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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Chairman Jason Marsh, Vice Chairman Jerrod Ferrari, Steve Spillane Kelly Mallozzi, Carl Massaro, Tony Dorsey, Mary Isaac, Alternate Mike Buswell, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Schopick, Director of Human Services Michele Jakab, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Town Council members Bill Mecca, Brian Walsh, Matt Dunn, Tom Broderick, Nicole Satin

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1. RESOLUTION TC31-29: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro is hereby authorized to sign the Commitment to Fund for the Old Town Road at Quarry Road intersection improvement project as well all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

    - Bill Maurer explained the grant is for the signal at Quarry Road and Old Town Road. Construction costs are paid by the state with design costs paid by the Town. The cost of the design is approximately $200,000. He believes the design is in the capital plan. The grant is approved if the letter of acceptance is signed. This is a long design process and probably won't happen for a couple years. The sidewalks on the north side of the road will connect to the Quarry roadside, there is also a bus pullover being looked at. The sidewalks will not connect to the park.

    VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC31-30: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Dorsey
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the Underage Nicotine Prevention Program (UNPP) – Community Mini Grants is hereby authorized, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

- Melissa McCarthy of TPAUD was present and explained this request is for TPAUD to apply for one of five underage nicotine prevention program mini grants for region one. It's a one-year $10,000 nicotine prevention grant, which is used to continue education efforts, retail access, reduction efforts and distribution of cessation resources. She confirmed there will be ongoing efforts in health classes at the schools. This is a new grant and is funded by the Juul settlement dollars the state received and funneled down to the regional Behavioral Health Action organization.
- Emergency legislation was requested; the application is due March 20th.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC31-31: Moved by Dorsey, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the Building Resilient Youth and Communities with Prevention "(BRYCWP)" program is hereby authorized, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

    - Melissa McCarthy explained this resolution is to allow TPAUD to apply for a larger grant that's being given out by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. They have issued an RFP for 10 grants statewide, $125,000 a year for five years to address underage drinking and an additional substance, which has been identified as cannabis for Trumbull. These funds would pay a full-time staff person and would continue the data collection student survey efforts, as well as continuing to fund all the prevention work, they've been doing since 2006.
    - Emergency legislation was requested and the application needs to be submitted by March 20th.

    VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC31-32: Moved by Spillane, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities of the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5310 Program: Capital Expenses is hereby authorized, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

    - Michele Jakab was present and explained this grant is through the 5310 Department of Transportation and is for the purchase of a new vehicle. Senior center busses are replaced every five years. There is a 20% town match. After five years, they can either keep the vehicle or sell it to make up the 20% originally spent.
    - The grant is due at the end of March. They would like to apply to replace their smallest vehicle, a 10-passenger van. It's used for medical appointments and backup throughout the day. The cost of a new one is $141,000, 20% of that is the town's match. She is looking at purchasing a smaller vehicle, a van you step into, a Ford Transit around $70,000. They are speaking with other communities to see if it's something that would work for our seniors.
    - Michele Jakab will have a conversation with the Town's fleet manager and the first selectman's office to see if it would be prudent to keep the old van or sell it. In the past, two of their vehicles have gone to the police department to be used by the police cadets.

- Emergency legislation was requested.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC30-33: Moved by Ferrari, seconded by Dorsey
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities of the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5310 Program: Operating Funds, is hereby authorized; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

    - Michele Jakab explained this grant is through the Department of Transportation and has been getting this grant consistently since 2018. This is an operating cost grant; they can bill the state for the center's transportation services. They currently bill the state $41 per hour for certain transportation services. The town's match is 50%, they will be applying for $40,000 to $45,000 for the year. This grant is to be submitted by the end of March.
    - Emergency legislation was requested

    VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC30-34: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Dorsey
BE IT RESOLVED, That the submission of the funding application for the Caregiver Services Grant is hereby authorized, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, is hereby identified as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project. (Full Resolution Attached)

    - Michel Jakab explained this grant is through the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging and apply for this every year. She will be applying for $7,500 to $12,000; it depends on the funds the agency receives. Funds have been cut over the years; these funds supplement the center's current budget. It helps with staffing; provides programming and services for caregivers They connect caregivers to programs and resources they need. The grant is due March 19th.
    - Emergency legislation was requested.

    VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mallozzi, seconded by Massaro the L&A Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, clerk

FULL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TC31-29:

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull applied for funding under the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP) for intersection improvement located at Old Town Road at Quarry Road; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to improve the traffic flow and safety on Old Town Road at Quarry Road, which is a heavily utilized intersection that serves as a connector to state-owned roadways, including access points to Route 8 and Route 25; and

WHEREAS, project improvements will include sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, pedestrian enhancements at the intersection, and installation of a new traffic signal assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Trumbull has received a Commitment to Fund from CT DOT of $1,557,600 funding from LOTCIP;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council hereby authorizes First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro to sign the Commitment to Fund for the Old Town Road at Quarry Road intersection improvement project as well as all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC31-30:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Prevention and Health Promotion Division, in collaboration with Catalyst CT The Hub, will provide Underage Nicotine Prevention Program (UNPP) - Community Mini Grants to Local Prevention Councils (LPCs), community coalitions, local governments, schools, and other community organizations actively engaged in substance use prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, TPAUD, Trumbull's Prevention Council, has been designated as Trumbull's Local Prevention Council since 2017; and

WHEREAS, this $10,000 grant must be used to build capacity and advance community-led efforts aimed at preventing underage nicotine initiation, educating on the harms of nicotine use, and enhancing access to cessation services; and

WHEREAS, TPAUD and the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding to prevent underage nicotine use through education to students and families, reduction of retail and social access, and increased access to nicotine cessation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Underage Nicotine Prevention Program (UNPP) – Community Mini Grants, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC31-31:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has issued a Request for Proposal for "Building Resilient Youth and Communities with Prevention "(BRYCWP)", soliciting proposals from qualified organizations to deliver community-based prevention services; and

WHEREAS, this 5-year, $125,000 per year grant must be used to implement evidence-based prevention strategies aimed at reducing underage alcohol use and an optional second prevention priority among youth ages 12-20; and

WHEREAS, applicants must demonstrate the capacity to lead local prevention coalitions, implement effective strategies, and evaluate outcomes using measurable indicators; and

WHEREAS, TPAUD and the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding to prevent underage alcohol and cannabis use through education to students and families, reduction of retail and social access, and coalition capacity-building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Building Resilient Youth and Communities with Prevention (BRYCWP)" program, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC31-32:

Whereas, the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5310 Program, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities offers grants through the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, funds may be used to finance capital expenses, not exceeding 80% of the cost; and

Whereas, the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for traditional funding to purchase an accessible bus, replacing an older one.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with disabilities, and further identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC31-33:

Whereas, the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5310 Program, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities offers grants through the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, grants are to be used for capital and operating expenses for public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, grant requests will range from $46,000- $60,000 and shall be used for salary, maintenance and fuel; and

Whereas, the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding to enhance Senior Center transportation services by filling in the gaps in public transportation in Trumbull by going beyond services required by the ADA; servicing eligible riders not within a three-quarter mile of a bus stop.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with disabilities, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.

RESOLUTION TC31-34:

Whereas, the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging, Title III Funding-E under the Older Americans Act, offers grants for Caregiver Assistance; and,

Whereas, grants are to be used, to fund caregiver services including education, outreach, information and assistance and referral; and,

Whereas, grants cannot exceed $50,000 and shall be used towards salary, supplies, and printing costs; and,

Whereas, the Town of Trumbull will submit an application for funding for $ 7,500-$15,000 to provide support to caregivers through counseling, information and assistance, support groups and public education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the submission of the funding application for the Caregiver Services Grant, and identifies Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman, as the individual authorized to sign the application and all subsequent amendments, reports and related documents in order to administer and implement the project.