

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 197614th BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVESStamford, Connecticut

A regular monthly meeting of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut was held on Monday, June 7, 1977, in the Board of Representatives Legislative Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 9:40 P.M., after both political parties had met in Caucus.

INVOCATION was given by President Frederick E. Miller, Jr., as Rev. DeWolf had left the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: The President led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken by the Clerk, LINDA D. CLARK. There were 39 members present; and 1 absent, Jeremiah Livingston.

The PRESIDENT declared a QUORUM.

CHECK OF THE VOTING MACHINE: A check of the voting machine was conducted and it was found that Light No. 19 was not in working order. Mr. Glucksman sat in Mr. Livingston's seat, so that he would have an operable voting unit.

PAGES: MISS BETH LANDAU, a student at Bi-Cultural Day School.  
MISS JULIE GANS, a student at Bi-Cultural Day School.

MR. MILLER said the Minutes on the Agenda are not ready to be accepted.

MR. MILLER said the CHAIR would not make appointments to the Charter Revision Committee this evening since there is not complete agreement on the composition so that will be left in abeyance for the time being; that we would proceed to the Committee reports.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTSSTEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. DeROSE MOVED to WAIVE the READING of the Steering Committee Report of its meeting held on Monday, May 24, 1976. MOVED, SECONDED, and the MOTION is CARRIED.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTMEETING HELD MONDAY, MAY 24, 1976

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, May 24, 1976 in the Democratic Caucus Room, Second Floor, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and President of the Board, FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR., at 8:05 P.M. There were 15 members of the Steering Committee present; and four absent. The absent members were: Audrey Cosentini, Geo. Baxter, Jeanne-Lois Santy, Jeremiah Livingston. Also present were members: David Blum, Lynn Lowden.

The following matters of the TENTATIVE STEERING AGENDA were acted upon:

(1) MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Sixteen names were placed upon the Agenda for June 7, 1976; and one name was held at the request of the Mayor, that of Irving Slifkin for the Sewer Commission. The 16 names that the Mayor had submitted which were put on the Agenda were: Joseph Groden, Estelle Hane, John A. Doyle, John Sedlak, Loren H. Jaffe, William B. Sheck, Richard Creedon, Joseph Scroggins, Jr., George Cohen, Paul Siladi, William Caporizzo, Herman S. Rockoff, Shirley Salikoff, Gary Lessin, Charles Grinnell, Carl Becker, for the various boards and commissions as listed on the agenda and as will be reported later in this set of minutes.

(2) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (FISCAL) ITEMS:

There were 15 items of a fiscal nature on the TENTATIVE AGENDA. There were two additional items put on, making a total of 17. One item for \$17,738.00 for the Department of Public Works for a utility service study to be done by J.P. Clark Co. was put on by Michael Morgan. Another item pertaining to the choice of the City's independent auditors being given to the Legislative Body rather than the Board of Finance as per Public Act 76-68 passed on April 22, 1976 by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, also referring to State Statutes 7-392 and 7-396, Chapter III. Also referred to Legislative & Rules Comm.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:(3) PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL, FOR FINAL ADOPTION, RE HORSES, CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK ON CERTAIN CITY LAND.

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

(4) LETTER FROM COURTLAND TERRACE ASSOCIATION re adequate notice for property facing condemnation.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA; & referred to Public Housing and Planning & Zoning Committees.

(5) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 18-46 and 18-68 OF CITY ORDINANCES.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

(6) REQUEST CONCERNING THE TOWING REGULATIONS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee (no response from the Assn.)

(7) REQUEST FROM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS REGARDING PENSION BENEFITS.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA; Held in Committee.

(8) LETTER FROM KATRINA MYGATT, CHMN. STAMFORD RESOURCE RECOVERY TASK FORCE regarding separation of paper and cardboard from combustible garbage.

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Above ordered ON THE AGENDA, and referred to Environmental Protection Committee.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (continued)

STEERING COMMITTEE (Continued)

- (9) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COST OF BUILDING PERMIT for First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Stillwater Avenue and Bridge Street.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (10) RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE JULY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES (July 5th is a holiday).

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (11) PROPOSED OBSCENITY ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL - FOR PUBLICATION ONLY -

Above item ordered ON THE AGENDA (new, did not appear on the Tentative Steering Agenda).

