

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 19, 2016

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader
Linda A. Russo, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I.
Weinberg, Ram Aberasturia, Joseph R. Carlson, Patricia Harmon and
Michael G. Kurker

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Thomas Fitzgerald, who recently passed away. Mr. Fitzgerald was a lifelong resident and longtime member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He will be missed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION By Linda Russo
seconded by Bill Horan
to **amend** the agenda as follows:

Under Communications add –

- A. Registrars of Voters Annual Report; and
- B. Youth Services Prevention Grant Amendment

Under New Business add –

- D. Refund of Taxes

Motion carried 9/0.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

JAG National Leadership Academy: John Drew, EHHS Senior

Liz Dupont-Diehl, Director of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) introduced John Drew, a senior at East Hartford High School, who placed second in a national employability contest recently held at the JAG National Student Leadership Academy in Washington DC. John shared with the Council his personal journey before and after the JAG experience. He applauded the efforts of those individuals involved in the JAG program.

The Councillors congratulated John for his achievements and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Alexander Skowronek: Eagle Scout

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Esther Clarke
 to **adopt** the following resolution:

***Whereas**, Alexander M. Skowronek has dedicated 8 years of his life to scouting, following the leadership example of his grandfather, Henry Skowronek, who recently retired after 40 years as a scoutmaster; and*

***Whereas**, Alexander has thoroughly enjoyed the adventures and friendships of scouting, forming lifelong relationships, camping, skiing and other character building and learning activities; and*

***Whereas**, in April, 2015, Alexander completed his Eagle Scout project of painting the all-purpose room at the East Hartford YMCA to create a more cheerful, bright atmosphere for the children attending the YMCA; and*

***Whereas**, as part of the project, Alexander was able to obtain donations and discounts from the Hospital of Central Connecticut and Sherwin-Williams Paint on Park Avenue and engage 12 volunteers; and*

***Whereas**, because of this project, Alexander has learned leadership and community participation skills and the YMCA has a newly refurbished room; and*

***Whereas**, on February 6, 2016, the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony will be held to recognize Alexander's attainment of Eagle Scout.*

***Now therefore be it resolved** that the East Hartford Town Council, along with Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, extends its heartfelt congratulations to Alexander Skowronek on his Eagle Scout achievement and thanks Alexander for his contributions to improving the community of East Hartford.*

On call of the vote, motion carried 9/0.

The Councillors, and Mayor Leclerc, recognized Alex's accomplishment and applauded his dedication to the Scouts and to the town. Susan Skowronek, Alex's mother and former Councillor, invited all to attend Alex's Court of Honor ceremony to be held on Saturday February 6th.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Leclerc (1) the town is receiving a \$200,000 Brownfield grant to aid in the redevelopment of the Silver Lane area; (2) the Dollar Tree store has opened in the former Rite Aid location on Burnside Avenue and School Street; (3) tax bills are due February 1st; (4) announced that East Hartford, during the months of July 2015 through September 2015, was the only dispatch center in Connecticut that answered 100% of 911 calls in less than 10 seconds; (5) Christmas tree curbside pick-up has ended –residents can dispose of their trees at the town's transfer station free of charge; and (5) Youth Services initiated a "Strong Start" program for children from kindergarten through 2nd grade which was a huge success – another session is planned; and (6) the ramp for the Founders Bridge off Route 2 westbound will be closed until November 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Linda Russo
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia

to **approve** the minutes of the January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.
Motion carried 9/0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Registrars of Voters Annual Report

The Chair gave an overview for the public from the Registrars of Voters' Annual Report. See below.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS ANNUAL REPORT TO EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL 2016

The major event in calendar 2015 was the biennial town election. The election was carried out with no problems. Voter turnout, however, was a disappointing 22 per cent. We were also chosen by the Secretary of the State for an audit. Two voting places were involved – Norris and Goodwin Schools. The audit showed, once again, that elections in East Hartford are clean and without error. We have been selected for this task in all but one election in the years it has been in effect.

Election Day Registration was in effect. The procedures needed to carry out this mandate cannot be conducted in the Registrars' office. The only location with size and access in town hall is the Council Chambers. Because access to the statewide registration system is required, computer operation was necessary. We worked closely with the IT Department to set this up. The arrangement worked smoothly. The operation required added personnel which were included in our election day budget.

In addition, we reached out to Youth Services to bring young people in to assist. Several worked the day as volunteers. They were charged with greeting voters and helping them fill out the necessary forms before voting. The young people performed well and we plan to use them in the future. We regarded this to be a dry run for the Presidential election in 2016 which obviously will be a significantly larger turnout and therefore a heavier demand on all staff.

During the year the Registrars and the Deputies attended two statewide conferences of ROVAC (Registrars of voters Association of Connecticut). These conferences are semi-annual programs to keep Registrars up to date on developments within the profession. They also have educational sessions for Registrars and Deputies on various aspects of election operations and recordkeeping.

In terms of reaching out we continued a long practice of working with the High School History Department to provide students with an opportunity to work on election day. The students are selected by the head of the History Department. They receive academic credit for successful completion and are paid like all other poll workers.

We continued our regular attendance at local events such as the Senior Picnic, the October Fall Fest, and registration programs for eligible students at East Hartford High School and the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy (CIBA).

Looking forward the Registrars will attend certification sessions required by new legislation. There are eight such sessions to be completed within two years.

BY: Registrars

Mary J. Mourey

Judith A. Shanahan

Youth Services Prevention Grant Amendment

In September 2015 the town of East Hartford and the Connecticut Judicial Branch entered into an agreement in which the Judicial Branch would provide funding in the amount of \$85,200 through a non-matching grant for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. These funds were earmarked for prevention and intervention programs. Due to budget rescissions a decrease in funding for FY2016 to the amount of \$74,506.25 is required.

A copy of the signed amendment follows these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Referral to Tax Policy Committee re: Tax Lien Sales

MOTION By Bill Horan
 seconded by Marc Weinberg
 to **refer** to the Tax Policy Committee the list of properties
 recommended for the town's annual tax lien sale, totaling \$902,463 in
 delinquent taxes, as attached to a memorandum dated January 4, 2016
 from Finance Director Michael Walsh to Mayor Marcia Leclerc, with
 instructions to review the proposed list of properties and the criteria used
 by the town to implement a tax lien sale and to report back to the Town
 Council with its recommendations, if any.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Recommendation from Fees Committee re: Massage Therapists

MOTION By Marc Weinberg
 seconded by Ram Aberasturia
 that the Town Council set the Masseur Permit Filing Fee, payable
 pursuant to Section 8-73 of the Town of East Hartford Code of
 Ordinances, at \$200.00.
 Motion carried 9/0.

Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions:

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Pat Harmon
 to **approve** the following appointments:

COMM. SVCS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2 Year Term)

R	Peter Gero	132 Sandra Drive 06118	12/17
R	Florence Schroeter	55 Olmsted Street 06118	12/17
R	Bernie Corona	27 Winding Road 06108	12/17

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (2 Year Term)

R	Mary Mourey	785 Burnham Street 06108	12/17
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HISTORIC DISTRICT (5 Year Term)

R	David Holmes	1008 Forbes Street 06118	12/20
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VERTERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION (2 Year Term)

R	Bernie Corona	27 Winding Road 06108	12/17
R	Timothy Siggia	145 Arbutus Street 06108	12/17

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (2 Year Term)

R	Amy Sawyer	601 Burnham Street 06108	12/17
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Alternate

R Caroline Torres 1853 Main Street 06108 12/19

Motion carried 9/0.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
seconded by Linda Russo
to **approve** the following appointments:

COMM. SVCS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2 Year Term)

D	Marie Beaulier	41 Applegate Lane, #315 06118	12/17
D	Virginia Lynch	77 Chapel Streets 06108	12/17
D	Tanya M. Rosario	88 Green Manor Drive 06118	12/17
D	Michael Brinius	60 Rentschler Street 06118	12/17
D	Nanette Fabian	73 Salem Road 06108	12/17
D	Iris M. Martin	21 Silver Lane, B-1 06118	12/17

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (2 Year Term)

D	Ana Gould	446 Main Street, Apt 112 06118	12/17
D	Catherine Condio	19 Blinn Street 06118	12/17
D	Dorese Roberts	1454 Silver Lane 06118	12/17

VERETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION (2 Year Term)

D	Vincent Parys	1480 Silver Lane 06118	12/17
D	David Whalen	86 Shawnee Road 06108	12/17
D	Gregory K. Simms, Jr.	245 Hollister Drive 06108	12/17

INLAND WETLANDS/ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION (4 Year Term)

D	Judith Shanahan	29 Whitney Street 06108	12/19
D	Daniel O'Dea	137 Madison Street 06108	12/19
D	Stephen Watkins	11 Phillips Farm Road 06118	12/19

Alternate

D Mary Manns 74 Lawrence Street 06108 12/19

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

D	Peter Bonzani, Chair	50 Bedford Avenue 06108	12/20
D	Mary Whaples	572 Forest Street 06118	12/20

Alternate

D Crystal Hernandez 128 Goodwin Street 06108 12/20

Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Joe Carlson
seconded by Ram Aberasturia
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$14,160.08
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Int Paid	Over Paid
2013-03-0086806	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2011/1GNKVJED2BJ210017	0	-506.03
2014-03-0086824	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2012/3C3CFFAR1CT340118	0	-84.02
2014-03-0086832	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2012/1C3BCBEG6CN116266	0	-185.5
2014-03-0086842	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2012/1C4RJFAG3CC349000	0	-467.86
2014-03-0086852	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2011/1GYS4BEF2BR361955	0	-881.58
2014-03-0086855	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2012/1G4PR5SK9C4215031	0	-252.46
2014-03-0086870	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2012/1G6DA5E52C0106733	0	-169.32
2014-03-0086876	ALLY BANK LOUISVILLE PPC	2013/1G4GC5ERXDF215636	0	-461.59
2014-03-0051387	APARICIO MICHAEL	2008/5N1AR18B78C602034	0	-16.44
2013-03-0051579	ARI FLEET LT	2013/1GCSGAFX5D1192448	0	-452.09
2014-03-0051579	ARI FLEET LT	2013/1GTV2WE23DZ199897	0	-548.96
2014-03-0051588	ARI FLEET LT	2013/1GCSGAFX5D1192448	0	-626.92
2014-03-0052296	BAKER M B OR BAKER CHRISTINE	2012/1G4GD5E3XCF296063	0	-39
2013-03-0055976	CASTRILLON DARLING X	2003/5GZCZ43D13S890735	0	-65.61
2014-03-0062674	FORAN NICHOLAS A	1999/JF1SF6557XH721013	0	-84.11
2013-03-0066145	HEWITT BLENDIA	1999/JT8BD68S9X0067453	-7.37	-21.63
2014-03-0067185	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TR	2013/KMHDH4AE9DU540761	0	-430.64
2014-03-0077433	PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO	2010/1FUJGLCK5ALAV1875	0	-1,054.22
2014-03-0077435	PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO	2010/1FUJGLCK9ALAV1877	0	-1,054.22
2013-03-0078832	QUINTANA CHRISTIAN O	1999/1MEFM53S8XG665690	0	-62.97
2014-03-0085767	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP.	2013/JTJBC1BA0D2058256	0	-720
2014-03-0085844	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP.	2013/JTDBU4EE3DJ122067	0	-377.8
2014-03-0085855	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP.	2012/4T1BF1FK1CU148835	0	-127.58
2014-03-0085907	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP.	2012/4T1BF1FK4CU087951	0	-127.58
2014-02-0042588	LINEAL INDUSTRIES	212 PARK AVE	0	-4,590.36
2014-03-0087291	VIGUE MARTIN J	2002/1GCCS145028102938	0	-25.73
2013-03-0087456	VOLKSWAGEN CREDIT	2011/WVGBV7AX3BW550769	0	-334.16
2013-03-0087458	VOLKSWAGEN CREDIT	2012/3VWDP7AJXCM300706	0	-211.12

2013-03-0087459	VOLKSWAGEN CREDIT	2012/WVWMP7AN7CE505444	0	-56.38
2013-03-0087487	VOLKSWAGEN CREDIT	2012/3VWDP7AJ5CM424740	0	-84.54
2014-03-0089357	ZUPPA ROBERT JAMES	2013/1VWCM7A36DC032889	0	-23.37
2014-03-0089358	ZUPPA ROBERT JAMES	2001/WVWBH63B51P026345	0	-8.92
			-7.37	-14,152.71
		TOTAL		-14,160.08

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke inquired about what appears to be a billboard on the town's website showing a picture of Mayor Leclerc expressing support of Governor Malloy's transportation lockbox. *Mayor Leclerc stated that this was "photo-shopped" and is not an actual billboard.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Esther Clarke
 seconded by Bill Horan
 to **adjourn** (8:35 p.m.).
 Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be February 2nd.

Attest _____
 Angela M. Attenello
 TOWN COUNCIL CLERK