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MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. 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:

<u>PRESENT</u> :	Dawn Cantafio	Eric Paulson	Joanne Glasser Orenstein
	Lisa Valenti	Bill Mecca	Lori Rosasco-Schwartz
	Mary Beth Thornton	Donna Seidell	Kevin Shively
	Mary Isaac	Mike Miller	Ashley Gaudiano
	Joy Colon	Steve Lemoine	Jason Marsh
	Keith Klain	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	Tony Scinto

ABSENT: Joe Gerics, Bruce Elstein, Thomas Whitmoyer

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske, Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes, Economic Development Director Rina Bakalar, BOE Director of Facilities Mark Deming, Public Works Director George Estrada, Town Engineer William Maurer, Police Commission Chairman Lisa Labella, Parks Superintendent Dmitri Paris, Finance Director Maria Pires, EMS Chief Leigh Goodman, John Marsilio Former Director of Public Works, and George Wiles of Wiles Architects

*The Chair reserved the right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were five (5) people present to speak. (Public Comment attached)

MINUTES:

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to approve the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- *Booth Hill & Jane Ryan Building Committee Update:*
Mr. Mark Deming, BOE Facilities Director was present and reported there are only a couple of punch-list items left to do. The Building Committee should be coming to the Council to close out the project soon. The first step is for them to go to the BOE and to get all the necessary resolutions to file with the State. This will probably take place next month.
- *Community Facilities Building Committee Update:*
Held (No update at this meeting)
The Chair explained there had been some inquiries from other commissions in Town that would like more information and input.
- *Police Station Building Committee Update:*
Lisa Labella Chairman of the Police Station Building Committee was pleased to say they are moving ahead, and are staying within budget.

Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes reported there had been good progress since their last report to the Council. To date with very little exception the locker room and cell block has been completed and renovations are underway in the firing range. They're moving into Phase 2 of the project, (modifications to the record storage room, physical training area, the break room and the main corridor). They're well within their budget, have had great success and progress. Ms. Labella stated they have scheduled meetings through the March 25th or 26th and expect completion by that date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC28-23: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That James Daly of 26 Pam Bar Road, be and the same is hereby reappointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2022.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

2. RESOLUTION TC28-24: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Rosasco-Schwartz
BE IT RESOLVED, That Lisa Hughes of 14 Riverside Drive, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to September 1, 2024.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to pass as *Emergency Legislation*

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

3. RESOLUTION TC28-25: Moved by Colon, seconded by Klain
BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by the First Selectman of Josephine Mills of 50 Wendover Road, be and the same is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2025

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

4. RESOLUTION TC28-26: Moved by Valenti, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Dean Fabrizio of 6306 Main Street, be and the same is hereby approved as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2025.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as *Emergency Legislation*

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

5. RESOLUTION TC28-27: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Michelle Dowling of 26 Scattergood Circle, be and the same is hereby approved as a member of the Golf Course Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2021.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as *Emergency Legislation*

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

6. RESOLUTION TC28-28: Moved by Shively, seconded Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council hereby approves and endorses the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments grant application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Regional Performance Incentive

Program for a Regional Electronic Content Management system. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted unanimously.

Ms. Megan Sloan of MetroCog was present and explained currently three years of the license fee is covered this grant application would cover the 4th year of the license fee as well as document scanning for the six MetroCog towns. OPM (Office of Policy Management) requires that each town pass a resolution that endorses the grant application. The towns involved are Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull. Currently Trumbull is beginning to implement the system. There is a meeting this coming week with the Town's IT Director. All of the resolutions need to be submitted by February 28th. The Chair indicated emergency legislation would be necessary.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as Emergency Legislation

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

7. RESOLUTION TC28-29: Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$31,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to account 01022600-581888 EMS-Capital Outlay.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 29, 2020 voted to amend unanimously and as amended unanimously.

Moved by Massaro, seconded by Cantafio to reduce the amount to \$26,712

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as Emergency Legislation

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

8. RESOLUTION TC28-30: Moved by Klain, seconded Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$8,300 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to account 01022600-581888 EMS-Capital Outlay.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 29, 2020 voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as Emergency Legislation

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

9. RESOLUTION TC28-31: Moved by Seidell, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$93,280 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to account 01022600-522202 EMS-Professional Services.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 29, 2020 voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED 13-0-4 (ABSTENTION: Massaro, Rosasco-Schwartz, Lemoine, Scinto)

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as Emergency Legislation

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 13-0-4 (ABSTENTION: Massaro, Rosasco-Schwartz, Lemoine, Scinto)

10. RESOLUTION TC28-32: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Orenstein

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council hereby initiates an audit of the accounts of the Board of Education pursuant to Chapter II, Section 10(A) of the Charter of the Town of Trumbull.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 29, 2020 voted unanimously.

Councilman Massaro suggested if there is an urgency to the matter to utilize the internal auditor. First Selectman Tesoro explained that an audit is required by state statute when a business manager leaves the BOE. The Charter gives that power to the Council to request an audit and requires it be done by a CPA. Attorney Schopick noted he did not have the statutory citation, but according Attorney Dugas the statute is different than the general statute. It seems appropriate for the Town Council to initiate an audit when at a recent BOE meeting it was stated that there is a significant shortfall in the budget. The Town Council wants to know what happened to the funds. Councilman Massaro understands the BOE has gone through personnel changes and noted if we needed something expeditious the Town has an internal auditor that could get eyes on this immediately. Attorney Schopick stated the internal auditor's reports take several months, and doesn't know if she was a CPA. She is working on audits, and is one person as opposed to someone who comes in with a firm with people that can be assigned the task.

The audit done in 2004 was done by a 3rd party firm, McGladrey & Pullen who was also the Town auditor at the time. That was an additional contract with them. The resolution was to initiate the audit, hire the firm and appropriate a certain amount of dollars.

Ms. Pires will look to see if the 2004 audit is available for the Council. He doesn't know specifically who will define the scope of the audit, in order to get a proposal they will have to know what they want done. Appointing the auditor and to get funds appropriated will come before the Council.

Attorney Schopick explained the recommended auditor after the RFQ process would be brought to the Council, if there is more than one qualified firm they may approach that differently than if there is only one qualified. The thought is to bring something firm to the Council.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Klain to pass as Emergency Legislation

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

11. RESOLUTION TC28-33: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That the 5-Year Capital Plan is hereby approved.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 29, 2020 voted to amend multiple times and as amended 4-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Scinto).

Councilman Valenti reviewed the 5-Year Plan page by page with the Council.

Questions and/or amendments by the Council are as follows:

Page 5 – 2020 Long Hill Admin- Parking Lot Drainage & Paving. Mr. Maurer explained the 2 options for the paving found in the back-up. One is a temporary fix, (mill & paving), and the other higher cost represents a long term fix with an additional 2” of asphalt.

Councilman Valenti stated determining the need for new buildings is the function of the Town Council, there is a building assessment committee in place. The Council discussed the temporary fix vs. the long term and determined they would want to reduce as opposed to removing the paving of the Long Hill Admin building.

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Valenti to reduce Long Hill Admin Building/Paving/Parking Lot Drainage & Paving to \$312,000 from \$461,000.

Councilman Shively stated the items in the plan are a wish list and can be adjusted in future years. Councilman Marsh explained because the future of the building is unknown they would want a more temporary paving fix in case the building is repurposed for something else and a more expensive project is not required. The Chair added they are looking to the future and this brings it into sharper focus.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 5 - Long Hill Admin Building/Construction/New Administration Building

Moved by Valenti, seconded by Cantafio to delete Long Hill Admin Building/Construction/New Administration Building in the amount of \$3,900,000.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 5 - Long Hill Admin Building/Construction/Build Data at the High School

Mr. Deming explained this item represents moving the existing data center from Long Hill to the high school including physical servers. If they would go to a cloud based server would be a question for the BOE IT Department.

Councilman Shively stated this would fall under the other two being that this would be for future consideration. Deming confirmed there has been a server failure previously. It doesn't perform well under wet conditions and spoke in favor moving the server room whether the administration is kept in the building or not. Councilman Marsh spoke in favor of moving the server. Councilman Scinto stated switches would have to be at the building.

Councilman Shively noted this is not funding the line items they are placeholders. Mr. Marsh spoke in favor of leaving it in the plan to be able to get funding from other sources.

Pages 6-9 Roadways/Paving

Councilman Valenti noted the Town is fortunate to have a system in place that rates and grades the roads. 2019 is complete and there haven't been any changes to this plan.

Mr. Marsilio explained that Madison Avenue is 5 miles long and has been done in stages for the last five (5) years. They started at the mall, did a piece at Red Fox Lane and then started again at Tashua and are all the way to Station Hill. The two largest parts are from Station Hill to Buck Hill Road and Tashua to Monroe. They have dedicated money. The Council will have an opportunity to authorize the bond. They will get as much of Madison Avenue done as they can and whatever residual there is will be in next year's. He confirmed the \$581,000 will effectively complete Madison Avenue.

