

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWINGTON
March 28, 2011

The Town Council of the Town of Southington held a regular meeting on Monday, March 28, 2011. Edward S. Pocock, III, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m following the public hearing.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

John N. Barry	Anthony E. D'Angelo
John C. Dobbins	Dawn A. Miceli
Albert A. Natelli, Jr.	Christopher J. Palmieri
Peter J. Romano, Jr.	Stephanie A. Urillo
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
Garry Brumback, Town Manager

A prayer was recited by Councilman John Dobbins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance being led by student Matt Donia.

There were approximately 30 other persons in attendance.

EDWARD S. POCOCK, III, Chairman, Presiding:

II. Minutes

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Councilmanic Communications

A. Presentation: Energy Performance Contracting

Chris Halprin, President of Celtic Energy. I was here in November and gave a presentation on energy savings performance contracts and how we think it can help the Town of Southington that will save money and improve the infrastructure.

I have a visual of the presentation I did last time. I'll bring your attention to two slides, #10 and #16 to give you an update on what's going on in the contract performance industry. (Attachment 1)

The Town Manager stated he has a fairly significant amount of experience with this. One thing Mr. Halprin and his company bring to the table that we need in our area is the ability to talk the language to the energy firms and the firms that're going to be providing responses to these RFPs. This is complicated and where towns struggle with success is in not engaging at the front end with equally qualified people on their team that the energy folks are going to have on their team. We don't have that kind of expertise in-house.

I think that combining the water department, the Town of Southington and hopefully the Board of Education there is a potential for tremendous opportunities to resource otherwise unachievable capital improvements we desperately need in our facilities.

I think this is a good program and the right approach for our community and I think we ought to consider it strongly going forward.

Questions by the Council were asked of Mr. Halprin, i.e.: selection process of buildings to be considered and then the process going forward.

The ESCO looks at everything from improving lighting and improving the heating system. The audits are done free on a contingent basis.

Ms. Miceli discussed Clean Energy Solutions and the savings realized in energy bills. The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund will have a round that'll come out July 1, due in September and we may be able to apply to get funds for solar (solar electric, solar thermal and fuel cells) added Mr. Halprin.

The long term payback was discussed.

The process was discussed with Mr. Halprin. Fees are based on the size of the project and complexity of the project. Most of that is paid for by the project.

Mr. Palmieri asked about the timeline for the whole process if we decide to go forward. Mr. Halprin explained it could be about a four month process.

The Chair felt it was an important process to move forward because it's an opportunity for us to correct a lot of issues using our own money without having to spend more.

Mr. Halprin explained about a school system in Nevada and their success with the program.

Mr. Brumback noted the days of ARRA money and other resources are gone. We need to be competitive and also realistic. The expectations are we can generate savings and enough savings to then finance capital

projects that we need to do. The whole deal is we otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to do most any of these things unless we went out on a bond issue and paid straight up. This is an opportunity to use savings we believe we'll generate in order to pay for the financing costs of doing all these projects. That's the value in the system.

Extensive discussion of approximate savings expected.

B. United Way

The Chair announced payroll deduction is available for the Town Employees for United Way.

Dr. Urillo announced May 7, 2011 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, the ARC of Southington is doing its shred it program. It is at the ARC building on Main Street in Plantsville. Three boxes per car. Make a donation to the ARC.

The Southington Historical Society still has both exhibits: The Sons of Italy 100th Anniversary Exhibit and the Civil War Exhibit. Both exhibits are very well done run thru May.

Mr. Dobbins spoke about the medication return program. It is April 30th at the Water Department from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Keep medications in their original bottles and marker out the patient's name.

He explained the types of medication that will be accepted. They will then be burned by an EPA approved facility and no medications will be reused or resold.

The cost is borne by the Water Departments of Bristol and Southington and there is no fee to user.

Mr. D'Angelo appreciated the emails supplied by our Town Manager regarding what is happening in Southington. However, on Thursday, Senator Blumenthal was in Southington and I guess there was a meeting with town officials and I was a little disappointed that the entire Council did not get a notification that the Senator was in town. I would've loved to have sat down with him. I would ask in the future if a state or federal representative does come to town to meet with anybody that the Town Council in its entirety be notified.

The Chair thanked Senator Blumenthal for coming down. It was last minute as he had a change of plans. We were talking to him about different issues and he already knows about it and he's giving us guidance. Very, very refreshing to have a conversation with him about the different issues in town.

It was really great of him to make that effort.

IV. Report of Special Committees

A. Rails to Trails Committee

Dr. Natelli reported no significant monies have changed. We have a \$3,000 credit back from stuff that wasn't done and some plantings have died over the winter. The building department did evaluate the foundation of the train station. One support beam needs a little work and they'll take care of that and they did recommend putting some chicken wire fencing along the foundation to keep animals from getting up underneath it. There are four benches left. Contact the Town Attorney's office. The plaques are available for sale.

As to the Meriden/Waterbury Bridge, the federal government, through the DOT, will not allow us to use contingency money for the bridge for maintenance or upgrade. That's an enhancement of the project rather than a true contingency. We'll debate that with the feds and the DOT. It may be unsuccessful. It's approximately \$20,000 the town would need to come up with. For a project that was more than \$3 million budgetwise and we got done for \$1.47 million we find this hard to believe.

Nothing new to report on the Phase III and IV Construction.

The Trail will open Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am. National Rails to Trails Day. Explained the ceremony. He noted Chairman Pocock will be asked to speak on behalf of the community.

The police department gave us a packet on how they recommend putting safety markers along the Trail. We decided to table that to read through the packet and ask questions at our next meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to develop some marketing strategies for the one and only kiosk located on the Trail and that would be at the Southington/Cheshire townline. After a long discussion it was decided that the Town will handle that and we've asked Mr. Grappone to send us several different ideas which he has. We'll be discussing that at our next meeting.

The Chamber is interested in putting directional kiosks and informational kiosks along the Trail and we've asked them to come back with a more formal presentation on that.

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Discussion continued on the kiosk issue.

Mr. D'Angelo said he liked signs that fit the particular area and the history of the area or a Welcome to town. To put business

directional signs at intersections, I am totally against that. I think that Southington should not be involved in that, at all.

Mr. Barry echoed those comments. There is no revenue for the Town with the kiosks that are being proposed. It is advertisement. I have been very clear on the subcommittee level and here that I am adamantly opposed to the commercialization of the Trail in any way. I hope that the committee does not move forward in this direction.

Mr. Palmieri passed around pictures of Kiosks that other towns use and discussion followed.

Mr. Romano stated he supported no advertising but he also supported allowing the idea to breathe and allowing a lot of people to have input.

B. Open Space Committee (Attachment 2)

Dr. Urillo noted the documents she passed out earlier. These are documents that are proposed by the community gardens subcommittee of the open space committee. They include the application for the lottery, registration, by laws for the Southington community gardens and Rules for the Southington community garden. The open space committee is meeting on Thursday, April 7th to approve these and then they'll come as an action item before the Town Council on April 11th.

Also, included in the packet, we did apply for a grant through Activate Southington. We won't know the status of the grant until April 15th when they're announced.

The community gardens are going to be placed on Academy Street. There are 20 plots that are going to be there. It's a nice open space with no trees and there is access for water. Plenty of parking is available for the gardeners.

I'd like to say that we've been working hard to solicit donations. Ali's Nursery is donating some of the rock work that's going to go around the external surroundings of the gardens.

Home Depot has been extraordinary and they're donating practically everything (hoes, shovels, hoses). They're donating a shed so we can store supplies. They were looking for a Southington project and they're happy to participate.

Our target date is to have planting begin on May 21st.

The Master Gardeners will be having classes for people interested in gardening. How to put a lot of plants in a small area. The plots are 4 by 12. Ron Odette who does the community gardens on East Street has been receiving a lot of calls. I think this will be very successful.

Mr. Palmieri suggested involving the VOAG at the high school for a learning experience or to help with the projects.

There was a discussion of the by laws and rules being incorporated into the community garden plots on East Street or any future sites for community gardens.

Dr. Urillo thanked Dave Lavallee who does a yeoman's job on this. He made the maps and worked on it really hard. He's been a big advocate for us.

Extensive discussion followed regarding the location on Academy Street being open space. Mr. Barry brought up the various uses for that property discussed in the past. In the event that the town wants to utilize that property for municipal use outside of the community garden, is there anything in the bylaws or anything that would prevent us from doing that. Attorney Sciota noted these are on a year by year basis.

Dr. Urillo pointed out there is parking available around Academy Street already.

Mr. Barry said he was not against community gardening, but he was just caught off guard as to the location, that this would be the first choice for the community garden.

Dr. Natelli pointed out the transparency on this lottery application process. It's for anybody and not just one person.

Mr. Barry asked if the East Street gardening application process was transparent and open as well. It was noted that the goal of the subcommittee is to include that one in this process as well as future sites.

C. Economic Development Strike Committee

The Chair pointed out that Mr. Brumback is a member of this committee.

We are still moving forward with the golf tournament. It's like a draw for potential buyers to come in and look at Southington. Mr. Perillo has done a phenomenal job with that.

West Street was talked about briefly. That's pretty much in a subcommittee of the PZC. There's a lot of things going on up there. They're working on that and that subcommittee is moving along at this point. We really need to keep an eye on this committee because the whole community has a stake in that.

I-3 is moving along. We have different places coming in and looking at that. There's a process at the PZC you go through.

Mr. D'Angelo said he was looking forward to seeing how the networking will work with the tournament.

V. Town Manager's Report and Communications

Mr. Brumback recognized folks from the fire department here: Hal Ballard, Doug Roy, Allen Zygmund, Tom Goleck, Glenn Dube and John Solury. He spoke about the negotiations that have taken place between the fire union and the administration. We've got a tentative agreement. It has not been ratified by either side, but the conversation was professional, forward thinking and very beneficial to both sides. I just wanted to recognize each gentleman for representing their union. I'll go into specifics in executive session.

A. 8-24 Referral - 301-303 Main Street

At the March 15, 2011 the PZC voted to send a favorable recommendation under 8-24 for an easement, flow rights and grading rights over this property with the following conditions: provide drainage comps and provide ZIRO. The charge for using our right of way is \$1 per square foot.

B. Resolution: State DOT Matching Grant Program - authority to sign (Calendar House - Attachment 3)

Mr. Brumback read the resolution noting it authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements, contracts and documents on behalf of the Town with the DOT.

C. Resolution: State DEMHS (Emergency Management Grant - Attachment 4))

Mr. Brumback read the resolution noting it authorizes the Town Manager to execute and enter into a grant for the Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This is for the health department.

D. Resolution: State Department of Public Health (PHEP contracts - Attachment 5))

This is for the authority to execute the Public Health Emergency Planning contract amendments and accept funds from the federal government. This is for the health department.

E. Outside Planners

Later on this week, at the request of a couple of members of the PZC, we have put together a group of urban planners that are from New England and around the country to talk about the impact of the North Center School on the downtown environment. That discussion will take place from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the afternoon of March 31st. We're hoping to be able to answer a bunch of questions and get resolved some of the concerns that the members of the PZC have had that caused some

of these stipulations on the North Center School project. You are all welcome to attend.

Mr. D'Angelo asked about the cost. Mr. Brumback said the estimate is around \$3,500 to \$4,000 and it is going to be taken from the non legal professional services line item under the Town Manager's jurisdiction.

Mr. D'Angelo stated he was shocked and against this. You did this without approval from the Council. It seems like a lot of things are being done after the fact. If this was done as part of the subcommittee for North Center, that would be fine. The only reason why it's being done is because two people didn't like it and they listened to the founders of Renaissance and they did not like the project and now all of a sudden everybody's scurrying around trying to convince them to like this. I want to go on record saying I'm totally against spending this money. I don't think it was done right. The word transparency and this do not even enter into the same realm at all. I'm very, very disappointed. I object to this.

The Chair disagreed. He respectfully thought this was the most transparent way of doing it. I feel that way because I feel the public should know. These individuals on the PZC have made it very, very clear that they're uncomfortable with not having a certain data set. They're entitled to it and they're asking for it. In essence, if anything, let this be a very clear lesson. This is what business owners go through all the time.

I want it to be open. I want to make sure that all questions are out on the table for the public, the press and everyone to see. This project saves and solves multiple problems over many years. If it is going to die, then it needs to die after it has been completely vetted out.

Ms. Miceli asked why it hadn't gone back to the subcommittee.

The Chair said it makes no difference how the process goes forward as long as the information is addressed. The PZC has said what they're against. Let's attack those issues and give them all the data they need for it.

Mr. D'Angelo pointed out all the action being done is as a result of the PZC vote and the subcommittee vote are being done by the administration and not the Town Council, including hiring and scheduling this meeting on Thursday. The buck didn't stop here. It stopped at the administration for the schools and the town.

Mr. Barry stated that taxpayer money is being spent without authorization from the Council or the BOF. He stated he didn't think it seemed open. I don't like how this came down. This is a major

policy issue in the Town of Southington. The Council should have been part of this discussion.

Mr. Brumback explained this is just a gathering of facts. Nobody has taken any decision-making authority from anybody else. This is to get facts to answer questions so that an informed decision can be made by the PZC and ultimately the Town Council. This is just the administration seeking to satisfy some requests for information in order to provide the best data possible to make an informed decision by those people who are doing it. You are those people. This is just one small little administrative tool necessary to gather information.

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Discussion continued regarding the PZC decision. Mr. Barry stated he is not in favor of spending more money for more outside experts. We have town staff for a professional opinion.

The Chair noted the PZC put on the restrictions they did and sees nothing wrong with trying to present the data to them so they can make an informed decision.

Mr. Romano stated this is an educational and informational session so everyone understands what's going on. If the data doesn't show those departments should go over there, there's no convincing. It's educational and informational. It's important we keep that straight.

Discussion of the non legal professional fees line item in the manager's budget.

Dr. Urillo pointed out sometimes another set of objective eyes can be invaluable to a project of this scope that will impact our town for decades to come. Sometimes spending money such as this in this manner to get qualified experts to make decisions like this and help guide us in our ultimate decision, I think is a wise use of money. It's at the Manager's discretion and is already in the budget.

