

COMMITTEE OF THE CHAIRS
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall – Finance Department Conference Room

Present: Christopher Palmieri, Town Manager Mark Sciota, Brian Goralski, Michael DelSanto, and Timothy Connellan

Absent: John Leary

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 September 5, 2018 the motion was seconded and approved.

Board Communications

Chairman Palmieri would like to update everyone that Hartford Healthcare, they will not be presenting at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday. We have requested information a week to two weeks in advance prior to putting it on the agenda.

Town Manager Sciota stated we are very proud of all department involved in the Apple Harvest Festival.

Items for Discussion

Hatton Path

Chairman Goralski was invited to Hatton PTO meeting. He explained the process, informed every one of our public meetings. Peter Romano also spoke and explained if it's not a school access walk its irresponsible to spend that kind of money. Chairman Goralski also informed every one that they are still waiting for the Police to give us their report. Parents/neighbors were unhappy. They want to know if they could find a way to help fund the sidewalks. He informed them it's about the upkeep which is put on the Town.

Chairman Palmieri stated a resident contacted him regarding the condition of the sidewalk. He has reached out to the Town Attorney to get her take on it. She informed the Town is put on notice for a deficit for a defect, now that the Town is aware of this and no action is taken, we are opening ourselves up for a lawsuit. Our choices are: If it's a school access walk, which we now know it is not, repair it or rip it up and place grass.

Chairman Palmieri was given an estimate from Public Works to overlay the existing walk which would be \$34,524 or remove and dispose of asphalt sidewalk and prep to be paved which would be \$53,000. If we decided to place grass, the actual expense is \$2,200; the Town would give the services. If we put in a process stone walkway it will be \$2,500. It would not be plowed or maintained.

Chairman Goralski stated from Kathy Drive to Hatton the path should remain, the rest is not necessary. The public stated they want to use it to walk dogs, exercise. The parents would like to use it to walk the kids to school. I reiterated we are doing our best to come to a solution.

Town Manager Sciota stated he has spoken to the Highway Department and they are willing to do the work as long as there is not time frame on when it has to be done. The Town and the BOE are both looking at the issue and a resolution.

Chairman Goralski supports the grass option.
The rest of the committee supports the rudimentary gravel walk way.

United Way

Chairman Connellan stated the United Way had the kickoff breakfast. The past four years we have steadily increased our contributions. Michelle Passamano will be bringing the BOE and Town side together. We will have incentives for the most contributed.

Town Manger Sciota stated at the Department Heads meeting this morning Michelle Passamano stated the United Way Day will be October 19th, this will be a dress down day as well. United Way will be having a pizza party for the team with the most percentage.

Budget Closeout 17/18

Town Manger Sciota stated \$2.2 million (non-audited numbers) we were able to put back in the fund balance and \$400,000 undated fund balance from last fiscal year. Very pleased with results and they will be final in December.

Public Communications

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Chairman DelSanto stated at the Planning and Zoning meeting a discussion on subdivision regulations took place. We are once again trying to maximize open space. We will be having a public meeting. If the public is supportive of preserving land the need to attend.

The Chief of Police and I were invited to the White House for a tour.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn