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Town Council  
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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr. called the regular meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Suzanne S. Testani	Ann Marie Evangelista	Jane Deyoe
	Debra A. Lamberti	Thomas Whitmoyer	David R. Pia
	Kristy Waizenegger	Martha A. Jankovic-Mark	Michael J. London
	James F. Meisner	Mark LeClair	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.
	Tony J. Scinto	Vicki Tesoro	Fred Palmieri, Jr.
	Jeffrey Donofrio	Gregg Basbagill	James Blose
	John A. DelVecchio, Jr.	Chadwick Ciocci (arrived at 8:49 p.m.)	

ABSENT: Jeff S. Jenkins

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, Ms. Elaine Wang Chief of Staff, Mr. John Barbarotta of AFB Management and Mr. Brian Holmes of O&G Ind.

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### *We the People Proclamation:*

On behalf of the Town Council the Chair congratulated the Trumbull High School We the People team for placing eighth place in the national competition and noted how tremendous that accomplishment is.

First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst stated it is an honor and a privilege to offer his congratulations and praise on behalf of the Town of Trumbull to the THS We the People Bicentennial team. It is nothing short of extraordinary that the team of Trumbull, Connecticut placed eighth in the national competition. The THS team was the only team in New England that made the finals. Kathleen Boland is without one of the strongest teachers in the Trumbull public school system and Trumbull is very fortunate to have her. Every where you turn she is involved in making THS a better place. Ms. Boland was recently recognized at the Red Cross Heroes Breakfast for her Good Samaritan efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

First Selectman Timothy Herbst and Town Council Vice-Chairman Suzanne Testani distributed proclamations to the We the People Trumbull High School team as follows:

Kevin Bielicki, Quynh-Nhu Dao, Tyler Davis, Matthew Ferraro, Alicia Forsyth, Augustine Haam, Gulrukh Haroon, Madeline Krahn, Christopher LoBosco, Ryan McEniry Nikhil Mistry, Erin Moore, Tyler Morin, Jason Nagel, Vishakha Negi, Jeffrey Netting, Ryan Norton, Marissa Piccolo, Erin Puglia, Justin Puzio, Kevin Rivera, Molli Rosen, Lauren Shear and Zach Teixeira.

The Chair invited each of the We the People teammates to state where they will be attending college in the fall and what their favorite moment at Capital Hill. Ms. Boland thanked the Town Council for acknowledging her students. Ms. Boland stated there were over 400 schools that competed in the state finals and nationals, by finishing 8<sup>th</sup> they ranked in the top 2% in the nation. The Town Council gave the team a standing ovation. The Chair recognized the team's families, the support they received from other teachers, Ms. Kate Hampford Donahue who set up the Night with the Experts and all the other assistants. This program does the Town proud; the team is very knowledgeable and well versed.

Ms. Boland stated that the THS Mock Trial team will be competing in Indianapolis on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in their first national. In order to get into this competition they needed to win the State Championship, Eric August, THS Social Studies teacher and his team won this year, we will be waiting to hear how they do. The Chair extended his gratitude to Ms. Boland and the team.

Trumbull High School Building Committee Update:

Mr. John Barbarotta reported that the contract work is winding down; the punch list is down to 3-4 pages from 100 pages. The commissioning is 50% complete and is going well. They are preparing and getting pricing together for summer work. Mr. Holmes indicated that they have made commitments to finish work before the start of school and prior to when the teachers will go into the school (August 16, 2013). Mr. Barbarotta stated that most of the additional work has been designed. O&G does not have all of the design from JCJ for pricing; there are a couple of components that they need to still get from JCJ.

Mr. Holmes indicated for Ms. Jankovic-Mark that they have asked the designer to give them answers regarding the hot water issue and are awaiting their answer. Mr. J. Barbarotta explained hot water heaters are called inst-a-hot and cost approximately \$1,500 each, there are 20 needed. The closeout process they are currently in, will ensure that the project has received everything on the specifications/plans. Mr. Holmes explained that some of the warranties have already started from the time they were handed over to the owner; the project was done in phases. The majority of the equipment's (HVAC) warranties do not start until the commissioning is complete. Ms. Jankovic-Mark stated that the teachers still do not feel they are being communicated with and would like to see better communication. Mr. J. Barbarotta explained that there electricians working at night if they are working on a particular light they must turn off the power to perform the work, sometimes it is on the same circuit as a computer, this is not known at the time they are doing the work. This is an inconvenience that occurs during a renovation of an existing building. The electricians are supposed to give notice if they know they are going to shut down a data room. Mr. J. Barbarotta stated that they provide Ms. Timpanelli, C-House Principal with all the construction information and communicate with the school regularly. There is an owner's meeting every Wednesday. All construction issues are brought to those meetings. Ms. Jankovic-Mark stated that they have lived with the renovations for seven years and would like to see better communication and would like to make sure that the school gets everything they think are getting. Mr. J. Barbarotta clarified that they will be getting everything that is on the plan. Mr. Holmes agreed.

