

MR. MILLER: They were not put up illegally. I will accept the MOTION though. We have a MOTION on the floor to remove the "NO SMOKING" signs that was MOVED and SECONDED. Those members desiring a Roll Call vote, raise their hands. The CHAIR sees a sufficient number desiring a Roll Call vote. The CLERK will Call the Roll. A YES vote is for taking down the sign. A NO vote is opposed to taking down the sign, and I want to emphasize that it was not put up illegally. Necessary for passage, a majority of those present and voting.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR:(Yes, to take down the signs)

BAXTER, George	(D-7)
CLARK, Linda D.	(D-6)
CONNORS, GEORGE	(D-8)
COSTELLO, Robert	(D-6)
DIXON, Handy	(D-2)
HAYS, George	(R-20)
LIVINGSTON, Jeremiah	(D-5)
LOBOZZA, James	(R-17)
RAVALLESE, George	(D-8)
RYDNICK, Gerald	(D-4)
WALSH, Peter	(D-7)

ABSTENTIONS: (D-12)

BLUM, David I.

TALLY:

11 Yes
27 No
<u>1 Abstention</u>
39

THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION:(No, to leave the signs up)

BLOIS, Julius	(D-14)
CARLUCCI, Leo	(D-5)
COSENTINI, Audrey	(R-13)
D'AGOSTINO, Thomas	(D-17)
DeROSE, JOSEPH	(D-15)
FLANAGAN, William H.	(R-19)
FOX, John Wayne	(D-15)
GLUCKSMAN, L. Morris	(D-11)
GOLDSTEIN, Sandra	(D-16)
HAWK, Maria	(R-1)
HOFFMAN, Leonard	(R-11)
LOOMIS, Ralph	(R-19)
LOWDEN, Lynn	(D-1)
McINERNEY, Barbara	(R-20)
MILLER, Frederick E., Jr.	(D-3)
MORGAN, Michael	(D-12)
NIZOLEK, Christine	(D-2)
OSUCH, Adam	(R-14)
PERILLO, Alfred	(D-9)
PERILLO, Mildred	(D-9)
RITCHIE, Mildred	(R-10)
ROSE, Matthew	(D-3)
SANDOR, John	(D-4)
SANTY, Jeanne-Lois	(R-18)
SHERER, Donald	(R-10)
SIGNORE, S. A.	(R-18)
WIESLEY, Vere	(R-13)

MR. MILLER: With 39 members voting, the MOTION is LOST, with eleven (11) YES votes; 27 NO votes; 1 Abstention.

MR. CONNORS: How many recesses are we going to have so the smokers can go take a walk?

MR. MILLER: None at all.

MR. CONNORS: None at all? Well, you're going to get a lot of drifters.

MR. MILLER: Well, that might happen. I was just going to talk about you, Mr. Connors, because we have come to the 27th Anniversary of this Board, and we never celebrated the 25th Anniversary, but I think we should note our 27th. I might say, by way of explanation, that years ago in this City municipal elections were held in the Spring, rather than in November, so the First Board of Representatives was seated in the Spring.

And we have one member, GEORGE CONNORS, who is the Dean of the Board of Representatives. He has been a member for the entire 27 years, and I might add that during that time, during six of those years, he was a member of the State House of Representatives; and during over six years of his 27 years he was PRESIDENT of the BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES. He has been a President longer than any other President of the Board.

Now, I thought it would be appropriate this evening, also, to honor one of our other members, our DEPUTY MAYOR, GERALD RYBNICK, who has had 20 years of service on the Board, and maybe even more than that? Is it 21? Well, we're not quite correct then in saying that it's 20; it's 21 years of service, but these are our two senior members and we thought that they should be recognized tonight; and I have Certificates of Appreciation for each of these gentlemen, and these Certificates are signed by all of the Leaders of the Board and by the Mayor of the City.

And I would like to call MR. CONNORS and MR. RYBNICK forward. We have a boutonniere from the Board for each one of them, and Mrs. Clark will do the honors with the flors, so please, Mr. Connors and Mr. Rybnick. (Applause)

I'd like to mention that during all of those 21 years MR. RYBNICK has been a member of the Board, he has NEVER FAILED TO ANSWER THE ROLL CALL, so he has a great attendance record!

MR. SIGNORE: I have a question, Mr. President, on the Drug Abuse, the Special Committee, was it recorded that Mr. Osuch is the new member on the Republican side?

MR. MILLER: I will make that announcement. I didn't know that that was going to be the name, but the CHAIR will appoint ADAM OSUCH as the additional member on the Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

We have a cake tonight in honor of MR. CONNORS and MR. RYBNICK. No, we can't MOVE that we adjourn! I'm afraid we're going to have to go on with the business. (laughter)

MR. DeROSE: I hate to take you totask, but there is one important fact that I think you overlooked, and I'd like to mention that both MR. RYBNICK and MR. CONNORS are DEMOCRATS! Thank you. (Cheers and laughter)

MR. MILLER: O.K., we'll have to take a recess for that.

MR. RYBNICK: (His mike was not on, but he thanked everyone for the honor, the kindness and the recognition.)

MR. CONNORS: I, also, would like to thank all the members. I might have had a few little discussions with some of the members, but I tell you, I really enjoyed all the years I've been on this Board. The members of this Board were very good to me and I appreciate it very much, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

January 5, 1976 Regular Monthly Meeting (Presented 3/1) - ACCEPTED with corrections as per Mr. Morgan below.

January 15, 1976 Special Meeting - ACCEPTED.

MR. DeROSE MOVED to accept the Minutes of January 5, 1976 Regular Meeting. MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Miller, I believe there is a correction to be made on the first page of those minutes, and that is, there were Moments of Silence for two individuals that night. Mr. Blois gave the name of, I believe, JOSEPH LIVOLSI; and I asked for a Moment of Silence for JAMES MULREED, and I think that Mr. LiVolsi was inadvertently left off in the Minutes that were given to us.

MR. MILLER: All right, those Minutes should include the names of JOSEPH LIVOLSI and JAMES MULREED. Thank you, we'll make that correction. Are there any other corrections? If not, I think we can proceed to a vote. The question is no Acceptance of the Minutes for the January 5, 1976 Regular Monthly Meeting. The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. DeROSE MOVED for acceptance of the January 15, 1976 Special Meeting Minutes. SECONDED. MOTION was CARRIED.

MR. MILLER: I don't believe we're ready to accept any other minutes.

(Note from Staff: Enclosed with these minutes will be a corrected Page 1 for the January 5, 1976 Meeting which can be substituted for the incorrect page.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. DeROSE MOVED to waive the reading of the Steering Committee Report of its meeting held on Monday, March 22, 1976, which started at 8:30 p.m. and ended at 10:15 p.m. The Steering Committee Report appears below:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, March 22, 1976, in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:30 P.M. There was one member absent: Jean Raymond. Present also were City Representatives David Blum, Leonard Hoffman, Lynn Lowden, Mildred Perillo, George Ravallese, Gerald Rybnick.

The following matters on the Tentative Agenda were acted upon:

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

The nine appointments on the Tentative Agenda submitted by Mayor Clapes were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

There were thirteen items of a fiscal nature on the Tentative Agenda which were ORDERED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE, with those over \$2,000. being referred to a secondary committee.

There was a fourteenth item added to Fiscal, that of a request by the Board of Education for an \$8,360.00 grant for Adult Basic Education, upon which the Board of Finance was expected to act on March 25, 1976.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

(3) PROPOSED RESOLUTION - INITIATION OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(4) PROPOSED RESOLUTION - CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(5) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR FILING MINUTES AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IN REFERENCE TO CONNECTICUT STATE PUBLIC ACT NO. 75-342: "AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(6) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF PIGEONS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(7) PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT/EXEMPTION FOR PILGRIM TOWERS. (Mr. Baxter abstained from any participation or discussion in this matter.)

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

(8) PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENTS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (9) LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE JEREMIAH LIVINGSTON REGARDING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF THE STATE.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (10) APPEAL FROM PLANNING BOARD'S DENIAL OF MASTER PLAN APPLICATION MP-221 BY APPLICANT JOHN J. P. NOCERINO.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (11) THE MATTER OF A PROBLEM ON HILLCREST AVENUE; COMPLAINT OF ZONING VIOLATIONS AND HOUSING PROBLEMS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

- (12) "SENSE OF THE BOARD" RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SCHEDULE SPRING, 1976 AND FALL, 1976 CLEAN-UP PROGRAM ETC.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

- (13) LETTER OF 3/10/76 FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER ROTONDO RE CITY-WIDE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- (14) REPORT REQUESTED ON PROBLEM OF DANGEROUS EXCAVATION ON FERRIS AVENUE.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

- (15) REGARDING CONDITIONS ON IROQUOIS ROAD CAUSED BY PATRONS OF "THE HUDDLE".

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (16) REGARDING COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF "WILD" DOGS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (17) THE MATTER OF INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL ON EDEN ROAD AND HOPE ST.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (18) THE MATTER OF A STONE WALL CONSTRUCTED ON VERY MERRY ROAD.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (19) THE MATTER OF RE-NAMING THE "HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION" TO MATCH THE NEW NAME OF THE HUBBARD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE WHICH IS NOW "THE E. GAYNOR BRENNAN SR. MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE".

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Requires Charter change or Special Act.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (20) BOARD OF RECREATION - REQUEST APPROVAL OF FEE SCHEDULE - ALSO PARK COMMISSION FEES.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (21) PERMIT REQUEST FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY - BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; referred to PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (22) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY - requested by MITAC, Mrs. Nancy McAfee, Chairman.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (23) LETTER FROM MAYOR CLAPES DATED 3/5/76 REQUESTING REDISTRICTING STUDY.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; referred to LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (24) LETTER FROM MAYOR CLAPES dated 3/1/76 TO PLANNING BOARD REGARDING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN VICINTY OF OLD BARN ROAD AND COLD SPRING ROAD.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- (25) LETTER FROM MAYOR CLAPES DATED 2/26/76 TO PLANNING BOARD REGARDING FUTURE OF RICE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- (26) LETTER FROM CITY REP. JAMES LOBOZZA REQUESTING PROBE INTO ALLEGATIONS OF QUESTIONABLE EXPENDITURES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. Newspaper clippings of Feb. 7th and Feb. 11, 1976 submitted.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; A vote was taken on whether or not to put this on the Agenda or into a Committee. 3 voted yes; 11 voted no; and 1 abstention, that of Joseph DeRose. ORDERED NOT REFERRED TO ANY COMMITTEE.

- (2&) LETTER FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL WISE RE MEETING WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 29, 1976.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Mr. Miller will discuss with Mr. Wise.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION, duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER:

MR. MILLER: We have a letter of resignation from one of our members. The resignation is dated April 5, 1976 and addressed to the President of the Board:

"It is with regret that I offer my resignation as a Representative from the 16th District.

"Increasing family and personal responsibilities as well as a recent committment to assist in the coordination of the Stamford re-election campaign of Congressman Stewart B. McKinney make it impossible for me to continue to serve the residents of the 16th District in a way they deserve to be represented.

"Therefore, please accept my resignation effective today. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with the members of the Board. My sincere best wishes.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jean Raymond."

I think we all agree that during her beief tenure on the Board, Jean was a very conscientious, hard-working member of the Board, and we're sorry to see her leave. At this time a MOTION to accept this resignation would be in order.

MR. SIGNORE: I MOVE that we accept Mrs. Raymond's resignation with regret. For the short period of time that she was on the Board, she did a very good job, a very diligent worker. I'm sure that she'll do an equally good job for Congressman McKinney when she helps coordinate his campaign. Thank you.

MR. SHERER: If I may, I'd like to SECOND the acceptance of her resignation. I was on a number of committees with Jean and I can say she did her homework and was a very hard-working and considerate Representative, and her loss will be sorely felt. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: The MOTION has been MOVED and SECONDED to regretfully accept the resignation of JEAN RAYMOND as a Representative from the 16th District. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, and we will indicate in an appropriate letter our regrets that Mrs. Raymond is leaving the Board.

It would now be in order for nominations to be made to replace Mrs. Raymond. NOMINATIONS are now in order.

MR. SIGNORE: At this time, Mr. President, I would like to place in NOMINATION, as the new Representative from the 16th district, KURT A. ZIMBLER of 50 Amherst Place. He's a former member of the Board, the 13th Board. He was vice-chairman of its Health and Protection Committee; a member of the Fiscal Committee and the Personnel Committee, and Parks & Recreation Committee. He is a registered Republican and is currently a member of the Republic Town Committee.

MR. SIGMORE (continuing): For two years he was a member of the Executive Board of the Roxbury School PTA. He is currently the manager of Gilbert Lane Personnel Services in Stamford and Greenwich. He was formerly a Director of Personnel for Korvette's Department Stores; and for the past ten years a managing executive of search firms in Stamford, White Plains, and New York. His military career: he served in Korea in the U.S. Marine Corps with the rank of Sergeant; and his education: he has a B.S. degree from Florida State University. Thank you very much.

MRS. McINERNEY: I want to SECOND the NOMINATION and MOVE that nominations be closed.

MR. MILLER: The name of KURT ZIMBLER has been placed in nomination for the office of Representative from the 16th District. Are there any other nominations? If there is no objection, the CHAIR will declare nominations closed. Since there is only one nominee for this position, it would be in order for a member to make a MOTION for the CLERK to CAST ONE BALLOT for Mr. Zimble.

MRS. COSENTINI: Mr. Chairman, I MOVE that the CLERK CAST ONE BALLOT for Mr. Zimble.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mr. Zimble has been elected the Representative from the 16th District. Please come forward, Mr. Zimble. You, Kurt Zimble, having been chosen a member of the Board of Representatives from the 16th District of Stamford, do solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge the duties of said office according to law, so help you God? Congratulations. (Mr. Zimble replied: I will.) (End of Tape #1)

MR. MILLER: There are now 40 members of the Board present. We will now proceed to a consideration of the report of the Appointment Committee.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

(Start of Tape #2)

MR. DIXON: Mr. President, as part of my report, I would like to read into the Record a brief recording of the Minutes of the previous Appointments Committee meeting, and ask that this become a part of the Minutes of this Meeting and be filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act:

"A meeting of the Appointments Committee of the Board of Representatives convened in open session on April 1, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room. There being a quorum of the Committee members present and in attendance throughout the meeting, namely: Handy Dixon, Robert Costello, Mildred Perillo, George Ravallesse, Audrey Cosentini, Donald Sherer, and Sal Signore; and in absence of members Leo Carlucci, Peter Walsh and Vere Wiesley, the Committee Chairman Handy Dixon advised the Committee that pursuant to Section 1-E and 1-E-1 and Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act, it is necessary to change the customary procedure used in conducting interviews with and voting on appointees in open and closed sessions at least until further clarification is given by the Freedom of Information Commission.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing)

"The Committee proceeded to conduct interviews with candidates appointed and submitted by the Mayor to fill various vacancies through the City. The candidates were Mrs. Harriet Sherman, Mr. John T. D. Rich, Mr. Roberts M. Fish, Mr. Louis A. Stabile, Mrs. Marie K. Patterson, Mr. Richard Rich, Mr. Arthur Stein, and Dr. Michael Sabia and Mr. Seymour Weinstein. All interviews were completed by 11:00 P.M. at which time it was observed that no one other than Committee members were present.

"The meeting was continued with a discussion and evaluation of each appointee, after which a roll call vote of the members present was taken on each individual appointee. After all the voting was completed, the Chairman informed the Committee that the vote and the manner of voting by each member would be released to the press and become a matter of public record. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:15 A.M."

Other parts of the meeting, which pertain to the voting, were also recorded and have been placed on file with the Board Secretary. Mr. President, the first name appearing on the Agenda is that of Mrs. HARRIET R. SHERMAN. Mrs. Sherman's name is being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Mrs. Harriet R. Sherman (R)
Greenleaf Drive

(Replacing Wm. Greaney
whose term expired)

Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1978

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. DIXON: At this time I would like to present the name of MR. JOHN T. D. RICH who seeks the approval of this Board for his appointment to the Personnel Commission. Mr. Rich is a Republican and he lives with his family on Sweet Briar Lane. He has been a resident of this City for 21 years. Presently Mr. Rich is associated with the North American Phillips Corporation and holds the position of Director of Management Development and Executive Staffing. He has a very wide range of experience in the personnel field which includes many years as a consultant in personnel with a large consulting firm, and a key personnel officer in three major corporations.

Mr. Rich is a recipient of a Bachelor's Degree from Harvard College and a Master's Degree in Political Science from Stanford University. He is a veteran of World War II, with service in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. Of his 21 years of residence in the City of Stamford, Mr. Rich has made valuable contributions to the City for at least 12 of those years. He has served 6 years as a member of the Board of Representatives in the capacity of Chairman of many of the major Committees.

From 1969 through 1975 he was an elected member of the Board of Finance, another of Stamford's major Boards. With an abundance of knowledge of Stamford's government, Mr. Rich feels well-qualified to fill the duties and requirements of the Personnel Commission, and he is quite confident of helping to bring about needed changes throughout the Civil Service Department. The Appointment Committee conducted an extensive interview with Mr. Rich and we do have great confidence in his ability and qualifications. The Committee endorsed him by a UNANIMOUS vote and I therefore MOVE for his confirmation.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes, if I may, I would like to speak on the appointment for John Rich for the Personnel Commission. Mr. Rich is no stranger to City politics, as Mr. Dixon has just read. He's been a three-term member of the Board of Reps and a two-term member of the Board of Finance. He is employed by North American Phillips Corporation, and as stated, has been in the field of personnel as an executive since 1950; and I feel that Mr. Rich will bring experience, direction and expertise to Stamford's Personnel Commission at a time when it is sorely needed and I hope that we approve him tonight.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, I, too, would like to second the motion of Mr. Rich. I think this appointment represents the kind of quality candidate that does this Board proud. We are fortunate to have a man so well-matched in background and experience to the position for which he is being appointed. I would very strongly urge the Board members to give the City a man of this quality by appointing him to this Board.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Flanagan?

MR. FLANAGAN: Mr. Rich has served this City well for 12 years, as we've heard, and I think it's a privilege for us to vote on somebody who will continue to give this type of service that this City needs to go successfully forward. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: We can proceed to a vote on John T. D. Rich. Mr. Rich has been confirmed by a vote of 22 YES; 17 NO, 1 Abstention.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION:

Mr. John T. D. Rich (R)
24 Sweet Briar Lane

(Replacing Edward Lynch
whose term expired

Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1978

MR. DIXON: Next on the Agenda is the name of MR. ROBERTS M. FISH. Mr. Fish is a registered voter and is affiliated with the Republican Party. He resides with his family at 474 Woodbine Road and is seeking the appointment to the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD.

Mr. Fish has been a resident of Stamford for 26 years. He graduated from Harvard University in 1936 with advanced studies in History, Government and Economics. He is associated with Lever Bros. in New York where he has been gainfully employed for the last 40 years. Mr. Fish has high interest in the Environmental Protection Board. He has served as its vice chairman since its inception and has acted as Chairman since last November. He takes pride in the fact that he worked for the Legislative and Rules Committee of the Board in developing the ordinance which established the agency. Mr. Fish expressed a great desire to continue serving on the Board of Environmental Protection at least until jurisdiction over inland-wetlands passes from the State to the local agency. The Appointments Committee feels that Mr. Fish is eminently qualified to serve as a member of the EPB and as he has filed a certified declaration of real estate holdings with the Committee, we voted unanimously for his approval and I would now MOVE for his confirmation.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. McINERNEY: If I may, I would like to say a word on behalf of Mr. Fish's ability. He is a resident of the 20th District. Mr. Fish has been a member and vice-chairman of the EPB since its inception in 1974, and as a member of the Board's Environmental Protection Committee, I've had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Fish on the Inland-Wetlands regulations, as well as the map, and I've also had the opportunity to have Mr. Fish come to my district and work on some problems. I think he is very qualified, knowledgeable, experienced, and he has been very responsive and cooperative to all the residents of Stamford, and I think he is an asset to the Board now and would continue to be so in the future, and I would hope the other members would vote for him.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD:

Mr. Roberts N. Fish (R) (Re-appointment)
474 Woodbine Road

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1978

Mr. Fish has been CONFIRMED by a vote of 27 YES; 13 NO.

MR. DIXON: Next on the Agenda is Mr. LOUIS A. STABILE, and I present his name for consideration for approval to the Environmental Protection Board also. Mr. Stabile is a registered voter and a member of the Republican Party. He resides at 22 Sussex Place and has been a resident of Stamford for 45 years. His present occupation is that of an engineering supervisor, and he has much to do with the manufacturing and use of environmental protection equipment.

Mr. Stabile was educated in the Stamford schools and has advanced education in sanitary engineering. He has been employed by Dorr-Oliver, Inc. for the past 25 years and as he informed the Committee, Dorr-Oliver is an environmental specialist supplying engineering services, water treatment, and sewage disposable equipment. Mr. Stabile is a former member of the former Flood & Erosion Control Board. He has been screened by the Republican Town Committee and the Mayor's Office, and has filed a written, sworn, notarized declaration of his real estate holdings with the Appointments Committee as required by Ordinance 287 supplemental. The Appointments Committee endorsed Mr. Stabile by a UNANIMOUS vote of those present and voting, and I would MOVE now for his confirmation.

MRS. RITCHIE: This young man is a close relative of mine who carries my maiden name and of whom I am very fond. I'd like to ABSTAIN from this vote.

MR. MILLER: Well, I would suggest, because it is a closed ballot, that you would simply leave the floor. Mrs. Ritchie is leaving the floor for this vote. We have 39 members present. The nomination has been MOVED and SECONDED. We can proceed to a vote, on Mr. Stabile's confirmation to the EPB. With 39 members participating in the vote, Mr. Stabile has been confirmed by a vote of 30 YES; 9 NO. Mrs. Ritchie has now returned to the floor, we have 40 members present.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD:

Mr. Louis A. Stabile (R) (Replacing Eugene Con-
22 Sussex Place nolly who resigned)

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1977

CONFIRMED by a vote of 30 YES; 9 NO. (Mrs. Ritchie abstained)

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON: Next is the name of Mrs. Marie K. Patterson. Mr. Patterson is seeking approval of her appointment to the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission. Mrs. Patterson resides at 907 Long Ridge Road, Stamford; has been a resident of Stamford for 23 years. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the Republican Party and I might add that Mrs. Patterson is a real estate broker. Being educated from the North Plainfield, N.J. schools; University of Illinois; United States Army Quartermaster Corps in Heidelberg, Germany.

I would now just refer to the accompanying resume that followed Mrs. Patterson's name from the Republican Town Committee through the Mayor's Office and this resume has four major questions; and I think that it was on the basis of her answers to the questions listed here that she was chosen for this position. And I would just like to refer to this at this time.

The first question is "what are your qualifications". The answer to that is co-founder and charter member of the Women's Golf Club for the past 21 years. Served as president, vice-president, and presently on the Board of Governors. Real estate for 22 years for Town and Country Homes; accustomed to dealing with people; charter member of the Stamford Ambulance Corps and served for two years as administrative vice-president and treasurer, and planned budget for three years. The next question is "why do you want to serve on this particular board?" Answer: I feel that I can represent the Women's Golf Club very effectively, as I have played golf here for over 21 years and am familiar with the course and the problems that have beset it over the years. I have had good relations with both Mike and Ralph Vitti and have worked well with them in relation to the Women's Golf Club. My interest has always been in Hubbard Heights.

Question #3 "What do you see as your role on the Board; how do you view the relationship to the Mayor's Office while on this Board. The answer is: Full cooperation with the Mayor's Office while serving. I feel my role on this Board is one of contributing my knowledge and of any help that the women can give to the Commission. Next question was "Would you also be willing to serve in some other capacity, and if so, do you have any particular interest or qualification for it?" The answer is: No, not at this time; my only interest is in Hubbard Heights.

Mr. President, I would say the Committee conducted an extensive interview of Mrs. Patterson and the Committee is rather impressed with her knowledge of golf and her interest in golf, and it was on the basis of the interview with her and the resume she had submitted to the Mayor that we voted six for endorsing her appointment, and 1 abstention, and I would at this time MOVE for her confirmation.

MR. WIESLEY: I would like to SECOND that nomination and I might briefly add that it's been indeed a pleasure that I've had in having the opportunity of working very closely with Marie on community activities and many other things, particularly in the 13th District, and I know that you've heard the qualifications right here tonight, and she certainly represents, I think, the kind of a person we need on that Board and would like to have there.

MRS. COSENTINI: There is really very little to add except that I share the Committee's and Mr. Wiesley's enthusiasm on this appointment.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The vote is on Mrs. Patterson's confirmation as a member of the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission. She has been APPROVED by a vote of 25 YES, 15 NO.

HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION:

Mrs. Marie K. Patterson (R)
907 Long Ridge Road

(Replacing Richard Martin
whose term expired)

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

CONFIRMED by a vote of 25 YES; 15 NO.

MR. DIXON: Appearing next on the Agenda is the name of MR. RICHARD A. RICH of 40 Auldwood Road, Stamford. Mr. Rich is a registered voter and a member of the Republican Party. He is 39 years old and has been a resident of Stamford all of his life.

He received his education in the Stamford schools, and is presently employed by the F. D. Rich Company. Mr. Rich is married and is the father of two children. He has demonstrated a special kind of love and concern for all children and a very deep interest in Recreation. He has been a supervisor for the Board of Recreation for 16 years, working with mostly elementary, junior high and high school students. Mr. Rich has been actively involved in much civic and religious work. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus; Burdick and West Hill PTAs, Holy Name Society, Sacred Heart Church, and also has been associated with the Federal Little League; Financial Secretary of Richmond Park Republican Club for past four years, and is President and Treasurer of West Side Independent Bowling League. (End of Tape #2)

(Start of Tape #3) With this background and experience, Mr. Rich feels that he is quite capable to serve as a member of the Board of Recreation. The Appointments Committee endorsed him by a vote of 6 YES and 1 abstention, and I so MOVE for his confirmation.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Rich has been confirmed by a vote of 28 YES, 12 NO.

BOARD OF RECREATION

Mr. Richard A. Rich (R)
40 Auldwood Road

(Replacing Charles Lopriore
whose term expired)

Term Expires:

Dec. 1, 1980

CONFIRMED by a vote of 28 YES; 12 NO.

MR. DIXON: Next on the Agenda is the name of MR. SEYMOUR N. WEINSTEIN. This name has been re-submitted from the Mayor's Office because it did not gain enough support in the previous meeting of this Board.

Mr. Weinstein resides at 41 Foxwood Road. He is a registered Democrat and has been a resident of Stamford for a period of 5 years. He is seeking confirmation of his appointment to the Stamford Transit District. As a lawyer, he held a position with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad from 1963 through 1969, and was directly involved in the operational and financial affairs, maintenance, equipment, governmental relations, weights, traffic and subsidies. The New Haven Railroad was the prior owner of the Connecticut Co. and had interest in trucking, water transport and bussing, all of which came within the range and scope of Mr. Weinstein's responsibility to the company.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON (continuing): I would say in quote of Mr. Weinstein 'I believe my background and experience will enable me to make a useful contribution to the Transit District in Stamford.' The Committee feels that this is the kind of background and experience we should all seek to fill vacancies as they occur now and in the future. We have demonstrated this with a unanimous vote of approval. I now MOVE for the Board's confirmation. Thank you.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to speak in favor of the appointment of Mr. Weinstein. He is a man uniquely suited to serve on Stamford's Transit District. He has over ten years of transportation-related experience and would certainly be an asset to this Board. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mr. Weinstein has been confirmed by a vote of 21 YES; 19 NO.

TRANSIT DISTRICT:

Mr. Seymour N. Weinstein (D)
41 Foxwood Road

Second Submission
(Replacing A. Masciarelli
whose term expired)

Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1979

CONFIRMED by a vote of 21 YES; 19 NO.

MR. DIXON: The next two names on the Agenda have been HELD IN COMMITTEE. That is the report. Thank you.

