

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

DATE: July 14, 2015
(Council Members are asked to call the Town Manager's office if they are unable to attend the meeting.)

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Presentations and Recognitions
 - 1. Proclamation – Lauren Rossitto – Girl Scout
 - 2. Proclamation – Natalie Gallo – Girl Scout
 - 3. Beth Bye - Farmington State Senator
- D. Public Hearing
- E. New Items
- F. Public Comment
- G. Reading of Minutes.
 - 1. June 9, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting
 - 2. June 16, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting
 - 3. June 23, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting
- H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals
 - 1. Letter from Bea Stockwell – resident correspondence (attachment)
 - 2. Email from Christy Muller – resident correspondence (attachment)
 - 3. Email from Judith King – resident correspondence (attachment)
- I. Report of Committees
 - 1. UCONN Committee(s)
 - 2. Land Acquisition Committee
 - 3. Green Efforts Committee
 - 4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee
 - 5. Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 6. Farmington Gateway Committee
 - 7. Web Page Sub-Committee
- J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons
 - 1. Chair Report

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

K. Report of Town Manager - Farmington Cares Day, Unionville Village Festival Committee, (2) CROG Inter-town Cooperation Awards, FY 2015/2016 State Grant Update, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

L. Appointments

1. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Erickson) (R)
2. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Landry)(R)
3. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke)(R)
4. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Parady)
5. Farmington Valley Health District (Jones)(D)
6. Housing Authority (Cowdry)(R)
7. Building Code Board of Appeals (Schadler) (R)
8. Water Pollution Control Authority (McGrane) (U)
9. Tourism Central Region District (Bremkamp)
10. Green Efforts Committee (Grouten) (R)
11. Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission **Alternate** (Jones) (R)
12. Human Relations Commission (Elling) (D)
13. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (Montes) (R)
14. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission **Alternate** (Hoffman) (R)
15. Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission (Ross) (R)

M. Old Business

None

N. New Business

1. To change the date of the Regular Town Council Meeting from November 8, 2016 to November 15, 2016 (Tuesday).
2. To cancel the August 11, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting.
3. To set a Town Council Meeting on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.
4. To award Bid # 226 "Installation of Fencing along Multi-Use Trails" to the low bid of G.B. Hastie Fence Company, Inc. of Agawam, MA at a cost of \$58,138.50.

5. To award a contract for the purchase of "Treated Road Salt" to Cargill Deicing Technology of North Olmsted, Ohio at a cost \$93.49 per ton.
 6. To authorize the Town Manager to sign a 6-month contract with the UCONN Health Center to provide paramedic service to the Town of Farmington for the first half of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 at a cost of \$20,953.
 7. To approve property tax refunds.
- O. Executive Session – To discuss matters concerning the sale or acquisition of real property.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of America help train the youth of our community with skills which serve them well in the future, and

WHEREAS, many of our youth participate in activities of the Girl Scouts of America which benefit our community, and

WHEREAS, one of the crowning achievements of Girl Scouting is the attainment of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Lauren Rossitto, from the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Council recently completed the requirements for the 2015 Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Lauren Rossitto's Take Action project involved two Math Family Game Nights held at West District School, where Lauren's focus was to make math fun for students and their families. Lauren created games for every grade level after consulting with the school's math specialist and researching each grade's math curriculum standards, and

WHEREAS, Lauren Rossitto spent over 80 personal hours on her Gold Award project, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Lauren Rossitto's work, the lives of the young students at West District School will be forever enriched and enhanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Farmington Town Council, I hereby extend to Girl Scout 2015 Gold Award recipient, Lauren Rossitto, our best wishes and we hereby proclaim June 5, 2015 as Lauren Rossitto Day in Farmington.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 5th day of June 2015.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair Farmington Town Council

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of America help train the youth of our community with skills which serve them well in the future, and

WHEREAS, many of our youth participate in activities of the Girl Scouts of America which benefit our community, and

WHEREAS, one of the crowning achievements of Girl Scouting is the attainment of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Natalie Gallo, from the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Council recently completed the requirements for the 2015 Girl Scout Gold Award, and

WHEREAS, Natalie Gallo's Take Action project involved addressing the gap of females in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields by creating the Girl Power Science Club at the Farmington Library for girls from 4th-8th grade. Natalie created fun, hands-on science experiments with the goal of bringing the STEM fields to young girls, and

WHEREAS, Natalie Gallo spent over 80 personal hours on her Gold Award project, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Natalie Gallo's work, the lives of young girls will be forever enriched and enhanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Farmington Town Council, I hereby extend to Girl Scout 2015 Gold Award recipient, Natalie Gallo, our best wishes and we hereby proclaim July 14, 2015 as Natalie Gallo Day in Farmington.

DATED AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT this 5th day of June 2015.

Nancy W. Nickerson
Chair Farmington Town Council

MOTION:

Agenda Item K

Farmington Cares Day

On May 30, 2015 our Social Services staff assisted the Farmington Community Chest for the Farmington Cares Day. Approximately 130 volunteers assisted with 17 projects; they provided assistance with minor repairs and yard work including some work at Staples House, Maple Village and Westwoods. This event is funded and supported through the Farmington Community Chest. Our staff approves the projects and helps to provide oversight for Town projects. The entire day was a true success! Thank you to the Farmington Community Chest. Our staff in Farmington Community Services joins with other community service groups to provide this type of assistance six (6) times a year.

Unionville Village Festival Committee

The Unionville Village Festival Committee has requested in-kind services from the Town to assist with funding for the upcoming Festival. Last year, the Town paid the overtime costs (Saturday & Sunday) for two Highway and Grounds employees for 4 hours. The Town also paid the overtime costs for one police officer on Sunday for 4 hours. I would like consensus from the Town Council if they would be willing to approve this expenditure from the Town Council contingency account.

CRCOG Inter-town Cooperation Awards

1. The Town of Farmington received a Capitol Region Council of Governments Cooperation Award for partnering with the Town of Avon to construct and operate a shared live fire training facility. The certificate was signed by Lyle Wray, Executive Director, and is dated June 16, 2015.
2. The Town of Farmington received a Capitol Region Council of Governments Cooperation Award for working closely and cooperatively with the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, Granby and Simsbury, along with their Public Works Departments, to make a joint purchase of asphalt patch box and trench paver that benefits all of these communities. The certificate was signed by Lyle Wray, Executive Director, and is dated June 16, 2015.

FY 2015/2016 State Grant Update

As part of the budget implementer bills passed by the State Legislature on June 29, 2015 and signed into law by the Governor, a change was made to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account (MRSA) so that seven municipalities, including the Town of Farmington, will be receiving additional MRSA funding. Under the new grant allocation the Town will receive an additional MRSA grant of \$166,791. This is a one-time grant for FY 2015/2016. With this grant, the Town is projected to receive the same amount of state grant funding in FY 2015/2016 as it did in FY 2014/2015.

Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

(See attachment)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-1

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-2

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-3

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-4

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-5

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-6

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-7

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-8

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-9

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-10

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

MOTION: Agenda Item L-11

That _____ be appointed to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission as an **Alternate** to fill a vacancy for the balance of a four-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2017. (Jones) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-12

That _____ be appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017. (Elling) (D)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-13

That _____ be appointed to the Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2017. (Montes) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-14

That _____ be appointed to the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission as an **Alternate** to fill a vacancy for the balance of a three-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2017. (Hoffman) (R)

MOTION: Agenda Item L-15

That _____ be appointed to the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission to fill a vacancy for the balance of a five-year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2019. (Ross) (U)

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-1

To change the date of the regular Town Council Meeting from November 8, 2016 to November 15, 2016 (Tuesday).

NOTE: The November 8, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting will occur on Election Day. I am recommending that the Regular Town Council meeting be changed to Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-2

To cancel the August 11, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-3

To set a Town Council Meeting on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

NOTE: This meeting will be primarily dedicated for a presentation from Centerplan Companies, developer of the Charles House property at 19 Perry Street, Unionville, CT.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-4

To award Bid # 226 "Installation of Fencing along Multi-Use Trails" to the low bid of G.B. Hastie Fence Company, Inc. of Agawam, MA at a cost of \$58,138.50.

NOTE: The purpose of this bid is to award a contract for the installation/ replacement of fencing along various sections of the Town's multi-use trails. In total, approximately 5,650 linear feet of fencing will be installed. The fence will be post and rail. G.B. Hastie Fence Co., Inc. submitted the lowest bid to perform the work. Staff checked their credentials and references and has found them to be satisfactory. Funds for this bid award are included in the FY 2015/2016 capital budget.

Town staff will be available at the Town Council meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-5

To award a contract for the purchase of "Treated Road Salt" to Cargill Deicing Technology of North Olmsted, Ohio at a cost \$93.49 per ton.

NOTE:

This motion is to contract with a vendor to supply treated road salt to the Highway and Grounds Division. Cargill Deicing Technology is one of the contractors included on Capitol Region Purchasing Council Bid # 625 to supply this material. They are not the low bidder. However, based upon the Town's recent negative past experience with the low bidder, staff feels it is more prudent to go with the second lowest bidder. By going with Cargill, it will add approximately \$9,600 in cost but it will provide the Town with more assurance that our winter road salt needs will be met during the upcoming winter season.

Since we are recommending not going with the low bidder and because the estimated total cost of this contract award exceeds \$50,000, Town Council award of the contract is requested.

Town staff will be available at the Council meeting to answer any questions.

MOTION:

Agenda Item N-6

To authorize the Town Manager to sign a 6-month contract with the UCONN Health Center to provide paramedic service for the Town of Farmington for the first half of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 at a cost of \$20,953.

- NOTE:
1. The operational terms of the contract are unchanged from last year.
 2. The duration of the contract is for 6 months. The UCONN Paramedic Contract will terminate in December, 2015, which is the same month the Town's contract with AMR for Ambulance Service will end.
 4. The Town has begun the process to petition the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health under the Alternative Local EMS Plan Provision provided for by CGS 19a-181f to have the Primary Service Area Designations reassigned to the Town of Farmington for both Basic Ambulance and Paramedic Service.
 5. As part of this process, the Town will be preparing and issuing an RFP for both Basic Ambulance and Paramedic Services to make a determination about whether the community is better served by staying with the current providers or by selecting different providers.

MOTION:

Agenda Item O-1

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

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

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

That attendance in the Executive Session shall be limited to:

Members of the Town Council
Town Manager

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