

**Town of Farmington, CT
Office of the Town Manager
Regular Town Council Meeting**

Date: July 13, 2021
(Council Members should call the Town Manager's Office if unable to attend.)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall – Council Chambers (Public Welcome)
To access the livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624748343>
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Webinar ID: 836 2474 8343

Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Presentations and Recognitions
 - 1. Farmington Community Services Award, Mercy Adekola
 - 2. Farmington Community Services Award, Isabella Suffredini
- D. Public Hearing
 - 1. To amend the Farmington Town Code, Chapter 111, "Historic Areas" for the purpose of adding two properties to the Lovely-Main Historic District and one historic property under the jurisdiction of the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission.
 - 2. To amend Farmington Town Code Chapter 111 "Historic Areas" for the purpose of adding three historic properties under the jurisdiction of the Farmington Historic District Commission.
- E. New Items
- F. Public Comments
- G. Reading of the Minutes
 - 1. June 8, 2021, Regular Town Council Meeting
 - 2. June 22, 2021, Regular Town Council Meeting
- H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals
 - 1. Resident Correspondence – Josh Davidson
- I. Report of the Committees
 - 1. Land Acquisition Committee

2. Green Efforts Committee
 3. Farmington High School Building Committee
 4. Racial Equality Taskforce
- J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons
1. Chair
 2. Board of Education Liaison
 3. Economic Development Commission Liaison
 4. Farmington Historic District Commission
 5. Housing Authority
 6. Human Relations Commission
 7. Library Board
 8. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison
 9. Unionville Historic District Commission
 10. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison
 11. Water Pollution Control Authority
 12. Other Liaisons
- K. Report of the Town Manager — Connecticut Water Project on Route 4, Fire Station Building Committee, Wildlife Feeding Ordinance
- L. Appointments
1. Green Efforts Commission (Barnes)
 2. Human Relations Commission (Higgins)
 3. Human Relations Commission (Mambrino)
 4. Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Management Plan (LFSWS) (Schlegel)
 5. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)
 6. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Parlow)
 7. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Brokelman)
 8. Retirement Board (Ingvertsen)
 9. Hartford Batterson Park Committee Liaison
- M. Old Business
- N. New Business
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3. To cancel the August 10, 2021, Regular Town Council Meeting.

4. To approve property tax refunds.

O. Executive Session

1. Land Acquisition

P. Adjournment

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Dated at Farmington, Connecticut this 29th day of June 2021.

Kathleen A. Blonski
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Anna Savastano

From: Josh Davidson <davidson.josh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Barbara Brenneman; Ed Leary
Cc: Town Council Account for e-Mail
Subject: report of voting process irregularity

Hello,

I am writing to report a voting process irregularity today at the Farmington Library site.

I voted today at 10:15 AM at the Library. I gave my address to the poll worker and was asked for my ID. I said that I didn't want to show my ID. I was then told, "well then you won't be voting."

Thankfully, the polling place had multiple signs explaining the law, which I pointed to where it says I can sign a statement affirming that I own property and can vote etc. I was then allowed to fill out a form. One poll worker then asked the man who originally denied my right to vote if he should call to confirm my eligibility to which he replied they could just "hold my ballot on the side until later." I interjected that I wouldn't be leaving until I saw my ballot go through the machine to be counted. The phone call was made, I was confirmed as eligible, and allowed to vote.

I would ask that the law be enforced appropriately and consistently and eligible voters who cannot or will not show ID be allowed to vote consistent with the law.

Thank you,
Josh Davidson
74 Basswood Rd
860.245.9245

MOTION:

Agenda Item K

Report of the Town Manager— Connecticut Water Project on Route 4, Fire Station Building Committee, Wildlife Feeding Ordinance

Connecticut Water Project on Route 4

Beginning Monday, July 12, Connecticut Water Company will be replacing water main on Route 4, Farmington Avenue in Farmington. Motorists on Route 4 can expect a detour between West Avon Road and Brickyard Road. The work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Connecticut Water Company estimates that the detour should be complete by the end of August and the project should be complete by end of September. The road closure is necessary to complete a project to replace aging water infrastructure needed to maintain quality and reliable water service to Farmington customers served by the Connecticut Water Company. Signs will be posted, and police will be on site to direct traffic. All businesses along the affected route will remain open and accessible to the public.

A map of the detour route and a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" are attached.

Questions can be directed to Connecticut Water Company's Project Coordinator, Joe Ruzbasan, at 860-664-6136.

Fire Station Building Committee

Since 2014, the Town of Farmington Fire Department has been planning for their current and future infrastructure needs. In the last seven years the department has conducted two major studies to review the needs of the three main fire stations. A fire station building renovations project has been in the out years of the capital budget and has currently been minimally funded to support the appointment of a building committee for FY 2022.

The Town of Farmington undertook the construction of two sub-stations and renovation of its existing main fire stations in 1999. In the over 20 years since that project, only basic maintenance and general upkeep has been done at the fire stations. In 2014, the Town engaged in a facilities study on the three main fire stations and two sub-stations to evaluate for code compliance and potential for renovations. In 2018, the Town of Farmington Fire Department hired a consultant, Emergency Services Consultants Incorporated, to conduct a Fire Station Location & Deployment Study. The purpose of this study was to review the current fire station locations and potential to relocate those stations while considering community growth, future planning, call response, high target hazards, Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings, volunteer response, etc. The compilation of all this information has provided the groundwork for a building committee to analyze for decisions for the future with regards to the fire department.

The fire stations need to be upgraded significantly to meet new requirements and to meet Farmington's continued growth.

The next steps are for the Town Council to approve the statement of needs, and the building committee charge and establish a building committee to further investigate the construction of new fire stations or renovation of the current fire stations. At this time, the project is estimated to cost between 9 and 11 million dollars. It is my recommendation that the Town Council begin the review of the Statement of Needs at its September Town Council meeting.

