

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: January 13, 2015
(Council Members are asked to call the Town Manager's office if they are unable to attend the meeting.)

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Presentations and Recognitions
 - State Legislators – Update on legislative priorities and state budget.
- D. Public Hearing
 - None
- E. New Items
- F. Public Comments—Anyone from the audience who wishes to address the Town Council may do so at this time.
- G. Reading of the Minutes
 - 1. December 9, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting
- H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals
 - None
- I. Report of the Committees
 - 1. UCONN Committee(s)
 - 2. Land Acquisition Committee
 - 3. Green Efforts Committee
 - 4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee
 - 5. Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 6. Future Public/Private Land Development Initiatives Committee
 - 7. Web Page Sub-Committee
- J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons
 - 1. Chair Report

2. Board of Education Liaison Report
3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report
4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report
5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report
6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report
7. Human Relations Commission Report
8. Chamber of Commerce Report
9. Other Liaison Reports

K. Report of the Town Manager—Special Town Council Meeting, 2015 Town Council Budget Schedule, Nutmeg TV airdates

L. Appointments

1. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Erickson) (R)
2. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Landry) (R)
3. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke) (R)
4. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Parady)
5. Farmington Valley Health District (Jones) (D)
6. Green Efforts Committee BOE Rep
7. Housing Authority (Cowdry) (R)
8. Housing Authority (Pagano) (U)
9. Building Code Board of Appeals (Schadler) (R)
10. Water Pollution Control Authority (McGrane) (U)
11. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission Alternate (Hoffman) (R)
12. Metropolitan District Commission (ex-officio Member)
13. Justice of the Peace (Quigley)
14. Tourism Central Region District (Bremkamp)
15. Greater Hartford Transit District (Eagen)
16. Green Efforts Committee (Quallen) (D)
17. Green Efforts Committee (Grouten) (R)

M. Old Business

None

N. New Business

1. To consider and take action on the 2015 Blighted Building List.
2. To consider and take action on budget targets for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
3. To change the time of the February 24, 2015 Town Council Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to Set a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
4. To authorize the Town Manager to sign a one-year contract extension with American Medical Response (AMR) of Connecticut, Inc. for ambulance services in Farmington.

5. To approve a resolution in support of the Town of Farmington's State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grant Application.

6. To approve property tax refunds.

O. Executive Session, Land Acquisition

MOTION:

Agenda Item K

Report of the Town Manager—Special Town Council Meeting, 2015 Town Council Budget Schedule, Nutmeg TV airdates

Special Town Council Meeting

Miss Porter’s School has invited the Town Council to visit the school for a presentation and a tour to highlight the school’s plans to update and improve the campus. To accommodate this invitation, the Town Council meeting on Tuesday January, 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. will be held at Miss Porter’s School. Details about a meeting location on campus as well as directions will follow.

2015 Town Council Budget Schedule

For your reference attached is the 2015 Town Council meeting schedule for the upcoming budget meetings, workshops, Annual Town Meetings and Referendums. (Attachment)

Nutmeg TV Airdates

The 2015 Town Council meetings can be viewed on Nutmeg TV’s Community Channel 96 at the following times:

Sundays	6:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Fridays	12:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays	12 noon

MOTION: Agenda Item L-1

That _____ be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council to fill the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2016. (Erickson) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-2

That _____ be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council to fill the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2016. (Landry)(R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-3

That _____ be appointed to the North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. to fill the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2015.(Wienke)(R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-4

That _____ be appointed to the North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. to fill the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2015.(Parady)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-5

That _____ be appointed to the Farmington Valley Health District for the balance of a three-year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2016. (Jones)(D)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-6

That _____ be appointed as a **BOE Representative** to the Joint Green Efforts Committee beginning immediately for an indefinite term.

MOTION: Agenda Item L-7

That _____ be appointed to the Housing Authority to fill the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 2015. (Cowdry)(R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-8

That _____ be appointed to the Housing Authority to fill the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 2019. (Pagano)(U)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-9

That _____ be appointed to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 2019. (Schadler)(R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-10

That _____ be appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority to fill the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.(McGrane)(U)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-11

That _____ be appointed to the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission as an **Alternate** to fill the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Hoffman)(R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-12

That _____ be appointed as an ex-officio Commissioner to the Metropolitan District Commission beginning immediately for an indefinite term.

MOTION: Agenda Item L-13

That _____ be appointed as a Justice of the Peace beginning immediately and ending January 2, 2017 (Quigley).

MOTION: Agenda Item L-14

That _____ be appointed to the Tourism Central Regional District to fill the balance of a three year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2017 (Bremkamp).

MOTION: Agenda Item L-15

That _____ be appointed to the Greater Hartford Transit District to fill the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2018 (Eagen).

MOTION: Agenda Item L-16

That _____ be appointed to the Joint Green Efforts Committee beginning immediately for an indefinite term (Quallen) (D).

MOTION: Agenda Item L-17

That _____ be appointed to the Joint Green Efforts Committee beginning immediately for an indefinite term (Grouten) (R).

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-1

To consider and take action on the following blighted building list:

23 Lakeview Drive
63 Main Street (Unionville)
700/702 New Britain Avenue
184 Talcott Notch Road
15 Walnut Street

NOTE: Under the provisions of The Code of the Town of Farmington, Chapter 88 "Buildings, Blighted," the Town Council has 75 days from the date of submission to approve, disapprove, or modify the list.

23 Lakeview Drive

- Property continues to meet Blighted Building Ordinance requirements.
- Town has ceased fining the owner during the legal process.
- Recommend the property remain on the Blighted Building List.

63 Main Street (Unionville)

- Property meets Blighted Building Ordinance requirements.
- Town has been fining the owner \$100/day since September 2, 2014.
- Recommend the property remain on the Blighted Building List.

700/702 New Britain Avenue

- Property meets Blighted Building Ordinance requirements.
- Town has been fining the owner \$100/day since April 7, 2014.
- Recommend the property remain on the Blighted Building List.

184 Talcott Notch Road

- Property meets Blighted Building Ordinance requirements.
- Property was recently sold. Working with new owner to develop a construction schedule.
- Anticipated construction spring/summer 2015.
- Recommend the property remain on the Blighted Building List.

15 Walnut Street (Unionville)

- Property meets Blighted Building Ordinance requirements.
- Property is currently with Probate. Owner has been attempting to sell the property.
- Recommend the property be added to the Blighted Building List.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-2

To consider and take action on budget targets for the 2015-2016 Fiscal year.

NOTE: Attached is the following information:

- Adopted Budget History FY 1995/6-FY 2014/15
- Five Year Expenditure Averages
- Tax Rate History FY 1995/6- FY 2014/15

In the past the Town Council set budget targets for the Town Manager and for the Board of Education. At times the Town Council set expenditure targets, other times it has been an overall tax rate. Most years the Town Council set a target range, not a specific number. In the past, the Town Council provided some general policy direction regarding the budget.

Please be aware that if the Town Council is going to set targets it should be done at this meeting. Realistically, by the February Town Council meeting my internal work on the budget is almost complete.

Also please be aware that all information needed to compile the budget is not available at this time. For example, revenues, state aid, and grand list are not complete.

Attachments

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-3

To change the time of the February 24, 2015 Town Council Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to Set a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

NOTE:

Proposed Schedule

Public Hearing Capital Budget	6:00 -6:30 PM
Board of Education	6:30 -7:30 PM
Town Departments	7:30 -9:30 PM

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-4

To authorize the Town Manager to sign the attached one-year contract extension with American Medical Response (AMR) of Connecticut, Inc. for ambulance services in Farmington.

NOTE: This is a zero-subsidy contract, meaning that AMR does not receive payment from the Town for providing this service in Farmington. The current contract would be extended for one year with no changes to its terms.

In the upcoming year, the Town will take steps to petition the State Department of Public Health under the Alternative Local EMS Plan Provision provided by Public Act 14-2178 to have the Primary Service Area (PSA) designations reassigned to the Town of Farmington for both Basic Ambulance Transport and Paramedic Service. Once the PSAs have been reassigned, the Town will prepare and issue an RFP and evaluate the responses to determine whether the community is better served by maintaining its current Basic Ambulance Transport and Paramedic Services provider or by selecting a different provider.

Attachment

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-5

To approve the following resolution in support of the Town of Farmington's State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grant Application.

Resolution

WHEREAS; the State Historic Preservation Office is accepting applications for Survey and Planning Grants and the Town of Farmington is an eligible community; and,

WHEREAS; the Town of Farmington project will have a positive impact on local historic preservation efforts and will encourage new awareness of historic preservation at the local level

And further; the project can begin in the immediate future;

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Farmington, thereby furthering the quality of life for residents, to submit a Survey and Planning grant with State Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of developing a master plan for the area along Farmington Ave, and the northern end of the local Farmington Historic district.

In furtherance of this resolution, Kathleen A. Eagen, the Town Manager is duly authorized to enter into and sign said application on behalf of the Town of Farmington. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto, and to refer the project to the TPZ for an 8-24 referral and site plan approval.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Farmington on any such document, amendment, rescission or revision.

NOTE: This funding will be used for the purpose of developing a master plan for the area along Farmington Avenue and the northern end of the local Farmington Historic District. In particular, funding is being sought to facilitate three public vision and planning workshops to be held in late March 2015.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-6

To approve the following property tax refunds.

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)J or D Abromaitis	Excess payment	\$90.31
2)Chase Auto Finance	Excess payment	\$278.37
3)Jeffrey Cohan	Excess payment	\$42.87
4)Marcy Conrad	Excess payment	\$16.23
5)Melvin or Anne Corbett	Excess payment	\$65.69
6)Daimler Trust	Excess payment	\$123.79
7)Ross Griswold	Excess payment	\$364.90
8)Michael or Lisa Laporte	Excess payment	\$302.32
9)Erin Ortega	Excess payment	\$63.67
10)Diana Reeves	Excess payment	\$19.96
11)Bobby or Patsy Smith	Excess payment	\$137.91
12)William or Nancy Tetro	Excess payment	\$9.70
13) Toyota	Excess payment	\$471.67
14)Turbine Tech Inc	Excess payment	\$243.28
15)VW Credit	Excess payment	\$563.88
	TOTAL:	\$2,794.55

MOTION:

Agenda Item O

Executive Session—To discuss matters concerning the sale or acquisition of real property.

To adjourn the meeting to executive session as permitted by Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225 (a) for the following purposes as allowed by Section 1-200(6), that is

Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned;

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:
Members of the Town Council
Town Manager

NOTE: Approval of this motion shall be by 2/3 vote.