

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON  
February 8, 2010

The Town Council of the Town of Southington held a regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 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	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  
John Weichsel, Town Manager

The Chair called for a Moment of Silence for those who were victims in the Middletown explosion. Two of the victims had a connection to the Southington Police Department - Raymond Dobratz and Peter Chepulis.

(Silence, silence)

The flags have been lowered to half staff until interment and hope you recognize that as you move around town that our thoughts are with the families.

**7:00 Meeting with Local Legislators**

Representative John "Corky" Mazurek  
Representative Zeke Zalaski  
Representative Joseph Arsemowicz  
Senator Sam Caligiuri

Senator Caligiuri stated it is their pleasure to be here. We represent both sides of the aisle, but when it comes to representing Southington there has never been a tighter or a more unified team than the one that we have.

We always work hard to divide up the labor and each do what we do best for the team. We all pull in the same direction and this year will be no exception to that.

One of the things we will work hard on this year is to do everything we can under the budgetary circumstances we're facing to

protect funding for Southington as much as humanly possible. We know the effect of that down the line. We all feel very privileged to be able to do it and we are happy to do it.

The Chair mentioned the meeting today at OPM and it was very encouraging. There is no doubt that the groundwork you guys have started with them definitely pays off. Thank you very much. Having attended that with you, I can't tell you how impressed I was at that meeting.

The delegation answered questions asked by members of the Town Council.

- Mr. Dobbins: How do you see yourselves working for the town, for the water department, the taxpayers right here in Southington concerning the stream flow regulations that may be coming down from DEP?

Representative Zalaski answered that he only recently found out about this. I have talked to Mary Mushinsky who is very instrumental in DEP stuff when it comes to water, and she said it's not firmly in cement that this is all going to go down. But she also said and we all should know that if we don't make some changes in the way we attain water in the Town of Southington, if we run into a real drought, what are people in Southington going to say when they have no water?

There is some room for movement but we have to give some consideration to getting water from some reservoirs. We might have to buy water. If that is what we have to do to make our water safe in a drought, we have to give some thought to long term planning for the town.

We can't be short thinking on this and say we can't do anything because of the possible cost. We do have to make some alternative plans.

Representative Mazurek gave some background from Waterbury on why the DEP is taking a hard look at who is taking how much water and what controls are in place. It would be our goal to make sure that Southington has an adequate supply of potable water. Very, very important.

The Chair added there are a lot of regulations that come out of DEP that are very frustrating. The problem is they don't provide relief on the other side. If this is an issue that is going to go forward, I don't want the Town of Southington forced into an inter-connect with another town because somebody else has too much water and they built their plant too big and now they want to find a place to sell their water. That's a big issue with a major impact. I want that very clear.

Mr. Mazurek wondered why, if the Town of Southington Water Department knew this, why weren't we told sooner? Please keep us informed of issues that are a concern to you.

Representative Arsemowicz added we have had success in the past. When you want us to set up a meeting with DEP, to sit down and get some actual dialogue going back and forth, I don't think any of us in the delegation would have a problem doing that, again.

- Ms Miceli: Fixed rates with the BOE budget and the magnet school tuition mandate and the fact that has really had an impact on us this year. Any relief with regard to the state helping out?

Mr. Mazurek said he had spoken last year with the Department of Education on this subject. It involved students in a pre-K class going from Wolcott and Southington to Avon. That was draining both education budgets with transportation up there and having to pay for the tuition.

One of the things that we found is that we weren't addressing that student with the State Board of Education to make sure that that was a child that was counted as far as getting reimbursement from the State Board of Education on a per child basis.

We shouldn't be draining the Southington Education Budget in order to send a child from one great school system to another.

I think we probably want to look further into it with the BOE and say enough is enough with this business of moving them from a prime school district to another prime school district.

Mr. Arsemowicz pointed out that what we're finding is that magnet schools are actually a higher cost.

It has been brought up. The Speaker has appointed a blue ribbon commission called: MORE (Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies). One thing they are looking at is Boards of Education. They're looking at magnet schools, transportation, special education funding. A huge variable for small towns.

- Mr. Palmieri commented about the tuition for magnet schools as an impact and, more than that, is the reduction in state funding for ECS which is going to increase out place tuition for special ed students by a large amount. What can you do to try to help us?

Mr. Mazurek said they were well aware of the impact this could have to Southington. Budget deficit amounts for this year through 2012 were discussed. We are acutely aware that any cuts we make to the towns, that cut directly goes on the backs of the taxpayers and we'll do everything we can to protect the Southington and Wolcott taxpayers.

- Chairman Pocock brought up the phosphorous issue. The remedy is \$12 million for the spec they want us to bring it down to. To do another option is \$40,000. I don't understand the rational of this in the economic climate we're in. We have a sewer department that is already struggling - we're looking at rates now. The \$12 million impact is going to squish us. How can we go about making that so we only have to comply with the \$40,000 remedy? The bottom line is I don't want us paying \$12 million.

Senator Caliguiri said we have been working with the Town Manager and others on the phosphate issue. We are aware of it. It's not a done deal, necessarily. It's something a lot of effected communities are concerned with. On Thursday I'm going to a meeting with the DEP with Cheshire - they are in a similar position. We're all aware of it and anything we can do --- the issue is how much discretion DEP has to make the changes we'd all like them to make. We're all extremely sensitive as to what this means to the Town of Southington.

We are trying to figure out who really owns this thing? Is this a mandate filtered down from EPA to DEP or is it something that is really at the DEP's discretion.

We all agree that we have to preserve funding to communities throughout Connecticut for ECS, special ed, Town Aid, as much as humanly possible.

I think the formula on magnet is an issue that's been coming up for a while. It's a very hard one to change.

The Chair commented it is the same with stream flow regulations. The nexus is the same. They come up with these regulations and they're passed.

Mr. Palmieri added the Town has contacted Congressman Larson's office to make sure we're covering ourselves on the federal end, as well. Is that something you can work with in conjunction with Congressman Larson's office to cover both state and federal regulations?

- Dr. Natelli brought up unfunded mandates and if there might be any relief for this tough economic time period. That could have a huge economic impact on the town. Has that been discussed and what are the thoughts?

Mr. Mazurek brought up the issue of having to run the legal announcements in the newspapers and it would save you the printing cost. The lobbying effort by the newspapers telling the senior citizens you're not going to be able to find out what's going on in your town because the people in Hartford want to take away your right to know. Seniors are calling me saying, I read those announcements and don't take them out of the newspaper. That is a small example.

But they are starting to look at a lot of unfunded mandates to the town. They are looking to see if we can start weaning ourselves off of some things being passed down to the town and providing some relief to the towns.

Mr. Arsemowicz concurred they are all on the table. The ones that come to mind are in school suspensions and evicted tenants. But there are a lot of other ones also on the table.

Mr. Zalaski said the MORE committee is the place where we're hoping the ideas come from so municipalities will be able to save money. Tony D'Angelo is on that committee now and so is John Moise.

Mr. Arsemowicz gave a little background on the MORE Commission. It is a special commission appointed by the Speaker looking at several different areas:

- Board of Ed functions
- Town functions
- Revenue generation
- Collective bargaining
- Pensions
- Health care

All the areas that have laws on the books that affect the municipalities in the state.

The goal is to have proposals back by March 1<sup>st</sup> for Phase I and December for Phase II.

As a delegation we'll come back and let you know what types of things we're looking at to come up with dollar amounts.

- Mr. Barry brought up the deficit. If you're not going to make structural changes to government now, it's never going to happen. He brought up regionalism. As a Council we have to be prepared for the future and we know we're not getting more money from the state. Do you think that the legislature and the Governor's office are going to promote regionalism to such a degree that towns that don't move on it are going to be really hurt? I'm concerned about that.

Mr. Arsemowicz quoted what has come up in the MORE Commission meetings: At first when we wanted to do it, it was the carrot and the stick approach. Well the carrot is gone and it's now the stick. That's exactly what is going to be coming down the road.

Senator Caliguiri cautioned when it comes to regionalism, the devil is in the details: who you get regionalized with, what the allocation of power is, what the allocation of liability is. As we move down this road, I think we're going to have to be very vigilant about the details.

- Mr. Romano questioned unfunded mandates. From the stream flow regulations to the phosphorous issues, magnet schools, it's just a machine. The pendulum has swung so far to the other side, somehow we've got to get it back to the middle. It's getting to be unreasonable. There has got to be accountability. We've got to start making sure people are aware of what's happening so it's not just in that bubble. I appreciate your time.

That concluded the meeting with the legislators.

(Whereupon, the meeting was recessed at 7:50 o'clock, p.m.)

(Whereupon, the meeting was resumed at 7:55 o'clock, p.m.)

### **REGULAR MEETING**

EDWARD POCOCK, III, resuming the Chair:

A prayer was recited by Councilman Christopher Palmieri.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance being led by Representative John "Corky" Mazurek.

There were approximately 25 other persons in attendance.

#### **II. Minutes**

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

#### **III. Councilmanic Communications**

##### **A. Proclamation for American Legion Auxiliary (Attachment 1)**

The Chair noted the work these folks do supporting our men and women in uniform who are overseas is unbelievable.

The Chair read the Proclamation. (Language on file in the Town Clerk's Office.)

(Applause)

Rachel Wache spoke on behalf of all the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, thanking the Town Council and the community for this very prestigious and honorable presentation. We appreciate everything that the community does for us as well. They always stand behind us. Without that, we wouldn't be able to move forward. A big thanks to all of you for supporting what we do.

Thank you from all of us.

(Applause)

Mr. Romano brought up recycling the water bottles that the towns committees use during their meetings. We need to lead by example. He asked Ms. Cotton to look into the recycling of the water bottles. Maybe Janet Mellon could use the recycling funds collected.

Ms. Cotton said she had discussed this with Mr. Romano. Since the nickel fee has been put on the water bottles, we've discussed it in my office. This is a concern to us, also. We have been collecting the water bottles from the Council meetings. They're in my back room at the office. I had mentioned to Mr. Romano we were talking about donating the funds to Janet Mellon at Community Services.

We could certainly collect the bottles from all the meetings. Often times they're just left here and put in the trash.

Mr. Romano thanked Ms. Cotton.

Dr. Nateli brought up open space use. In the past, the town has purchased open space and we have said, what do we do with this now that we have it. I was impressed the open space committee is going to work with the BOE and the VoAg to potentially use Novick Orchards as part of their educational process. I support them on that wish them to go forward.

Mr. Dobbins gave an update on the medication disposal program. We did have our first kickoff meeting. The Chamber of Commerce was nice enough to provide us with 660 mailings to be sent to all their members. The fire department has agreed to disburse some flyers, as well. We have a young local artist who is working on a branded logo for us for our flyers. That'll be coming.

Please everyone save your medications for our disposal program - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, Saturday, at the Water Department.

Ms. Miceli brought up the clear cutting at Panthorn Park. My family and I hiked there a week ago Sunday and were quite alarmed to step just a couple of feet in on the trails and find all of a sudden we could see the sky instead of the very big forest there normally is there.

We walked the whole path and encountered a handful of other people who were quite concerned, as well. When I got home and went on the website - Tony, I thought it was fabulous that you were proactive - and it's noted that there had been some cutting there of the trees. And, a couple of days later you had an addendum to it that you were going to do some sort of restoration plan there.

I was upset because it directly impacted the trail system which was an Eagle Scout project from the walkway to the footbridge. That whole area was dug out.

My question is: This is a worthwhile project with the sewers. It has to be done and I understand that. Were you aware that it was going to have such an impact and encroachment on Panthorn Park?

Mr. Tranquillo responded it was always anticipated there would be a 40 to 60 foot wide swath of land cleared for the project and it is shown on the plans. The Parks Department knew about it prior to construction. I made a presentation to them in 2009. It's obvious you can't build a sewer without taking the trees out.

The area will look untidy for a while until they get the pipe in the ground. Then we'll backfill everything, grade everything and patch the road. Eventually everything will go back to normal and we'll do some replanting there to try to bring the natural look of the forest back. But, it will take some time

Ms. Miceli thought it was great something was posted on the website. Wouldn't it be great to have a list of all public works, sewer projects, et cetera, so people can actually know what's going on out there.

Possibly, even take it one step further with regard to Planning & Zoning, when they approve housing developments. This came up with regard to the BOE's redistricting plan. They didn't know about new housing projects going on in town.

Mr. Tranquillo said he would give it some thought and respond.

The restoration of the park will probably be done sometime in the spring of 2011.

The Chair gave the Forestville Fishing Club's project as an example of restoration.

Mr. Barry brought up the fact a few employee bargaining units are up for renewal this July 1<sup>st</sup>. He brought up one of the major factors increasing our budgets are insurance costs. What we have seen historically in the contracts is that the town is almost bound to one insurance carrier and one type of policy for our town employees. I want to know, through the administration, in your negotiations are you looking at ways to save taxpayers money in terms of the cost of health care here in town?

Maybe we should look at different choices for our town employees. If an employee wants the Cadillac plan, they should pay a little bit extra. Town employees have different variables.

Mr. Weichsel said it is open to be part of the negotiations. We have a consultant and a self insurance committee and we are right now in the process of putting out an RFP on handling our insurance. Bare

in mind: we are self insured. The only part open for discussion is the administration.

Mr. Barry pointed out Oventions is not part of the negotiations and that has to come from the administration. I bring it up only because of the costs skyrocketing to the taxpayers. We can't just sit back and do nothing. Maybe we have to get serious and have an in depth discussion on how we can save money on our health care costs.

Mr. Weichsel explained some of the health care cost changes that have taken place in the last few years; i.e. increase in copay, increase the percentage that employees are giving. Every contract, the question of health insurance comes up.

Changing carriers is a sophisticated point to get into but certainly we can talk about it. It's usually the main thing. I appreciate your concern and I assure you that these matters are being discussed and acted upon.

Mr. Barry said his point was we should have different offers, tiers, open to our town employees. That's all I'm suggesting.

The Chair said he felt the point brought up by Mr. Barry is a very valid one. It's something that needs to be looked into. Two parts of the puzzle: One is the negotiations and one is a plan. The plan is totally in our control. I would say the self insurance committee has fantastic knowledge of that subject matter, I recommend we send it to the self insurance committee and have them look at it. Mr. Moise can report back to us what his committee wants to do.

#### **IV. Report of Special Committees**

##### **A. Public Works Committee**

Mr. Romano reported on the bulky waste transfer station. The staff is beginning training for the permit system. (February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>) The current date for the windshield stickers being available at the Town Clerk's Office is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Secondly, on the streetlight maintenance RFP, this is not been one that people have been pleased with. It's going to go out to bid for July 1<sup>st</sup>. We worked on it at the committee level and fine-tuned it. The town attorney is cleaning up the wording on it. It's been sent back to my committee. We are going to be reviewing it at our next meeting and it'll be coming back to the Town Council for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

##### **B. Sewer Committee**

Mr. Dobbins reported the sewer committee did not meet since our last meeting. I have some information provided to us by Attorney

Sciota. You had a question concerning the responsibility for where the sewer lateral starts and where it ends at the house and who is responsible for that.

Attorney Sciota writes: "Pursuant to your request, I checked the Sewer Act and related documents as to the town's responsibility for repair of sewer lateral. Since the inception of the Sewer Act, the town has established that the property owner is responsible beginning at the Y of the main which is normally located in the road and continues to the structure, the foundation of the house."

We have a busy meeting coming up Wednesday.

Mr. Barry did not agree with the Sewer Act. He stated: I think it's unfair for a property owner to have to pay the cost associated with repairs underneath the town or state road. I think they should be responsible from the property line to their house.

Attorney Sciota added we looked at historical actions of the Sewer Act. You'll see the fact that this Board is the Sewer Committee which can modify the Sewer Act. To answer your question, yes, currently it is at the Y. If this Board wanted to change that, that is certainly under this Board's jurisdiction.

Attorney Sciota added the DPUC is pretty specific on this when it talks about private and public utilities.

But the Sewer ordinance says, if you wish to take on more responsibility, there is nothing to stop this Board from doing that.

Mr. Barry stated that it seems unfair to me that we would require a town resident to have to absorb a cost that is under a town road and not even on their property. I think it should be from the start of their property line to their house. Just my feeling. I would like to amend the Sewer Act to address that issue. I think it's totally unfair.

Mr. Dobbins stated this could be brought to the committee and have them take a look at it. We can add it to the Agenda and report back.

The Chair explained discussions about this issue at the Water Commission. I only caution you to not make any rash decisions without knowing what the exposure is going to be.

And, I don't think the Sewer Act has really been looked at seriously since it was enacted. I did have a conversation with Mr. Dobbins and in the spirit of what you brought up, I would like to refer it back to the committee and have them actually look at the Sewer Act. It's an important document.

Mr. Romano said that through his experience, most towns are the same as ours, which does differ from the Water Department. There is a very common sense logic distinction between these two. With the water department, there is a curb box that you can shut off the water right at the edge of the property. So you could shut off the valve and you know whether the water's leaking on the resident's side of the valve or the street and you can assign responsibility very easily. The way sewers are built, you do not have a way to decipher where the clog or where the break is.

Mr. Barry reiterated his position.

**C. Apple Harvest Festival Committee (Attachment 2)**

Mr. Palmieri passed around the budget and discussed the figures. The bottom line is for the 2009 Apple Harvest Festival, within the Apple Harvest Festival, there is a profit of \$12,385 for the year. I want to point out this does not include items that are not covered in the Apple Harvest Festival budget which include: health department overtime, approximately \$1,000, park and rec overtime which is approximately \$3,000 and police department protection which is approximately \$42,000.

Next year there are a couple of more changes to make this more efficient. Mr. Palmieri explained we are setting up a new system that will be specific for the event. In addition, on behalf of the committee, we would like to present to you and the Manager, as he prepares the budgets, we will absorb the health department overtime and the park and rec overtime within our budget next year. That'll result in \$4,000 savings for the town. I know it is a small token,

At our next meeting we will be deciding on the RFP for a sponsor coordinator. So in March I'll be asking for your approval for a sponsor coordinator that we're going to recommend.

Finally, the 2010 Apple Harvest Festival will take place October 1, 2 & 3 and October 8, 9 & 10, 2010.

Mr. D'Angelo praised the Apple Harvest Festival. It's an excellent activity that we should be proud of. However, I feel that the taxpayers should know that the festival is not making a profit when in reality it's costing approximately \$34,000, if you include the police, the parks and health department overtime. That's fine and I have no problem putting that in the budget. I think the people of Southington should know what it's costing them for the Apple Festival. I would like to see the police bill put in here so we can see exactly what the festival is costing the Town.

(End of Tape #1, Side B)

(Beginning of Tape #2, Side A)

#### **D. Rails to Trails Phase II Committee**

Dr. Nateli reported the committee met back in January. We had a nice overview of the project. It's going to run from Plantsville to the Cheshire town line. It's approximately 10,000 lf, just under two miles.

It has three 14 foot wide bridges. We will be looking at the bridges at our future meetings. There are some concerns on some bridges that have been brought to our attention.

The trail is being cleared as we speak. We have found out we cannot lay an underground conduit to run wire, et cetera, through there. We do not have access to digging up that area.

He discussed a suggestion by the committee which they are going to investigate. He explained: The opportunity for Adoption of a portion of the Trail.

Going back to the Apple Festival, the Chair explained the police duty sits in the police budget for a reason. It is a money-saver.

#### **V. Town Manager's Report and Communications**

##### **A. Update on Frost Street- Mount Vernon Road Sewer Petition**

Mr. Weichsel reported they have just sent out the inquiries fairly recently. We haven't given the residents a real opportunity to respond. Next meeting, hopefully, we'll have a full response on the interest of sewers in the Mount Vernon Road area. So at this point, there is no report.

#### **VI. Town Attorney's Report**

##### **A. Scheduling of Public Hearing on Charter Revision Report**

Attorney Sciota said per the statute, he was recommending you schedule the Charter Revision Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm. We plan on putting the proposed changes on the website in a more prominent section.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, I will explain exactly the reason for the public hearing and the timing after that and what your options are.

Also, I will need executive session or heart & hypertension. I do not anticipate any action on it.

#### **VII. Public Communications**

Arthur Cyr, 103 Berlin Avenue. I want to talk to you about the budget. This is the time if there are certain things you people on the Council want in the Town Manager's budget; this is the time to

specifically state that. In prior years, things got deleted out of the budget and you never even saw them.

This year is no better than last year and next year is going to be worse. I would ask this Council to make every recommendation to the administration and all departments that there should be no such thing as a 2.5 or a 4 percent increase in anybody's budgets.

Budget containment is going to be just as important here this year as it was in previous years. When you see the budgets, I would ask that any programs that were partially or fully funded by state or federal grants that have expired - those programs are gone. We are not going to pay for them out of our tax dollars.

Mr. Palmieri, regarding the Apple Harvest Festival, if it costs this town \$35,000, bring it on! You do a wonderful job and it's probably the best advertising we have.

Joe Landrie, 41 Preli Court. I'm also appalled by the drastic increase in the health insurance. We have a Cadillac program. The co payments are minimal - double them or triple them and you might come up equal to business insurance payments.

I have to agree with the sewer issue. Why should I pay for replacing a highway or a street in front of my house?

I am here to talk about streets. I live on Preli Court. All the surrounding streets have been paved within the last five years. I had a conversation with the Public Works Director on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month and I will wait for two weeks for him to investigate what is going to happen on Preli Court.

Preli Court was scheduled for an overlay last year. The street is about 40 years old and has never been repaved. We have no storm drains on this street. If we think about repaving the street, prior to installing storm drains, the best word I could say is: you're stupid.

We've been faced with an unsafe condition on this street for 30 years based upon a lack of storm drains. The intersection of Preli Court on to High Tower is unsafe. Our Town Manager knows this and our Public Works Director knows about this and our Highway Superintendent knows about this. If nothing is done you'll have to go with the consequences in case an accident happens.

I hope the Public Works Director will see his way clear to install storm drains before they repave. I expect to have my street paved this year. We've waited too long.

Thank you.

Benny Cammuso, Meriden Avenue. I go along with Councilman Barry on the insurance. They should have not much increase.

Thank you.

Ilio Fusciello, 82 Autran Avenue. He explained his situation indicating he wanted to be put on the Agenda to be heard and get paid.

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Approval of 2009 Apple Harvest budget**

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the 2009 Apple Harvest budget. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**B. Action on scheduling of public hearing for Charter Revision**

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to schedule the public hearing for the Charter Revision Committee on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mr. D'Angelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Tax Refunds (Attachment 3)**

Ms. Miceli made a motion to accept tonight's tax refunds as listed. Mr. Romano seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A motion to go into executive session, excluding the public and press, pursuant to discussion on heart & hypertension including Attorney A. Alan Sheffy and our Town Attorney and Town Manager was made by Dr. Nateli. Ms. Miceli seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

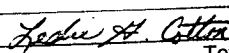
(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:05 o'clock, p.m.)

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 a heart & hypertension matter.

The following Councilpersons were present, viz:

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 A. Alan Sheffy, Esquire

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Mr. Romano made a motion to adjourn from executive session. Mr. Palmieri 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. Barry. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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Mark J. Sciota  
 Acting Secretary

# Town of Southington

Attachment 1



## Town Council

Edward S. Pocock, III, Chairman  
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## Town Manager

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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:

### *American Legion Auxiliary Kiltonic Unit 72*

**Whereas** the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiltonic Unit 72, has been helping Southington's Armed Forces families since March 2, 1925; and

**Whereas** this dedicated group of women finds in its heart to attend all Connecticut military deployments, providing departing soldiers with a phone card and pocket flags; and remembers those who have served by visiting Southington Veterans in our local nursing and assisted living facilities with cards, flags and gifts; and

**Whereas** the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiltonic Unit 72, has created the 'Heroes to Hometown Program' designed to assist our fallen wounded upon their return home; and

**Whereas** their efforts not only support our veterans but instills a sense of American Pride in our younger school aged citizens by sponsoring an 'Americanism' essay contest, a Junior Auxiliary group, education scholarships, legislative programs for SHS Junior girls, and are active participants in Connecticut's Operation Military Kids program, which brings awareness to local schools regarding the children of military parents; and

**Whereas** the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiltonic Unit 72, sponsors 35 Southington children to Camp CONRI, in Ashford, for a week of camping that their families would not otherwise be able to afford; and

**Whereas** the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiltonic Unit 72, is an active community partner, sponsoring and participating in two American Red Cross Blood Drives per year, Salvation Army Bell Ringing efforts, the Smart Start Backpack Program for children, Southington Parks 'Santa in the Park' and 'Touch a Truck' programs, started the 'GOT BOOKS' literacy program, STEPS program, members of Southington Chamber of Commerce, members of the Plantsville Village Association, and donates to several community programs to assist our citizens;

**Now, therefore**, I, Edward S. Pocock III, Chairman of the Southington Town Council, on behalf of the entire Southington Town Council, name the Week of February 28th, 2010, as **American Legion Auxiliary, Kiltonic Unit 72 Week** in the Town of Southington.

*Given the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010*

TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Edward S. Pocock III, Chairman  
Southington Town Council



"City of Progress"

2009 Apple Harvest Festival Profit/Loss		2/8/2010		
Income	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	Over/Under Budget	2008 Actual
Sales: Beverage	30,000	32,422	2,422	27,227
Gala	3,200	3,710	510	3,417
Fees: Arts & Crafts	7,000	8,800	1,800	8,400
Booths Vendors	40,000	38,339	-1,661	36,325
Carnival (net)	16,000	22,407	6,407	16,665
Corporate Sponsors	20,000	20,500	500	27,700
"Icon" Income (net)	5,000	5,483	483	x
AHF Community Donations	4,000	2,000	-2,000	4,000
Special Booth Assessment	4,900	4,900	0	3,665
Expenses	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	Over/Under Budget	2008 Actual
Event Coordinator	26500	26,500	0	25,480
Entertainment Services	14500	11,811	3,129	12,044
Contracted Services Electrical	9000	6,750	-2,250	9,042
Refuse/Recycling/HA	9000	8,573	-427	11,675
Rental - Buses	10250	9,344	-906	10,792
Rental - Misc (Tents)	18000	18,385	385	19,850
Advertising	5000	4,509	-491	5,009
Utilities	2100	3,023	923	0
Office Supplies	2500	1,995	-505	7,517
Purchase of Sales (Beverages)	12000	11,989	-11	10,553
Commissions	7500	4,137	-3,363	2,020
Parade Expenses	8000	8,461	461	6,047
Event Fees	2750	2,529	-221	3,042
Icon Expenses	0	4,695	0	
Gala Expenses		2,830	0	
Awards	550	645	95	0
Total	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	Over/Under Budget	2009 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>130,100</b>	<b>138,561</b>	<b>8,461</b>	<b>127,399</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>127,650</b>	<b>126,176</b>	<b>-1,474</b>	<b>123,071</b>
<b>Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>12,385</b>	<b>9,935</b>	<b>4,328</b>

**List of Requests for Abatement or Refunds of Taxes  
for Town Council Meeting of February 8, 2010**

<b><u>Taxpayer's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Reason for Refund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Refund</u></b>
Lao, Ying L	Assessor C/C List #120564 M 2007 & 120573 M 2006	\$948.87
Lao, Ying L	Assessor C/C List #120581 M 2008 & 120573 M 2005	\$912.31
Rockwood Hills Inc	Overpayment List #10765 R 2008	\$128.67
Tax Collector or Robitaille, Maurice J 3rd or Sarah Blake	Assessor C/C List #180181 S 2007 & 181052 M 2008	\$89.22
Zajac, Grzegorz or Joanna	Assessor C/C List #260061 M 2008	\$89.18