

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 8, 2019

Present:

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

Kathy Blonski, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

D. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Proclamation – East Farms Fire Department

The Chair thanked the volunteers for their service and read the following the proclamation:

WHEREAS, March 26, 2019 marked the 75th anniversary of the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department's fire district runs from the West Hartford town-line to the east, New Britain town-line to the south, Avon town-line to the north, and Farmington Ave, and Colt Highway to the west, and

WHEREAS, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department provides protection twenty-four hours a day, three hundred sixty-five days a year, and

WHEREAS, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department has grown from responding to less than 50 neighborhood calls per year to responding to over 1,000 calls per year to numerous homes, businesses, and an interstate highway, and

WHEREAS, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department protects and serves many notable landmarks in Farmington such as the West Farms Mall, Interstate 84 and Route 9, as well as several major hotels, and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department has continuously remained a dedicated organization protecting our community with firefighting, rescue, and medical services, and

WHEREAS, the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department gives back to the community through Fire Prevention Education Programs, sponsoring local Farmington Youth Baseball Programs, and the Farmington Food Pantry, and

WHEREAS, through the countless hours of time, energy, and personal commitment given by the officers and members of the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, the lives of our residents have been enriched and the community has been immeasurably bettered.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Farmington Town Council, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of East Farmington proclaims October 19, 2019 as "East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Day" in Farmington, Connecticut.

Dated at Farmington, Connecticut this 9th day of October 2019.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair, Farmington Town Council.

E. New Items

There were no new items added to the agenda.

F. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

G. Reading of the Minutes

1. September 10, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

2. September 18, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Special Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeal

The Manager called the Council's attention to the thank you note from Lisa Johnson regarding her appointment as Town Historian.

I. Report of the Committees

1. UCONN Health Committee

The Chair reported the Committee had had a meeting the previous week that was productive. Neighborhood noise issues, the development of the Batterson Park/Fienemann Rd property and a twice a year schedule were discussed.

2. Land Acquisition Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee was continuing to discuss potential parcels for acquisition and the next meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee had had a successful recycling event at the library attended by approximately 80 people. There was a half hour presentation by DEEP followed by an hour of questions. Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director was working with the Committee to find ways for local businesses to reduce their waste streams and have other conversations about green efforts. The Committee was discussing how to reach out to schools and use students to educate their parents about green efforts. The next meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at which the topic of school cafeteria waste would be discussed.

4. Farmington Village Center Committee

Mr. Charette reported that he, the Town Manager and the Chair had met with the Town's legislators to discuss the process for acquiring the Parson's property.

5. Farmington High School Building Committee

Ms. Kintner reported the sub-committees had been very busy. There was to be a Community Input meeting on Wednesday October 16, 2019. The Owner's Representative had created a set of norms for the conceptual competitive design phase and had had a meeting with the two selected architects. A preliminary timeline had been set up calling for a referendum in the fall of 2020. The projects website was up and running. A PAC had been formed to support the project. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for October 30, 2019.

Mr. Cianci reported the competitive design phase would take place over the next two months, and the Committee had adopted a logo for the project.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair

The Chair complemented the Manager on the redesigned newsletter, which was full of important and useful information. She thanked the public for the support of the Food Pantry.

2. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Kintner reported the Board of Education had had a presentation from the High School Principal, Scott Hurwitz and Vice Principal Russ Crist on inclusiveness and stressing FHS was a place for everyone. The students spoke about the many clubs and activities at FHS. FHS had had an event that raised \$2,300 for the Jimmy Fund. The Farmington Public Schools Foundation had given \$10,000 in grants to the schools and the new auditors had begun their work with the schools.

3. Chamber of Commerce

There was no report for Agenda Item J-3.

4. Economic Development Commission Liaison

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission was holding their next Business Breakfast on October 16, 2019. Trumpf's 75th Anniversary was being recognized at the breakfast and David Lehman, Department of Economic Community Development Commissioner was scheduled to be the speaker. The next meeting was scheduled for October 16, 2019.

5. Farmington Historic District Commission

Mr. Charette reported that St. Patrick's Church was starting to work on their parking lot as the first phase of their building project.

6. Housing Authority

Ms. Kintner reported their next meeting was their holiday meeting on December 11, 2019.

7. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Kintner reported the Commission had met on September 19, 2019 and had worked on the development of their short-term and long-term goals and were planning their Business Accessibility Breakfast for November 14, 2019.

8. Library Board

9. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-8 or J-9.

10. Unionville Historic District Commission

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission was continuing to plan for their fall tour planned for October 20, 2019, and the next meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

11. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

Ms. Boye-Williams reported that UVIA was working on beautification and were co-sponsoring the October 20, 2019 event with the Unionville Historic District Commission. They were planning for co-sponsoring the Jingle Bell Jubilee in December.

12. Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Cianci reported the project was complete except for some punch list items.

13. Other Liaisons

Mr. Thomas reported the Bicycle Advocacy Committee had gotten more signs and sharrows installed over the summer.

K. Report of the Town Manager

Small Cities Grant Award

The Manager reported the Town had received a \$900,000 Small Cities Block Grant for work at the New Horizons Village.

Sub-Edge Farm

The Manager reported she was working on collecting the information the Council had asked for and recommended extending the lease until March 2020.

Veterans Day

The Manager reported there would be a ceremony outside of Town Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Recycling Presentation

The Manager agreed the event Ms. Boye-Williams had reported about earlier was very successful and congratulated the Green Efforts Committee on their work.

Best Practice Award

The Manager reported the Town had won an award from the Connecticut Economic Development Association for outstanding land use and economic development practices.

Newsletter

The Manager reported she was pleased with the upgrades that had been made to the Town newsletter.

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

Adopted unanimously

L. Appointments

1. Building Code Board of Appeals (Charette)

2. Building Code Board of Appeals (Langston)
 3. Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission (St. James)
 4. Economic Development Commission (Reeve)
 5. Economic Development Commission (Wadsworth)
 6. Farmington Historic District Commission- **Alternate** (Sanford)
 7. Green Efforts Committee (DaCruz)
 8. Justice of the Peace (Noe)
 9. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)
 10. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission (Ross)
- There were no appointments made to Agenda Items L-1 through L-10.

11. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission- **Alternate**

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that Matt Ross be appointed to the Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission as an alternate member for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2022.

Adopted unanimously.

M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To change the date of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting from Monday, April 20, 2020 to Monday, April 27, 2020

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to change the date of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting from Monday, April 20, 2020 to Monday April 27, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

2. To set the Town Council public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Town Council Proposed Budget for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set the Town Council public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Town Council Proposed Budget for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Adopted unanimously.

3. To amend the Town Council's 2020 Meeting Schedule to change the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 to Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to amend the Town Council's 2020 Meeting Schedule to change the Regular Town Council Meeting Schedule for Monday, April 6, 2020 to Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

4. To authorize the Town Manager to sign a three-year Contract for Paramedic/ALS Ambulance Service with American Medical Response (AMR). This agreement shall be in effect from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 and would be annually renewed upon written agreement of both parties.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to authorize the Town Manager to sign a three-year Contract for Paramedic/ALS Ambulance Service with American Medical Response (AMR). This agreement shall be in effect from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 and would be annually renewed upon written agreement of both parties.

Adopted unanimously

5. To Authorize the Town Manager to Sign an extension of the 184 and 199 Town Farm Lease Agreement(s) Between the Phillips Family and the Town of Farmington, effective October 9, 2019 through March 1, 2020

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to authorize the Town Manager to Sign an extension of the 184 and 199 Town Farm Lease Agreement(s) Between the Phillips Family and the Town of Farmington, effective October 9, 2019 through March 1, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

6. To abate the taxes due on the October 1, 2018 Grand List for the property known as 45 Reservoir Road

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) that the taxes due on October 1, 2018 Grand List for the properties known as 45 Reservoir Road and 8177 Diamond Glen be abated.

Adopted unanimously

7. To authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Simple Recycling

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Simple Recycling.

Adopted unanimously

8. To cancel the October 22, 2019 Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to cancel the October 22, 2019 Town Council meeting.

Adopted unanimously

9. To approve property tax refunds

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

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
Anderson Kara Sutphen	Assessor adjustment	\$450.00
Andreana Michael	Assessor adjustment	\$19.94
Bai Qin	Assessor adjustment	\$8.45
Bartram Peter	Assessor adjustment	\$67.71
Borisevich Ruslan	Assessor adjustment	\$92.60
Bott Michael	Assessor adjustment	\$106.95
Brockman Susan	Assessor adjustment	\$167.01
Daimler Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$1,972.16
Enterprise Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$132.75
Ford Credit	Assessor adjustment	\$197.19
Gouveia Elvira	Assessor adjustment	\$50.76
Gouveia Jose	Assessor adjustment	\$41.42
Hardy Gloria	Assessor adjustment	\$68.42
Hardy Tommie	Assessor adjustment	\$18.37
Honda Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$1,344.68
Kelmar Steven	Assessor adjustment	\$132.50
Killfoile Matthew	Assessor adjustment	\$705.00
Leet Gregory	Assessor adjustment	\$11.55
Leonhardt Maryalice	Assessor adjustment	\$21.48
Manton Geoffrey	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
McIntyre Associates	Assessor adjustment	\$97.62
Miller Melvin	Assessor adjustment	\$8.97
Mohamud Ahmed Ali	Assessor adjustment	\$302.43
Moschella Jeanne	Assessor adjustment	\$22.96
Nissan Infiniti	Assessor adjustment	\$94.40
Noad Karla	Assessor adjustment	\$6.94

Ontko Gary	Assessor adjustment	\$20.95
Palewicz Dariusz & Ewelina	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
Percival Patricia	Assessor adjustment	\$36.80
Peterson Brenda	Assessor adjustment	\$19.39
Portrait Simple Of Mass	Assessor adjustment	\$564.40
Preeti Jhorar	Assessor adjustment	\$65.06
Reynolds Jennifer	Assessor adjustment	\$194.20
Reynolds Katherine	Assessor adjustment	\$27.74
Rodis John	Assessor adjustment	\$1,081.04
Sankaran Ramkumar	Assessor adjustment	\$46.85
Sarsfield William	Assessor adjustment	\$37.51
Scerrato Joseph	Assessor adjustment	\$9.70
Scott Alexander	Assessor adjustment	\$315.00
Silverman Jennifer	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
Styrczula Stanley	Assessor adjustment	\$7.63
Toyota Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$721.06
Tribune Broadcasting	Assessor adjustment	\$11,021.30
Us Bank	Assessor adjustment	\$376.03
USB Leasing	Assessor adjustment	\$1,596.41
Vault Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$177.49
Vendeti Matthew	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
VW Credit Leasing	Assessor adjustment	\$988.83
Total		\$25,649.65

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

1. Land Acquisition

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to move to Executive Session for the discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate with the Town Manager and the Town Council except for the Chair present at 7:45 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

The Chair entered the Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

The Council returned to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

2. Collective Bargaining

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to move to Executive Session for discussion of records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with the Town Council and Town Manger present at 7:57 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:04 p.m.

3. Pending Litigation

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to move to Executive Session for the discussion of pending claims or pending litigation with the Town Manager and Town Council present at 8:05 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

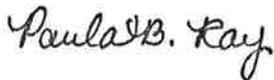
The Council returned to Opens Session at 8:34 p.m.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk