

**Windsor Town Council
Council Chambers – Town Hall
June 21, 2010
Approved Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Trinks called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call – Present: Mayor Trinks, Deputy Mayor Simon, Councilor Eleveld, Councilor Herzfeld, Councilor Jepsen, Councilor Jubrey, Councilor McKenney, and Councilor McDonald

Absent - Councilor Marci

2. Prayer – Deputy Mayor Simon
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Deputy Mayor Simon
4. Proclamations/Awards

None

5. Public Communications and Petitions

Mr. Bradshaw Smith, 23 Ludlow Road, stated the following, “In a perfect world, the proposed Riverwalk Trail Extension project would be a great idea. There are, however, a number of factors, principally financial, which strongly indicate that this grant should be declined including: 1) the original application was submitted prior to and without any consultation with the Council; 2) The Director of Public Works is on the record as saying the existing river walk, cost \$750,000, is very much in need of work. The Town Manager also on the record as stating he does not know when that work will be commenced; 3) Our existing parks and other open spaces are in appalling condition. Further, existing recreational programs are being cut, ostensibly for budgetary reasons. As such, this proposal smacks of robbing Paul to pay Peter; 4) there is no indication why this proposal’s cost has increased a minimum of 65% from \$409,052 to a minimum of \$645,897 and potentially 120% to \$895,167 since its inception in April of 2007; 5) Due to the source of the funding, the Recreational Trails program of the Federal Highway Administration, the proposed project would be open to motorized vehicles such as ATV’s, dirt bikes and the like. Would this constitute ‘a safe travel way’ for ‘walkers, joggers and bicyclists’? He does not think so. He is not aware of any other ‘trail’ in the Greater Hartford area with such a designation. In summary, this speaker is all in favor of trails, but when we cannot afford to fill the cracks and potholes in our streets, cannot repair the plethora of broken sidewalk, cannot open our libraries a reasonable number

of hours, cannot afford to take care of our seniors, Mr. Smith sees little justification in fripperies such as this.”

6. Report of Appointed Boards and Commissions

A. Public Building Commission

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

- Poquonock School Steam Conversion – work started on June 18th, replacement boilers are ordered and point of use for hot water is in the kitchen.
- Milo Peck Center Roof Phase III – the only remaining items are the steps. The new steps will be brownstone in color and precast. Demo is scheduled to start tomorrow for two days, followed by two days of installation.
- Hayden Station Fire House – is still behind schedule. We are trying to match the 40 year old brick. On June 17th concrete was poured, steel was erected and trusses were assembled.
- Northwest Park Geo-thermal System – contract was signed today with HVAC to be complete on June 30th.

Councilor Herzfeld asked about the Poquonock roof leak and if it has been resolved. He also asked about Northwest Park rebids. Mr. Novak said there are still negotiations between the town and contractors about the Poquonock roof leak. They are meeting on it tomorrow. For the Northwest Park rebids, they selected a low bidder, Mitchell Fuel Company, who was significantly lower than the others as the scope is different. There were not many responses in the first round of bids.

B. Historic District Commission

Mr. Christopher Watts reported to the Council the following:

- There were four, fairly simple, items that came before the Commission this year and Mr. Watts discussed them.

7. Town Manager’s Report

Summer Concert Series Begins

The Summer Concert Series on the Windsor Town Green begins on Thursday, July 1st. The next best thing to being at a Neil Diamond concert is seeing *Dr. Diamond, the Jazz Singer*, in a "Tribute to the Music of Neil Diamond." Dr. Diamond looks and sounds just like Neil Diamond. Enjoy the music with friends and neighbors from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the town green at this free event. A robust schedule of eight Thursday evening concerts has been planned by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce and First Town

Downtown for July and August. A complete schedule is included in the summer edition of *There's a lot to do in Windsor* magazine and further details are available on the Chamber of Commerce website or by calling 860-688-5165.

Stewardship Permit

As has been reported previously, the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) informed us earlier this year that due to the landfill being regulated under federal law because of the metal hydroxide cell, we would need to be issued a Stewardship Permit. The permit will encompass the various permits the DEP has traditionally issued for the landfill, i.e., capping plan, leachate management, groundwater monitoring, gas collection, and post closure maintenance & monitoring.

While staff has been working to clarify the language in the draft permit, there still remains a number of questions and outstanding items such as enforcement powers under the permit. The DEP process requires that a 45-day public comment period be provided and that a public information meeting be held. It appears that the public comment period will be from 7/14/2010 to 8/27/2010. The date for the public information meeting has not yet been finalized, but is expected to be held in the middle of August. DEP's goal is to issue a permit by October 1, 2010. The permit has a number of potential plusses but also raises a number of questions and unknowns because of somewhat vague language and potential increased long-term monitoring costs.

The permit is meant to be comprehensive in nature and it sets specific timelines for both the State and town. The permit potentially addresses issues in the longstanding Consent Order related to groundwater. We have made progress in determining the final capping material and some progress on alternatives for leachate management.

America the Beautiful Grant

Town staff has recently submitted a grant request to the CT Department of Environmental Protection Division of Forestry to plant "Legacy Trees" near Windsor schools and other town facilities to reduce energy costs. Estimates are that well placed trees around facilities can reduce cooling costs by as much as 20%.

The grant application proposes to purchase and plant 36 elm trees of varying types. The requested grant amount is \$6,300 with the total cost of the work being \$12,600. This includes the cost of the trees, watering bags and salary costs for Public Works personnel. A 50/50 match is a requirement of the grant and can be financial or in the form of in-kind contributions. The town's proposed match combines in-kind town services as well as town funding. Successful applicants will be notified by July 15th and the project must be concluded by December 15, 2011.

Mayor Trinks asked if the state knew they required us to accept the metal hydroxide sludge. Town Manager Souza said yes, they did know and shortly after it became a hazardous material.

Councilor Jepsen asked about the date for the public hearing for the member of the Wetlands Commission. He suggested opening a public hearing before the regular meeting of July 6th and to reopen it at a later date.

Deputy Mayor Simon said there is no need to drag this out. There is nothing we can do about this being appealed. Let's do what we are supposed to do in the timeframe we are supposed to and move on.

Mayor Trinks says June 28th is only a week away and he has still yet to speak to the town attorney and town manager regarding this. He thinks it is a little early in the process to choose a date.

Town Manager Souza said that the appointee made a written request demanding a public hearing and did meet the timeline per the *Town Charter*. The Council can set the date per Council rules and there are still conversations with the town attorney relative to the format of the hearing. There is an opportunity to open a public hearing and reopen it at a later date to meet the *Charter* guidelines. The appointee did request the hearing to be held within 30 days of his submittal. The Council could set an appropriate meeting in that timeline with an explanation of the procedures for the hearing and recess the public hearing to a specific date to consider the members' request.

Councilor Jepsen said in a recessed public hearing, if a councilor doesn't come the first evening, he believes they can't jump in to the next evening. Town Manager Souza stated he would have to research that further.

Councilor Herzfeld thinks that the hearing deserves its own night. He is not in favor of having it the same evening as a regular meeting. The first evening could be used for an explanation of the procedures and the next meeting could be for the hearing.

Councilor Jepsen doesn't see the first meeting as negotiating the ground rules, they are what they are.

Deputy Mayor Simon said he is suggesting June 28th because if we get into July, we are facing vacations and he thinks all counselors should be at the public hearing.

Mayor Trinks thinks that we can do the public hearing in one evening on July 6th. He requested the Council get their calendars to the Town Manager.

8. Communication from Council Members

Councilor Eleveld – reminded everyone that kids are out of school and may be crossing streets. He thanked the Windsor Police for a recent apprehension.

Councilor McKenney – None

Councilor McDonald – None

Councilor Marci – Absent

Councilor Jubrey – None

Councilor Herzfeld – stated that he attended graduation last week and applauded Principal Sills and Dr. Feser. It was well organized and the speeches were very interesting. He wished the graduates well.

Councilor Jepsen – wished a happy summer solstice to everyone.

Deputy Mayor Simon – None

Mayor Trinks – None

9. Reports of Standing Committees

Finance – met last week to discuss a few items on the agenda, they also reviewed the projected year end of the budget. They are anticipating a year end surplus of \$1 million.

Special Projects – None

Town Improvements – None

Health and Safety – None

10. Ordinances

- A. Approve a bond ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$470,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH RECONSTRUCTING A PORTION OF DAY HILL ROAD BETWEEN GREAT POND DRIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 2,200’ WEST AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE PROJECT.”

Resolved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, that the reading into the minutes of the text of the ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$470,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH RECONSTRUCTING A PORTION OF DAY HILL ROAD BETWEEN GREAT POND DRIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 2,200’ WEST AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE PROJECT” is hereby waived, the full text of the ordinance having been distributed to each member of the council and copies made available to those persons attending this meeting; and the full text of the ordinance be recorded with the minutes of this meeting.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to approve an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$470,000 FOR COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH RECONSTRUCTING A PORTION OF DAY HILL ROAD BETWEEN GREAT POND DRIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 2,200' WEST AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE PROJECT."

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

- A. Authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with the State Library for a Historic Document Preservation Grant

Moved by Councilor Herzfeld, seconded by Councilor McDonald, that Peter P. Souza, Town Manager of Windsor, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Ms. Agnes Pier, Town Clerk, discussed the grant and stated that earlier this year, the town clerk applied for the maximum \$6,000 targeted grant for FY 2011. The State Library recently awarded the Town of Windsor with the maximum amount of \$6,000. This grant will be used by the Town Clerk's Office to image land records as well as scan archival documents as part of our ongoing records management program. To date, the town's land record books between 1970 and 2003 have been microfilmed, but not imaged. These years encompass volumes 227 to 1429 and involve approximately 634,550 pages. The Town Clerk's Office plans to use this grant to image 176 volumes of these records (totaling 109,980 pages). By doing so, the town will be able to increase the number of land record images that will be available to the public when the office's software system conversion is complete (anticipated to be in September 2011).

Councilor Eleveld asked if this grant is for online access. Ms. Pier responded that it is to link online as many land records as possible.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

- B. Accept deed for public improvements on Jubrey Drive

Councilor Jubrey recused himself from this item.

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to accept the attached deed to the public improvements in Jubrey Drive Subdivision for perpetual maintenance.

Motion Passed 7-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent and Councilor Jubrey recused)

C. Approve FY 2010 open purchase orders

Moved by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Jepsen, that the open purchase orders as outlined on the attached report dated June 14, 2010 be approved by the Town Council until October 18, 2010.

***Town of Windsor
FY 10 Year End Encumbrances
As of June 14, 2010***

P.O. # 10213 - \$ 10,000.00 - Milliman USA (employee pension analysis)
P.O. # 10227 - \$ 8,900.00 - TRC Environmental (redevelopment of 55 & 69 Mechanic St.)
P.O. # 10032 - \$ 1,716.61 - Susaya Construction Co. (sidewalk repairs/reconstruction)
P.O. # 10156 - \$ 16,054.42 - Pye, Incorporated (catch basin cleaning)
P.O. # 10163 - \$ 6,977.92 - Atlantic Detroit Diesel, LLC (purchase of an engine)
P.O. # 10146 - \$125,505.39 - Freightliner of Hartford (purchase of 6 wheel dump truck)
P.O. # 10155 - \$ 25,722.32 - Turf Products, LLC (mowing equipment)
P.O. # 10202 - \$ 7,325.60 - Bacher Corp. of Conn. (purchase of 18 ft. trailer)
P.O. # 10212 - \$ 3,600.00 - Hartford Wire Works Co. (Clover Street fencing)
P.O. # 10226 - \$ 6,200.00 - Firematic Supply Co., Inc. (hydraulic tool modification)

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

D. Authorize FY 2010 year end transfers

Moved by Deputy Mayor Simon, seconded by Councilor Jepsen, that the Director of Finance be authorized to make year-end transfers in the General Fund of not more than \$5,000 per account.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

E. Authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection for the River Walk Trail Extension Project

Moved by Councilor Herzfeld, seconded by Councilor Jepsen, to approve the attached resolution regarding extending the River Walk Trail and authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached agreement with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Windsor to enter into a contract with the Department of Environmental Protection for the project "Extend River Walk Trail, Phases 1-5".

