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MINUTES

February 4, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. 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:

Michael Rappa	John Rotondo	Matt Reale
Jane Deyoe	John DeVecchio, Jr.	Kathleen Bivona
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Debbie Lamberti	Michael London
Mary Beth Thornton	Perry Molinoff	Carl Massaro
Cheryl Bochet	Mark Altieri	Chad Ciocci
Jeffrey Jenkins	Martha Mark	Dan Helfrich
		Anthony Scinto

ABSENT: Dan Marconi, Suzanne Testani

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Ms Mark, seconded by Mr. Massaro to amend the January 7, 2008 Minutes as follows:

On page 4, Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-6: Change the vote to: 16-1-1 (Opposed: Ciocci; Abstention: Testani)

On page 5, Item 10. RESOLUTION TC22-10: Insert the following:

Mr. Pescatore stated that he is an elected representative of the people of the Town of Trumbull and that the public should be able to view the matters before the Council on television along with the respective discussion of those matters.

Mr. Massaro stated that all Town Council members have a right to ask questions and discuss each resolution at the Town Council meeting itself.

Ms. Testani and Ms. Mark stated that there are possible unknown health risks associated with the placement of said antenna, according to FCC document OET Bulletin 56 August 1999, and that it should not be assumed that there is no health risk. Ms. Mark cited the

fact that there are condominium complexes close to the placement of this antenna as well as employees who work in Town Hall.

Page 6, Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-11, Paragraph 3: amend the 4th sentence by adding the following after the word “blocked”: by cars lined up at the traffic light making the situation worse. Mr. Pescatore also stated that this concern is due to the fact that the pattern of the lights has not been implemented.

Page 6, Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-11, Paragraph 5: insert the following after the word “concerns”: “and stated that he had his own concerns regarding the traffic light.”

VOTE: Passed 11-0-7 (Abstention: Molinoff, Reale, Rotondo, DelVecchio, Helfrich, Thornton, Bochet)

VOTE: Adopted as amended 15-0-3 (Abstention: Thornton, Rotondo, Molinoff)

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT – FY 2006-2007: Christine Carling, Director with McGladrey & Pullen explained her firm performed an independent audit and gave an unqualified opinion of the Town for FY06-07. She reported that the audit went very well this year. Both the Town and Board of Education were very well prepared and she is pleased that the audit was finished on time.

Ms. Carling stated that the general fund balance is \$16.3 million and there is \$468,000 more in investment earnings than expected. \$2.3 million of federal grant funds were spent on education, agriculture and highways. Approximately \$7 million in State grant awards was spent.

Director Carling explained that some of the items are not detailed out because the GASB standards for them will not take effect until 2009.

Contributions to the Pension plans are below the recommended levels. This year the contribution to the Town plan was at 46% and the Police plan was at 45%. Contributions have been in the amounts of \$1.4 million (Town) and \$900,000 (Police). The recommended contributions are \$3.1 million (Town) and \$2 million (Police).

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-18: Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Robert Daston of 225 Lake Avenue as a member of the Volunteer Firemen’s Pension Fund Board, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-19: Moved by Bivona, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That Michael Charland of 60 Shelter Rock Road, be and the same, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2011.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and amended by changing the address to 24 Plumtree Lane. They voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The Chair recognized the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-20: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Brian Casey of 15 Windy Ridge Road as the Police representative to the Central Emergency Dispatch Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-21: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Mr. Ciocci

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Barbara Crandall of 32 Mayflower Drive as the EMS representative to the Central Emergency Dispatch Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-22: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Ciocci

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of David Bogen of 26 Bassick Road as the LHFC representative to the Central Emergency Dispatch Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-23: Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That Donald Scinto of 65 Hedgehog Circle, be and the same, is hereby reappointed as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-24: Moved by Ms. Lamberti, seconded by Mr. Ciocci

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Susan Casey of 12 August Lane as a member of the Golf Course Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2012.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-25: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Ms. Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Richard Girouard of 18 Firehouse Road as a member of the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2008.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC22-26: Held in Committee

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC22-27: Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. Scinto

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mark Ronnow of 20 Doe Hollow Road is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Building Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Antonio Scinto.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and amended by changing the word "Road" to "Drive" and by changing the end of the resolution to read as: "... created by the election of Antonio Scinto to the Town Council." They voted 4-1 (Opposed: Scinto) to recommend as amended.

The Chair recognized the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted as amended 17-1-0 (Opposed: Scinto)

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-28: Out of Order

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC22-29: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Lisa Valenti of 22 Wood Avenue as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission, be and the same, is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2012.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and amended Ms. Valenti's name to Lisa Tesei Valenti. They voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The Chair recognized the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 13. RESOLUTION TC22-30: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Mr. Ciocci

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution TC22-1, which reappointed Lee DeFusco as a member of the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee, is hereby amended to correct the term expiration to 2012.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 14. RESOLUTION TC22-31: Moved by Mr. Rappa, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That Chief of Police Thomas Kiely is hereby authorized to sign a lease agreement between Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut and the Town of Trumbull Police Department for the Department to site and operate its telecommunications facilities on Aquarion's Monitor Hill property.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and amended by authorizing First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin instead of Chief Kiely. They voted 2-0 to recommend as amended.

The Chair recognized the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Town Attorney Dan Schopick explained that since 1993, a monopole has been used. Prior to that, it was an antenna.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 15. RESOLUTION TC22-32: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Ms. Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED, That JCJ Architects is hereby approved as the architect for the Trumbull High School renovation project as recommended by the Building Committee.

Committee report: Education Committee met on January 31, 2008 and voted 3-0 to send without recommendation.

Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. Molinoff to postpone to the next Council meeting.

VOTE: Passed 10-6-3 (Opposed: Scinto, Jenkins, Massaro, London, Lamberti, Mark; Abstention: Ciocci, Pescatore and Deyoe)

*Chairman Altieri voted on this item.

Item 16. RESOLUTION TC22-33: Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$2,392 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Building Service Contract 01023200-578801.

Committee report: Education Committee met on January 31, 2008 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 17. RESOLUTION TC22-34: Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as D'Addario v Trumbull, Docket number CV-06-4016625.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 2-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 18. RESOLUTION TC22-35: Moved by Ms. Bochet, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as B&E Theatre v Trumbull, Docket number CV-07-4020813.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on January 28, 2008 and voted 2-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk