

Minutes of the Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
October 10, 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 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Public Hearing

There weren't any public hearings held.

D. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Eagle Scout Proclamation- Gabriel Pelletier

The Council congratulated Mr. Pelletier on his accomplishments and the Chair read the following proclamation:

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

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Nancy W. Nickerson  
Chair, Farmington Town Council

2. Proclamation- Evening Star Lodge No. 101

The Council congratulated the Evening Star Lodge No. 101 on its anniversary, and Mr. Landry read the following proclamation:

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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thanks them for making a positive impact on the Farmington community.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2017 at Farmington, Connecticut.

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Nancy W. Nickerson  
Chair, Farmington Town Council

E. New Items

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

F. Public Comment

Ryan Naujoks of 5 Trumbull Lane told the Council he was concerned about unethical behavior that had occurred over the past six months. Since there was no independent Ethical Commission he was forced to bring his concerns to the Town Council. He was outraged in June when a Building Committee member and a Town Council member violated the neutrality of the Farmington High School Referendum. He had found biased propaganda placed at the door by those individuals at the Town Meeting placed by those individuals, which was caught on video tape. He was disappointed nothing of any consequence had been done to punish their actions. He told the Council he was outraged prior to the Republican Primary when he heard vial, racist illegal radio advertisements supporting one group of candidates while trashing the Town of Farmington. He found out a bi-partisan group of residents had researched the origins of the radio advertisements and found the person responsible was a large donor to the Responsible Farmington PAC. He told the Council he was tired of having nothing done about unethical behavior and hoped the Council would hold them responsible for their behavior.

Executive Session

1. Pending Litigation

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to move to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. 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

Adopted unanimously

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

G. Reading of Minutes.

1. September 19, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

2. September 26, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

There were no communications or written appeals.

I. Report of Committees

1. UConn Health Committee(s)

The Chair reported the next meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2017.

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

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-2 through I-6.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair Report

The Chair reported her remarks would be covered during the Town Manger's Report regarding the State Budget.

2. Board of Education Liaison Report

Mr. Landry reported the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test results were back and Farmington had scored well above the State average. The SBAC

is the current version of standardized tests used by the State of Connecticut for grades 1-8.

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

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-3 through J-6.

7. Human Relations Commission Report

Mrs. Suffredini reported the Commission wanted to remind everyone how important it was to shovel their sidewalks, the Commission was concerned about the status of the Farmington High School project because of the difficulties disabled residents had attending events at the school and the Commission's excitement about the new Explore Farmington website.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report
9. Other Liaison Reports

There were no reports for Agenda Item J-8 or J-9.

#### K. Report of Town Manager

##### Plan of Conservation and Development Update

William Warner, Town Planner reviewed the progress the Town Plan and Zoning Commission had made on the POCD, what the next steps would be and answered Council questions. He began by explaining the POCD was a 10 year plan that had to be upgraded every ten years by State Statute and was due again in February of 2018. He began updating the Plan and Zoning Commission about the POCD in 2016 and during 2017 they went through a detailed neighborhood analysis. The Town has been broken down into the same 7 neighborhoods for the past 4 POCD. He felt it was important the POCD be completed in 2017 before the new commissioners take office, because it would be unrealistic for them to take office in January of 2018 and be ready to vote on a new POCD by February. If it is not adopted on time the State makes a town submit a letter explaining you are not in accordance with 8-23 of the General Statutes with any grant you submit, which would affect our Open Space grants. He told the Council the update consisted of three sections current conditions, protecting natural resources and the area studies. He talked about technology's impact on the Town over the next 10 years. He told the Council the Town Plan and Zoning Commission would be holding public hearings on the POCD in November.

##### State Budget Update

Mr. Swetcky, Director of Finance and Administrative Services reviewed the hand out recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item K-1 and answered Council questions. He explained that nothing had happened since the last meeting at the legislature, which resulted in approximately \$3,200,000 in State grants not received by the Town that we had budgeted for to date. He said our cash flow has been impacted, which was causing the Town to dip into the reserve to pay bills. If the State budget isn't done by

December, the Council would have to make policy decisions to cope with the budget shortfalls. The Manager was worried about making changes that cause chaos for the Town and then further into the year receive money from the State causing the chaos to have been for nothing.

#### Community & Recreational Services Update

The Manager reported the Community & Recreational Services had had a busy summer and early fall with many successful events and summer programs such as summer camps, summer sports, food pantry updates and summer movie nights.

#### Economic Development Update

The Manager reported that the Economic Development Director was working with the Library to hold a business seminar on November 1, 2017.

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

Adopted unanimously

#### 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)

There were no appointments made.

#### M. Old Business

There was no old business conducted.

**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

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) 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

Mr. Bell presented the Council with a work schedule recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item N-1 and assured the Town there would be no expense for Town associated with the installation of the field. The Council thanked Mr. Bell for the generous donation.

Adopted unanimously.

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

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) 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.

Adopted unanimously

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

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to disband the High School Building Committee and thank them for their hard work.

Adopted unanimously

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

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to cancel the October 24, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

5. To approve property tax refunds

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,691.89</b>

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

2. Collective Bargaining

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. 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, the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager.

Adopted unanimously

The Council returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m.



3. Land Acquisition

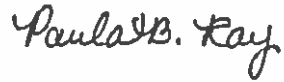
There were no other Executive Sessions held.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Palumbo) to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula B. Ray".

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

Agenda Item K-7

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT  
FY2017/2018  
ADOPTED BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2016-2017 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2017-2018 ADOPTED</u>	<u>3 MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>ESTIMATED 12 MONTHS</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
<b>STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS</b>					
PILOT: STATE-OWNED PROPERTY	3,134,814	2,526,231	-		(2,526,231)
PILOT: COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	29,691	19,650	-		(19,650)
VETERAN'S EXEMPTION	5,816	5,985	-		(5,985)
ELDERLY CIRCUIT BREAKER	127,805	131,512	-		(131,512)
ELDERLY TAX FREEZE	851	875	-		(875)
PEQUOT/MOHEGAN FUND GRANT	29,796	30,223	-		(30,223)
PILOT: TELECOMM EQUIP	110,429	105,915	-	105,915	-
REVENUE SHARING-PROJECTS	545,804	-	-		-
REVENUE SHARING-SALES TAX	335,287	482,637	-		(482,637)
SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS	10,981	8,500	-	8,500	-
POLICE GRANTS	95,499	78,000	24,923	74,769	(3,231)
TOWN AID ROADS	373,438	373,438	-		(373,438)
EDUCATION GRANTS	1,036,574	-	-		-
SPECIAL EDUCATION	-	382,416	-		(382,416)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,836,785</b>	<b>4,145,382</b>	<b>24,923</b>	<b>189,184</b>	<b>(3,956,198)</b>
			<b>3,215,237</b>		

**SOCCER FIELD TUNXIS MEAD PARK FARMINGTON**  
**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

<b><u>WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>ANTICIPATED WORK</u></b>
10/30/17 – 11/3/17	Mobilization, Construction Entrance, Flag Clearing, Begin Clearing
11/6/17 – 11/10/17	Clearing, Grubbing, Erosion Controls
11/13/17 – 11/17/17	Strip Topsoil, Earthwork, Relocation of Irrigation, Line, and Underground Electric Live
11/20/17 – 11/24/17	Strip Topsoil, Earthwork
11/27/17 - 12/1/17	Earthwork, Arch Block Walls around Lights
12/4/17 – 12/8/17	Earthwork, Arch Block Walls around Lights
12/11/17 – 12/15/17	Earthwork, Drainage
12/18/17 – 12/22/17	Drainage
12/25/17 – 12/29/17	Christmas Shutdown
1/2/18 – 1/5/18	Drainage
1/8/18 – 1/12/18	Complete Phase 1 Work - Possible Winder Shutdown Begin Phase 2 Work
3/12/18 – 3/16/18	Field Construction Perimeter Curb
3/19/18 – 3/23/18	Field Construction Perimeter Curb
3/26/18 – 3/30/18	Field Construction Perimeter Curb
4/2/18 – 4/6/18	Install Stone Base
4/9/18 – 4/13/18	Install Stone Base, and Finish Stone
4/16/18 – 4/20/18	Finish Stone, Laser Grade
4/23/18 – 4/27/18	Turf Installation, Restoration Topsoil Areas
4/30/18 – 5/4/18	Turf Installation, Restoration Topsoil Areas
5/7/18 – 5/11/18	Project Completion