HEALTH COMMISSION:

Dr. Michael Sabia (R)
22 Rambler Lane

(Re-appointment)

Term Expires:
Dec. 1, 1980

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Mr. Arthur Stein (D)
24 Hannah's Road

(Re-appointment)

Dec. 1, 1980

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

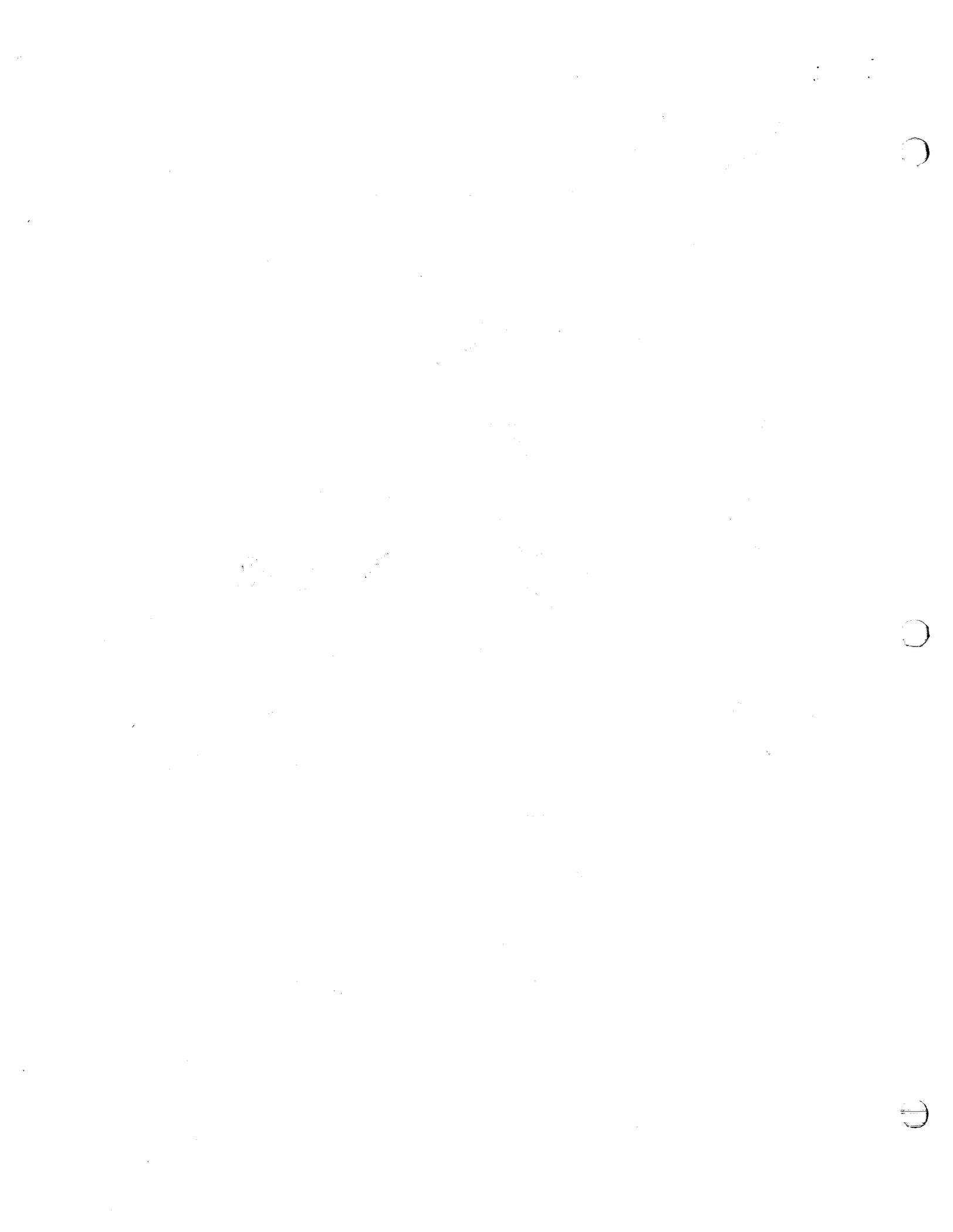
MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Dixon. Next is Fiscal Committee. Mr. Morgan?

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Michael G. Morgan

- (1) \$ 500.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - CODE 510.0943 - DENTAL CLINIC - To make available contribution from the Stamford Dental Society, Inc., Stamford, in the sum of \$500.00 toward the establishment of a dental clinic at the Health Department. Check received and deposited to the City's General Fund. (This is a "wash" transaction). Mayor Clapes' letter 12/29/75. Board of Finance approved 1/8/76. Held in Committee 2/9/76; 3/4/76.

MR. MORGAN: Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 at its meeting of March 31st in favor of this request and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.



FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

(2) \$ 1,250.00 - CTE - COMMITTEE ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, INC. - Request for additional appropriation to cover "hard cash match funds" (5%) pledged 8/21/75 in order to obtain grant of \$22,500.00 for 1975 from the Connecticut Planning Committee on Criminal Administration and/or the Law Enforcement Assistance Admin. U.S. Justice Dept., under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; for the purpose of establishing and operating a "Youth Services Bureau Program". (1976 grant would be \$72,500, and the 1977, \$72,500.) (Letter from Mayor Clapes 2/4/76; Letter from John T. Brown, Jr., Executive Director of CTE and supportive letters and data, applications, etc. Approved by Board of Finance 2/9/76. Held In Committee 3/4/76.

MR. MORGAN: At our meeting in March, this was returned to committee. Following a meeting on March 31st with CTE Director, John Brown, the committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request, and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: SECONDED and MOVED. The MOTION is CARRIED by a voice vote, with one NO vote, that of Mr. Hoffman.

(3) \$17,738.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 616.0000 STREET LIGHTING - Additional Appropriation to cover the cost of a Utility Service Study by J. P. Clark Company, for two years. Letters of 2/6/76 from Mayor Clapes and Vincent J. Rotondo. Approved by Board of Finance on 2/9/76 contingent upon approval of contract by Corporation Counsel Robert B. Wise. Held in Committee 3/4/76.

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee would like to HOLD THIS IN COMMITTEE, pending further study.

(4) \$ 182.14 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.5203 - Education (Account Clerk; Secretary; Clerk-Typist) - Additional Appropriation to cover cost of MEA contractual fringe benefits for educational purposes (Courses: Inter.Acct.; Fed.Inc.Tax II; and Pers.Indus. Rltion.) Mayor Clapes' letter 1/30/76. Dr. Gofstein's letter 1/20/76. Approved by Board of Finance 2/9/76. Held in Committee 3/4/76.

MR. MORGAN: It was held in committee by the Fiscal Committee last month, pending a meeting with Dr. Gofstein. At our meeting on March 31st, the Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is APPROVED.

(5) \$ 7,634.00 - TURN-OF RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - CODE 574.0000 - Additional Appropriation to cover retroactive salary increases for paid personnel to conform to Stamford Fire Fighters Local 786 contract. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/4/76; 3/2/76 letter from M.J. Clare, Turn-of-River Fire Dept. Board of Finance approved 3/11/76 with STIPULATION that this is subject to audit by Finance Commissioner of calculations used to arrive at the requested figure of \$7,634.00.



FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: This is for retroactive salary increases for the six paid firemen at Turn-of-River who are members of Local 786. The Internal Auditor has found that this amount is correct. On March 31st, the Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of the request and I would so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Personnel Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. ROSE: We did not meet on that item.

MR. MILLER: All right, we don't have a report from Health and Protection but it has been MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

(6) \$ 174.76 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 510.1701 - Auto Operation and Maintenance - Repair of City-owned (non-insured) vehicle - 1972 Blue Duster - Lic. 126-ST - left door extensively damaged by unknown party over weekend of 2/6-7-8/76 while parked at Health Dept. Mayor's letter 3/4/76; Dr. Gofstein's letter 2/17/76, plus repair appraisal report. Board of Finance approved 3/11/76.

MR. MORGAN: Since the City is a self-insurer, these items must be covered out of additional appropriations. The Board of Finance approved it on March 11th. Our Committee voted on March 31st, 8-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. Mrs. Santy?

MRS. SANTY: May I address Mr. Morgan through the CHAIR? Was there Police investigation report on this item, please?

MR. MORGAN: I would think so, but I don't have the details.

MR. MILLER: Is that the extent of your report, Mr. Morgan, then? If there is no further discussion, we will proceed to a vote. The MOTION is CARRIED.

(7) \$ 110.88 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Code 512.5203 - Education (Nurses) - For nurse working towards B.S. degrees in Community Health and Human Services (Sociology; minority group problems, Politics in Health, Alcoholism, Gerontology) Independent Study Basis at Empire State College, Suffern/Purchase, N.Y., in accordance with labor contract. Mayor's letter 3/2/76; Dr. Gofstein's letter 2/25/76; Eleanor Hayes' letter 9/25/75 and receipt.

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee approved this on March 31st, voting 8-0 in favor and I would so MOVE. SECONDED. MOTION is APPROVED.

(8) \$ 5,000.00 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT - S.H.A.P.E. PROGRAM - Additional Appropriation representing FEDERAL FULLY-FUNDED GRANT for interim period from March 1, 1976 through June 30, 1976. Funding to come from Area Agency on Aging in Title III, Older Americans Act. Mayor Glapes' letter 3/2/76; Dr. Gofstein 2/27/76.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: On March 31st the Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this request and I would so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY: We voted in favor of this.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (9) \$14,310.00 - BOARD OF RECREATION - Code 720.5714 Self-Sustaining Programs - "Request for reimbursement and establishment of a new account" - all funds to be reimbursed 100% by fees - a "revolving self-sustaining account" to avoid an endless series of requests and appearances. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/3/76; Mr. Giordano's letter 2/27/76. Approved by Board of Finance 3/11/76.

MR. MORGAN: This is a request for funds to establish a new account which will directly support Recreation Department activities currently funded through fees. Essentially this is a request to change bookkeeping procedures in that the amount requested represents the estimated fees to be received by the Department which are now deposited into the General Fund. On March 31st, the Fiscal Committee by a vote of 7-0, with Mrs. Cosentini abstaining, approved the request with the STIPULATION THAT DISBURSEMENTS WOULD NOT EXCEED FEES COLLECTED, and I would so MOVE.

MR. BLOIS: The Parks and Recreation Committee on March 24th voted to concur.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED. (Several unidentified voices expressed doubt on this voice vote and asked for a DIVISION.) All right, we'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. We'll take the count. The MOTION is CARRIED with 28 YES votes; 10 NO votes, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT DISBURSEMENTS DO NOT EXCEED FEES COLLECTED.

- (10) \$155,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Code 170.0000 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - Request for additional appropriation to cover cost of unemployment benefits payable to former City employees during fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/3/76; Controller William E. Buchanan's letter 3/2/76. Board of Finance approved 3/11/76.

MR. MORGAN: On March 31st, the Fiscal Committee voted 8=0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Personnel Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (11) \$ 53,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF SANITATION - INCINERATOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - Code 620.1501 - LIGHT, HEAT & POWER - Request for additional appropriation needed to continue operating for balance of this fiscal year. Mayor Clapes' letter 3/5/76; Commissioner Rotondo's letter 3/5/76. Board of Finance approved 3/11/76.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MORGAN: The Fiscal Committee approved this by a vote of 8-0 and I so MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: The Public Works Committee met on this item on March 31st. Present were Perillo, Blois, Hoffman, Loboza, Ritchie, and Osuch. We concur with Fiscal.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (12) \$27,033.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for appropriation to be reimbursed by 100% PREPAID FEDERAL GRANT under Title IV Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1974 for fiscal year 1976. \$25,484.00 is for public schools and \$1,647.00 for non-public schools. The public school portion to be used \$18,000.00 for strengthening film libraries; and \$7,484.00 for establishing Career Education Guidance programs for Middle Schools, involving staff development activities and parents. Non-public schools will add materials to library programs. Letter 1/14/76 B.R.Reed, Asst. Supt. Business. Approved by Board of Finance 3/11/76. Held in Committee 2/9/76.

MR. MORGAN: There appears to be a typographical error on this item. The correct amount should be a lesser one, it should be \$27,033, rather than \$27,131 that appears on the Agenda. So, if everyone will make that correction. On March 31st the Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor and I would so MOVE.

(NOTE: The \$1,647.00 for non-public schools was reduced by \$98.00 to \$1,539.00 by the Grantors after the original application was filed, we are advised by the Board of Education, which accounts for the difference in the figures.)

MR. WIESLEY: The Education, Welfare and Government Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. HOFFMAN: I would just have one question. By the sounds of this, it would appear to me that we have a number of film libraries for the various schools and I'm wondering if it wouldn't be possible to consider consolidating this into let's say one film library. I would think one film library, with this amount of grant, would be quite substantial and perhaps more than adequate. As it is, I would say here is a \$27,033. of our monies, which is our Federal monies, which is our tax monies, which are being disbursed around, and all in all, we'd probably wind up with perhaps four or five film libraries that are maybe just so-so, or perhaps on the borderline of being inadequate. Whereas if one central library were established, we would very possibly wind up with something which would be a very top-notch thing. I'm just wondering if this has been considered at all. Could you mention that, Mr. Morgan?

MR. MORGAN: I don't have any direct knowledge about that matter, Mr. Hoffman, but I would just point out that since Stamford is a City of 39 square miles, I think that the fuller middle schools are scattered throughout the City in such a way as to be relatively well-situated to fill these needs and I think that the Board of Education has probably looked at it from that point of view, and made their decision about where these libraries should be kept on that basis.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (Continued)

MR. MORGAN (continuing): I would point out also that the parochial schools and the private schools are also participants in this program and I'm sure that inasmuch as they jealously guard their own operations, they feel that any monies they should receive they should have direct control over.

MR. HOFFMAN: Mr. Morgan, if I may say this, it would appear like there was only \$1,647.00 which was allocated for non-public schools, so you know that's really a pittance in comparison to the other \$25,000 which was allocated to the public schools. Again, I am just saying I would think that they ought to give that some consideration and I think that there would a way of scheduling these films, and certainly we must have other things that are going back and forth amongst these schools so that this sort of a suggestion is not all that far-fetched. Thank you.

MR. MORGAN: About the non-public schools, two points I think should be brought up. One is that the allocation of the amount of money that the non-public schools got was on the basis of the number of pupils attending those schools and so, therefore, it was somewhat smaller, and also, Mr. Hoffman, I think you would be interested to know that certain non-public schools chose not to participate in this program which also further reduced the amount allocated to those schools. So, I think perhaps the number is somewhat misleading in that respect.

MRS. COSENTINI: Yes, for some of the non-public schools, the number of children were so limited in what they could get that filling out the forms was more a bother to them than getting the grant. Mr. Baxter had asked us to ascertain how the division was made and it is the State who makes the decision on how much goes to non-public and how much goes to public, and I think we didn't discuss this at great length, but I do think that the two different kinds of libraries are different and it's not one film library, and I believe that the film library is centrally-located for the Stamford Public Schools. Does that help?

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED, with 1 NO vote, that of Alfred Perillo.

(13) \$32,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 620.1505 - BUREAU OF SANITATION, INCINGERATOR AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - Request for additional appropriation to cover cost of water for this facility for balance of fiscal year. Mayor Clapes' letter of 3/5/76 and Commissioner Rotondo's letter 3/5/76. Board of Finance deferred on 3/11/76 and APPROVED 3/18/76.

MR. MORGAN: Fiscal Committee on March 31, 1976 voted 8-0 in favor and I so MOVE.

MR. PERILLO: Public Works Committee concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

- (14) \$ 8,360.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request for appropriation to be reimbursed by 100% PREPAID GRANT, special, additional State funding for ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM for 75/76 fiscal year, to be expended by June 30, 1976 (so time is of the essence) (Board of Finance is meeting 3/25/76 to hear and vote on this item.)

MR. MORGAN: The last item on the Fiscal Committee's Agenda is a request from the Board of Education for \$8,360. The Board of Finance approved this on March 25, 1976 and on March 31st the Fiscal Committee voted 8-0 in favor, and I so MOVE.

