

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
July, 10, 2018

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Patricia Boye-Williams
Bruce Charette
Paul Cianci
Edward Giannaros (absent)
Beth Kintner
C. J. Thomas

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

B. Presentations and Recognitions

There were no presentations or recognitions.

C. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

D. New Items

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

F. Public Comments

Brian Henrickson of 165 Main Street told the Council on June 28th his dog was hit on Main Street. Officer Jason Balisciano did an outstanding job, but Mr. Hendrickson was concerned about safety on Main Street. He spoke about improvements that Glastonbury was doing on Route 17. He handed out the article recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item F-1 about the improvements in Glastonbury. He asked the that the charge of the new Farmington Village Committee include the full historic village footprint down to the CVS.

Robert Parker of 22 Tanglewood Road talked about how nice it was to drive through Farmington Center eastbound, but westbound was worse than before the project due to traffic. He told the Council he believed the sign posts at the crossings are so close together that they are not ADA compliant, and the catch basins heading eastbound beyond Berkshire Bank were 3 to 4 inches above the pavement, which was like driving over moguls and too high to catch the run off. He also thought the lights were improperly timed in the area. He questioned what the status of a third bridge was

over the Farmington River that would relieve the traffic in Unionville and Farmington Centers.

G. Reading of the Minutes

1. June 12, Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting with the following correction:

- Page 5, Economic Development liaison report, correct the spelling of Power Hawk to "PowerHawke".

Adopted unanimously

2. June 26, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/ Boye-Williams) to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 Special Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals

There were no communications or written appeals.

I. Report of the Committees

1. UCONN Health Committee

There was no report for Agenda Item I-1.

2. Land Acquisition Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had met in June and reviewed the list of properties to create priorities and the next meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had no meeting in July and the next meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall Council Chambers.

4. FHS Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee

Ms. Kintner reported the Committee had met June 21st and an RFP had been issued for a survey consultant and was due July 16, 2018. The Committee was working on a scoring matrix to judge the respondents. She anticipated having a consultant hired by the end of August. The Committee expected to have the survey done in the fall, and the next meeting was scheduled for July 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

5. FHS Ad Hoc Facility & Financial Committee

Mr. Cianci reported the first meeting was scheduled for July 31, 2018.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair

The Chair reported a third bridge crossing was part of the Town's Strategic Plan and was an ongoing effort of the Town. She explained that the Council had heard a lot about the traffic problems and that now was the time to let the new improvements be evaluated and in the future then look for what additional improvements can be made.

2. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Kintner reported that the new Principal at Irving A. Robbins Middle School was Scott Hurwitz and the next meeting of the Board of Education was scheduled for August 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farmington High School Library.

3. Chamber of Commerce

There was no report for Agenda Item J-3.

4. Economic Development Commission Liaison

There was no report for Agenda Item J-4.

5. Farmington Historic District Commission

There was no report for Agenda Item J-5.

6. Housing Authority

Ms. Kintner reported the next meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2018.

7. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Kintner reported the next meeting was the Annual Meeting scheduled for September 26, 2019 at New Horizons Village.

8. Library Board

There was no report for Agenda Item J-8.

9. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

Mr. Charette reported the Town Plan and Zoning Commission made a modification to the ordinance on marijuana and a modification to the Unionville Architectural Review ordinance.

10. Unionville Historic District Commission

There was no report for Agenda Item J-10.

11. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the UVIA was looking for new members, the outdoor movie nights were scheduled for Beauty & the Beast on July 20th, Monsters University on July 27th and Space Jam on August 3rd. The Unionville Festival was no longer being held, but the UVIA was working with the Town to try to hold a Fall Festival in October. She reiterated the request for UVIA volunteers from Tim LeBouthiller.

12. Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Cianci reported the project was coming along and that there had been some problems with the pumps but everything was back on track.

13. Other Liaisons

Bike Friendly Farmington

Mr. Thomas reported the club held Wednesday evening rides. For the next ride bikers were meeting at CVS at 6:00 p.m. and the information for all the rides was on the club's Facebook page.

K. Report of the Town Manager

Small Cities Grant

The Manager reported the Town of Farmington was awarded \$800,000 for a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing for renovations at New Horizons Village. She congratulated Nancy Parent for her work writing the grant.

Sub Edge Farm Yearly Report

The Manager reminded the Council the report was included in their packets.

Farmington Land Trust

After discussion, the Council gave a the Manager a list of questions for the Town Attorney that needed to be answered before taking action on the proposed easement for the Farmington Land Trust over the South Ridge Road property purchased by the Town of Farmington for Open Space.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) to accept the report of the Town Manager.

Adopted unanimously

L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)
2. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternate (Markuszkza)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-1 or L-2.

3. Human Relations Commission (Grobe)

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) that Ruth Grobe be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

4. Human Relations Commission (Berlandy)
5. Human Relations Commission (Mergenthaler)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-4 of L-5.

6. Human Relations Commission (Nakhimovsky)

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) that Zalman Nakhimovsky be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

6. Human Relations Commission (Pawlik)

There was no action taken on Agenda Item L-6.

8. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Wienke)

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) that Diana Hacker be appointed to the North Central Regional Mental Health Board Inc. for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019.

Adopted unanimously

9. North Central Regional Mental Health Board (Parady) (U)

10. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council

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There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-9 through L-10.

12. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bagdigian-Buttero)

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) that Patricia Bagdigian-Buttero be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council for a two-year term ending June 30, 2020.

13. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Markuszka)

14. Tourism Central Regional District

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-13 or L-14.

M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To award a contract for the purchase of one Jacobsen HR600 Wide Area Rotary Mower to MTE Turf Equipment Solutions, Inc. of West Henrietta, NY at a purchase price of \$59,883.23.

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Adopted unanimously

2. To award a contract for the purchase of one John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader to The W.I. Clark Company of Wallingford, CT at a purchase price of \$111,295.71.

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Adopted unanimously

3. To award a contract for the purchase of one 2019 International Model HV5007 Heavy Duty Cab and Chassis to Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc., of Hartford, CT at a purchase price of \$87,943.00.

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Adopted unanimously

4. To appoint a Farmington Village Center committee.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) that the Farmington Center Village Committee will consist of the following voting members:

- Two Town Council members
- One member of the Farmington Historical Society
- One member from the Farmington Historic District Commission
- One member from the Farmington Village Green & Library Association
- One member from the Farmington Economic Development Commission
- Three members that are either a Farmington Village Business owner or a Farmington Village Resident

And,

The Farmington Village Business Owner(s) or Resident(s) will each serve a 4-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2022,

And,

To appoint the following voting members:

Bruce Charette- Town Council member, Chair

Nancy Nickerson- Town Council member

Portia Corbett -Farmington Historical Society

John Renehan- Farmington Historic District Commission

Michael Gurski- Farmington Village Green & Library Association Representative

Brian Connolly- Economic Development Commission Representative

Sarah Jean Willett- Farmington Village Center Resident

Liz Sanford- Farmington Village Center Resident

Kevin Ray- Farmington Village Center Business Owner

And,

The Following non- voting members:

Kathleen Eagen, Town Manager

William Warner, Town Planner

Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director

___TBD___ Human Relations Committee / Universal Design Advocate

Betty Coykendall, Town Historian

And,

The Committee will focus on the Farmington Village StudyArea which includes the Farmington Village commercial area along Route 4 from Mountain Spring Road to the Farmington River, the Farmington Historic District, and adjacent properties not currently in the District and the (3) gateways into the Village beginning at the Farmington River, the intersection of Route 4/Mountain Spring Road and the intersection of Route 10/Scott Swamp Road

And, the Charge of the Committee is the following:

1. The Committee will develop recommendations to the Town Council regarding the future use of the Parson's property including ownership, control and use.

2. If Town Council determines ownership is in the best interest of the Town of Farmington, the Committee will identify the steps necessary to transfer the property from the State of CT to the Town of Farmington in the most expeditious and cost-effective manner and report back to the Town Council on their recommendations.
3. If the property is transferred to the Town of Farmington, the Committee will follow up on the successful planning workshops conducted in 2015, review the findings and listen to the community to understand the types of uses for the Parsons property which would enhance the Village and report back to the Town Council on its findings.
4. Based on those findings and direction from the Town Council, the Committee will conduct a process to identify a preferred developer to partner with the Town to secure and develop the Parsons property in a manner which complements the historic buildings and the historic district and defines the most prominent entry into Farmington as a place of high quality, beauty, and character.
5. The Committee will recommend the preferred Developer to the Town Council for approval. Based on that approval the preferred Developer will work with the Committee on the Proposal which would then proceed through the Town Plan and Zoning process and subsequently be approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

And,

The Committee will recommend quality of life enhancements (sidewalks, street trees, landscaping street furniture, historic markers, way finding signage and universal design improvements) for the Farmington Village Center Study area

And,

To complete the various aspects of this charge the Committee will frequently conduct public participation/community outreach to ensure that the community is engaged in the process

And,

Based on the community outreach the Committee is encouraged to propose other recommendations to the Town Council or Town Plan and Zoning Commission for the Farmington Study area based on information gathered.

A map of the area to be considered is recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item N-4.

Adopted unanimously

5. To accept the Unionville Historic District Study Committee Report and to hold a Public Hearing to amend the Ordinance to include additional properties on September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/ Boye-Williams) to accept the Unionville Historic District Study Committee Report and to hold a Public Hearing to amend the ordinance to include additional properties on September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adopted unanimously

6. To cancel the August 14, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/ Boye-Williams) to cancel the August 14, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

7. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) to approve the following property tax refunds.

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Financial Ser Veh Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$1,704.93
2)Paul Grosso	Assessor's adjustment	\$45.63
3) Motorlease Corp.	Assessor's adjustment	\$36.10
4)Swami Subramaniam	Assessor's adjustment	\$11.63
5)Toyota Lease Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$669.81
6)Christopher Wohlford	Assessor's adjustment	\$13.69
	TOTAL:	\$2,481.79

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) to move to Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss matters concerning collective bargaining with the Town Council and Town Manager present.

Adopted unanimously

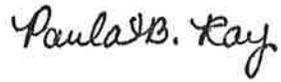
The Council returned to Open Session at 8:28 p.m.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Boye-Williams) to adjourn meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula B. Ray".

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

DOT To Narrow Lanes, Widen Shoulders Along Route 17 In South Glastonbury, June 25 2018

The state Department of Transportation plans to narrow the travel lanes along Route 17 creating a wider shoulder, but has no plans to widen the roadway.

Crews will begin a milling and repaving project over the next few weeks. When it is complete, crews will line the new roadway creating the wider shoulders. Last month, the town council sent a letter to the DOT requesting shoulder improvements for the route, which is popular for bicyclists traveling along Main Street, or Route 17, into

Thomas J. Maziarz, bureau chief of policy and planning at the DOT, said lane widths in the area range from 12 to 14 feet with “inconsistent” shoulder widths of 1 to 4 feet. Maziarz said when the project is complete the lanes will be 11 feet wide “to provide a wider shoulder area for pedestrians and bicyclists.”

“These improvements will be implemented to the maximum extent feasible where the existing roadway width and number of travel lanes allow,” he said.

Maziarz said the project must be done within the existing roadway. He noted the project does not incorporate the construction of sidewalk or roadway widening for increased pavement width. He also noted that widening in “key locations” could make the road safer by preventing rear-end crashes.

Town Manager Richard J. Johnson said there isn’t much room to widen the highway.

“One of the challenges is there’s shoulders. There are [future] sidewalks that are planned, drainage and other structures,” he said.

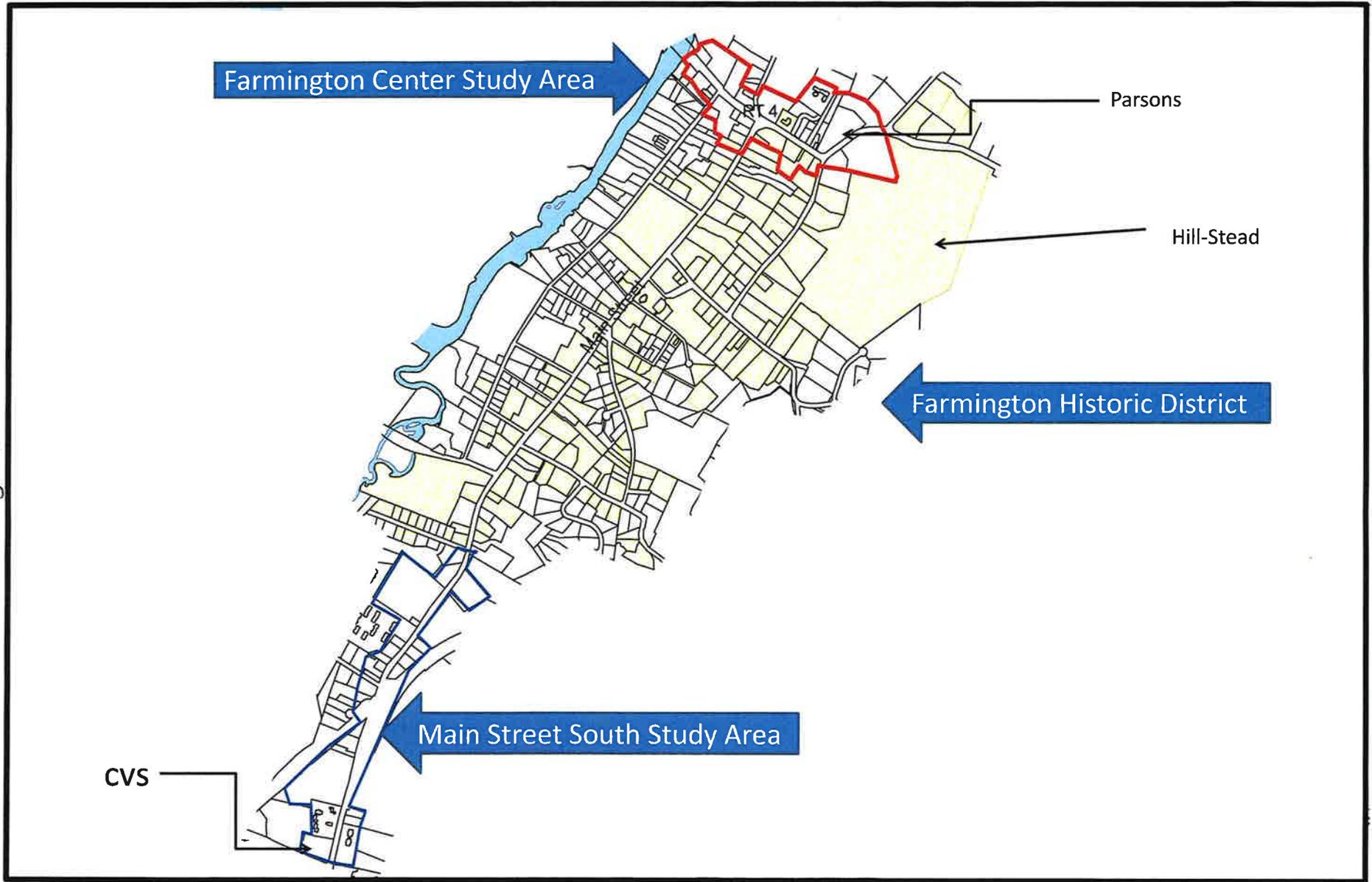
Johnson said the town is hoping to fund a sidewalk project for the stretch of road from Mallard Drive south to Stockade Road over the next couple of years.

The town has applied for a “community connectivity” grant from the DOT for 1,250 feet of sidewalk along the western side of Main Street from Stockade Road south to Red Hill Drive. Funding is on hold pending bond commission approval.

“While we do not know the timing or amount of any future bond commission approval for this program, the town had a strong application and we are hopeful that funding will be made available,” Maziarz said.

Potential Study Area - Farmington Village Center Committee

Agenda Item N-4



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