

COMMITTEE OF THE CHAIRS
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall – Finance Department Conference Room

Present: Christopher Palmieri, Town Manager Mark Sciota, Brian Goralski, Michael DelSanto, John Leary (via teleconference) and Timothy Connellan

Absent:

Call to Order

Chairman Palmieri called the meeting to order at 4:33.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 the motion was seconded and approved.

Board Communications

P&Z- Town Manager Mark Sciota thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for working closely with the Water Department.

BOE - Chairman Goralski reported that school has begun; parents have been cooperative and helpful regarding the early dismissal due to heat issues.

Superintendent Connellan stated that they update the parents as quickly as possible when schedules change. Mr. Connellan thanked the Southington Police Department for safety and security at the schools. The professional development day was the best we have ever had, extremely well received and much appreciated.

BOF – Chairman Leary stated the September meeting is now September 19th. At this meeting we will have a preliminary strategy discussion on the budget process.

Items for Discussion

Hatton Path

Superintendent Connellan stated Mr. Romano looked at the usage of the path. It does not get used regularly by students and we do not believe it is something that is necessary to maintain for a school access way.

Town Manager Sciota stated that Mr. Romano did provide a map. Deputy Chief Palmieri and his traffic crew will give their input. If we do move forward and eliminate the

path, we will relocate the crosswalk on Berlin Street to the east. The path would be removed from Berlin Street north to the gate. The path will be landscaped and grassed over through a joint effort of town & BOE staff.

Public Communications

John Bruestche expressed his concerns for a student that he believes walks the path to the school. Mr. Bruestche is also worried about the seniors who walk along it and other residents who do so with their dogs. He questioned what will happen in inclement weather, who will maintain?

Chairman Palmieri stated we will look at all options. If it is an access walk, we will maintain appropriately and if we can't maintain it appropriately, the next thing would be to remove the path. Chairman Goralski offered the BOE to take the lead in communication with the neighbors once we receive the report back from the Police Department.

Bradley Memorial Hospital

Chairman Palmieri informed everyone that the Town Council, at the last Town Council meeting, adopted a resolution which stated we would like to maintain emergency services at Bradley Memorial Hospital. Hartford Health Care has asked to come back to the council to make a presentation. They will be at the first meeting in October which will be Tuesday, October 7th. They may be in agreement.

Chairman DeSanto stated if HHC is not in agreement, we have regulations if the town is interested in keeping the services at Bradley vs. Queen Street the Town needs to come to P&Z. If an application is filled we will then be unable to talk discuss.

Budget Closeout 17/18

Superintendent Connellan stated they are about \$187,000. The bulk will be going to the boilers at the elementary school. We also have a list of projects. The BOF and TC approved up to \$200,000. Sherri has compiled numbers and filed with the state, new filing system online.

Planning Process for Budget 19/20

Chairman Leary stated we will decide at the September 19th meeting.

Town Manager Mark Sciota stated he has reached out to the department heads to see if they have any ideas on how to better the process.

Property Tax Relief Committee

Chairman Palmieri stated he is pleased to announce the committee has been appointed. I have requested from Town staff a review of current programs, what we currently offer. We will also reach out to South Windsor in regards to Senior Tax Relief

Ordinance they will be purposing to their Town Council. The committee will be meeting hopefully this month and will then report to the Town Council. Meetings will be held monthly, letter was sent to all members as well as the Chairman, Jim Bowes.

Town Manager announced the tax sale today, 7 p.m. 7 properties in total.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn