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MINUTES

July 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:03 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:

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| Dan Marconi | Jeffrey Jenkins | Matt Reale |
| Michael Rappa | John Rotondo | Kathleen Bivona |
| Suzanne Testani | John DelVecchio, Jr. | Michael London |
| Jane Deyoe | Debbie Lamberti | Carl Massaro |
| Robert Pescatore, Jr. | Perry Molinoff | Chad Ciocci |
| Mary Beth Thornton | Mark Altieri | Dan Helfrich |
| | | Tony Scinto |

ABSENT: Cheryl Bochet, Martha Mark

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting were approved as presented with unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Lockton Insurance Benefit Consultants are the town's benefit consultants. Representatives of the firm, Debra Testa and Tim Hasselman explained that presently there are 4 different plans in the State as to pooled attempts at buying medical insurance. They are the Traditional MEHIP Plan, Enhanced MEHIP Plan, Chris Donovan Plan and a Purchasing Coalition. Traditional MEHIP and the Purchasing Coalition are actually available now, whereas the Enhanced MEHIP and Chris Donovan Plans are being developed and are not available yet. Ms. Testa and Mr. Hasselman briefly reviewed the design of each Plan.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-71: Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of David Lucas of 37 Woodlawn Drive, 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: L&A Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

Mr. Pescatore recused himself and left the room at 8:46 p.m. because Mr. Lucas is a personal friend.

VOTE: Passed 16-1-0 (Opposed: London)

Mr. Pescatore returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-73: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That _____ be and the same is hereby approved as the Owner's Construction Representative for the Trumbull High School renovation project as recommended by the Building Committee and hereby authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract with said owner's construction representative in a form substantially the same as was contained in the bid documents provided to the owner's construction representative.

Committee report: Education Committee met on July 1, 2008 and amended by replacing the blank line with "AFB Construction Management of Trumbull, Inc.". They voted 2-0 to recommend as amended.

The committee report was recognized as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Trumbull High School Building Committee Chairman Jim Nugent explained that AFB's bid was around \$570,000. The next lowest bid was more than double that amount. He believes the town is getting an excellent value. AFB will be the eyes and ears of the Town on the project. Their personnel will be on the job site and will attend the Construction Manager and Architect meetings, report unfiltered information back to the Building Committee, review requisitions coming in, recommend payment and most importantly, track the money.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-83: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant prepared and submitted by the Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency for a regional operation, management and maintenance program for the regional Housatonic Railroad Trail (a shared-use trail) that is being designed and constructed from downtown Bridgeport to the Monroe-Newtown town line is hereby endorsed.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 4-0 to send without recommendation.

Theodora Samadjopoulos, Town Civil Engineer, explained there will be no cost to the town for this project. She explained the total amount of this grant is \$112,000 and it is to be used to purchase equipment that will be used to maintain the trail. The granting authority has already approved the grant. In order to get the funds, each town involved has to endorse this resolution. Then, a Memorandum of Understanding will be created and signed by the participating towns identifying what will be purchased and how the trail will be maintained. The executed Memorandum must be accepted by the State. Said Memorandum will come before the Town Council.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-84: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$80,000 from the unreserved fund balance is hereby appropriated to Public Works Maintenance 01030200: Gas, Oil, Grease Usage 567701 \$50,000; Transportation – Vehicle Repairs 567702 \$30,000.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on July 1, 2008 and voted 2-0 to recommend.

This request is for fiscal year 07-08. The transmission on the Cat Loader, a major piece of equipment, needs to be replaced. The repair will be done in-house and is expected to cost approximately \$20,000. To purchase a new machine would cost approximately \$225,000. The daily rental rate is around \$1,300.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-85: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$48,168 from Contingency 01013800-501116 is hereby transferred to Engineering Salaries Full Time 01013500-511101.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on July 1, 2008 and amended the Salaries account number to: 01030500-501101. They voted 2-0 to recommend as amended.

The Chair recognized the committee report as an amendment.

This request is for fiscal year 07-08.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-86: Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That a labor contract between the Town of Trumbull and Police Union Local 1745, Council #15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2011 is hereby approved for funding.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 3-0-1 (Abstention: Rappa) to recommend.

On behalf of the negotiating committee, Administrative Assistant Liz Smith requested this item be postponed to the September meeting in order to accommodate union ratification and negotiating committee vacation schedules.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Marconi to postpone to the September meeting.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-87: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Trumbull and Richard W. Ruby for a piece or parcel of vacant land opposite #16 Priscilla Place, for consideration of \$20,000 is hereby approved.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 4-0 to send without recommendation.

Mr. Ciocci urged Council to vote against this purchase. He believes the price is too high and he has issues with the appraisal. Mr. Ciocci also believes that there is plenty of land on the site that is not used now and that the purchase would take this parcel off the tax rolls. He questioned if the purchase would add to our insurance costs. Mr. Ciocci read a letter from Senior Commission Chairman, Ralph Monaco opposing the purchase.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained that Vision Appraisals has a great reputation and their appraisal is close to the amount the parcel was appraised at in 2005. Mr. Baldwin stated the taxes on the property are \$273.00 per year and the parcel would come under the same liability package the town has now. There are no plans to expand the building. However, in the future if we wanted to add to the building, we would have the ability to do so if we own this parcel. There is a congestive traffic issue on the street and additional parking is needed. The First Selectman explained that the Senior Commission, by their charge, deals with senior issues in the town. The decision to purchase or not is not their responsibility. It is the responsibility of the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Rotondo moved to postpone. There was no second.
Mr. Rotondo withdrew his motion.

Mr. Reale stated that the appraisal is an expert opinion. The value of this parcel is that it is contiguous with the senior center. There might not be a great need for it presently, but in the future, the need could be greater. It could be used for additional parking or outdoor programs. If we don't purchase it, we will lose the opportunity to use it in the future.

VOTE: Failed 9-10 (Approved: Altieri, Helfrich, Marconi, Rappa, DelVecchio, Bivona, Thornton, Reale, Rotondo)

*Mr. Altieri voted on this item.

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-75: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the existing storm drainage and sanitary sewer easements as shown on Record Map 1770, Lots A, B and C are hereby abandoned.

Committee report: Public Works Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

This item was unanimously endorsed by the Planning & Zoning Commission. As stated in committee, there are no other developments planned for that area.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC22-88: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Thomas Vazzano of 20 Cornfield Road is hereby appointed as a member of the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2010.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on June 30, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk