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RULES & RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the R&R meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:
PRESENT: Bruce Elstein, Chairman, Eric Paulson, Vice Chairman, Bill Mecca, Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Steve Lemoine, Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Alternate

ABSENT: Donna Seidell

ALSO
PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers, Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Council members, Dawn Cantafio, Tony Scinto, Mary Isaac, Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, Michael Miller, Kevin Shively, Town Engineer William Maurer, Parks Superintendent Dmitri Paris and Fleet Supervisor Doug Bogen, Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar

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1. RESOLUTION TC28-132: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution TC28-126, adopted on December 7, 2020, is hereby repealed and that the Trumbull Town Council hereby acknowledges the submission of the letter of application to the Connecticut Department of Housing and subsequently accepts the CDBG, Small Cities Covid-19 funding in the amount of \$100,000 and Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application, Assistance Agreement and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (*Public Hearing January 7, 2021 Town Council*) (Full Resolution Attached)

Attorney Schopick explained the resolution was passed last month but the required public hearing wasn't held. This resolution will repeal last month's resolution and adopt RESOLUTION TC28-132 with the required public hearing held at the full Council meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC28-133: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Vincent DeGennaro of 91 Deer Run Drive, be and the same is hereby reappointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2023.

Vincent DeGennaro of 91 Deer Run Drive was present and indicated his party affiliation as unaffiliated. He was appointed to the board in 2011. He enjoys contributing to the community and looks forward to two more years of service.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC28-134: Moved by Glasser-Orenstein, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Anthony Ciccaglione of 18 Fieldstone Court, as a member of the Golf Course Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2023 be and the same is hereby approved.

Anthony Ciccaglione of 18 Fieldstone Court was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He worked at Tashua Knolls in 1976 and has been in electrical work for many years. He will be retiring June 1, 2021. He has always volunteered in football. With the Presidential State Officials he has experience with \$2 million budgets and enjoys playing golf at Tashua Knolls. He would like to give back to the community.

(Bill Mecca arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC28-135: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Jennifer Sommer of 9 Twitchgrass Road, as a member of the Land Acquisition Committee for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2025 be and the same is hereby approved.

Jennifer Sommer of 9 Twitchgrass Road was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. First Selectman Tesoro had asked her to serve a couple of years ago. She has been a resident for 16 years and has four children. She enjoys giving back to the community.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC28-136: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That Preston Merritt of 136 North Stowe Place, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to September 1, 2025.

Preston Merritt of 136 North Stowe Place was present and indicated he believed his party affiliation is democrat. He likes the people he serves with and they all do a great job. Ms. Glasser-Orenstein noted she had served with Mr. Merritt and Mr. Ruospo, they both do a great job and she is happy to serve with them. Ms. McGannon stated she is the clerk of the commission and they could not do Trumbull Day without them.

Ms. Katske noted Mr. Merritt is listed as unaffiliated, she will check the list and report back at the full Town Council meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC28-137: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That Joseph Ruospo of 25 Moose Hill Road, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to September 1, 2025.

Joseph Ruospo of 25 Moose Hill Road was present. He has served on the commission for ten years, he hopes to have a better 2021 Trumbull Day than 2020.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

First Selectman Tesoro extended her gratitude to all those being appointed to a board or commission, it is a great to serve and she appreciates them. We are all hoping Trumbull Day will happen this year.

7. RESOLUTION TC28-138: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Mecca
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Richard Girouard of 18 Firehouse Road, as a member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2023 be and the same is hereby approved.

Richard Girouard of 18 Firehouse Road was present and stated the commission works very well together and he enjoys serving, and has worked with conservation for many years.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

8. RESOLUTION TC28-139: Moved by Glasser-Orenstein, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Tony Silber of 43 Stag Lane, as the Planning & Zoning Commission representative on the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2023 be and the same is hereby approved. Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Tony Silber of 43 Stag Lane was present and indicated the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission does an incredible job protecting the wetlands and watercourses, it is a vital job for the community and they are passionate about it. This position connects the dots to Planning & Zoning.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

9. RESOLUTION TC28-140: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Paulson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Ashley Gaudiano of 56 Frederick Street, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative on the Police Station Building Committee.

Ashley Gaudiano of 56 Frederick Street was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. The committee has done a great job and currently needs someone. She is happy to serve.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

10. RESOLUTION TC28-141: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council Rules of Procedure adopted on December 3, 2019 and as amended June 1, 2020 are further amended in rule # 4 entitled Notice of Meetings by deletion of the term “business days” and substitution of the term “calendar days” as they appear in said rule. (Full Amendment Attached)

Attorney Schopick explained the Charter provides notice as “calendar” days, this resolution brings the Town Council Rules of Procedure into compliance with the Charter.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Paulson, seconded by Mecca the Rules and Research Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC28-132:

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to the State of Connecticut Department of Housing under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Small Cities Covid-19 Program for grants to towns of less than 50,000 in population; and,

Whereas, funds are to be used to prevent, prepare and respond to the coronavirus pandemic; and,

Whereas, the Town of Trumbull with the guidance of the Long Term Recovery Committee, submitted a letter of application for \$100,000 for a “Local Meals” program; and,

Whereas, the Local Meals program will utilize Trumbull restaurants and eateries to provide nutritious meals to vulnerable populations and quarantined individuals and families to reduce their risk of exposure and exposing others; and,

Whereas, the program will support Trumbull businesses by bringing additional commerce to those businesses during this difficult time; and,

Whereas, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Social Services and the Finance department will work together to implement the program and administer grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that the Trumbull Town Council acknowledges the submission of the letter of application to the Connecticut Department of Housing and subsequently accepts the CDBG, Small Cities Covid-19 funding in the amount of \$100,000. The Trumbull Town Council identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application, Assistance Agreement and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

TC28-141—AMENDMENT TO TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE:

4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

Notice of all Council meetings shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the Town not less than 5 calendar days or more than 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, said notice shall contain the time, date and place where such meeting shall be held. A copy of said notice shall be filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town's website along with available supplemental materials in accordance with the Town of Trumbull Charter, as revised. Notice of meetings and agenda shall be distributed to each Council member not less than 6 calendar days prior to the meeting. Council members will receive all agendas, materials and minutes, via electronic mail. Delivery by U.S. Postal service will be considered supplemental except as otherwise required by law. Bulk documents will not be sent by electronic or U.S. mail except where said material is provided to the Town Council in electronic format. Said material will be made available in Town Hall with notification to Council members.