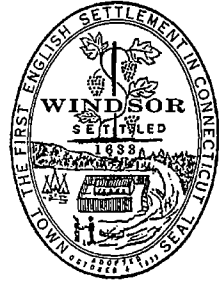




Council Agenda

**Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall
January 3, 2006**



7:00 PM Public Hearing

To hear public comment on the construction of a bus shelter and connecting sidewalk at One Day Hill Road

7:15 PM Public Hearing

To hear public comment on the construction of a bus shelter and connecting sidewalk at 1075 Kennedy Road

7:30 PM Regular Council Meeting

1. ROLL CALL
2. PRAYER – Councilor Herzfeld
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilor Herzfeld
4. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS
5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
(Three minute limit per speaker)
6. REPORT OF APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 - a) Windsor Housing Authority
 - b) Board of Education
7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS
9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
10. ORDINANCES
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a) *Approve the construction of a connecting sidewalk at One Day Hill Road (Town Manager)



- b) *Approve the construction of a connecting sidewalk at 1075 Kennedy Road (Town Manager)

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) *Approve FY 2007 Budget Calendar including setting of public hearing dates, adjourned town meeting date and budget format (Town Manager)
- b) Discuss the creation of a Charter Commission (Councilor Simon)
- c) Approve settlement for workers compensation case (Town Manager)

13. *RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

14. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- a) *Minutes of the December 19, 2005 Regular Town Council Meeting

15. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

(Three minute limit per speaker)

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation (Workers Compensation case)

17. ADJOURNMENT


★Back-up included

Agenda Item Summary

Date: January 3, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council

Prepared By: Tom Lenehan, Town Engineer

Reviewed By: Peter Souza, Town Manager 

Subject: Approval of Connecting Sidewalk at 1 Day Hill Road

Background

The town has entered into an agreement with the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) to construct and be partially reimbursed for bus shelters at two locations in Windsor. The shelters require connecting sidewalks to function properly. The proposed shelter and connecting sidewalks are as shown on the attached plan.

Discussion/Analysis

Pursuant to Section 15-33 of the Town of Windsor Code of Ordinances, the Town Council shall issue a call for a public hearing for proposed new sidewalk construction and shall give notice in a local newspaper not less than 5 nor more than 30 days prior to the public hearing, and shall notify each abutting property owner of the public hearing. This bus shelter would serve patrons and employees at the nearby hotels and motel.

Financial Impact

The approximate cost of the sidewalk construction is \$6,500. The sidewalks will be funded by the town and will be partially reimbursed by the GHTD. Funding was approved in December 2005.

Other Board Action

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission, at their meeting on December 13, 2005 recommended approval of the bus shelter and connecting sidewalks.

Recommendations

If the Council is in agreement, the suggested motion would be as follows:

“MOVE that construction of a sidewalk at One Day Hill Road to serve a bus shelter be approved.”

Attachment


Plan

Agenda Item Summary

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Financial Impact

The approximate cost of the sidewalk construction is \$2,500. The sidewalks will be funded by the town and will be partially reimbursed by the GHTD. Funding for the sidewalk was previously approved in December 2005.

Other Board Action

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission, at their meeting on December 13, 2005 recommended approval of the bus shelter and connecting sidewalks.

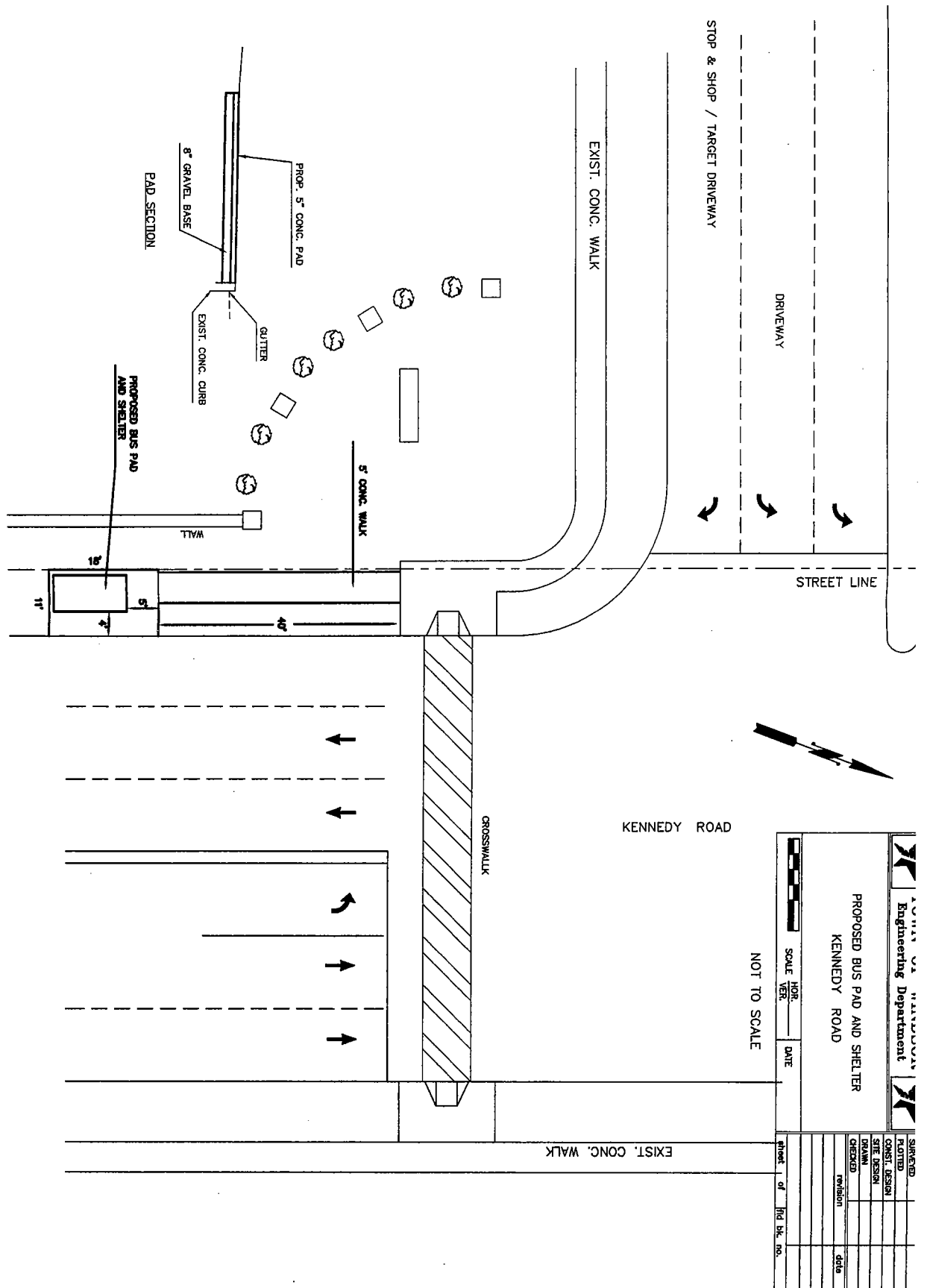
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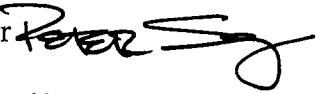
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Plan



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Engineering Department	
PROPOSED BUS PAD AND SHELTER KENNEDY ROAD	
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Agenda Item Summary

Date: January 3, 2006
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
From: Peter Souza, Town Manager 
Subject: FY 2007 Budget Calendar and Format

Background

The Budget Calendar outlines the process for submittal, review and adoption of the annual operating budget. It is customary for the Town Council to approve the Budget Calendar early in the calendar year. The Town Charter also requires that, should the Town Council desire any changes to the budget format, these changes should be adopted by January 15.

Discussion/Analysis

The attached Proposed Budget Calendar is consistent with the calendars adopted for previous budgets. The Town Manager's proposed budget would be submitted to the Town Council by March 31 followed by the Council's budget work sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout April. The departments have been grouped in a manner similar to the Council's action earlier in the fall of 2005 to allow the use of Council Committees for review. The schedule also includes the necessary Public Hearings (February 7 and April 4) and a suggested date of May 9th for the Adjourned Town Meeting (referendum).

At this time staff recommends no changes to the budget's format. The town's format incorporates best practices as defined by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Financial Impact

None.

Other Board Action

None.

Recommendations

If the Town Council is in agreement, that the following motions be adopted:

“MOVE that the attached Budget Calendar for FY 2007 be adopted.”

“MOVE that a Public Hearing for input from the public regarding the FY 2007 budget be scheduled for February 6, 2006 at 7:15 PM.”

“MOVE that a Public Hearing for input from the public regarding the FY 2007 budget submitted by the Town Manager be scheduled for April 3, 2006 at 7:15 PM.”

“MOVE that the Adjourned Town Meeting be tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2006.”

Attachments

Proposed FY 2007 Budget Calendar

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
FY 2006-2007
BUDGET CALENDAR BY DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED**

Date	Day	Step
Feb. 6, 2006 7:15 PM	Monday	Public Hearing by Town Council to hear budget requests from citizens.
March 20, 2006 – TBD	Monday	Finance Committee Meeting
March 31, 2006	Friday	Estimated receipts and expenditures submitted to Town Council by Town Manager (proposed budget).
April 3, 2006 7:15 PM	Monday	Regular Town Council meeting; Public Hearing re: public opinion regarding budget as proposed by Town Manager
April 5, 2006 6:30- 9 PM	Wednesday	Board of Education, Public Works, Landfill, Development Services, and Community Development
April 10, 2006 6:30 - 9 PM	Monday	Safety Services, Health Services, Information Services, Human Services, Child Care, and Adult Day Care
April 12, 2006 6:30 - 9 PM	Wednesday	Board of Education, Library Services, Recreation & Leisure Services, Administrative Services and Price Guide
April 17, 2006 6:30 - 9 PM	Monday	General Government, Town Support for Education, General Services, Insurance Internal Service Fund, and Revenues
April 19, 2006 6:30 – 9 PM	Wednesday	Capital Spending and Town Council review
April 24, 2006 6:30 - 9 PM	Monday	Town Council final deliberations and vote
May 9, 2006	Tuesday	Recommended date for Adjourned Town Meeting (referendum)
May 15, 2006	Monday	Regular Town Council Meeting; Council sets tax rate
June 23, 2006	Friday	Tax bill mailing completed
June 30, 2006	Friday	End of current fiscal year.
July 1, 2006	Saturday	FY 2007 budget becomes effective

XIII. Resignations and Appointments

January 3, 2006

- A. **Accept the resignation of Rita Melley-Coyne from the Windsor Housing Authority**
- B. One *Republican* Member
Board of Assessment Appeals
Four Year Term to expire November 30, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Richard Loucks – reappointment)
- C. One *Republican Alternate* Member
Board of Assessment Appeals
Four Year Term to expire November 30, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Kenneth Wilkos – reappointment)
- D. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Board of Assessment Appeals
Four Year Term to expire November 30, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Randall Graff – reappointment)
- E. One *Democratic* Member
Commission on Aging & Handicapped
Three Year Unexpired Term to expire January 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed
(Judith Swade – deceased - VACANT)
- F. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Commission on Aging & Handicapped
Two Year Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Pamela McGeorge – reappointment)
- G. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Conservation Commission
Five Year Term to expire November 30, 2010 or until a successor is appointed
(Winsome Barnaby – reappointment)
- H. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Conservation Commission
Five Year Term to expire November 30, 2010 or until a successor is appointed
(Sheila Smith – reappointment)
- I. One *Democratic* Member
Conservation Commission
Five Year Term to expire November 30, 2010 or until a successor is appointed
(James Destaulle – resigned - VACANT)
- J. One *Republican* Member
Economic Development Commission
Five Year Unexpired Term to expire January 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed
(Rufus Jones – resigned – VACANT)
- K. One *Republican* Member
Historic District Commission
Five Year Term to expire October 11, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Marcia Hinckley – resigned - VACANT)

XIII. Resignations and Appointments

January 3, 2006

- L. One *Republican* Member
Housing Authority of the Town of Windsor
Five Year Term to expire July 31, 2010 or until a successor is appointed
(Charles Patsky – reappointment)

- M. One *Democratic* Member
Housing Authority of the Town of Windsor
Five Year Unexpired Term to expire July 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed
(Rita Melley-Coyne – resigned - VACANT)

- N. One *Republican Alternate* Member
Human Relations Commission
Three Year Unexpired Term to expire May 31, 2006 or until a successor is appointed
(VACANT)

- O. One *Republican Alternate* Member
Human Relations Commission
Three Year Term to expire May 31, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(F. Evelyn Smith – moved from alternate to regular member - VACANT)

- P. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Four Year Unexpired Term to expire March 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed
(Dean Massey – moved from alternate to regular member - VACANT)

- Q. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Town Planning & Zoning Commission
Two Year Unexpired Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Bob Dallesander – resigned - VACANT)

- R. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Town Planning & Zoning Commission
Two Year Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Michael O'Brien – reappointment)

- S. One *Republican Alternate* Member
Town Planning & Zoning Commission
Two Year Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Katherine Chiodo – reappointment)

- T. One *Republican* Member
Town Planning & Zoning Commission
Five Year Term to expire November 14, 2010 or until a successor is appointed
(Elizabeth Parker – reappointment)

- U. One *Democratic* Member
Wilson/Deerfield Advisory Committee
Three Year Unexpired Term to expire April 30, 2008 or until a successor is appointed
(Kenneth Means – resigned - VACANT)

XIII. Resignations and Appointments

January 3, 2006

- V. One *Democratic* Member
Youth Commission
Three Year Unexpired Term to expire September 30, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Michael Reynolds – resigned – VACANT)

- W. One *Democratic* Member
Zoning Board of Appeals
Four Year Term to expire November 14, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Fran Rothenberg – reappointment)

- X. One *Republican* Member
Zoning Board of Appeals
Four Year Term to expire November 14, 2009 or until a successor is appointed
(Joseph Breen – reappointment)

- Y. One *Republican* Member
Zoning Board of Appeals
Two Year Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Thomas Ferranti – reappointment)

- Z. One *Democratic Alternate* Member
Zoning Board of Appeals
Two Year Term to expire November 10, 2007 or until a successor is appointed
(Roseanne Lombardo – reappointment)

**Windsor Town Council
Council Chambers – Town Hall
December 19, 2005
Unapproved Minutes**

Mayor Trinks called the regular meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

1. Roll Call – Present: Mayor Trinks, Deputy Mayor Curtis, Councilor Gegetskas, Councilor Herzfeld, Councilor Jepsen, Councilor McDonald, Councilor Moreton, Councilor Mulligan and Councilor Simon
2. Prayer – Councilor Gegetskas
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Gegetskas
4. Proclamations/Awards

None.
5. Public Communications and Petitions

Mr. Frank Davis, 3 Birchwood Road, Chairman of the Windsor Conservation Commission, spoke on behalf of the Pleasant Street Reconstruction. Extending the walk trail is consistent with the town's 2004 Conservation plan. We feel the conversion of the Railroad Bridge to trails is a benefit to the Town of Windsor. This is an opportunity to act in a very positive way.

Mr. Richard Rutkowski, 295 Kings Landing, addressed the Council. He discussed the merits and related costs to the town for the implementation of a twice a year property tax payment system. The town of Windsor is one of only six remaining municipalities that still pay their property taxes once a year. A majority of our surrounding towns pay their taxes twice a year. Converting to a twice a year tax would cost approximately \$1 million. This would transfer as 0.45 mils or an approximate average cost to each taxpayer of \$34 per year. He requested that the Council consider implementing a twice a year tax payment system. He commended the Council for voting "no" on a 2005 revaluation.

Ms. Beth Caruso, 147 Pleasant Street, supports the idea of creating a park on the bridge on Pleasant Street. She loves the historical significance of the town. She was disappointed that the Shad Derby events were not held near the river. Wouldn't it be great if there were a park near the river that people could enjoy. The plan proposed doesn't take into account the historical significance of the town. She hopes that the plan proposed is scrapped and a better plan is implemented.

