmington Town Council and Board of Education on next steps for the Farmington High School facility utilizing the following information:

- The previous FHS Building Committee information and data ;
- Town of Farmington Financials (Present and Forecasted);
- Community input/ public informational meetings;

- Results of the citizen survey poll focused on the FHS facility; and
- Information from experts in school construction.

Adopted unanimously

5. To approve property tax refunds

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the following property tax refunds.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1)Elizabeth Andrews	Assessor's adjustment	\$192.27
2)Cab East LLC	Assessor's adjustment	\$446.25
3) Daimler Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$753.71
4)Catherine Joyce	Assessor's adjustment	\$43.89
5)Caitlin Miner	Assessor's adjustment	\$54.14
6)Uday Raskar	Assessor's adjustment	125.27
7)W. & K. Robidoux	Assessor's adjustment	\$33.91
8)Elizabeth Shepard	Assessor's adjustment	\$8.80
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,658.24</b>

Adopted unanimously

- O. Executive Session
  1. Collective Bargaining
  2. Collective Bargaining
  3. Land Acquisition

There were no Executive Sessions held.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B. Ray, Clerk