- (12) LETTER FROM RABBI JOSEPH H. EHRENKRANZ OF CONGREGATION AGUDATH SHOLOM asking this Board to send a petition to Leonid Brezhnev, First Secretary, U.S.S.R.

- (13) THE MATTER OF CHANGING ONE WORD FROM "WITH" TO "WITHIN" IN PROVISION 754.1 of CHAPTER 73A "Classified Employees Retirement Fund" of Charter.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, also the LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

- (14) THE MATTER OF CHARTER AND CONTRACTUAL OVER-TIME FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AND FOR COMPENSATORY TIME, RE MAA PERSONNEL.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA and referred to the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE. (Did not appear on the Tentative Steering Agenda)

- (15) LETTER FROM CITY REPS. CHRISTINE NIZOLEK AND HANDY DIXON RE HAWK TRANSPN. and complaints from constituents at West Ave., Outlook St., Winsted St., etc.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE with secondary committees being PLANNING & ZONING and HEALTH AND PROTECTION. (Did not appear on Tentative Agenda.)

- (16) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS OF UNLEASHED DOGS AND PACKS OF ROAMING DOGS.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for HEALTH AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

- (17) PETITION FROM CITIZENS OF WATERSIDE (a/k/a C.O.W.S.) regarding "incomplete job contracted to Consolidated Construction Co., by City over a year ago."

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA and Held in Committee (Health and Protection).

- (18) PETITION FOR PERMIT FOR ANNUAL FEAST OF S. TEODORO MARTIRE, 107 West St.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (19) REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT THE 1976 FESTIVAL OF THE PINK TENT.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- (20) PRESENTATION FOR APPROVAL OF DOCK FEES FOR PARKS DEPT.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE.

- (21) REQUEST FROM PARKS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN FITZMAURICE REQUESTING THAT PARK BEHIND THE OLD TOWN HALL BE NAMED "HERITAGE PARK" - TO BE DEDICATED THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for the PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE. (Did not appear on Tentative Steering Agenda; submitted by Chairman Blois).

- (22) THE MATTER OF COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS AGAINST THE STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for PUBLIC HOUSING & GENERAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE.

- (23) PROPOSED RESOLUTION FROM MR. GLEN OF URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE URC DISPOSITION CONTRACT REGARDING RE-USE PARCELS 3, 13, 13A. Letter to Mayor Clapes from Mr. Glen.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA for the URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE. (This letter not received and not on Tentative Steering Agenda. Mr. Glucksman's request.)

- (24) APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE to be announced by the President.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA.

- (25) LETTER of 4/17/76 (rec'd. 5/6/76) commanding on open voting from Dr. Anthony Griffiths.

Above ordered NOT ON THE AGENDA.

- (26) AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE 14th BOARD that on Page 4, under present rules, item 1, under "Committees" to add the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE as a Standing Committee with five members.

Above ordered ON THE AGENDA under NEW BUSINESS. (Not on Tentative Steering Agenda - new item.)

There was some discussion regarding our being short-staffed, and Rep. Linda D. Clark asked about the filling of the Clerk-Typist II vacancy, as well as the possibility of restoring the staff to 3, with another Clerk-Typist II such as there had been before Feb., 1975, or even one-half a girl additional.

There being no further business to come before the STEERING COMMITTEE, on MOTION, duly SECONDED and CARRIED, the meeting was ADJOURNED.

FREDERICK E. MILLER, JR.,  
CHAIRMAN, STEERING COMMITTEE.

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MR. MILLER: I will now recognize Mr. FLANAGAN.

MR. FLANAGAN asked for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider Item #7 under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE first since there are many people in the gallery interested in this item regarding the petition to be sent to First Secretary Brezhnev of the U.S.S.R.

MR. MILLER: MOVED and SECONDED. We will now proceed to Page 6, Item #7 under L&R. Mr. Fox?

MR. FOX said the letter and petition from Rabbi Ehrenkranz is self-explanatory as all members have received copies. The L&R Committee voted 4 and 4 so he could not recommend approval or disapproval to the full Board.

MR. MORGAN said that in August, 1975 a historic event took place wherein 33 nations met and signed an international agreement in HELSINKI, FINLAND, guaranteeing freedom of human rights to all constituents of their respective countries. However while Leonid Brezhnev signed this for the U.S.S.R., there has been no movement on the part of the Soviet Union to honor the agreement. He MOVED for the acceptance of the resolution.

MR. BLUM said he was proud on this historic day to be a member of the Board of Representatives and able to SECOND the resolution. That in this our Bi-Centennial Year of 1976 we can pass a resolution concerning one of our basic freedoms, that of Freedom of Worship. He said his Rabbi, Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, may be the Moses of 1976, that he went to Russia and reported that Jews are suffering, being denied the right to move to Israel, and are denied jobs. Mr. Blum quoted a stanza from an old-time spiritual:

"When Isreal was in Egypt Land, let my people go,  
Oppressed so hard, they could not stand,  
Let my people go, go down Moses, way down in Egypt Land,  
Tell old Pharoah, let my people go!"

Mr. Blum then thanked the President for permitted him, David Isreal, to be a part of this historic occasion in our nation with liberty and justice for all.

MR. BAXTER said he was among the four who voted against this resolution, the reason being there was a question as to whether or not it was appropriate for a municipality to intrude into the affairs of another nation since foreign affairs are constitutionally the exclusive preserve of the Federal Government; but he was not averse to express sentiment on a basic issue of human rights, even though its effectiveness might be questionable.

MR. BAXTER said the second objection, discussed at length, and basic to the four who voted no, was that the Soviet Union was oppressive to many people of various national ethnic and other religious backgrounds, many of whom are denied exit from Russia, and barbarism was practiced upon Russians, too. He did not feel only one group should be championed as this could be interpreted as indifference to large scale oppression of other peoples, or that the U.S.S.R. might believe that if they discontinued cruelty to Soviet Jewry, that world opinion would be silent. He suggested some changes in the resolution which would not blunt our outrage and concern over the plight of Soviet Jews and yet expresses and articulates concern with all peoples who are suffering.

MR. MILLER said if there is no objection and the resolution passes the Board, the PRESIDENT would be willing to sign the cover letter; and suggested to Mr. Baxter that when changed, that he have the phrase RUSSIAN JEWRY inserted, or is it SOVIET JEWRY that is wanted?

MR. ZIMBLER said he would go along with Mr. Blum and Mr. Baxter and wholeheartedly second and endorse this resolution, with reservations. That this is simply an expression of good faith and good will rather than any attempt to dictate foreign policy to our State Department or to any foreign nations.

MR. SIGNORE said he, too, wholeheartedly endorses the resolution and letter of transmittal on behalf of the Soviet Jews and other minority people in Russian. He said he would also like to speak on behalf of other oppressed people and that we must not forget the Irish Catholic people in Northern Ireland, the Blacks in Rhodesia, the Greeks in Cyprus, the Palestinians in the Middle East, and we should not forget the many oppressed people here in our own country.

MR. SHERER said he'd like the members of this Board to sit back and use their imaginations and picture a land where people are harrassed for wanting to practice their own religion; and also to picture a regime where it is a crime, treason, to want to move to another land. To picture a government where people are tortured and imprisoned and exterminated in large groups. To picture life in Nazi Germany 30 years ago, and finally to picture life now in the Soviet Union and picture why people such as ourselves are so concerned with the cessation of similar oppressions.

MR. GLUCKSMAN said this resolution is not being proposed as a vain resolution but as a matter of a world movement going on now; that there is a letter-writing campaign, with an international registered receipt requested to Jews in Russia to see if they receive these letters; and if they are not received, the Russian government is supposed to be fined, and that although this is not important, what is critical is that the Russians are violating peoples' rights which they agreed to give all people. Numerous world conventions and conferences are being held on these matters.

MR. GLUCKSMAN said Mayor Clapes has declared this week, the week of June 1-8 STAMFORD UNITED FOR SOVIET JEWRY WEEK; in his proclamation, calling upon all people of conscience to speak out on behalf of the Jews of the Soviet Union. He said Russia encourages people to learn many languages, but one is forbidden and that is Hebrew. That I.D. cards for Jews do not state from which province they come, only that they are JEWS, in effect, not citizens of Russia. He said he would hate to think that after the world has seen six million Jews die in World War II, that there are three million Jews in Russia whose lives are also in jeopardy. He said this Board can help by passing this resolution.

MRS. McINERNEY said she is for this resolution because she believes in the inherent right of an individual to pursue his religious and personal freedom and rights. She said her family came to America to escape the tyranny that the Russian Government placed upon them, and an opportunity to deplore that country's tactics should never be bypassed. She supports this resolution.

MRS. GOLDSTEIN referred to the Nazi holocaust in Europe and that the nightmare of the murder of six million Jews cannot be erased from the memory of the citizens of this world; however it is this generation of Christians and Jews who must raise its voice in support of the struggle to prevent the cultural

and spiritual annihilation of the Jews of the Soviet Union. She said the foremost leaders of the Christian and Jewish communities have publicly condemned this violation of human rights. On Oct. 23, 1974 Pope Paul declared that the (Pope Paul VI) promotion of human rights is required by the gospel and is central to the ministry. The Pope further declared that today religious liberty is denied or restricted by diverse political systems in ways which impede worship, religious education, and social ministry. Pope Paul therefore called upon all the governments to acknowledge the rights for religious liberty, to foster it. Mrs. Goldstein said we can make known to the Soviet Union our profound anguish and concern about the continued and continuing denial of human rights to Soviet Jews by passing this resolution.

DR. LOWDEN said that as one of the four original dissenters, he can fully support the letter of transmittal and the resolution as it has been presented tonight. Other people have spoken eloquently to the issue and he is in full accord with what they said and very much favors its passage.

MR. HAYS said he was pleased that the Board does not ramble on those reasons that first haunted the four dissenters on the Committee. He is very pleased to hear the sense-of-the-board tonight because he looks at it as simply a vote for freedom. Others have died for it, others have fought for it, and we should sincerely appreciate this opportunity to speak for it, and we will.

MR. MILLER CALLED for a vote and the Resolution, item #7 under Legislative and Rules was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION

PETITION TO LEONID DREZHNEV, FIRST SECRETARY, U.S.S.R.

We, the members of the 14th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., share a profound belief in the need to create permanent peace and mutual trust among the nations. We also consider that the observance of elementary human rights is a fundamental prerequisite to such peace and trust.

Because you approved a new international declaration of human rights when your Government signed the Helsinki Final Act (1975), we now call upon you to:

1. Free all the Jewish Prisoners of Conscience, who are suffering in labor camps and in prisons for their desire to leave for Israel.
2. Forbid all existing forms of persecution of Jews, who have expressed the wish to unite with their families and their own people.
3. Allow the "refuseniks" -- those man, woman and children who for years have been deprived of their basic rights and have lived under constant pressure without any means of livelihood, to leave Russia and emigrate.

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LETTER ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION

Premier Leonid Brezhnev  
THE KREMLIN  
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.

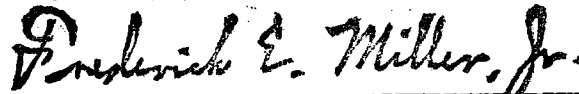
Dear Sir:

The people of the City of Stamford abhor the persecution of any national, religious, or ethnic group, and are outraged by the deprivation of basic human rights from any peoples.

In particular, the vigorous oppression of Soviet Jewry, along with other oppressed people within the Soviet Union, cries out to all people of conscience for reform.

Accordingly, the people of the City of Stamford, acting through their elected City representatives, forward the attached resolution for your consideration and action.

Very truly yours,



Frederick E. Miller, Jr., President  
14th Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A., 06905

FEMJR:HMM  
Enc.

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MR. MILLER said we will now revert to our regular agenda and go back to Page 1, Appointments Committee, Mr. Dixon?

MR. MILLER went on to say that he wanted to make it clear to all members that they should understand exactly what has been done with the change in the Rules and that is to make a vote on confirming an appointment no different from a vote on any other question; so in other words, we can have a VOICE VOTE, we can confirm a person through a voice vote; if someone requests a DIVISION, a DIVISION will be taken on the machine with the lights on; and if one-fifth of the members present request a ROLL CALL VOTE, we will have a ROLL CALL VOTE. That the results in the change in the rules was not to specify that there be a roll call vote for every confirmation, but rather to make votes on confirmations no different from the way we vote on any other matter.

APPPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - Handy Dixon

MR. DIXON said the Appointments Committee met Thursday night in the Mayor's Conference Room for the purpose of interviewing and evaluating appointees. Present were Handy Dixon, Robert Costello, Mildred Perillo, George Ravallese, Peter Walsh, Leo Carlucci, Audrey Cosentini, Donald Sherer, and S. A. Signore. Absent from the meeting were Vere Wiesley, and for the most part Donald Sherer due to his presence being needed on another Committee meeting the same evening. The Committee convened at 7:30 P.M. as announced and proceeded to interview seven appointees. Ten appointees were evaluated and voted on, and because of the lateness of the hour, the Committee voted to hold six names for interview at a later date. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 A.M.



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 7, 1976APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - (continued)

MR. DIXON stated his Committee conducted a thorough investigation of Mr. Groden and it is their feeling that he is qualified for reappointment and therefore they endorse him by UNANIMOUS vote and he MOVES for his confirmation. SECONDED.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

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| (1) MR. JOSEPH GRODEN (R)  | 39 YES      | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 197 Bridge Street          |             | Dec. 1, 1980         |
| (Held in Committee 5/3/76) | APPROVED    |                      |
| Re-Appointment             | UNANIMOUSLY |                      |

ALTERNATE:

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| (2) MRS. ESTELLE HANE (R)  | 39 YES               | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| MacArthur Lane             |                      | Dec. 1, 1980         |
| (Held in Committee 5/3/76) | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY |                      |

MR. DIXON said his Committee voted to approve Mrs. Hane UNANIMOUSLY AND HE SO MOVED.

MRS. COSENTINI added her note of commendation for Mrs. Hane's services in many capacities in this community, stating she had been privileged to work with her for a long time and knows that she will do an excellent job.

MRS. HAWE said she would like to SECOND Mrs. Hane's nomination, and that the City of Stamford is fortunate to have people of her caliber to serve on one of its Boards.

MR. SIGNORE also seconded Hane's nomination, stating she is a truly dedicated worker.

MR. DIXON said next is Mr. John Doyle who received the unanimous support of the Appointments Committee and he so MOVED.

MR. LOBOZZA said he is not questioning Mr. Doyle's qualifications, which he thinks are good, but he does question the length of his residency in Stamford which is only 16 months. He said that particularly since the Parking Authority is facing a deficit this year for the first time, that there must be many qualified Republicans and Democrats who could fill this position and who have lived here a little longer.

MR. MILLER said they would proceed to a vote if there were no further speakers. The CHAIR was in doubt on the voice vote and asked for a DIVISION, using the machine. The TELLERS came up to the counting unit and observed the tally. Mr. Miller stated that MR. DOYLE HAS NOT been confirmed, the vote being 23 NO votes, 16 YES votes for a total of 39.

PARKING AUTHORITY

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| (3) MR. JOHN A. DOYLE (R) | 23 NO         | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 2 Rock Spring Road        | 16 YES        | Jan. 1, 1979         |
|                           | <u>DENIED</u> |                      |

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said the next name is that of John Sedlak and that is being held in Committee; and he will go on to Loren Jaffe, who received unanimous committee approval, and he so MOVED.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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| (4) MR. JOHN A. SEDLAK (R) | HELD IN COMMITTEE: | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 249 Hamilton Avenue        |                    | Dec. 1, 1980         |

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| (5) MR. LOREN H. JAFFE (R) | 39 YES               | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 29 Vincent Lane            |                      | Dec. 1, 1980.        |
| (Held in Committee 5/3/76) | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY |                      |

MR. MORGAN said he would like to SECOND Mr. Jaffe's nomination with great pleasure.

MR. HOFFMAN said he, too, would second this nomination with a great deal of pleasure; that Mr. Jaffe is a very articulate gentleman, a dedicated gentleman as his record shows attending the many meetings, even as an alternate to the various planning and zoning board meetings.

MR. COSTELLO also seconded the nomination with pleasure.

MR. D'AGOSTINO said he has known Loren Jaffe for 27 years, knows he will do a fine job and also seconds this nomination.

MRS. HAWE said she, too, would enthusiastically second the nomination.

MRS. McINERNEY also spoke in favor of Mr. Jaffe, saying she feels Stamford is fortunate to have a man such as he, who is so willing to give so much dedication and time to his community.

MR. ZIMBLER said in the interest of brevity he would just like to add his name to those who are seconding the nomination of Mr. Jaffe.

MR. GLUCKSMAN also endorsed Mr. Jaffe's nomination, whom he has known through a good part of his childhood; that he thinks he's a very qualified person and very dedicated. He has seen him in operation at numerous zoning meetings and thinks he gets very involved and will do a great job for the City.

MR. DIXON said next is William B. Sheck for the Park Commission who received the unanimous support of the Appointments Committee and he so MOVED.

SECONDED by Mrs. Perillo, Mr. Blum, Mr. Blois, Mr. Loomis, and many. MOTION is CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PARK COMMISSION

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| (6) MR. WILLIAM B. SHECK (R) | 39 YES               | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 789 Riverbank Road           | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY | Dec. 1, 1980         |

MR. DIXON said Richard S. Creedon is next for the Planning Board, and he received the unanimous support of the Committee, and he so MOVES.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)PLANNING BOARD

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| (7) MR. RICHARD S. CREEDON (R) | 39 YES               | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| Southfield Avenue              | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY | Dec. 1, 1980         |

MISS NIZOLEK SECONDED Mr. Creedon's nomination, stating he is very distinguished as well as capable and knowledgeable fellow constituent of the Second District.

MR. SIGNORE said he would like to second the nomination as he feels Richard Creedon is one of the finest and most qualified people ever nominated to any board or commission in the City of Stamford.

MR. ZIMBLER said that in no way wanting to detract from the obvious excellence of Mr. Creedon for whom he intends to vote and whom he endorses wholeheartedly, I still would like to go on record as simply deploring the fact that the spot which Mr. Creedon will be now filling was originally held by a Republican, Mr. Ted Lewis, who was up for reappointment and whom it was seen fit to by-pass. Mr. Zimbler felt Mr. Lewis did a good job on the Planning Board, which fact he confirmed with a number of Planning Board members, and that he sincerely hoped that a man of Mr. Lewis' caliber will not too long stay out of municipal activities. Mr. Zimbler would like to second Mr. Creedon, too.

MRS. McINERNEY stated Mr. Creedon has served our City well in many positions and will be an asset to the Planning Board and she is very happy to second him.

MR. LOOMIS said he would like to associate himself with the remarks of Christine Nizolek and Barbara McInerney, that Mr. Creedon's is an outstanding appointment and he will be a great asset to the City serving on the Planning Board.

MR. MILLER then called for a vote on the confirmation of Richard Creedon to the Planning Board, which was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DIXON next brought forth the name of Joseph Scroggins, Jr., as Alternate to the Planning Board, and said the Committee voted 6 YES and 2 NO, with 2 members being absent. Mr. Dixon MOVED for Mr. Scroggins' appointment.

MR. MILLER said this is being SECONDED by several persons.

MR. LOBOZZA asked if Mr. Dixon voted for, or in favor of this appointment.

MR. DIXON responded that yes, he did.

MR. LOBOZZA asked whether Mr. Scroggins had a wife who is now serving on a board or commission in the City of Stamford.

MR. DIXON replied that yes, his wife is serving on the Stamford Transit District.

MR. LOBOZZA said "I would like to relate back a couple of meetings ago when Mr. Dixon wholeheartedly condemned two people of one family representing, and I think, more or less, it is being a little bit hypocritical of you to support something like this now and being against it before, and being so violently against it before that I would move that this man be knocked down."

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. MILLER: "All right, you're opposed to this appointment. O.K."

MR. DIXON: "I'd just like to clarify my position, if I may, Mr. President. We're talking here about two very different positions. Mr. Scroggins has been appointed and is seeking approval of his appointment as an Alternate to the Planning board. Well now, that is far different from the Stamford Transit District, in my thinking."

MR. SIGNORE said that he, too, was opposed to Mr. Scroggins serving on the Planning Board, but not for the reasons given so far. His reason, and he wanted to make it perfectly clear that he considers Mr. Scroggins a very qualified man, who has a wonderful background, but he does not feel that a residency of three years is a little light as far as the Planning of this City and the future growth of this City is concerned; and that if Mr. Clapes had nominated him for some other position on some other board, he would have wholeheartedly endorsed him, but on this particular board, he cannot endorse him.

MR. MILLER called for a vote, and being in doubt, stated that the CHAIR would have to take a DIVISION and asked the Tellers to come forward to check the results of the machine.

