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MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:

PRESENT:

Mike Buswell	Mary Isaac	Nicole Satin
Anthony Dorsey	Alissa Hall	Jason Marsh
Ashley Gaudiano	Steve Lemoine	Kelly Mallozzi
Dawn Cantafio	Carl Massaro	Tony Scinto
Thomas Whitmoyer	Joy Colon	Bill Mecca
Veronica Lenzen	Donna Seidell	Dede Robinson (Via Phone)
Kevin Shively	Christopher DeCruze	(Via Phone)

ABSENT: Olga Leiva

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one from the public present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by satin, seconded by Colon to approve the January regular meeting minutes. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

RECOGNITION:

*Booth Hill Elementary School - Blue Ribbon School*

The Chair stated Booth Hill School was named a Blue Ribbon School in September. They were one of 297 schools nationwide and four in the state of Connecticut to be recognized. Booth Hill Principal Dana Pierce, K-5 math program leader Kim Lombardi, Library Media teacher Lindsay Armstrong, second grade teacher Selina Conklin, fifth grade students Vince Benevento and Logan McLaughlin were present, as well as Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martin Semmel and BOE Chairman Lucinda Timpanelli.

Principal Pierce extended his gratitude for being invited to this meeting and explained it takes three cylinders working together to get to this. First there is a community who is deeply invested in education, and funds education. There is great leadership, Dr. Semmel and the BOE and

amazing parents, students and staff. When you have those three cylinders firing at the same time you can do anything. One characteristic of this school that's different is its sense of community, because once there is a relationship with students and families, anything can be done, he doesn't think Booth Hill is an anomaly, he thinks all the schools in Trumbull are distinguished in their own right. Principal Pierce thanked the Council and the town for their support of education.

Fifth grade students Vince Benevento and Logan McLaughlin both spoke to how Booth Hill School has a strong sense of community and its importance.

First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro presented a certificate of recognition for Booth Hill Elementary School and a replica of the proclamation presented in the fall honoring Booth Hill Elementary School on the 2022 National Blue Ribbon Award and this day is in honor again of Booth Hill School.

#### DISCUSSION:

##### Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee Update

Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee Raymond Baldwin reported:

- Due to rising costs of building supplies and pandemic supply chain issues another construction cost estimate was done in the spring of 2022.
- The town's on-call engineering firm Tighe & Bond did the estimate. The estimate went from \$3.1 million to \$4.5 million, (36% increase).
- Rina Bakalar submitted an updated \$3.5 million grant request to the offices of Senator Blumenthal and Murphy and Representative Jim Hines. Governor Lamont has already granted the committee \$1.5 million state bonding. Representative Himes office came through with a reduced amount of \$750,000, a total of \$2.25 million.
- Construction costs have come down significantly since last spring and the cost of construction is now estimated at \$3.3 to \$3.5 million.
- Senator Moore has submitted a new bond request on their behalf for an additional \$1.3 million. The entire legislative delegation, senators and representatives outside of their delegation have pledged support.
- A committee was formed to perform an "add-alternate review" of the project. They start with the design of a core building, just four walls and the mechanics necessary. There is no FF&E included. All other elements would be bid separately.
- The septic system design and planting scheme is being finalized for the Inland Wetland Commission. State and federal funding can't be accessed until approved.
- Mr. Baldwin extended his gratitude to the Trumbull Rotary Club for their fundraising efforts and the many people who have made personal contributions. The response from the community has been robust. He also thanked all the civic organizations in Trumbull who have stepped forward to write letters of support.

Building committee member Dan Sacco explained the four fundraising programs:

1. Naming Rights - \$30,000 in commitments to date from the community, \$30,000 from the Rotary and there is an additional \$170,000 that could be added.

2. Individual Donors – Donations have not been solicited yet because they don't have the construction funding, but despite that people have donated \$5,000 through the website. There are five (5) individual donation tiers.
  3. Corporate - There are four levels of donations up to \$100,000.
  4. Plaques – There will be a Wall of Honor where people are memorialized, these start at \$125, they believe they will be able to sell 1,000 of these.
- Once there are construction funds they will push forward with the fundraising

Rina Bakalar explained the following:

- She asked the Council to write to the delegation in support. She is cautiously optimistic for this year's bond request.
- The timeline for the bonding will come in a couple of months after the Governor sets the schedule.
- STEAP grants/projects have to be closed in five years before reapplying. There is \$70,000 remaining and up to \$20,000 is allowed to be used for the septic design. The remaining funds will be used for site construction or qualifying site preparation.

