

Minutes of the Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 14, 2015

**Present:**

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair  
Jeffery P. Apuzzo  
Jon Landry  
Peter M. Mastrobattista  
Amy Suffredini  
Meredith A. Trimble  
Jon Vibert

Kathleen 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.

**C. Presentations and Recognitions**

**1. Proclamation – Girl Scout Gold Award**

Mr. Apuzzo read the proclamation recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-1 and congratulated Lauren Rossitto on her accomplishments.

**2. Proclamation – Girl Scout Gold Award**

Mr. Apuzzo read the proclamation recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-2 and congratulated Natalie Gallo on her accomplishments.

**3. Beth Bye - Farmington State Senator**

State Senator Beth Bye, 5<sup>th</sup> District and State Representative Mike Demicco, 21<sup>st</sup> District spoke with the Council about the \$167,000 that was restored in grant funding from the State of Connecticut for fiscal year 2015-2016 at the end of the last legislative session, which left Farmington's funding flat from the previous year. They expected Farmington would get approximately \$485,000 more in fiscal year 2016-2017 from the new sales tax sharing revenue for municipalities. The Council asked that the legislative delegation continue to work with the Town to obtain State land for Riverside Cemetery, which they agreed to do.

**D. Public Hearing**

There was no public hearing held.

**E. New Items**

There were no new items added to the agenda.

**F. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**G. Reading of Minutes.**

1. June 9, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

2. June 16, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

3. June 23, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting with the following correction:

- a) To delete the following words from page 2, paragraph 3 “and to consider the ability to schedule additional debit over the summer.”

Adopted unanimously.

**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

There were no reports for Agenda Items I-1 or I-2.

3. Green Efforts Committee

Mr. Vibert reported the Committee had met and were going to propose some by-law changes for the Committee at a future meeting.

4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee

Mr. Mastrobattista reported the studies were underway and should be finished the end of August or the beginning of September. A joint meeting with the City of Hartford

would be scheduled to review the reports and a rendering of what the development could look like.

**5. Bicycle Advisory Committee**

There was no report for Agenda Item I-5.

**6. Farmington Gateway Committee**

Mr. Apuzzo reported the final report had been distributed showing the 3 design options. The Committee was looking for feedback on the designs. The Committee expected to have a public hearing on the project in September. The State of Connecticut had agreed to convey the Parson's property to the Town.

**7. Web Page Sub-Committee**

There was no report for Agenda Item I-7.

**J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons**

**1. Chair Report**

The Chair reported the Tunxis Hose parade and carnival had been a lot of fun and a success this year. She believed it was a tribute to the fire department the amount of community involvement there had been for the event. She thanked Tunxis Hose for having a wonderful event for the community.

**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**

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-1 through J-6.

**7. Human Relations Commission Report**

Mrs. Suffredini thanked the Gateway Committee for their purposeful involvement of the Equal Access for All group in their planning. She expressed their gratitude for the Town's thoughtful approach to new projects for residents with disabilities and that the new review as part of the regular process was working very well. She reported the Committee was pleased with the new sidewalk plans for Unionville center.

**8. Chamber of Commerce Report**

**9. Other Liaison Reports**

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

**K. Report of Town Manager**

**Farmington Cares Day**

The Manager reported that the event had been a success and that the Social Services Department participates with other community service groups to provide this type of assistance to the community.

### Unionville Village Festival Committee

The Manager reported the Committee had requested in-kind services for two Highway and Grounds employees and one police officer for 4 hours each.

### (2) CRCOG Inter-town Cooperation Awards

The Manager reported that the Town had won two Cooperation Awards from CRCOG one for the Live Burn Building and one for the asphalt patch box and trench paver.

### Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

The Manager reported the trail was moving along quickly and that there was an informational meeting scheduled for July 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Farmington Police Department.

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

Adopted unanimously.

### **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)

No appointments were made.

### **M. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**N. New Business**

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

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to change the date of the Regular Town Council Meeting from November 8, 2016 to November 15, 2016.

Adopted unanimously.

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

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to cancel the August 11, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

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

No action was taken on Agenda Item N-3.

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.

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to award Bid #226 "Installation of Fencing Along Multi-Use Trails" to the low bid of G.B. Hastie Fence Company, Inc. of Agawam, Massachusetts at a cost of \$58, 138.50.

Adopted unanimously.

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.

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Adopted unanimously.

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.

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Adopted unanimously.

7. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to approve the following tax refunds:

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Avery Alan & Michelle	Excess payment	\$18.33
2)Banasiak Ivone	Excess payment	\$2,262.29
3)Lisa Butera	Excess payment	\$436.13
4)Cab East LLC	Excess payment	\$801.87
5)Daimler Trust	Excess payment	\$185.31
6)David Edgar	Excess payment	\$14.10
7)Joseph Ferro	Excess payment	\$75.81
8)R & M Guerrero	Excess payment	\$24.00
9)Brian & Dina Hileman	Excess payment	\$24.00
10)Philip M. Lauretano	Excess payment	\$30.00
11)E. Mariano & M. Dension	Excess payment	\$2,405.63
12)Vault Trust	Excess payment	\$2,320.26
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,597.73</b>

Adopted unanimously.

#### O. Executive Session

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to move to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for discussion of the selection of a site or lease, sale or purchase of real estate with the Town Council and Town Manager present.

Adopted unanimously.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Council to provide the requested in-kind services for the Unionville Festival.

**P. Adjournment**

Motion was made and seconded (Apuzzo/Landry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

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Nancy W. Nickerson  
Chair Farmington Town Council

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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 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

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Nancy W. Nickerson  
Chair Farmington Town Council