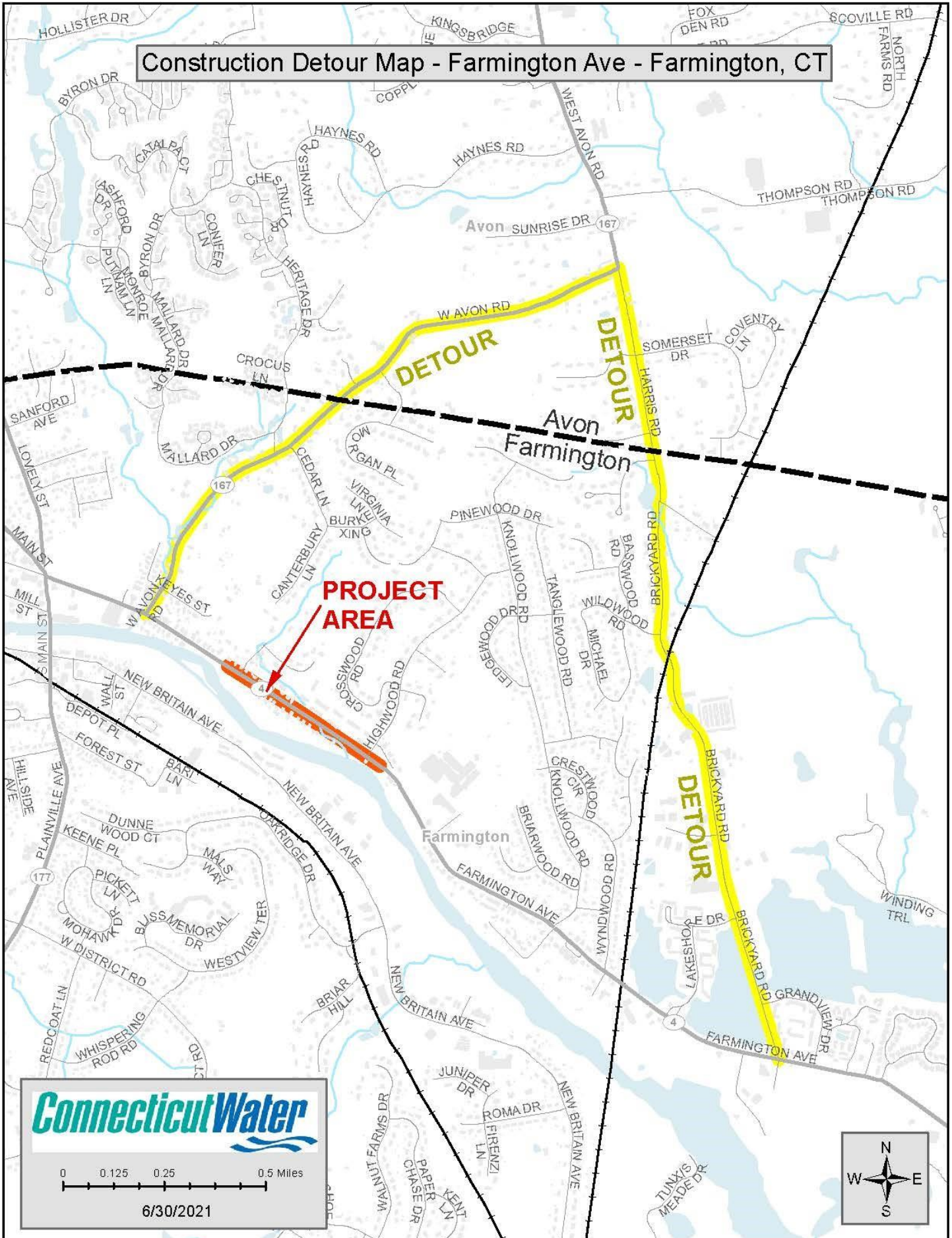
Wildlife Feeding Ordinance

Farmington is considering adopting a wildlife feeding ordinance. The police and Animal Control have seen an increasing level of calls concerning bears. Bears are walking through neighborhoods, feeding on birdseed, damaging bird feeders and other property, rummaging through garbage and recycling, entering garages and homes, and passing through our school grounds. What attracts bears to populated areas is food sources.

There are some residents or visitors who intentionally feed or place bird seed and other food items to feed bears/wildlife without regard of the inherent dangers and consequences. Some consequences of attracting wildlife to populated areas includes disease transmission like Lyme disease and an increase of vehicle strikes. With the lack of any State law addressing this, surrounding communities have adopted an ordinance to prevent this type of feeding of wildlife, to prohibit the use of bird feeders during a certain time period (April through November), and to cite violators.

Several communities in Connecticut already have wildlife feeding ordinances including Simsbury, East Granby, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, and Hartland. Unless the Town Council has objections, I plan on starting the process to create a new ordinance modeled after these other municipalities' ordinances.

Construction Detour Map - Farmington Ave - Farmington, CT



Connecticut Water

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

6/30/2021



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why isn't this project being done overnight when less cars are on the road?

A: A decision has been made to complete this project during the day for various reasons. Unfortunately, the type of work being done is loud and will be disruptive to the homeowners in a residential area. Second, historically overnight work takes longer to complete than daytime work. Due to the overall disruption of this project, a decision was made to work during the day, to enable the contractor to complete the project as fast as possible.

Q: Is it possible to keep one lane open on Route 4 and alternate traffic rather than detouring motorists?

A: Yes, it is possible, but a decision has been made not to keep one lane open because the flow of traffic in both directions is likely to result in longer wait times compared to a short detour. Keeping one lane open will also slow down the progress of the contractor. The goal is to complete the work as quickly and safely as possible.

Q. Does this project have to be done?

A: Yes, the Connecticut Water Company has stated that this project must be done. Infrastructure projects on main roadways that may create substantial disruption to traffic flow are typically done in the summer months when school is out of session and traffic volumes are less overall.

Q. When will this project be complete?

A. It is estimated that the detour should be complete by the end of August and the project should be complete by end of September.

MOTION: Agenda Item L-1

That _____ be appointed to the Green Efforts Commission beginning immediately for an indefinite term. (Barnes)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-2

That _____ be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. (Higgins)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-3

That _____ be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. (Mambrino)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-4

That _____ be appointed to the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Management Plan (LFSWS) for an indefinite term. (Schlegel)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-5

That _____ be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2023. (Bernier)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-6

That _____ be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2023. (Parlow)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-7

That _____ be appointed to the Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022. (Brokelman)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-8

That _____ be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2022. (Ingvertsen)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-9

That _____ be appointed as a liaison to the Hartford Batterson Park Committee beginning immediately for an indefinite term.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-1

To accept the Study Committee Report and amend Farmington Town Code Chapter 111 "Historic Areas" for the purpose of adding two properties to the Lovely-Main Historic District and one historic property under the jurisdiction of the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission.

- NOTE:
- a. 111 Lovely Street is historically known as the Eugene B. Ripley House and is currently owned by Barbara F. Karsky. This home will be an addition to the Lovely-Main Historic District.
 - b. 132 Lovely Street is historically known as the Albert J. Brewer House and is currently owned by John N. Kemper, Jr. and Todd M Fontanella. This home will be an addition to the Lovely-Main Historic District.
 - c. 796 Plainville Avenue, Farmington is historically known as the Asa Hawley House and is currently owned by Joan R. and John Berry. This home will be a stand-alone historic property.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-2

To accept the Study Committee Report and amend the Farmington Town Code Chapter 111 "Historic Areas" for the purpose of adding three historic properties under the jurisdiction of the Farmington Historic District Commission.

- NOTE:
- a. 50 West District Road is historically known as the Noadiah Hart / Whittlesey Homestead and is currently owned by Mark and Janice Riemer. This home will be a stand-alone historic property.
 - b. 93 Coppermine Road is historically known as the Old Stone Schoolhouse / The Chapel and is currently owned by the Farmington Historical Society. This structure will be a stand-alone historic property.
 - c. 33 Waterville Road is historically known as Meadow View and is currently owned by Angela Munson. This home will be a stand-alone historic property.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-3

To cancel the August 10, 2021, Regular Town Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-4

To approve the following property tax refunds.

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
Adorno John	Over Payment	\$69.84
Afnc LLC	Over Payment	\$470.00
Allam Almut	Over Payment	\$7.00
Anopolsky Julie Ann	Overpayment	\$80.23
Barber Jeanne	Over Payment	\$10.00
Battaglino David & Revicki John	Overpayment	\$95.13
Berlin Remnant	Over Payment	\$19.58
Binette Brian & Sylive	Over Payment	\$550.00
Church Kyle & Marilyn	Assessor adjustment	\$5.84
Ciesielski Thomas	Assessor adjustment	\$34.24
Dehm Cornelius & Jean Trustees	Over Payment	\$44.00
Devaney Elizabeth	Over Payment	\$50.00
Duenas Richard	Assessor adjustment	\$65.42
Educational Playcare	Over Payment	\$51.58
Everett Lynn	Over Payment	\$381.58
Financial Services	Assessor adjustment	\$571.99
Forsander Karl	Assessor adjustment	\$40.36
Gelco Fleet Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$98.45
Gorzkowski Ryszard	Assessor adjustment	\$47.96
Grassette and Associates	Over Payment	\$273.13
Hammerberg Donald	Assessor adjustment	\$13.21
Harrington Sean & Suzanne	Assessor adjustment	\$5.11
Hrekul Lilia	Assessor adjustment	\$13.29
Johnson Carl & Deborah	Over Payment	\$100.00
Katuntsev Yuri & Elena	Over Payment	\$235.00
Kubilius Ramunas	Assessor adjustment	\$37.31
Lereta LLC	Overpayment	\$1,359.34
Luciano Maryann	Assessor adjustment	\$8.37
Marsh Holdings LLC	Over Payment	\$45.65
Meehan Garth	Assessor adjustment	131.35
Mosaic	Over Payment	\$2,626.60
Nagel Troy	Over Payment	\$14.28

Nissan Infiniti	Assessor adjustment	\$380.73
Norton Edward	Assessor adjustment	\$70.26
Osowski John & Tracey Jablonski	Over Payment	\$550.00
Pavano Joshua	Assessor adjustment	\$26.80
Perelman Maya	Assessor adjustment	\$244.01
Piwowarski Zdzislaw	Assessor adjustment	\$5.09
Quimet Michael	Assessor adjustment	\$25.95
Raisz Jonathan	Overpayment	\$1,567.02
Roberts-Diaz	Assessor adjustment	\$6.77
Rohback Thomas	Assessor adjustment	\$15.06
Rosati John	Assessor adjustment	\$8.16
Roytman Bella & Simon	Over Payment	\$550.00
Storrs Janet	Assessor adjustment	\$106.92
Ververis Arthur	Assessor adjustment	\$7.97
Walton Robert A. & Kendra	Assessor adjustment	\$535.00
Wisniewski Jerzy	Assessor adjustment	\$7.52
Zimmerman Catherine	Over Payment	\$9.63
Total		\$11,672.73

MOTION:

Agenda Item O-1

Executive Session—To discuss matters concerning the sale or acquisition of real property.

To adjourn the meeting to executive session as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225 (a) for the following purposes as allowed by Section 1-200(6), that is

Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned;

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Town Council
Town Manager

NOTE: Approval of this motion shall be by 2/3 vote.