Ray Baldwin explained:

- They are very close, once they have the \$2.25 million they will be able to go out to bid on the ad-alternate plan and could very well be breaking ground by the end of the year.
- There is a meeting tomorrow with the Health Department regarding using the parking lot space for the septic.
- The dredging of the pond is before DEEP and the Army Corps for approval, there is not a date yet for the dredging. Construction will have to be coordinated around the dredging because it will impact access to the building.
- The ad-alternate sub-committee is comprised of Steve Lemoine, two commanders, Graham Bissett, Ernie Foito and Raymond Baldwin.
- It was confirmed the proposed funding by Councilman Massaro of \$100,000 from ARPA would be helpful to get the septic system installed in advance.
- Rina Bakalar has been seeking any and all forms of federal and/or state funding.
- FF&E, (furniture, fixtures & equipment) may have been included in the original \$4.5 cost estimate.
- The Chair requested copies of the financials, both the fundraising and any grants or other dollars. Mr. Baldwin indicated Dan Martin is their financial liaison and he will be giving a financial report on February 22<sup>nd</sup> the building committee and will make that available to the Council.
- Ms. Bakalar indicated they would not be competing with other town projects because there are no other shovel ready projects.
- Mr. Baldwin explained they envision this to be an enterprise fund, where all revenue generated is put back into the building and its operations so there is no cost to the town. They are creating a business plan, whatever is decided upon will be brought to the Council for approval.
- Rentals are the primary source of revenue.

- The town owns the property. There is a 99-year lease with about 60 years left. Because there will be state and federal funding there will have to be conversations with regard to control of operations.
- It was confirmed they are looking at different ways town resources could be used, such as putting a septic system in, using gravel and not paving it, the town is looking at the dredging and they are hoping the town will include plantings in that budget.
- As part of the Corporate Plan they may go to O&G for the parking lot. There may be grant opportunities for programs because of the type of services the center will be providing. It may also be possible to partner with Hartford Healthcare and/or Yale. There are many different people to bring programs to the center.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC29-111: Moved by Satin, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Jonathan B. Tropp, be and the same is hereby reappointed as a member of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026 and is further reappointed Vice-Chairman of said Task Force.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC29-112: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED, That David Rosenburg, be and the same is hereby reappointed as a member of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously to pass without recommendation.

David Rosenburg was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat. He has been on the committee for a year and feels there is a lot of work to be done and wants to be an advocate for people who do not feel heard. The committee is still finding their way and would love to hear from the council as to what they would like to see. They had a public forum in January and heard from the Muslim community that they would like a school holiday approved, the committee is starting that effort.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC29-113: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Mallozzi  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Kalim Jan, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2026.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC29-114: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Alissa Hall, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative on the Trumbull Veterans & First Responders Center Building Committee.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC29-115: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded Mallozzi  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Antinozzi Associates is hereby approved as the architect for the Booth Hill Elementary School Roof project as recommended by the Middlebrook and Booth Hill Elementary School Roof Building Committee.

Committee Report: L&A Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

Attorney Schopick explained the on-call list is set up for small jobs that need to be done on an as-needed basis, rather than going out to bid specifically on each individual job firms have been prequalified. If there's a need for an engineer, the purchasing department will reach out to the on-call list and determine who's available and at what price.

Chairman Pat Borghesan explained the process for obtaining Antinozzi for the second roof as follows:

- The committee requested two individual bids, one from Silver Petrucelli, and one from Antinozzi to do an assessment of the roof.
- After receiving the bids they chose Antinozzi because their price was more competitive, and there would not be any additional travel costs if they were needed to attend meetings, or additional site visits.
- When it came time to choose an architect, the committee discussed, whether they needed to go out to a broader field of architect or whether they could continue with Antinozzi because they had his experience and had part of the job done from the assessment. Attorney Nugent was at that meeting, he said the committee could choose to do this, but the state would not reimburse for the cost of the architect. The committee decided rather than add time to the project and extra costs, that they would follow this and competitively bid it.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC29-116: Moved by Lenzen, seconded by Mallozzi

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Trumbull authorizes the Trumbull Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Roof Replacement Project at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Committee Report: L&A Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

7. RESOLUTION TC29-117: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Colon  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull hereby authorizes the preparation of plans and specifications for the Roof Replacement Project at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Committee Report: L&A Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

8. RESOLUTION TC29-118: Moved by Dorsey, seconded by Whitmoyer  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trumbull authorizes the Middlebrook and Booth Hill Elementary School Roof Building Committee charge of the roof project at Booth Hill Elementary School.

Committee Report: L&A Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

9. RESOLUTION TC29-119: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Colon  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$38,955 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Salaries Full Time 01022800-501101 \$26,420; Fringe Benefits – FICA 01013400-511150 \$ 2,022; Fringe Benefits – Def. Contr. Plan 01013400-522110 \$1,850; Fringe Benefits – Medical 01013400-511151 \$8,663.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Cantafio to waive the reading of the committee minutes.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

- Fire Marshal Murphy explained their office's fees are based upon plan reviews, not building permit fees. Their permit fees are paid when the plans are submitted, but it then may take a year, two, or three years before they see the project completed.
- In 2018, there were a tremendous amount of plans submitted, but it's been over the past couple of years that the projects have actually come to completion. Inspections are a flat fee, when a license is required by the state there is a fee associated with inspections, but when it is your general hair salon inspection there is no fee associated with that.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

\*Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Cantafio to PASS as Emergency Legislation. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