In furtherance of this resolution, Peter Souza the Town Manager of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contract on behalf of the Town of Windsor. Peter Souza currently holds the position of Town Manager and has held that office since October 13, 2004. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Windsor on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

Town Manager Souza provided an overview of the river walk trail project and stated the following:

- The town is in the process of selecting a consultant to prepare the numerous and voluminous permits and to design the project. The Council previously approved \$75,000 for the preliminary planning and engineering expenses. A portion of these funds have been used for the survey and wetlands identification and mapping. Staff will receive proposals from consultants this month for the design and permitting phase. Additional funds may be requested once negotiations are completed with the selected consultant. The schedule for construction is most dependent upon the review time for the permitting. Staff hopes that the project will be ready for construction in the 2011 construction season.
- The agreement calls for the town to advertise, award, administer, inspect and assume responsibility and liability for the improvements. The state agrees to reimburse 80% of the eligible project costs, up to \$377,240. This is the highest amount of reimbursement ever offered to a municipality under this trails program. The project cost is estimated to be \$645,897.
- This project will undergo at least two additional opportunities for reviewing cost estimates at the preliminary design and final design stages.

Town Manager Souza stated that the concern, if we do not move forward with this at this time, is that the state will reallocate this funding to other towns.

Deputy Mayor Simon added that the Finance Committee reviewed this and recommended its approval. If the state wasn't matching more than 50% of the costs, they wouldn't be recommending this at this time.

Councilor Eleveld asked what trails this will connect. Town Manager Souza said that it would connect the trail to the east of the river and to Windsor Center, after that the trail is on the street.

Mayor Trinks is in favor of this project.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

- F. Authorize the Town Manager to execute a grant award by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management under the Police and Youth Program for the Town of Windsor Maroon-Blue Crew Program

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and execute the grant award from the Connecticut Department of Office of Policy and Management under the Police and Youth Program.

Mr. Paul Norris, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, and Police Sergeant Chris McGee discussed the grant. Police and Youth Program funds may be used to increase or enhance opportunities for youth and police to work together to benefit the community. The goal of the program is to promote positive youth development and to increase the number of police officers working and interacting with youth ages 12 to 18.

Through the application process, the Town of Windsor requested and has been notified that it will receive \$10,000 in grant money. The funds will pay for personnel costs associated with patrol officers' overtime and Youth Services Bureau (YSB) staff time to plan a collection of non-enforcement activities that will identify and serve 'at risk' youth. The grant will also provide materials and supplies for these programs.

Programs being developed include a series of enrichment workshops, community-wide recreational events, and a park beautification project.

The Maroon-Blue Crew program, as the town will call its program, will begin this summer with a collection of "spirit days" in neighborhood parks and culminate with a showcase of the entire year's work at the end of the school year.

The Police and Youth grant is a reimbursement grant. Staff will use Recreation and Leisure Services' Positive Youth Development Special Revenue Account to pay for the program and the grant will reimburse this account.

Councilor Herzfeld supports this. He asked if this is a one-time grant. Mr. Norris responded that at this time it is a one time grant, but the state has started to have conversations about making it a three-year grant.

Councilor Jubrey asked about the police officer training and asked if police officers have been asked to volunteer. Mr. Norris stated that the training was free for police officers. Sergeant McGee said there are ten officers interested in the program now.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

- G. Authorize the Town Manager to accept and execute a grant agreement with the CT DOT for purchase of alternative fuel vehicles

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor Herzfeld, that the Town Manager is authorized to accept a grant and execute an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles. When received from the state, the grant funds resulting from the agreement will reimburse Capital Project Account No. 9332, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement programs.

Town Manager Souza discussed the grant agreement. This grant program was established to encourage the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles. Under this grant, the town purchases the hybrid vehicle and requests reimbursement from the DOT for the difference in cost between the hybrid and non-hybrid Honda Civic. Hybrids are more expensive to purchase, but have better gas mileage than comparable non-hybrid automobiles. The effect of the grant is to allow the town to purchase each of the hybrid Civics for \$6,000 less than their normal cost. Funding for the town's portion of the purchase of the 3 vehicles is provided for in the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement capital account.

Councilor Jubrey asked how many miles are on the Taurus's. How much more expensive are the hybrids and are we saving gas? Mr. Brian Funk said the 1998 Taurus has over 100,000 miles on it. The one that was auctioned off had over 90,000 miles and was inoperable. The 1994 has fewer miles, but is past its time for replacement. The senior programs have been using them and using 15,000 miles per year on those vehicles, more than average than our town fleet. The difference of cost is \$6,000 and the grant provides the difference. We pay for a regular car and receive a hybrid. The grant covers the cost difference.

Councilor Eleveld asked if we have any idea of the cost of maintaining these vehicles. He's not opposed to it, but he wants to know if we are receiving a savings. Town Manager Souza said that he can provide the costs. We have a history and can generate a cost comparison.

Councilor Herzfeld commented that several car makers now make hybrids. Is this grant specific to this carmaker or can we look at other options? It would be interesting to see an analysis. Mr. Funk said we have five hybrids in the fleet. The goal was to have one type of vehicle to better maintain and manage. There are several passenger cars that are hybrid now. We are going to attempt to continue to standardize on one type of hybrid car if we can.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

- H. Authorize the application for State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) grant

Moved by Councilor Herzfeld, seconded by Councilor McDonald, that an application be sent to the State of Connecticut for a Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) grant to perform pavement management and other eligible work, and that when received, the LoCIP funds will reimburse Capital Project Account No. 9041 'LoCIP Program'.

Town Manager Souza and Mr. Brian Funk, Director of Public Works, discussed the grant application.

The LoCIP grant procedure requires the Town Council to approve the list of projects each year that are requested to be fully or partially funded from the Local Capital Improvement Program. Staff is respectfully requesting that the Town Council consider and approve this list.

List of Projects:

- Matianuck Avenue (sections from Lee Lane to just northwest of White Rock Drive and from Hale Drive to Donna Lane)
- Rood Avenue (section from Green Manor Avenue to Shelley Avenue)
- Ford Road
- Philip Henry Circle
- Seymour Street
- River Street (sections from just west of Hayden Station Road to Kennedy Road and from Poquonock Avenue to river Street Park)

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

I. Discussion of possible scope of work for efficiency and effectiveness study

Councilor Jepsen explained the discussion they had during budget time to look at possible efficiencies to study one or more areas of the general government operations. Initial discussions were held by the Finance Committee on June 14th relative to project goals, study areas, the procurement process and timeline.

Councilor McKenney said that if we say our town is efficient, is it smart to spend \$50,000 to review efficiencies. If we are talking about how tough the budget will be, can we really afford \$50,000 to start this study?

Deputy Mayor Simon stated that he doesn't see this as immediate short-term savings for the next budget year. He sees it as a tool for the Council to become more educated on the operations of a single department. His preference is to have the police department reviewed during this process. He still doesn't fully understand, to the degree he would like, some of the details on how it works. It would be an assessment for how our current decision-making affects long-term costs (for example, police overtime and private duty affects pension costs later down the road). Are we going to be able to continue to do what we are currently doing?

Councilor Jepsen agrees with what Deputy Mayor Simon said; however, he would like to look at Public Works, which would give us an opportunity to benchmark against other

towns. He is open to all of those things, which can only help us in the long term to gather information.

Mayor Trinks said that generally inside the organization you have the talent to do this and he doesn't like to use consultants if it can be avoided. He asked if the committee is looking for guidance on what department or what kind of scope.

Councilor Jepsen said we are looking at the scope of what we would like.

Councilor Herzfeld said that if we look at Public Works and Safety Services, Safety Services commands higher dollars. But a large portion of that is personnel services. If we are looking at a long-term solution for planning, we should look at Safety Services where the largest part of the money is people.

Councilor Jepsen says what Councilor Herzfeld says makes sense, but while Public Works is a lower dollar amount, there are more opportunities for efficiencies with computer systems, maintenance, etc.

Councilor McDonald agrees with Councilor Jepsen and spending the money on Public Works. Safety Services has challenges with filling shifts and overtime. Maybe a few of us can sit with the Chief for a learning process. If we don't get what we want, then we could move towards a consultant.

Councilor Eleveld is of the opinion that if we go through this exercise, we should do it for both Public Works and Safety Services. It would be worthwhile to have them both reviewed at the same time.