Page 11 Senior Center/Construction/ Sr. Center construction

Mr. Marsilio explained the \$6,500,000 is shown in 2 different years because projects of this scope are reflected in this plan to indicate a spend plan. It's impossible to build a \$13 million building in one year, when there is a firm number the whole project would be bonded. There are other large projects reflected this way in the 5-Year Plan.

Mr. Marsilio indicated the plan is a needs assessment, if you were to continue to use the present senior center there will be required projects, this is the same with the library. The project is contemplated to be \$13 million, the library is contemplated to be a \$6 million project and could take longer because it's a renovation. This is a spend plan as well as a capital vision. Attorney Schopick explained if it turns out that the projection is over \$15 million there are requirements per the Charter, if it is a \$15-\$16 million project someone will say to cut the project back because it's not the inclination to spend that kind of money. Councilman Shively stated they aren't spending the money, the referendum requirements are when there is a project approved by the Town Council, putting it on the 5-Year Plan doesn't initiate a referendum.

Page 13 Town wide/Construction/Town wide sidewalk repairs

Mr. Maurer explained Trumbull has 27 miles of sidewalks maintained by the Town, of the 27 half are concrete and the other half are asphalt. Church Hill Road has the most walking and would need to be addressed first. This is the first step to get these repaired.

Page 15 Parks/Construction/Veterans' Center Construction

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to increase Parks/Veterans' Center Construction to \$3,000,000.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 17 Highway/Repalcing:283TR/TBD/4900 4x2-Crane Truck

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to delete Highway /4900 4x2-Crane Truck in the amount of \$150,000.

Councilman Cantafio explained they had met with the Director of public Works, George Estrada. Mr. Estrada explained they're trying to establish an average fleet age of 20 years, he met with two Council members to review where the fleet is positioned today. Some of the vehicles referred to in the past as spare vehicles were reviewed with them and it was explained some of the spare vehicles were to be cannibalized to keep other pieces of equipment that are near the end of life on the road functioning safely. He had agreed they could hold off on the crane truck. That vehicle in time will need to be replaced because it's not roadworthy but they use it within the yard. At this time they can do without it, but for the others they request the support of the Council to remain on the list for consideration at a future date. Some of the older trucks in the fleet that are operational

are 1992 models. The older the vehicle the more maintenance it requires and is a greater expense to keep it roadworthy and safe. There was one vehicle last year that had a piston shoot through the cabin. Those are things that can't be anticipated because of the age of the vehicle. In order to maintain a safe fleet the average age they strive for is 20 years. It was suggested moving it out to a later year. Mr. Estrada explained the vehicles retired from the fleet are used to maintain the rest of the fleet. This plan will support them without being too aggressive.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 10-6-1 (AGAINST: Massaro, Rosasco-Schwartz, Seidell, Scinto, Lemoine, Miller) (ABSTENTION: Orenstein)

Page 19 Economic Development/ Whitney Avenue Sidewalk Construction

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Gaudio to delete Economic Development/Whitney Avenue Sidewalk Construction in the amount of \$560,000 (duplicate line item).

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 19 Economic Development/ Dunellen to Trail/Design-Sidewalk Design Dunellen to Trail

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Valenti to insert in 2020 \$84,000 in place of the word "placeholder" under Economic Development/Whitney Avenue Sidewalk Design.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 19 Economic Development/ Whitney Avenue Sidewalk/ Whitney Avenue Sidewalk Design

Moved by Shively, seconded by Cantafio to delete the second word "placeholder under Economic Development/Whitney Avenue Sidewalk Design, (duplicate line item)

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Page 15 Parks/Construction/Veteran's Center Construction

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Cantafio to move Parks/Veterans' Center Construction to \$3,000,000 to the 2021 column.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

Councilman Shively noted for the record the design and construction of the Strobel Road sidewalks is included in this 5-Year Plan.

5-Year Plan New Total - \$147,938,129

VOTE: As amended 13-0-4 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Seidell, Scinto, Lemoine)

The Chair called a recess at 9:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:11 p.m.

12. RESOLUTION TC28-34: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Cantafio

BE IT RESOLVED, That

1. The 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee be and the same is hereby established;
2. The said Committee shall consist of five (5) members comprising the two (2) Registrars of Voters, two (2) Town Council members, one from each political party, and one (1) elector of the Town of Trumbull;
3. The said Committee shall recommend to the Town Council a redistricting plan comprising voting districts of substantially equal populations, including the specific boundary lines of each of those districts;

4. The said Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than February 20, 2020; and
5. The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than April 6, 2020.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted 4-2 (AGAINST: Massaro and Lemoine)

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Valenti to have bullet #4 to read as:

“ 4. The said Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than ~~February~~ March 20, 2020; and”

VOTE: 15-0-2 (ABSTAIN: Rosasco-Schwartz, Lemoine)

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Shively to have #5 to read as:

“5. The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than ~~April 6~~ May 4, 2020.”

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-0-2 (ABSTAIN: Rosasco-Schwartz, Lemoine)

Councilman Shively noted he enjoyed the Redistricting Public Forum and applauded the person responsible for putting it together and the First Selectman’s leadership on how she managed the tone of the discussion. It was very productive, heard good concerns on all sides of the issue, some being that there are other things we can do, which doesn’t mean we can’t do those anyway. Specifically he hopes this is something we can do in a bipartisan manner. Because by law we’re not a time limit we can take our time to make sure we’re doing what is right for the Town, it will give us a chance to fully examine this and give the committee as much as possible to work through all of the potential pitfalls that may come from making changes. In addition this gives them time to see how they play out through the primaries and other things with the election. This is important to get in place as soon as possible especially since we have people who are willing to serve.

Attorney Schopick stated this would be implemented in 2021.

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended 13-4 (Rosasco-Schwartz, Lemoine, Massaro, Seidell)

13. RESOLUTION TC28-35: Moved by Moved by Miller, seconded by Orenstein
BE IT RESOLVED, That _____ of _____, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and voted to amend 5-1 (AGAINST: Lemoine) and as amended 5-1 (AGAINST: Lemoine) and as amended.

Moved by Gaudiano, seconded by Cantafio to insert Kevin Shively of 66 Beardsley Parkway.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Lemoine, Shively)

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended unanimously

14. RESOLUTION TC28-36: Moved by Rosasco-Schwartz, seconded by Massaro
BE IT RESOLVED, That _____ of _____, be and the same is hereby appointed as
a Town Council representative to the 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and
voted to amend unanimously and as amended unanimously.

Moved by Gaudio, seconded by Cantafio to insert Tony Scinto of 32 Lindberg Drive.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-1-1 (AGAINST: Klain) (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended 15-1-1 (AGAINST: Klain) (ABSTENTION: Scinto)

15. RESOLUTION TC28-37: Moved Orenstein, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That Laurel Anderson of 5241 Main Street, be and the same is hereby
appointed as a member of the 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee and is further appointed as
chairman of said committee.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on January 29, 2020 and
unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by
unanimous consent at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

Resolution
Regional Performance Incentive Program
Regional Electronic Content Management system

WHEREAS, Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes provides statewide incentive grants to Regional Council of Governments for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects in the Greater Bridgeport Region; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019 the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments submitted a grant application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's Regional Performance Incentive Program for a Regional Electronic Content Management system; and

WHEREAS, a phase of the Regional Electronic Content Management system is currently being implemented in member municipalities and will build upon this implementation by including additional internal work flows and providing high volume scanning and indexing services of historic documents; and

WHEREAS, this service will increase public accessibility and transparency, reduce reliance on paper documents, and create digital records that can last in perpetuity, and thus will reduce local costs; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Officials of the Greater Bridgeport Region have supported the Regional Electronic Content Management system included in the application package, as it will benefit each municipality and the Region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal entitled:

1. Regional Electronic Content Management system

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Trumbull Town Council* approves and endorses the above referenced ***Regional Performance Incentive Program*** Grant Application by the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Louise Perkins of 58 Old Dike Road addressed the Council on behalf of herself and 19 neighbors as follows. Ms. Perkins provided the following transcript for the record:

From: Janet Epstein, Leslie Jennings, Carol Langer, Louise Perkins, Art Riley, Susann Gill Riley, Richard Ruby, Lora Sapir, Judy Soboleski and Stephanie Sudikoff of Old Dike Road; Meryl Silverstein and Sandy Silverstein of Old Sawmill Road; Douglas Ebert, Kathleen Ebert, Jonpaul Favretto, Doris Whelan and Tom Whelan of Pinewood Trail; and Cheryl Wilk and Robert Wilk of White Birch Drive

Date: February 3, 2020

Subject: Communications for Feb 6 Public Information Session

My name is Louise Perkins and I live at 58 Old Dike Road.

I'm addressing you on behalf of 19 residents of our neighborhood with a request related to the Community and Aquatics Facilities Building Committees Public Information Session scheduled for February 6th at 7 pm.

If not already planned, we respectfully ask for a summary of relevant building plans, architect drawings and site renderings of the proposed facilities from each committee to be communicated in advance of the meeting on the Town website and News Flash.

This is important even though minutes are available on the Town website and video recordings are accessible via Community Television because it takes a lot of time and effort to review those and identify the most relevant information from these sources.

For example, this month I spent many hours reviewing Aquatics Committee minutes and video recordings in order to prepare a summary to share with my neighbors. The summary supported engagement and informed discussion with residents, most of whom had no previous knowledge of the proposed facility and the challenges of Beach Memorial Park as its potential location.

Not everyone will make the time to do this, while the Committees have ready access to the most up-to-date information.

We recognize that the information session is just days away but nevertheless request that a summary of relevant building plans, architect drawings and site renderings for each location under consideration be made available as widely as possible. With the opportunity to review in advance, residents will be better-informed for the Q&A on February 6 and later when the Community Survey is conducted, an objective we understand both committees support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter given the importance of citizen participation in understanding and giving feedback about these potential future projects.

2. David Rutigliano of 52 Stemway Road, State Representative for the district here in Trumbull was present and spoke in favor of the building of the Veteran's Center and read the following into the record:

The Trumbull American Legion and VFW is a valuable asset of historical significance, not only for Trumbull veterans and service personal, but also to the citizenry of our town as a whole.

The honorable mission of the VFW is to speed rehabilitation of the nation's disabled and needy veterans, assist veterans' widows, children, and the dependents of needy or disabled veterans. Furthermore, the American Legion and VFW are charged with promoting Americanism by means of education in patriotism and by constructive service to local communities; all worthy goals.

I ask you to help these fine organizations continue their missions by allowing them the opportunity to have a base of operations, and a space for fellowship. In doing so, we as a town will gain valuable meeting and event space and the continued benefit that these organizations provide.

In this effort I pledge to provide whatever help my elected position will allow to find the resources to accomplish this project. Thank You.

3. Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox of 36 Overlook Place spoke in favor of constructing the Veterans' and First Responders' Center. It will be an important gathering space for Trumbull veterans and will provide a much needed meeting space for local community organizations to hold meetings and host events. It will be a training site for our first responders. She looks forward to working with the Economic Development Director and Ray Baldwin to secure private, corporate grants, contributions and other grant opportunities. This project will receive a tremendous amount of support from external partners.
4. Caroline Minella of 107 Midland Road was present and indicated she has been a Trumbull parent in the Strobel Road area for 16 years and wanted to say thank you for taking action and prioritizing the safety of pedestrians in the area of the high school and middle school by adding a line item in the 5-Year Capital Plan for the sidewalk design in 2020. She asked the Town Council for their support in the final vote and saying yes to going forward with the sidewalks on Strobel Road.
5. Ron Foligno of 48 Arden Road was present and extended his gratitude to all for having an eye of forward-thinking projects. Mr. Foligno read a letter from the Trumbull Chamber of Commerce sent to the Town Council into the record, (See Attached)



TRUMBULL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Dear Town Council Representatives,

The Trumbull Chamber of Commerce voted at its January Board of Directors meeting to endorse the proposed Veteran/First Responder Center envisioned for the Katz Pond site on Whitney Avenue.

As representatives of the local business community, we see the benefits a facility such as this will provide to Trumbull and the region. Our veterans will have a place to meet, socialize, receive job skills training and access to health services. Our first responders will have a training facility that meets local and regional needs. The opportunity for rental of the facility will provide another destination for events in Trumbull which can add to the local economy and generate operating revenue. Trumbull lacks sufficient meeting and event venues at present.

We hope to help support fundraising goals by spreading the word to local businesses that might be interested in helping to make this project a reality. We will support grant applications to Federal, State and private sources as requested. We look forward to seeing how else we can assist the effort in the coming months.

We enthusiastically support this effort and ask the Town Council to vote in the affirmative to add this project to the five (5) year Capital Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

Dan Onofrio, Executive Director

Nancy Kuhn, Chairman

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL (BRBC) | WHERE COMMERCE & COMMUNITY CONNECT
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE: Bridgeport, Stratford, and Trumbull
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THRIVE: Emerging Leaders | Women's Leadership Network
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