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MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 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	Jason Marsh
Steve Lemoine	Kelly Mallozzi	Dede Robinson
Donna Seidell	Tony Scinto	Alissa Hall
Dawn Cantafio	Christopher DeCruze	Tony Scinto
Kevin Shively	Bill Mecca	Thomas Whitmoyer
Joy Colon	Ashley Gaudiano	Nicole Satin
Olga Leiva		

ABSENT: Steve Choi, Lissette Colón

ALSO

PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Public Works Director George Estrada and Economic and Community Development Director Rina Bakalar

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Cantafio to approve the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- Recognition Trumbull Little League Girls' All Star Team - The Chair welcomed and thanked the Little League Girls' All Star Team and their families for coming to this meeting. The team was together only for a few weeks, which makes their accomplishment even more amazing. Tryouts were held in June, 11 girls were selected.

They practiced in preparation for the Trumbull summer tournament, where three seating games were held with five teams from Trumbull, Fairfield, Wilton, Westport and Darien. Trumbull completed the seating round with a 1-2 record but earned the third seat and were to play Darien. Their first game against Darien they lost but in the rematch, they won 20 to 7. Next up was rival Fairfield, in the championship game they lost to Fairfield 4-2 in the seating round, and Fairfield had a great all around team. Despite this, this team was able to come from behind and take the lead in the fourth and last inning 10-9 and hold on in the bottom to secure the win. The team was led by manager Al Terri, coaches Dan Hartman and Tito Lanton. This is the Trumbull Little League 8U All Star Little League Team. The Chair congratulated the team.

First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro presented a certificate to the team and congratulated each of them by presenting the team members with a Town of Trumbull pin. Each of the members of the team introduced themselves. All present congratulated and applauded the team.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were two (2) people present to speak. (Public Comment Attached)

- Community Facilities Building Committee Update: Chairman Lori Hayes-O'Brien was present and gave a brief overview of the committee and project. Before the committee(s) were formed there had been talk of a senior center, even before the conversation of a community center for at least twenty (20) years. In April of 2015, a committee was formed by the Town Council called the Senior Community Center and Library Study Building Committee. It was known the senior center, pool and the library were in trouble. There were a lot of things going on in town that people really needed to take a closer look at. By July 2016, that name was changed to the Trumbull Community Center Study Building Committee. That committee quickly figured out adding a library was a bigger project than this Town could handle at that time. In March 2018, that committee submitted a final report to the Town Council and their decision was to come up with a Community Center/Senior Center/Pool at the Old Churchill Road properties. That was their recommendation to the town. It was submitted as a final report, not an action item. Soon submitting the report the committee was disbanded.

In August 2018, the current committee was formed, the Community Facilities Building Committee. The idea was to look at all the things that were needed in the Town to get a clearer picture. The committee got to work looking at a lot of the work the previous committee had done, looking at sites. Some things had changed, the basis of what was happening, and what was available were pretty much the same. Within a year and a half February 2020 was to be their unexpected last meeting for quite a while and took about a two year hiatus due to COVID. During COVID a decision was made this was not something that anybody would focus on at that time. Come January of this year, it was time to get back to work and take another look at what could be done, and what the options were. From 2015 to now, the senior center certainly hasn't gotten in better shape. She encouraged those present to go see the current center. The committee was reminded at their last committee meeting by some of the seniors who came to talk about what's

really happening there, it is not a reflection of what we want for Trumbull in any way. From hearing from our town department heads it's not fixable at this point, we can continue to put band-aids on, but it's going to continue to be costly, and not serve the purpose of what it really needs to be.

The name of the committee has changed so many times since she has been involved it is confusing to really know what the committee is about. The current resolution speaks to creating an up-to-date, useful and cost effective spaces for the senior center and library to better serve the community. I think the resolution on tonight's agenda is basically saying the same thing, up-to-date, useful and cost effective spaces for a senior and community center.

From the beginning this committee has looked at the needs of the senior center and that has really driven their work, but it became obvious if we're going to build something to not have it have other uses for the town would not be useful. The Senior Center has shortened hours and only at certain times of the day. That building isn't being fully used, and it can be utilized, any center could be utilized better. The town's need for meeting spaces has become apparent. The idea of having some flexible spaces, and for some multi-generational things has always been appealing to the committee. That brought in community needs, and recreational needs. Pickle-ball was big and has only gotten more popular. It's a big community and it became apparent that there could be some recreational use in the building, either at the same time as the senior center hours or after hours. The building can be called anything but it is truly a senior center with a community center aspect to it. From everything they have heard from people, this town could use the community aspect, we don't have a center, we've talked about that often, and that comes up a lot. There's an ability to have a place that can be called that. When they look at the components of the building, and come back with other details, wherever this ends up, you'll see the community components clearly. With the work of our Town department heads and Michelle Jacob of the Senior Center, being able to use those spaces in a flexible way has opened up what this really can become, something we're all proud on of. Social services is in the Senior Center building as well, that's a huge aspect that they are always cognizant of.

Site selection is no question, the hardest part of this and probably the main reason that this is seven years plus in the making. There's no perfect site. Trumbull is 98% built. There's not a lot of options to look at. This committee and the previous committee went to what is the list of available sites. That list really hasn't changed that much, other than some evolutions that have happened through the Town Council. They wanted town-owned sites. Factors and criteria used to assess the sites are as follows: Buildable usage, central location and accessibility, public utilities and sewers, wetlands, relocation of existing tenants, demolition costs, number of adjoining residential properties, and whether the properties are town-owned. It's been spoken of different scorings and different presentations, but from the beginning, they have looked at all those factors when talking about any site. Yes, there's been some scoring, there's been some presentations, but there's a lot of things that were ruled out pretty quickly. They did turned to experts to give them that information. Right before COVID they were poised to come and speak to

the Council about some of our recommendations and at that point, it had been the Old Churchill Road properties and Long Hill as a possibility. Obviously those properties were sold and in the interim the Hardy Lane property was acquired. That had never been on a list of properties. At this point nothing is off the table, no site has been decided, and no site has been chosen. The only way to do that is to find out more information and to dig deeper.

What the majority of the committee felt, given all the criteria, the feedback from what they consider to be experts, the Hardy Lane site was a favorable one to look at deeper. The committee's decision at their last meeting, was to order a traffic study and an environmental study, only then are we going to be able to keep it in or rule it out. With only the information we have now there's no ability to do that. While those studies are being commissioned, the Committee will continue to talk about other sites, program. Rina Bakalar and George Estrada have been a great asset to the committee.

Next steps. To whittle away to get to what the best site would be to recommend. They are also talking about getting more specific about what their priorities will be in regard to environmental factors, and ecological factors, such as LEED certification, and will get more specific about what they will recommend, with any site. They would like to increase public outreach, get more people involved so they understand it, and spend some time with the neighbors to help them, no matter what site is selected there will be neighbors. Plans have been out there, some with the pool being in and some with it being out, the library being in and the library being out, they are trying to keep this as concise as they can, to serve the needs that have been there from the very beginning.

Process - As for any building committee, before any final recommendation can be presented results of the tests and written approval from the health director are needed. They need to go in front of P&Z and other commissions. They will need preliminary plans, specifications and a preliminary budget, all that would have to be submitted before they would make a recommendation. Even though it feels like this has been going on forever, there are a lot more steps to go. Their job is to recommend the "what and where" to the best of their ability. The final decision of the "if and when" will be the Council's and the town of Trumbull's.

Points of discussion are as follows:

- Ms. Hayes-O'Brien explained the Senior Center is still active, and does an amazing job. Their newsletter is astounding. At their last committee meeting many seniors came and talked about the actual building itself and how detrimental it is. They're doing the best with what they have, but we should be doing better. The library is a very interesting building. When they were trying to understand the library it was found it is built on stacks. Any architect that has walked in has determined it is very hard to do much different with that library, much to their frustration. When it was built it was built in a strange way where it would have to be a tear-down if there were to be any changes. With that, the project became too large to really encompass what the library wanted to do and what should be done for our seniors and other community needs. It would be great if we

had a building like that and just said move on in and let's get to make room for everybody, but unfortunately, the library is not that building. The seniors' needs is something that drives the committee. The senior center and their staff have done have done incredibly well with what they have, they just don't like the building, hence that is why there is a building committee.

- Everything that had been presented to the committee points to Hardy Lane as the most favorable site, which is why they are moving to the testing. It's definitely the most buildable acreage. Trumbull doesn't have a lot of space in a central location and there were a number of factors that bumped it up. That is not to say it is not without concern. The whole committee has always talked about the traffic issue. And we thought the only way to understand this better is to commission a full traffic study. The majority of the committee felt that that the Hardy Lane site was the site that they wanted to take a deeper look at, including an ecological study. Phase one had been done when the site was purchased. There are a number of neighbors who rightfully have concerns. If they're right, we'll find out through these studies, if their concerns are founded other than just how it feels to be in their neighborhood it will be found in the studies. The reality is any site that moves to the top has neighbors. If we keep not looking at sites further, a deeper look, this search could go on forever, the only way to find out if this is the site is to commission these studies.
- Ms. Hayes-O'Brien could give a general idea of square footage, but it won't be exact because they don't have a plan yet, because they don't know where it's going to be. From even before COVID to now it has been in the early 30,000 square foot range, including a larger gym than they initially thought. That was at the request of both the Senior Center for pickle-ball out and knew the Recreation Department would be able to use it too. It's a middle school size gym, so not a very large gym. All the other components are senior center kind of activities. They focused on making those flexible spaces, moveable walls to make a room into a bigger one for another use. They've tried to double-up use of space to shrink the building to what they consider a reasonable size. In 2016 they were somewhere up to 40,000 to 50,000 square feet. At one point she saw a 60,000 square foot building, but don't see that fitting anywhere in Trumbull. They have asked the architect to focus on making the best use of the space.
- It would be a tight fit to accomplish the needs of a senior center with community aspects combined with the needs of the Veterans Center. If that is something the Council thinks is important to explore they would. Ms. Bakalar further explained the site at Katz pond is limited currently in terms of parking and footprint that can go on the property. To add a variety of additional heavy users or regular users and events would be very limited from a physical real estate perspective. With regard to grant funding, they recently did not receive the STEAP grant. The reason given in the debriefing is that the state thought they should go back to the bond commission for the money, (gap funding). Stay tuned for that. They will continue to apply for other grants and believes they will realize the construction budget. If such a project were to be combined, it could not happen on the Kaatz site, there's just not enough room. It's tight with the proposed 5,500 square foot building.
- Ms Hayes-O'Brien noted they are not set on how many acres of Hardy Lane yet, not until they get to understand the area with the proper testing. As far as splitting the programs up between the Veterans Center and this building that would be a staffing issue. If you're

talking about just meeting rooms, those are going to happen with the senior center components. It would be hard for her to think about splitting the building up. She thinks she could speak for most of the committee they are always going to be cognizant of keeping this as small as they think is reasonable. The Chair noted the Veterans Center has community space and are always in need of town spaces.

- Ms. Hayes-O'Brien explained the concern about a traffic light was at that four-way intersection between Quality Street and Old Churchill Road and knows the First Selectman has often talked about that. There was a traffic study done there and it was decided that a light wasn't necessary for that building to go in, that was a larger building. They are not talking about that four-way intersection anymore. The traffic study is going to give more information about what that particular spot looks like. There had been a fatality at the proposed-way intersection that was a great concern. Different members of the committee had different feelings about that, but that's not the spot they are looking at anymore. The D O T will have input on that as well.
- The traffic study will take about a month and a half. And similarly, perhaps even a little bit longer for some of the soil studies depending on how far they have to go. There are different phases. If phase two shows up some things that need to be looked at, there will possibly be a phase three, if phase two shows red flags, then they stop. They're trying to be cognizant of spending money, studying one site at a time and then going down the list of what looks like the better site. But to do the testing at at the same time for multiple sites would be a waste of taxpayers' money, that doesn't mean that those aren't going to happen at other sites. They need to do this with due diligence, this is the best way to do it. The testing will help the committee make a recommendation. They will not be the ones making a final decision on the site. If the Council says recommend more than one site, they will do that. It had been their intent to potentially look at more than one site, but are hesitant right now to spend extra money on finding out more about something that they are not really sure of. Site selection is by far the most difficult process. They know what they want to build, and believe people want it to happen. They are trying to do it in the most concise way.
- Mr. Estrada explained they have been told a traffic study will cost \$8,000-\$10,000, a phase 2 environmental, (a more advanced inclusive of borings to identify if there is anything there) will take about 2 months and could be \$30,000-\$40,000. That is why the committee is reluctant to do 2 or 3 sites at the same time, it would really build the cost. It was confirmed these tests would be done on any site being considered.
- Ms. Hayes-O'Brien explained the larger gym is part of the additional space in the building, the senior center will utilize it, as well as the community and recreation department. There was some confusion in the beginning about the Recreation department moving to the new building because there is a small office planned. That is not the goal, the goal is to have a small office so any staff member may use during the community center times, and they are also hoping it will have a stage so other groups could use it too. The senior center needs a better kitchen space, they feed a lot of people. The building will be planned with double uses in mind. That is the most efficient use of the space.

The Chair extended her gratitude to the committee for all of their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC29-78: Moved by Massaro, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That Richard Bolton, 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 of December 2024.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted unanimously.

The Chair noted the current committee makeup, including alternates is five democrats, two republicans, one unaffiliated. There are two vacant seats, one of which is a resolution to fill at this meeting.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC29-79: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Regina Evans, 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 2023.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted unanimously.

The Chair noted the current makeup of the committee has three republicans, three democrats, two unaffiliated, there is one vacant seat that is being proposed Regina Evans to fill, which would bring the makeup of that committee to four republicans, three democrats, and two unaffiliated.

Councilman Buswell stated for the record, Regina Evans is a terrific person he voted for and will vote for her tonight, but this was not their selection, it was his nomination of somebody that he thought was extremely qualified, probably as qualified as anyone on that existing commission. He nominated somebody who is head of maintenance and building facilities at Staples High School, the golf coach of Staples High School, and somebody who could take that golf course and commission to the next level, a town resident who's lived here for 65 years. Even though his person wasn't selected tonight he hopes that person will be given the same opportunity later. The Chair clarified this is a first selectman appointment with Town Council approval not a Town Council appointment. So a little bit different, each committee and commission is nuanced with who gets to put forward those names.

First Selectman Tesoro explained she appreciated Councilman Buswell's nomination and does know that nominee. She did have a conversation with him, but has a lot of people who apply for positions on the boards and commissions. She would like to give everyone an opportunity to speak and meet with her. She did meet with him and did tell him that the next opening she would certainly consider him.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC29-80: Moved by Lemoine, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$68,560 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Public Works/Building Maintenance 01030200-578802 Maintenance-Repair Equipment/Building.

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted 5-1 (AGAINST: Scinto)

The Chair noted the clerk printed the email from the Director of Finance and Public Works Director sent out this afternoon, the emails has details and back-up on the subcommittee's questions.

ADOPTED 15-4 (AGAINST: Leiva, Seidell, Scinto, Lemoine)

Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Whitmoyer to pass as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED 15-4 (AGAINST: Leiva, Seidell, Scinto, Lemoine)

4. RESOLUTION TC29-81: Moved by Hall, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$44,459 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to various accounts. (Schedule Attached)

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted unanimously.

Councilman Isaac questioned the purchasing overtime budget, it is reading as \$5,000 not the \$10,000 approved in FY2022. The total overtime was \$24,647. Ms. Pires noted that may include the part-time. She was able to transfer some of the overage.

VOTE: ADOPTED 17-2 (AGAINST: Lemoine, Leiva)

Moved by Hall, seconded by Cantafio to pass as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED 18-1 (AGAINST: Lemoine)

5. RESOLUTION TC29-82: Moved by Scinto, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$59,877 is hereby transferred from Contingency 01013800-501116 to various accounts. (Schedule Attached)

Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted unanimously.

The Chair noted the email sent out this afternoon has more detail and back-up on these items.

Ms. Pires explained the only contract that was pending at the time was the Fire Marshals', their contract expired in 2021. FY2022 is when the new contract took effect

and because at the time the budget was set they didn't have that contract settled yet and always reserve the funds in contingency for any labor contracts that may be settled after the budget is set. The contract was settled after July 2021. The individual budget salary budget only includes salaries for the full year. If someone else is hired during that time, there will not be enough funding to cover the current salary plus the retirement, which could be a substantial amount, (inclusive of unused sick time and vacation). In this case, it was. They budget for this in the Contingency account. The annual salary budget includes every individual's salary over the 12 months of the year, if someone is hired between that time and the time a person retires, and if the retiree stays on for a little bit, we incur that salary plus the final payoff for that individual, which could be seven, eight weeks. This is budgeted in contingency because we don't know how many retirements or who will retire within the fiscal year, we also don't know if the labor contract will be settled during the same fiscal year. This is not a retirement pension they receive, this is strictly pay that is owed to them. It was further clarified they budget for it in Contingency, they are planning for it, it just not named "retirement account". It was also noted some people use all of their vacation and some do not, therefore sometimes there is a payout and sometimes there is not.

One of the retirements was in April, almost a full fiscal year and the other was in February. The money comes from FY2022. FY2022 finished June 30, 2022, this is to close out the fiscal year. This is an expense not a liability, just like any other salary account.

The Chair clarified they are in the process of closing the FY2022 budget out. We're closing FY2022, these happened in FY2022 and are pulling money from the FY2022 budget into salaries. That's what we paid for those settlements. The contingency could easily be renamed. "Retirement/Contingency".

VOTE: ADOPTED 18-1 (AGAINST: Lemoine)

Moved by Hall, seconded by Colon to pass as Emergency Legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 17-1-1 (AGAINST: Lemoine) (ABSTENTION: Leiva)

6. RESOLUTION TC29-83: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution TC27-89 as adopted on August 6, 2018, and as amended by TC27-187 on September 5, 2019 and as further amended by TC28-9 on January 6, 2020, and as further amended by TC28-128 on December 7, 2020, is hereby repealed and the following substituted in its place:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Community Facilities Building Committee is hereby formed to develop options to create up-to-date, useful, and cost-effective spaces for a Senior and Community Center to better serve the community. The committee shall consider the use of potential new construction and Town-owned properties as locations for said Senior and Community Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership shall consist of two (2) Town Council representatives, provided that such members shall not be from the same political

party, and eight (8) electors of the Town of Trumbull. All persons previously appointed and presently serving as members of said committee shall continue to serve.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on September 29, 2022 and voted 3-1 (AGAINST: Buswell) to pass without recommendation.

The Chair explained this resolution references a handful of prior resolutions and amendments. Copies of those prior resolutions were distributed to the council. The first resolution was adopted in August of 2018 creating the building committee to study options for the senior center in the library. The second resolution referenced in this resolution was September 2019, which bumped the reporting date back to March of 2020 and we all know what happened then. The third resolution referenced was January of 2020, which expanded the membership to 10 members to make room for Mr. Chase who was coming off the council. He had a spot on the committee as a council member and wished to retain his spot on the committee. It was expanded and then the fourth and final resolution referenced was in December 2020, which made an additional change to reporting requirements because the committee had paused during the pandemic, as referenced in the committee report. The changes today remove the charge of combining a library and Senior Center but retains the name of a community facilities building committee and a 10-person membership.

Moved by Scinto, seconded by Massaro to amend the resolution to read as after the word properties to add a comma and the following: “, with exception of Hardy Lane”. Councilman DeCruze referenced earlier comments keeping the Hardy Lane location undeveloped for the benefit of the Pequonnock and the impact of the residents around Hardy Lane. He thinks those are the primary reasons.

VOTE: Motion FAILED 11-8 (AGAINST: Robinson, Massaro, Scinto, Lemoine, Buswell, Seidell, DeCruze, Leiva)

VOTE: ADOPTED 11-8 (AGAINST: Robinson, Massaro, Scinto, Lemoine, Buswell, Seidell, DeCruze, Leiva)

The Chair noted there was an email sent last month with meeting dates over the coming weeks and months. There is a joint ARPA meeting on October 27th. There are some changes in subcommittee meeting dates due to upcoming holidays and another joint meeting in November. So please take a look at the email the clerk sent mid-September to make sure you have the new dates on your calendar.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Seidell, seconded by Cantafio the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY 2022						
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	FUND BALANCE				44,459.00	
	TO					
	BD OF ASSESS APPEALS-SERV & FEES-CLERICAL (1)	01011800-522201		(1,118.58)	1,120.00	1.42
	BD OF ASSESS APPEALS -LEGAL NOTICES (1)	01011800-545501		(311.76)	312.00	0.24
	PURCHASING - SALARIES-PT/PERMANENT (2)	01012200-501102		(3,178.35)	3,179.00	0.65
	PURCHASING - SALARIES-OVERTIME (2)	01012200-501105		(19,211.63)	19,212.00	0.37
	TECHNOLOGY - SALARIES-OVERTIME (3)	01012600-501105		(9,571.28)	9,572.00	0.72
	TOWN CLERK - SERVICES & FEES-CONTRACTUAL (4)	01013600-522204		(5,416.34)	5,417.00	0.66
	EMERGENCY MNGMT - MNTNCE/REPAIR SERV CONTR (5)	01023400-578801		(5,646.01)	5,647.00	0.99
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	REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL					
	(1) More meetings due to more appeals					
	(2) To cover extra work due to more bidding/capital projects					
	(3) To cover extra work due to Zoom meetings and other after hours tech issues					
	(4) To cover Muni Code renewal, unknown at time of budget					
	(5) More Everbridge usage					

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TRANSFERS FROM CONTINGENCY - FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2022						
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	TO					
	TREASURER-SALARIES-FT-PERMANENT (extra day in fiscal year)	01012400-501101	(98.77)	97.00	0.23	
	FIRE MARSHAL - SALARIES-FT/PERMANENT (Retirement/contr incr)	01022800-501101	(27,571.77)	27,572.00	0.23	
	BUILDING - SALARIES-FT/PERMANENT (Retirement)	01023200-501101	(1,449.69)	1,450.00	0.31	
	BUILDING - SALARIES-SEASONAL/TEMP (Retirement)	01023200-501103	(8,888.96)	8,889.00	0.04	
	BUILDING - SALARIES-OVERTIME (Retirement)	01023200-501105	(8,780.88)	8,781.00	0.12	
	PW-DIRECTOR - SALARIES-FT/PERMANENT (upgraded position)	01030000-501101	(8,506.45)	8,507.00	0.55	
	PW-DIRECTOR - SALARIES-OVERTIME (Call back for emergencies)	01030000-501105	(4,580.98)	4,581.00	0.02	
				59,877.00		
	To cover shortfall in salaries due to settlement of contract, retirements and 1 extra day if fiscal year					

