

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT.
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: October 10, 2017
(Council Members are asked to call the Town Manager's office if they are unable to attend the meeting.)

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Public Hearing
None.
- D. Presentations and Recognitions
 - 1. Eagle Scout Proclamation- Gabriel Pelletier
 - 2. Proclamation- Evening Star Lodge No. 101
- E. New Items
- F. Public Comment

Executive Session
 - 1. Pending Litigation
- G. Reading of Minutes.
 - 1. September 19, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
 - 2. September 26, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
- H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals
- I. Report of Committees
 - 1. UConn Health Committee(s)
 - 2. Land Acquisition Committee
 - 3. Green Efforts Committee
 - 4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee
 - 5. Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 6. Farmington Gateway Committee

- J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons
 - 1. Chair Report
 - 2. Board of Education Liaison Report
 - 3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report
 - 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

- K. Report of Town Manager – Plan of Conservation and Development Update, State Budget Update, Community & Recreational Services Update, Economic Development Update

- L. Appointments
 - 1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)(D)
 - 2. Building Code Board of Appeals (Santos) (R)
 - 3. Building Code Board of Appeals (Statchen) (D)
 - 4. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission (Quigley) (D)
 - 5. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission (Markuszkza) (R)
 - 6. Economic Development Commission (Howard) (R)
 - 7. Economic Development Commission (Kleinman) (D)
 - 8. Farmington Historic District Commission (Cox) (R)
 - 9. Farmington Valley Health District (Parlow) (D)
 - 10. Human Relations Commission (Berzins) (D)
 - 11. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke)(R)
 - 12. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Parady)(U)
 - 13. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
 - 14. Tourism Central Regional District (Bernier) (R)
 - 15. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission (Pogson) (D)
 - 16. Water Pollution Control Authority (Thompson) (R)
 - 17. Green Efforts Commission (Hinze)(R)

- M. Old Business
 - None.

- N. New Business
 - 1. To accept the donation of an artificial turf field system for Field #8 at Tunxis Mead Park from the Farmington Soccer Club to the Town of Farmington, valued at approximately \$730,000.00.
 - 2. To accept a donation of \$15,000 from the John G. Martin Foundation for the purchase of fire gear for the Town of Farmington’s career firefighters.
 - 3. To disband the High School Building Committee and thank them for their hard work.

4. To cancel the October 24, 2017 Town Council meeting.

5. To approve property tax refunds.

O. Executive Session

2. Collective Bargaining.

3. Land Acquisition.

P. Adjournment

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Boy 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 Boy Scouts of America which benefit our community, and

WHEREAS, one of the crowning achievements of Boy Scouting is the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Pelletier from Troop 170 Boy Scouts of America recently completed the requirements for Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Pelletier's project benefitted the Sessions Woods in Burlington, Connecticut by repairing a handicapped accessible bird blind that had been destroyed by vandals and weather. He developed a plan to replace the structure, using wood that was cut and prepared from Sessions Woods' land, and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Pelletier has demonstrated leadership through participating in the Relay for Life, Wreath Sale Fundraiser, and the Scouting for Food Fundraiser. He served as a Patrol Leader and New Scout Teacher as well as playing for a Nationally ranked Tier One Hockey team, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Gabriel Pelletier's work, the lives of the people of Farmington will be enriched and enhanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Farmington Town Council, we hereby extend to Gabriel Pelletier our best wishes and we hereby proclaim September 24, 2017 as Gabriel Pelletier Day in Farmington, Connecticut.

Dated at Farmington, Connecticut this 10th day of October 2017.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair, Farmington Town Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Evening Star Lodge No. 101 was formed on June 12, 1866 and held its first meeting on February 18, 1867, and

WHEREAS, Evening Star Lodge No. 101 was officially chartered and dedicated on October 10, 1867 by fourteen leading community members of Unionville and Farmington, Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society that is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind, and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community through the improvement and strengthening of the character of individual man and impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Evening Star Lodge No. 101's long history of work in our community, the lives of the people of Farmington and Unionville have been enriched and enhanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town Council congratulates Evening Star Lodge No. 101 for celebrating their 150th Anniversary and thanks them for making a positive impact on the Farmington community.

Dated this 9th Day of October, 2017 at Farmington, Connecticut.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair, Farmington Town Council

MOTION:

Executive Session – To Discuss Matters Concerning Pending Litigation.

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)(B), that is

Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of his conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled; to wit: a potential insurance claim.