Mr. J. Barbarotta explained to Ms. Tesoro that the leaks are normal to this system, when they occur they tighten the coupling and the leak goes away, it does take a while to get the system tweaked. These are happening less and less and will eventually disappear. Mr. Holmes indicated that the inspection and testing of the couplings will take place when the school is not occupied. Mr. J. Barbarotta added the Town Building Inspector has requested the re-test and it will be done when the building is not occupied.

Mr. Holmes confirmed for Ms. Testani that the issues brought up by Ms. Jankovic-Mark and Ms. Tesoro (computers losing power and leaking pipes) would have been discussed at the weekly owner's meetings if they were significant issues. Mr. J. Barbarotta stated the issue with regard to the computers being shut off was due to the work being done on the lights in the hallways, the work tripped some computers in the science lab. The head

of Technology at THS had put out an email to them requesting an explanation and had also indicated that he had taken care of the issue by first period. Mr. J. Barbarotta indicated that problems do come up and are solved.

Mr. Holmes indicated for Mr. Scinto that the change orders are at 5.5 % without the additional work. Mr. J. Barbarotta explained that some of the change orders were items taken out of one phase and put into another; they will be presenting these to the State and are hopeful they will be taken off the change-order list which will reduce the 5.5% percentage.

Mr. J. Barbarotta indicated for Ms. Deyoe that the custodians are working on stripping 40 years of wax off the floors and are 40-50% complete. The raw terrazzo will then be buffed. Each time the floors are buffed there is a better sheen to the floors. It is still evident where some area have been buffed more than others, through the years there will be less maintenance necessary to keep them looking new. (Mr. Ciocci arrived at 8:49 p.m.)

Mr. J. Barbarotta explained for Ms. Jankovic-Mark that the commissioning agent is hired by the Town; they are an independent engineering firm that tests all of the mechanical work to see if it operates as it was designed (HVAC, some electrical, some lighting and all of the sensors). The air conditioning will be commissioned when the school turns on the A/C this year, at the end of May 2013. The warranties will go into effect after the commissioning has been completed.

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center (TNAC) - (Education Committee): Mr. Ciocci reported that the Education Committee met on April 30, 2013 and discussed the possible relocation, building of a new TNAC facility, and fundraising goals through private donors. The minutes of the meeting are available on-line. (Mr. Scinto left the meeting at 8:52 p.m.). Mr. Ciocci indicated for Mr. Meisner that the current TNAC location was discussed extensively at the Education Committee. (Mr. Scinto left the meeting at 8:53 p.m.). Mr. Ciocci stated there are a number of steps the Town Council can take to ensure the current TNAC property is not developed, (i.e. the Town Council could designate it park land). Mr. Meisner spoke in favor of the Town Council introducing legislation that the property remains as open space in perpetuity. Mr. DelVecchio stated that he would like to assist Mr. Ciocci by explaining that somebody in Town promised the Wagners the property would not be sold by the Town. If Mrs. Wagner knew that the Town would sell the property she would have sold it directly to a developer. Mr. DelVecchio spoke in favor of the property as open space. Mr. Ciocci stated this is an issue that can be worked through in a bi-partisan way and asked if any Town Councilman is interested in introducing the legislation with him he would be happy to discuss it.

#### BUSINESS:

\*The Chair reserved his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

1. RESOLUTION TC24-128: Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$3,420 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Senior Citizens' Services 01050600-581888 Capital Outlay.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on April 29, 2013 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC24-129: POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE
3. RESOLUTION TC24-130: WITHDRAWN - The Chair explained this item was adopted in November and had been put on this agenda inadvertently there has been no material change, therefore there is no business for the Town Council on this item.

4. RESOLUTION TC24-131: POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Whitmoyer the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk