

Minutes of the Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
November 15, 2016

**Present:**

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

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula B. Ray, Town 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. Proclamation – Veterans Day

The Chair read the proclamation recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-1 in recognition of the Town of Farmington veterans.

**D. Public Hearing**

There were no public hearings held.

**E. New Items**

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

**F. Public Comment**

Two Farmington High School Students , one Junior and one Sophomore, spoke to the Council about the benefits of sidewalks in a community. They questioned what the process was for Ogetting sidewalks installed in Town. They explained the promotion of sidewalk installation was their Empowerment Project for their Government and Law class . They asked the Council to show their support for the concept by a show of hands. The Council unanimously supported the concept.

**G. Reading of Minutes**

1. October 11, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

2. October 25, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

**H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals**

1. Kathleen Eagen - Resident Correspondence

The Manager called the Council's attention to the letter recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item H-1 to Mrs. Pelham thanking her for the pictures of the Kolp Community Garden Plots.

**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 begun the process of investigating the opportunities to bring solar energy to municipal buildings.

4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-4.

5. Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Vibert reported the Committee and the Town Plan and Zoning Commission had begun investigating a complete streets policy for the Town. The purpose of the policy was to make streets safe for motorists, bikes and pedestrians.

6. Farmington Gateway Committee

Mr. Mastrobattista reported the Committee would be holding a meeting on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers at which BL Company would be presenting some drawings of the concepts brought forth from the Committee and public.

#### 7. Web Page Sub-Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-7.

#### 8. Farmington High School Building Committee

Mrs. Trimble reported the Committee was meeting the next day at 4:00 p.m. in the Farmington High School library. In addition to the regular progress reports, they planned to discuss strategies to keep all the stakeholders involved with the project and how to best communicate with the public. The Committee was also discussing the timelines for the various aspects of the project that were required to be ready to go to referendum with the 2017-2018 budget. The Committee recognized the fact that the 4:00 p.m. meeting time was difficult for the public to attend and was considering holding important meetings at a different time and possibly taping the routine meetings for broadcast.

#### J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

##### 1. Chair Report

The Chair reported the dedication of the new Burn Building had been very successful. She thanked everyone that had worked to accomplish the Burn Building. She told the Council that they would be receiving a schedule of the meeting dates for the Council, the community, the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and the Building Committee regarding the Farmington High School Building Committee.

##### 2. Board of Education Liaison Report

There was no report for Agenda Item J-2.

##### 3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report

Mrs. Trimble reported the Jingle Bell Jubilee was scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 4-6 pm. She entered one of the flyers into record as Agenda Item J-3.

##### 4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report

##### 5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report

##### 6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report

##### 7. Human Relations Commission Report

##### 8. Chamber of Commerce Report

##### 9. Other Liaison Reports

There were no Liaison Reports for Agenda Items J-4 through J-9.

#### K. Report of Town Manager

##### Senior Center Veteran's Coffee Hour

The Manager reported the Farmington Senior Center hosted a Veteran's Coffee Hour the last Thursday of every month to help connect veterans to each other and assist them getting access to benefits they were entitled to.

##### Economic Development Updates

The Manager reported

- The Beautify Farmington Program was under way for Holiday Kissing Balls.

- The Town of Farmington, City of New Britain and Central Connecticut State University had received a \$40,000 Connecticut Economic Resource Center Grant to build a master plan that leverages resources and assets in each community to create new opportunities. The cornerstone of the grant is to fund private-public partnerships that will create vibrant atmospheres for residents and workforce.
- The Metro Realty Group had received the Company of the Year for North Central Connecticut from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. They were to be honored November 30 2016 at the Celebrate CT event. Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director and William Warner, Town Planner had nominated them for the award.

Open Space Grant

The Manager reported the Town had received the maximum amount of 65% for the South Ridge Road acquisition for \$550,000.

State Grant Estimate Report

The Manager reviewed the grant chart recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item K-1 showing the status of funds received for State of Connecticut grants for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The Manager reported she had been informed that Congressman Elizabeth Esty was recognizing Alexander J. Bednarek on Monday November 28, 2016 in the Town Hall Council Chambers with his medals from active duty in World War II at 5:30 p.m.

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

Adopted unanimously.

**L. Appointments**

1. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
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3. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke)(R)
4. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)(D)
5. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission Alternate (Meyer)(D)

There were no appointments made for Agenda Items L-1 through L-5.

6. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission Alternate

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Chris Forster be appointed to the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission as an Alternate for the balance of a three-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously.

7. Economic Development Commission (Connolly)(D)
8. Economic Development Commission (Karowski)(D)
9. Farmington Historic District Commission Alternate (Haviland)(R)
10. Housing Authority (Mason)(D)
11. Water Pollution Control Authority (Bagdigian)(D)
12. Joint Green Efforts Committee (Foote)
13. Joint Green Efforts Committee (Olivo)

There were no appointments made for Agenda Items L-7 through L-13.

#### **M. Old Business**

There was no Old Business conducted.

#### **N. New Business**

1. That Tyler Technologies Inc., CLT Appraisal Services of Moraine, Ohio be awarded a contract to assist the Town Assessor in the reappraisal update of all real property located within the Town of Farmington at a cost of \$257,500.

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Adopted unanimously.

2. To Award Bid # 254 for Community/Senior Center Sidewalk Improvements.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to Award Bid # 254, "Community/Senior Center Sidewalk Improvements" to Martin Laviero Contractors of Bristol, CT at a contract cost of \$64,950.

Adopted unanimously.

3. To Amend the 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting Schedule.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to amend the 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting Schedule to include the following dates:

Monday, January 30, 2017  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Friday, April 7, 2017

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to amend the motion with the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 1, 2017
- Thursday, February 2, 2017
- Friday, February 3, 2017
- Thursday, April 6, 2017
- Friday, April 7, 2017.

Adopted unanimously.  
 Adopted as amended unanimously.

4. To Approve Property Tax Refunds.

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1)499 Farmington Av LLC	adjustment	\$2,794.40
2)June Arnold	Assessor's adjustment	\$25.78
3)Kenneth Bisi	Assessor's adjustment	\$21.81
4)Cab East LLC	Assessor's adjustment	\$114.76
5)CCAP Auto Lease LTD	Assessor's adjustment	\$49.50
6)Christian Clews	Assessor's adjustment	\$342.11
7)Capital CreekrIDGE	Assessor's adjustment	\$2,094.64
8)Daimler Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$819.23
9)Natalie Danner	Assessor's adjustment	\$9.82
10)Berkadia	Erroneous payment	\$22,241.78
11)Steven & Lisa Hanks	Double payment	\$550.00
12)Helen Heckman	Assessor's adjustment	\$77.34
13)Honda Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$883.43
14)A & K Jorge	Assessor's adjustment	\$9.29
15)Junghee Jung	Assessor's adjustment	\$56.87
16)Edward Kim	Assessor's adjustment	\$86.41
17)Richard Leone	Assessor's adjustment	\$150.61
18)Motorlease Corp.	Assessor's adjustment	\$103.35
19)Nissan Infiniti	Assessor's adjustment	\$353.88
20)Christian Paul	Assessor's adjustment	\$9.92
21)Alben Puhlick	Assessor's adjustment	\$15.27
22)Venkat Madhu Puvvula	Assessor's adjustment	\$41.82
23)M & L Raymond	Assessor's adjustment	\$68.06
24)Geary Siroonian	Assessor's adjustment	\$23.77
25)Christopher Szydlik	Assessor's adjustment	\$29.44
26)Toyota Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$691.37
27)USB Leasing LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$387.79

28) Vault Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$1,097.65
29) V W Credit Leasing	Assessor's adjustment	\$720.12
30) Krystyna Witkowski	Assessor's adjustment	\$69.01
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$33,939.23</b>

Adopted unanimously.

5. To Amend the Town Manager's 2016-2018 Town Manager's Goals to include Goal 12a.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to amend the Town Manager's 2016-2018 Town Manager's Goals to include Goal 12a. Goal 12a is "To provide the Town Council a yearly report on Sub-Edge Farm at Fisher Farm."

Adopted unanimously.

**O. Executive Session**

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to move to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. with the Town Council, Town Manager, Chief of Police and Director of Finance and Administration present for the discussion of records of a law enforcement agency.

Adopted unanimously.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

**P. Adjournment**

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paula B. Ray*  
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of our country are justly proud of the men and women who have fought to defend the principles of liberty and freedom on which our nation was founded, and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary-era militias through today's sophisticated defense structure, American service members have defended our country in times of challenge, brought honor to the United States and created a solid foundation for its continued security, growth and prosperity, and

WHEREAS, despite the tremendous perils and pressures of wartime, our Armed Forces have defended the country with conviction and courage. In admiration of the strength of our convictions, other nations have looked to America for leadership, and our allies have always been secure in the knowledge that our proud country will not allow its principles and beliefs to be compromised, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States will forever owe an immense debt of gratitude to our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made to secure the safety of our country, and

WHEREAS, as an expression of that gratitude, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law an act calling for the observance of Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> of each year, and in 1921 that date was originally designated as Armistice Day in remembrance of the end of World War I and as a perpetual reminder of the blessings of peace, and by 1954, the observance widened to honor the courageous Veterans of all foreign conflicts, and

WHEREAS, our Veterans reflect the preeminent qualities of patriotism and courage in all of us and continue to make countless contributions to military and civilian life. In addition, many men and women from the Connecticut National Guard are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, or are scheduled to be deployed there shortly, along with many other Connecticut residents serving with the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Farmington Town Council hereby thanks the many contributions and accomplishments of all our Veterans.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

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Nancy Nickerson, Chair  
Farmington Town Council



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November 3, 2016

Ms. Teresa Pelham  
155 Main Street  
Farmington, CT 06032

*mailed 11/3/16*

Dear Ms. Pelham,

On behalf of the Town of Farmington, I would like to thank you for the beautiful pictures of the Kolp Community Garden Plots.

This wonderful program brings community members together to share their love of gardening and I am very pleased to hear of the success of your garden plot.

The pictures will proudly be displayed at Town Hall for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Eagen  
Town Manager

KAE/kh

cc: Amy Suffredini, Town Council Member



# UNIONVILLE'S HOLIDAY EVENT!



# 6th Annual JINGLE *Bell* JUBILEE

## Sat, December 3rd

**Carol Sing**

**Santa Visit**

**Refreshments**

**Kids Games & Crafts**

**Cookie Decorating**

**Museum Open House**

**4-6pm**

UNIONVILLE GAZEBO  
& SURROUNDING AREA  
BECOMES

**JINGLE BELL SQUARE**

FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AND FUN!

### Free Event

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

4-5:30pm

**CAROL SING**

5:30pm

**SANTA VISIT**

5:45pm

SHOP & DINE AT UNIONVILLE'S STORES & RESTAURANTS  
FOR INFORMATION AND EVENT MAP, PLEASE VISIT

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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**



*The Unionville Museum*

# Agenda Item K-1

**FY2016/2017  
STATE GRANT ESTIMATES  
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FY16/17		VARIANCE	RECEIVED TO 10/31/2016
	ADOPTED BUDGET	PER STATE OPM*		
PILOT: STATE PROPERTY	3,086,385	3,134,814	48,429	3,134,814
PILOT: COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	29,924	29,691	(233)	29,691
PEQUOT/MOHEGAN FUND GRANT	29,874	29,796	(78)	-
REVENUE SHARING-PROJECTS	545,804	545,804	-	-
REVENUE SHARING- SALES TAX	241,319	335,287	93,968	335,287
TOWN AID ROADS	373,341	373,438	97	186,719
EDUCATION GRANTS (ECS)	1,181,846	1,289,833	107,987	322,458
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION GRT	16,577	-	(16,577)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,505,070</b>	<b>5,738,663</b>	<b>233,593</b>	<b>4,008,969</b>

\* Source: State of Connecticut FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017 Estimates of State Formula Aid to Municipalities  
August 11, 2016