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Town Council
Town Attorney
Town Manager
Finance Director

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

MOTION:

Agenda Item K

Report of the Town Manager- Plan of Conservation and Development Update, State Budget Update, Community & Recreational Services Update, Economic Development Update

Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update

Bill Warner, Town Planner will be updating the Town Council on the progress of the completion of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

State Budget Update

The staff will provide an update regarding the 2017-2018 State budget and its impact on the Town of Farmington.

Community & Recreational Services Update

Our Community & Recreational Services department provides programming in three essential areas: recreational activities, supportive services, and community engagement. The last few weeks have been busy transitioning into the fall season, which includes our holiday programs and high volume of program registrations.

In recreation, we had a very successful summer camp and summer sports camp season with more than 1,100 youth participating in programs such as REC Summer Camp, REC Tween Camp, numerous sports camps and lessons. Additionally, the Senior Center hosted 197 monthly activities for our town's seniors and our fitness center had over 150 visits within the month of September.

In supportive services, we recently completed our annual update of food pantry participants. At this time over 180 families have been processed and qualify for use of the pantry. Throughout the summer 136 teens attended the teen center. This environment is geared towards supporting teens in decision making and providing positive youth programming under trained staff supervision.

Our community events flourished over the summer. We held eight concerts at the gazebo in Unionville as well as coordinated efforts with UVIA for movie nights on the Union School grounds. We also networked and provided information to several area businesses on services and programs throughout the town.

Economic Development Update

On November 1, the Farmington Library and the Economic Development Department will host a business seminar at 9:00am in the Library Community Room to promote the Library's business resource A to Z database. This database provides a valuable tool for business and consumer research. The Farmington Library and the Economic Development Department partner on various programs and seminars to provide resources that will assist businesses of all sizes that are located in Farmington.

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-1

That _____ be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021. (Hammerberg) (D)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-2

That _____ be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022. (Santos) (R)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-3

That _____ be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022. (Statchen) (D)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-4

That _____ be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021. (Quigley) (D)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-5

That _____ be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission as an alternate for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021. (Markuszka) (R)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-6

That _____ be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Howard) (R)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-7

That _____ be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Kleinman) (D)

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-8

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

MOTION:

Agenda Item L-9

That _____ be appointed to the Farmington Valley Health District for the balance of a three-year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2019. (Parlow) (D)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-10

That _____ be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019. (Berzins) (D)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-11

That _____ be appointed to the North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Wienke) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-12

That _____ be appointed to the North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Parady) (U)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-13

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, 2018. (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-14

That _____ be appointed to Tourism Central Regional District for the balance of a three-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2020. (Bernier) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-15

That _____ 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. (Pogson) (D)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-16

That _____ be appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022. (Thompson) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-17

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

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-1

To accept the donation of an artificial turf field system for Field #8 at Tunxis Mead Park from the Farmington Soccer Club to the Town of Farmington, valued at approximately \$730,000.00.

NOTE: The Farmington Soccer Club has a proposal to convert Tunxis Mead Field #8 from a natural grass field to an artificial turf field. The purpose of the change is to expand the seasonal use of the field and to reduce maintenance costs; as this is the most difficult field to maintain a consistent grass surface. The conversion of Field #8 from natural grass to artificial turf received approval from the Farmington Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission on July 12, 2017 and from the Farmington Town Plan and Zoning Commission on September 11, 2017.

The conversion of Field #8 has been reviewed by the Department of Public Works and Development Services and Director Russ Arnold has issued a letter of support. The conversion has also been reviewed by the Community and Recreation Department and Director Nancy Parent has issued a letter of support.

The Farmington Soccer Club is paying for all of the expenses related to the construction and installation of the artificial turf field. I have received a letter from Farmington Soccer Club which states that they have the funds available to complete the entire project in accordance with the special permit approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission. It has been made clear to the Farmington Soccer Club that the Town of Farmington is not in the position to offer any financial or other contributions to this project. The Farmington Soccer Club understands that they are donating the field to the Town of Farmington and it will become the property of the Town of Farmington. The Town of Farmington will continue to maintain the field.

If this donation is accepted by the Farmington Town Council the Farmington Soccer Club intends to start the project within the next few weeks and finish in early spring.

This is a very generous donation from the Farmington Soccer Club and I greatly appreciate their hard work on this project. I am recommending acceptance of this donation. It will be a valuable asset to Town-wide athletic programs and is another example of successful private/public partnerships in town.

The Farmington Soccer Club will be available to give a brief presentation to the Town Council and answer any questions that the Town Council may have.

/Attachment (s)

Farmington Soccer Club

18 Fox Road, Plainville, Ct. 06062
Telephone 860-306-6822
mrsoccer@comcast.net

October 3, 2017

Kathy Eagen

Town Manager

Farmington Ct. 06032

Dear Kathy,

With regards to the Farmington Soccer Club donating a Turf Soccer Field to the Town of Farmington, we have the funds available to complete the entire project in accordance with the special permit approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Our engineer, Rob Hilbrand, will send you a construction schedule today, with specific timeline detailing construction commencement to completion,

Any questions or concerns, please call me at 860-306-6822,

Sincerely,

Alastair D Bell

President

Farmington Soccer Club

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager

FROM: Russell M. Arnold, Jr. P.E. 

DATE: September 29, 2017

SUBJECT: TUNXIS MEAD – FIELD 8 ARTIFICIAL TURF DONATION

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that the Development Services Division of Public Works has reviewed and approved the plans for the donation of an artificial turf field for Field 8 at Tunxis Mead.

The field has been set to the 100 year flood similar to the Crew Boat House Elevation to reduce impacts to the field from a typical flooding event that we have seen in years past.

Similar to the turf field that we installed at the high school two years ago, this field will reduce maintenance costs for the Highway & Grounds Department. The Farmington Department of Public Works supports the donation of the turf field at Tunxis Mead by the Farmington Soccer Club for Field #8.

Should you have any questions, let me know.



October 2, 2017

Al Bell
18 Fox Road
Plainville, CT 06062

Dear Mr. Bell;

Farmington Community & Recreational Services fully supports the Farmington Soccer Club's desire to convert Tunxis Mead field #8 from natural grass to all-weather artificial turf. Although our Parks staff maintains Tunxis Mead to the best of standards, during inclement weather fields are unavailable to support physical activity. The conversion of Tunxis Mead field #8 to artificial turf will allow us to continue to and expand upon the use of space at Tunxis Mead to the fullest extent. One of our department's goals is to promote physical and wellness activity in our town's youth and this project will allow us to continue that objective.

We are pleased to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Parent, Director

Geoffrey Porter, Recreation Supervisor II
Farmington Community & Recreational Services



MOTION:

Agenda Item N-2

To accept a donation of \$15,000 from the John G. Martin Foundation for the purchase of fire gear for the Town of Farmington's career firefighters.

NOTE: The Town of Farmington received a letter dated September 26, 2017 from the John G. Martin Foundation indicating that the Board of Directors unanimously approved an unsolicited gift of \$15,000 specifically designated towards the purchase of fire gear for the Career Firefighters.

The donation will be used to purchase a second set of Structural Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which consists of Structural firefighting boots, pants, jacket, hood, gloves and helmet in accordance with the specifications found in the Town of Farmington Fire Department Directive #44.

This West Hartford based charitable organization has supported the Town of Farmington's Fire Department's efforts in the past, most recently donating to the Live Fire Training Facility in 2015.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-3

To disband the High School Building Committee and thank them for their hard work.

NOTE: The Farmington High School Committee has completed their charge. A new Town Council will take office in January 2018 and it is likely that they will address the issue(s) of the Farmington High School. The Farmington Town Council thanks the Farmington High School Building Committee for all their hard work.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-4

To cancel the October 24, 2017 Town Council meeting.

MOTION

Agenda Item N-5

To Approve the Following Property Tax Refunds.

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Ari Fleet LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$44.87
2)Kenneth Bowser	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.80
3)B Bulibek & N Diosomito	Assessor's adjustment	\$71.16
4)Daimler Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$740.10
5)Catherine Deroy	Assessor's adjustment	\$12.64
6)Wilfred Elaba	Assessor's adjustment	\$16.36
7)Enterprise FM Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$2,021.24
8)Joseph Ferro	Assessor's adjustment	\$37.35
9)Financial Ser Veh Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$827.06
10)L Glende & K Bobinski	Assessor's adjustment	13.95
11)Benjamin Goldberg	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.87
12)Eleanor Hazard	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.23
13)Honda Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$645.92
14)Ryszard Janicki	Assessor's adjustment	\$6.91
15)A & J Kruk	Assessor's adjustment	\$14.29
16)Leah Laplaca	Assessor's adjustment	\$120.84
17)Lise Martin	Assessor's adjustment	\$15.88
18)Michael Piteo	Assessor's adjustment	\$588.64
19)Jessica Roman	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.37
20)J Starr McCarthy	Assessor's adjustment	\$414.28
21)William Tiu	Assessor's adjustment	\$19.48
22)USB Leasing	Assessor's adjustment	\$411.52
23)Vault Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$5,619.13
	TOTAL:	\$11,691.89

MOTION:

Agenda Item O-2

Executive Session –To discuss matters concerning Collective Bargaining.

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 any matter, which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210.

(9) records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining;

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Town Council
Town Manager
Assistant Town Manager

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

MOTION:

Agenda Item O-3

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.