

A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 8, 1960, in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Stamford, Connecticut. The meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by the President, John R. Nolan.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Rocco D. A. Nadile, Sacred Heart Church

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 37 present and 3 absent at the calling of the roll. However, after the swearing in of the new Board member, Robert Meyers, the roll call was changed to 38 present and 2 absent. Absent were: Raymond H. Mazza and John L. DeForest.

RESIGNATION: I. MARTIN POMPADUR, Democrat, Representative, 7th District

The President read a letter from Mr. Pompadur, resigning as a member of this Board from the 7th District, due to pressure of business.

ELECTION - ROBERT M. MEYERS, Democrat, residing at 126 Hoyt Street, 7th District

MR. O'CONNOR nominated Robert M. Meyers to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Pompadur, as a member of the 6th Board of Representatives, from the 7th District.

MR. SCARELLA MOVED that the nominations be closed. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously. There being no further nominations, the Chair ordered the Clerk to cast one ballot.

Mr. Meyers was declared elected as Representative from the 7th District.

MR. SHAPERO administered the oath of office to Mr. Meyers and he assumed his seat on the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of July 11, 1960

There being no corrections or additions, the Minutes of the above meeting were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STIFERING COMMITTEE -- Report of Meeting held July 25, 1960

MR. NOLAN, Chairman, explained Mrs. Farrell was unable to attend this meeting and the Committee was very lucky to have the services of Mrs. Austin, who did a very fine job of taking the minutes of the meeting.

He said the following matters were referred to various Committees as listed below:

Planning & Zoning Committee: Petitions for road acceptances

Legislative & Rules Committee: The publishing (recodification) of the Code of General Ordinances as specified by Public Act No. 530, adopted at the January 1959 session of the General Assembly - to be done before December 31, 1960).

Parks & Recreation Committee: Concerning petition from residents in Southfield Park area, requesting investigation of conditions existing in area. (Brought up under "New Business" by Mr. Truglia, 2nd District member, at July 11, 1960 Board meeting)

Health & Protection Committee: Letter dated July 5, 1960 from Mrs. Frances K Scheneck, Chairman, Health & Welfare Committee of SGGA, requesting a meeting with appropriate committees on possibility of fluoridation of the public water supply of Stamford.

Public Works Committee: Letter dated July 16, 1960 from Citizens Committee for improvement of Cove Pond, urging reconstruction of Cove Dam in order to eliminate mud flats.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Petition - North Stamford Congregation Church Requesting closing of intersection of Cascade and North Stamford Roads on Sept. 10, 1960.

Legislative & Rules Committee: Request from Housing Authority of City of Stamford (letter dated July 11, 1960) approval of cooperation agreement between Authority and the City concerning a housing project for senior citizens. (copy of proposed cooperation agreement attached to letter)

Legislative & Rules Committee: Lease for Heliport.

Education, Welfare & Government Committee: To ascertain procedure followed by City Departments regarding estimates on public works - To be reported back to Steering Committee.

Legislative & Rules Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee: Use of public facilities by non-residents.

John R. Nolan, Chairman  
Steering Committee

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. REBACK presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held August 4, 1960. Present were Messrs. Reback, Callahan, Connors, McLaughlin, Ivler, Sileo and Mr. Farina; with Mr. Huizinga being absent.

- (1) \$6,000,000 - Fire Department - Code 440.18, General Repairs to Building to repair roof, Central Fire Station  
(Also referred to Public Works Committee at the 7/11/60 Board meeting) (Mayor's letter 6/24/60) - 1959-60 fiscal year. (Deferred 7/11/60 meeting)

MR. REBACK stated the above request was approved and that a minority report was being submitted by Mr. Ivler on this request.



MR. REBACK said, at this time he will not ask for action on the above request, but will request that it be deferred until later.

- (2) \$75,925.00 - Circuit Court House Construction - Resolution amending Capital Projects Budget for 1959-1960 - Additional money needed because bids exceeded appropriation (See Resolution No. 315 - Minutes of Feb. 1, 1960, pages 2755-56-57) (Mayor's letter of 7/28/60 requesting \$81,787.00)

MR. REBACK stated that his Committee unanimously approved the above sum. He pointed out that this amount was less than the amount which appears on the Agenda and on the Mayor's letter of July 28, 1960. He said this lesser amount was due to the fact that a supplementary item had been included in this request for additional funds - namely \$5,852.00 had been deleted, by the Board of Finance, for the reason that it was not in the plans as they were originally approved.

Mr. Reback pointed out that this deleted sum would require initiation by the Mayor and prior approval by the Planning Board and Board of Finance before it could be acted upon by this Board.

MR. IVLER said his Committee (Education, Welfare & Government) approved the additional appropriation as recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

Several speakers spoke on this appropriation request.

MR. HUIZINGA stated that there had been three projects in which each one had returned for a further appropriation to cover the costs of construction, for the reason that not enough money had been appropriated, and wanted to know the reason.

MR. IVLER pointed out that he thought action should be taken on this matter tonight, as it is very important that the Circuit Court House be located in Stamford. He said this was an unfortunate hold-over from lack of action being taken by the prior Administration. He urged that action be taken tonight in order not to hold up progress on the construction, which must be ready for the new Circuit Court.

Mr. Ivler said, in fairness to the Architect, Mr. Provost, that he had estimated the cost of this Court House, based on the recommendations of the committee composed of members of the Stamford Bar Association and it really needed, if not at present, in the very near future, two Court Rooms. The Architect therefore drew his original plans, based upon that requirement. For the reason it became necessary to reduce the size of the Court House to meet the money allocated by the various bodies of the City, one Court Room was eliminated from the plans. However, the cost of putting in certain conduits and piping, etc. could not fit in with the rule of thumb.

Mr. Ivler stated that the Architect and the Purchasing Agent both appeared before the Committee, and based upon the bids that were received, indicated that the inclusion of the two Court Rooms, as originally planned upon by the Architect, came fairly close to his estimate. He urgently recommended that this appropriation be passed in order that construction may be started by August 15th.

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of \$75,935.00 for Circuit Court House Construction. Seconded by Mr. Ivler. The following resolution was CARRIED by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 327ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR  
1959-1960 BY ADDITION OF ITEM IN AMOUNT OF \$75,935.00  
FOR A NEW CIRCUIT COURT HOUSE, TO BE LOCATED ON CITY-  
OWNED PROPERTY ON HOYT STREET

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, to approve an additional amendment to the Capital Projects Budget for the year 1959-1960 by including therein an item in the amount of \$75,935.00 for the construction of a new Circuit Court House, to be located on City-owned property on Hoyt Street, between the County Court House and the Police Building, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the appropriation of \$75,935.00 for said new Circuit Court House, which said sum is to be financed by the issue of bonds.

- (3) \$42,500.00 - For construction of Supplement #1 (additional courtroom) to Circuit Court House, as bid on July 12, 1960 by the low bidder for said Court House - Recommendation for an emergency appropriation to the Capital Projects Budget of 1959-1960

In regard to the above matter, which was not on the Agenda, Mr. Reback read the following from his Committee report:

"The members of the Fiscal Committee recommends that the Mayor immediately request an emergency appropriation to the Capital Budget of 1959-1960 in the amount of \$42,500.00 for the construction of Supplement #1 - an additional courtroom - to the Circuit Court House, as bid on July 12, 1960 by the low bidder for said courthouse."

MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above recommendation of his Committee. Mr. Ivler said the Education Welfare and Government Committee approved this also and seconded the motion.

The CHAIR ruled the motion out of order at this time for the reason it must be initiated by the Mayor, approved by the Planning Board, and the Board of Finance, before approval of this Board can be given.

MR. CONNORS MOVED that the President write a letter to the Mayor, suggesting that he initiate a request for the additional money needed for an additional Courtroom, and investigate the feasibility of looking into this matter. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

It was now decided to return to the first item on the Agenda under the Fiscal Committee, which had previously been deferred until later in the meeting, as follows:

- (1) \$6,000.00 - Fire Department - Code 440.18 - General Repairs to Building to repair roof, Central Fire Station (As requested in Mayor's letter of 6/24/60) (1959-1960 fiscal year - deferred 7/11/60 meeting)

(Note - Also referred to the Public Works Committee at the 7/11/60 meeting and deferred because Chairman was on vacation)



MR. REBACK MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Coles. Mr. Nolan, Chairman of the Public Works Committee said his committee concurred in the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. IVLER presented his Minority Report at this time and suggested that the matter be TABLED for the reason that it had been denied in the Budget, for 1960-1961. He said they conferred with C. of Richardson, who said this was incorporated in their Budget request for the past years and always deleted. Mr. Ivler further stated in his report that the reason for asking the matter be TABLED was to give the committee time to investigate why this had been denied three different times in the Budget.

After further discussion, MR. IVLER MOVED to AMEND Mr. Reback's motion that this matter be referred back to Committee for further consideration. Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. REBACK explained the reason why this was cut from the Budget. He said there was a small sum in the Budget which was supposed to take care of this condition, and the additional appropriation was to allow for the work to be done, as it could not be accomplished with the small sum allocated for the purpose. He stressed the need for the work to be done as a matter of public safety, as the weather had worn away the mortar and the bricks and there was grave danger of it toppling in to the street and injuring passers-by. He urged that the Board vote in favor of the appropriation.

MR. CONNORS said he agreed with Mr. Reback of the necessity for this work being done. He said the flagpole was leaning at a dangerous angle and had a tendency to push the roof coping out still further with every storm. He said the city should not leave itself wide open to suit if someone were injured if the coping gave way. He said he would rather see the city approve this appropriation now than to be engaged in a law suit at a later date for many times this amount.

MR. CAREY spoke in favor of tabling this matter.

MR. SCARELLA said if the Mayor saw fit to request an appropriation for the work to be done, it must be needed and he was in favor of it.

MR. IVLER said he thought it would be a good idea to seek the advice of the Commissioner of Finance and everyone concerned to find out if this money is urgently needed at this time, inasmuch as it was cut from the Budget.

MR. REBACK said he differed with Mr. Ivler, and said it was a matter of public safety.

MR. MACRI spoke in favor of Mr. Ivler's motion.

MR. SCARELLA MOVED the question.

VOTE taken on Mr. Ivler's motion that this be referred back to committee for further study. LOSE, by a rising vote of 14 in favor and 23 opposed.

A rising VOTE was taken on Mr. Reback's motion to approve the \$6,000 appropriation for the Fire Department. CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor and 10 opposed, with two abstentions. Later, for clarification, a second vote was taken. RESULT: 30 in favor, 7 opposed, the President not voting. (38 members being present)

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

MR. SHAPERO, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting had been held on July 25 and present were: Paul Shapero, Acting Chairman, Michael Macri and George Russell. He said they also met jointly with the members of the Planning & Zoning Committee in regard to the Franchina appeal which had been referred to both committees. There was a further committee meeting on August 4. Present at that time were: Paul Shapero, Acting Chairman and George Russell.

- (1) Lease Renewal for 2 year period - Between State Fish and Game Commission and City (Mayor's letter 3/29/60)

MR. SHAPERO MOVED for approval of the above lease. Seconded by Mr. Reback and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) Lease Renewal from 7/1/60 to 6/30/61 - Between U. S. Government and City Naval Reserve Training Center on Magee Avenue (Mayor's letter 5/19/60)

MR. SHAPERO MOVED for approval of the above lease. Seconded by Mr. Reback and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) Philip Franchina Appeal - From decision of Planning Board, disapproving Change of Land Use category of Master Plan (Received from Planning Board 6/17/60)

(Note: This was reported out by the Planning & Zoning Committee - See that Committee for above appeal and action taken thereon)

- (4) Housing Authority of the City of Stamford - Request in letter of July 11, 1960 - Cooperation Agreement between Authority and City of Stamford for a proposed Housing Project for Senior Citizens

MR. SHAPERO MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to take up the above matter, as it did not appear on the Agenda, although it had been referred to his Committee. Seconded by Mr. Henry Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SHAPERO stated the Committee approved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the City Housing Authority, in order to enable the Housing Authority to seek State Aid in the establishment of housing for elderly persons.

MR. SHAPERO MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Henry Nolan. After some debate, the resolution was CARRIED, with one dissenting vote (Mr. McLaughlin)

RESOLUTION NO. 328

CONCERNING THE NEED IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD FOR  
HOUSING FOR THE AGED

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

- (1) That there presently exists in the City of Stamford an acute



shortage of adequate housing for aged persons at rents which they can afford to pay,

- (2) That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford requests the Mayor and the Housing Authority of said City of Stamford to enter into a "Cooperation Agreement", so-called, in order to receive aid from the State of Connecticut in order to more properly deal with this acute problem.

MR. SHAPERO explained that the above project would be a housing project, owned and operated by the City of Stamford - that it would not be a State-owned project - that the City would, however, receive certain financial help from the State.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. HENRY NOLAN presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on July 28th. Present were: Alvin Philpotts, Fred Blois, Edward Dombroski, Bernard Geronimo and Henry Nolan, Chairman. Absent were: Gerald Rybnick and Joseph Mancusi. Also present at the meeting were: the Commission of Public Works, John Canavan, George Connors, 10th District Representation; and George Russell, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (1) Wardwell Street straightening (located between Elm Street and Shippan Avenue)

Mr. Nolan said this matter was turned over to the Commissioner of Public Works who said he would investigate and report back to the Committee.

- (2) Ocean Drive East - Drainage problem (Complaint from 1st District Representatives, Messrs. Silen and Cole)

Mr. Nolan said that in the 1963-1964 Capital Projects Budget, the Planning Board has scheduled \$9,812 for drains for this project. He said it might be possible to have this re-scheduled at a later date when the Capital Budget is being prepared if this becomes too urgent.

- (3) Acquila Road - Paving (Complaint from residents)

Mr. Nolan explained that the developer had failed to install adequate drains, as required by the City Engineer and the City had therefore refused to release his bond. He said the Planning Board had voted to request the Corporation Counsel to call the developer's bond on this project. He explained at length about the bonding procedure which is now more efficient because the Board of Representatives passed more stringent legislation on road bonds.

- (4) Frederick Street - Drainage problem

Mr. Nolan explained that a drainage pipe had collapsed under this street in the section from Cove Road to Cummings Park and the paving fell into the depressions. He said the Board of Finance considered a request for funds to remove the collapsed drainpipes and install new ones, but it failed to pass by one vote.

Mr. Nolan said his Committee feels that this dangerous situation should be remedied as soon as possible, because the safety of pedestrian and motorists who use this busy street is of prime importance.

There was some discussion at this point as to the need for immediate action. Mr. Scarella and Mr. Kuczo said they thought the Mayor should be requested to initiate an appropriation to take care of this as soon as possible, before serious damage resulted to persons or property.

Mr. Macri and Mr. Connors spoke in favor of something being done immediately.

MR. SCARELLA MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor, urging that an appropriation be initiated so that this dangerous condition can be remedied. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo and CARRIED.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE: (Also referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee-- on agenda under that Committee)

- (1) PHILIP FRANCHINA APPEAL - From decision of Planning Board, disapproving change of Land Use category of Master Plan (Received from Planning Board 6/17/60)

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, presented his committee report on the above matter. He said a joint meeting was held with the members of the Legislative & Rules Committee on July 25th. Present were Messrs. Callahan Mancusi, George Russell and members from the Legislative & Rules Committee. Mr. Russell said his committee voted two for one against granting this appeal and cited the reasons for their decision.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that the appeal of Philip Franchina, as outlined below, be upheld. Seconded by Mr. Ivler:

To change from the Land Use Category designated as "Residential, Single Family Plots Less Than One Acre" to the Land Use Category designated "Commercial, Neighborhood or Local Business"; land owned by Philip Franchina; bounded Northerly by land of Clyde W. Falby; Easterly by Noroton River; Southerly by the existing "Commercial, General Business" Land Use Category of the Master Plan and other land of Philip Franchina, the petitioner, and Westerly by land of the Gulf Oil Company, Inc. and other land of Philip Franchina.

The President explained that this will need 21 votes (majority of entire Board) in order to pass.

MR. MACRI rose on a point of information. He said he understood Mr. Russell to say that his committee voted two for and one against granting the appeal and then he made a motion that the appeal be upheld. He requested an explanation.

The President explained that the committee vote meant they were in favor of the appeal, thus recommending that the decision of the Planning Board be reversed, because the Planning Board had disapproved Mr. Franchina's appeal.

MR. SHAPERO, Acting Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, to whom this was also referred, read a letter dated August 3, 1960 from the Planning Board, accompanied by a second letter, also dated August 3, 1960, in which they explain the reasons for their decision on this appeal. He said this same letter was sent to all the members of this Board. He said he resented the tone of this letter very much, as he considered the Board of Representatives well qualified to judge the merits of the case and the letter from the Planning Board would seem to infer that they alone were capable of judging these matters.



MR. SHAPERO called particular attention to one paragraph of the two-page letter from the Planning Board, which reads as follows and which he quoted:

"Under this appeal provision, matters which have received serious attention, from a Board nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives, and consisting of men trained in real estate, financing, law, and other related fields, can be repealed by a large group entrusted with a great variety of legislative problems, and therefore hindered by limitations of time to pass on the highly complex and technical problems of planning and zoning."

MR. SHAPERO went on to say that, in this particular case, he thinks they are right. He said the Planning and Zoning Boards were concerned with only the problems of Planning and Zoning and nothing else and the essence of planning and zoning was stability. He said, unfortunately, when these matters were presented to this Board it was often presented in terms of personalities and not in terms of the entire city. He said the map which only the committee has seen, shows the area in question to be very small... no more than 30 feet wide, and he did not believe there was enough room to support a motel containing some 12 or so units. Mr. Shapero spoke at some length and giving the reasons for his disagreement with the recommendations made by Mr. Russell.

MR. SHAPERO called attention to a letter from the Building Inspector to the Planning and Zoning Director, dated April 28, 1960, reporting on violations of zoning restrictions by the owner of the property under consideration, which he partially read at this time. He said he did not think it proper to grant further zoning relaxation in an area where there presently existed violations which had not been corrected.

MR. KUCZO said he thought it was a personality conflict and said he was in favor of the appeal.

MR. MURPHY said he thought the Planning Board's decision should be sustained.

MR. IVLER called attention to Section 522.4 of the Charter in which it states that the Planning Board shall send to this Board "...written findings, recommendations and reasons..." He said he brought this up at the Steering Committee and requested the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee to please try to get the members some findings. He said he was in receipt of two letters from the Planning Board, neither of which he thought contained any "findings" and suggested it would be a lot easier for this Board if the Planning Board had complied with the language of the Charter. He said under the circumstances he believed the Board should grant Mr. Franchina's appeal. Further, he could not find any objection to this appeal from any of the residents of Stamford. He pointed out that this was not a request to build, but merely a request to have the zoning category changed. He spoke at considerable length on the reasons why he was in favor of Mr. Russell's motion.

MR. CONNORS said he agreed with Mr. Ivler and cited from past history, going back to 1956 at which time the cove area was drained of gravel belonging to the city of Stamford. He read from the Minutes of October 1, 1956, quoting from Resolution No. 240 which was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board at that time, in which the Board went on record as objecting to the Town of Darien removing some 400,000 cubic yards of gravel from Cove Harbor, which action could cause the erosion of the beach and sand spit on Cove Island and a loss to the City of Stamford of many thousands of dollars. He said he believed in the "good neighbor

policy" but he wondered if Darien practiced it when they removed gravel belonging to Stamford from the Cove Harbor. Now he said, the shoe is on the other foot, and Darien residents appear to be the only ones who are objecting to an appeal from a resident of the City of Stamford for a change in land use category.

MR. RUSSELL answered several questions from Board members at this time. He then asked for a vote on his motion.

MR. SCARELLA said he concurred with Mr. Ivler.

MR. REBACK called attention to what he thought might be a health menace because of the low area, which is contained in the one page letter from the Planning Board, and cited in item #2, which cites the potential damage in this area from flooding, which had been inundated several years ago.

MR. BAKER, through the Chair asked a question. He inquired of Mr. Russell as to the nature of the violations incurred by Mr. Franchina.

MR. RUSSELL cited the violations - the blacktopping for a parking area, which is in a residential area and is still in existence a year or so later.

MR. BAKER asked how many times Mr. Franchina has been asked to correct the violation.

MR. RUSSELL replied once.

After considerable further debate on the motion before the Board, MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED the question. He said all he had heard so far was more about the character of the individual owning the property in question than the character of the land.

The CHAIR ruled it was not proper to move the previous question at this time.

The debate continued for some time.

MR. HUIZINGA said, after hearing Mr. Shapiro's presentation, he thought the Board had no other choice than to uphold the decision of the Planning Board.

MR. PALMER said he believed what was before the Board was whether or not the land in question should have the land use category changed and not the character of the owner of the land. He said he thought the Board had every reason for approving the appeal.

MR. RUSSELL said he was quite certain that neither his committee or the Legislative and Rules Committee made any reference whatever to the character of the appellant.

MR. MULREED MOVED the question. Seconded by several members and CARRIED unanimously.

The President pointed out that a vote of 21 would be necessary to carry. He explained that a vote in favor of the motion is a vote to uphold the Franchina appeal, and a vote of "no" you are in favor of the decision made by the Planning Board when they denied Mr. Franchina's appeal.

The President requested Mrs. Farrell to read the motion which was made by Mr. Russell, namely, that the appeal of Philip Franchina for a change in the land use category (as previously outlined) be upheld. The motion was read again.



A RISING VOTE was taken, the Chair not voting, and was CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor, 10 opposed and 1 abstention.

(2) Petitions for road acceptance:

MR. RUSSELL presented the following roads, as described below, for acceptance as city streets. He explained that they had all been approved by the City Engineer in his letter dated August 4, 1960 and all maps were filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following roads as city streets. Seconded by Mr. Callahan and CARRIED Unanimously:

DORLEN ROAD: Extending westerly from Newfield Avenue to Oaklawn Avenue, a distance of approximately 326 ft., length, approximately 325.59 ft., width 30 ft., as shown on Map #6525

OLD LOGGING ROAD: Extending westerly from Scofieldtown Road, a distance of approximately 1.090 ft. to the already accepted portion, width 27 ft., as shown on Maps Nos. 6561 and 6637.

Note: With this acceptance Old Logging Road will be accepted as a public highway for its entire length, from Scofieldtown Road westerly to Gary Road.

THORNRIIDGE DRIVE: Extending from Davenport Ridge Road southerly, easterly, and again northerly to Davenport Ridge Road, length approximately 5,000 ft., width 22 ft., as shown on Map #5439

RAMBLER LANE: Extending easterly from Thornridge Drive a distance of approximately 600 ft. to Thornridge Drive, width 22 ft., as shown on Map #5439

HORSESHOE LANE: Extending easterly from Thornridge Drive to and including a permanent turnaround. Length approximately 500 ft., width 22 ft., as shown on Map #5439.

MR. RUSSELL explained that STONY BROOK DRIVE was not approved for acceptance as a city street, for the reason that the open brook at the westerly end of the street does not meet the requirements of the City Engineer.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said the committee had made several visits on consecutive Sundays, during the past five weeks to all of the parks with bench areas and to Woodside Park in order to get first hand information regarding complaints from various individuals. The Committee attended a Park Commission meeting at Cove Island on July 26th and held a meeting of the Committee on August 3rd. Two members of the committee, Allen Shanen and Jack McLaughlin, were unable to accompany the committee on the inspection trips or to attend the meeting of the committee, due to previous commitments.

(1) Baseball Field - Woodside Park

MR. KELLY reported the committee checked this field and found work was needed to bring the diamond up to safe condition. This was reported to the Superintendent of Parks and to Mr. John Scalzi, Chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Park Commission, and both said they would look into the matter

and correct any faults.

- (2) Southfield Park - Complaints from residents in petition dated 7/11/60 (This was brought up under "New Business" at the July Board meeting by Mr. Truglia, 2nd District Representative)

MR. KELLY reported that on July 17th they met with about 50 residents from the Waterside area in regard to the above petition. He explained that the Park Commission had requested \$27,000 in the 1960-1961 Capital Projects Budget for improvements to Southfield Park, but it had been eliminated from the Budget, so there was no appropriation to take care of this matter.

The committee discussed this with the Park Commission and the Superintendent of Parks and Mr. Kelly reported that with help given by the Commissioner of Public Works, they have been able to go ahead with three major problems; namely, sanding the beach and filling in the low area of the park to make it more attractive and usable, and it is planned to make repairs to a wall to enable people to walk at the head of the marina. Also a life guard stand was placed at Southfield Park.

- (3) Food Dispensing at Cummings Beach

MR. KELLY said the committee visited Cummings Beach and recommended that it would be better to equip all public beaches in the city with concessions instead of the vending machine way of dispensing food.

