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CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the regular meeting of the Town Council to order at 8:05 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.	Lori Rosasco-Schwartz
	Jason Marsh		

Absent: Michael London, and Vincent DiMasi, Jr.

Also

Present: First Selectman Herbst (arrived at 8:16 p.m.), Town Attorney Jared Schwartz, Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow, Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio, of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee Co-Chairman Daniel Marconi, Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee Member Jeanine Stouder, and Director of Labor Relations James Haselkamp.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 11 people present to speak. (*Public Comment Attached*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Thornton, seconded by LeClair to approve the May 2016 regular meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee Update

Co-Chairman Mr. Daniel Marconi and Mr. Joseph Pifko were present.

Mr. Marconi explained how the committee formulated what size the building should be as follows. One of the members, Joe Costa is a practicing architect. He had worksheets that work up

the size and what they would need as a footprint of the building. The result was a 20,000-21,000 sf building. As it turned out, the buildings they had visited, were that size.

Mr. Pifko explained the next step was to send out a RFQ for architect services (Request for Qualifications). The firms took a lot of time telling the committee their qualifications. The committee had a list of 10 questions and based on their answers each committee member ranked the firm from 1-10. The top 4 were established, (with the exception of 2 committee members the committee had all ranked the same firms in the top 4). Even after the 4 were established the committee still went back and looked at #5 & #6. They still conclusively ranked the same top 4.

The top 4 firms were invited to come back on 6-23-16 to present to the committee. There are 2 sites that the committee gave the architects to work off of. The Long Hill Administrative building and the Wagner Tree Farm property. Neither has been selected as a possible site to date, they were given to the architects as examples for a new building v. a renovated existing building.

One of the first questions will be how to interact with the community and get their input. That is very important, this is not the end of the process, after 15 months this is still the beginning of the project. This will give all something to look at and have an idea of where they will be going with the project.

As a result of the council's questions Mr. Pifko explained:

- The RFQ's did not include any pricing/estimates.
- All of the top 4 are within CT. That was one of the 10 questions the committee had asked.
- The existing BOE building does pose some issues since it will create a domino effect. We would all like a flat piece of land in the center of town for this project, but it does not exist. This why they gave the architects two types of building projects to work of.
- The committee will ultimately give the council a site, a plan and a dollar amount to consider. At this point the committee does not have these determined yet.

Mr. Marconi stated the 4 firms had done both renovations and new buildings, the committee wanted to give them both options as a challenge to see what they could come up with. Mr. Pifko stated they had heard the residents when they had said they did not want a community center in a park. Island Brook Park. It is in a flood zone; therefore it was not chosen as the site. Coincidentally one of the firms has built six centers and each of them was in a park. The committee did look at Middlebrooks, there is a lot of flat land there and is in the center of town. The Middlebrook area residents came to them and explained the site is not conducive to any more traffic, the committee has listened to them and agreed with them that would be too dangerous adding more traffic. A one-floor building is ideal, if offices or a probate court were added you could build up or below depending on the terrain of the site chosen. 20,000 - 21,000 sf seems to be the ideal size. Trumbull is 98% developed, therefore there is not a lot of undeveloped areas to choose from.

The Chair thanked the committee for all of their work to date and members of the public for coming out and voicing their opinion at this meeting. There is nothing etched in stone to date, there are building committee rules, and every phase of the project comes to the council for approval. Maybe starting with the selection of the architect in the next couple of months. It will depend on everyone in Trumbull to tell the building committee what they would like, whether it be a social center or a recreation center etc. There is a lot of work to do and extended his gratitude for all of the interest in it.

1. RESOLUTION TC26-55: Moved by LeClair, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Julie Jenkins of 9 Woodfield Drive, be and the same, is hereby approved as a member of the Golf Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2016.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on 5/31/16 and voted unanimously.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were present.

VOTE: ADOPTED 17-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Cantafio)

2. RESOLUTION TC26-56: Moved by Block, seconded by Colucci
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Robert Oleyar of 102 Tanglewood Road, be and the same, is hereby approved as a member of the Golf Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2017.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on 5/31/16 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED 17-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Cantafio)

3. RESOLUTION TC26-57: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Seidell
BE IT RESOLVED, That Joseph Rescsanski of 51 Elliot Road is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term extending to the first Monday of December, 2018.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on 5/31/16 and voted unanimously.

The Chair noted this is a reappointment even though the resolution does read as such.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION TC26-58: Moved by Colucci, seconded Testani
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application to the State Department of Revenue Services for the Neighborhood Assistance Act program; and, Whereas, the 2016 application will include St. Vincent's Special Needs Center-\$20,000, Connecticut Radio Information System-\$10,000, and the Kennedy Center-\$24,000; and That Timothy M. Herbst, or his designee, is authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on 5/31/16 held a public hearing and voted unanimously.

Mr. Whitmoyer moved, seconded by Ms. Thornton to amend the attached full resolution to read as TC26-58. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION TC26-59: Moved by Valenti, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That funding for a labor agreement between the Town of Trumbull and the Trumbull Police Union Local 1745, Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 is hereby approved.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted unanimously.

Mr. Haselkamp explained for Mr. Scinto the contract had not run out and goes through June 30, 2016.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

6. RESOLUTION TC26-60: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Five Year Capital Plan is hereby approved.

The Chair explained the item was not ready.

Moved by Block, seconded by Costantini to postpone to the July meeting.

VOTE: Motion to postpone CARRIED unanimously.

(First Selectman Herbst left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

The Chair called a recess at 9:21.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:32 pm.

Moved by Block, seconded by Pifko to take item #10, RESOLUTION TC26-64 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION TC 26-64: Moved by Testani, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That an agreement granting a temporary construction easement to the State of CT in Veteran's Memorial Park is hereby approved and First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst, is authorized to execute said agreement and all necessary documents related thereto.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted unanimously.

Attorney Schwartz explained to the council he could not verify the individual who cares for the memorial had been notified but would do so. This speaks to the point that whatever is there, such as flowers and shrubs, should be well taken care of and is included in the easement's language.

Mr. Smeriglio explained to the council, if the council wanted to add running water for the individual who cares for the memorial they would not take the water from the river behind the memorial because that would require a pump, instead they would need to investigate where the water lines are in the road, it could be requested that it be part of this project or it would need to be budgeted for by the town.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

The Chair explained there is some time sensitivity to this item.

Moved by LeClair, seconded by Caron to pass as Emergency Legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

8. RESOLUTION TC26-61: Moved by Kasack, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee is renamed the Trumbull Senior/Community Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted unanimously to amend the resolution due to a typographical error and as amended 3-2 (AGAINST: Marsh and Whitmoyer)

The Chair explained the resolution is correct on the full Town Council agenda and was incorrectly written on the L&A Committee agenda and further explained for the council the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee does currently fall under the building committee rules due to the council authorizing the committee to go forth with a design. This why he requires the committee to give quarterly updates and as they go through the future process they will continue to follow the rules. When selecting an architect they will need to bring that to the council for approval as well as if they select a site. The Chair stated nothing has been committed to by the building committee or the council at this meeting, there is a lot of information to be gathered and a lot more presentations to be made.

Mr. Pifko further explained it is semantics for him whether the committee is a committee or a building committee. He has no problem with adding the word “study” to the name of the committee. It will be a community center, seniors are part of the community, the center will be used for more than just a senior center. Most of the successful ones are used as such. It is more encompassing and believes the community has expressed that. Mr. Pifko encouraged them to call the center the Trumbull Community Center or the Trumbull Community Center Study and Building Committee. He is more concerned with calling it a Community Center v. a Senior/Community Center.

Moved by Testani, seconded by Block to amend to read as, “BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee is renamed the Trumbull Community Center Building Committee.

The Chair stated the amendment would match the resolution on the L&A agenda. It was confirmed for Mr. Scinto that no matter what the name of the committee is they will be following the building committee rules.

Mrs. Valenti spoke in favor of keeping it a study or an exploratory committee until there is a site and/or shovel in the ground so it is clear for the public. The Chair further explained the building committee rules still apply. The resolution is on the agenda because the name was too long and confusing.

Mr. Costantini stated the council understands what this committee is and it is incumbent upon the council members and it is their job to explain this to the public. The Town is not building anything yet. The committee has to come to the council for approval to do anything. Whether anything is built is the council’s job, the council has to approve to build or not.

Ms. Thornton agreed with Mr. Costantini, and added the project needs more foundation work before a goal is assigned to a building committee.

Mr. LeClair stated the motion on the floor is to rename the committee not whether the process should start from the beginning or not and added the town approved \$73 million on the high school project with 600 surveys and to argue that there is not enough input is incorrect, there is a long list of opportunities where the public has given their input on this project.

Mr. Testani called the question, seconded by Mr. Block.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 10-8 (AGAINST: Evangelista, Rosasco-Schwartz, Cantafio, Valenti, Marsh, Mecca, Whitmoyer, Thornton)

Moved by Mecca, seconded by Cantafio to further amend the resolution to read as. "BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee is renamed the Trumbull Community Center Study and Building Committee.

It was confirmed for Mr. Scinto the name change would still not change the rules. Mr. Costantini stated the name change does not change the rules but if this is to move this forward he urged the council to vote in favor of this amendment, the committee is constantly studying and working. Mr. Block spoke against a town-wide survey on this project again and does not think an additional survey is necessary. He believes he has a good sense of what the public wants based on his conversations with them and their input to date. Ms. Valenti spoke in favor of the amendment to put the people at ease.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 16-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Testani.)

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended 17-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

9. RESOLUTION TC26-62: Moved by Thornton, seconded by Cantafio.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Cindy Katske of 129 Meadowview Drive, be and the same is hereby appointed a member of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on May 31, 2016. The motion failed 2-3 (AGAINST: Testani, Costantini and Pifko).

Moved by Thornton, seconded by Mecca to amend to read as, "BE IT RESOLVED, That Cindy Katske of 129 Meadowview Drive, be and the same is hereby appointed a member of the Trumbull Community Center Study and Building Committee."

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 17-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

Ms. Cantafio spoke in favor of Ms. Katske, she has been an attorney for 25 years bringing analytical skills to the committee, a former PTA president, a current leader of the BOE Policy Advisory Committee, has attended most of the building committee meetings and would be asset to the committee. Mr. Mecca spoke in favor of Ms. Katske and how she has expressed an interest in the committee. Mr. Marsh spoke in favor of how she has always worked for the betterment of the Town. Mr. Costantini stated this is not a partisan decision as Ms. Valenti had pointed out, comparing resumes the other candidate is a practicing architect and is needed on the committee. Mr. Mecca questioned whether it is possible both individuals could serve. The Chair clarified there is not a resolution on this agenda to expand the committee, it has been done with other committees, and although it is possible as it expands it will result in quorum issues. Mr. Whitmoyer noted there is already an architect on the committee and spoke in favor of someone with a different background.

The Chair clarified that the Mr. Preusch owns and operates his own firm and did not bid on the project therefore there would not be a conflict. Mr. Pifko stated Mr. Costa's experience and knowledge has been invaluable and would welcome another architect. It is helpful to have more than one set of eyes from an architect since it is a building committee. Mr. Costantini stated Mr. Preusch would not be able to bid on a town project if on a board or commission.

VOTE: Motion as amended FAILED 8-9-1 (IN FAVOR: Evangelista, Colucci, Thornton, Cantafio, Whitmoyer, Mecca, Valenti and Marsh) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

10. RESOLUTION TC26-63: Moved by Seidell, seconded by Costantini
BE IT RESOLVED, That David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Road is hereby appointed a member of the Senior/Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on May 31, 2016 and voted unanimously to amend twice and as amended 3-2 (AGAINST: Marsh and Whitmoyer)

The Chair recognized the amendment in committee.

Moved by LeClair, seconded by Pifko to amend to read as, BE IT RESOLVED, That David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Avenue is hereby appointed a member of the Trumbull Community Center and Library Study and Building Committee.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-1-2 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz and Evangelista)

Moved by Testani, seconded by Marsh to further amend to read as, “BE IT RESOLVED, That David Preusch of 19 Woodcrest Avenue is hereby appointed a member of the Trumbull Community Center Study and Building Committee.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 16-2 (Cantafio and Scinto)

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended 10-5-3 (AGAINST: Valenti, Marsh, Thornton, Cantafio and Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Mecca and Evangelista)

Moved by Pifko, seconded by Costantini to pass as emergency legislation.

VOTE: 14-2-2- (AGAINST: Scinto and Evangelista) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz and Mecca)

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Block, seconded by Caron the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION TC26-58:

RESOLUTION TC26-58: BE IT RESOLVED, Whereas, the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) offers funding to tax exempt organizations in the form of tax credits; and,

Whereas, tax credits are given to eligible corporations who contribute funding to support specific programs and services of the tax exempt organizations; and,

Whereas, programs supporting job training, low income residents, senior residents, residents with disabilities, child care services, or open space acquisition offer a 60 percent credit and energy conservation programs offer a 100% credit; and,

Whereas, the 2016 application will include St. Vincent's Special Needs Center-\$20,000, Connecticut Radio Information System-\$10,000, and the Kennedy Center-\$24,000; and That Timothy M. Herbst, or his designee, is authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program; and,

Whereas, the town of Trumbull serves as the applicant and liaison to the Department of Revenue Services on behalf of the tax exempt organizations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the application to the State Department of Revenue Services for the Neighborhood Assistance Act program; and,
2. That Timothy M. Herbst, or his designee, is authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program.

Public Comment:

There were 11 people to speak.

1. Cindy Katske of 129 Meadowview Drive spoke to the resolution changing the name of the committee and does not support removing senior and study from the name of the committee. All parties are clear that the library is no longer being considered as part of the project. Communication to the public and minimizing confusion are the issues. Removing the word senior or study will add to confusion and cloud the issue. Shortening the name of the committee should not override clarity.
2. Eric Paulson of 69 Brittany Avenue stated two weeks ago she had started an online petition asking residents to sign if they agreed spending money on a new senior or community center should be stopped and citizens of Trumbull should be surveyed prior to committing more tax payer funds. There have been over 600 signatures support to halting the process to answer some questions of the residents. Mr. Paulson is not against a new senior or community center only to ask residents if this should be put on hold to answer the questions of town residents. Mr. Paulson spoke in favor of the First Selectman sending a letter out in the town wide mailer encouraging comments and suggestions but would rather a comprehensive survey be done. It appears as if something has been decided to be built. Stop spending tax payer money until the need of the project has been determined and asked that the resolution be amended to charge the committee to conduct a town wide survey.
3. Harriet Polansky, Executive Director of the Trumbull Housing Authority and town resident. 70% of the residents of the THA are over 62 years. THA residents are vibrant, active and confident many of her residents would welcome a new community/senior center to meet their needs. Ms. Polansky also would like a new senior/community center. The current senior center is difficult to locate, difficult to navigate and is uninviting. A new center should act as a social hub connecting seniors to community services while helping them to remain active and independent. Research shows those seniors who remain active in their community delay onset of disease and improvement in their overall wellbeing. It is short sighted not to have a senior/community center to serve the aging population and to have intergenerational services.
4. Judy Restieri of 3 Hedgehog Circle of Stern Village is a senior and does attend the current senior center. She finds it confusing and gets lost every time she goes there. It is dilapidated. There will be more seniors in the future. It is nice to have seniors intermix with the younger people, it makes the seniors feel younger. This is needed in Trumbull. She goes to the center in Westport more often because it is beautiful and inviting, it has everything you can do there. The current center is older than she is and would enjoy a new center. Other seniors and the younger people would enjoy a new center too.
5. Gus Aquino of 179 Hedgehog Circle is handicapped and when he goes to the senior center it is difficult to find handicapped parking, it is hard to navigate around the building. A new center would serve the community better and would be more centrally located. It is difficult to get to the senior center where it is now. Several rooms are inadequate for the functions that take place there and spoke in favor of a new senior/community center centrally located in Town. We should be serving our residents.
6. Thelma Burr of 169 Hedgehog Circle is a resident commissioner at Stern Village. There are many people who would love to go the center, but it is very hard to do so. The parking is outrageous at the center, there is many times only one parking space left when they do get there. Ms. Burr spoke in favor of a new center.

7. Ms. Vicki Tesoro of 133 Beechwood Avenue spoke to items on the agenda, the appointment of Cindy Katske and the building committee resolution. Ms. Tesoro spoke in favor of Ms. Katske's appointment to the building committee noting Ms. Katske's long time volunteerism in the community. She has attended most of the building committee's meetings and is well versed and is ready to serve. The other appointee being considered for the committee has skills that are already represented on the committee. Ms. Katske puts the good of the community above her opinions as represented by her willingness to help the council work to make corrections to the last proposed charter revision. Ms. Tesoro spoke to the senior/community center resolution and indicated she is pleased the First Selectman has joined the course of those calling for more community involvement on this project but spoke against his approach and suggested to use the model used by the library and urged the council to direct the building committee to hire an independent consultant to both design and implement a professional survey and facilitate focus groups and public hearings to allow the residents to freely express their opinions. She has chosen to speak at public hearings of the building committee and has spoken at Town Council meetings and noted it is not up to the first selectman to criticize how she chooses to be involved.
8. George Boland of 32 Blue Ridge Drive has been following the senior/community center since it was going to be at Island Brook Park. Mr. Boland spoke in favor of the center and does not care how much it might cost and was pleased to read the first selectman was going to put out a questionnaire, but questioned how long it will take someone to go through the emails if approximately 3,000 people respond. That is a lot of time. He spoke in favor of community involvement and noted when the community is involved it is a community center.
9. Melanie Flavin of 23 Lewis Street stated she is neither for nor against the community/senior center, and has real questions regarding the process. Ms. Flavin spoke in favor of putting the question on the November 2016 ballot and hiring an outsourced research firm to get the results everyone wants very different things and wants her voice heard. Whether she voted for a council member or not the council still represents all.
10. Susan LeFrance of 45 Woolsley Avenue spoke to people's emails from the first selectman and people's information on the survey being tracked, she was included in the letter. She took the survey but it did not work. An independent survey has to happen. People have to feel comfortable. Surveys should not be tracked. The trust has been broken therefore she will not take another survey. She asked the council to create an ordinance to protect the safety and privacy of the citizens with regard to surveys and polls.
11. First Selectman Herbst indicated he has heard the feedback at tonight's meeting and all that has been offered through all the different mediums in Town. First Selectman Herbst indicated discussion of construction of a community center in town started 17 years ago under Ken Halaby's administration. There were surveys conducted 17 years ago that showed overwhelming support for a community center. The Town hired a professional firm which resulted in an 18-month process resulting in 2014 POCD. The POCD provides a statutory 10-year blueprint of the direction of all aspects the town will go and specifically a comprehensive strategy of town facilities, public buildings in Town that serve the people in town. After 18 months of public hearings, public workshops and focus groups and meetings with department heads, the document called the Plan of Community Development, (POCD) was developed based on the people's input. Page 92 of the document speaks to public facilities in the Town of Trumbull and quality of life of the Town of Trumbull and strategies to implement that plan written by an independent firm, Planometrics. Quoted from the

POCD, “During the public outreach portion of this plan residents placed high priority on those town facilities that most directly affect residential quality of life”. It goes onto to make 4 recommendations. They are as follows

- Recommendation #1 - To build a community center,
#2 is to rebuild or upgrade the senior center
#3 upgrading the library
#4 meet increased demand for playing fields.

We have this document which is a 10-year blueprint for the town, it is was approved by the Town Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission as well. The POCD was approved 2014 after spending a considerable amount of money to hire an unbiased firm collecting community feedback and assessments including these

Recommendations. After which this body empaneled a building committee which would address 3 of the 4 recommendations of the POCD. This was to be a nonpolitical, nonpartisan building committee to conduct the work. In addition to this he will send out a letter in the tax bills that will go to every Trumbull homeowner that will explain this process and more specifically asking the people of Trumbull to provide feedback vis email, not signing petitions yeas or no but offering specific suggestions to what should be included in this facility. The building committee began in 2015. There were 2,622 respondents were emailed a link to a town wide survey on this matter. The building committee also initiated more community feedback from social media and commended Lori-Hayes O’Brien for working so hard to illicit community feedback, she did so on several occasions, specifically on October 9th, October 19th, and November 9th and November 19th, Ms. Hayes O’Brien asked for community input and linked the survey to one social media outlet that has 3,992 users. She took it a step further and took the same request to another social media site, his Between August and November on 10 separate occasions community feedback was solicited through social media and in addition to social media it was linked to the Town website’s homepage, FB and twitter account and was also sent out through the Senior Center newsletter. Every Trumbull resident who receives a tax bill will receive a letter requesting more feedback of what they do and don’t want to see in the facility. The community center survey by a margin of 85% to 15% residents said they favored a community center. The community has been surveyed more on this issue than the 800 survey response the town had for the \$73 million renovation of the high school. If the building committee retains an architect it is not a fate de complete, the building committee will have additional public hearings with the architect and will request additional feedback from those that will use the facility. The \$175,000 for the building committee to conduct its work was included in the capital pan which was approved by the Board of Finance and the Town Council. A lot of information has been gathered and will continue to be gathered from the community with regard to what they would want in this facility, what has already been heard is that they would like it to include a pool. One of the reasons it was not included in the high school project was because of the stipulation of it not being able to be used during school hours if it was to reimbursable by the state. There has been a lot of discussion regarding public facilities within the Town, he recently conducted an interview with public access television and provided a tour of the Town Hall. He encouraged every town council member and all those present at this meeting to watch it on Trumbull access television. It is important to see what is being discussed, the space constraints of the building and how the building does not support ADA requirements which is federal law. There is a space issue in Town not only for those that work for the town but for the community groups. The community center should be a multi-generational facility that serves the entire community. It has been talked about for over 17 years, if there is overwhelming support for it, which he believes there is, we have to let the building committee do their work and empower them with the tools to illicit additional community feedback. First Selectman Herbst stated they welcome all feedback and asked all to go to trumbullcommunitycenter@trumbull-ct.gov. First Selectman Herbst extended his

gratitude to Co-Chairs Joseph Pifko and Daniel Marconi and all of the building committee members. When you watch this committee do their work you cannot tell what party an individual belongs to and noted that is how it should be.