

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 13, 2018

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Patricia Boye-Williams
Bruce Charette
Paul Cianci
Edward Giannaros
Beth Kintner

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments

1. Town Council Member

Motion was made and seconded (Nickerson/Cianci) that C.J. Thomas be appointed to the Town Council for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January 2021.

Adopted unanimously

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Proclamation – The Exchange Club

The Chair read the following proclamation into the record and the Council congratulated the Exchange Club for its service to the Town:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Farmington was founded in 1928, and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Farmington is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live by upholding the values of family, community, and country, and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Farmington has supported and sponsored many local activities, including scholarships for high school seniors, the Winding Trails

Children's Christmas Open House, the Farmington Christmas Tree, and the annual awarding of the "Firefighter of the Year" and "Police Officer of the Year,"and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Farmington is the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 86, and annually contributes to support the local Boy Scout troops and their mission, and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Farmington has shown significant commitment to the National Exchange Club's Prevention of Child Abuse Program, serving as one of the founding clubs of the Bristol Parent and Child Center and supporting young families in the Farmington area.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Farmington Town Council congratulates the Exchange Club of Farmington on their 90th Anniversary and thanks them for making a positive impact on the Farmington community.

Dated this 3rd Day of February, 2018 at Farmington, Connecticut.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair, Farmington Town Council

2. Presentation – Farmington Cemetery Association

Mr. Evan Cowles gave a history of the Riverside Cemetery, and Mr. Craig Fleming explained the current needs of the cemetery for more land. They reviewed the letter recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-2 and answered Council questions. The Manager planned to continue to work with the Cemetery Board to investigate options for property and bring a report back to the Council.

3. Proclamation – 2016 Fire Fighter of the Year

Steven Hoffmann, Director for Fire and Rescue Services read the following proclamation into the record and the Council congratulated Mr. Nelson on his accomplishments and service to the Town:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gary Petersen has served the Town of Farmington as a Fire Fighter for over 43 years starting as a volunteer fire fighter at the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department on October 1, 1974 and,

WHEREAS, Gary Petersen, became a Career Fire Fighter on June 18, 1984 and served honorably as a Career Fire Fighter until his retirement on December 31, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Gary Peterson has held numerous social and line officer positions, most recently holding the position of Captain from July 2016 to October 2017, and

WHEREAS, Gary Petersen has made significant and lasting contributions in multiple ways that have fostered the well-being of the citizens of the Town of Farmington, and

WHEREAS, Gary Petersen has always maintained a focus on the public good and acted to protect the public interest while donating countless hours of time, energy and personal commitment to better our community and enrich the lives of the residents of the Town of Farmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Farmington Town Council hereby commends Gary Peterson for his excellent work on behalf of the community and we congratulate him on his 2016 Firefighter of the Year Award. The Farmington Town Council hereby proclaims February 13th, 2018 as Gary Peterson Day in Farmington, Connecticut.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 13th day of February 2018.

Nancy Nickerson, Chair
Farmington Town Council

Mr. Hoffmann then read a citation from the Connecticut Legislature in honor of Mr. Peterson.

4. State Legislators – Update on legislative priorities and state budget

Senator, Beth Bye 5th District; Senator, Terry Gerratana 6th District; Representative Mike Demicco 21st District and Representative, Derek Slap 19th District discussed their thoughts on the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, the timing of the budget completion, tolls in Connecticut, on what was needed for future fiscal stability and growth for Connecticut and the sweeping of the Clean Energy Fund last year as bad policy. They answered Council questions and the Town Manager asked for some direction on how to approach the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. She summarized their remarks that the Town of Farmington should use the second year of the two year budget, passed by the Connecticut Legislature, as the starting point for the Town's budget and even if the revenues come in worse than expected that there wasn't a feeling in the legislature to pass on the shortfall to the municipalities. All the legislators agreed with the Manager's summary of their remarks.

5. Presentation - Town of Farmington Audit FY Ending June 30, 2017 Blum Shapiro & Company, P.C.

Ms. Leslie Zoll and Mr. Ron Nossek of BlumSharpapiro gave a review of the Town of Farmington's audit for fiscal year 2016-2017 using the presentation recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-5 and answered Council questions.

D. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

E. New Items

There were no new items added to the agenda.

F. Public Comments

There were no public hearings held.

G. Reading of the Minutes

1. January 9, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded (Giannaros/Kintner) to amend the motion by adding the following corrections:

- Agenda Item B-2 second paragraph change the first and second for the motion to read (Kintner/Giannaros)
- Agenda Item L-9/ Land Acquisition change to Boye-Williams, Chair/Cianci.

Adopted

Voting yes Nickerson, Boye-Williams, Charette, Cianci, Giannaros and Kintner.
Mr. Thomas abstained.

Adopted as amended

Voting yes Nickerson, Boye-Williams, Charette, Cianci, Giannaros and Kintner.
Mr. Thomas abstained.

2. January 18, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting.

Adopted

Voting yes Nickerson, Boye-Williams, Charette, Cianci, Giannaros and Kintner.
Mr. Thomas abstained.

3. January 23, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Town Council Meeting.

Adopted

Voting yes Nickerson, Boye-Williams, Charette, Cianci, Giannaros and Kintner.
Mr. Thomas abstained.

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

1. Scott Halstead- Resident Correspondence
2. Kathleen Eagen- Letter to Farmington's Legislative Delegation

The Manager referred to the communications recorded with these minutes as Agenda Items H-1 and H-2.

I. Report of the Committees

1. UConn Health Committee(s)

There was no report for Agenda I-1.

3. Land Acquisition Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had met the previous week and was continuing to work toward acquiring more parcels for open space and other Town purposes.

4. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had met last week and that the street light project was nearing completion and the municipal light project was complete. They were investigating a textile recycling program for residents that could be done at the curb. She reminded the public the Green Efforts Clean Up Day was scheduled for April 21st.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair Report

The Chair reported that she had seen and heard comments about whether the Town Council was concerned about the Farmington High School. She assured the public the Council is very concerned about the High School and the future direction for the building.

2. Board of Education Liaison Report

Ms. Kintner reported the Board of Education had completed their budget and the budget called for an increase of 2.54%, which was slightly lower than requested by the Superintendent's Budget. She asked for the Manager to get a copy of the Friar Associates Report concerning all the school facilities, except the High School, for the Council and suggested the Council read it before the Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the schools was reviewed by the Council.

3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report

Ms. Boye-Williams reported that the UVIA was considering their options for the Unionville Festival due to poor attendance the previous fall. They were considering switching their efforts to advocacy for the village businesses and residents. They discussed the possibilities of a town-wide festival that they would assist with if there were interest. They were looking for new volunteers and members and were changing to quarterly meetings. On March 28th, they were meeting to make a decision whether to continue with Unionville Festival.

4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report

Mr. Charette reported a demolition permit for the brown house on the corner of Waterville Road and Route 4 had been issued and several members of the Farmington Historical Society were opposing the demolition, which happens 90 days after issuance of a permit.

5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report

There was no report for Agenda Item J-5.

6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report

Mr. Giannaros reported the EDC had hosted their quarterly Business Breakfast on January 24th with Joe DeLong, Executive Director of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities as speaker, which had been sponsored by Farmington Bank. The EDC was looking into enhancing the Explore Farmington webpage, which featured local businesses and events.

7. Human Relations Commission Report

Ms. Kintner reported she had met with Ruth Grobe, Chair of the Commission to introduce herself and the next meeting was scheduled for March 28th.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report

There was no report for Agenda Item J-8.

9. Other Liaison Reports

Library Board

Mr. Giannaros reported the Library had hosted an event on January 29th to introduce their new Studio Room to the public. The studio had two VR Oculus Systems, two 3-D Work Stations and a camera with a green screen. He encouraged the public both young and old to use the studio and noted the room had to be reserved in advance.

Unionville Historic District

Mr. Giannaros reported Neal Bratton from the Avon Boy Scout Troop 274 presented a project to improve Yodkins-Morin Memorial Park.

Farmington Historic District Commission

Mr. Charette reported the Commission had had an informal meeting with St. Patrick's Church to review the plans to expand the Church. It was encouraged at that meeting to have the Church reach out to the residents in the area to review the expansion plans. A formal application was expected to be made to the Commission and the Town Plan and Zoning Commission after these meetings.

K. Report of the Town Manager

Conservation Easement to the Farmington Land Trust

The Manager asked for direction on what the Council wanted to do about this issue. It was the consensus of the Council to investigate the benefits of a license agreement with the Farmington Land Trust versus a conservation easement given to

the Farmington Land Trust. Ms. Boye-Williams asked what would the consequences for the Farmington Land Trust be if they didn't live up to their obligations under a conservation easement or license agreement. The Manager reported she would check with the Farmington Land Trust to get their feelings on a license agreement. She planned on not getting any legal advice until the Council decided which direction they wanted to go.

Start Time Change/ Town Council Photo Shoot

The Manager reminded the Council the photo shoot was at 5:30 pm before the next Meeting.

State Grant Estimate Report

Mr. Swetcky reviewed the hand out recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item K-1 showing which grants had been received, partially received and not received.

Farmington Fire Department Donation

The Manager reported the Town had received a donation of five sets of specifically designed pet oxygen mask kits, one for each fire house. The kits will allow for firefighters to deliver oxygen to family pets in need on the scene of house fires and other emergencies.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to accept the Town Manager's Report.

Adopted unanimously

L. Appointments

2. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg) (D)
3. Inland Wetlands Commission **Alternate** (Markuszkka) (R)
4. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission (Radacsi) (U)
5. Farmington Historic District Commission **Alternate** (Charette) (D)
6. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Wienke) (R)
7. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Parady) (U)
8. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
9. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory (Hall) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-1 through L-9.

10. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Kintner/Giannaros) that Bruce Charette be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

11. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Robert Brouchu be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

12. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that John F. Silver, Sr. be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

13. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that Kyle Cunningham be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

14. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that Rob Ingvertsen be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

15. Retirement Board (Leary)

There was no action taken on Agenda Item C-15.

16. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that Kenneth Miller be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

17. Retirement Board

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Joan Valenti be appointed to the Retirement Board for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending January, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

18. Tourism Central Regional District (Bernier) (R)
There was no action taken on Agenda Item L-18.

M. Old Business

1. To take action on the 2018 Blighted Building List

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to take action on the following 2018 Blighted Building list:

23 Lakeview Drive
15 Walnut Street.

Adopted unanimously

N. New Business

1. To set a public hearing on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set a public hearing on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Adopted unanimously

2. To set a public hearing on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the Town Manager's 2018-2019 Recommended Budget

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set a public hearing on March 13, 2018 in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the Town Manager's 2018-2019 Recommended Budget.

Adopted unanimously

3. To approve property tax refunds

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the following property tax refunds:

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Ari Fleet LT	Assessor's adjustment	\$586.96
2)Setareh Balazadeh	Assessor's adjustment	\$144.02
3)Daimler Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$490.65
4)Denise Atkinson	Assessor's adjustment	\$30.54
5)Lynn Dera	Assessor's adjustment	\$221.94
6)Yongda Fu	Double payment	\$207.97
7)Haan Auto Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$34.07
8)Honda Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$144.87
9)Rocco & Sally Mascaro	Assessor's adjustment	\$221.97
10)Keith McCambridge	Assessor's adjustment	\$204.64
11)Paul Melzen	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.18
12)R & N Miceli	Assessor's adjustment	\$32.36
13)Nissan Infiniti	Assessor's adjustment	\$247.54
14)Gary Palumbo	Assessor's adjustment	\$106.24
15)Paul Romano	Assessor's adjustment	\$796.71
16)Marilyn/Stuart Rosner	Double payment	\$7,045.79
17)Angelica Sharma	Assessor's adjustment	\$89.65
18)Monika Smielwska	Assessor's adjustment	\$1,170.85
19)S & J Stranieri	Assessor's adjustment	\$165.04
20)Farmington Town of	Assessor's adjustment	\$50.69
21)Thomas Loughman	Assessor's adjustment	\$303.62
22) R. & J. Osborne	Assessor's adjustment	\$197.92
23)Toyota Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$2,587.74
24)USB Leasing	Assessor's adjustment	\$972.33
25)Vault Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$418.15
26)R. & R. Verbyla	Assessor's adjustment	\$32.29
	GRAND TOTAL:	\$16,517.73

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the selection of a site or lease, sale or purchase of real estate with the Town Council, Town Manager and Bill Wadsworth, Land Acquisition member present at 9:54 pm.

Adopted unanimously

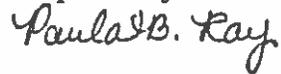
The Chair left the Executive Session at 10:14 pm and returned at 10:24 pm.
The Council returned to Open Session.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk

Farmington Cemetery Land Requirements

Farmington Cemetery Association
Presentation to the Farmington Town Council, February 2018

Land Needs

Riverside Cemetery on Garden Street is owned and operated by the Farmington Cemetery Association, a non-profit run by volunteers for residents of the Town of Farmington. Riverside has just a limited number of plots left to sell as of the beginning of 2018.

Once Riverside runs out of space, the Association will continue to operate the cemetery, but will have to turn away anyone who needs a new plot.

The Association has been working with the Town trying to locate a suitable piece of land to use as a new cemetery for many years. In the last few years, the Town has pushed to acquire state land on Route 6 for cemetery use, but the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the state legislature finally blocked the effort this past fall.

Farmington residents expect to have a cemetery in town.

The Association is now asking the Town Council to identify a suitable parcel of town land for a new cemetery - on an expedited time frame. If a piece of land can be chosen quickly, the Association would try to accommodate Farmington residents on a continuing basis, taking into account the many steps required to create a new cemetery.

History

- Originally part of the School Society, equivalent to the Board of Ed in the 1830's
- Land for Riverside acquired by town taxes
- Money was donated by earlier Association board members to start endowment
- Land expanded over the years to 12.65 acres, part of which is hillside and riverbank
- Most recent capital project was canal bed developed in the late 1980's

Structure of Farmington Cemetery Association

- A non-profit organized as Cemetery Association under State Statute
- Nondenominational
- Restricted to town residents of at least five years
- Original Riverside Cemetery land paid for by town taxpayers
- If Association became insolvent, state statute requires Town to take over cemetery
- Association is responsible for maintaining and expanding the existing cemetery

Current situation

- A few years of land left: In a typical year, Riverside sells roughly 50 plots, and has just 300 plots left to sell as of the beginning of 2018.
- Looked at many parcels with help of town staff (Liz Dolphin)
 - Scott Swamp parcel - State Land

- Tanbark Kennel
- Bland family parcel next to Judson Lane
- Multiple other state, town, and private parcels
- Worked with the Land Acquisition Committee and Town Council over the years
- Need approx. 10-15 acres, will develop in stages
- Have endowment for perpetual care

Timeline for new parcel:

- Need initial commitment on a parcel from town
- Survey existing conditions, establish boundaries
- Create preliminary site plan
- Apply for town approvals (Site Plan, Wetlands if needed, etc.)
- Final acquisition from town
- Finalize site plans
- Build infrastructure: roads, water, storage structure, etc.
- Install final landscaping
- Survey and mark plots (digital mapping)
- Need to have land acquired in the next 18 months

Board of Directors, Farmington Cemetery Association

- Arthur Haworth, President (retired, Haworth's Flowers and Gifts)
- Kevin Ray, Vice President (Deming Insurance)
- James T. Rose, Secretary (Lawrence E Rose, Inc)
- Evan Cowles, Treasurer (retired Landscape Architect)
- David Haworth, Assistant Treasurer (Haworth's Flowers and Gifts)
- Craig Fleming (Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterbury, CT)
- E. Lawrence Rose (retired, Lawrence E Rose, Inc)
- Lucius (Buzz) Whitaker (retired, Deming Insurance)
- Paul A. Wollenberg (retired, Westwoods Golf Course)

**Town of Farmington, Connecticut
Audit Presentation**

For the year ended June 30, 2017

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Agenda

- Engagement Scope and Standards
- Results and Financial Highlights
 - Financial Statements
 - Federal Single Audit
 - State Single Audit
 - Management Advisory Letter
- Required Auditors' Communication
- New GASB Pronouncements

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Engagement Scope and Standards

- Scope – governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund Information
- Standards:
 - Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America
 - The standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAGAS) Yellow Book
 - Uniform Guidance – Federal Single Audit
 - State Single Audit Act – C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 4-236

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Engagement Scope and Standards

- Responsibilities
 - Management – preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, which includes the design implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to error or fraud.
 - Auditor - express opinions on the financial statements based on our audit. We conduct our audit according to our standards – to plan and perform our audit to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

- Financial Statements
 - Unmodified Opinion – “Clean” Opinion
- Reporting on Internal Control and Compliance at the Financial Statement Level
 - Under Internal Controls
 - No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified
 - Under Compliance
 - No instances of noncompliance were identified

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

Full accrual statements

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Current assets	\$ 61,545,256	\$ 61,872,044	\$ 1,224,599	\$ 825,035
Capital assets	176,351,626	143,508,801	1,528,163	1,619,346
Total assets	237,896,882	205,380,845	2,752,762	2,444,381
Deferred outflows of resources	5,542,560	11,374,706		
Current liabilities	52,483,789	43,589,430	921,506	996,640
Noncurrent liabilities	86,623,460	87,557,847	98,785	114,740
Total liabilities	139,107,249	131,147,277	1,020,291	1,111,380
Deferred inflows of resources	5,323,659	728,760	316,435	68,397
Net investment in capital assets	125,419,345	100,438,073	1,429,378	1,504,606
Unrestricted	(26,410,811)	(15,558,559)	(13,342)	(240,002)
Total Net Position	\$ 99,008,534	\$ 84,879,514	\$ 1,416,036	\$ 1,264,604

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

Full accrual statements

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 12,580,385	\$ 12,082,856	\$ 2,235,367	\$ 2,265,758
Operating grants and contributions	18,360,778	14,194,691		
Capital grants and contributions	13,679,009	3,943,121		67,257
General revenues:				
Property taxes	92,630,759	89,079,774		
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	4,320,293	4,003,821		
Investment income	461,499	139,833	1,967	29,845
Miscellaneous	1,075,294	157,807	8,515	19,104
Total revenues	143,108,017	123,601,903	2,245,849	2,381,964

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

Full accrual statements

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Expenses:				
Education	84,917,315	78,152,327		
Public safety	15,437,878	15,555,472		
Public works	8,304,989	9,123,730		
Culture and recreation	2,011,630	2,217,159		
General administration	11,103,166	10,542,768		
Plant operations	5,277,331	5,733,834		
Debt service	2,243,688	1,129,993		
Waste Collection			1,517,430	1,516,563
Golf Course			273,387	639,196
Total expenses	129,295,997	122,455,283	1,790,817	2,155,759
Capital Contributions and transfers				
Capital Contributions			13,400	
Transfers in (out)	317,000		(317,000)	
Change in net position	14,129,020	1,146,620	151,432	226,205

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

- Governmental Activities net position increased \$14.1M for the year. Operating and other capital grant revenues increased \$13.9M and overall tax revenues increased \$3.5M.
- Business Activities increased \$151K mostly due to the increase in the waste collection fund of \$175K. Westwoods golf course did have an operating gain this year which was then offset by a budgetary transfer to the general fund, ending the year with a decrease in net position of \$24K.

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

Governmental Funds – fund balances (modified basis of accounting)

	General	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable			24,173	24,173
Restricted			1,821,468	1,821,468
Committed			4,053,841	4,053,841
Assigned	595,369			595,369
Unassigned	12,047,641	(17,797,813)	(210,154)	(5,960,326)
Total fund balances	12,643,010	(17,797,813)	5,689,328	534,525

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

- **General Fund**
 - Fund balance increased \$1.3M for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.
 - Current tax collection rate was 99.7%
 - Unassigned fund balance was \$12M which represents 12% of FY2017 budgeted expenditures
 - On a budgetary basis there was a favorable variance of \$486K for revenues and \$656K for expenditures
- **Capital Projects**
 - Fund balance decrease \$17M this year due to timing of projects funded with temporary financing.
 - General obligation bonds were issued of \$5.5M during the year and \$42 million of bond anticipation notes issued for the waste water plant upgrade.

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

- Internal Service Fund
 - Net position decreased \$108K
 - Total net position as of 6/30/17 was \$3.7M
- Pension Trust Fund
 - Net position increased \$7.5M due to the increase in the market.
 - Plan is currently funded at 74.45%
- Agency Funds
 - Assets of \$1M are being held for student activities at year end
 - Assets of \$700K are being held for contractors deposits.

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Results and Financial Highlights – Financial Statements

■ OPEB Plan

Fiscal Year	Annual OPEB Cost (AOC)	Actual Contribution	Percentage of AOC Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
Ending	Cost (AOC)	Contribution	Contributed	Obligation
6/30/2015	\$ 3,305,964	\$ 1,124,433	34.01%	\$ 8,139,556
6/30/2016	3,510,009	1,144,807	32.62%	10,504,758
6/30/2017	3,627,554	1,234,419	34.03%	12,897,893

Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a percentage of Covered Payroll (b-a)/c
6/30/2011	\$ -	\$ 30,822,853	\$ 30,822,853	0%	N/A	N/A
7/1/2013	-	36,108,188	36,108,188	0%	N/A	N/A
7/1/2015	-	38,817,590	38,817,590	0%	N/A	N/A

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Results– Federal Single Audit

- Unmodified (Clean) Opinion on Compliance
- Reporting on Internal Controls over its Major Federal Program
 - No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies over the federal program tested. Program Tested
- Program Tested
 - Special Education Cluster

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Results – State Single Audit

- Unmodified (Clean) Opinion on Compliance
- Reporting on Internal Controls over its Major State Programs
 - No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies over the state program tested.
- Programs Tested
 - Clean Water Fund Grant and Loan Program
 - Town Aid Road Grants – Municipal
 - Let's Go Connecticut Ramp-Up Program
 - Local Transportation Capital Program
 - Tax loss on State Property
 - Municipal Grants in Aid

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Management Advisory Letter

- Suggestions for improvements to internal controls
 - Segregation of Duties
 - Journal entries subsequently reviewed
 - Bank reconciliations subsequently reviewed

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Required Auditors' Communication

- Accounting Estimates:
 - OPEB obligation, pension liability, useful lives of capital assets, allowances
 - No difficulties with management.
 - No disagreements with management on accounting matters.
 - No material corrected or uncorrected misstatements.
 - No consultation with other independent accountants

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New GASB Pronouncements

- 2018
 - Statement 75 – OPEB accounting for employers and non-employer contributing entities
 - Statement 81 – Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements
 - Statement 85 – Omnibus 2017 (Blending component units, Goodwill, FV, OPEB)
 - Statement 86 – Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues
- 2019
 - Statement 83 – Certain asset retirement obligations
- 2020
 - Statement 84 – Fiduciary activities
- 2021
 - Statement 87 - Leases

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Anna Savastano

From: Scott Halstead <halstead2010@yahoo.com>
nt: Sunday, February 04, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Town Council Account for e-Mail
Subject: Farmington High School

Dear Town Council Members,

Congratulations on your recent election to the Town Council and thank you for your service to our town.

I want to encourage you to revisit the Farmington High School building issue as soon as possible. Last week I attended Orientation there for my current 8th grader. The programs there sound incredible. It certainly isn't like the high school I remember. We need a facility to match the excellence of the programs. To be honest, I found the condition of the school to be embarrassing. The sprawl of the school is also a huge issue. I couldn't believe how long it took us to walk from the auditorium to our first tour stop. I can't imagine how students get to class on time!

It is probably too late for a new facility to benefit my two boys but it is desperately needed. Please make this a priority in your 2018 discussions..

Thank you,
Scott Halstead
20 Trotters Glen

Sent from my iPad

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INCORPORATED 1645



February 7, 2018

State Senator Beth Bye
 Legislative Office Building, Room 3900
 Hartford, CT 06106

State Senator Terry Gerratana
 Legislative Office Building, Room 3000
 Hartford, CT 06106

Representative Derek Slap
 Legislative Office Building, Room 4036
 Hartford, CT 06106

Representative Mike Demicco
 Legislative Office Building, Room 3201
 Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Bye, Senator Gerratana, Representative Slap & Representative Demicco:

I write to you today in response to the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget issued by Governor Malloy on February 5, 2018. The impact this proposed budget has on the Town of Farmington is **unacceptable**. While the average reduction in State aid to all towns across Connecticut is **10.07%**, Farmington's reduction is a staggering **77.77%**.

The attached document shows a comparison of the Governor's proposed State aid to all 169 Towns and Cities. You will see that Farmington ranks **1st** for the highest percentage and dollar reduction in state aid. Furthermore, the average reduction for other Towns in the Farmington Valley, excluding Farmington, is **8.32%** and Towns similar to Farmington is **2.06%**. It is evident that the Town of Farmington will experience a disproportionate reduction in State aid under the Governor's proposed budget adjustments.

The Town of Farmington has been completely blindsided by the magnitude of the proposed reduction, which will result in a revenue reduction of approximately **\$3.8 million dollars**. Even with significant reductions to services to our residents, there is a very real possibility that the Town of Farmington will need to increase our mill rate by 1.25 mills and a tax increase of 4.8% **with absolutely no other changes to the budget**.

INCORPORATED 1645



The Governor's proposed budget will severely impact the Town of Farmington. I urge you, as Farmington's elected officials, to advocate for the Town of Farmington against this proposed budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager
Town of Farmington

/Attachment(s)

cc: Farmington Town Council Members

**State Aid to Farmington
Summary**

State Aid to Farmington

FY 18 (Adopted Budget): \$4,857,489*

FY 19 (Proposed by Governor): \$1,079,658

Overall Reduction in State Grants (FY 18- Proposed FY 19): \$3,777,831

*** Not all funding has been received**

Farmington ranks 1st out of 169 Towns for the highest percentage reduction at 77.77% and highest dollar value decrease at \$3,777,831.

Second highest dollar value decrease is the City of Hartford with \$3,423,738 but this only equates a 1.25% reduction in State Grants.

Farmington's reduction- 77.77%

Average Reduction for 169 Towns - 10.07%

Average Reduction for Farmington Valley- 16.04%, without Farmington - 8.32%

Average Reduction for Comparable Towns- 11.53%, without Farmington - 2.06%

Farmington's Biggest Reduction Areas:

Funding	\$ Amount	% Change
PILOT	(\$1,927,869)	-100%
ECS	(\$887,257)	-100%
MSG*	(\$824,325)	-100%

*Municipal Stabilizer Grant

State Aid Reduction by Percent

Municipalities	FY 2018	FY 2019	\$ Change	% Change
Farmington	4,857,489	1,079,658	-3,777,831	-77.77
Orange	2,046,850	494,595	-1,552,255	-75.84
Stonington	2,020,069	527,011	-1,493,058	-73.91
Fairfield	3,832,552	1,249,688	-2,582,864	-67.39
Madison	1,366,011	449,414	-916,597	-67.10
Westport	1,471,121	564,755	-906,366	-61.61
Avon	1,529,419	701,417	-828,002	-54.14
Waterford	1,024,327	490,612	-533,715	-52.10
Canaan	444,903	213,210	-231,693	-52.08
Weston	674,166	329,254	-344,912	-51.16
Redding	683,616	351,707	-331,909	-48.55
Darien	900,173	473,163	-427,010	-47.44
Old Lyme	542,907	288,736	-254,171	-46.82
New Canaan	842,640	467,810	-374,830	-44.48
Wilton	1,341,353	755,034	-586,319	-43.71
Easton	530,622	308,275	-222,347	-41.90
Ridgefield	1,864,842	1,120,508	-744,334	-39.91
Old Saybrook	533,300	371,394	-161,906	-30.36
Lyme	291,069	210,609	-80,460	-27.64
Essex	459,443	336,481	-122,962	-26.76
Norfolk	389,788	286,352	-103,436	-26.54
Goshen	439,570	329,931	-109,639	-24.94
Meriden	303,242	235,823	-67,419	-22.23
Westbrook	614,620	533,025	-81,595	-13.28
Killingworth	2,303,272	2,016,702	-286,570	-12.44
Salisbury	380,465	336,157	-44,308	-11.65
Cornwall	297,012	262,509	-34,503	-11.62
Durham	3,905,680	3,509,173	-396,507	-10.15
Sharon	462,496	415,687	-46,809	-10.12
Monroe	6,480,422	5,835,081	-645,341	-9.96
Oxford	4,613,897	4,154,731	-459,166	-9.95
Lisbon	3,356,789	3,069,953	-286,836	-8.54
Hartland	1,422,873	1,301,732	-121,141	-8.51
New Fairfield	4,334,652	3,970,538	-364,114	-8.40
Bethlehem	1,403,142	1,285,831	-117,311	-8.36
Clinton	6,223,294	5,749,730	-473,564	-7.61
Salem	3,003,176	2,776,437	-226,739	-7.55
Franklin	1,006,782	932,419	-74,363	-7.39
Lebanon	5,277,949	4,925,119	-352,830	-6.68
Morris	316,982	296,000	-20,982	-6.62
Litchfield	1,816,470	1,697,235	-119,235	-6.56
Canterbury	4,455,649	4,173,020	-282,629	-6.34
Tolland	10,025,105	9,394,136	-630,969	-6.29
Windsor	1,413,298	1,327,864	-85,434	-6.05
Windsorfield	18,835,363	17,737,256	-1,098,107	-5.83
Milford	13,720,574	12,929,945	-790,629	-5.76

State Aid Reduction by Percent

Voluntown	2,613,884	2,464,946	-148,938	-5.70
Colebrook	686,284	647,803	-38,481	-5.61
Eastford	1,235,816	1,169,328	-66,488	-5.38
Glastonbury	7,124,052	6,741,844	-382,208	-5.37
Middlebury	1,180,471	1,117,554	-62,917	-5.33
Plymouth	9,708,677	9,193,607	-515,070	-5.31
Montville	15,008,948	14,255,651	-753,297	-5.02
Andover	2,308,859	2,197,526	-111,333	-4.82
Pomfret	3,071,818	2,926,278	-145,540	-4.74
Somers	8,478,669	8,090,412	-388,257	-4.58
Branford	3,179,729	3,036,505	-143,224	-4.50
Norwalk	18,159,819	17,358,371	-801,448	-4.41
Bethany	2,142,790	2,049,224	-93,566	-4.37
Marlborough	3,089,582	2,955,957	-133,625	-4.33
Ashford	3,800,206	3,637,176	-163,030	-4.29
Harwinton	2,716,274	2,599,876	-116,398	-4.29
Berlin	7,236,785	6,930,326	-306,459	-4.23
Colchester	12,627,116	12,094,946	-532,170	-4.21
Scotland	1,478,401	1,416,597	-61,804	-4.18
Chaplin	2,007,852	1,924,434	-83,418	-4.15
Hebron	6,429,443	6,163,109	-266,334	-4.14
East Lyme	7,631,791	7,317,977	-313,814	-4.11
Coventry	8,227,641	7,907,319	-320,322	-3.89
North Branford	7,916,795	7,621,102	-295,693	-3.74
Newington	14,830,463	14,284,680	-545,783	-3.68
Wolcott	12,681,655	12,218,221	-463,434	-3.65
Newtown	6,957,996	6,707,326	-250,670	-3.60
Suffield	11,072,250	10,698,454	-373,796	-3.38
South Windsor	13,333,968	12,898,868	-435,100	-3.26
Prospect	5,112,187	4,946,091	-166,096	-3.25
Simsbury	6,248,031	6,047,174	-200,857	-3.21
North Canaan	2,386,263	2,310,819	-75,444	-3.16
East Hampton	7,211,760	6,984,991	-226,769	-3.14
Burlington	4,263,937	4,130,584	-133,353	-3.13
Cheshire	13,506,783	13,086,562	-420,221	-3.11
Columbia	2,537,790	2,459,159	-78,631	-3.10
East Hartford	58,898,206	57,108,420	-1,789,786	-3.04
Southbury	3,928,710	3,810,053	-118,657	-3.02
Ledyard	12,913,801	12,524,795	-389,006	-3.01
North Stonington	3,645,322	3,537,353	-107,969	-2.96
Middlefield	2,348,707	2,281,508	-67,199	-2.86
Naugatuck	33,278,247	32,361,174	-917,073	-2.76
East Windsor	6,540,546	6,369,185	-171,361	-2.62
Bolton	2,941,698	2,865,174	-76,524	-2.60
Canton	3,410,843	3,322,450	-88,393	-2.59
Union	395,339	385,208	-10,131	-2.56
Middletown	32,099,712	31,333,552	-766,160	-2.39

State Aid Reduction by Percent

Thomaston	5,750,861	5,614,599	-136,262	-2.37
West Hartford	21,831,522	21,324,048	-507,474	-2.32
Willington	3,618,268	3,535,501	-82,767	-2.29
New Milford	12,094,828	11,820,422	-274,406	-2.27
Plainfield	14,574,363	14,243,969	-330,394	-2.27
East Haddam	3,737,011	3,657,448	-79,563	-2.13
Bethel	8,001,111	7,834,814	-166,297	-2.08
Wallingford	22,208,664	21,788,742	-419,922	-1.89
Enfield	29,126,977	28,586,500	-540,477	-1.86
Stafford	9,880,646	9,701,124	-179,522	-1.82
Griswold	10,172,213	9,987,715	-184,498	-1.81
Granby	5,319,609	5,223,746	-95,863	-1.80
Beacon Falls	3,931,654	3,866,063	-65,591	-1.67
Rocky Hill	5,531,318	5,443,924	-87,394	-1.58
Windsor	14,548,927	14,359,257	-189,670	-1.30
New Hartford	3,255,426	3,213,139	-42,287	-1.30
Shelton	6,868,993	6,782,243	-86,750	-1.26
Brooklyn	6,862,349	6,775,979	-86,370	-1.26
Hartford	273,233,920	269,810,182	-3,423,738	-1.25
Deep River	1,846,378	1,824,504	-21,874	-1.18
Woodstock	5,298,157	5,238,422	-59,735	-1.13
North Haven	5,919,212	5,857,676	-61,536	-1.04
Waterbury	166,717,011	165,005,981	-1,711,030	-1.03
Thompson	8,122,401	8,039,238	-83,163	-1.02
Watertown	11,641,724	11,524,299	-117,425	-1.01
Winchester	8,952,384	8,864,515	-87,869	-0.98
New Haven	227,677,667	225,556,957	-2,120,710	-0.93
Haddam	2,148,679	2,129,313	-19,366	-0.90
Groton	29,253,805	28,993,226	-260,579	-0.89
Putnam	9,147,587	9,067,008	-80,579	-0.88
Killingly	17,389,559	17,241,968	-147,591	-0.85
New Britain	103,775,458	102,905,949	-869,509	-0.84
East Haven	21,379,060	21,202,207	-176,853	-0.83
Sprague	2,975,944	2,952,655	-23,289	-0.78
Barkhamsted	1,742,051	1,729,187	-12,864	-0.74
Sterling	3,165,960	3,142,721	-23,239	-0.73
Bridgeport	212,594,001	211,165,831	-1,428,170	-0.67
Wethersfield	9,591,542	9,529,058	-62,484	-0.65
Woodbury	1,634,653	1,625,926	-8,727	-0.53
Ellington	9,293,818	9,247,509	-46,309	-0.50
Hamden	34,899,123	34,731,435	-167,688	-0.48
Windham	33,831,272	33,696,269	-135,003	-0.40
Windsor Locks	8,069,840	8,038,006	-31,834	-0.39
Southington	19,770,898	19,695,694	-75,204	-0.38
Bozrah	1,457,707	1,453,622	-4,085	-0.28
Manchester	40,192,628	40,103,366	-89,262	-0.22
Seymour	9,699,776	9,691,817	-7,959	-0.08

State Aid Reduction by Percent

Preston	4,040,798	4,038,745	-2,053	-0.05
Stamford	19,212,177	19,218,114	5,937	0.03
West Haven	53,589,883	53,614,387	24,504	0.05
Portland	4,309,882	4,312,645	2,763	0.06
Bloomfield	8,923,347	8,940,182	16,835	0.19
Vernon	21,110,068	21,172,314	62,246	0.29
New London	35,814,979	35,941,353	126,374	0.35
East Granby	2,068,989	2,076,358	7,369	0.36
Cromwell	4,624,189	4,646,127	21,938	0.47
Bristol	50,269,312	50,513,093	243,781	0.48
Meriden	66,282,256	66,717,819	435,563	0.66
Norwich	41,473,326	41,758,957	285,631	0.69
Torrington	26,941,895	27,127,950	186,055	0.69
Derby	9,746,660	9,848,730	102,070	1.05
Plainville	10,226,867	10,342,515	115,648	1.13
Danbury	40,655,783	41,157,482	501,699	1.23
Ansonia	17,596,789	17,843,454	246,665	1.40
Chester	919,614	937,009	17,395	1.89
Stratford	23,894,808	24,478,773	583,965	2.44

**State Aid Reduction in
Farmington Valley Towns**

Municipality	FY 18 Total Aid	FY 19 Total Aid	\$ Change	% Change
Farmington	\$ 4,857,489	\$ 1,079,658	\$ (3,777,831)	-77.77%
Avon	\$ 1,529,419	\$ 701,417	\$ (828,002)	-54.14%
East Granby	\$ 2,068,989	\$ 2,076,358	\$ 7,369	0.36%
Simsbury	\$ 6,248,031	\$ 6,047,174	\$ (200,857)	-3.21%
Canton	\$ 3,410,843	\$ 3,322,450	\$ (88,393)	-2.59%
Barkhamsted	\$ 1,742,051	\$ 1,729,187	\$ (12,864)	-0.74%
New Hartford	\$ 3,255,426	\$ 3,213,139	\$ (42,287)	-1.30%
Granby	\$ 5,319,609	\$ 5,223,746	\$ (95,863)	-1.80%
Burlington	\$ 4,263,937	\$ 4,130,584	\$ (133,353)	-3.13%

Average % Change: -16.04%
Average without Farmington: -8.32%

State Aid Reduction Farmington + Comparable Towns

Municipality	FY 18 Total Aid	FY 19 Total Aid	\$ Change	% Change
Farmington	4,857,489	1,079,658	-3,777,831	-77.77
Glastonbury	7,124,052	6,741,844	-382,208	-5.37
Newington	14,830,463	14,284,680	-545,783	-3.68
South Windsor	13,333,968	12,898,868	-435,100	-3.26
Rocky Hill	5,531,318	5,443,924	-87,394	-1.58
Windsor	14,548,927	14,359,257	-189,670	-1.30
Southington	19,770,898	19,695,694	-75,204	-0.38
Plainville	10,226,867	10,342,515	115,648	1.13

Average % Change: -11.53
 Average without Farmington: -2.06

**State Aid Reduction in
Farmington Valley + Comparable Towns**

Municipality	FY 18 Total Aid	FY 19 Total Aid	\$ Change	% Change
Farmington	4,857,489	1,079,658	-3,777,831	-77.77
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New Hartford	3,255,426	3,213,139	-42,287	-1.30
Barkhamsted	1,742,051	1,729,187	-12,864	-0.74
Southington	19,770,898	19,695,694	-75,204	-0.38
East Granby	2,068,989	2,076,358	7,369	0.36
Plainville	10,226,867	10,342,515	115,648	1.13

Average % Change: -9.92
Average without Farmington: -5.40

**FY2017/2018 STATE GRANT REPORT
AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

	GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL BUDGET PROPOSAL	TOWN 2017-2018 ADOPTED	FY2017/2018 ADOPTED STATE BUDGET	FY2017/2018 ALLOTTED STATE BUDGET	FY2017/2018 RECEIVED TO DATE	FY2017/2018 PROJECTED TO 30-Jun-18
PILLOT: STATE-OWNED PROPERTY	2,526,231	2,526,231	2,106,294	1,927,869	1,927,869	1,927,869
PILLOT: COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	19,650	19,650	23,644	13,856	13,856	13,856
PEQUOT/MOHEGAN FUND GRANT	30,223	30,223	29,796	29,796	29,796	29,796
REVENUE SHARING-PROJECTS	-	-	545,804	545,804	-	545,804
REVENUE SHARING-SALES TAX	482,637	482,637	-	-	-	-
TOWN AID ROADS	373,438	373,438	373,438	373,438	186,908	186,908
MUNICIPAL STABILIZATION GRANT	-	-	894,926	824,325	824,325	824,325
EDUCATION GRANTS	-	-	1,040,326	887,257	453,560	739,590
SPECIAL EDUCATION	989,645	382,416	-	-	-	-
TRANSPORTATION GRANT	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4,421,824	3,814,595	5,014,228	4,602,345	3,406,518	4,268,148
Difference between Town Budget and State Budget						
Difference between State Budget and State Allotted						
Difference between Town Budget and Projected to June 30, 2018						
Difference between State Budget and Projected to June 30, 2018						
				(411,883)		453,553
						(746,080)

Agenda Item K-1