MR. WIESLEY: Education, Welfare and Government concurs.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. MORGAN: This concludes the Committee's report. (End of Tape #3)

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE - John Wayne Fox

MR. FOX: The L&R Committee met this month on March 25, 1976 at which time seven members were present; and then again on March 30th, and at that time we conducted a Public Hearing in addition to the regular meeting of the L&R Committee; and met again on April 1, 1976 at which time seven members were present.

The first item on the Agenda for this evening is a Resolution for the initiation of action by the Board of Representatives for appointment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission. I think it would be appropriate for me to take the time to read that Resolution. It reads as follows:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

INITIATION OF ACTION BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR
APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of Stamford, Connecticut, in accordance and pursuant to Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes to hereby institute action for the appointment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission for the City of Stamford, which Commission shall study, draft and propose amendments to the present Charter, if it be deemed necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives shall take the necessary action to appoint such Charter Revision Commission within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

That proposed Resolution was discussed by the L&R Committee at its meeting of April 1, 1976 and the Committee voted 6-0 in favor of that Resolution and I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED by Mrs. Cosentini. The floor is open for discussion.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. COSENTINI: (first part of her speech is lost on the tape)....on important Charter questions that will be on the November 2, 1976 ballot, I have not studied this so I will ask the L&R Committee, is there anything on this particular sheet that must be taken care of in tonight's vote in any way, or is this all something that can wait? It's a calendar of events, and it says "be sure to include an effective date for the Charter or something that will be effective 30 days after approval and so forth! Is this mechanics later on when we put questions on the ballot, or is this something that should be discussed now?

MR. MILLER: No, we're not talking about questions on the ballot at the present time, but I will refer the question to Mr. Fox.

MR. FOX: I have seen that sheet you are referring to. I don't think it relates to the Resolution presently before the Board, or the second Resolution regarding the Charter revision. I believe that is directed to the Charter Revision Commission itself. I am sure that it does not relate to this particular Resolution.

MRS. COSENTINI: I think that this requires a large number of votes and since all of the members are not seated, they should be called to their seats.

MR. MILLER: All right, we have a MOTION MADE and SECONDED. If there is no further discussion, we can proceed to a vote. The question is on the proposed Resolution just read by Mr. Fox. We have a sufficient number of people present, but. . . .

MRS. CLARK: Due to the fact that we do have a lot of traffic here for the food (The John Muchinsky Catering Service brought in cold cuts, etc., to go with the cake to celebrate the long service of George Connors and Gerald Rybnick) I request a five-minute recess.

MR. MILLER: O.K., we'll take a five-minute recess.

RECESS lasted from 10:55 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

MR. MILLER: The meeting will come to order; please take your seats. We are now considering the report of the L&R Committee and I would advise that everyone in the room take a seat because it is necessary that we have 27 members participating in the vote on this Resolution, which is #1 under L&R. Would you please take your seats! I would prefer that we wouldn't take another ROLL CALL vote, which I'm going to have to do. I'm going to have to ask the CLERK to take the Roll unless we get everybody seated because I want to be able to say that we have 40 members present and I can't do that at the moment. The CLERK will call the Roll to ascertain how many are present. (Members are moving in and out of their seats, getting refreshments)

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK LINDA D. CLARK.

MR. MILLER: There are 40 members present.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. FOX: I believe that the Proposed Resolution, having been MOVED and was SECONDED, we are now at a point where we should vote on that.

MR. MILLER: The question then is on a Proposed Resolution initiating action by the Board of Representatives for appointment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission. All those present. . . .

MR. MORGAN: Mr. President, I request a ROLL CALL vote.

MR. MILLER: We have a request for a ROLL CALL vote. Would those members desiring a Roll Call vote, raise their hands. The CHAIR sees a sufficient number; the vote will be taken by ROLL CALL. A Yes vote is for the resolution; a No vote would be in opposition to the Resolution. Necessary for adoption of the Resolution 27 votes. The Clerk will Call the Roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN BY CLERK LINDA D. CLARK.

MR. MILLER: With 40 YES votes, the MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1046

INITIATION OF ACTION BY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR
APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of Stamford, Connecticut, in accordance and pursuant to Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes to hereby institute action for the appointment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission for the City of Stamford, which Commission shall study, draft and propose amendments to the present Charter, if it be deemed necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives shall take the necessary action to appoint such Charter Revision Commission within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

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- (2) PROPOSED RESOLUTION - CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD UNDER PROVISIONS of Chapter 99 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut - (initiated this date) (May be from 5 to 15 members with office holders not more than one-third to hold any other City Office; and not more than a bare majority of the same political party) (Also must be appointed within thirty (30) days after adoption of Resolution No. _____ under provisions of Home Rule Act.) (Held in Committee 2/9/76 and 3/4/76)

MR. FOX: The second item on the L&R agenda this evening is concerning the appointment of a 10th Charter Revision Commission in the City of Stamford under provisions of Chapter 99 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. This Resolution reads as follows:

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)RESOLUTION NO. 1047CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF A 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 99 of
THE GENERAL STATUTES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of Stamford, Connecticut, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 99 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, that there shall be appointed a 10th Charter Revision Commission in the City of Stamford whose duty it shall be to make any appropriate or necessary revisions or amendments to the Charter of the City of Stamford; that the Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members, and shall report to the Board of Representatives at its regular meeting in March, 1977, but in no event later than one (1) year from the date hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are appointed members of the 10th CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION:

DEMOCRATS

William C. Askew
2 Washington Court

Mrs. Roseann DeCamillo
133-18 Courtland Ave.

John C. Fusaro
303 West Broad St.

Paul J. Kuczo, Jr.
239 Briar Brae Road

Isadore M. Mackler
122 Larkspur Road

John R. O'Brien
46 Ralsey Road

Mrs. Dahlia Johnston
59 Lanark Road

Jerry Walden
126 Hoyt St.

REPUBLICANS

Harry Benoit, Jr.
50 Akbar Road

Mrs. Anna Cunningham
56 Hubbard Avenue

Thomas C. Mayers
121 Davenport Drive

Thomas Morris
82 Belltown Road

Gordon R. Paterson
183 Dundee Road

Fred T. Richards
125 Saw Mill Road

Donald F. Zezima
1516 Bedford St.

(The above Resolution No. 1047 was APPROVED by a UNANIMOUS VOTE, TAKEN BY ROLL CALL of 40 members present and voting. Discussion below)

MR. FOX (continuing): The L&R Committee voted 8-0 in favor of this Resolution and would hereby MOVE for its adoption and passage.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. If there is no discussion.... Mr. DeRose?

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, I would like to call for a ROLL CALL VOTE on this.

MR. MILLER: The CHAIR sees a sufficient number of hands, the vote will be taken by Roll Call. A YES vote is in favor of the Resolution, a NO vote would be opposed to the Resolution. Necessary for adoption, a majority of those present and voting. The Clerk will Call the Roll.

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN BY CLERK LINDA D. CLARK.

MR. MILLER: With 40 YES votes, the MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (3) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR FILING MINUTES AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IN REFERENCE TO CONNECTICUT STATE PUBLIC ACT NO. 75-342: "AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION". Approved for publication 3/4/76; published 3/13/76.

MR. FOX: The third item on the L&R Agenda is an ordinance concerning the designation of a central location for filing minutes at the Town Clerk's Office in conjunction with Connecticut State Public Act #75-342: An Act Concerning Freedom of Information. Let me say that the L&R Committee has done a substantial amount of work in connection with this ordinance.

Representatives Marie Howe and Barbara McInerney, in particular, did a substantial amount of work in connection with this. The L&R Committee had a public hearing on this proposed ordinance on March 30, 1976, and the committee voted on April 1, 1976 in favor of the ordinance, 5-0. You should all at this time have a copy of the final ordinance in front of you.

I would like to bring your attention to one change in Paragraph 1. Paragraph 1 should read that the intent of the Board of Representatives is to further the purpose of Connecticut State Public Act #75-342 by providing a central location for the filing of all minutes of any meeting of each and every public agency as defined in Public Act #75-342.

I think that it would be appropriate, in light of the fact that there have been some substantial changes in the ordinance that was published, and that this particular ordinance, that at this time, I MOVE for a WAIVER OF PUBLICATION.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on WAIVERING OF PUBLICATION for Item #3 under L&R. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. FOX: In light of that, Mr. President, I would move for passage of this particular ordinance.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. COSENTINI: I notice at the bottom that under #5, it says Public Act 75-342 where it adds that it may be amended, I would like to request the Chairman of the Committee, is the terminology necessary, do you think also in the first part of the resolution? You know, in the event that the Public Act is amended or changed in some way, see if they provision for it in #5, Mr. Fox. Is it necessary to also attach the words as it may be amended in the first part of the resolution where it is, the Public Act is designated #75-342; do you understand my question?

MR. FOX: Yes, I understand your question. I think that in light of the fact that we have inserted^{it} in Paragraph 5, that would be sufficient.

MR. MILLER: Is there any other discussion? We will proceed then to a vote. The question is on FINAL ADOPTION of a proposed ordinance concerning Designation of a Central Location for Filing Minutes at the Town Clerk's Office. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed, NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE NO. 331 SUPPLEMENTAL

CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR FILING MINUTES
AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IN REFERENCE TO CONNECTICUT STATE
PUBLIC AT NO. 75-342: "AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

1. The intent of the Board of Representatives is to further the purpose of Connecticut State Public Act No. 75-342 by providing a "Central Location" for the filing of all minutes of any meeting of each and every Public Agency, as defined in Public Act No. 75-342.
 2. The "Central Location" of the City of Stamford shall be designated herein as the Office of Town Clerk of the City of Stamford and minutes shall be available to the public during working hours of said office.
 3. Said "Minutes" as used in this ordinance shall have the same meaning as the words "Minutes" as used in Conn. State Public Act No. 75-342; but shall include the date, members in attendance, nature of proceedings, motions proposed, action taken; and votes of each member of said Public Agency.
 4. "Minutes" of all meetings shall be submitted to the Office of Town Clerk not later than five (5) weeks of said meeting; unless otherwise required by law.
 5. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to restrict the requirement of Public Disclosure as contained in Conn. State Public Act No. 75-342 or as it may be amended.
 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.
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LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE (continued)

- (4) FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF PIGEONS - Approved for publication 3/4/76; published 3/13/76.

MR. FOX: The fourth item on the Agenda is a proposed ordinance concerning the control of pigeons. In the meeting which was held in March of this year, publication was approved by the Board. We had a public hearing on this March 30th of this year. Let me say that Mr. Donald Sherer has done a substantial amount of work in connection with this ordinance. The Committee in its meeting of April 1st, by a vote of 5-1, came out in FAVOR of this ordinance and I would MOVE for its passage.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I would first like to preface my remarks by stating that while I really have no great love for pigeons, I would also like to state that I sympathize with those people who are having problems with the pigeons in the Scalzi Park area who are most affected by this pigeons. But I do want, and this has been my argument throughout, and I have heard nothing that will change my mind, and that is, I think with the laws and the rules of the City of Stamford provide more than adequate protection for the residents of the City. If there is a nuisance here, and it does exist, I feel the police have the authority to abate this nuisance; and if there is a health hazard, I feel the Health Department has an adequate authority and the power to act.

To create a new ordinance and to create a requirement for the need of a license for the trapping of pigeons would appear to serve no useful purpose. The ultimate effect might be to complicate a now very simple problem. As I understand it, the problem exists because one old woman feels the need to feed these pigeons in the park, and this has attracted more and more pigeons. Although I'm told now the problem has become such that there are more gulls and ducks in your area than there are pigeons, but then again this is only hearsay. In any case, I believe that because the trapping of pigeons is not now legal, to make it legal would be the instituting of a licensing requirement would complicate the issue, you know, to a great degree and would create a new crime for the police to have to guard against.

I believe the way to solve this problem is to enforce our existing laws and request an organization like possibly this pigeon-racing organization to act on behalf of the City and on behalf of the people who are most harmed by these pigeons, but to create new rules and regulations regarding trapping pigeons, I think there is just no useful purpose for this and not helping anybody by this. Thank you.

MRS. SANTY: I have two major questions regarding this ordinance. Would the pigeon fanciers spend the \$49. for a humane trap, and will they take the time and expense to transport them to the Humane Society for destruction? I ask this question because pigeon fanciers are known to have a vehement dislike for wild pigeons. Also very important to this ordinance, I think we are giving Dr. Gofstein more authority, and already I think he has been authorized too much power. And, also because I would like to read from GENESIS. I feel very strongly about this book in my hand.

Genesis, Chapter 1, vs. 20. And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life, and fowl may fly above the earth in the open firmament of Heaven---I'll just skip a few words -- and every winged fowl after his kind and God saw that it was good. With these questions in mind, and after reading from the Bible, I must vote NO to this ordinance.

MR. SHERER: I learned a very long time ago that it's a very hard act to follow, the reading of the Bible. However, as the Representative from the 10th District, the one District in which this problem has surfaced very severely. I feel it is necessary that I address myself to this ordinance which I helped write.

Anyone visiting Scalzi Park will find, today, not the same Scalzi Park they saw last year, or the year before. The amount of pigeons, gulls, ducks, and the deposits which they leave have caused a very sad situation to almost every area of Scalzi Park, not to mention the once beautiful bocci courts. However, more important than just the beautification of Scalzi Park, there is the harm which is being caused to the neighbors in that area. One just has to walk down Riverside Avenue, Woodmere Road, Hubbard Avenue, and Bridge Street, and you cannot help but notice the detrimental effect which the pigeons are having on the awnings, front walks, patios, and lawn furniture of these citizens and taxpayers of Stamford. Many of these people are retired, many of them are still hard-working members of our community. These people have worked all their lives for their homes and their properties, and they are finding now very difficult to enjoy it, and if they want to leave, they find it very difficult to sell it. (END OF TAPE SIDE #4)

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MR. SHERER (continuing)...and it is with this in mind that I authored this ordinance. However, I must also point out that, as all of you fellow representatives have in front of you, you will notice a letter from Mr. John Roos, who is very concerned with the safety and the protection of the wild birds. It is also with his interest in mind that I wrote this ordinance, and if you will note scattered throughout this ordinance, as a matter of fact, in almost every paragraph, are comments related to the overseeing of this project by the Humane Society. The reason I did this is just to protect what Mrs. Santy has referred to, the violence perhaps that the pigeon racers would have toward the wild pigeons, or any other person who would trap these pigeons. I wanted to protect the interests of the bird lovers and the conservationists; and in doing so, I felt that if I provided for this protection and for this humane overseeing, that this goal would be accomplished, so I have toned down the model ordinance from New Britain which originally called for a very drastic and severe trapping of pigeons and what we have now is a very toned-down version which provides for a humane and orderly thinning out of the population, and I would hope that the rest of the Representatives would just take a little cognizance of this major problem that is now occurring in the 10th District. Thank you very much.

MRS. McINERNEY: Yes. Thank you. As a member of the Legislative & Rules Committee, I agreed to support this ordinance last week, although I realized that the Connecticut Humane Society would act as overseer of the trapping and control of the pigeons at Scalzi Park, but I still had serious reservations on the ordinance; but since last week I have become aware of a few other revelations that the Humane Society would inspect the trapping procedures used at the park possibly on a daily basis, or possibly twice a day, that humane traps would be required, speculated to cost about \$49. per trap, and certainly we would need at least 20 traps, that would amount to \$1,000. and I think that these things might lead to probably reimbursement from the City to the Humane Society plus I question licenses being issued by the Health Department at a fee, and I wonder how much those would cost to print and who would handle the bookkeeping practices.

The methods used, once the birds are captured, would be to take the birds to the Humane Society, or to a veterinarian and to dispose of them humanely. I'm wondering now whether we are creating a monster which is, in fact, not necessary. All we need to do quite simply is to direct the Prosecutor's Office and the Health Department to take action against the citizen who was perhaps unknowingly creating a nuisance for the residents of the Scalzi Park area by feeding the birds.

I would refer you to a letter which was written by Dr. Ralph Gofstein in July of 1975 to the citizen stating that they were in violation of two City ordinances in the Health Code in directing them to cease feeding the pigeons. If this citizen had respect and would obey our laws, the problem to those residents would be minimum. I think the next step, or one of the first steps, should be to try to make her stop feeding the birds, and enforcing the laws we already have on the books. Another step, which possibly could solve this, instead of putting this ordinance on the books, would be to call in the Humane Society now and ask them to help us without the ordinance. I really don't see what we are going to accomplish except putting something else on the books.

MR. LIVINGSTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to refer to Mr. Roos' letter and he is a man I consider a good Republican. In the second paragraph of his letter, it states: This ordinance is very vague. It states in a manner acceptable to the Connecticut Humane Society. Just what are acceptable manners prescribed? It should be spelled out for your consideration and judgment. Incidentally, Connecticut Humane knew nothing of its proposed role. Mr. Roos considers this ordinance a bad one, and I would rely on his judgment.

MR. BAXTER: Thank you, Mr. President, as you know, I am a member of the L&R Committee. I was not present at the time the Committee took its final vote on the matter, although I was present at other discussions. Had I been present at the time of the final vote, I also would have voted NO on this ordinance for coming out of committee. While I agree with much of what has been said before in objection to the ordinance, I have a slightly different foundation for my disagreement. I don't like the tendency that when there is a problem, the response is "let's pass an ordinance", as if passing laws and ordinances will solve all the problems.

I would like to re-emphasize that Dr. Gofstein possesses within the powers of his office the ability to abate a problem to health, if he chooses. If pigeons are a problem to health, which I'm not convinced of, if you read Roos' letter,

MR. BAXTER (continuing): he indicates that they're not, but if, in Dr. Gofstein's judgment, they are, then he can abate that health problem as he has so ably shown he can abate other health problems. Right now, according to my knowledge, no one has brought forward any law that would prohibit anyone from trapping pigeons, so that's the way to control the pigeon population, to restrict the right to trap pigeons from the City at large to one licensee which, to me, in my simple logic, doesn't appear to make sense and based on that I would not support this ordinance.

One additional thing, we had some fellow before the Committee who represented a commercial project who gave us testimony about how much his property was damaged by pigeon droppings, etc., and all of us felt for him. Why he didn't engage someone commercially to remove the problem is something I'm not clear of. He did say one of the things he didn't like was the expected reaction from the rest of the people that lived there at the thought of these birds being killed off, and my feeling is that is his commercial or economic judgment that to endure \$1,000 or \$2,000 worth of damage a year in order to gain, or in order not to lose the goodwill of his people, well, that's a business judgment I wouldn't question.

In any event, I urge that this ordinance, although I'd also like to say that I know Mr. Sherer has done a good deal of work on this, that he's done, I think, a good job, that he has taken these things I have just said into some consideration and balanced them and come up on the other side. I respectfully urge this body to reject this ordinance.

MRS. COSENTINI: I agree with the discussion that we have a localized problem with the pigeons at Scalzi Park, that we do have means at our disposal to pursue before we adopt an ordinance, in all due respect to the possibility that our efforts will not work and all due respect to Mr. Sherer's long and hard work on this bill, I would like to propose that we LAY ON THE TABLE INDEFINITELY this ordinance.

MR. MILLER: Are you making a MOTION, in effect, to put it BACK INTO COMMITTEE for the time being? That would be the MOTION.

MRS. COSENTINI: You don't TABLE on this Board, indefinitely, until someone moves it OFF THE TABLE?

MR. MILLER: No, we don't. You can just vote it down and there's nothing to stop someone

MRS. COSENTINI: Why is that part of Robert's Rules not followed in this Board?

MR. MILLER: Well, if you wanted to make a MOTION, I suppose you could, make a MOTION TO TABLE it; but I really think the proper motion would be to MOVE IT BACK INTO COMMITTEE and then it would sit in committee.

MRS. COSENTINI: Well, wait a minute. This is a larger implication. You never TABLE anything on this Board?

MR. MILLER: No.

MRS. COSENTINI: Is that by custom, or by Robert's Rules?

MR. MILLER: By custom.

MRS. COSENTINI: By custom? Well, then I WITHDRAW THE MOTION.

MR. SIGNORE: I would also like to go on record as being opposed to the pigeon ordinance. If I may, I would like to read Mr. Roos' letter to the Board members, since it has been referred to by several members here. O.K. They feel that they all have it, but I will say that Mr. Roos points out in point #3 that trapping pigeons is an ineffective method of control. Every town and city in Connecticut that has tried it, has found it so, especially New Britain. The Humane Society of the United States and the Connecticut Humane Society does concur on this. Other methods are available, one being corn treated with sterilant is almost 100% effective. Another is to remove (unclear) eggs at certain times once a year. I think this is a very important point. There are other ways of controlling the pigeon problem other than just trapping them and getting rid of them.

MR. HAYS: Thank you, Mr. President. If we try the sterilant on the pigeons, I would suggest that Dr. Gofstein be handy with an antidote for the seagulls and the ducks over there. (Laughter) But seriously, I see nothing to be gained by the proposed ordinance. I agree with the number of people who have spoken here tonight that we've got ordinances on the books in the City now. I think we should live by what we have before we try to clutter things up further. Thank you.

MR. DIXON: Mr. President, I'm no special lover of pigeons. And while I couldn't care less about having them around, I do respect them as being a part of God's creation. It is my feeling that if we must draw up an ordinance to control the population of the pigeons, I think we ought to try to do it in a more humane way. Thank you.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: I think that if we don't do something about the pigeons, we are going to have a larger problem in another year, like three times larger. Thank you.

MRS. RITCHIE: I sympathize with my neighbors who suffer the plight of the pigeons, but I'd like to see another method used rather than trapping, such as to use a sterilant on the food. Right now, New Britain has the same problem that they thought they solved a few years back and I want to commend Donnie on the ordinance; he was in quite a position; he was torn between two ends.

MRS. SANTY: Mr. President, I MOVE THE QUESTION.

MR. MILLER: Vote on MOVING THE QUESTION. The MOTION is CARRIED.

We will proceed to a vote on the main question on the FINAL ADOPTION of a proposed ordinance concerning the control of pigeons. The MOTION is LOST.

- (5) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON HOUSING FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILY UNDER SECTION 8-215 CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES - (MARTIN LUTHER KING APARTMENTS) - Mayor's letter 3/22/76. (Above also referred to Housing and Relocation Committee)

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (6) PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ABATE TAXES ON SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING - PILGRIM TOWER, 25 Washington Court, Stamford, Conn. - Letter of 3/19/76 from 10th Dist. Representatives Mildred S. Ritchie and Donald B. Sherer. Letter 3/18/76 from Hirschberg, Pettengill, Strong & Nagle, Attys. (Above also referred to Housing and Relocation Committee).

HELD IN COMMITTEE. (Note: George Baxter abstained from all discussion, participation, etc., on this item.)

MR. FOX: Mr. President, Items 5 and 6 (above) relate to resolutions for the abatement of taxes. No. 5 on the ^Martin Luther King Apartments and No. 6 on Pilgrim Towers. I would like to yield to Vice Chairman Donald Sherer to report on these two items.

MR. SHERER: As the Chairman has mentioned, Items 5 and 5 both concern themselves with the abatement of taxes for their respective low or moderate income residences. No. 5 concerns Martin Luther King. No. 6 is for Pilgrim Towers. Both of these are being HELD IN COMMITTEE.

Most particularly, Item 6 concerning Pilgrim Towers, which is, in fact, in the 10th District, and which was introduced to this Board to the Steering Committee by Mrs. Ritchie and myself. It is being held in committee because there is yet to be a decision or a recommendation from the Abatement Committee which is comprised of the Finance Commissioner, the Corporation Counsel, and the Tax Assessor. It's only after this Abatement Committee has met and made their recommendations that the Legislative and Rules Committee can make their recommendations to the full Board, and it is only because of this that it is being held up for one more month. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Do you concur with that, Mr. Livingston?

MR. LIVINGSTON: After talking with the Chairman of Legislative & Rules, I agreed that I saw no need for my committee to meet until we could meet with them jointly.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. On the last Board, one of the Board members did look into the number of residences and the properties that have had their tax abated, and this number of residences in the amount of, or the properties involved here, and the monies, the tax monies that the City doesn't receive as a result of these abatements

MR. MILLER: Mr. Hoffman, we know this is being held in Committee.

MR. HOFFMAN: I know. I understand that, but I was going to ask this, Mr. Miller. In view of that information that was once gathered, I wonder if it would be worthwhile, if indeed the Legislative & Rules Committee would again take a look at this and research this particular question and then present it to us along with this other information because I think that somewhere along the way here, we've got to draw a line on this, ^MMr. Miller.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Hoffman, if you want to bring up that other matter, I think it should be done through the Steering Committee. We have two specific requests here, one regarding Martin Luther King Apartments; the other Pilgrim Towers. So I would suggest if you want to broaden this in some way, that you do so through the Steering Committee.

MR. FOX: Let me just say that the Legislative & Rules Committee will be discussing these two items at our Committee meetings to be held during the month of April. It is also our intention to request the representative from the Corporation Counsel be present at that meeting. We will be very happy to have Mr. Hoffman present and discuss with him any questions that he might have in respect to the issue involved.

MR. BAXTER: Mr. President, I would like the record to show that during this meeting, during the meeting of the Steering Committee, and the meetings of the L&R Committee, I did not take part in any of the discussion, or votes on this item #6, Pilgrim Towers, and have abstained and will continue to abstain on it.

MR. MILLER: The Minutes will so indicate with reference to Mr. Baxter on item #6 under L&R.

MR. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Through the CHAIR, I wonder if I can ask Mr. Sherer a question about Item 6. Some people have contacted me with regard to the problem at Pilgrim Towers, and it is my understanding that without the abatement being granted, on the average, each apartment unit at Pilgrim Towers will have an increase of approximately \$30.00 per month in their rent, and I wonder if that has already taken place?

MR. MILLER: Well, I would just indicate, Mr. Morgan, before we go any further, that we simply can't act on this until the Tax Abatement Committee has acted, so no matter what is happening, we can't do anything tonight.

MR. MORGAN: Well, Mr. President, I'm just curious if the Abatement Committee, if there's a genuine urgency here, I wonder if the Abatement Committee is aware of the seriousness of the matter?

MR. SHERER: Well, there is somewhat a sense of urgency. If, in fact, the Abatement Committee does not recommend this abatement, there will be a problem of an escrow situation, or a lack of one, and what the residents of Pilgrim Towers dwelling are planning is to begin escrowing their taxes in the month of April at \$30.00 per unit, so as to meet their amount required in order to pay their City property taxes at a later date. They have been told to hold off for the month of April. If something doesn't happen rather quickly, then they will be behind the eight-ball in the month of May, if they have to hold up again.

MR. DIXON: I fail to see, to understand, why #5 and #6 items seem to be tied together here. To the best of my knowledge, and I believe I'm correct, that Martin Luther King Apartments has already been granted tax abatement by the City, and it seems to me now that what they're asking for is a resolution which is necessary to accompany the application to the State for reimbursement of this money.

MR. DIXON (Continuing): Now, Pilgrim Towers has never been granted tax abatement and they would naturally have to go through normal channels to get tax abatement. That doesn't apply to Martin Luther King. It's common practice to pass a resolution each year authorizing the Mayor to file application for the reimbursement and it seems to me that that's all that's needed here on Item 5.

MR. SHERER: Mr. Dixon, the problem is that the L&R Committee was never in receipt of any of the proper information which would enable us to sufficiently prepare the resolution necessary for the tax abatement for this year. So the fault does not lie with us, but actually with the Law Department in not providing us with the information.

MR. MILLER: Has contact been made with the Law Department?

MR. SHERER: Yes, they've been apprised of the situation.

MRS. McINERNEY: I don't know whether the other Board members have a copy of the letter that I have, but I had it mixed up with my L&R material today, and it is a letter from the Mayor requesting us to pass a resolution for tax abatement funding; it's dated March 22nd. I'll leave it with Mrs. McEvoy and have her make up copies.

MR. MILLER: Well, I think we all have had copies of that, but thank you, Mrs. McInerney.

MR. DIXON: I have a copy of the Resolution also, and this is a routine procedure which is followed year after year. It's a simple matter of acting on the resolution stating which in effect says whether or not you want the Mayor to apply for reimbursement for the tax that's already abated. We do this every year; it's a routine thing, once the tax has been abated; so I see no reason why we can't act on this matter tonight.

MR. MILLER: Well, if you want to make a MOTION to TAKE THE MATTER OUT OF COMMITTEE, you could, Mr. Dixon.

MR. DIXON: I would like to hear from the L&R Committee to determine from them whether they feel that it's absolutely necessary; evidently they've done some investigation on this, whether or not it is absolutely necessary to hold this.

MR. SHERER: Mr. Dixon, I have to say, at this point, that I can't quite answer your question. We have had a number of meetings this month and it's just that this information was not put on the table of L&R, properly certified for our recommendation to the Board.

MR. MILLER: I would just have to say, Mr. Dixon, I don't think in a sense, this is routine because, as you know, there is a unique situation with regard to Martin Luther King Apartments as a result of an ordinance passed by this Board, the 13th Board, and personally I would prefer that the L&R Committee go through this with the Law Department, but you are free to make a motion, if you want to.

MR. DIXON: Mr. President, I will not make a motion at this time. I don't believe I have anything to lose by waiting another month, and I think that the L&R Committee will find that what I've said is, in fact, true; and I think they can verify that and I wish they would at the next meeting.

MR. MILLER: Is there anything else under Legislative & Rules, Mr. Fox?

