

Ordinance Meeting – April 18, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Cheryl Lounsbury – Chairman, , Susan Locks – P & Z, Zaya Oshana, Bd. of Ed., Chris Palmieri – Town Council, Jim Morelli- P & Z, Patricia Queen – Bd. of Ed. Victoria Triano – Town Council, Carolyn Futtner – Town Attorney.

Absent: Tony DeAngelo, Deputy William Palmieri – P.D.

Cheryl Lounsbury opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Steps made a Presentation by the Youth Council – Banded Substance – Candy cigarettes promote smoking at a young age. Ordinance – We propose that imitation cigarette ordinance decreases exposure.

Chris Palmieri – Nice Job with the presentation. Hope we can add this ordinance.

Vicky Triano – Is there any data linking candy cigarettes to regular cigarettes?

Zaya Oshana – We need some hard statistics – our parents smoked.

Patricia Queen – How about the controversy with toy guns?

Chris said that The Steps Program would not get involved in toy guns.

Susan Locks commented that they also sell gun cigars and other items that they should look at.

Chris Palmieri said let's put this on the Agenda for this meeting.

Chris made a motion to work with Chief Deputy William Palmieri to come up with an ordinance.

All members APPROVED.

Lawncrest Drive (Group Home)

Deputy Wm. Palmieri sent an email to everyone saying that things were going in a positive way.

Patricia Queen asked where the street light was to be installed.

Cheryl Lounsbury said that we will reassess in 4 months.

Bob Sargeant a neighbor was insisting that there should be an ordinance. It is worse than It's ever been! You constantly looking into it. The data does not support what is really going on!

Vicky Triano stated that Commissioner Katz data was not correct and we need to be careful that the town does not get sued.

Blight Ordinance:

Chris Palmieri stated that the Blight Ordinance passed by the Council with a slight change.

Atty. Futtner: Max Fine Town can impose is \$100.00 not \$250.00.

Town Seal:

Cheryl Lounsbury using the Town Seal would be handled thru the Ethics Code for violation.

A hand out of the Connecticut General Statutes 7-101 was giving out. (Attached)

Vicky Triano asked why this would be an ethics code? It only pertains to those holding office.

Atty. Futtner: If this was a brand new seal it would be different. Employee, Town Officials. It's hard to control right now.

Cheryl Lounsbury: Political Parties were using it. Would it prohibit them from using it? Does this serve its purpose?

Vicky Triano: It should not be used for political gain!

Zaya Oshana: If a party uses the seal and did not get approval the Treasurer would be at fault!

Chris Palmieri: What's the Intent? We need to come up with the proper language.

Atty. Futtner: We need an enforcement tool, a policy for the Town Seal.

Vicky Triano: If we state in a policy that the Town Manager must approve the use of the Town Seal. If you a head of a party with no authorization then you're in violation of the Policy!

Cheryl Lounsbury: Public Embarrassment usually works if in violation. It get to the media etc.

Vicky Triano: Than you have control.

Cheryl: Give the policy at little more teeth that it should be approved by the Town Manger.

Patricia Queen: Can the Town Manger handle this? I know in the school system for our seal the Superintendent has to approve.

Zaya: With public embarrassment it might be too late to do.

Cheryl: Anyone wanting to use must be submitted in writing to the Town Manager.

Vicky Triano: Town Manager approval would be the best person.

Atty. Futtner: We can add this to the ethics code.

Vicky Triano: Can be powerful just as it is.

Chris Palmieri: Political Party is not part of the ethics code and can not enforce.

Atty. Futtner: She will come up with 2 separate samples of a policy to present at the next meeting.

Burning Outdoors:

Vicky Triano: Has been contacted by a person asking if there is any way we can stop someone from burning outdoors.

Cheryl Lounsbury stated that people do have allergies. Cheryl said we would contact Russ Weisner from the Fire Dept for the details.

Motion to close the meeting at 5:33.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-101, the Town Clerk is the custodian of the Town Seal. Accordingly, the following policy and procedure is hereby established for the use of the Town Seal.

Use of the Town Seal is restricted to official Town business. Examples of accepted use include: certified copies, proclamations and awards, town contracts, letterhead and envelopes, town web site logo, town-sponsored clothing, town-owned equipment, decals on town vehicles.

No Town official, member of a board, commission or agency, or employee of the Town shall use or reproduce the Town Seal of Southington without the express written approval from the office of the Town Manager of the Town of Southington.

In order to ensure proper use of the Town seal, the following procedure is required:

- 1) All requests for use of the Town seal must be submitted in writing to the office of the Town Manager for review. The request should detail the proposed use of the Town Seal along with a copy of the image to be used. If the image is to be used electronically, a disclaimer shall be posted on the Town of Southington website stating, "Use of the Town Seal is prohibited without the express written permission of the Town Manager." The disclaimer may be revised from time to time as deemed appropriate.
- 2) Upon review of the request by the Town Manager, a decision indicating approval or denial will be forwarded to the requestor within ten (10) business days after the request has been received. Letters of request along with the decision will be kept on file in the Town Clerk's office.