

November 12, 2019
Regular Town Council Meeting

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 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. 2019 Firefighter of the Year – Frank Duncan

The recognition for Mr. Duncan was postponed until the December meeting.

2. Veterans Day Proclamation

The Chair read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, the citizens of our country are justly proud of the men and women who have fought to defend the principles of liberty and freedom on which our nation was founded, and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary-era militias through today's sophisticated defense structure, American service members have defended our country in times of challenge, brought honor to the United States and created a solid foundation for its continued security, growth and prosperity, and

WHEREAS, despite the tremendous perils and pressures of wartime, our Armed Forces have defended the country with conviction and courage. In admiration of the strength of our convictions, other nations have looked to America for leadership, and our allies

have always been secure in the knowledge that our proud country will not allow its principles and beliefs to be compromised, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States will forever owe an immense debt of gratitude to our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made to secure the safety of our country, and

WHEREAS, as an expression of that gratitude, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law an act calling for the observance of Veterans Day on November 11th of each year, and in 1921 that date was originally designated as Armistice Day in remembrance of the end of World War I and as a perpetual reminder of the blessings of peace, and by 1954, the observance widened to honor the courageous Veterans of all foreign conflicts, and

WHEREAS, our Veterans reflect the preeminent qualities of patriotism and courage in all of us and continue to make countless contributions to military and civilian life. In addition, many men and women from the Connecticut National Guard are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, or are scheduled to be deployed there shortly, along with many other Connecticut residents serving with the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Farmington Town Council hereby thanks the many contributions and accomplishments of all our Veterans.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 12th day of November 2019.

D. New Items

There were no new items added to the Agenda.

E. Public Comments

Mr. Robert Hannon of 6 Greencrest Drive asked to address the Council as Chair of the Conservation and Inland Wetland Commission. He requested the Council re-appoint Mr. Robert Isner to the Commission. He thanked the Chair for all her service to the Town.

F. Reading of the Minutes

1. October 8, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals.

1. Correspondence from Carol A. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of New Horizons
The Manager called the Council's attention to the letter from the New Horizons Director thanking the Town of help with the Department of Housing's CDBG grant.

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 was meeting on November 14, 2019.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the Committee was meeting the next evening.

4. Farmington Village Center Committee

Mr. Charette reported that he, the Chair, the Town Manager, Mr. Arnold, Director of Public Works and Planning Services and Mr. Devoe, Town Planner had met with the Department of Transportation to review next steps for the due diligence to acquire the Parsons Property. The next meeting was scheduled for January 2020.

5. Farmington High School Building Committee

Ms. Kintner reported there had been a community input meeting on October 16th held at the High School with approximately 50 members of the community in attendance. There were tours of the school with interactive presentations along the tour. Priorities for the project were discussed, and there was an opportunity to give written feedback at the end. The Committee was creating an evaluation criterion to judge the conceptual designs, and the next full Committee meeting was scheduled for the next evening.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair

The Chair reported that she had attended a CROCG Meeting at which there was a discussion of priorities for LOCIP Grants. At the Valley Region Collaborative Meeting, there was a discussion of the Hidden Heroes Group.

2. Board of Education Liaison

Ms. Kintner reported the last Board of Education meeting had been at East Farms School, and they students and administration gave a presentation on how social and emotional learning is incorporated into their routines. The Enrollment Report showed there were just over 4,000 students in the system. Enrollment is at the same level it was at 10 years ago. It was reported their Self Insurance Account had hit stop loss and special education needs were still stressing the budget.

3. Chamber of Commerce

There was no report for Agenda Item J-3.

4. Economic Development Commission Liaison

Mr. Giannaros reported the Commission had held their quarterly business breakfast since the last meeting. Trumpf Manufacturing's 50 years in Farmington was honored and the guest speaker was David Leman, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner. The next meeting was the following evening.

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 December 11, 2019.

7. Human Relations Commission

Ms. Kintner reported the Accessibility Breakfast for local businesses had been postponed.

8. Library Board

9. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison

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

10. Unionville Historic District Commission

Mr. Giannaros reported the Fall Tour had been held on October 20, 2019. There was an exhibit at the Unionville Museum, a trolley ride, tours of Cottage Street historic homes and a carousel for the children. The next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2019.

11. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison

Ms. Boye-Williams reported the UVIA was co-sponsoring the Jingle Bell Jubilee.

12. Water Pollution Control Authority

13. Other Liaisons

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-12 through J-13.

K. Report of the Town Manager

2019 Best Place to Live

The Manager reported Niche.com had given the Town of Farmington an A+ overall grade and A+ grade for the schools. There were only 15 communities in Connecticut to receive A+ grades in both categories.

Personnel Update

The Manager reported the Town had had some long-term retirements, and new hires.

Fire and Rescue Memo

Steve Hoffman, Director of Fire and Rescue Services reported that on September 16, 2019 three of the firefighters had saved a man's life.

Polo Grounds Donation

The Manager reported the Town had received donation from the Polo Grounds through the Tito's Town Cup of \$8,000.

Jingle Bell Jubilee

The Manager reported the Jingle Bell Jubilee was on December 7, 2019.

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)

There were no appointments made for Agenda Items L-1 or L-2.

3. Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Robert Isner be appointed to the Conservation Commission & Inland Wetlands Commission for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

4. Economic Development Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Robert Reeve be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously

5. Economic Development Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that William Wadsworth be appointed to the Economic Development Commission for the balance of a two-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2021.

Adopted unanimously

6. Farmington Historic District Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/ Thomas) that Ted Sanford be appointed to the Farmington Historic District Commission as an alternate member for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2014.

Adopted unanimously

7. Green Efforts Committee (DaCruz)
8. Justice of the Peace (Noe)
9. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Bernier)

No action was taken on Agenda Items L-7 through L-9.

10. Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Howard Martin be appointed to the Unionville Historic District & Properties Commission for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

11. Veterans Memorial Committee

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) that Ted Jones be appointed to the Veterans Memorial Committee for the balance of a six-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2024.

Adopted unanimously

M. Old Business

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To (Approve) (Reject) (Take No Action) on the Proposed Contract Between the Farmington Education Association (FEA) and the Board of Education

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the proposed contract between the Farmington Education Association (FEA) and the Board of Education.

Adopted unanimously

2. To Change the Date of April 14, 2020 Town Council meeting to April 7, 2020

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to change the date of April 14, 2020 Town Council meeting to April 7, 2020.

Adopted unanimously

3. To set the Town Council public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Town Council Proposed Budget for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:05 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 7, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Adopted unanimously

4. To award a contract to upgrade the Police Radio/Dispatch Communication System to Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Woodcliff Lake, NJ at a total contract price of \$544,101.78

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to award a contract to upgrade the Police Radio/Dispatch Communication System to Motorola Solutions, Inc. of Woodcliff Lake, NJ at a total contract price of \$544,101.78.

Adopted unanimously

5. To approve property tax refunds

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

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
Acar Leasing	Assessor adjustment	\$154.84
Ally Financial	Assessor adjustment	\$331.65
Ari Fleet	Assessor adjustment	\$2,817.40
Bernhardt Melody	Assessor adjustment	\$23.94
Bengtson & Smith PC	Assessor adjustment	\$177.06
Bernhardt Lee	Assessor adjustment	\$5.79
BMW	Assessor adjustment	\$463.24
CCAP Auto Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$152.71
Ceglarz Joanne	Assessor adjustment	\$70.07
Clark William Batterson	Assessor adjustment	\$865.00
Comer Contracting Inc.	Assessor adjustment	\$5.90
Cott Systems Inc.	Assessor adjustment	\$232.44
Daimler Trust	Assessor adjustment	\$354.27
Desrochers Carolyn	Assessor adjustment	\$6.82
Heathringrose MM	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
Honda Lease	Assessor adjustment	\$930.05
Ityavyar Chika	Assessor adjustment	\$38.93
JP Morgan Chase	Assessor adjustment	\$2,321.12
Killfoile Matthew	Assessor adjustment	\$1,960.00

Lawler Thomas	Assessor adjustment	\$25.23
Leonhardt Maryalice	Assessor adjustment	\$255.45
Loschiavo John & Sarah	Assessor adjustment	\$76.26
Metayer Michael	Assessor adjustment	\$139.10
Nissan Infiniti	Assessor adjustment	\$246.14
Paszowska Danuta	Assessor adjustment	\$10.01
Porsche Leasing	Assessor adjustment	\$86.37
Reilly Nancy	Assessor adjustment	\$54.97
Roca Christopher	Assessor adjustment	\$9.03
Schwanzer Travis	Assessor adjustment	\$30.99
Scranton Christine	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
Snow Gregory	Assessor adjustment	\$92.44
St. Pierre Sandra	Assessor adjustment	\$64.62
Theodoropoulos Christos	Assessor adjustment	\$550.00
Thibodeau Michele	Assessor adjustment	\$8.53
Toyota Industries	Assessor adjustment	\$3,266.85
VW Credit	Assessor adjustment	\$1,057.09
Warner David	Assessor adjustment	\$13.59
Winfrey Dean	Assessor adjustment	\$17.82
Young Elizabeth	Assessor adjustment	\$6.77
Town of Farmington	Check was applied to tax and should have gone to Building	\$940.00
Total		\$18,962.49

Adopted unanimously

O. Executive Session

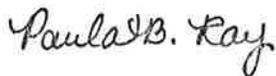
There were no Executive Sessions held.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Clerk