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LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENT: Thomas Whitmoyer, Vice Chairman, Eric Paulson, Joy Colon, Carl A. Massaro, Steve Lemoine, Nicole Satin, Alternate, Tony Scinto, Alternate

ABSENT: Jason Marsh, Chairman

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vick a. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Town Council Chairman Dawn Cantafio, Town Council members Carole Hans, Ashley Gaudiano, Lori Schwartz, Mary Isaac, Finance Director Maria Pires, Labor Relations Director Thomas McCarthy Economic & Community Development Director Rina Bakalar, Jean Rabinow Democrat Registrar and Tracy Vonick Republican Registrar.

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1. RESOLUTION TC28-183: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Paulson  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the preliminary plans and specifications for the Middlebrook Elementary School Roof Project, as approved by the Middlebrook Elementary School Roof Building Committee on May 12, 2021 are hereby approved.

Mr. DeGennaro of the Middlebrook Elementary School Roof Building Committee was present and indicated the building committee has met several times in the last several weeks, their most recent meeting was on the 26<sup>th</sup>, however on May 12<sup>th</sup> they met with their architect where he presented the RFP. It is ready to bid. As a committee they discussed the timing of the project. One of their key objectives is not interrupt the

upcoming school year. Based on this and the process to move the project forward, they discussed delaying the project to next year. There is supply chain issue due to COVID. The building committee decided it was prudent to put off the implementation this summer and do the project in the summer of 2022. They will have an RFP already prepared and will put it out in December or January with an implementation date of June 2022. This also allows them to look at the reimbursement from the state of CT. The BOE is aware of the delay and they will help the committee with the reimbursement application, if it goes that way. The potential for reimbursement can be as high as 34% but most likely will be in the area of 20%. Not all the items in the RFP qualify for reimbursement.

Paul Lisi, the architect for the project was present. The committee had no questions for Mr. Lisi.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC28-185: Moved by Satin, seconded by Colon  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the funding for a labor agreement extension between the Trumbull Police Union Local 1745, Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 is hereby approved.

The Chair suspended the meeting to go into a non-meeting. Moved by Massaro, seconded by Colon to suspend the meeting and go into a non-meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The L&A Committee went into a non-meeting at 7:24 p.m. with the following people present: Thomas Whitmoyer, Vice Chairman, Eric Paulson, Joy Colon, Carl A. Massaro, Steve Lemoine, Nicole Satin, Alternate, Tony Scinto, Alternate.

Moved by Massaro, seconded by Colon to END the non-meeting.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent at 7:44 p.m.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Paulson, seconded by Massaro to take TC28-188 out of order.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

3. RESOLUTION TC28-188: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Massaro  
BE IT RESOLVED, That Vicki A. Tesoro, or her designee, is hereby authorized to submit an application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) Neighborhood Assistance Act program. (Full Resolution Attached) (*Public Hearing Town Council June 7, 2021*)

Ms. Bakalar explained each year they solicit the nonprofits in the community for their interest in the Neighborhood Assistance Act program a tax credit program. This year only two (2) of the nonprofits were interested. They receive either 60% or 100% of their donation as a tax credit. This year the Kennedy Center is applying for \$150,000 in tax

credits and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of CT is seeking \$45,000 in tax credits a 100% energy and sustainability tax credit. The Kennedy Center is a 60% tax credit. Ms. Bakalar did follow up extensively with the other non-profits, but these were the only two ready to take advantage of it.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC28-186: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Colon  
BE IT RESOLVED and ORDAINED, That Chapter 6-Elections, Section 6-4 – Polling Places, of the Trumbull Municipal Code is hereby repealed. (*Public Hearing Town Council June 7, 2021*)

Attorney Schopick explained at the August meeting of last year the Council adopted an ordinance to go to seven (7) districts. This ordinance lays out four (4) polling places, which is difficult to administer. Under the statute it is in the purview of the registrars to determine where the polling places are, it is not within the purview of the Town Council unless the registrars fail to agree. There is no need to have this as part of the Town Code. The registrars could change it every if they chose.

Mr. Tracy Vonick, republican registrar was present and noted the registrars are in agreement.

The polling places are as follows:

District 1. Daniels Farm School

District 2. Booth Hill School

District 3. Tashua Elementary

District 4. Jane Ryan

District 5. Middlebrook

District 6. Madison Middle School

District 7. Christian Heritage

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC28-187: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Massaro  
BE IT RESOLVED, That a special election shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 in the Town of Trumbull to fill the vacant Planning & Zoning Commission seat created by the death of Larry LaConte Sr., for the remainder of the term ending the first Monday in December, 2021. The Town Clerk and the Registrars of Voters are directed to establish the ballots, polling places and dates for party endorsement and a primary election, if necessary, pursuant to law.

Attorney Schopick explained a petition was filed with the Town Clerk on May 13, 2021 for a special election. He believes what prompted that was the desire to have Richard Deecken fill the seat. The first selectman has since appointed Richard Deecken, however it is not Mr. Deecken's petition, and it is a public petition. That therefore opens the process up to anyone who might want to challenge Mr. Deecken, the petition allows for an unaffiliated to get on the ballot without party affiliation. The process has been opened up. If there are no nominees the special election won't take place.

The democrat party cannot take the seat and unaffiliated voter could. In the event there is a need to move forward. The date to insert is the regular election date of November 2, 2021. There are 150 days from the petition to hold the special election and if that falls within 30 days of the regular election according to statute the secretary of state could have the two coincide. Attorney Schopick has been in contact with the secretary of state's office and they will schedule the date for the regular election. The first selectman can fill the seat until the election takes place. She has filled the seat with Mr. Deecken and has resigned from the IWWC. Mr. Laconte's term is until the first Monday in December 2021.

Attorney Schopick confirmed the special election could be held earlier than the fifty days and leave enough time for endorsement, primary. Mr. Massaro there are circumstances where you would want to have the special election before the regular election, but isn't sure this is one of those. Mr. Massaro stated they should establish all three (3) dates for the election, primary and endorsement. Attorney Schopick stated that is within the authority of the Town Clerk and the Registrars. Mr. Vonick confirmed there would be no additional cost. And it was confirmed Mr. Deeken has held this position before, he also served as chairman

Moved by Massaro, seconded by Paulson to amend by inserting the date November 2, 2021. VOTE Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED as amended by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no business to discuss and upon motion made by Lemoine, seconded by Massaro the L&A Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC28-188: Whereas, the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) offers funding to tax exempt organizations in the form of tax credits; and,

Whereas, tax credits are given to eligible corporations who contribute funding to support specific programs and services of the tax exempt organizations; and,

Whereas, programs supporting job training, low income residents, senior residents, residents with disabilities, child care services, or open space acquisition offer a 60 percent credit and energy conservation programs offer a 100% credit; and,

Whereas, the 2021 application will include the Kennedy Center (\$150,000) and Make-a-Wish Foundation CT (\$45,000); and,

Whereas, the town of Trumbull serves as the applicant and liaison to the Department of Revenue Services on behalf of the tax exempt organizations.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the Trumbull Town Council is cognizant of the application to the State Department of Revenue Services for the Neighborhood Assistance Act program; and,
2. That Vicki A. Tesoro, or her designee, is authorized to submit such application and sign all related forms, contracts, and reports in order to implement the Neighborhood Assistance Act program.