MR. KELLY made several more recommendations to various park areas in the city, which the committee made known to the Park Commission and the Superintendent of Parks.

At this time, it was decided to go on to "Petitions" to enable Mr. Kelly to finish with his committee report.

- PETITION NO. 269 - North Stamford Congregational Church - Request dated 7/16/60 requesting permission to close intersection of Cascade and North Stamford Roads on Saturday, September 11, 1960 for "Old Settlers" Day" celebration.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this petition, pending the approval by the Police and Fire Departments. Seconded by Mr. Halzinga and Mrs. Austin and CARRIED.

- PETITION NO. 270 - Veterans Day Celebration - November 11, 1960 (Dated Aug. 5, 1960)

MR. KELLY MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring this on the floor, as the request had been received too late to go before the Steering Committee. Seconded by several members and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY MOVED that this petition be approved, pending approval of the Police and Fire Departments, the Corporation Counsel and any other necessary officials, departments and Boards to insure proper insurance coverage by those in charge of the celebration. Seconded by Mr. Coles and CARRIED unanimously.

#### EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

MR. IVLER, Chairman, presented his committee report. He stated the committee met on August 5, 1960, and present were Mr. Carey and the Chairman.



Resolution authorizing application for State State Aid Grant for Stamford High School Science Department (Authorized in 1960-1961 Capital Projects Budget in amount of \$35,000) (Requested in 7/28/60 letter from Supt. of Schools)

MR. IVLER said the committee considered the above request for state aid for the Stamford High School Science Department. He read the letter from the Supt. of Schools.

MR. IVLER MOVED for approval of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Carey and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 329

STATE AID GRANT FOR STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

J. WALTER KENNEDY, Mayor of the City of Stamford, is hereby authorized to apply to the State Board of Education, State of Connecticut, for state aid, in the sum of \$35,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Mayor is hereby authorized to accept or reject such state aid grant in the name of the City of Stamford in the sum of \$35,000 for the Stamford High School Science Department Improvement.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. CALLAHAN, Chairman, reported that the Charter Revision Committee has not yet completed its study and recommendations and the report is therefore being kept in Committee.

He requested that a special meeting of this Board be called for Monday, August 15, 1960, at 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the Charter Revision proposals submitted to this Board by the Charter Revision Commission.

MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Reback and CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Re: Resignation - NICHOLAS J. GORMAN, JR., Board of Finance

The President read a letter from the Mayor dated July 28, 1960, formally acknowledging the resignation of Mr. Gorman as a member of the Board of Finance.

Appointment - JOSEPH G. GLEASON (Democrat) residing on Little John Lane, Springdale as replacement for Nicholas J. Gorman, Jr. on the Board of Finance Term expiring Nov. 30, 1961)

MR. O'CONNELL nominated Joseph G. Gleason, Democrat, as replacement on the Board of Finance. He said Mr. Gleason is a former member of the Board of Finance and of the Board of Taxation that he is now retired, having been the local distributor for the American Oil Company in Stamford for 30 years. He gave a brief history of Mr. Gleason in public affairs.

Mr. Scarella MOVED the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

VOTE taken on the Appointment of JOSEPH G. GLEASON, Democrat, as a member of the Board of Finance, replacing Nicholas J. Gorman Jr., resigned, to term ending November 30, 1961. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. CARRIED unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Re: Resignation of WILLIAM BLOIS (Democrat) as Constable, effective 8/1/60

The President presented a letter from Mr. William Blois, dated August 1, 1960, resigning as Constable.

The CHAIR declared a vacancy in the office of Constable and asked for nominations to fill this position.

Appointment of ARTHUR HINES (Democrat) residing at 38 Cottage Street,  
as replacement for Mr. Blois as Constable, term ending 12/1/61

MR. LONGO nominated Arthur Hines, Democrat, replacement as Constable for term ending December 1, 1961. Seconded by Mr. Esposito.

There being no further nominations, MR. MULREED MOVED the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Cole and CARRIED unanimously.


VOTE taken on the appointment of Arthur Hines as Constable for term ending December 1, 1961. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. CARRIED unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Mr. Huizinga, seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

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APPROVED:

  
John R. Nolan, President  
Board of Representatives

  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant

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John R. Nolan, President