

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHTON
JUNE 28, 2010

The Town Council of the Town of Southington held a regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2010. Edward S. Pocock, III, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

John N. Barry	Dawn A. Miceli
John C. Dobbins	Stephanie A. Urillo
Albert A. Natelli, Jr.	Peter J. Romano, Jr.
Christopher Palmieri	Anthony E. D'Angelo
Edward S. Pocock, III	

Ex-officio members present were as follows, viz:

Anthony J. Tranquillo, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer*
Mark J. Sciota, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney
John Weichsel, Town Manager

A prayer was recited by Councilman Albert Natelli, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance being led by Town Manager John Weichsel.

There were approximately 15 other persons in attendance.

EDWARD S. POCOCK, III, Chairman, Presiding:

II. Minutes

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve as presented. Dr. Natelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Chair asked the Town Clerk if she had received a resignation letter in her office for the Board of Finance (BOF). It arrived this morning. The Chair asked to have an appointment of a Board of Finance member added under New Business, Item B. Dr. Urillo so moved the motion which was seconded by Mr. Palmieri. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Councilmanic Communications

Dr. Urillo mentioned the ARC of Southington on Saturday had a shredding for townsfolk to go to. I want to commend them on this project. It was from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the ARC in Plantsville. I brought some stuff down. Traffic was very steady all morning. It

is planned to be a yearly event. It's a great opportunity for town's people to dispose of documents they don't want and are afraid may somehow endanger their identity. They shredded it right there on the premises.

Mr. Palmieri acknowledged Leslie Cotton and the nice article in the Record Journal on her. He also thanked Leslie for putting the minutes and videos on line. It was a great article and thank you for doing that.

He also stated he had the pleasure to attend the Southington High School graduation with Dr. Natelli who was in attendance, also. A phenomenal job overall recognizing our graduating seniors from high school. He thanked the high school administration, especially Dave Germano, for organizing such a quality event for the seniors graduating.

I had the pleasure of attending the kick-off event at the new Southington Drive-In. Dr. Urillo and Dr. Natelli were there, as well. It was great. They had a small ribbon cutting for the opening of the event. I'd like to publicly thank and acknowledge Councilwoman Miceli for all the work she did organizing the event with the drive in committee. The structure and organization were great. It looks like it is going to be a real popular event for the town. We're very fortunate to have such a great committee.

Mr. Barry noted on the Agenda there are three new labor contracts listed for action this evening. The vote will occur after we clear out the Council Chambers and meet in executive session. Then we'll come back and vote on the new labor contracts. I believe that considering no elected Southington Council member or BOF member were even allowed to participate in these labor contracts, considering the public has not had the opportunity to read or have a public presentation made to them to have better knowledge of these labor contracts, considering no resident has had the opportunity to communicate to any of us to give their opinions on the labor contracts, I do believe that the public is owed a public detailed explanation of all three contracts, considering these economic times, the length of these contracts, the percentage increases should all be given a fair public discussion.

I request these contracts be tabled and the information that has been given to us as Council members concerning these contracts be given to the public so Southington taxpayers have the ability to speak out prior to any Council vote on these labor contracts.

The Chair responded that the procedure is no different than the way it was set up when Mr. Barry was Chair for four years.

Mr. Barry said as an elected member of the Council, he didn't believe these were good contracts for the taxpayers of Southington. He also thought it was not right that the public had no idea of what

these contracts are. These deserve public discussion from our taxpayers.

Mr. Weichsel explained in Connecticut we have a Municipal Employees Relations Act. It is a very precise law on how you and your colleagues throughout the state have to deal with unions.

Mr. Barry said he was advocating public communication, public thought after we come out of executive session. The public doesn't have the opportunity to even discuss it because they have no knowledge of what the contracts are. That's my point.

Mr. Barry pointed out other towns have gone two years without raises. We know the givebacks on the state level. We know towns that are requiring furlough days. Times are drastically different today than they were even five years ago.

The other issue is I parked out in front tonight before coming into the Town Hall. When walking in, I looked up and where it says: Town of Southington, there is extensive peeling of paint. This is our Town Hall, center of our downtown, I think it's a disgrace to our community that the Town Hall looks that way. I request this be put in the works.

And, also I'd like an update on the energy efficient windows and what is being done to address that for the upcoming winter.

Attorney Sciota explained there is a subcommittee, the Building Maintenance Committee, which I serve on with the engineer and the Chairman is Nick DePaola. That is one of the big issues we are discussing.

The current projects we are working on are the police department, town clerk's office, windows and painting at the Town Hall. We didn't feel it was cost effective to hire a painter to do that one thing so we are also doing other painting around the Town Hall and trying to coordinate with the windows.

Mr. Palmieri added to his earlier comments. Mr. Riccio just came in and I'd like to acknowledge Mike Riccio for his vision for the drive in theater and I'd like to thank every member of the committee for their hard work in making it a reality.

Dr. Natelli brought up a couple of things. I did attend the high school graduation as said. I'd like to point this out which I think is very important in today's educational system: Every 12th grader graduated that day. No one is staying behind to do summer school or repeat a year. All 500 plus students graduated on time. That's important to acknowledge as it says something about our educational system.

I'd also like to acknowledge Jill Chapman as Teacher of the Year.

Lastly, I'm happy to see through economic development some of the things that are going on and happening. BJs is moving very quickly forward and it's important for the residents to know and see that.

The Chair stated he had a proclamation put together and he didn't put it on the Agenda because Ms. Cotton would've seen it and it wouldn't have been a good surprise.

He read the proclamation for Leslie Cotton, Town Clerk.
(Attachment 1)

(Applause, applause)

Ms. Cotton explained about the journalist who was very instrumental in getting the FOI Act passed back in the 70's. It's the first time that a Town Clerk has ever received the award. I was very honored and there were many Town Clerks who attended the ceremony. I kind of felt that maybe I was accepting the award for all the Town Clerks in Connecticut for the work that we all do. It's nice the town was recognized on the state level.

Thank you all very much.

The Chair explained the presentation tonight for Rosemary Champagne will be postponed to July 12th as she was under the weather tonight and wasn't able to make it.

IV. Report of Special Committees

A. Sewer Committee

Mr. Dobbins reported on two items.

- The Queen Street Pump Station RFQ: We had a special meeting on June 16th and the committee voted unanimously to award Tighe & Bond the consultants contract. This is an action item under 8-A.

- Farmstead/Mill Street Project: We met on June 16th for the acquisition of easements for 153 Mill Street. An agreement has been reached in the amount of \$27,000. It was voted unanimously to recommend this to the Council. This on for action this evening, 8-B.

Mr. D'Angelo noted a change in the amount because the project had to be changed. How does the new figure fit into the budget that's been discussed. Mr. Tranquillo said with the bidding climate we have now, we're hopeful we'll still be under the \$300,000. We've seen reasonable prices and it is time to do construction added Mr. Dobbins.

Mr. Weichsel said if it is 10, 20 or 30 thousand over, you can supplement the bond issue with cash. It is an option. If it is a small amount, I would recommend we fund the amount of difference. I doubt we would amend the bond ordinance to the higher amount.

B. Public Works Committee

Mr. Romano reported on two items:

- Bulky Waste Transfer: Last week 600 plus vehicles used the station as compared to 1100 previously. The town is definitely benefiting from the sticker program use. It's a decrease in volume of about 45%.

We still are dealing with some equipment problems. It's beyond the debugging stage. The scanners are failing but not with any frequency that we can put our hands on it. That'll be the big topic of discussion this week at the public works committee meeting.

- Paving and Reconstruction Funding: It was discussed at the public works committee meeting last time. It's for the LOCIP and the widening and resurfacing. There's a milling program and a reconstruction program. (Attachment 2)

C. Apple Harvest Committee (Attachment 3)

Mr. Palmieri passed out a letter for review. We did have our last meeting on June 16th. I want to brief you on some of the things that have gone on in light of some of the press.

First of all, I want to assure the Council the Apple Harvest Festival will be going on. We will have police protection there.

He discussed the letter from the Chief on behalf of the Police Commissioners basically insinuating there wasn't money in the overtime account sufficient to cover the police protection needed for the Apple Harvest Festival. It asked the Apple Harvest Committee to seek alternative sources of revenue to fund the festival.

I worked with the finance department and I want to thank Emilia for all the information she provided to me.

He noted you can see there is money in the police department while it may not be in the overtime account per say, but there is money in the police department's budget to properly fund the Apple Harvest Festival. There may be a transfer required within the police department budget from the salary account into the overtime account.

He discussed the police contract being settled and the need to pay the retro pay. (Reviewed those figures.)

In speaking with the Chief today, we are back on track. The festival will go on. (Read a portion of the letter from Chief Jack Daly which is attached as an exhibit.)

The Chief will be reviewing the amount of officers necessary during the festival without jeopardizing public safety.

Mr. D'Angelo pointed out this is putting everyone on notice that the overtime account that was cut by the BOF was a cut that really affected that account. We'll watch that carefully and if a special appropriation or transfers do come through, I would only hope that the BOF would push it along and of course we would push it along, too. We do not want to lose the Apple Harvest Festival at all.

D. Rails to Trails Phase II Committee

Dr. Natelli stated the committee met last month. We didn't have a quorum, we still discussed certain items.

- We have civic organizations that are willing to donate time to the refurbishing of the depot that was purchased by the Open Space Committee on Canal Street.

- The builder has saved railroad ties for us and will be laying approximately 8 feet of railroad ties where the depot was that would come off the main track.

- Inside painting needs to be done. We want to add a water fountain. There is talk of adding possibly vending machines. Hours when it is open and closed.

- Civic organizations also want to be involved in the construction of the rail set that's there.

After July 4th, the paving will begin on the trail and it should be completed sometime in the fall. However, the official opening will take place in the spring after shrubbery, plantings and final stuff is put in.

We need to look at some safety issues, i.e.: work with the police department on how we can identify pieces of the trail both going in now and in the past and the future so if something is happening it can be easily identified, reported to the police and they can get right there.

- We continue to look at Adopt a Trail.

- How do we want to do the benches on the trail?

We are trying to coordinate with the Open Space Committee on possibly using some funds to do this, as well, in terms of some of the things we may need money for if we can't find volunteers.

Future parking areas down by Cheshire were discussed. There are eight parking spaces at the depot.

The Chair advised the EPA recently sent out concerning the SRS site, there was a small blurb on the back wherein it looks like the folks up there are going to cross that property up to Lazy Lane and extend the trail. Could you keep an eye on that and let us know what's going on?

The Chair asked for unanimous consent. We did have an Economic Development Strike Committee meeting. I'd like to give a report on that. (No objections)

Economic Development Strike Committee: Greenway Commons was supposed to be on the Governor's Bond Agenda for June and that is not occurring. I would like to send a letter in support of this project again encouraging it to go on the July Bond Agenda. This is a big Brownfield in the center of our town and it's very important to us.

(No objection to that letter being sent.)

V. Town Manager's Report and Communications

A. Revaluation Bids Recommendation (Attachment 4)

Mr. Weichsel noted the Assessor Brian Lastra is here and will explain to you his recommendation as to who we should award it to. After extensive explanation, Mr. Lastra recommended awarding to Vision Appraisal for \$249,800 for the revaluation contractor.

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Extensive discussion continued regarding the award to Vision Appraisal.

B. Resolution - Homeland Security Grant (Attachment 5)

Mr. Weichsel commented that for several years the police department has worked with Hartford area based departments. The towns in our area have been forward looking and we're all saying that we will turn over any grant to the central entity so they can actually handle a problem in what in another state would be called countywide as a minimum.

This is a general nature resolution authorizing me to sign documents as grants become available.

C. Resolution - Historic Documents Preservation Grant - \$6,000 (Attachment 6)

Ms. Cotton gave the history of this grant fund and where the money comes from. She also spoke about their competitive grant

program in the past and she had applied and received two grants in the range of \$50,000 apiece and that's how we started the records management rooms that we have.

This year they have come back with the grant program but at a much reduced rate: \$6,000. There are no competitive grants this year. This \$6,000 is the highest amount that a community of our size can apply for. I will use to purchase some shelving for the vault. We are running out of space in the vault and this will help us. We should be okay for about 15 years with the additional shelving.

Ms. Cotton explained the project in the vault to expand the space that is going on now with a very minimum amount of money.

D. Request of Maxton to locate cellular monopole on East Street property (Attachment 7)

Mr. Weichsel reported he is very interested in this. It is shall we say found money. There are a lot of hoops they've got to go through.

Attorney Sciota advised the motion should consist of authorizing the Town Attorney to be in negotiations with Maxton. And, of course, any negotiations I have I will bring back to the Council.

Discussion of others that were considered in the past.

The process for approval was discussed.

The Siting Council process was discussed.

VI. Town Attorney's Report

A. 8-24 Referral - Sewer Easements

Attorney Sciota reported the town is looking to acquire easements for the Farmstead Interceptor Project. Referred to map which is on the board outlining the property and the easements to be acquired.

You are required to send this to the PZC for them to review first and that's what I'm asking for tonight. Assuming it's favorable, then it will come back to you at your next meeting.

We have several items for executive session. There possibly will be action after the executive session.

VII. Public Communications

Vivian Sheen, 95 Nunzio Drive. I'm here to tonight to voice my concern about the tax situation. In January, 2005 my taxes were \$3,971. Now, they're up to \$6,249. Explained she had gone through all the channels to appeal her tax amount.

The Town Attorney advised her to contact his office and he will sit down with her.

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue. If nothing else, when you adjourn into executive session, leave the camera set up and show somebody to turn them back on so those who are watching can catch up on them.

Channel 30 had a blip about the Apple Harvest Festival not having funding tonight. Having attended the BOF workshops, I know the BOF cut \$184,000 out of the police department so there may not be funds to transfer within the department.

I would ask you to monitor this whole situation. This is really important for our town. At least send some direction to the BOF that seeing as they were silly enough to cut \$184,000 out of the police department, they should be smart enough to add back in whatever they need to fund our Apple Harvest Festival.

Lastly, I sent this entire Council an email over the weekend at the request of another citizen in this town who didn't want to call. I suggested if they didn't want to leave their name but there is something that needs to be done, they should go on Rescue-A-Buck and send it in and it'll be anonymous.

However, I would like to thank whoever solved that problem I reported because it was solved as I walked by it on my way here tonight.

Thank you.

Joe Landrie, 41 Preli Court. Last year I brought up a safety issue on the end of Preli Court. The issue is going to be taken care of very soon. That's storm drains. Paving is at the hands of our Town Manager and Town Engineer. That's another issue and they've promised to do everything they can.

Now, I have other safety issues to bring up predicated on my grandchildren traveling down DeFashion and School Street on a school bus to Strong School from County Road.

He noted DeFashion Street has been improved up to the bridge. What's after the bridge is deplorable. I don't think the road meets minimum state requirements. A school bus and a car cannot transverse in opposite directions at the same time.

Explained.

The same situation exists on School Street. Explained.

I would like Mr. Weichsel and Mr. Tranquillo and the Highway Superintendent to put these two roads on the top of their improvement list for next year.

He advised at the end of DeFashion Street where it turns into County Road there is a tree limb over 2 foot in diameter that goes over over half the road. This tree is dying. This limb will fall down soon. I don't know if it's public or private property. It should be removed. It's the last tree at the end of DeFashion as you turn north on County Road.

Mr. Weichsel said they would look into the tree issue immediately.

Phil Pomposi, 1215 Pleasant Street. He thanked Vivian for showing up tonight. That story could be told over and over and over again in Southington.

We have to get serious and the Council and BOF better start looking at the budget that'll start in another couple of days and start thinking where you can cut it and make some changes. There is no more funding for the rest of the year.

Next year is going to be worse. Explained the State of Connecticut is one of 46 states in the country that is over \$112 billion dollars in debt. Connecticut is in worse shape than most states.

Increasing taxes is not an option next year. If it comes to layoffs or furloughs, it has to be done. Salaries and benefits are far and above what you can get in private industry, i.e.: pensions and insurance in these contracts.

My point is other towns have laid off people and we sit here and thump our chest and say we didn't have layoffs. Sure you didn't have layoffs but you put the burden on the very people that are being laid off, haven't had a raise in the last two or three years, have had to take furlough days, and are working two or three jobs just to make ends meet.

Next year there are people that're going to come up to this podium and say: enough is enough. Lots of luck ladies and gentlemen.

Benny Cammuso, Meriden Avenue. I have the same problem. Spoke of the tax increases. Every year it goes up. My pay didn't go up.

I have another problem and that is the roads. Do we have communication between the contractor and the water department, the sewer? Before they finish the road, somebody is breaking it.

We took the sand out of the roads and use salt. What about the vehicle damage by the salt? Who is going to be paying to repair the cars?

Michael Riccio: 100 Old State Road, Southington. He spoke in favor of the Vision Appraisal system as a user of both systems. Vision is far superior. I think his recommendation is very, very good.

I'm here to tell you about the tremendous success we had at the drive in theater on this past Saturday night. He thanked everyone who was involved, naming those individually.

The support is unbelievable. It's incredible.

We had 332 carloads and over 60 percent were from Southington. People were excited. We took in \$3700 in admissions. And, \$258 selling popcorn and \$300 for the vendors to be there. Southington Education foundation will be getting a check in the neighborhood of \$1200. They sent all their volunteers down.

It's a community thing. Money is going back to our community.

Big thanks to all the community. A fun summer. If we do this every week, we'll be self funded. Thank you to Dawn for all her work on this committee.

Ron Newman, 30 Hacienda Circle. Dr. Urillo was concerned about the impact to surrounding businesses. He did follow up with the businesses in the area and he enumerated the hours of operation for each business in the area. There didn't seem to be an impact to the surrounding businesses.

We do remind residents this is a public park and no alcohol is allowed.

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(Beginning of Tape #2, Side A)

Safety is of utmost importance.

Ilio Fusciello, 82 Autran Avenue. Distributed handouts and gave a presentation telling the Council he wanted to be paid for his property.

VIII. Old Business

A. Action on Queen Street Pump Station award of consultant

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to award the Queen Street Pump Station consultant to Tighe & Bond. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

B. Action on Farmstead Interceptor Easement

Dr. Urillo made a motion to allot \$27,000 to acquire the easement for the Farmstead Interceptor. Dr. Natelli seconded.

Mr. Barry questioned the rather drastic turns in the design and whether it would contribute to any backups or other problems in the future. Mr. Tranquillo said the design will be appropriate to engineering standards and that's the best route for the line under the circumstances.

Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

C. Action on Revaluation Bid Award

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to award as recommended to Vision Appraisal of Northboro, MA at \$249,800. Dr. Natelli seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

D. Action on Resolution for Homeland Security Grant

Dr. Natelli made a motion to accept the Homeland Security Grant. Ms. Miceli seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

E. Action on Resolution for Historic Documents Preservation Grant: \$6,000

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve which was seconded by Dr. Natelli. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

F. Action on Maxton request

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the Town Attorney's negotiation with Maxton on this request as presented. Dr. Urillo seconded.

Dr. Natelli informed the Council for the record that he had friendly interactions with the person who signed the letter through ice hockey. I just want that clarified.

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

G. Action on 9-24 Referral - Sewer Easements

Mr. Dobbins so moved the motion to approve. Dr. Natelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

IX. New Business

A. Tax Refunds (Attachment 8)

Ms. Miceli made a motion to pass the tax refunds as listed in our packages. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Appointment to Board of Finance (Attachment 9 & 10)

The Chair announced the resignation of Tim Theriault. We wish him the best. I hope things work out well for him. He will be missed.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to have Edward S. Pocock, II (E-2) replace him on the finance board. He is well known in town and he knows the political arena and he will do a fine job. Mr. Romano seconded.

Mr. D'Angelo commented it is a good choice. It is the Republican call. I congratulate Mr. Pocock for taking it on.

Motion passed on a majority voice vote with the Chair abstaining.

X. Adjournment - Executive Session: H & H, Labor Relations, Town Management Recruitment, Personnel

Ms. Miceli made a motion to go into executive session. Dr. Natelli seconded.

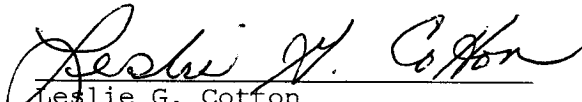
The Town Attorney advised there will be staggered executive sessions. The first session will have me, Attorney Dorsey, as well as the Manager and the Council.

The next session will have Attorney Lou Martocchio and the Manager and I will not be present.

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

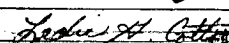
(Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:50 o'clock, p.m.)

Attest:


 Leslie G. Cotton
 Town Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Southington Town Council entered executive session immediately following the Town Council meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss real estate, tax incentives, labor matter.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

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Ex-officio members present were as follows:

John Weichsel, Town Manager
 Mark J. Sciota, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney
 Louis Martocchio, Assistant Town Attorney
 Frederick Dorsey, Labor Attorney

Attorney Dorsey left after the matter regarding labor relations was discussed and concluded.

Attorney Sciota left after the matter regarding personnel was discussed and concluded.

The matter regarding the Town Manager search was discussed with Mr. Weichsel and Attorney Martocchio.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Mr. Romano made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(Executive session was adjourned at 10:03 o'clock, p.m.)

REGULAR SESSION

The Chair reconvened the regular session of the Town Council meeting at 10:03 p.m.

XI. Reconvention

A. Action on UPSEU Local 24, Unit 11 contract (Supervisors)

Mr. Barry made a motion to table. Mr. D'Angelo seconded.

In response to a question by Dr. Urillo, Mr. Barry clarified his motion is to table to the next meeting based on the comments that were previously mentioned.

Roll Call:	D'Angelo:	Yes
	Barry:	Yes
	Miceli:	Yes
	Palmieri:	Yes
	Romano:	No
	Natelli:	No
	Urillo:	Yes
	Dobbins:	No
	Chair:	No

(Motion passes 5 to 4.) It's tabled.

B. Action on AFSCME Local 1303-26 (Blue Collar)

Mr. Barry made a motion to table. Mr. D'Angelo seconded.

Roll Call:	D'Angelo:	Yes
	Barry:	Yes
	Miceli:	Yes
	Palmieri:	Yes
	Romano:	No
	Natelli:	No
	Urillo:	Yes
	Dobbins:	No
	Chair:	No

(Motion passes 5 to 4) It's tabled.

C. Action on AFSCME Local 1303-424 (Dispatchers)

Mr. Barry made a motion to table. Mr. D'Angelo seconded.

Mr. Barry believed a table was in order based on the other bargaining units and let the public decide over the next two weeks if they want to have any input. I think they should all be treated equally.

Roll Call:	D'Angelo:	Yes
	Barry:	Yes
	Miceli:	No
	Palmieri:	No
	Romano:	No
	Natelli:	No
	Urillo:	No
	Dobbins:	No
	Chair:	No

(Motion to table fails 7 to 2)

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Romano seconded.

Roll Call:	Urillo	Yes	
	Dobbins	Yes	
	Natelli	Yes	
	Romano	Yes	
	Palmieri	Yes	
	Miceli	Yes	
	Barry:	No.	I think we should've had
public comment.			
	D'Angelo:	No.	I agree with Mr. Barry.
	Chair:	Yes	

(Motion passes 7 to 2)

Mr. Barry made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 o'clock, p.m.)

John Weichsel, Acting Clerk

Town of Southington



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TOWN COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

Be it hereby known to all that:

The Southington Town Council hereby offers its
 sincerest congratulations to:

Leslie G. Cotton

IN RECOGNITION OF

**Receiving the Bice Clemow Award
 from the
 Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information**

Whereas, the annual Bice Clemow Award is named after a former journalist who published the weekly West Hartford News and spearheaded the effort to establish a Freedom of Information law in Connecticut in 1976.

Whereas, on June 17, 2010, Southington Town Clerk Leslie G. Cotton was presented the prestigious award for her work on the Town of Southington's website.

Whereas, the Town, under the direction of Town Clerk Leslie Cotton, was one of the first to provide minutes of all major boards online before the 2008 law which required it from all municipalities. She has also assisted other municipalities as liaison to the state Freedom of information Commission in their compliance efforts.

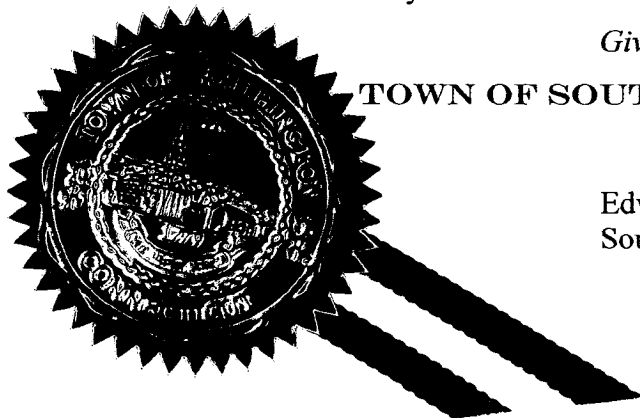
Whereas, she has now included streaming videos of major meetings as an additional convenience to residents as well as airing them on TV which has been done for several years. Leslie has done all these things in addition to her numerous and varied other duties as the Town Clerk in a vibrant community.

Now, therefore, I, Edward S. Pocock III, Chairman of the Southington Town Council, on behalf of the entire Southington Town Council, extend our congratulations to **Leslie G. Cotton** and express our appreciation for all her efforts in making the Town of Southington a leader in providing easy Internet access to government and local information via the very successful Town of Southington website.

Given the 28th day of June, 2010

TOWN OF SOUTHTON, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Edward S. Pocock III, Chairman
 Southington Town Council



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June 17, 2010

Mr. John Weichsel
Town Manager
Town of Southington
75 Main Street
Southington, CT 06489

RE: 2010/2011 PAVING AND RECONSTRUCTION FUNDING

Dear Mr. Weichsel,

I am providing you with the breakdown for the funding of the various paving and reconstruction projects as approved by the Public Works Committee at their meeting of June 3, 2010. I have attached a copy for your reference.

The funding breakdown is as follows:

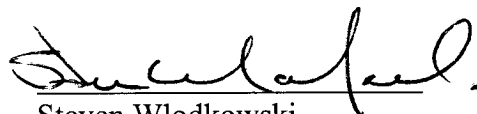
1. C0512-LO-CIP Program	\$285,531
North Pleasant St. (Flanders ST.-Match)	\$143,773
West St. (W. Main St.-W. Center St.)	\$133,390
Flanders St. (Rte 10-Lincoln Dr. 25%)	\$ 8,368
2. C0515-Widen, Resurface, & Drainage	\$290,000
Flanders St. (75% Balance)	\$ 25,128
Parkview Dr. (Charles St.-Lois St.)	\$ 76,590
Upson Place (34%)	\$ 19,746
Woodruff St. (Berlin Ave.-Pleasant St.)	\$168,536

3. C0516-Town Aid For Roads	\$545,670
Marion Ave. Ext. (Upson-Rte 322)	\$113,578
Old Turnpike Rd. (Mulberry St.-Carter Lane)	\$159,744
Upson Place (Balance 66%)	\$ 37,771
10% Contingency for subsurface repairs for all projects	\$ 88,663
Funding available for asphalt price increases and Possible milling disposal costs. *	\$145,914

* Note: These funds would be used for future projects if not required.

Please contact me with any questions that may arise.

Yours Truly,



Steven Wlodkowski
Highway Superintendent

SW:lt

cc: Mr. Anthony Tranquillo. Public Works Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2010/2011 PAVING & RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

C0515 WIDEN, RESURFACE, AND DRAINAGE (TOWN)	\$ 290,000.00
C0516 TOWN AID (STATE)	\$ 545,670.00
C0512 LOCIP (STATE)	<u>\$ 285,531.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,121,201.00

MILLING & PAVING PROGRAM:

NORTH PLEASANT ST. (FLANDERS ST. – MATCH)	\$ 143,772.80
WOODRUFF ST. (BERLIN AVE – PLEASANT ST.)	\$ 168,536.00
OLD TURNPIKE RD. (MULLBERRY ST. – CARTER LA.)	\$ 159,744.00
WEST ST. (WEST MAIN ST. – WEST CENTER ST.)	\$ 133,390.40
FLANDERS ST. (LINCOLN DR. – ROUTE 10)	<u>\$ 33,496.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 638,939.20

RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (PULVERIZE/GRADE/PAVE):

UPSON PLACE 50% R/R	\$ 57,517.40
MARION AVE. EXT (UPSON – ROUTE 322) 50% R/R	\$ 113,578.48
PARKVIEW DR. (CHARLES ST – LOIS ST) 100% R/R	<u>\$ 76,589.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 247,685.38
SUB TOTAL 2010/2011 EXPENDITURES	\$ 886,625.58
10 % CONTINGENCY	<u>\$ 88,662.53</u>
TOTAL	\$ 975,288.11

42nd Annual Apple Harvest Festival 2010

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James Verderame, Chairman
Southington Board of Police Commissioners
69 Lazy Lane
Southington, CT 06489

June 24, 2010

Chairman Verderame:

First of all, on behalf of my committee, I would like to thank you for all the support and assistance the police department has offered the festival in the past. It is very much appreciated!

I received a letter from Chief Daly on Thursday, June 17, 2010. In this letter he explained to me that the Board of Police Commissioners were unable to absorb the cost of police service for the Apple Harvest Festival. It was further explained to me that this decision was due to the reduction of the police overtime account and the recent arbitration decision relative to the police union contract.

Since receiving this letter, I have discovered some information that may not have been available to you at the time your decision was made. First of all, relative to the arbitration decision, we are very fortunate that the finance department planned ahead accordingly. After speaking to the Finance Director, I am pleased to inform you that \$242,000 was put aside over the last two fiscal years in order to cover retro pay for the police department. I was also informed that only approximately \$238,000 is needed. In addition, \$195,224 was budgeted for 2010/2011 for police salary increases. I was assured from the Finance Director that this amount is sufficient. Relative to the overtime account, I researched the amount of money returned (for the last five fiscal years) from the police wage and overtime account to the undesignated fund balance. Below are the results:

2005/06	\$101,242
2006/07	\$95,285

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2007/08	\$98,747
2008/09	\$198,666 (the true figure was \$320,144 however of that amount \$121,478 was rolled over in preparation for the police contract)
2009/10	Projected return of \$59,535

In addition, I was informed that the position of the Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager is that the festival will take place as planned. It was anticipated during the budget process that the police protection needed for the Festival was included in the Police Department budget.

Finally, we understand the strain that the Festival puts on the Police Department and would like to formally request that you review the amount of officers necessary during the Festival.

In closing, due to the information provided above, I would respectfully request that you reverse the previous decision of your Board. I will await your response. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Christopher J. Palmieri
Chairman

Department of Police

SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06489

JOHN F. DALY, CHIEF
HEADQUARTERS: 69 LAZY LANE
Tel: 860-378-1600 Fax: 860-378-1605



June 16th, 2010

Christopher Palmieri, Chairman
Apple Harvest Festival Committee
Town of Southington

Dear Chairman Palmieri:

At the June 10th, 2010 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners a discussion amongst the Commissioners occurred relative to fiscal year budget 2010-2011. During their discussions, it was determined that due to several unforeseen decisions including the reduction of the Police Department's overtime line by \$50,000, and the recent arbitration decision relative to the Police Union contract, which will account for an increase of four and one-quarter (4.25) percent to the overtime rate of the union members, it was agreed by the Police Commissioners that the Police Department would be unable to absorb the cost of police services for the Apple Harvest Festival within the fiscal year budget 2010-2011.

Consequently, the Board would request that the Apple Harvest Festival committee seek alternate sources to cover the cost of the Police services. While this decision is clearly regrettable the Board could not begin a fiscal year with the knowledge that a line item in our budget will clearly be insufficient; and, additionally have the ability to make cuts that would allow the Department to achieve to attain the Board of Finance and Town Council approved budget. As you are aware these are drastic times that require drastic steps to work within our approved budget.

Should you find alternate sources of revenue the Department would be glad to work with the committee to assist with the Apple Harvest Festival.

Yours very truly,

Chief Jack Daly
Chief Jack Daly

JD/jdp



Town of Southington

Department of Assessments

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Southington, CT 06489

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Brian M. Lastra, Assessor

Patrick Leveille, Deputy Assessor

To: Town Council & Town Manager

From: Brian M. Lastra, Town Assessor

Subject: Proposal Recommendation for Southington’s 2011 Property Tax Revaluation

Date: June 24, 2011

On April 9, 2010, upon direction of the Town Manager, the Assessor’s Office issued an *Invitation To Bid* for the state-mandated October 1, 2011 property revaluation. Letters requesting proposals were mailed to individuals and companies listed by the Connecticut Office of Policy & Management as qualified to perform revaluations in the State of Connecticut.

The Town received bid responses from 5 companies. The *Invitation To Bid* allowed the companies to submit proposals under either Option A or Option B, or under both options. Option A refers to a revaluation using the individual contractor’s computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) software. Generally speaking, the CAMA systems used by the vast majority of municipalities in Connecticut are the software products developed and marketed by the individual revaluation companies. Option B refers to a revaluation using the CAMA system currently in place in Southington which is IASWorld, a software product of Tyler Technologies Inc/CLT Appraisal Services. Our last revaluation in 2005 was awarded to Tyler/CLT, hence the reason we are using IASWorld today.

The bid responses are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Option A Company’s CAMA</u>	<u>Option B IASWorld CAMA</u>
JF Ryan Associates Inc. – Newbury, MA		\$937,000
Municipal Valuation Services LLC – Fairfield, CT	\$358,000	\$358,000
Appraisal Resource Revaluation Group LLC – Warwick, RI	\$324,000	\$292,000
Vision Appraisal – Northboro, MA	\$249,800	
Tyler Technologies Inc/CLT Appraisal Services – Dayton, OH		\$232,800

Our two lowest bids were Tyler/CLT, under Option B, at \$232,800 and Vision Appraisal Technology, under Option A, at \$249,800. Obviously it was expected that Tyler/CLT would only bid under Option B because it intends to use its own software product (IASWorld)

Conversely, Vision Appraisal Technology only submitted a bid under Option A because it is more comfortable using its proprietary software (Vision Appraisal). Included in their bid is the cost of converting the IASWorld database to Vision Appraisal.

At first glance it appears that Tyler/CLT is the "low bidder" at \$17,000 less than Vision. One should note, however, that we pay Tyler/CLT an annual software support fee for the right to use their software and receive upgrades from year to year after the revaluation. We currently spend \$13,060/year. After the revaluation is completed, we will continue to pay \$13,060 annually in the "out years" until the next revaluation in 2015. So in FY12-13, FY13-14 and FY14-15 we will spend at least \$13,060 per year or a total of in \$39,180 (\$13,060*3). Vision's Annual License Fee is \$9,400 per year or \$3,660 less than Tyler/CLT. Over 3 years we would pay Vision \$28,200 for software licensing/support or \$10,980 less than we would pay to Tyler/CLT. The total costs are summarized below indicating a difference of \$6,020, not \$17,000.

	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Tyler/CLT</u>
Revaluation Bid	\$249,800	\$232,800
Software License FY 2012-13	\$9,400	\$13,060
Software License FY 2013-14	\$9,400	\$13,060
Software License FY 2014-15	\$9,400	\$13,060
	=====	=====
Grand Total	\$278,000	\$271,980

During my employment as an assessor in Connecticut over the last 10 years, I have experience using both software systems, Vision Appraisal and IASWorld. In my opinion, Vision Appraisal is a superior product and is currently in use in 110 Connecticut municipalities. It is a more intuitive and user-friendly system to master and is better suited for certain functions such as photo imaging, sketching, valuation, and exporting data. Additionally, all of the appraisal functions in Vision are performed through a single software interface. Conversely, CLT's CAMA system requires that some appraisal functions be performed with separate software interfaces. For example, when attaching a new photograph to the appraisal database, a separate program called LandDisc must be used.

Conclusion

After careful review of the bid proposals for compliance with the *Invitation To Bid* and reference checks, I am pleased to recommend to the Town that Vision Appraisal be awarded the bid for the October 1, 2011 Property Revaluation subject to the bonding, insurance, and indemnification clauses outlined in the *Invitation To Bid*. The cost of the revaluation is \$249,800.

I look forward to discussing the details of the proposals and answering any questions at the Council meeting on June 28, 2010.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE**Town Council**
Town Of Southington**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Leslie G. Cotton, the Town Clerk of the Town of Southington, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Town Council at its duly called and held meeting on June 28, 2010, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Southington may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Weichsel, as Town Manager of the Town of Southington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Southington and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that John Weichsel now holds the office of Town Manager and that he has held that office since October 11, 1966.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 29th day of June, 2010.

Leslie G. Cotton, Town Clerk



Town of SOUTHINGTON, Connecticut

Leslie G. Cotton, Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics

TO: John Weichsel

FROM: Leslie Cotton
Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Grant Resolution

DATE: June 23, 2010

We have been informed by the Connecticut State Library that we have received an Historic Document Preservation Grant in the amount of \$6,000.

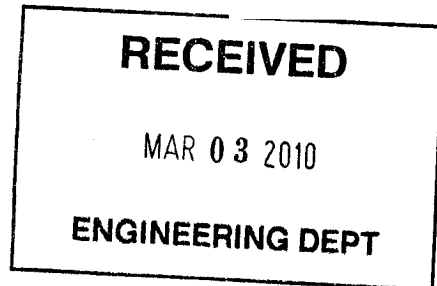
The following resolution must be adopted by the Town Council in order for us to receive the grant.

RESOLVED: That John Weichsel, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.



March 1, 2010

John Weichsel, Town Manager
Town of Southington, CT
75 Main Street
Southington, CT 06489



RE: East Street, Southington, CT – Cellular Monopole Lease

Dear Mr. Weichsel:

Maxton Technology is involved in detailed land search for the purpose of identifying proper locations, leasing space and final development of cellular monopoles.

Your location at East Street, Southington, CT is in an area that we are working diligently to develop.

Would Town of Southington have interest to lease 5000 – 10,000 square feet on this property for the purpose and use of development to locate a tower?

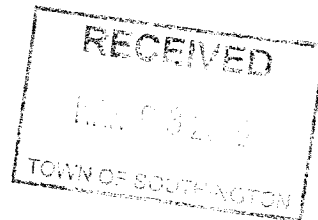
There would be income generated to the from the lease agreement. Additionally, there is no cost to the land owner for any of the due diligence or approval processes with the City and/or State.

In response to this letter, would you call and/or email me directly at the number and email below to indicate positive interest or negative interest. Your response, either way, is important for our efforts to be complete.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Kindest Regards,

Luke Galvin
Site Acquisition / Real Estate



List of Requests for Abatement or Refunds of Taxes - Town Council Meeting of June 28, 2010

<u>Taxpayer's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Refund</u>	<u>Amount of Refund</u>
Bernier, Gerard J. Jr. c/o Elliott Stanek & Sciota	Duplicate Pmt List #12382 R 2008	\$2,014.95 *

*** explanation attached**

RESIGNATION LETTER

For

Timothy M. Theriault

I am submitting this letter this 16th day of June, 2010, to announce my resignation of my position on the Board of Finance for the town of Southington. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to fellow board members, and to fellow members of the Southington Republican Town Committee, as this has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. I submit this resignation with regret and sadness, but unforeseen personal and medical situations will not allow me to continue to give this position the focus that is necessary.

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Theriault, RPT MS

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JOHN WEICHSEL
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June 29, 2010

Edward S. Pocock, Jr.
 1272 East Street
 Southington, CT 06489

Dear Ed:

It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been appointed to the Board of Finance to fill a vacancy with a term ending in November 2011.

Please stop in at the Town Clerk's office to be sworn in as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours,

Edward S. Pocock, III
 Chairman, Town Council

John Weichsel
 Town Manager

cc: Leslie G. Cotton, Town Clerk
 Wayne W. Stanforth, Chairman, BOF

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