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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2022

RTM Moderator Paul Goldstein called the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Mary Childs, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Steven Garvin, Nicholas Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul Goldstein, Kristen Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Jennifer Kohl, Paul Konstantakis, Cheryl Larder, Richard Muckle, Ted Olynciw, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch.

ABSENT: Jennifer Bracciale.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule; Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia; Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson; Chair of the Board of Education Pat Fedor.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Nicholas Kepple; Director of Finance Kim Allen.

AGENDA ITEM C – April 4, 2022 Minutes, May 2, 2022 Minutes & the May 11, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, to address each set of minutes separately.

MOTION PASSED: 23-0-1 (Attanasio abstained)

MOTION by Radin, seconded by Sugrue, to approve the April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes with the following correction: The word meeting in the footer should be meetings.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Driscoll, to approve the May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Gonzalez to amend the BOE budget approval on page 3 to reflect abstentions by Fioravanti, Bono, Childs, & Gonzalez.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Healy, to add the word abstained within the parenthesis on page 8, under Police Commission.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Sugrue, to amend the minutes on page 9 to reflect that the BOE Budget motion was made by Steward-Gelinas and seconded by Rocchetti.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Driscoll, to amend the minutes on page 9 to reflect that the Current Year Capital Improvement Budget was voted against by Larder.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, to amend the minutes to include the following items received for the May 2, 2022 meeting as attachments: All recommendations that were received for the meeting in regard to the Senior Citizen's Commission appointments, the petition in objection to the Civic Triangle Upgrade, the petition to reject the Waterford Affordable Housing Plan, and the letter emailed from Danielle Steward-Gelinas in regard to the creation of a committee to research increased green energy and sustainability. (See attachments)

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED with the amendments: 23-0-1 (Attanasio abstained)

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to accept the May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

Moderator Goldstein noted that the following items were received: Letter from Economic Development Chair Dan Radin (See Attachment), a summary from RTM Member Ted Olynciw summarizing the Finance Director 03/18/2022 report along with the report, an audit report, additions to Call Item 4, BOE Quarterly Financial report, letter from RTM Member Cheryl Larder in regard to "Non-Meetings" (See Attachment). All copies of correspondence may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Isaac Brody, 57 Lamphere Rd, stated his concerns in regard to a short term rental adjacent to his property.

AGENDA ITEM F

Public Works Planning & Development Chair Michael Rocchetti stated that he was planning a Meeting in June.

RTM Member Susan Driscoll reminded chairs that the majority and minority leader should be included on agenda notifications for standing committee meetings.

CALL ITEM 1 – Public Act 21-29 Opt Out

PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission Greg Massad.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon, to opt out of Public Act 21-29: Provisions for Accessory Dwellings.

Discussion ensued

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 2 – Southeastern Connecticut Special Response Team Inter-local Agreement

PRESENTATION: Lieutenant Nicole VanOverloop, Detective Raymond Carroll

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to approve an inter-local agreement entitled "Southeastern Connecticut Special Response Team" and authorize the First Selectman to sign on the town's behalf, pending the approval of the Town Attorney as to form. (See Attachment)

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 3 – Oil Tank at Eugene O'Neill

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION by Sugrue, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$10,000** from **Capital and Non-Recurring undesignated line #205-31520** for a new oil tank installation at Eugene O'Neill.

Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Condon to amend the motion to read as follows: To approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an emergency appropriation for a new project in the amount of \$10,000 from **Capital and Non-Recurring undesignated line #205-31520** for a temporary oil tank installation to remediate a tank failure at the Eugene O'Neill Mansion.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: Southwest School Underground Tank

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$155,000** from the **Capital Non-Recurring line #205-31520 (Undesignated Fund Balance)** for the Southwest School Underground Tank Removal/Closure.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Gonzalez to amend the motion to add "for a new project" after appropriation.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Garvin, to designate the above motion as "Emergency Legislation", waiving the 15-day waiting period.

MOTION PASSED: 22-2-0 (Larder, Radin opposed)

CALL ITEM 5: Resurface of Roads

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider.

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$1,705,358** from the **Capital Non-Recurring undesignated line #205-31520** to resurface the following roads: Lakes Pond Road, Butlertown Road, Daniels Avenue, Niantic River Road (partial), and Gardiner's Wood Road.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Garvin, to designate the above motion as "Emergency Legislation", waiving the 15-day waiting period.

MOTION PASSED: 21-3-0 (Attanasio, Larder, Radin opposed)

CALL ITEM 6 – Cell Phone Tower

PASSED over with no action.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Rocchetti, to refer the review of the Waterford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.36 – Volunteer Firefighters Incentive Program to the Public Protection and Safety Standing Committee of the RTM.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Steward Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to establish an Ad Hoc Energy Task Force with the following charge: 1. Reviewing audits of consumption. 2. Identify any data needs based on those audits. 3. Address the energy policy of the town. The make-up would be as follows: 2 members of the RTM, 1 member of the BOF, 1 member of the BOE, 1 member of the BOS, and 2 residents of the town. The committee would issue a report six months after being established. The committee would be revisited or sundown on 12/04/2023.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Representative Bono requested a friendly amendment to refer to the “residents” as electors.

Steward-Gelinas and Rocchetti accepted.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bono, Childs, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Healy, Holmes, Kohl, Konstantakis, Muckle, Olynciw, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio.

ABSTAINED: Driscoll, Fioravanti, Larder.

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-3

Representative Radin referenced the letter (See attachment) from the Economic Development Commission asking that the RTM create an Ad Hoc Economic Strategy Task Force Special Committee to initiate a Waterford economic development strategy that works for our community to create legislation to achieve the EDC defined goals.

MOTION by Radin, seconded by Driscoll, to refer the matter to the Legislation and Administration Standing Committee of the RTM for further review.

Lengthy Discussion ensued.

A friendly amendment was accepted to change the motion to ask the Legislation & Administration Standing Committee to review of The Waterford Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.56 – Economic Development Commission.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Healy, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bono, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Kohl, Konstantakis, Muckle, Olynciw, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Childs, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Larder.

MOTION TO MOVE PASSED: 20-4-0

VOTING IN FAVOR of original motion with friendly amendment: Attanasio, Bono, Childs, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Kohl, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Sugrue.

VOTING AGAINST: Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch.

ABSTAINED: Girard

MOTION PASSED: 14-9-1

MOTION by Radin, seconded by Gauthier, in reference to Helen Kwasniewski’s May 9th letter, to refer to the Legislation and Administration Standing Committee the subject of how the RTM considers recommendations for committee assignments.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bono, Childs, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Garvin, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Kohl, Konstantakis, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Sugrue.

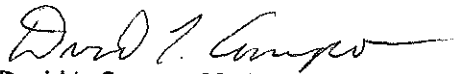
VOTING AGAINST: Dembek, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch.

MOTION PASSED: 15-9-0

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Sugrue, to adjourn at 9:49 P.M.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Campo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David L. Campo, CCTC

Waterford Town Clerk

WATERFORD REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 671
Waterford, CT 06385

Mr. David Campo
Waterford Town Clerk
15 Rope Ferry Road
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Dear Dave,

Please be informed that the Waterford Republican Town Committee endorsed Jody Nazarchyk to serve on the Senior Citizens Commission for the April 4, 2022 to April 7, 2025 term.

The Waterford Republican Town Committee respectfully requests that the Representative Town Meeting place in nomination at its meeting on May 2, 2022 the name of Jody Nazarchyk for a new term on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this request.

Sincerely yours,

Tali Maidelis
WRTC, Chairman

Cc: Paul Goldstein
RTM, Moderator

Danielle Steward-Gelinas
RTM, Majority Leader

WATERFORD DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

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April 27, 2022

Paul Goldstein
Moderator, RTM
15 Rope Ferry Rd
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RE: Senior Citizens Commission Appointments

Dear Moderator Goldstein,

The Waterford Democratic Town Committee voted unanimously to support the nomination of the following individuals for appointment to the Senior Citizens Commission to fill the vacancies now open for the 04/04/22 – 04/07/25 and 04/06/20 – 04/03/23 terms.

Daniel Rissi, MD
367 Glenwood Avenue Ext.
Waterford, CT 06385
didr2@hotmail.com
860-235-9944

Ada Filippetti
11 Hillcrest Drive
Waterford, CT 06385
flipali@aol.com
860-460-7394

The Waterford DTC believes that both of these individuals would prove to be capable, qualified and active participants if granted the opportunity to serve. (Brief bios are attached.) We strongly recommend that the Representative Town Meeting appoint Dr. Rissi and Ms Filippetti to fill the current vacancies on the Senior Citizens Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Barnard (sds)

Catherine Barnard
Chair, Waterford DTC

cc: Dave Campo, Town Clerk
encl: Rissi/Filippetti bios

Petition:

Town of Waterford Civic Triangle Upgrade – Removal of Funding

April 10, 2022

Dear members of the RTM, First Selectmen, and the Board of Finance,

This petition is to request the Town of Waterford RTM, Board of Selectman, and the Board of Finance remove funding for the Town of Waterford Civic Triangle Upgrade in its entirety.

With the cost of living, taxes, insurance and inflation skyrocketing, it is imperative that any and all funding for this Capital improvement be removed from this year's and any or all future budget proposal(s) and or allocations(s).

Removing this funding from the Town of Waterford budget will help reduce and or stabilize property taxes, which in turn benefits all Waterford residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Concerned residents

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Alexis Carson	9 Quaker Lane Quaker Hill CT 06375
Morgan Clendenen	9 Quaker Lane Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Christine Carson	83 Old Colchester Rd Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Joshua Carson	83 Old Colchester Rd Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Wendy Carson	5 Laurel Glen Rd Quaker Hill CT 06375
Gaye Britt	10 Laurel Glen Rd Quaker Hill CT 06375
Matthew Carson	5 Laurel Glen Rd Quaker Hill CT 06375
Karen Byne	4 Laurel Glen Rd Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Ian Byne	4 Laurel Glen Rd Quaker Hill, CT 06375
Gina Steiner	3 Laurel Glen rd Quaker Hill CT 06375
Michael Steiner	3 Laurel Glen rd Quaker Hill CT 06375
Debra Lawrence	72 Great Neck Rd Waterford CT 06385
David Lawrence	72 Great Neck Rd Waterford CT 06385

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Deborah Wiseman	29 High Ridge Drive
Paula M Peltier	39 Hickory Lane
Jean Browne	121 STONEHEIGHTS DRIVE
Jayce Goddard	33 Oswegatchie Rd
Ry J. Dodo	37 Oswegatchie RD
Cathy Newlin Hays	35 Pepperbox Rd, Waterford
Elizabeth Beals	33 Dimmock Rd, Waterford
Kim Rogers	31 High Ridge Dr. - Wtfd.
Donna Allen	51 High Ridge Dr. Wtfd.
SUSAN BEAUCNESE	18 4th AVE WATERFORD
Sal Attavello	18 4th Ave.

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Hugh J. Shannon IV
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117 Stoneheights Drive
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WTFD, CT.

ROBERT J. BUTTERMORE

6 LAMPHERE ROAD, WATERFORD, CT

Shawn Hathaway
Stephanie Guido

26 Hickory Lane, Waterford, CT

John SAPIA
Josh Bakoulis

15 Middle St Waterford, CT

Joshua Renoudt

5 High St Waterford CT.

Way Hamler

36 Goshen Rd Waterford CT

Kevin McLinzie

20 LINDA AVE WATERFORD CT

John Saocier

310 BOSTON POST RD. UNIT 152, WATERFORD CT.

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Douglas Balth

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Jill Thorman

84 Spithead RD Waterford 06385

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Kevin Smith

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Tara Smith

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Paul Klee

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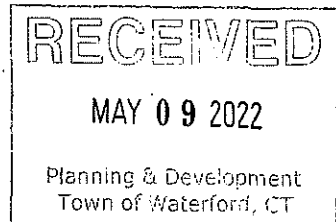
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Petition:

Town of Waterford Affordable Housing Plan – Petition to Reject

April 10, 2022



Dear members of the RTM, the First Selectmen, and Planning and Zoning,

This petition is to request the Town of Waterford RTM, Board of Selectman, and Planning and Zoning reject in its entirety the proposed Town of Waterford Affordable Housing Plan and to specifically remove the Southwest School buildings, property and surrounding zones / areas from this proposal and or any future proposals.

Southwest School is situated in an area of high density housing. It is also adjacent to wetlands and located in close proximity to the Niantic River. The property is also one of the few remaining town-owned open spaces in this immediate area.

Housing development in this zone will significantly impact the Niantic River estuary (i.e. run-off, storm water discharge, oil from vehicles, use of fertilizers and other chemicals), along with the wetlands and marshes that support it. This is also an area that supports various wildlife including migratory birds. It should be removed from the Town of Waterford Affordable Housing Plan immediately.

In addition to the request noted above, the current Affordable Housing Plan as proposed does not promote home ownership or adequately address the issue of property taxes. It is based mostly on opinion surveys instead of facts/hard data, and these surveys' findings have not been tested or corroborated.

It is requested that this Affordable Housing Plan proposal be rejected in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Concerned residents

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- Change zoning to encourage or require establishment of walkable, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use nodes with a variety of housing options where indicated in the POCD (public water, public sewer, road capacity, bus transit, etc.) while maintaining / enhancing the overall “sense of place”

Land Use Map of New London, Connecticut

Scale: 3.000 Feet

Legend:

- Very low Density: 1 unit per 3 acres
- Low Density: 1 unit per acre
- Medium Density: 1 unit per acre
- High Density: Single Family Residential - 4 units per acre
- High Density: Multi-Family Residential
- Mixed Use Areas
- Special Zones
- Other: 1 unit per 10 acres

Nodes:

- Town Center / Civic Center Area (solid line)
- Area of Concentrated Transportation
- Permissible State Street Use (see p. 52)

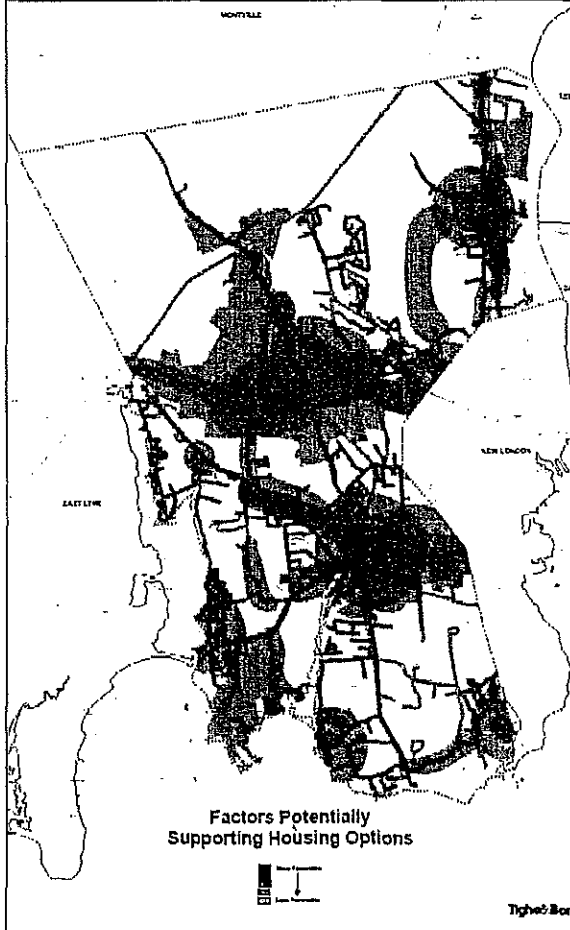
Note: Node sizes are schematic.

4.4.4 Identify Other Potential Housing Opportunity Areas

- Consider identifying specific areas in Waterford which might be eligible for consideration for higher density residential development
- Consider discouraging housing in areas with factors potentially not supporting housing options
- Consider encouraging housing in areas with factors potentially supporting housing options

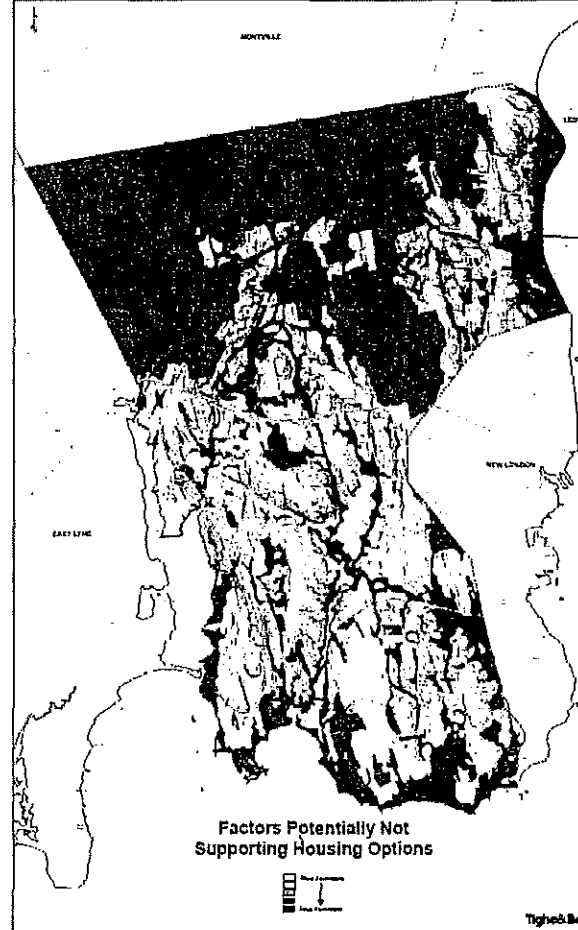
Factors Potentially Supportive Of Housing Options

- Community nodes
- Business proximity
- Bus routes
- Public sewer
- Public water



Factors Potentially Not Supportive Of Housing Options

- Public water supply watersheds
- Wetlands
- Watercourses
- Floodplains
- Steep slopes



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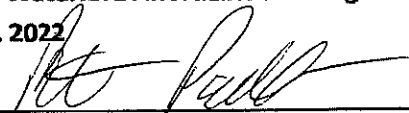
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David Campo

From: Danielle Gelinas <steward-gelinas@sbcglobal.net>
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Subject: Correspondence

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Please include as correspondence for tonight's meeting (5/2/22)

The events regarding the use of natural gas at two town buildings over the past few weeks has brought forward concerns about the use of green energy and sustainability in Waterford. Abby Piersall, in the past, has provided an outline for a comprehensive evaluation of sustainability opportunities in Waterford. In recent conversations with her, a committee designed to address these concerns would be a beneficial addition to support the Town's efforts. We propose an Ad Hoc committee be formed to research a holistic, long term plan toward increased green energy and sustainability. It is critical that we are proactive rather than reactive in our efforts moving forward.

As we are about to embark on our budget meetings, we anticipate discussion regarding the charge, composition and name of this Ad Hoc committee be placed on the agenda for our June meeting.

Respectfully,

Danielle Steward-Gelinas
Paul Goldstein
Michael Rocchetti
Kevin Girard

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SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, Section 7-148 cc of the Statutes of the State of Connecticut authorizes municipalities to enter into interlocal agreements; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities find that the deployment of a highly trained and skilled special response team coupled with a crisis negotiation team can substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers, criminal suspects and persons in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities recognize the inherent manpower and training demands associated with special response and crisis negotiation teams and agree that it is in the best interest of the participating municipalities to share manpower, resources, and equipment associated with special law enforcement responses; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities find that an interlocal agreement is beneficial in order to protect the safety and well-being of the citizens of the respective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities wish to cooperate on providing police services and in pursuing grants and raising monies to obtain capital resources in furtherance of these goals under the terms of this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned municipalities, acting by their respective chief executive officers, duly authorized, mutually agree, pursuant to this Interlocal agreement (hereafter, "Agreement") to establish the Southeastern Connecticut Special Response Team (hereafter "SCSRT") in accordance with the following:

ARTICLE ONE: PROVISION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

1. The chief executive officers of the undersigned municipalities hereby delegate to the chiefs of police of their respective municipalities the authority to determine when the provision of police personnel and equipment best serves the purposes of this agreement.
2. The participating chiefs, hereinafter collectively designated and referred to as the "Board", shall meet periodically as determined by the needs of the Unit, but at least once per year, and each Chief of Police shall have an equal vote on decisions affecting the administration of the SCSRT.
3. The chiefs of police, collectively, as the decision-making authority, have the responsibility for the coordination of grant applications and the administration of funding awards and other initiatives.

4. The Board anticipates and agrees to make resources available for at least one full or partial deployment per quarter of personnel and equipment pursuant to this agreement for the duration of this agreement. Additional deployments are authorized, without further action, by the mutual consent of the participating municipalities.
5. During the deployment of personnel and equipment pursuant to this agreement, the officers so deployed shall be deemed members of their respective departments acting to further the goals of this agreement and each shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and immunities as are conferred on the police officers of the municipality in whose jurisdiction the Unit or any of its officers is operating.
6. During a SCSRT emergency deployment, it is expected that the undersigned municipalities shall provide at a minimum the following quantity of personnel and equipment:

One or more specially trained and equipped police officers and one or more marked and/or unmarked police vehicles.
7. A municipality may elect not to participate in a deployment if it has a good faith reason to do so. However, each municipality, in its discretion, may determine the extent of its participation in any deployment through the specific assignment of personnel and equipment.
8. The resources or facilities that are assisting the requesting Agency shall be under the immediate command of a supervising officer designated by the assisting Agency. Such supervising officer shall be under the direct supervision and command of the requesting Agency.
9. The Board shall appoint collectively a supervisor from each of the participating departments to function as the SCSRT Team Commanders. The Team Commanders must at least hold the rank of sergeant in his/her department. The Board acknowledges appointment of Unit Commanders is necessary to maintain continuity of the unit and its members especially in the case of an emergency deployment. It will be preferable that the Team Commanders have experience and training in the area of tactical command. The Team Commanders shall have the authority to appoint assistant team leaders as necessary.
10. The SCSRT Commander will act as the liaison between the departments for all activities of the unit.
11. During each full deployment, the host municipality, which is the municipality requesting the services, shall make every effort to provide a sergeant or higher-ranking officer to coordinate operations with the SCSRT Team Commander while in the field.
11. The request for specialty equipment such as night vision, communication equipment, robotic equipment and others not listed, will be considered on an individual basis by the lending agency if a full deployment is not requested. The holder of such equipment may elect to send an officer with such equipment to ensure safe and proper usage of such equipment during a deployment.

ARTICLE TWO: DUTIES OF PERSONNEL

1. The Chief of Police or designee in the host municipality shall retain ultimate responsibility for operational decisions and act as incident commander during any operation or team deployment.
2. Each officer assigned to the SCSRT shall wear the unit's approved uniform.
3. All custodial arrests or investigations shall be processed in a manner designated by the host agency.
4. In the case of a planned deployment for a warrant service or other planned event, the host agency shall prepare and distribute to all participating officers an operations plan for each deployment of a non-emergency nature.

ARTICLE THREE: REIMBURSEMENT AND LIABILITY

1. Each participating municipality agrees that it shall be responsible for its respective police department expenses incurred while participating in each deployment, whether that municipality's equipment and personnel was operating within or outside its own jurisdiction. Any entitlement to reimbursement, except as stated herein, is hereby waived by the chief executive officer of each municipality that is a party to this agreement. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to:
 - a) The actual payroll (including overtime) cost to the municipalities of all personnel assigned;
 - b) The replacement cost of all equipment lost, destroyed or made unavailable for further service as a result of proper use in a SCSRT deployment. Nothing in this section waives a municipality's right to seek reimbursement for equipment lost or destroyed negligently, recklessly, willfully, or purposefully.
 - c) Fuel and maintenance for police vehicles;
 - d) The cost of repairing damaged equipment;
 - e) Awards for death, disability or injury to personnel arising as a result of services provided pursuant to this agreement to the extent that such awards exceed Worker's Compensation coverage;
 - f) Worker's Compensation claims as set forth in C.G.S. 31-275, et seq.;
 - g) Survivor's benefits as set forth in C.G.S. 7-323.

2. In the event outside funding becomes available to pay for the expenses of the municipalities operating under this agreement, such funds shall be allocated among the participating municipalities on a proportional cost basis agreed to in advance. This does not include subrogation. The proportional cost basis may be adjusted to each deployment or initiative depending on the location of the host, number of personnel assigned to the deployment by each agency, etc.
3. The services performed under this agreement shall be deemed for public and governmental purposes, and all immunities from liability enjoyed by the local government within its boundaries shall extend to its participation under this agreement outside its boundaries.
4. Each municipality shall indemnify and hold harmless the other municipalities to this agreement from all claims, including, but not limited to, third party claims, for property damage or personal injury (including death) which may arise out of and be attributable to a municipality or to the actions of those acting on behalf of each municipality. Each town shall be liable only for their own percentage of negligence as determined by the courts or a jury.

ARTICLE FOUR: APPOINTMENT OF A DEPOSITORY MUNICIPALITY, PURSUIT OF REGIONAL GRANT INITIATIVES, AND REVENUE SHARING/USAGE

1. Appointment of a Depository Municipality; Functions of Depository Municipality
 - a) The Board of SCSRT shall mutually select a depository municipality from one of the members of SCSRT which shall receive and hold in trust for SCSRT all monies obtained by SCSRT from grants or other sources. Said monies shall be held in a special revenue account (hereafter, the "SCSRT Joint Account") or an account with like budgetary permissions that will allow the convenient use of said funds as needed by SCSRT. The depository municipality agrees, in furtherance of the goals of this agreement, to pass any ordinance or resolution required by its own municipal Charter in order to effectuate the creation of said SCSRT Joint Account.
 - b) Upon a request from any member municipality, the depository municipality shall provide an accounting of all funds contained in the SCSRT Joint Account.
 - c) Upon an affirmative majority vote of the member municipalities, the depository municipality may be changed. Upon a vote to change the depository municipality, the prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days of said vote, turn over all funds and provide a full accounting to the successor depository municipality.
 - d) In the event that a depository municipality withdraws from SCSRT or no longer wishes to serve in said capacity, a successor depository municipality shall be appointed by the members of SCSRT. At such time, the prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days of said appointment, turn over all funds and equipment purchased with funds from the Shared Revenue Account to the successor municipality. The prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days, provide a full accounting, and an itemized list of transferred equipment to the successor depository municipality.

