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MAY 2, 2016
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 8:04 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

<u>Present:</u>	Edna Colucci	Joe Pifko	Mark LeClair
	Donna Seidell	Matt Caron	Ann Marie Evangelista
	Bill Mecca	Carl Massaro, Jr.	Mary Beth Thornton
	Dawn Cantafio	Jack Testani	Lisa Valenti
	Thomas Whitmoyer	Mark Block	Tony Scinto
	Enrico Costantini	Richard Kascak, Jr.	Michael London

Absent: Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, Jason Marsh, and Vincent DiMasi, Jr.

Also

Present: Director of Parks & Recreation Stuart McCarthy, Economic & Development Director Rina Bakalar, Town Counsel Barbara Schellenberg, Esq. and Jared Schwartz, Esq., the Trumbull High School We the People team coach Kathleen Boland, and team members Jimmy McEwan, Nikaash Pasnoori, Dylan McEniry, Zac Gottschall, James Allen, Matt Buckwald, Maddy Weinstein, Nathalia Hernandez, and Aravind Sureshbabu.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Block, seconded by Kascak to approve the April regular meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by LeClair, seconded by Caron to approve the April 19, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Motion CARRIED 16-0-1 (ABSTENTION: London)

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chair noted no one had signed in to speak and asked if there was anyone present to speak. Hearing none the Chair moved to the business of the meeting.

BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC26-52: Moved by Pifko, seconded by Whitmoyer
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$60,000 is hereby appropriated from Golf Course Retained Earnings 21-315200 to Capital Outlay 21100000-581888 to purchase two new 3250 Q triplex specialty mowers.

COMMITTEE REPORT: The L&A Committee met on April 25, 2016 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC26-53: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Block
BE IT RESOLVED, That submission of the funding application for the Long Hill Green improvements under the Main Street Investment Fund Program is hereby authorized and Timothy M. Herbst First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

COMMITTEE REPORT: The L&A Committee met on April 25, 2016 and voted unanimously.

Ms. Bakalar stated she was pleased to be here and looks forward to working with all. Ms. Bakalar updated the council, since the L&A Committee meeting cost estimates had been received. The estimates were received at 5:00 p.m. and distributed to the council at this meeting. (See Attached).

With a hefty contingency the Town can, within the \$500,000 maximum, do the following improvements:

- Extension of the sidewalk from the where the development ends at Whitney Avenue to Dunellen.
- A complete revisit of the gazebo to make it attractive, rebuild or replicate it. This can be significant and beautiful.
- Simplify the green space, install a patio serving the restaurant patrons as they wait, and additional landscaping if the road is closed.
- A demarcation point as it is in the POCD. This can be included in this grant without having to submit a specific design now. This will be a quality demarcation. The community will have time to decide what this will look like and can become a signature look for Trumbull.

The cost estimate for the above proposed improvements is \$452,588.

Ms. Bakalar explained for Mr. Block she believes there would be enough funding to close Broadway depending on how the Police Commission wants it closed. This has yet to be determined. What had been spec'ed out in the attached cost estimate us to landscape the green space so it becomes one parcel connecting to the sidewalk. It would become an attractive transition. This would involve removing the pavement to install the base for the soil & sod and possibly the demarcation. There is a 35% contingency built in to the cost estimate in case something comes up or if there is a special request such as bollards. There is some flexibility to the cost estimate.

Ms. Bakalar indicated for Mr. Pifko this is the third year this grant has been made available. There are always more requests submitted than funds available. She believes Trumbull has a nice chance to be awarded the grant although there is always some amount of competitiveness. The Town would probably hear back on the grant by the end of July, maybe August. There are some transitions happening at the state level and in particular with this department. This could delay the grant. After the grant is awarded they would go out to bid, then to contact which could be a month or two. The project could be started in late fall depending on the weather. If weather becomes an issue certain elements would not be done at that time but would expect to be able to do the gazebo piece sooner.

Ms. Bakalar indicated for Mr. Caron that she does not have the details of what improvements the developers are bound to and is in the process of researching this further.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC26-54: Moved by Valenti, seconded by London.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Town of Trumbull is hereby authorized to accept five (5) pieces or parcels of land, piece or parcel no. 1 located on the easterly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25) containing 6.1 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes, piece or parcel no. 2 located on the southerly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25) containing 16.3 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes, piece or parcel no. 3 located southwesterly of the Pequonnock River containing 3.6 acres, more or less, for Highway Purposes, piece or parcel no. 4 located easterly of Parcel No. 3, on the northeasterly side of Colonel Henry Mucci Highway (CT Route 25), containing 30.9 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes and piece or parcel no. 5 located on the northerly side of Main Street (CT Route 25) containing 27.9 acres, more or less, for Open Space and Recreational Purposes from the State of Connecticut for the consideration of \$1,000, file number 144-110, serial number 038A.

COMMITTEE REPORT: The L&A Committee met on April 25, 2016 and voted unanimously.

Attorney Schwartz indicated for Mr. Testani the parcels abut existing Town parks and would be included in those parks' liability and maintenance. Attorney Schwartz indicated for Mr. LeClair the land was acquired by the State in connection of the construction of RT 25 and is no longer necessary for the State to hold onto the land. Because they abut Town properties it makes sense to have the Town take title of the parcels since there are existing parks abutting the parcels. Attorney Schwartz indicated that much of the land was taken by condemnation deeds and is why they had performed an extensive title search. There were many sub-parcels to the bigger parcels. Attorney Schwartz confirmed for Ms. Thornton that these conveyances are dictated by Public Act. The act states the parcels have to be used for open space and recreational uses. In order to change that they would have to work with the legislature.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

The Chair stated the Town Council is pleased to recognize the success of the We the People team from Trumbull High School who recently placed 8th in the country in the national competition. The Chair welcomed the team and extended congratulations to the team on behalf of the Town Council.

Team Leader Ms. Boland explained the entire We the People team was not present at this meeting due to the fact that some are singing tonight with the choir and others are studying for AP exams. This is a very busy time of the year for the team. Ms. Boland could not be more proud of this team and noted they are a special team. They encompass teamwork, hard work ethic and are unbelievably passionate about the constitution, law and everything that goes along with it. Competing on Capitol Hill was the highlight of her professional career.

Each team member shared with the council their favorite part of the experience and what university they would be attending after graduation.

The Chair extended a great appreciation and congratulations to the team's folks, families and all of the students' supporters. They really help make it possible for the students to do what they obviously love doing and is happy the students chose to be part of the We the People program because it is a life changing experience. The choices the students make now really do point them in a particular direction for their future plans and occupations. The Chair encouraged the students to explore all of their options, the horizons are limitless especially for such intelligent youth as this team is.

Ms. Boland extended her gratitude for inviting the team at this meeting and for supporting the team. Year after year the BOE and the parents have funded the program. This allows her to concentrate on the coaching and not having to sell baked goods or run car washes on the weekends.

The Chair once again extended his congratulations to the team and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Block, seconded by Colucci the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC26-53: BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing offers competitive grants through the Main Street Investment Fund Program, and

WHEREAS, grants are to be used to improve commercial centers in order to attract small businesses, promote commercial viability and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access, and

WHEREAS, grants cannot exceed \$500,000 and shall be used for improved lighting, sidewalks, new signage, expanded recreational and green space and other related improvements or renovations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding to support improvements to Long Hill Green, and

THEREFORE, the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Long Hill Green improvements under the Main Street Investment Fund Program and identifies, Timothy M. Herbst, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