**Town Council Resolution TC29-83
Public Comments -- 10/3/2022**

**Richard W. White
Trumbull, CT**

Good evening and thank you for your time. Over the last few months I've been making public statements before the Building Committee, Town Council, and other land use committees. I've reached out to current and past town and state officials, I've posted to social media, and I've spoken directly with my neighbors around Hardy Lane. My message has been consistent that the scoring criteria that was developed by a prior administration and building committee is dated, biased against utilizing our parks, inconsistently applied, and needs to be redone.

At the last building committee meeting, I urged the committee to return to Town Council for an updated resolution and I'm glad that you are taking the time to update their charter.

A lot has changed since the initial resolution nearly four years ago. We've had changes to our Town Charter, we've had multiple updates to our five-year Capital Improvement Plans, we have new ARPA monies to consider, we've had further degradation to town and BoE structures, and we've had more than two years of COVID.

This is your opportunity to redirect your Building Committee and set some guidelines. I would like to ask for an update to the scoring criteria that seems to be driving the selection of Hardy Lane and Long Hill Administration. It appears to be the opinion of the committee that each site has been fully vetted but there is very little in the public record that supports that the vetting was ever done by anyone other than outside architects back in 2016. The original scoring appears to have been all but abandoned by the committee in favor of a recent pro / con staff review of all of the sites that is, IMO, subjective at best.

Remove the bias against utilizing our already developed parks such as Tashua Knolls, Indian Ledge, or Wagner Tree Farm. Remove the bias against septic for sites that already have facilities. Drop the pretense of Public Transportation being a positive when the Senior Center has its own transportation and the Greater Bridgeport Transportation routes are at times when our current Senior Center is closed. Increase the weight applied to impacting a neighborhood, traffic, and environmental concerns.

When I speak with people in town about this project, I'm often presented with "what if" questions. What if we combine a senior center with our library, improving both programs; what if we combine a Senior Center and Long Hill Administration, solving existing BoE problems and creating a new Senior Center; or what if we improved and expanded the Tashua Knolls building to include a dedicated Senior Center? Enhance and solve more than one problem rather than developing new at Hardy Lane.

There is significant concern about the environmental impact to the Pequonnock River Watershed by developing Hardy Lane above its current use of smaller single-family residential properties. There are two concepts floating around that are both flawed. First, if the town doesn't develop something at Hardy Lane, then some future administration will sell the land for

multi-family development. This simply won't happen or if there were some future dire economic condition, zero town-owned properties would be safe. Second, the project can be reduced in scope, squished to the front of the Hardy Lane property, and setback far enough from the steep slope, any wetlands and watercourse, and neighboring residential properties to be a mere spec of a project. I'm doubtful that any development on Hardy Lane other than the existing single-family zoning will ever be appropriate. I'm also doubtful that the town will take on the added expense of proper Low Impact Development (LID) concepts such as LEED Certification, pervious pavement, catchment and pavers, and a green roof.

Address these environmental concerns and task your building committee with reviewing their plans with our Conservation Commission, Wetlands, the PRI, and MetroCOG before moving forward.

There is significant concern about the increase in traffic along Church Hill Road and State Highway 127. The traffic study from the proposed Community and Senior Center, less than one-half mile away at Quality Lane and Old Church Hill Road, a slower and significantly flatter road, with shorter line-of-site requirements, came to the conclusion that the property worked ONLY if the state installed a traffic light with a full set of pedestrian crosswalks. The state rejected these concepts explicitly stating that they do not want to slow down traffic on a state-numbered highway.

Address these traffic concerns and task your building committee with reviewing not just the final study, but all of the site design and criteria that go into the study BEFORE they commission any traffic study with both CT DOT and MetroCOG.

It is ironic that environmental studies and traffic studies are the next most important steps to be undertaken and these exact two criteria on the site selection scoring had the lowest weight. Is limiting environmental impact to the Pequonnock River Watershed, Trumbull's defining natural feature, and minimizing traffic in the core of our town important to the Town Council or not?

I stand here to speak against RESOLUTION TC29-83

This is an opportunity for this council. For months you have sat on the side lines letting this rogue committee over step it's charge and concentrate on a property that is completely inappropriate for any town facility. A property that we the tax payers were lied to in order to acquire. A property that we the taxpayers spent \$7 million on and were told was to be rescued from dense development. Someone has a very strange definition of dense development, as they plan to put a nearly 30,000 town facility with an untold increase in traffic on an already dangerous stretch of road in an entirely inappropriate location. Yes, I have now said inappropriate twice because I cannot stress enough how inappropriate this would be.

A member of this committee in 2016 challenged the P & Z commission for the decision to allow a hair salon to be used now as a real estate office, ON A MAIN Rd across the street from their home because and I quote **“the plaintiffs will be denied full use and enjoyment of their land and property due to the significant traffic, parking congestion, noise, neighborhood disruption, and danger to the plaintiffs and their children that will result due to the approval of (Greengarden's) (THE) application”**. 11,000 cars drive by his home every day. Yet he voted in favor of this location that will destroy an entire neighborhood and the investment of those that live there. But it won't affect him. Talk about hypocrisy.

The Town of Trumbull has now become the developer that we must fight and fear. And fear is exactly what is happening in the neighborhood surrounding Hardy Ln. Mostly in the home that will literally have this project resting alongside the driveway of the home

where the owner grew up and is now raising his small children. On a dead-end street where they ride their bikes and run with their dog, safely. On a property that just 6yrs ago, the Nature Center committee was told was not appropriate for them because the property had “issues”. A piece of property that will displace even more wildlife and disturb and most likely pollute the Pequonock Valley even more.

If you have been watching the building committee meetings you know this resolution change is a farce as they have already had plans drawn up for this facility FOR that property. For a community center/senior center.

If you watched the last few meetings, you literally watched as the chair and other lock step members practically tripped over themselves to ignore the facts, put before them regarding the inconsistent process used to score the properties, including this one, by Mr. Chase and Mr. White. Mr. White whom this town relies upon for these types of things, was ignored because it did not fit the puzzle piece, they want more than anything to fit. You watched meetings that not one person came and spoke in favor of.

BTW, Mr. Chase resigned from this committee 30 seconds after adjournment of the last meeting because he said, and I quote “I am not going to waste any more of my time on a predetermined outcome. They have no desire to do this the right way.”

You will notice many of the neighbors are not here tonight that had started to attend once they were told about this project, one the town and the committee failed to inform them of, because they feel defeated and ignored. The Murdoch’s are not here because they cannot continue to take time away from their children on a

predetermined outcome. They are exhausted, frustrated and disgusted that they were lied to about this property and what would be done with it, to their faces.

This is about needs vs wants and cost after the majority of people in this town just experienced the largest tax increase, they have ever seen as home owners.

This town has many facilities that need updates and the Senior center is one of them. What it does not need is a community center. It does not need to ruin a residential neighborhood. BTW, which not one of you will be inconvenienced or effected by.

We had 1 TC person who was brave enough to show up and speak against this project but not brave enough to submit a resolution to stop it.

We have properties where the senior center would be more appropriate, but this committee did not want to hear it. They wanted THIS property and that became clear from the moment the signatures were on the contracts to purchase it. BTW, those other properties would not affect any of you either.

Do the right thing for this town and for this neighborhood and stop the carnage, here tonight and make a motion to disband this committee, take a much-needed breather and start anew. It is very clear that this committee is incapable of staying in their lane and doing what is best for all.