2. Pursuit of Regional Grant Initiatives, Development of Capital Goals

- a) It shall be an essential function and purpose of SCSRT to pursue grants and other initiatives to raise monies in order to purchase capital resources to further the purposes of this agreement.
- b) From time to time, and as necessary, SCSRT shall meet to develop a short-term (1 year) and long term (5-year) capital plan for the SCSRT. The monies raised pursuant to this agreement shall be utilized to further the capital goals set by SCSRT.
- c) The Board shall designate a member of a participating agency with the responsibility of researching and applying for grants to further the acquisitions of equipment, training and/or reimbursement money.

3. Revenue Sharing

- a) All revenue raised and remitted to the SCSRT Joint Account shall be shared and used for the collaborative and joint purposes of the SCSRT. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to conflict with or alter the reimbursement or funding provisions of Article III regarding deployments.
- b) Expenditures from the SCSRT Joint Account of \$500 or less can be made by the Team Commander, without prior approval. All expenditures greater than \$500 from the SCSRT Joint Account shall require the unanimous vote of all SCSRT member municipalities in writing via electronic mail (e-mail).
- c) Any property obtained with funds from the SCSRT Joint Account shall be considered property of the depository municipality, held for the benefit of itself and all other SCSRT municipalities. No property obtained with monies from the SCSRT Joint Account or with funds attributable to said account shall be sold, modified, gifted, or otherwise transferred without the unanimous vote of all member municipalities in writing.
- d) Any depository municipality which misappropriates funds from the SCSRT Joint Account or otherwise disposes of property obtained with SCSRT funds in violation of this section shall be liable to all of the other member municipalities for the loss to SCSRT and any and all costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, incurred in recovering said funds or property from the depository municipality or any other third party.
- e) Funds from the SCSRT Joint Account are intended for equipment and services for the unit and shall not be used to pay salary or overtime to SCSRT members.

ARTICLE FIVE: MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. The Chief of Police of the municipality providing assistance may, if necessary to protect the safety and well-being of said municipality, recall any personnel or equipment provided pursuant to this agreement.

2. Each participating jurisdiction shall have a defined policy regarding the selection process of potential candidates prior to an officer's appointment to their respective SRT team. Each participating Jurisdiction agrees to set standards in common SRT categories such as physical fitness, firearm proficiency and mandatory training hours. Each Participating agency will create and enforce a policy to remediate any officer who fails to meet the departments requirements and standards, up to and including removal from the SRT Team.
3. Withdrawal from this agreement by any municipality hereto shall be made by thirty (30) days' written notice to all other municipalities but shall not terminate the agreement among the remaining municipalities.
4. If any provision of this agreement shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.
5. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior understandings, negotiations, and agreements whether written or oral, between them respecting the written subject matter, hereof.
6. This Agreement, to the extent permitted herein, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and any and all successors and assigns.
7. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and relevant ordinances and regulations of the State of Connecticut and the participating municipalities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as follows:

TOWN OF LEDYARD

By: _____

Frederic B. Allyn, III, Mayor

TOWN OF WATERFORD

By: _____

Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

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To: Waterford RTM Moderator, party leaders, unaffiliated representatives

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From: Waterford Economic Development Commission

Subject: Statement Concerning Economic Development Commission's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Waterford Economic Development Commission (EDC) membership has appreciated the town's focus on economic development. Several current EDC members were appointed by First Selectman Brule in an effort to bring new voices to the Commission. A significant portion of the American Rescue Plan funds were earmarked for EDC programs. We see a developing Waterford economy: vacant storefronts filled, new housing under construction. But we regret that EDC has played no material role in Waterford's economic condition.

Upon instantiation of the current EDC membership in March 2021, members first focused on understanding the enabling legislation in order to find ways to be effective within its significant constraints. EDC is enabled by State Statute, "for the promotion and development of economic resources" to:

- Conduct research into economic conditions and trends,
- Make recommendations regarding action to improve the economic condition,
- Coordinate the activities of, and cooperate with, unofficial bodies organized to promote economic development,
- Advertise and distribute [media] which will further its purposes, and
- Annually prepare a report of activities and recommendations for improving economic conditions and development.

Upon codifying its charter around this understanding, EDC conducted research into economic development trends relative to Waterford's condition and recommended an economic gardening approach. EDC made policy recommendations regarding actions on cannabis and clean energy to improve the economic condition. EDC attempted to coordinate activities to catalyze new-business formation and to fund capital improvements to existing businesses, but those programs were canceled. Finally, EDC prepared a year-end report of activities and recommendations for improving economic conditions and development, in which the central thesis was, **"there is a lack of a cohesive economic development strategy."**

EDC members feel it is time to state that *it's not working*. Volunteering time for no results isn't worthwhile for EDC members. Investing staff resources in EDC incurs opportunity cost. And most importantly, we acknowledge that, given this context, committing increased funds to EDC might be perceived as a poor allocation of taxpayers' money.

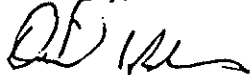
In order to forge an effective path forward, **EDC recommends that the Commission temporarily pause regular meetings**, following this week's May 2022 meeting. We make this recommendation not because we no longer believe in Waterford economic development, but rather because we believe that the current incarnation of EDC has been so wholly ineffective, for so long, that a clean slate presents an opportunity to reimagine, rather than revise.

We **recommend that RTM form an Ad Hoc Economic Strategy Task Force**, for a term of six months, consisting of three to five residents plus First Selectman Brule and Planning Director Piersall. This working group would take on a singular deliverable of co-creating—*with the public*—a Waterford economic development strategy that works for our community. All current EDC members offer to participate on this Task Force, or in other capacities advising Town leadership on economic opportunities.

At the conclusion of the strategy work, **we recommend that RTM and EDC membership craft municipal enabling legislation** to support and reinstantiate Waterford EDC to achieve its defined strategic goals.

We are confident that doing this difficult but necessary work of pausing, aligning, and then rebuilding will yield far greater economic impact and vibrancy for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Radin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Radin, chair

Waterford Economic Development Commission

June 6, 2022

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Moderator Goldstein:

I was concerned, and continue to have concern regarding the activities of the RTM on May 2 and 4, 2022. It appeared that you were approached by Town counsel regarding holding a non-meeting of the body for what was described shortly thereafter to the RTM members present, prior to the opening of the May 2nd RTM budget session, as an opportunity for labor counsel to meet with the RTM to discuss the members' role in the approval of union contracts negotiated by labor counsel and the human resources director. It was suggested that such a gathering was needed because much would be happening in the coming weeks and the RTM meeting scheduled for June 6th was too far off. You then took an informal poll of those present and vocal in scheduling a "non-meeting" of the RTM to occur on May 4th, prior to the commencement of the May 4th budget session.

Because the above discussion was held off the record, prior to the opening of the May 2nd RTM meeting, there is no record of it ever occurring. An email was circulated to the body by the Town Clerk on May 4th, reminding members of the "non-meeting". That communication is also not included in the RTM record.

A "non-meeting" of the RTM was held with labor counsel on May 4th. At the commencement of the "non-meeting" gathering, I asked labor counsel regarding the legality of our meeting and how it was excluded from Notice or public record by the Freedom of Information Act. Labor Counsel indicated it was a decision of the body to have a "non-meeting" and I was referred to C.G.S. 1-200 below:

Sec. 1-200. (Formerly Sec. 1-18a). Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, except where such terms are used in a context which clearly indicates the contrary:

(2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a multimember public agency, whether in person or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power. **"Meeting" does not include:** Any meeting of a personnel search committee for executive level employment candidates; any chance meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the purpose of discussing matters relating to

official business; **strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining;**

I would respectfully disagree that it was a "decision of the body" to have a "non-meeting" when any such decision was not taken up by the RTM as a body but in an informal bantering of those present and vocal before the May 2nd meeting was brought to order as to what would fit their schedules. The public record is void of any "decision".

Counsel then distributed a memo to those present entitled "Attorney-Client Privilege" which included substantive information regarding pending negotiations, not just a discussion of the RTM members' "role" in contract approvals. The memo was collected from the members, no action was taken and no input was provided by the members present.

Again, the minutes of the May 4th are void of any reference to a "non-meeting" because, presumably by statute, a meeting did not occur per the specific carve out of disclosure of the same as referenced in C.G.S. 1-200 above.

I have heard the word "transparent" process and government many many times in the last several months. In my mind, there is nothing more opaque than the activities of the RTM on May 2nd and 4th. True, I had the opportunity to leave the non-meeting, and in retrospect I should have.

Now, here we are at June 6th with no executive session planned or any anticipated action regarding any pending labor matters. Passage of time has not supported the need for the non-meeting on May 4th. Nothing was accomplished by the non-meeting that could not have been addressed in a properly noticed executive session. I urge you as Moderator, and the body as a whole to refrain from holding any further "non-meetings."

Thank you.



Cheryl R. Larder
RTM Member, 1st District