Councilor McKenney noted a discussion at the Finance Committee that if you looked at overtime costs, they could be reduced with hiring a few more police officers. But at budget time, we are not willing to provide more police officers in the budget. He has heard of the computer system at Public Works, but are we willing to spend the money for a new system and to train employees. If they are good ideas, and we choose to implement them, it is going to affect other things. If we can't make tough choices with the results, we have wasted \$50,000.

Councilor Jubrey said a lot of managers fill their budgets at the end of the year so they don't lose that money next year. He feels it is worth it to invest the money to analyze the departments.

Mayor Trinks doesn't feel there is an overwhelming consensus tonight.

Councilor Eleveld said Mayor Trinks brought up an interesting point to have someone internally review the department and wondered if the town manager had considered that.

Town Manager Souza said that we have the skill set to do that, but the timing of the work would have to be considered. In the Finance Department, they are doing year end duties at this time. There is certainly work that town staff can do. If you hire a consultant, they use the data that we provide them. We would have to look at how that would affect internal staff workloads. He would like to spend some time to find out what the Council would like to see.

Councilor Jubrey asked shouldn't each manager of every department be doing this anyways? So why would we pick someone internally. Also, he wouldn't want to be a person internally responsible for someone else losing their job for efficiencies.

Deputy Mayor Simon strongly suggests having an external company do this. He is strongly in favor of this. There may be better ways that we can do things that we may not know the answer to unless an external company looks at it.

Mayor Trinks referred the item back to the Finance Committee.

13. Resignations and Appointments

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to:

Item R: Appoint Jeremy Lingenfelter as a republican member to the Human Relations Commission for a three-year unexpired term to expire March 31, 2012 or until a successor is appointed.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

14. Minutes of Preceding Meetings

A. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Public Hearing (NAA Tax Credit Program)

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Public Hearing (NAA Tax Credit Program). Corrections: None.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

B. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Public Hearing (Amendments to Windsor Redevelopment Agency ordinance)

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Public Hearing (Amendments to Windsor Redevelopment Agency ordinance). Corrections: Page 1 - Therefore, what.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

C. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 Regular Town Council Meeting

Moved by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Councilor McDonald, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Regular Town Council meeting. Corrections: Page 3 – Windsor Police Officers – DWI (Driving While Intoxicated).

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

15. Public Communications and Petitions

Mr. Richard Rutkowski, 295 Kings Landing, addressed the Council. He commented on the Town Manager and his staff and the Council for putting together a comprehensive budget FY 2011. The 1.31% increase is unheard of in these days. It's a realistic and doable budget in these tough economic times. Also, the Windsor Town Manager and Council are aware that the following year's budget is going to be a challenge and many of the grants available now will not be available in those years. At the next meeting, he hopes to present a number of initiatives that will, he believe, help the town fill that void. One suggestion would be REITs, Real Estate Investment Trust, which are a lot more stable than an investment fund. When the rest of the market crashed, REITs held in there. The town could make \$60,000 with these. He would be willing to help the town during this year to facilitate or even chair a program to investigate some of these programs. He is a graduate professional engineer and statistician. In September he is registering for a 6-year internet PhD program, which he is looking forward to the challenge. He would like to help the town prepare the budget. He ran a plant in the Bristol area for ten years. One of the things the town should look at is zero based budget which is very successful. He offers his services to the town free of charge.

Mr. Tom Kelsey, 19 Cornfield Road, spoke to the Council about the Riverwalk extension. He is in favor of it and is pleased the Council approved it. The opportunities to bicycle in town are extremely limited. Day Hill Road is a dangerous road for bicyclists. It is curved, and curves and bicycles don't mix. In most areas there is not a foot between the line on the road and the curb. It is a heavy employment area up there and there will be more development. There is going to be a lot of potential bicycle use in that area. He asked the Council to consider a bicycle access when making decisions. Mr. Kelsey noted the fact finding public hearing coming up with a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission. He suggested getting the procedure set out to get control over it or it will go places you don't want it to. Somebody will need to be in charge and he doesn't think it can be a group. There are a lot of potential problems that can be avoided if they are addressed in advance.

16. Executive Session

None

17. Adjournment

Moved by Councilor Eleveld, seconded by Councilor Herzfeld, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Motion Passed 8-0-0 (Councilor Marci absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Countryman
Clerk of the Windsor Town Council

cc: Town Clerk, Main Library, Wilson Branch