MR. FOX: No, that completes the report of Legislative & Rules. (End of Tape Side #5)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Mrs. Sandra Goldstein

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: The Personnel Committee met on March 30th. Present were Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. Blum, Dr. Lowden, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Osuch, and Mrs. Santy. We had Mrs. Maryanne Kilgrow, who is the City Benefits Manager, speak to the Committee regarding the financial benefits to the City in being self-insured as opposed to having an outside carrier. Now, I'm talking with relation to Workmen's Compensation right now. First are the facts and figures that were presented to us by Mrs. Kilgrow and by Mr. George Baxter, who was an insurance carrier.

The Committee concluded that it is indeed less expensive for the City to be self-insured. However, there is one big exception and that is if we are self-insured, we should be self-insured properly. To do this, we must take into account that there may be some years when unforeseen large or even exorbitant claims can legitimately arise in the City, and can really tax the City and the taxpayers. These peaks and valleys must be taken care of by funding a Workmen's Compensation Program, much in the same manner that independent carriers fund their own programs. Now, of course, the funded portion of the program would accrue a trust, protect the City from what could be a devastating financial drain. Mrs. Kilgrow would very much like to see this funding. We support her very strongly in this, and we hope in the next few months to work towards making this a reality.

The other item of business that we approached: Two months ago, Steering gave to our Committee, the task of inquiring into eight Civil Service appointments over a period of seven years. This matter was brought up before Personnel, and although we did not do any investigation on these eight appointments, the Committee voted 4-2 not to proceed with the inquiry.

However, after consulting our Board's Parliamentarian, Mr. Fox, and our President, I discovered that such a vote is in violation of Rule #9 of our own Rules of Order, that states: "It shall be the duty of each of the above-named Standing Committees (of which Personnel is one), other than the Steering Committee, to fully investigate any matter properly referred to that committee and to report the committee's findings to the Board with the recommendation concerning the action to be taken by the Board in connection with that matter. Therefore, our Committee will re-address ourselves to the problem at our next meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE - George Baxter

- (1) APPEAL FROM PLANNING BOARD'S DENIAL OF MASTER PLAN APPLICATION MP-221 JOHN J. P. NOCERINO (APPLICANT), AND THOMAS J. MAGUIRE AND MRS. ROBERTA MAGUIRE. Re amending the Master Plan by changing existing Land Use Category at Arthur Place and Crescent Street. (Bd. of Reps. to approve or reject this appeal at or before its second regularly-scheduled meeting following this referral, which in this case would be the April 5th 1976 meeting) - in accordance with Section 522.5 of the Charter.

MR. BAXTER: The item on the Agenda for the Planning & Zoning Committee is an appeal from the Planning Board's denial of Master Plan application MP-221. This application was for a change from the Land Use Category designated "Residential, single-family plots less than one acre" to the Land Use Category designated "Commercial Neighborhood or Local Business".

As you can see from the material that you have all received, the application covers approximately 4 lots on Arthur Place and is in Glenbrook. Now, we scheduled and held an open meeting which commenced at approximately 7:30 p.m. on the 31st of last month. Present were: myself, Mr. Sal Signore and Mr. David Blum. After reading all the materials and minutes of the Planning Board's Public Hearing, as well as the minutes of the Planning Board's Executive Session in which they discussed and gave their reasons for denial of the application, after listening to our own public hearing and all the people opposed, as well as the people for the application, it was the UNANIMOUS decision of the three members present of the Planning and Zoning Committee to DENY the application. That is to say, to uphold and sustain the Planning Board's action in denying the application.

I can report to you that the two representatives of the 7th District, in which this application concerns, both myself and Mr. Peter Walsh, concur with the decision of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Therefore, based upon the reasons given by the Planning Board in its denial of the application, I MOVE that we sustain or concur with the Planning Board's denial by voting yes.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I would like the Minutes of this meeting to indicate that I am not participating in discussion of this matter and at present leaving the floor and not partaking of voting.

MR. MILLER: The Minutes will indicate that Mr. Glucksman is leaving the floor. There are now 39 members of the Board present.

MR. FOX: I'd just like to make one brief comment on this, if I could. In my brief term on the Board of Representatives, there has been one other appeal such as this that has come before us. At that time I abstained from voting on it. In giving that further consideration, I felt that my position would better be served by voting to sustain the vote of the lower Board or Commission. It is my opinion that the Board of Representatives, as a body, should not undertake appeals, or the hearing and the voting on appeals such as this.

MR. FOX (continuing): I am aware of the Charter provisions and I am aware of the fact that the constitutionality of such provision has been challenged and upheld. I simply want to state that I hope that the Charter Revision Commission, in reviewing our Charter, will look into this and consider whether or not we, as a Board, should undertake matters such as this.

MR. MILLER: Well, I would have to say, Mr. Fox, that I'm not sure that your remarks are really in order because you're not suggesting that we do not have the power at the present time to hear and vote on this appeal, are you?

MR. FOX: No, I am not. I think the Charter as it now stands allows us to make a review such as this. I am simply indicating a personal opinion, but I don't think we, as a Board, should undertake this type of activity.

MR. MILLER: Well, thank you, Mr. Fox, but actually your argument is for the Charter Revision Commission. You are arguing that this is a power which should be taken away from us.

MR. WALSH: As the other Representative from the 7th District, according to the residents, they want only two-family houses on this street which they are really opposed to as much as turning into commercial property because as now it is a narrow and residential street and I can't see any way of turning it into commercial property merely for traffic reasons.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Walsh. I think we can proceed to a vote. We have had a motion made and seconded. The MOTION then, Mr. Baxter, is to sustain the decision of the Planning Board. Is that correct? So a YES vote is to sustain the decision of the Planning Board, in effect to deny the appeal; a NO vote would be in opposition. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed, NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The decision of the Planning Board is sustained and the APPEAL IS DENIED.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Alfred Perillo

- (1) "Sense of the Board" Resolution requesting the Mayor and the Public Works Department to schedule Spring, 1976 and Fall, 1976 clean-up programs; and to secure the necessary approvals from State and Local agencies (such as Environmental Protection and Fire Marshal) to permit burning of leaves, debris, and other material for a few short periods during the Spring and Fall. This is a long over-due program and citizens have expressed critical need for relief of this problem. Requested by 18th Dist. City Reps S.A. Signore and Jeanne-Lois Santy.

MR. PERILLO: I have a letter here from the Commissioner saying that it's impossible this year to do any such program. We have enough problems within the City, roads, highways, resurfacing, drainage, nor do we have money for that program. I've talked to the Mayor on this just yesterday as a matter of fact, last Friday, and he is for it and he will get back to the Commissioner hoping that we can probably take away some yard debris but nothing bigger than that. If you people would take a ride down on Hanover St., you'll find that we even haven't got room down there to stock this stuff. It's coming in faster than we can take it out. In light of the present fiscal situation, the City has enough responsibility for keeping up with the necessary service, I regret to inform you that it may not be possible to have a city-wide clean-up this year. That's from the Commissioner.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Well, it saddens me very much to hear that. First of all, I don't know whether or not that should preclude us from having a Sense-of-the-Board Resolution in relation to this. Secondly, I'd like to say that if there was any one area that the residents of my District felt deeply, virtually unanimous concern about, that was the area of Fall and Spring leaf and lawn debris pick-up at a minimum. It was as if that would be one tangible way of having a service to a district that has no garbage collection, virtually no sewers, etc., and it saddens me very much to think that this year again, that there would be no lawn and leaf pick-up.

MRS. SANTY: I would like to read this resolution that Mr. Signore and I are presenting.

MR. MILLER: Proposing that it be voted on?

MRS. SANTY: Yes, I am.

MR. MILLER: Well, since it was given to a Committee, I would suggest that first you move it out of the committee.

MRS. SANTY: All right, Mr. President, I move it out of the committee.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on taking Item #1 under Public Works Committee, the Sense-of-the-Board Resolution out of committee. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. The CHAIR is in doubt. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. A YES vote is for taking it out of committee; a NO vote in opposition.

MR. BAXTER: A Point of Information here. I'd like to mention, Mr. President. I'm not really sure....I never got the impression that Mr. Perillo's committee was going to hold this in committee. Why are we voting?

MR. MILLER: Are you holding it in committee, Mr. Perillo?

MR. PERILLO: Well, at this point, the Commissioner feels that we cannot do this operation this year. Aside from the presentation that the Commissioner has made, where are we going to stock all this stuff? Go up to Cove Island, you want to see leaves?

MR. MILLER: So you're not reporting it out, you are holding it in Committee?

MR. PERILLO: Yeah, we're holding it at this point until the Commission comes up with a definite plan.

MR. MILLER: Well, we're in the midst of a vote and we're voting to take this matter out of committee so that we can consider the resolution.

MR. BAXTER: Question, Mr. Miller. Would you tell us how much of a vote is required to get this out of committee?

MR. MILLER: A majority of those present and voting. We'll take a vote by machine. The MOTION is CARRIED by a vote of 22 YES; 18 NO.

MRS. SANTY: I would like to read the resolution that Mr. Signore and I are presenting here tonight.

SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION

RE: SPRING AND FALL CLEAN-UP AND PICK-UP AND/OR BURNING OF LEAVES AND DEBRIS.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

It is the Sense of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford that the Mayor direct the Public Works Commissioner to proceed in all due haste to:

- (1) Schedule a Spring and Fall clean-up of leaves and yard debris which are disposed of by Stamford householders;
- (2) To aid in these clean-ups, arrange with State and/or local authorities having jurisdiction for permission to burn leaves and yard debris for a few short periods.

MRS. SANTY: I MOVE for its ADOPTION. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: Is there a second to that MOTION? Motion SECONDED by Mr. Signore.

MR. ZIMBLER: Thank you, Mr. President. Mrs. Goldstein is a tough act to follow, but I'd like to wholeheartedly concur with what she said because in the course of the campaign, speaking to the same people she did, I found absolutely the same reaction. It's really the one burning issue we found in the 16th District; it's a district composed almost entirely of residential homes and everybody has yard debris.

Not everybody has a station wagon or a pickup truck; not everybody is young enough or strong enough to take the stuff down to Hanover St. and I think this is very important. It's a service that I think frankly it behooves the City to find a ways and means to extend this service to the citizens, and I'd like to wholeheartedly favor this resolution.

MR. DeROSE: For one, I'm rather taken aback that we would be swayed by the Public Works Commissioner's statement that he cannot see where in the world he would be able to get the manpower and the resources to have the Spring clean-up. Thousands of taxpayers' dollars are expended on projects on which the taxpayers cannot easily see the benefits they derive from such expenditures. However, the average homeowner on the other hand is plagued with a natural accumulation of yard debris, and to them it is an immense problem and they cannot readily, for the most part, discard it unless they live in an area where their yard is adjacent to woods where they could just take the leaves and what-have-you and dump it into the woods. The small homeowner has to resort to either putting the leaves into his own car and carting it down to the dump or wherever, or must resort to hiring someone to do it. Now I think that the average homeowner perfectly well would go along with the small added expense that may be incurred as a result of the Spring clean-up and I would say that I would wholeheartedly support any resolution to have a Spring clean-up. Thank you.

MR. MORGAN: The 12th District where I live is a district of small homeowners and taxpayers who take pride in their homes and in their community, and I think it's unfortunate that the Mayor's budget, which I've only had a chance quickly to peruse, does not provide any funds for a Spring clean-up and I'm distressed to hear about the letter from the Public Works Commissioner indicating that this is not a project that he deems important for this year. I believe that it's a service that we need and I think it is incumbent upon this Board to give the Administration some feeling about what our feelings are on this matter. I strongly support this Sense of the Board Resolution.

MR. HOFFMAN: I was in attendance the evening Commissioner Rotondo spoke to us about the Sense of the Board Resolution. I think he made a couple of good points that haven't been touched on yet when, apparently, there is a lot of opposition to people just having to carry their trash or pieces of trees and so forth down to the dumps, so perhaps maybe that isn't the proper approach. However, another point was made or discussed anyway, just lightly, and I don't know who proposed it, whether it was Mr. Blois or Mr. Perillo, but they suggested that perhaps that the regular garbage pickup people would be permitted or indeed asked to pick up any of this yard debris that would be there; and we felt that perhaps that this would be a way of satisfying the homeowner, taking care of this particular, which I'm sure is pressing them and yet by the same token, not adding to the tax burden; and let's face it, whatever we do, whatever the City does for us indeed is going to be finally accumulated in on the tax bill which they are going to pay at the end of the year, so I feel that also perhaps the Commissioner would indeed know something about his budget and I think that he has perhaps taken this particular stand saying, well, gee, this is something that is very, very costly and maybe we can forgo it and maybe the citizens of the City are going to say something different and maybe the Board in here is going to do something different; but I think at least we ought to look to some other means of taking care of this problem, not just saying sure, let's do it and then perhaps having these people go around picking up these debris at overtime cost to the City.

MR. BLUM: I would like to say something in regard to this debris pickups. I wholeheartedly agree with this situation that's in the 12th District, but I'm also getting other calls in reference to another problem that exists in our City and this is the recycling program. We all know that the Federal monies have been used up in regard to the Paperpottomus Program and I've been receiving many, many calls in regard to who is going to pick this paper up, and I'm just wondering, I think we ought to give this a thought, what are we to do with our recycling program?

MRS. HAWE: I'd like to agree with Mr. Zimble and Mrs. Goldstein and others that have spoken in favor of this resolution. I think it's a service that the City should provide and I think it would benefit many of the citizens of Stamford. If this is impossible to have this Spring and Fall clean-up, maybe the Public Works Department could look into the possibility of perhaps something along the line that Mr. Hoffman suggested, that once a month the garbage men could pick up other debris other than just garbage with their pickup, although this obviously wouldn't benefit the areas of the City that don't have the garbage pickup, so I would like to urge that the Board vote YES and support this resolution,

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MR. LOOMIS: I would just like to remark at the last annual meeting of the Conference of Mayors, Lou Harris noted that all public servants were held in the lowest esteem that he'd ever found since he started polling! This is including the police, the firemen, mayors and councilmen like ourselves; one exception however, to the category was refuse collectors, and the reason given by Harris was that people actually saw the garbage men and knew what they were doing and therefore had some level of trust in what they were doing, so in the spirit of Sandy Goldstein's remarks, perhaps we should get more of these fellows out there so that our citizens could have visible evidence of indeed what we are doing; and in this case, performing a valuable service, so I'm in wholehearted support of Mrs. Santy's and Mr. Signore's resolution because perhaps this would be a way we could tell the people what we're doing.

MR. LOBOZZA: I'd like to go on record as supporting this, and I think the argument about the taxes and everything else, I think that if the Commissioner can find money for seasonal and provisional employees the way he's been digging it up, I think he can find money for a clean-up.

MRS. RITCHIE: I also would like to go on record to support this resolution for the 10th District has many large yards and they have the same problems. We also have senior citizens in the area who are not able to cart the debris away for one reason or another, and I also would like to suggest, if possible, to see a different district done possibly once a month by the Public Works Department. (End of Tape Side #6)

(Start of Tape Side #7) MR. SIGNORE is speaking:old refrigerators, or sinks, or things of that sort picked up, it's just yard, you know, leaves and branches and what have you; and I'll say that under point #2, because of the Public Works Department's complains about their budget, we would ask the Mayor to get the necessary approval to help cut the budget costs by letting people burn some of their debris before the City has to pick it up, or in place of the City picking it up.

MR. PERILLO: I am in favor of the resolution, but in the Commissioner's closing remarks here in which he says in light of the present fiscal situation, which means Spring clean-up does cost us \$70/80 thousand dollars a clean-up job, we haven't even got the money now to stockpile it up and they can't take it out as fast as it's coming in. And aside from that, we have to pay almost up to \$5.95 a ton to take it out. Now we're talking about a \$100,000. clean-up program; if this is what you want, fine, don't holler when they come in for the money.

MR. FOX: Because of the hour, I would just like to state very briefly that the clean-up is an issue which is very important to the people in my district, it was one of the most frequently mentioned issues when I was campaigning in that area and I wholeheartedly support this resolution.

MRS. McINERNEY: If you want, I'll MOVE THE QUESTION, if that's what the people want.

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is CARRIED on MOVING THE QUESTION.

We'll vote on the MAIN MOTION, on the resolution. The MOTION is CARRIED. The SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION just approved, appears on Page 11,154.

MR. BAXTER: I MOVE that we ADJOURN due to the lateness of the hour.

MR. MILLER: Well, O.K. MOVED and SECONDED. I would like to know the date to which you would suggest we adjourn, Mr. Baxter?

MR. BAXTER: I'll suggest a week from today.

MR. MILLER: Well, we can vote down his motion if that's what you want to do, but the MOTION is ON THE FLOOR. What is the time you wish to adjourn to?

MR. BAXTER: I would suggest a week from today, but would be open to an amendment to my motion if anyone has a different date.

MR. MILLER: The MOTION is to ADJOURN to a week from today at 8:00 P.M. I don't want any debate on this. Are there inquiries? Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Could you tell me how much remains on our Agenda?

MR. MILLER: Well, you can see what remains, Mr. Morgan, we have Page 6 and Page 7 which has nothing on it.

MR. MORGAN: So, therefore, we're almost complete, Mr. Chairman?

MR. MILLER: IT would appear to be that way, yes. Well, let's vote on the MOTION TO ADJOURN to next Monday. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION IS LOST.

(2) REPORT REQUESTED ON PROBLEM OF DANGEROUS EXCAVATION ON FERRIS AVENUE.
REPRESENTATIVE HANDY DIXON PRESENTED THIS MATTER.

MR. PERILLO: The next item under Public Works is a request on the problem of the dangerous excavation on Ferris Ave. Hereto, a letter from the Commissioner giving some action of what the City has taken on it. The Public Works Department has popped out and started to fill in the excavation at this location. Legal action was started against the City by the owners of the property and we, the Public Works, were asked by the Law Department not to proceed any further until the legal situation has been resolved. At present the City is engaged in a legal action of its own, brought against the property owners. We expect it to be resolved within the next few weeks. We trust this will enable us to go forward without any further interference. In the meantime, we have once again entered into the property and popped out the excavation in order to reduce the hazards. As soon as counsel tells us to proceed, we will then fill the hole.

MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Perillo. Anything further under Public Works. No?

MR. FOX: If the record could just indicate that I have ABSTAINED FROM ANY DISCUSSION INVOLVING THE REPORT JUST SUBMITTED BY MR. PERILLO.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Fox wishes the record to indicate that he is abstaining from any discussion under Item #2 under Public Works.

MR. DIXON: I would just like to thank Mr. Perillo for his efforts. I made this request and I am sure that he has done his best in following through on it.

MR. BLUM: I'd just like to ask how long this hazardous condition is going to exist until this gets over with? I've seen this hole, for God's sake, you know there are children that play around this area.

MR. PERILLO: Yes, I've talked to the legal counselor and the Commissioner as well. Nothing has happened that the City could take any action on at this point. When something happens, then we can take action; until then our hands are tied.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. Is there anything else under Public Works? The Record will indicate that Mrs. McINERNEY, MR. BAXTER, AND MISS NIZOLEK have left. There are now 37 members present.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Matthew Rose

- (1) REPORT ON CONDITIONS ON IROQUOIS ROAD CAUSED BY PATRONS OF "THE HUDDLE" TAVERN - Requested by City Rep. Marie J. Hawe in 12/9/75 letter, regarding complaints of her constituents.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

- (2) REPORT OF COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF "WILD" DOGS - Letter of 12/30/75 from Mrs. P. E. Prince, West Hill Rd., re her son who was bitten; also complaints from Coolidge Avenue residents, petition from 20 people received by City Rep. Michael Morgan.

HELD IN COMMITTEE.

MR. ROSE: Items #1 and #2 under Health and Protection are still in committee. They are still being worked on. We haven't any report as yet. We had a meeting set for the 7th of this week but it's been cancelled due to the fact that there is going to be a budget hearing and we also have a meeting of the Steering Committee with the Corporation Counsel on Thursday evening. Both of these items are being held in committee for further study at this time. I would like to state that we are having another meeting on the 21st of this month on Wednesday, the 21st of April.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Julius Blois

- (1) INQUIRY INTO STONE WALL CONSTRUCTED ON EDEN ROAD AND HOPE ST. Letter of 1/14/76 from City Rep. Barbara McInerney. Interim report made 3/4/76. Final report to be made 4/5/76.

MR. BLOIS: I thought you'd never call on me! (laughter) Item #1 inquiry into the stone wall constructed on Eden Rd. and Hope St. I hope that by now you all have the minutes of our January 19, 1976 meeting, January 27th meeting, and I hope that you all have a copy of the report that I am about to make to you tonight.

Mr. President, several months ago this Board asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to look into the rumors concerning the Parks Department's involvement in work done at the corner of Eden Rd. and Hope St. We met Jan. 19th with seven members present: Blois, Vice-Chairman George Hays, Mrs. Santy, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Carlucci, Mr. Perillo, Mr. Ravallese. Also present were Mr. Baxter and Mr. Signore from this Board, and Scott Brinckerhoff from the news media. We also met on January 27th with six members being present: Chairman Blois, Vice-Chairman George Hays, Mrs. Santy, Mr. Carlucci, Mrs. McInerney and Mr. Perillo. Absent, Mr. Ravallese. At this time I would also like to add that Mrs. McEvoy was also present at the January 19th meeting.

MR. BLOIS (continuing) The Committee voted 4-1 with the Chairman abstaining on January 27th to report the following findings to this Board, but the Minutes of the aforementioned meeting are not ready. The Committee met again on March 24th to review the Minutes and its previous conclusions. At that meeting, the following were present: Blois, Hays, Perillo, Carlucci, Santy, McInerney, and Ravallese. Also present Board member Len Hoffman, and Mr. Daly from the news media. At this discussion of this matter, the following were present: Blois, Hays, Carlucci, Perillo, Ravallese, and Santy. Those present unanimously agreed to offer, as our report, the conclusions of our Jan. 27th meeting. Therefore, Mr. President, we will report based on the majority of opinion. We discovered, in fact, that a traffic hazard did exist at the corner of Eden Road and Hope St. because of a stone wall on elevated land at said corner which obscured vision.

Requests had been made to several City Departments for its correction. The Parks Department after nothing had been done for some time, proceeded to correct the problem by clearing a small amount of brush, removing trees, removing the stone wall, cutting down the hill, removing dirt or gravel, then replacing the stone wall about 10 ft. from the roadway at one point which was the curve, then proceed to grade and seed the area.

A great part of this work was beyond the scope of the Parks Dept.'s responsibility as established by the Charter. In so doing, the Parks Dept. rediscovered and made technical effort to determine if the hazard was on private or public property. They laid out the project without current surveys to establish current property lines. They also found that in pursuing this project to its conclusion, the Parks Dept. paid for equipment rented for this project from monies from its Cummings Beach sanding account 110020 72-73 Capital Budget - Project #5. Without following the procedure cited by our City Charter for such authority.

Mr. President, we have not had investigative authority and thus have received a lot of unsubstantiated hearsay, but we believe the three above improper practices are reasonable established.

We have tried not to deal in personalities, but to look at the matter objectively. We believe that incorrect practices such as these have and do go on in other City departments, Mr. President, we feel that it's time for improved administration of our city departments in strict compliance with our charter.

Therefore, Mr. President, we also ask for Suspension of the Rules to offer a Sense of the Board Resolution that this Board admonish the Park Department and all City departments to live within the provisions of the Charter. Presented to the Board of Representatives April 5, 1976 on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee by Chairman Blois. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Is there a SECOND to the MOTION to suspend the rules? The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS: The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to present a Sense of the Board Resolution that this Board admonish the Park Department and all City Departments to live within the provisions of the Charter. That's all.

(Note: SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION to this effect to be written up by the Legislative and Rules Chairman.)

MR. MILLER: O.K. MOVED and SECONDED. Discussion? All those in favor say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I have some questions in relation to this for Mr. Blois, if I may direct it to the Chairman?

MR. MILLER: We've settled it all, though. We're going to obey the Charter from now on.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Well, first of all, I would like to thank Mr. Blois for sending every member of the Board copies of those committee minutes. I really found them very valuable and useful in understanding what happened on Eden Road, or at least the attempt, but there is one question that has bothered me and I wonder, Mr. Blois, did your committee take into account, or discuss any kind of resolution or suggestion or recommendation in relation to the lack of procedure that the Parks Dept. seem to have in relation to accounting for labor? When I read that they didn't know who was where when, it kind of bothered me very much, and I'm curious to know what happened.

MR. BLOIS: What happened? Well, the question was put to them many times probably by myself and by the other members, but there seems to be no coordination in a project of this type. I don't know whether they've been doing it in the past, where they just take a man from one job and bring him to another job, but it seems to me in a project where you are spending over \$5,000., \$6,000., \$10,000, we don't know the actual cost, but we got up to around \$5,000 something, that you would know what you're paying for the job, and what type laborers and what type machinery and other things that it requires to do the particular job, but we did ask the question, but there wasn't anybody that could really give us the answers, unless one of the other members would like to answer that question?

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: I would just wonder whether this kind of...whether the committee could come out with a recommendation in relation to this particular thing, I mean in the future, they have another wall to deal with, and it just seems that a department such as Parks Dept., and I don't know whether this goes on in other departments, too, should know, should be accountable for the whereabouts of their employees.

MR. MILLER: Do you want to respond to that, Mr. Blois?

MR. BLOIS: Mrs. Goldstein, we know where the employees are, but I think the question here is how much did this particular job cost the City.

MR. MILLER: Now I think we'll move on to some other comments here.

MR. DeROSE: Mr. President, perhaps I can shed some light on what, I believe, Mrs. Goldstein is alluding to, and that is this. Approximately two months ago, I read in a local newspaper where our current administration was somewhat concerned with the indiscriminate transfer of funds from one capital account to another, and as a result, our Mayor was going to put forth a white paper to all City Department Heads cautioning them against this indiscriminate transfer of funds.

For all the new members of this Board, I think they're in for a real treat at budget time to see the number of hours that we are going to spend here on what we call a line-item budget, and I repeat, a line-item budget, and it's my understanding that no one, BUT NO ONE is allowed to take money from any account and just transfer it at their will without going through proper channels; and if we are going to be responsible to the Public, I think we all have to see to it that



MR. DeROSE (continuing) this budget is strictly adhered to, and we have to caution ourselves against this indiscriminate transfer of funds which I believe was the case, at least on Hope St. and Eden Road. Thank you.

MR. HAYS: Yes, I think I can answer Mrs. Goldstein's question. As a matter of policy, the City of Stamford does not use project accounting. Project accounting in municipalities is a form of accounting where each job, or each project, is separately accounted for, so that the cost of that project can be concluded at the end of the project. Our City does not use that form of accounting; therefore, we don't know what a project costs.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Hays, that does answer my question.

MR. MILLER: Thank you. I think we can move on, then, to Item #2. Mr. Blois?

(2) BOARD OF RECREATION - APPROVAL OF FEES SCHEDULE - ALSO PARK COMMISSION FEES -
Schedule submitted indicating present approved fees and proposed fees.

MR. BLOIS: Well, I hope by now that you all have received your Schedule of Fees. If you will note on quite a bit of these fees, starting with the long page, we have from 1 to item 13. Do you have any question, or do you want me to read these when they're the same, because you approved them last year, and it's going to take some time.

MR. MILLER: Can we approve them with one MOTION? I think so, Mr. Blois.

MR. BLOIS: Well, why don't we approve all the ones that are the same, and let's see if I have any exceptions. It looks like I only have two exceptions here that we didn't vote on last year, so if you want to do it that way, it's all right. O.K., the ones that have just a slight change are the PADDLE TENNIS #3. It's all the same excepting when we get to a NON-RESIDENT, that went up to \$2.00. It was \$1.50 last year. And the #9 Sailing, 6 weeks' course for \$5.00. I believe it was \$3.00 last year. This includes insurance, too. That's the only two changes on that first sheet.

On the additional sheet that you have, Items #14 through 18, they are based on the same as last year, and they've just eliminated, on that first sheet that you looked at, we eliminated because of the Parks Dept., which are their fees, 2a and 3a and 4a. We will not be voting on them tonight. So on those bases, if you want base on them as a whole, I have no objections.

MR. MILLER: Well, there's no discussion, it seems. I think we could do it with one MOTION, Mr. Blois.

MR. BLOIS: I therefore MOVE to approve the fees as we have reviewed them.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The question is on approval of these fees.

MRS. COSENTINI: Do these fees go to the General Fund? They don't have a Special Account for these fees?

MR. BLOIS: All monies that the Parks Department collects go back to the General Fund.

MRS. COSENTINI: They don't have a Special Account yet in the Parks Department for a rotating fund for their fees?

MR. BLOIS: Parks Department? No, now you're speaking of the Board of Recreation.

MRS. COSENTINI: We're not going into the Parks Department one tonight?

MR. BLOIS: No, not the bottom ones. They haven't presented theirs as yet.

MRS. COSENTINI: I just pointed out that there's another spot where there are fees involved and where the business of the rotating account has to be taken into consideration.

MR. MILLER: All right. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed NO. The MOTION is CARRIED.

- (3) PERMIT REQUEST FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY from the Bicentennial Committee's Chairman, Thomas Hume, 3/12/76, to be held July 3, 1976 in the vacant lot within the property of the S. E. Quadrant of the Renewal Project.

MR. BLOIS: Thank you. Item #3, Permit request for fireworks display from the Bicentennial Committee, Chairman Thomas Hume, to be held July 3, 1976 in the vacant lot within the property of the S.E. Quadrant of the Renewal Project. I so MOVE, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 405 - FIREWORKS - GRANTED to Stamford Bicentennial Corporation, Mr. Thomas Hume, Chairman, for July 3, 1976.

MR. BLOIS: Mr. President, at this time I would like to request SUSPENSION OF THE RULES for the purpose of approving St. Andrews Church request to let them run their Antique Fair, and they'd like to erect a canvas banner between two poles on the north-bound lane of Washington Blvd. I so MOVE.

MR. MILLER: All right. We have MOVED and SECONDED To SUSPEND THE RULES. All those in favor, say AYE; all those opposed, NO. The MOTION is CARRIED.

MR. BLOIS: Their letter of April 1st reads "Saint Andrew's Church is holding a one-day Antique Fair on June 12, 1976, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We request permission to erect a canvas banner between two poles on the northbound lane only of Washington Blvd. at the point where our third (of five) driveways enters the street. This would be erected, if permission is granted, about May 22nd and removed immediately after June 12th. Thank you for your assistance in presenting this request to the Board. Signed Booth Hemingway, Jr., Chairman." I MOVE for APPROVAL of this request, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: All right. We have MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED.

PETITION NO. 406 - FAIR - GRANTED, to St. Andrew's Church.

PETITION NO. 407 - BANNER - GRANTED, to St. Andrew's Church.

MR. BLOIS: At this time, I would like to thank the Board for their cooperation.

MR. RYBNICK: Mr. President, I would like to make some remarks which would be appropriate at this time. Some time ago, Stamford lost one of its most dedicated Public Servants, and at the time of his death, he was a member of the Board of Representatives. That man was STEPHEN KELLY. Steve, as everyone knew him, had served the Board of Representatives for 25 years prior to his passing. Steve had sponsored and worked for many of the present-day recreational facilities and was always a right arm of the Parks Dept. and Board of Recreation when it was known that he could be of some assistance.

Mr. Kelly served as Parks and Recreation Chairman for many, many years. Steve not only served on the Board of Representatives for 25 years, but he served also on the old Common Council. Steve Kelly gave 50 years of his life instructing and working with young people who loved the art of boxing. He worked many nights of every week with these youngsters.

Stamford had some great leaders who gave their time and efforts developing youngsters to become men and I am happy to name Steve as one of them, the best! Now long after Steve's passing, nothing has been done to name a park or recreational building honoring him.

This was proposed at one of the Board of Representatives' meetings by a former member, Daniel Russbach, and a letter from Mr. Frank Daly to the Park Dept.

I will now ask, through you, Mr. President, that the Committee on Naming Parks and Buildings to be given this task of studying this request. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: All right, Mr. Rybnick, I would suggest really that this be given to the Steering Committee. If you will just give that to Mrs. McEvoy and we'll put that through the Steering Committee. I think really, of course, what we need is some contact with the Park Commission because really under the ordinances, the Board of Commission which has jurisdiction over a park or a facility has to take the initiative and then they make a proposal to the Board of Representatives, but I think that should be given to the Steering Committee, if you will give that to Mrs. McEvoy.

MRS. RITCHIE: I also would like to ask Mr. Blois if he would look into the possibility of having sailing taught to adults, rather than just children.

MR. BLOIS: I think it may be available, but you'd have to pay a higher price.

MRS. RITCHIE: That's quite all right, Mr. Blois.

MR. MILLER: Mrs. Ritchie is willing to pay (laughter).

MRS. RITCHIE: I'd love to learn.

MR. BLOIS: Mr. President, may I add that the Stamford Youth and Hockey League had their Annual Dinner yesterday afternoon and they were very appreciative of the Board of Representatives for allowing them a break down at the Terry Connors Rink. Believe me, there was about 600 of those kids there with their parents and the enthusiasm was really great, and I happened to be there and thought I would like to convey to the Board that they are very appreciative of what you're doing for them. This one league, the Youth and Hockey League, that really is coordinated. They really do a bang-up job for the kids. Thank you.

EDUCATION, WELFARE AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - Vere Wiesley.

MR. WIESLEY: No report.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Thomas D'Agostino.

MR. D'AGOSTINO: No report.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE - Jeremiah Livingston.

MR. LIVINGSTON: I don't have a report, Mr. President, but I do think I should inform this Board that finally we have a transcript of our meeting with the tenants and we will proceed in having the meeting with the Housing Authority.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - L. Morris Glucksman.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I'd like to begin my report by formally welcoming Mrs. Mildred Perillo to my Committee and I'd just like to say we look forward to her input into our Committee. Since the last Board meeting, the Urban Redevelopment Commission has met three times. There was rather regular attendance by all the Commissioners and one of the meetings even took place on a Thursday, which I understand is quite a novel thing for the Commissioners to be able to get together to meet on a day other than Wednesday, so we do have some more progress in that area that they're meeting on a regular basis.

We have to report a few important developments of the past month. Regarding the cost suspension by HUD you will recall took place last summer. The buildings that were involved in the final location are now just about all knocked down and it was very interesting to see that the buildings which HUD claimed may be falling down at any moment, they couldn't get them down; they even broke a crane which was out-of-operation for about a week and a half, because they just couldn't get the buildings down, so I think HUD'S determinations are a little in question.

On one matter that's going on now is the Main St. Mall. The planning and development of the Mall is going on and they expect to be able to meet the June 30th deadline very easily. It also might be interesting to note that there is no access roadway running through the Mall, at least as yet, and hopefully it will keep that way.

You've probably been reading in the paper about the problems with St. John's Park. However, I believe that because of the cooperation of the Commission, the staff, everybody involved with this, I expect they probably won't have any problems meeting that June 30th deadline either. So that's another problem we think they've solved.

The biggest incoming project for the Urban Redevelopment Commission is the Bell Street Garage. They are working on planning this right now, and they hope to be on top of it right from the start. I will try to keep the Board as informed as I can on all developments in this very massive project. That's all I have to report right now and if you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them for you. (End of Tape Side #7)

(Start of Tape Side #8)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HOUSE COMMITTEE - Gerald Rybnick

MRS. SANTY: Why, on Committee meeting nights, the gate is not down. Many Committee meetings I had to park way past the VNA, that's quite a late hour and I'd like to inquire why we wouldn't have that gate down when we have our Committee meetings here.

MR. MILLER: What is your complaint, Mrs. Santy, that the gate is down?

MRS. SANTY: Not everyone can park there when we're having our special committee meetings here; when we're obligated to be here for a meeting. All our committee meetings, and there's just no parking there, because everyone else is parked there. They even park there and I saw one go to the Coney Island and I feel that we have to be here for the meetings, we should have parking available.

MR. RYBNICK: I'll look into it and report back to Mrs. Santy next meeting.

MR. SHERER: I just have an observation; one can't help but notice the impetus with which the Urban Renewal Commission has been working ever since Mr. Glucksman, as Chairman, has been pressuring them. It's very obvious that there's been a great stride in Stamford towards the end of Urban Renewal and I would just like to thank Mr. Glucksman on behalf of some of the citizens of Stamford and even some of us on the Board of Representatives.

MR. FLANAGAN: I'll have to take issue with my Republican colleague here. The Urban Redevelopment Commission has been meeting very regularly, three times a month on the average, for many, many months; and they met pretty regularly for many years. The problems that they were having with lack of quorum, without getting into personalities and how it came about, was due to some personal problems of a couple of commissioners. It did not in any way affect the functioning of the commission. They met without quorum in ad hoc meetings and accomplished it, so Mr. Glucksman's meeting maybe prodded a couple of people, but really that didn't get Urban Renewal started; it's been going along.

MR. MILLER: How did they accomplish things at meetings where there is no quorum?

MR. FLANAGAN: You know they scheduled three or four or five meetings a month and if they missed a quorum on two of them, that meant they had three; if they missed it two out of four, they still had meetings with quorums every month.

MR. MORGAN: I'd like to commend Mr. Glucksman for his efforts in getting the Urban Renewal Commission back on a rational approach to handling their Commission's business and I'd like to associate myself with Mr. Sherer's remarks.

MR. GLUCKSMAN: I'd like to thank them for their kind remarks.

MR. MILLER: Well, we have more remarks. We're not finished.

MRS. CLARK: I'd also like to thank Mr. Glucksman without pointing any arrows at anybody. I think it's very nice to have a report from the Urban Renewal Committee every month as we have been having since he's been Chairman.

MR. LOBOZZA: I'd like to go along with Mr. Flanagan that the Urban Redevelopment Commission has been going along for the past 20 years.

MR. MILLER: Well, I think that's enough on Urban Renewal. We were already into the HOUSE COMMITTEE anyway. Nothing more on House Committee, or Urban Renewal?

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Lynn M. Lowden.

DR. LOWDEN: No report, Mr. President.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE - Linda D. Clark.

MRS. CLARK: Due to the late hour, I'll try to make this short. Due to many different factors, the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee has not yet held a committee meeting to date, but the committee along with many other Representatives did attend an Open House at Drug Liberation House on March 8th. I wish to express the heartfelt thanks of all the DOP personnel and residents for the interest the Representatives all showed in the program by supporting them in two ways. The first way was when we came in with the initial request to establish a Special Committee for Drug and Alcohol Abuse; second was by attending their Open House in the large number that we all did, which to be exact was 16 Representatives were there. I have sent to each Representative a complete breakdown of a very large and formal report submitted to Commissioner Hadley on behalf of the Program.

I hope each and every Representative has, or will in the near future, read this very informative report and not just put it aside with the mass of papers we all receive each month. I feel this report will help each of the Representatives to have a better understanding of the operations and goals of the Drug Liberation Program. I will be calling a meeting of the Committee within the next month and at this point, I'd like to welcome Mr. Osuch to our Committee; and one reason we haven't had a Committee meeting is that I have been unable to contact Larry, who is with DOP and works with the courts. I feel it really would be very, very valuable for all of us to sit down with Larry and talk about just the relationship of how Larry gets involved and the costs involved in getting a resident into the program and how much it costs per resident, and really get into this, and I feel Larry is the best person to do this with being he is the person that goes to the Court and has the initial contact. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. WALSH: Mr. President, I didn't hear a report from the PERSONNEL BOARD OF APPEALS on the meeting of March 11th.

MR. MILLER: It is not the practice of the Personnel Board of Appeals to make reports at this meeting, or at any regular meeting of the Board, Mr. Walsh.

MR. WALSH: Well, I was just wondering how they came to the decision they did.

MR. MILLER: What decision? Are you talking about the John Maloney appeal?

MR. WALSH: Yes, Mr. President.

MR. MILLER: Well, they came to that decision because Mr. Connors, Mr. Blois, and Mr. Osuch voted to DENY the appeal; and Mr. Flanagan voted to sustain the appeal. So it was a three to one vote against Mr. Maloney.

MR. COSTELLO: Mr. Miller, might we hear any of the reasoning behind those votes?

MR. MILLER: The report, and again I don't like to get into this because there is no reason for the Personnel Board of Appeals to be discussed at this meeting, but everything we had to say was put down on paper in the decision, in the Personnel Board of Appeals which was signed by the Chairman of the Personnel Board of Appeals, so it was a 3-1 vote to deny the appeal.

Mr. Maloney can, if he chooses, appeal that decision to the Court of Common Pleas. We do not, on the Personnel Board of Appeals, have to give reasons for a decision. We do have to have a record as to how each member voted on a particular appeal but we do not have to write an opinion giving reasons for the decision.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None.

PETITIONS - None.

RESOLUTIONS - None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS and INDIVIDUALS - None.

MRS. COSENTINI: Speaking of "Other Boards and Individuals", did you want to say something about the Thursday night problem?

MR. MILLER: Yes, I will.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. MILLER: I do have a number of announcements, if you will give me your attention, please. We have Wednesday evening, April 7th, this week, at 8:00 p.m. one of the announcements said 7:00 P.M., but it's 8:00 P.M. at Cloonan, is the JOINT HEARING conducted by the Board of Representatives and the Board of Finance on the Budget. The members of the Fiscal Committee of the Board will sit with the members of the Board of Finance and the President of the Board on the stage and the Hearing will be conducted by Mr. Callahan, Chairman of the Board of Finance. However, it is really a Hearing at which all of the membership of the Board of Representatives should try to be present. That is Wednesday evening.

Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M., there is a meeting for members of the Steering Committee at the Law Department and I know there is a possible conflict and I would like to meet up here with all of the members of the Steering Committee before we leave tonight to determine whether or not a significant number of the members of that Committee could attend the meeting with the Law Department on Thursday evening.

MR. MILLER (continuing): As you know from copies of a letter which you received, on Easter Sunday, April 18th, at 2:00 P.M., there will be a dedication of the HOMER B. WISE MEMORIAL GROVE. That grove is located on the corner of Bedford and Chester Streets. The President of the Board has been asked to participate in that ceremony. As some of you know, that grove was dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Wise at the behest of this Board. We did pass a resolution concerning that matter. Sgt. Wise was a Stamford man, who was a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. We are all invited to that ceremony and I think it would be nice if as many of us as possible could be present.

It is my intention to hold the budget meetings of this Board on May 12th and May 13th. We have a deadline of May 15th, which is a Saturday, and it is my intention to schedule Special Budget Meetings on May 12th and May 13th. That would be a Wednesday and a Thursday. I wish to avoid a Friday meeting. I also point out that there are a certain number of clerical functions which must be performed before May 15th and it really is impossible to go to the absolute deadline with these budget meetings, so I will schedule the regular budget meetings for the 12th and 13th of May. There is nothing to prevent us from finishing up our budget business on the 12th, but I just scheduled two nights because it has happened in the past that we haven't been able to complete the budget in one evening.

It is my intention also to have the official photograph of the 14th Board of Representatives made on the evening of May 12th, and we have traditionally picked a budget meeting because that is a meeting at which no one is usually absent, so we expect to have everybody present and we will have a group picture taken on May 12th and that picture will go up on the wall and you will be able to buy individual copies if you wish.

I would also like to point out that we haven't yet appointed a Picnic Committee, and I assume we do want a picnic, and the CHAIR calls on the membership to produce volunteers for a Picnic Committee. Mrs. Clark has just volunteered, Mrs. Santy has volunteered, Mrs. Goldstein has volunteered. Well, we have three volunteers, Clark, Santy, and Goldstein; and hopefully we will have others and we will get the plans underway for the annual picnic sometime this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Is there any other business to come before the Board? If not, the Meeting is ADJOURNED, and I want to see the STEERING COMMITTEE people immediately.

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:55 a.m., and the Steering Committee's informal meeting adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

Helen M. McEvoy

Helen M. McEvoy, Administrative Assistant
(and Recording Secretary)

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