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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Ken Martin Sr., Chairman, Tony Scinto, Vice Chairman, Vincent DiMasi, Jr.,
Ennio DeVita, Daniel Marconi, Michael London, (arrived at 7:41 p.m.),
Alternate and Vicki Tesoro, Alternate.

ABSENT: Mary Beth Thornton.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Economic & Community Development Jamie Bratt, Town Attorney
Vincent Marino, and Westfield Mall Attorney Knuff.

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1. Resolution TC25-195: Moved by Mr. DeVita, seconded Mr. Marconi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Lori Hayes-O'Brien of 103 Old Tree Farm Lane, be and the same is
hereby appointed as a member of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and
Building Committee.

Ms. Hayes-O'Brien was present. Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated she had previously served on the
Preschool Building Committee. She has kept up on how this project is developing and would
like to be involved in its development. Ms. Hayes-O'Brien was a preschool teacher, has lived in
Trumbull for 23 years with her two children and has volunteered in the schools as well as
TPAUD. She would like to branch out beyond the school system.

Mr. DiMasi stated at the last Town Council meeting it was heard that the committee lacked a
member with construction and/or engineering background. Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated she did
not have a construction background and also questioned whether she was a good fit. Her
primary experience was having been a pre-school building committee member for 7 years. Mr.
Marconi stated he is the Co-Chairman of this building committee and noted they are looking
for two things, one is construction background and the other is to have a younger representative
of the community. Mr. DeVita spoke in favor of a member having an engineering and/or
architectural background. Mr. Marconi indicated for Mr. Martin that Mr. Pifko and he have the
most experience in construction of the committee. Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated the Pre-School

Building Committee members did not have direct construction experience but did have the experience in hiring the right people. Mr. Marconi stated the committee's vision is to determine the needs and square footage of the building and what the center should do. Maybe another committee would be formed for the construction aspect. Ms. Tesoro noted the minutes did reflect the fact the committee needed someone with construction experience. Having Ms Hayes-O'Brien does not preclude the committee searching for another member with construction background. The committee is down a member due to Dr. Timpanelli's passing. The committee discussed how the resolution was assigned to this committee. Mr. Massaro stated the resolutions pertaining to the building committee had gone through L&A; appointments typically go the R&R Committee. Mr. Massaro stated he and past chairmen have not called a whole committee out for a short term matter.

Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated her address as 103 Old Tree Farm Lane and her party affiliation as unaffiliated.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-2-1 (AGAINST: DeVita and DiMasi) (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

2. RESOLUTION TC25-196: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Ms. Tesoro.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the acquisition of 1.71 acres of real property known as part of the Hansen subdivision on Huntington Turnpike and contiguous with Mishee Brook Park is hereby approved; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy Herbst is hereby authorized to execute any agreements or take any necessary steps to incorporate said parcel into Mishee Brook Park and complete the acquisition.

The applicant has gone to the P&Z Commission for the 8-24 approval. The Parks Commission has voted unanimously to adopt this land into Mishee Brook Park. The transfer has not happened to date. The P&Z Commission has unanimously recommended to the Town Council to accept the land. All of the proper approvals are in place with the exception of the legal-ease to accept the donation. Atty. Marino stated the immediate question is whether the Town wants to accept the land transfer. Once that has happened and the land is the name of the Town of Trumbull it can then be determined on how the land would be categorized. The legislative body has to accept the donation first. Ms. Bratt stated it will be park land if it is accepted. Mr. Martin stated he knows the family and it was the family's intent to incorporate the parcel into the park based on the history of the other pieces of their land having been donated. Mr. Massaro suggested more precise language for the full Town Council meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Massaro stated an addendum had been noticed to the full council meeting agenda. It is a grant through the State of CT Department of Health for \$53,192.00. It is for an emergency preparedness program and the funds would go to the Health Dept. This is an annual grant. There is a deadline of September 30th. (Mr. Massaro left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.)

3. RESOLUTION TC25-197: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DiMasi.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Trumbull does hereby abandon its interest in and discontinue its public use of portions of Stuart Place and Lorraine Street and that First

Selectman Timothy M. Herbst is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents to affect the same.

(Mr. DeVita left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.)

Atty. John Knuff representing Westfield Mall was present and indicated the resolution is asking the Town to discontinue 2 streets, Stuart Place and Lorraine Street. Lorraine is a paper street.
(Mr. Scinto left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

Eighteen years ago Westfield began acquiring all the properties in this area. They now own all of the properties with the exception of two. There are two ways to relinquish the right of way to roads; 1. To abandon and; 2. To discontinue the use of the street. Lorraine Street was shown on a map in 1930's and in the 1960's there was a card filed in the P&Z office which says the Town of Trumbull accepts the first 250' of Lorraine Street as a Town Road. It is not known if Lorraine St. ever existed but out of an excess of caution they are asking for the Town to discontinue the Town's right of way to Stuart Place and Lorraine St.

(Mr. Scinto and Mr. DeVita returned to the meeting at 7:41 p.m.) (Mr. London arrived at the meeting at 7:41 p.m.)

What they are asking to discontinue is the public's right to pass and re-pass on these roads. The Town of Trumbull does not own the streets. The Westfield entity owns the roads. It is required by statute the Town Council votes on the discontinuance. They have received a positive 8-24 approval from the P&Z Commission last week. It is Westfield's goal to develop the properties and get them on the tax rolls in a more substantial fashion than they have ever been. They will continue their efforts to acquire the property on Walburn with the family living there. They are not asking to discontinue Walburn yet but may come before the Council again at a later date.

Mr. DeVita stated the Town can not give up what it does not own. Atty. Knuff stated per statute the Town will act on behalf of the public. Atty. Marino explained the Town must give up the right to pass and re-pass, (it's/public's right of way). Mr. London stated the Town has to follow State Statute and it is required that the Town discontinues its right of way to these roads. Atty. Marino further explained this will avoid title issue in the future. Mr. DeVita did not agree. Mr. Martin stated the area should be enhanced and the area secured. Atty. Knuff stated they will work with the police department to secure the area and allow access to patrol the area. Westfield always works very closely with the Trumbull Police Department. Atty. Knuff explained for Ms. Tesoro that a portion of Stuart Place had been discontinued in the 1980's.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 6-0-1- (ABSTENTION: DeVita)

The Public Works Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk