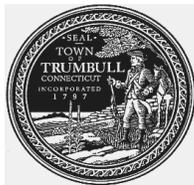


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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 29, 2013

Chairman Suzanne Testani called the Legislation & Administration Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Suzanne Testani, Kristy Waizenegger, Jeff Jenkins, Martha Jankovic-Mark.

ABSENT: Chadwick Ciocci, Fred Palmieri, Jeff Donofrio and James Meisner, Alternate.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Timothy Herbst, Chief of Staff Elaine Wang, (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Director of Finance Maria Pires (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Town Clerk Suzanne Burr-Monaco, Town Attorney Dennis Kokenos, Deputy Chief Byrnes of the Trumbull Police Department, Chief of EMS Joseph Laucella, Long Hill Fire Department Chief Douglas Bogen and Labor Counsel Timothy (arrived at 8:13 p.m.).

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1. RESOLUTION TC24-147: Moved by Ms. Jankovic-Mark, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger.

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Trumbull an application and contract with the State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant.

Ms. Burr-Monaco explained utilizing last year's grant money over 64,000 pages had been converted to images in the last year. Utilizing this year's grant money they hope to be able to scan an additional 10 years of pages. The maximum dollar amount they can receive from the State has been capped by the Legislature at \$6,500, in previous years the Town has received up to \$13,000. This grant is money paid to the State by the Town Clerk's office; the State is now returning it to the Town Clerk's office in the form of a grant.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC24-148: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Jankovic-Mark.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull hereby ratifies the action of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council to become a Council of Governments

as determined at a meeting of the regional planning organization held on June 12, 2013, toward that end, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council formally adopted section 4-124i through 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall go into effect upon the enactment and approval of enabling legislation of member municipalities of the Region. (Full Resolution Attached)

First Selectman Herbst stated a council of elected officials had been formed comprised of mayors and first selectmen of the greater Bridgeport region. They had moved away from the traditional regional planning organization. This has been very productive; the 5 chief executives work together in a bi-partisan manner. The State Legislature has changed its legislation indicating a desire to move towards these cogs. The region's position has been they would rather take affirmative action on their own to establish this and begin the steps to formalize it. First Selectman Herbst indicated for the Chair the other municipalities involved are in favor of this.

First Selectman Herbst indicated for Ms. Jankovic-Mark having the mayors and the first selectman directly involved is more productive in terms of advocating for federal and state money. They have been productive in securing money that is in the best interests of their respective Towns, (i.e. the Pequonnock River Valley Trail project).

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC24-149: Moved by Ms. Waizenegger, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. BE IT RESOLVED, That a task force shall be empanelled comprised of the Chief of Police, or designee, the Director of Emergency Management, or designee, the Chief of the Emergency Medical Service, or designee, and a representative from the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Departments chosen unanimously by the three chiefs of the volunteer fire services;

WHEREAS, the importance of a centralized emergency communications system between Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services is recognized;

WHEREAS, a unified, centralized emergency communications system between Police, Fire and EMS services better serves and protects the general public; and

NOW THEREFORE, That said four person task force shall be charged with making a recommendation to the First Selectman and Trumbull Town Council within the next 90 days for the creation and implementation of a unified, centralized emergency communication system between Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.

First Selectman Herbst indicated there is a broad consensus amongst the emergency service branches to proceed with a date certain to make a recommendation to the Town Council and the First Selectman's office for the creation of a unified centralized emergency communications center. Over the last six (6) weeks there have been a series of meetings with representatives of Police, Fire and EMS. This will allow Police, Fire and EMS to collaborate freely with one another during an emergency. The importance of the centralized dispatching system has been recognized. The task force will be charged with bringing a recommendation on how a central dispatching system will be achieved, how it will be staffed and where it will be located to the Town Council and the First Selectman

within 90 days of passage of this resolution. It will also be necessary to go to the BOF and the Town Council to seek funding. First Selectman Herbst spoke in favor of this resolution and noted that we have learned from the Newtown tragedy that seconds do matter. This can reduce call response time, better protecting the Town of Trumbull and create a better synergy between the three emergency service branches.

First Selectman Herbst explained for Ms. Jankovic-Mark the Trumbull Police Department is the primary point of contact and the process that takes place when a 911 call currently comes in. This fire dispatching is currently run by a private company known as the RDC. There are two dispatching offices in the Trumbull Police Department. Of the adjoining municipalities surrounding Trumbull nearly every other municipality has a combined dispatching system. First Selectman Herbst stated that based on the fact that we have seen that seconds do matter and the unparalleled weather emergencies of recent years there has been a universal recognition of the three (3) emergency service branches that there needs to be a centralized dispatch system. If the dispatching could be centralized and efficiencies realized, without compromising public safety, it could reduce the overall cost of delivering the service. This will allow the Fire Companies, EMS and the Police Dept. to apply the savings to equipment, training, hiring of additional police officers and/or the capital improvement program.

All three Fire Chiefs, Chief of Police, two Deputy Police Chiefs and an EMS Chief agree it is time to act on this. First Selectman Herbst indicated to the Chair that Milford had recently been able to do this with a paid fire department.

Deputy Chief Byrnes stated for Mr. Jenkins that the calls for service for each branch of emergency service per year are as follows:

- Trumbull Police Department (TPD) - 18,000 annually
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - 4,200 annually
- Fire 1,000 annually

First Selectman Herbst explained for Mr. Jenkins because the police department is the primary point of contact the unified center would be located at the police department.

First Selectman Herbst suggested amending the resolution to name the representatives that would make up the task force.

Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger to amend the resolution to include the names of the following persons: Deputy Chief Byrnes of the Trumbull Police Department, Deputy Director of Emergency Management William Chiarenzelli, Chief of EMS Joseph Laucella and Long Hill Fire Department Chief Douglas Bogen.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Jankovic-Mark)

VOTE As amended CARRIED 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Jankovic-Mark)

RESOLUTION TC24-149 AS AMENDED: BE IT RESOLVED, That a task force shall be empanelled comprised of the Deputy Chief of Police Glenn Byrnes, the Deputy Director of Emergency Management William Chiarenzelli, the Chief of the Emergency Medical Service Joseph Laucella and a representative from the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Departments, Long Hill Fire Department Chief Douglas Bogen;

WHEREAS, the importance of a centralized emergency communications system between Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services is recognized;

WHEREAS, a unified, centralized emergency communications system between Police, Fire and EMS services better serves and protects the general public; and

NOW THEREFORE, That said four person task force shall be charged with making a recommendation to the First Selectman and Trumbull Town Council within the next 90 days for the creation and implementation of a unified, centralized emergency communication system between Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.

4. RESOLUTION TC24-150: Moved by Jankovic-Mark, seconded by Mr. Jenkins.
BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, be and the same, is hereby authorized to sign and execute an agreement on behalf of the Town of Trumbull with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant award in the amount of \$500,000.00 for pavement resurfacing of Corporate Drive.

First Selectman Herbst stated the Economic Development & Community Department has been working to apply for assistance from State and Federal programs to accomplish various capital improvements in our community. This represents half a million dollars of pavement resurfacing on Corporate Drive. The State's OPM Dept has awarded Trumbull the money and determined that Corporate Drive is the town's best opportunity to grow the grand list and tax base.

Ms. Waizenegger spoke against the use of the word "award" in the resolution noting that that this was not a contest but our tax dollars coming back to the community.

Moved by Ms. Jankovic-Mark, seconded by Waizenegger to amend the resolution by striking the word ~~award~~.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

AS AMENDED RESOLUTION TC24-150: BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, be and the same, is hereby authorized to sign and execute an agreement on behalf of the Town of Trumbull with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for pavement resurfacing of Corporate Drive.

5. RESOLUTION TC24-151: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Blum Shapiro is hereby reaffirmed as the auditor for FY 2013-2014.

Ms. Pires stated the resolution needed to be amended to read as FY 2012-2013.

Moved by Ms. Waizenegger, seconded by Ms. Jankovic-Mark to amend the resolution striking ~~FY 2013-2014~~ and replacing it with FY 2012-2013.

Ms. Pires stated that the Town went out to bid last year for a 3-year auditor contract, the contract was approved for 2012 last year and the auditor was appointed for one year, this represents the 2012-2013 portion of that contract. Ms. Wang explained she had written

the resolution to read as reaffirming the auditor's services for this year, but the audit will be done on the fiscal year that just ended. Mr. Massaro stated the funding for the contract is included in the budget.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED unanimously.

AMENDED RESOLUTION TC24-151: BE IT RESOLVED, That Blum Shapiro is hereby reaffirmed as the auditor for FY 2012-2013.

6. RESOLUTION TC24-152: Moved by Ms. Waizenegger, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull shall acquire title to parcels of real property located in the Town of Trumbull, parcels being known as 290 Oakland Drive, 167 Southgate Road, 9 Friar Lane, 11 Foxwood Road, 75 Huntington Road, 254 Stonehouse Road, and 264 Meadow Road, from Trumbull Land Trust, Incorporated for the collective sum of \$7.00 and:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, be and the same, is hereby authorized to accept deeds transferring legal title to said parcels from Trumbull Land Trust, Incorporated to the Town of Trumbull.

Atty. Kokenos stated the Town had been approached by the Trumbull Land Trust to take ownership of these properties and wanted to make sure the properties are preserved as open space. The Town is in agreement. The Conservation Commission has been designated as the entity to make sure the properties are taken care of. The deeds have been drafted and reviewed by the Town attorneys' office. First Selectman Herbst explained the parcels are all for passive recreation. Former First Selectman Raymond Baldwin founder of the Trumbull Land Trust and Mary Ellen Lemay of the Conservation Commission approached the Town to make sure these properties are protected and the Town is happy assist them, this is at very little cost to the Town.

Atty. Kokenos noted for Ms. Jankovic-Mark the open space language is included in the deed but could also be included in the language of the resolution. Ms. Jankovic-Mark spoke in favor of amending the resolution to include reference to the open space. Atty. Kokenos stated the Trumbull Land Trust would probably no longer exist but they did not want to move forward with that until these properties were protected. Atty. Kokenos suggested using the statutory language included in the deed that defines open space.

Moved by Ms. Jankovic-Mark, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger to amend by adding the following language after the words Town of Trumbull: "the premises herein conveyed shall forever be held for Open Space purposes which shall include use of the premises for passive recreational purposes, educational purposes, scenic purposes or the conservation of land and/or other natural resources"

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE: Motion as amended CARRIED 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Jankovic-Mark).

AS AMENDED RESOLUTION TC24-152: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull shall acquire title to parcels of real property located in the Town of Trumbull, parcels being known as 290 Oakland Drive, 167 Southgate Road, 9 Friar Lane, 11

Foxwood Road, 75 Huntington Road, 254 Stonehouse Road, and 264 Meadow Road, from Trumbull Land Trust, Incorporated for the collective sum of \$7.00 and:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, be and the same, is hereby authorized to accept deeds transferring legal title to said parcels from Trumbull Land Trust, Incorporated to the Town of Trumbull. The premises herein conveyed shall forever be held for Open Space purposes which shall include use of the premises for passive recreational purposes, educational purposes, scenic purposes or the conservation of land and/or other natural recourses. (First Selectman Herbst and Atty. Kokenos left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.)

The Chair called a recess at 7:40 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 8:04 p.m.

7. RESOLUTION TC24-153: Moved by Ms. Waizenegger, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a worker's comp claim known as Julie Cianciullo v. Town of the Trumbull.

Moved by Ms. Waizenegger, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to ENTER into Executive Session/Non-Meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The Legislation & Administration Committee ENTERED into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. with Legislation & Administration Committee members: Chairman Suzanne Testani, Kristy Waizenegger, Jeff Jenkins, Martha Jankovic Mark, Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Director of Finance Maria Pires and Chief of Staff Elaine Wang present. (Labor Counsel, Timothy Ward arrived and entered the Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.)

Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Jankovic-Mark to END Executive Session.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The L&A Committee ended Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger the Legislation & Administration Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni,
Town Council Clerk

RESOLUTION TC 24-148:

Resolution of Endorsement

Greater Bridgeport Regional Council of Governments

WHEREAS, General Assembly Bill No. 6706, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT includes amendments to the composition of council of governments, council of elected officials, and regional planning agencies in designated planning regions; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) created pursuant to sections 4-124c to 4-124h of the general statutes currently operates as a regional council of governments as provided in section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes on or before January 1, 2015 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council has endorsed section 4-124i through 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, by resolution to amend the current designation by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to be constituted as a regional council of governments.

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council shall be in compliance with the provisions of General Assembly Bill No. 6706, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull hereby ratifies the action of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council to become a Council of Governments as determined at a meeting of the regional planning organization held on June 12, 2013, toward that end, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council formally adopted section 4-124i through 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall go into effect upon the enactment and approval of enabling legislation of member municipalities of the Region.