Mr. Barry said he thought an issue like this should have Council authority. If we give administration so much power when it comes to major public policies like this - I think it should've gone to the Council because of the magnitude of the issues and that should trump any other discretion in my view. I want to know about these major public policy issues.

F. Stonegate update

Mr. Brumback advised those folks impacted by the last storm have had their property cleaned up. The WPCA reimbursed or are planning to reimburse as soon as that's able to be done.

We have hired an engineering firm that will go about doing both an I & I Study for that particular sewer shed which will ultimately be rolled in an I & I Study of the entire sewer system.

In addition, as discussed at the last Council meeting, we are going to expand the scope of that I & I Study to include a forensic analysis of other factors that may or may not have contributed to these backups in the area. We have a list of about ten things from the Stonegate residents and we've incorporated that into the study.

We intend to go out with the flyers and do some house to house checks and we'll bring back to you all the cost associated with lining the clay pipes and taking some of the other things out of. We'll go to the sewer committee and then the Council for that.

We're hoping by the third week of April, recognizing that time is important; that we'll be able to have a public meeting and talk about all of the things we found or did not find.

The next step is to eliminate this and make sure it doesn't come back as we go forward.

Mr. Dobbins asked about the contracts for the SSES. Can you let us know who were the bidders and the dollars amounts?

Mr. Brumback said five letters were sent out soliciting proposals. We got three back. Mr. Tranquillo explained the five that were chosen after consultation with DEP. Of those five, we got three proposals back. CDM was low at \$13,800. Wright Pierce was at just about \$25,000. GHD was \$58,500. Based on those figures, we awarded the project to CDM administratively which the Council authorized at the last meeting.

Mr. D'Angelo commented on transparency. I would hope that since this project is very, very important and of a serious nature that any decisions should come directly to the Council. If any approvals need to be made, I think, it should come to the Council as a whole for approval.

Mr. Romano suggested there may be a need for special meetings.

The cost and scope of the contract was discussed.

The timeframe was discussed for the work contracted. Flyers will be delivered to homes in the area this week. They are to be done by April 18, 2011. It is a very tight timeline.

Mr. Romano commented it has been a breath of fresh air that Mr. Brumback has been communicating the way he has on this. We're copied on the emails you're sending to the Stonegate people. You're doing a great job of making them aware you are on top of it. Phenomenal. Thank you very much.

Discussion of the possibility of 200 homes being checked in the Stonegate sewer shed.

The Chair stated he wants specifics. If it's an engineering problem that has to be re-examined, then so be it.

Mr. Brumback stated they are shooting to bring the information to the Council in the form of a public meeting during the third week of April.

G. Mount Vernon update

Mr. Brumback noted there were some breakdowns in communications. We have talked to the DOT and we talked to our representative at Cardinal Engineering along with Tony and his folks in engineering and Tom West at the water department. We have everything either done or being done in order to make sure that the grant money is available to us and this project stays on track. I feel very comfortable this project will go forward.

H. Farmstead Interceptor

Mr. Brumback said the background and references have been checked of CATCO Construction Company to do the Farmstead Sanitary Interceptor and found them to be capable and competent to do that. This bid is for about \$187,500. The range of the bids was between \$187,500 and \$490,000.

VI. Town Attorney's Report

A. 8-24 Referral - 979 Meriden Waterbury Road

Attorney Sciota reviewed this referral. This was sent to the PZC and they sent it back to us with a unanimous favorable referral. The owner of the property is in the audience and she can give the same presentation she gave to the PZC. She is looking to lease some property for parking which is on the east side of her property and the west side if the drive in.

Alina Farago gave a presentation. I have property at 969,979 Meriden Waterbury Turnpike which is next to the Park & Rec drive in. I am requesting 15 spaces along the side of my building for extra parking which is required by zoning so I can get a second restaurant into my plaza. I need the spaces to keep my plaza leased. It's beneficial to me, my tenants and the town.

Saturday nights at the drive in have been a great success for the town, families and the charities it helps out. She spoke about the parking for the drive in and the restaurants in the area.

With the additional spaces I am requesting, there will be more parking for the drive in.

I've been mowing and maintaining the flowers on this proposed space since it was acquired by the town. I hope to be part of the revitalization of Route 322. I look to the drive in park as the centerpiece of this revitalization.

When the drive in is not in session, I will encourage employees and tenants in the plaza to use the extra spaces so our customers can use the spaces that are already in our plaza.

I've gotten an okay from zoning and parks and rec. You are the next step.

Attorney Sciota added legal, engineering, planning, administration are all in favor of this. We feel this is beneficial and will use town property not being used right now.

She's going to put the parking in, maintain the parking to be used for her plaza and town purposes. With the stipulation she would establish the parking, insure it, maintain it and go the next step for the site plan, we support this.

B. 8-24 Referral - Realignment of A T & T Easement off of Lazy Lane

Attorney Sciota explained this is a simple matter. AT& T is removing their assets from Solvents Recovery Property and they're moving it over to the west. They're asking the two areas (noted in yellow) will be where they cross. They're moving their assets to the west. That was also a unanimous recommendation by the PZC.

Attorney Sciota announced the netting at the Babe Ruth field down at South End has been completed. The request was to have it done before the season. I thank the public works division for their hard work. It was done on budget.

We will need executive session but we expect no action outside of executive session.

VII. Public Communications

Art Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue. Two subjects to speak about tonight. The first one is North Center. Spoke about the PZC decision. What they voted for and what they put on for stipulations was improper and in my opinion illegal. We should've just sued them or gone forward and ignored the illegal, improper stipulations and let them try to sue us.

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Spoke about some improper decisions the PZC has made in the past.

We need to get North Center done, so do it.

Secondly, I am in objection to the Parking Authority having a motion on their upcoming meeting agenda to review and overturn the ban on overnight parking in our municipal parking lots. Municipal parking lots are paid for by me and you, the taxpayers. We should not be even discussing issuing stickers and allowing people overnight parking spaces in the municipal parking lot. Overnight parking is needed because landlords and business owners are too cheap to buy it themselves and they want to steal it from us, the taxpayers.

And, whatever happened to the municipal lot we were supposed to have behind the old My Bar and the one that I thought we were getting behind The Asado?

Discussed excessive parking waivers and the lack of parking downtown now.

We need to stop giving waivers and not even think about changing our regulations on overnight parking in our municipal parking lots.

Tony Casale, 360 Stonegate Road. What does a 90 degree turn in a sewer system the size that's coming down Stonegate due to restriction?

Mr. Tranquillo explained the engineering. There is a slight restriction but not to the point where it should be creating the problems you have there.

How many bends are there coming from where it's connected now as opposed to where it used to be connected to the pump station? Mr. Tranquillo responded: two.

Mr. Casale referred again to the Minutes in 2007. As to the report referred to, was that ever generated and are they available. Mr. Tranquillo said the report was generated and is available.

It is noted in the Minutes that the problem was due to infiltration into the system and we are going to figure out where it is coming from and then there will be a correction phase of that. That was never done?

Mr. Tranquillo explained the system was TVed, cleaned and reviewed and there was smoke testing in that area. And, house to house inspections.

Discussion of the study that's going to begin.

One last question by Mr. Casale about the Town Manager's line item. Why did we have to wait to have a plan drawn up and have you guys vote on something to allocate the funds when it was just possible to go to that line item that you knew about and say, hey, let's get this done. Especially in light of the fact that the Chair in 2010 wanted this done ASAP.

The Chair gave a history of the Stonegate issue. I'm not saying the process has been perfect. Why weren't the issues addressed sooner? I don't know that. We were told what you were told. We've made every effort we can to move forward and fix the problem.

Mr. Casale expressed his frustration with this issue.

One last question, I & I, inflow into the pipes, if the pipe is supercharged in full capacity, and the water level is almost to the top of the manhole, can that water come out of the cracks as easily as it got in when the pipe wasn't full?

Marty Senich, 352 Stonegate Road. Appreciated the communications from the Town Manager. Asked about the drainage study that is going to be done now. He asked Mr. Tranquillo why it was not deemed by him necessary to go to this level four years ago? Mr. Tranquillo said it was deemed significant and important to the fact that we did do those things I just stated. Unfortunately, a greater look has to be taken at it now to discover what the problem is. We found roots and the other obstruction down where the old pump station was; we thought that was the answer. But obviously it wasn't. Now we're taking a more extensive look at it.

Is there ever discussion to reopen the pump station? Mr. Tranquillo advised the consultant will answer that question. That is part of what they will be studying.

Health department involvement was questioned.

We did provide these questions to Mr. Pocock before the meeting started and we do also appreciate being involved in those answers by way of email.

Karen Casale, 360 Stonegate Road. I have to go with Marty on this. It is a health issue. Referenced the editorial in the Record Journal on Tuesday, March 22nd and it said this is a public health hazard and not just a minor inconvenience.

I need to know. Should the Board of Health be testing?

By the third week of April it will be raining a lot so we're probably going to have another issue. When that happens, who do I call? I need to know if I need to take my kids and go somewhere else.

The Chair advised the Town Manager would email the whole group with contact information.

Bob Tempe, 320 Stonegate Road. I'm just up here to express the urgency that's needed.

On March 17th, we heard the gurgling sound again. I called the sewer manager and he told me to get a plumber out there. I had to do something. The plumber came out and spent approximately 5 to 6 hours over two days and I could not use the facilities at its maximum for that length of time. They did find disposable diapers in the sewer. We don't use those in our family.

We had a sewer back up ten days earlier and then I have one and in the lateral they find disposable diapers that aren't mine. Maybe there's a good assumption that that sewer back up brought in something that wasn't part of my household which now brings up another concern. I'm expressing the urgency that goes on here.

Are our sewer lines, lateral lines now contaminated with stuff that isn't ours? Should the sewer lines involved here be cleaned?

I appreciate the communication that is done here. I hope your expressions of getting on top of this and staying active on this is continual.

Kevin Loman, Old Turnpike Road, Southington. Nobody has talked about the last time you had a TV camera go underground. Mr. Tranquillo responded at Stonegate they did it in 2007 and n 2010.

The Speaker stated this is his line of work.

I recommend that you get a TV system down in there and see what's going on ASAP. You can cut roots and six weeks later they're back.

Lining the system is just a temporary fix. He explained the benefits of a TV test.

Mark Cronin, Stonegate Road. Thank you for the level of communication. I request this budget line, one of the thoughts was particularly with what was found in Bob Tempe's line, when we had the backflow, there were things that got forced into the line. We should have our lines checked to make sure there's nothing sitting in there right now.

VIII. Old Business

A. Bid Award - Supplemental Sweeping

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to award Janet's Sweeping of Southington, the lowest bidder at \$84.99/hour. Dr. Natelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Action on Resolutions:

1. State DOT Matching Grant Program

Dr. Natelli made a motion to approve the State DOT Matching Grant Program.

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(Beginning of Tape #3, Side A)

Mr. D'Angelo seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

2. State DEMHS

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve the DEMHS Grant as outlined this evening. Dr. Urillo seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

3. State DPH

Dr. Natelli made a motion to approve the State DPH as outlined this evening by the Town Manager. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed 9 to 0 on a roll call vote.

C. Action on 8-24 Referrals

1. 301-303 Main Street

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve as presented with the stipulations set forth by the Town Manager. Mr. Palmieri seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. 979 Meriden Waterbury Road

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve as presented for 979 Meriden Waterbury Road for 15 additional parking spaces with the stipulations. Mr. D'Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. Realignment of AT&T Easement off of Lazy Lane

Dr. Natelli made a motion to approve the realignment of the A T & T easement off of Lazy Lane as presented. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

IX. New Business

A. Tax Refunds (Attachment 6)

Ms. Miceli made a motion to accept the tax refunds as listed in our packages this evening. Dr. Urillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Appointments:**1. Senior Citizens Commission - 3 members, 3 year terms to March 2014**

Mr. Dobbins put forth the names of: Margerie Chase, Connie Proll and Lenny Marcheselle for a three year term to March, 2014 for the Senior Citizens Commission. Dr. Urillo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Commission on DisAbilities - 9 members 2 year terms to April 2014

The Chair noted it says 9 members are due. I would ask kindly there's only one. But I need a name. I'm asking for somebody who wants to serve on the DisAbilities Commission. All the present people will be reappointed and there is one vacancy.

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to table which was seconded by Dr. Urillo. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment - Executive Session: Firefighter contract and Real Estate

Dr. Urillo made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Concerning the firefighter's contract and real estate. In executive session will be the entire Council, the Manager, the Town Attorney for the fire contract and the Manager, Town Attorney and Council with Dr. Erardi and Mr. Goralski for real estate.

Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

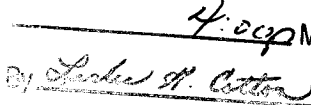
(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:14 o'clock, p.m.)

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 firefighter contract and real estate.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

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

Ex-officio members present were as follows:

Garry Brumback, Town Manager
 Mark J. Sciota, Deputy Town Manager/Town Attorney
 Dr. Joseph Erardi, Superintendent of Schools
 Brian Goralski, Chairman of the Board of Education

Dr. Erardi and Mr. Goralski left after the real estate matter was discussed.

(Left the meeting at 9:35 o'clock, p.m.)

The remaining attendees discussed the firefighter contract.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Dr. Natelli made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Mr. D'Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(Executive session was adjourned at 9:50 o'clock, p.m.)

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. D'Angelo made a motion to adjourn the Town Council meeting which was seconded by Mr. Palmieri. Motion passed unanimously.

(Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 o'clock, p.m.)

Mark J. Sciota
Acting Secretary

Who's Doing ESPC?

Every State in New England and NY

State of CT – House bill 6544 will require ESPC in State buildings, and help Municipalities with standardized process, RFPs, etc. (CEI is assisting with language development)

City of Stamford implementing a \$6.1 million energy performance contract in more than 20 schools (third party financing to pay to improve energy efficiency and repaid with utility energy savings)

City of New Haven

- \$6.1 million of leased improvements.
- \$250,000 in utility rebates to offset capital cost.
- \$8.64 million in energy, maintenance, parts and labor cost saved to date.
- \$8.8 million savings guaranteed over the nine-year program.

Town of East Hartford – several million \$ in ESPC, and QECBS

Town of Farmington - just selected ESCO, developing audits

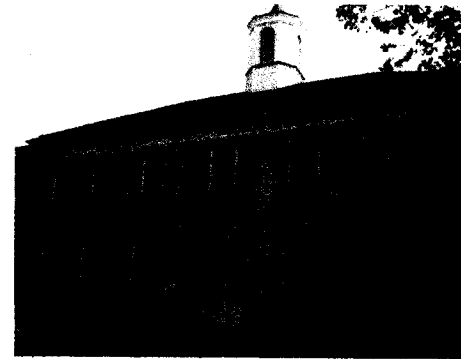
Town of Cheshire - proposals received today (\$5M/4 bldg project)

Town of Colchester – ESCO RFP will be issued in May

Town of Newtown – ESCO RFP will be issued in June

Next Steps to Proceed with ESPC Program

- Select Consultant
- Develop ESCO RFP
- Recommend selecting one or two Town and School buildings for ESCO selection phase
- Receive ESCO proposals, select ESCO
- ESCO conducts free audits on all Town/BOE buildings
- Install ECMs, save money!



SOUTHINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

➤ APPLICATION for LOTTERY ➤ 2011 GROWING SEASON

- * Handicapped accessible beds are available*
- * Participation is for Southington residents only*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #'s: Cell _____

Home _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return applications to the Southington Planning Department in the top floor of the Town Hall by Tuesday, April 26th 2011.

Administrative use only

Drawn for Participation: YES NO

Signature of Administrator _____

SOUTHINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

REGISTRATION 2011 GROWING SEASON

***This registration is valid for the 2011 growing season. Lotteries will be held each year for garden bed allocation.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #'s: Cell _____

Home _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I require a handicapped accessible garden bed

I have received a copy of the Garden Rules

Administrative Use Only



Bed Assignment # :

Signature of Administrator _____

SOUTHINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION

****BY-LAWS****

1. Name of Group: Southington Community Garden Association
2. Legal Address: Planning Office, Town of Southington Town Hall, 75 Main Street, Southington CT 06489
3. Purpose: The purpose of this association is to manage and maintain the Town of Southington Community Garden(s). It is the association's goal to create and maintain a productive community garden for the benefit of Southington residents, to educate the community at large in the value of organic gardening/ land use practices and foster community involvement to enhance the lives of local residents.
4. This association membership will be open to all current participants in the community garden and the Town Manager of the Town of Southington or other Town representatives as the Manager sees fit.
5. Meetings: Association meetings shall be held monthly in order to elect officers for the upcoming year and discuss current initiatives. Other meetings will be held as needed, as determined by the directors. Meetings shall be generally run under Roberts Rules. All members shall be notified of upcoming meetings either by electronic mail or US Postal Service.
6. Officers:
 - 6.1. President: Shall run the meetings and manage the day-to-day operation of the garden. The President shall serve as Director.
 - 6.2. Vice President: Shall perform the duties of the President when absent.
 - 6.3. Secretary: Shall keep minutes of the meetings, store any necessary records and write any needed correspondence on behalf of the association.
 - 6.4. Treasurer: Shall keep track of the finances of the association and report to the directors at each meeting. An account shall be held with the Southington Finance Dept.. Any checks or withdrawals shall require the signatures of at least two officers.
7. Election and Terms of Officers:
 - 7.1 The terms of the officers shall be two(2) years, elections shall be held during the January meeting of the association. Any vacancies shall be filled at the next meeting of the association in the normally prescribed method.

7.2. Elections shall be nomination from the floor and voted upon by the entire membership. Whoever gets the most votes is elected to the position.

8. Dissolution of Association: The association can be dissolved at any time by a majority of the membership. The association will automatically dissolve six months after failure to hold a meeting.

9. Rules of the Garden:

I will plant in my bed within two weeks of opening day.

I will keep all refuse materials out of my bed and the area immediately adjacent.

If I must abandon my bed for any reason I will notify the garden Director/President.

I will maintain my bed and weed accordingly.

All plots will display a green "performance flag". If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given a yellow "notice flag" the first week and a red "notice flag" upon the beginning of the second week for non-compliance. Dismissal from the association will result if unresolved by the end of the second week. The Director shall determine the issuance of flags.

I will participate in the Fall clean-up of the garden.

I will plant taller crops where they will least likely shade neighboring beds (no corn allowed). I will not use trellises, stalks or any other method of vertical growing in the bed exclusive of tomato stakes less than 3.5' high.

I will not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or weed killers. (only organic gardening is allowed)

I acknowledge the importance of volunteering time towards collective community garden efforts.

I understand that not following the rules will result in my dismissal from the program.

I understand that neither the garden group nor the Town is responsible for my actions; as such I therefore agree to hold harmless the Town of Southington from any liability, loss, damage or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

No parking will be allowed on the Garden property. On-street parking is available along with weekend and evening use of the Municipal Lot.

10. Revision of these By-Laws: These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the membership.

11. The hold harmless clause as described in the Southington Community Garden Rules shall apply to the use of the garden.

SOUTHINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

RULES

2011 GROWING SEASON

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- I will keep all refuse material out of my bed and the area immediately adjacent.
- If I must abandon my bed for any reason I will notify the garden director.
- I will maintain my bed and weed accordingly.
- I understand that all plots will display a green "notice flag". If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given a yellow "notice flag" the first week and a red "notice flag" upon the beginning of the second week for non-compliance. Dismissal from the association will result if unresolved by the end of the second week. The Director shall determine the issuance of flags.
- I will participate in the Fall clean-up of the garden.
- I will plant taller crops where they will least likely shade neighboring beds (no corn allowed). I will not use trellises, stalks or any other method of vertical growing in the bed exclusive of tomato stakes < 3.5' tall.
- I will not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or weed killers. (Only organic gardening is allowed).
- I acknowledge the importance of volunteering time towards collective community garden efforts.
- I understand that not following the rules will result in my dismissal from the program.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor the Town are responsible for my actions; as such I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and the Town of Southington from any liability, loss, damage or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.
- No parking will be allowed on the Garden property. On-street parking is available along with weekend use of the municipal lot.

Signature of Member _____ Date: _____ Bed # _____

Signature of Garden Director _____

ACTIVATE SOUTHLINGTON GRANT APPLICATION for the SOUTHLINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN- SPRING 2011

Project Description

The Town of Southington's Open Space Committee is actively pursuing the establishment of a Community Garden on Academy Street adjacent to the Town Hall. Many citizens have shown interest in the project and volunteers with such specialties as Master Gardening Certificates and Landscape Architecture Degrees have offered to lend a hand. The project will afford people from all backgrounds an opportunity to socialize and provide supplemental food sources for their families and neighbors. We envision 20 raised beds with on street parking and evening/weekend use of the municipal lot directly adjacent. Water will be provided on site and a locking shed will house essential equipment for use by all garden members. A bed will be offered to either the Social Services Department or the local Food Bank to provide fresh vegetables to those in need. Growing organic whole foods in such a manner will promote the goals of sustainability, civic pride and healthy lifestyle choices garnered by such participation.

Project Influence

We anticipate 20 raised beds to begin with, possibly expanding the following season. As such, assuming that the garden upkeep will likely include some family participation, 60-80 individuals will directly benefit from the project by consuming produce grown here. Indirectly, the community at large will benefit from the donation of excess produce and the results of networking between people of various backgrounds and interests. When the collective resources of volunteers are pooled, a broad spectrum of community needs are served.

Promotion of a Healthy Lifestyle

Growing organic produce from self-established gardens requires physical activity (tending, aerating, weeding) and a knowledge of how to have a successful yield without the use of pesticides. It is the hope of our group that the responsible practices learned at the garden will carry over to individuals' homes and social circles where the practice of toxin use reduction will lead to a less stressed environment.

Materials for Implementation

It is anticipated that the following items will be used for the construction and long-term maintenance of the garden;

Construction-

- One full day use of a backhoe or mini excavator to level the bed areas and/or transport material into the beds.
- Cedar planks/ties for building the beds (20- 4'x 12' x 1.5')
- Assorted screws, nails, brackets for beds.
- Tools; power drills, hammers, pry bars, rakes, shovels, sledge hammers, wheelbarrow (2)
- Landscape fabric
- Mulch, organic soil amendment, topsoil (roughly 2 yds./bed),

Maintenance-

- Hoe (4)
- Shovel, long handled (2)
- Shovel, short handled (2)
- Steel Rake (4)
- Leaf Rake (4)
- Pitchfork (3)
- Bypass Loppers (2)
- Hand Pruner (4)
- Heavy Duty Hose- 100 ft.
- Spray Nozzle
- * - *Rain Barrel (20)*
- Garden Shed

Budget Request

***One of the larger purchases key to the implementation of the garden will be the rain barrels. It is the intent of this group to use any grant monies awarded it toward the purchase of these items. We have priced the cost per barrel at \$69.98 from a local home improvement store.**

List of Requests for Abatement or Refunds of Taxes - Town Council Meeting of March 28, 2011

<u>Taxpayer's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Refund</u>	<u>Amount of Refund</u>
Chase Man Auto Fin Corp	Overpayment List #290034 M 2009	\$285.35
Kusmierski, Colleen J	Assessor C/C List #111596 M 2009	\$74.31
Lumbra, Phyllis	Duplicate Payment #2321 R 2009	\$1,266.93
T C & Sons Trucking LLC	Overpayment List #18707 P 2009	\$135.90
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	Assessor C/C List #201270 M 2009	\$120.88

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