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MINUTES

November 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:05 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:

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
Cheryl Bochet	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting were approved as presented with unanimous consent.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-115: Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Johanna Malinowski of 87 Cricket Lane, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Jane Ryan School Roof Building Committee.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 27, 2008 and amended by adding "and chair" after "member". They voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-116: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED That the property owned by the Town of Trumbull located at 7155 Main Street, previously known as the Wagner Tree Farm, be and the same is hereby dedicated to the Trumbull Nature Commission in perpetuity for nature, environmental and art education and such other programs as said Commission may deem appropriate, in accordance with its mission statement.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 27, 2008. After conducting a Public Hearing, the address was amended to 7115 Main Street. They voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

The Nature Commission has been successful at doing their own fundraising. Extending the time they can use the property will help encourage donors to continue to donate and eliminate the need for financial support from the Town.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-117: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., be and the same is hereby empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of this Contractor with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Special Funding for Municipalities program, and to affix the corporate seal.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 27, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-118: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the funding for 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.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 27, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-113: Withdrawn

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-119: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle the matter of Federated Retail Holdings v Town of Trumbull, Docket No. CV-06-4016584.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 27, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEM: Trumbull High School Building Committee update

Trumbull High School Building Committee Chairman Jim Nugent, Owner's Representative, Al Barbarotta, and JCJ Architect, Greg Smolley explained that the project will be done in phases and that at this point they are looking for conceptual agreement on two major issues. They have been working regularly with the high school administration and a subcommittee of the Board of Education. It is important to them to get the project done within the budget. The initial project was well received by the State.

The school needs to be able to function while the project is being done. It's very important to be able to move students out of areas where work is being done and into "swing space". It is preferable to build space that can be used permanently instead of using modulars. Keeping those 2 key components in mind, they believe the most likely place to start is with the auditorium.

Architect Smolley presented 4 conceptual schemes for the auditorium including different sizes and locations. He gave a brief overview and described the benefits and drawbacks of each scheme. Some of the drawbacks included costly relocation of utilities, costly items needed to meet code regulations if a balcony were built and the need to create space for any programs that might be displaced. He explained that the drawbacks of some of the schemes did not outweigh the benefits and were not cost effective.

The conceptual scheme that seems to best meet the education specifications, the criteria for reimbursement and the needs of the building is the one where the project starts with the construction of a new auditorium in the existing main courtyard. Upon completion of that phase, the existing auditorium could then be used as swing space while work is done on the rest of the building. Modulars would not have to be used which would result in a cost savings. When the area is no longer needed for swing space, it would be renovated to meet the needs of the music department.

The second major conceptual issue is the location of the pool. They believe they've found a location that will take care of a host of needs. The pool is not part of the regular curriculum and the swim teams use it after school and not during the school day. Therefore there's really no reason why it has to be attached to the school. A separate

building that includes a pool, an auxiliary gym, locker and restrooms could be built on the field and used as a community center.

The natatorium would be located at the end of the football field and would incorporate the existing concession stand. Locating it there would eliminate security concerns related to community use during the school day. Additional parking will be created across the access road where the softball field is now. Locating the natatorium and additional parking in these areas will make the fields and restrooms accessible to the disabled as required by Code, would meet the needs of the Board of Education, and would be good for the community.

The plan is to do the project in phases as follows: the auditorium will be built; then the classrooms will be renovated; the Library and then M-Wing will be done followed by the natatorium. Projected completion date is September, 2012.

The project will be broken down into elements and will be bid out in individual bid packages. The State and then the Town will give authorization to go out to bid. The market is very competitive right now so the sooner we can go out to bid, the better.

In light of the current economic conditions, First Selectman Ray Baldwin asked Mr. Barbarotta to contact the State to find out if we will still receive our reimbursement. David Wedge of the School Facilities Unit indicated the State is still committed to this project. He believes that anything the State has already committed to will be funded. Reimbursement for any new projects might be questionable.

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bivona. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk