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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair announced that Lisa Valenti had resigned from this committee and as a result, Ashley Gaudiano would join the committee, Mary Isaac would become a full member and Carole Hans is an alternate. The Chair extended his gratitude to Ms. Valenti for all her service and work on the committee.

The clerk called the roll and recorded as follows:

**PRESENT:** Kevin Shively, Chairman, Ashley Gaudiano, Mary Isaac, Michael Miller, Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, Tony Scinto

**ABSENT:** Carole Hans, Alternate, Donna Seidell, Alternate

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:**

Town Council Chairman Dawn Cantafio, Town Council members Joanne Glasser-Orenstein, Jason Marsh, Thomas Whitmoyer, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Director of Economic and Community Development Rina Bakalar.

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The committee took RESOLUTION TC28-145 as the first item of business.

1. RESOLUTION RC28-145: Moved by Miller, seconded by Gaudiano  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the resolution entitled: TASHUA KNOLLS 2021  
LEASE/FINANCE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT  
LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COURSE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION  
AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;

AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION is hereby approved. (Full Resolution Attached)

Mr. Joseph Gaudiano of the Golf Course Commission was present and indicated they looked into three options this was the best of the three. Mr. Gaudiano confirmed there were 90 carts currently and are in the process of trying to give one of their carts from a previous lease to the Senior Center or the High School.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC28-143: Moved by Rosasco-Schwartz, seconded by Gaudiano  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Owen Evans of 93 Skyview Drive, 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.

Mr. Owen Evans of 93 Skyview Drive was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He has been very active at Tashua Knolls since 1976 and has attended 95% of the commission's meetings; he has served at the state level and has brought that information to the Golf Commission. He has served previously, knows, and understands what the commission does.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC28-144: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Miller  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the grant application to the Connecticut DEEP AIS program is hereby acknowledged in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and 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. (Full Resolution Attached)

Ms. Bakalar was present and indicated the following:

- Grant is due February 12<sup>th</sup> and requires a certified resolution, if approved emergency legislation is needed.
- The Director of Public Works and the Chairman of the Conservation Commission have collaborated. This was included in the 5-Year Capital Plan.
- The lake was contaminated with unusual invasive species that are destroying the natural habitat. The origin of the species probably came from a fish tank dumped into the lake upstream.
- This DEEP grant program is specific to mitigating these conditions.
- A licensed professional with maintenance to ensure it doesn't return will do a DEEP approved chemical application.
- The grant has a residential educational component as well as educational signage.
- There will be a riparian buffer to enhance.
- A 25% match is required of the total cost of \$12,000 - \$15,000.

The Chair noted this was identified as part of the Natural Resources Inventory.

Ms. Bakalar noted that Ms. Lemay had reached out to Stratford to notify them since the lake feeds into Stratford. There is a private pond, which may be impacted. They will reach out to them to educate them. The invasive species are Brazilian Waterweed, Parrot Feather and Phragmites. Dogwood Lake is a municipal pond.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION RC28-146: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Miller  
BE IT RESOLVED, That RESOLUTION TC28-142, the 5-Year Plan adopted by the Town Council on January 7, 2021 is hereby amended to include certain BOE updates.

Mr. Scott Kerr of the BOE was present and indicated revisions had been made during discussions on the Town side, a paving project added, a roof postponed, and the BOE updated the other roof costs. The Jane Ryan roof had been pushed out one year to reevaluate. When the roofs were evaluated Jane Ryan's roof was estimated at 10-15 years old.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Rosasco-Schwartz, seconded by Miller the Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk

## FULL RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION TC28-144:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Bureau of Natural Resources and Fisheries Division offers grant funding through the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grants for projects up to \$50,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull Public Works department in partnership with the Conservation Commission will submit an application not to exceed \$20,000 with a requirement of 25% match to address two invasive species and invasive grass that have affected the natural species and native habitat of Dogwood Lake; and,

WHEREAS, specifically, Dogwood Lake has been infested with Parrot Feather and Brazilian Water Weed rarely found in Connecticut lakes and Phragmites grass on the town access shoreline, all potentially from aquarium water dumped upstream of Dogwood Lake; and,

WHEREAS, the project will use DEEP approved chemical treatment with professional application and oversight to treat the area and restore the natural habit and species; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to removal of the invasive species, the project will include maintenance follow up, an educational brochure and signage, and the installation of a riparian buffer; and,

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that the Trumbull Town Council acknowledges the submission of the grant application to the Connecticut DEEP AIS program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. 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.