10. RESOLUTION TC29-120: Moved by Seidell, seconded by Massaro  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$31,573 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Hazardous Waste Day 01030400-581886 \$31,573.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Colon to waive the reading of the committee minutes.  
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

11. RESOLUTION TC29-121: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Cantafio  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$142,613 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Program Expenses 01080800-522205.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted 4-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

The Clerk called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mike Buswell	✓		
Mary Isaac	✓		
Dede Robinson (Via phone)	✓		
Bill Mecca	✓		
Nicole Satin	✓		
Donna Seidell	✓		
Veronica Lenzen		✓	
Alissa Hall	✓		
Jason Marsh	✓		
Anthony Dorsey	✓		
Ashley Gaudiano	✓		
Christopher Decruze	✓		
Joy Colon	✓		
Steve Lemoine		✓	
Kelly Mallozzi	✓		
Dawn Cantafio	✓		
Carl Massaro	✓		
Tony Scinto		✓	
Kevin Shively	✓		
Thomas Whitmoyer	✓		

VOTE: ADOPTED 17-3 (AGAINST: Lenzen, Lemoine, Scinto)

\*Moved by Shively, seconded by Whitmoyer to PASS as Emergency Legislation. The work had been put on hold until funding was in place and in addition there are

outstanding invoices for emergency work that had to be done. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

12. RESOLUTION TC29-122: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Mallozzi  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the State grant award of \$734,369 for the Thrushwood Lake Dam Project and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro as First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Trumbull, and to perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to administer and implement the project and meet the terms of such documents and agreements. (Full Resolution Attached)

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Cantafio to waive the reading of the committee minutes. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

- Attorney Schopick clarified the Thrushwood Lake Association initiated this request for funds, the funds were obtained through the state bonding process. The condition of approval was the funds had to come to the town and through the town. It enabled the Thrushwood Lake Association to get \$750,000 for their project. The Association is picking up the excess costs, there is no out of pocket expense for the Town of Trumbull.
- Councilman Shively explained he had multiple meetings with people from the Association, this has been something they have been working on for several years and may have been due to contributions of other developments. It is a high importance for the area and the neighborhood.
- Councilman Cantafio noted there have been other grants that have come through the town this way, such as Stern Village and have had success and it has been for the betterment of our community.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

\*Moved by Satin, seconded by Cantafio to PASS as Emergency Legislation.

- Rina Bakalar explained the state wants to get the contract finished and the Association wants to be able to go out to bid, this has been sitting out there for a while, because they had to set up the MOU.
- The town is responsible for putting the bids through its process and meeting all town and state standard bid requirements, the engineering firm will assist with the construction documents for the bid. That firm will develop the content for people to respond to on the bid.
- In terms of the overall management, that will be George Estrada. There is a fee coming back from the Association to the town to pay program management type costs that George Estrada's department may encounter.
- Attorney Schopick explained the way this grant is being handled is one of the requirements from the state of Connecticut. Through the MOU the additional cost to the Association was imposed to cover expenses the town may incur. This is the only way the Association can get this done, but did not realize that before they applied for the grant, but it became apparent when the grant was approved.



- Rina Bakalar noted based on her experience this procedure is not unusual where an ineligible entity gets an eligible entity to pass the money through. It has been done with Stern Village for the Small Cities Grant. This is not a new practice. DEEP feels there is a significant public interest to bring the dam to code.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

13. RESOLUTION TC29-123: Moved by Hall, seconded by Mallozzi  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the contracts for the sale of town-owned properties at 29 Haverhill Road and Lot #145 Haverhill Road are hereby approved; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that Vicki A Tesoro, First Selectman, or her designee, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute deeds to said properties and any other closing documents required to complete the sales; and be it FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town is authorized to pay all closing expenses, including real estate commissions associated with these conveyances.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on January 30, 2023 and voted unanimously.

- Deed restrictions were put on the properties, they have not been signed yet, but if this is approved they will be signed by the First Selectman and will be filed on the land records ahead of the deeds. The contracts call for the restrictions.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

\*Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Whitmoyer to PASS as Emergency Legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Marsh, seconded by Cantafio the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret D. Mastroni*  
Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk

RESOLUTION TC29-122:

FULL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Thrushwood Lake Dam is in need of significant repairs and upgrades in order to meet current code and reach the standards for the 100 Year Flood Requirement outlined by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); and

WHEREAS, repairs include the widening of the spill way, increasing the height of the dam, and replacing the piping/tubing through the dam; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has authorized bond funds to the Town of Trumbull in the amount of \$734,369 for such repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull will manage the grant and project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thrushwood Association in order to undertake the project; and

WHEREAS, The MOU outlines the terms and conditions of the project and grant oversight including agreement with the Thrushwood Association that any costs above the grant funding amount will be the responsibility of the Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Town Certificate of Insurance, the Thrushwood Association will also provide a Certificate of Insurance for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the State grant award of \$734,369 for the Thrushwood Lake Dam Project and authorizes Vicki A. Tesoro as First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Trumbull, and to perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to administer and implement the project and meet the terms of such documents and agreements.