Mr. Martin Estey, 160 Pleasant Street, discussed the Pleasant Street Park. He also noted that he agrees with a twice a year property tax. There seems to be two plans, the 2004 Conservation Plan and the plan the town proposed. The neighbors prefer the 2004 Conservation Plan with the greenway. They are eagerly awaiting the town's response to their questions.

Mr. Joseph Cicero, 109 River Street, spoke to the Council. He requested a full tax abatement of their property, the former Tobacco Valley Inn. There has been no response for a traffic study. Until we can get a traffic study or develop a plan to make his property viable, he would like a

tax abatement. They would use the tax money to demolish the buildings and clean up the property. Before any other property is given approval in the Day Hill Road area, his property should be considered for redevelopment.

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor Moreton to move item 11 A. Discussion regarding Windsor's 2006 legislative priorities to this point in the agenda.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

11. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion regarding Windsor's 2006 legislative priorities

Senator John Kissel, Senator Eric Coleman, Representative Peggy Sayers, and Representative Ruth Fahrbach were present. Per the Council's December 5th meeting, it was decided that the following priority areas be discussed at tonight's meeting: property tax reform, reform of the education finance system, and increased investment in the transportation infrastructure.

Senator Kissel has prepared a survey, which will be distributed to 1,000 residents in Windsor. One of the questions is if property taxes were reduced, where would the funding come from? If we are really going to do something about it, where would the resources come from? It would have to be a sales tax or resource tax. He outlined a plan for seniors to freeze their taxes at a certain point and when the last person left the residence, the uncollected property taxes would be collected.

Senator Coleman said that perhaps an option is to provide municipalities with greater flexibility in property taxes at the local level. One of the examples was a possible 1% hotel/motel tax at the local level. There has been a trend in recent legislative sessions to increase flexibility in determining taxes at the local level. Those approaches would provide some relief, but what we are looking for is comprehensive property tax reform.

Representative Sayers said that a tax force is looking at tax reform. We do recognize the problems, one of the other areas of concern is the education cost sharing. If we are not providing adequate funding for education, that affects quality of life in that town. The value of real estate property alone can be affected by the education system. There won't be a lot of changes coming forth in this legislative session, but there is planning for the 2007 legislative budget. It is important that the legislature that represents Windsor and Council members meet with the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation to discuss a timetable.

Representative Fahrbach's main concern is how we are going to raise more money so we can spend more money rather than how are we going to cut costs to lower taxes for residents. Property tax reform could be a major problem. A funding formula is only as good as the people who put it together. The ECS formula is slanted to the cities and the towns like Windsor lose. The governor is looking at a study on tax reform. One of the problems we have in this state is unfunded mandates. Our major concern needs to be for the taxpayers. If we want to have a better economic climate, we have to be business friendly and encourage people to come to this state to start businesses. Lowering taxes doesn't mean that we will have less income, sometimes it means that more people come in and open businesses and pay taxes.

Representative Sayers added that CBIA will start looking at the number of unfunded mandates by town. It will be nice to see a compact list.

Councilor Moreton commented that offering relief for seniors is a good idea. We have a tax system that we need to look at overall. People on a fixed income won't be affected by an income tax the same way that they are with a property tax.

Representative Sayers said that the House is looking at the entire tax structure. The Governor is looking at ECS funding. You will see some changes in that formula.

Councilor Herzfeld said that perhaps property taxes could consider property value and income. He also commented that all day kindergarten needs to be a priority followed by all day pre-school.

Councilor Simon realizes that there will be trade-offs with comprehensive tax reform. If we are going to demand more money from the state there will be more demands. To continue to provide the services that we do we need to get some help. We need you to make this an issue for you to work on.

Councilor Mulligan said that the revaluation is a concern to municipalities in Connecticut. Perhaps you could take a hard look at mandating annual revaluation, obviously the cycle we are in right now is increasing the burden on residents.

Mayor Trinks requested that in the absence of the overhaul of the tax system the senators and representatives look at ECS funding and unfunded mandates.

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald to have a three minute recess.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

6. Report of Appointed Boards and Commissions

A. Public Building Commission

Mr. Joseph Novak, Chair, reported to the Council.

Library Renovation – the slate roof is still not complete, the building is now sealed and temporary heat has been installed. Installation of sheet rock on the first floor is being completed. Paving will be done this week. The project should be complete by late January, early February. Staff is working on amenities such as AV equipment, etc.

Welch Pool – on hold until spring.

Milo Peck Renovations – roof replacement will be installed in the spring. The remaining renovations will begin after the facility use study is completed. An architect has been selected.

Clover Street Window Replacement – is complete with minor punch list items left.

The other projects are on hold pending results from studies and reports.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

Ms. Fran Rothenberg, Chair, reported to the Council. Four meetings were held in 2005, 13 applications were filed, one withdrawn, three appealed, and three denied.

C. Youth Commission

Ms. Florence Barlow, Chair, reported to the Council. Our Capital Area Substance Abuse grant is still funding the Commission's projects. We are looking into getting more grants. She thanked the Council and Town Manager Souza for their assistance. There was great success with the street sign amnesty program. There were 12 signs turned in to the Public Works Department. Our project of the "Every 15 Minute" program on teenage drinking is still hopeful pending the receipt of grant funds.

7. Town Manager's Report

Please insert

8. Communications from Council Members

Councilor Gegetskas – Wished everybody a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Councilor Herzfeld – None.

Councilor Jepsen – offered condolences to Karen Andrews and her family. He noted that Keith Orzechowski is going for a bone marrow transplant. There will be a bone marrow screening clinic on January 19th at the Elks Club.

Councilor McDonald – noted the Fifth Year Program Christmas Party at First Church tomorrow from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Councilor Moreton – Commented on the Torchlight Parade and thanked the legislators for coming out. Happy holidays to all.

Councilor Mulligan – offered condolences to Karen Andrews and her family for her husband's passing.

Councilor Simon – The Council had a special meeting last week to do some more planning in our budget process. We did have some action that came out of that which will be seen in the next couple of months. We will be doing an assessment over how the town communicates to residents regarding the budget.

Deputy Mayor Curtis – wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Trinks – It is his intent not to engage in any discussion regarding Pleasant Street since he has a vested interest in that area.

9. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance – None.

B. Town Improvements – will meet on January 23rd.

C. Health and Safety – met this evening to discuss the draft policy on news racks in town. The next meeting will be on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

- D. Special Projects – None.
- E. Joint Board of Education and Town Council – None.
- F. Personnel – None.

10. Ordinances

None.

12. New Business

- A. Approve concept study for Exit 38

Moved by Deputy Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Jepsen to approve a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Support Day Hill Road, Windsor, Interchange Study

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments performs an important service to the Town of Windsor through its regional transportation planning program; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Council of Governments has conducted a Day Hill Road Interchange Study that evaluated the need to provide direct access from Day Hill Road eastbound to I-91 northbound, identified alternatives with associated benefits, issues and costs, and proposed an alternative that fits the requirement to significantly improve traffic flow for long term development of the Day Hill Road corporate and industrial area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor has participated in this planning process through staff meetings, submittal of comments, and a public information meeting; and

WHEREAS, the next step to formalize the Day Hill Road Interchange Study is to amend the Regional Transportation Plan prepared by the Capitol Region Council of Governments to include the Interchange Study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Windsor Town Council accepts the recommendations of the Day Hill Road, Windsor, Interchange Study and requests that the Capitol Region Council of Governments sponsor the introduction of this Study in the Regional Transportation Plan.

As an addendum to the Bradley Area Study, the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) conducted a study of the Day Hill Road, I-91 Interchange at Exit 38. This study has resulted in a recommended alternative to directly connect eastbound Day Hill Road with northbound I-91.

Mr. Tom Maziarz, Director of Transportation and Ms. Jennifer Carrier, Principal Transportation Engineer from CRCOG gave a presentation to the Council. Preliminary construction costs for the proposed interchange improvements is \$11.3M. This will not result in an immediate plan, but a long range interchange improvement plan.

Town Manager Souza added that there was a public information meeting this summer that included abutters. Two residents suggested that there be a sidewalk or pedestrian access from Route 75 to Day Hill Road.

Councilor Simon asked what the resolution actually supports. Mr. Maziarz answered that it is concept 3-A plus Northbound Mitigation Measure.

Councilor Herzfeld inquired when this project would begin. Mr. Maziarz said that this is a long range project, a ten year time frame is not unrealistic.

Mayor Trinks asked about the HOV lane from 75 northbound. Mr. Maziarz said that if an additional operational lane would have environmental impacts they would look at using the HOV lane.

Town Manager Souza said that many years ago the town laid the infrastructure of Day Hill Road and International Drive. It is now time for us to start planning for the future of Day Hill Road.

Councilor Herzfeld asked who would fund this project. Mr. Maziarz said that they are typically funded through federal programs, which usually have an 80% federal match with a 20% state match.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- B. Set a Public Hearing for January 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the construction of a bus shelter and connecting sidewalk at One Day Hill Road

Moved by Councilor Moreton, seconded by Councilor Jepsen to set a public hearing for January 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (prevailing time) in the Council Chambers of the Windsor Town Hall regarding the Day Hill Road Sidewalk project and that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to post and publish notice of said public hearing as provided by law.

The town has entered into an agreement with the Greater Hartford Transit District to construct and be partially reimbursed for bus shelters at two locations in Windsor. The shelters require connecting sidewalks to function properly.

The approximate cost of the sidewalk construction is \$6,500. The sidewalks will be funded by the town and will be partially reimbursed by the Greater Hartford Transit District.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- C. Set a Public Hearing for January 3, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. for the construction of a bus shelter and connecting sidewalk at 1075 Kennedy Road

Moved by Councilor Moreton, seconded by Councilor McDonald to set a public hearing for January 3, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. (prevailing time) in the Council Chambers of the Windsor Town Hall regarding the Kennedy Road Sidewalk project and that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to post and publish notice of said public hearing as provided by law.

The approximate cost of the sidewalk construction is \$2,500. The sidewalks will be funded by the town and will be partially reimbursed by the Greater Hartford Transit District.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- D. Approve the release of excess property at 25T Devin Way

Moved by Councilor Herzfeld, seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis that the transfer the parcel known at 25T Devin Way to the two abutters at 23 and 27 Devin Way, as shown on the map presented, be approved.

Mr. Tom Lenehan, Town Engineer, discussed the parcel.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

- E. Approve the release of excess property at 66 Lochview Drive

Moved by Councilor Herzfeld, seconded by Councilor McDonald that the transfer of the parcel known as 66 Lochview Drive to the abutter at 70 Lochview Drive, as shown on the map presented be approved.

Mr. Tom Lenehan, Town Engineer, discussed the parcel.

Mayor Trinks asked about the parcel strip across the street. Mr. Lenehan said that a couple of years ago we gave a strip of land to one of the residents. There was a proposed trail system in the area but when Walden Woods was built, the trail system could not be placed all the way through.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

13. Resignations and appointments

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald to:

Item F: Reappoint Theresa Langevin as a republican alternate member to the Conservation Commission for a five year term to expire November 30, 2009 or until a successor is appointed

Item P: Reappoint James Bennet as a republican alternate member to the Public Building Commission for a three year term to expire November 30, 2008, or until a successor is appointed.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

14. Minutes of Preceding Meetings

- A. Minutes of the December 5, 2005 Regular Town Council Meeting

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor Moreton to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Regular Town Council Meeting. Corrections: None.

Motion Passed 8-0-1 (Councilor McDonald abstained)

15. Public Communications and Petitions

Mr. Richard Rutkowski, 295 Kings Landing, spoke to the Council regarding legislation to help senior citizens on fixed incomes who live in 55 and over communities . They pay their share of property tax, which in part supports education of the children in town. Since they do not have children living in our community, we do not burden the town with education expenses. We are requesting a tax relief.

16. Executive Session

None.

17. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Curtis, seconded by Councilor Moreton to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Countryman
Clerk of the Windsor Town Council

Cc: Town Clerk
Main Library
Wilson Branch