PLANNING BOARD - ALTERNATE

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| (8) MR. JOSEPH SCROGGINS, JR. (R) | 22 YES        | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 44 Strawberry Hill Ave.           | 15 NO         | Dec. 1, 1980         |
|                                   | 2 ABSTENTIONS |                      |

MR. DIXON said the name of George Cohen was next for the Stamford Golf Authority. He said the interview with Mr. Cohen was quite lengthy and the resulting vote was 3 NO, 3 TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE and 2 ABSTENTIONS. The Chairman's opinion was that the vote was tied and therefore they would make no Committee recommendation, but for reasons of clarification, would move for approval.

MR. MILLER said it is to be understood the motion is made for approval as a technical matter, and that the vote of the Appointments Committee be understood. SECONDED.

MR. FLANAGAN said that for many years George Cohen made Sterling Farms and the construction of it, the successful completing of that job, his life; that he took time away from his business, his family, as with any project of that magnitude, one is apt to ruffle a few feathers; that there were some problems on this Board when he was a member of Parks and Recreation Committee and there was a misunderstanding about a swimming pool that was really inoperative and the Commission deemed it would be filled in. Mr. Flanagan felt in all fairness, and he doesn't know where this discussion is going to go relative to Mr. Cohen's appointment, but that if Sterling Farms today is a beautiful municipal golf course, he feels George Cohen is the one who was most responsible and gave the most to its successful completion.

MR. SIGNORE agreed with Mr. Flanagan's remarks and endorsed Mr. Cohen.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. RAVALLESE said he would like to read a letter from one of the originators of the Golfing Authority, Frank J. Daley, stating "consideration should be made of the stewardship of any former member of the Golfing Authority. Let us look at the record of George Cohen, former Chairman, who is up for re-appointment. George is a fine person, personally, but as Chairman and member, he and others is responsible for filling in the heated pool used by approximately 60 of Ed Hunt, Recreation Director's minority groups daily. He and others refused to enter into a lease agreement with HUGO who agreed to rent the club house, put in \$75,000 to rehabilitate the building, open a restaurant for the benefit of all taxpayers of Stamford. This agreement was made in 1968 and the Authority and the City has lost eight years of income, use of this wonderful building. He and others installed the golf driving range against the wishes of the then Mayor Wilensky. Approved cutting off of seven acres from the golf course. He and others extended the contractor's completion date without a quorum, releasing the contractor and the bonding company, costing the City many thousands of dollars. I will vote against Mr. George Cohen. Thank you."

MR. MILLER said we will proceed to a vote. The MOTION is LOST. Mr. Cohen has not been confirmed. At the request of Mr. Flanagan, we'll take a DIVISION. Mr. Cohen has not been confirmed. There are 24 NO votes, 14 YES votes, one abstention.

STAMFORD GOLF AUTHORITY

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| ( 9) MR. GEORGE COHEN (R)<br>293 Club Road                 | 14 YES<br>24 NO<br><u>1 ABSTENTION</u><br>DENIED | <u>Term Expires:</u><br>Jan. 1, 1979 |
| (10) MR. PAUL SILADI (R)<br>83 Kenilworth Drive            | 37 YES<br>2 NO<br>APPROVED                       | <u>Term Expires:</u><br>Jan. 1, 1979 |
| (11) MR. WILLIAM CAPORIZZO (R)<br>339 Strawberry Hill Ave. | HELD IN COMMITTEE                                | <u>Term Expires:</u><br>Jan. 1, 1979 |

MR. DIXON said the Committee voted 7 yes and 1 NO and MOVED for the confirmation of MR. PAUL SILADI for the Stamford Golf Authority.

MRS. HAWE SECONDED the MOTION and said that Mr. Siladi has served the City with distinction as a member of the Golf Authority.

MR. MILLER said the MOTION is CARRIED with 37 YES votes and 2 NO votes.

MR. DIXON said the next name is William Caporizzo and he is being held in committee because he was not interviewed this time around. Also Dr. Herman S. Rockoff is being held in committee for the same reason.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

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| (12) DR. HERMAN S. ROCKOFF (R)<br>One Strawberry Hill Court | HELD IN COMMITTEE | <u>Term Expires:</u><br>Dec. 1, 1980 |
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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MR. DIXON said that Mrs. Shirley Selikoff is next, and the Committee voted 7 YES and 1 NO, and he so MOVED for her confirmation.

MRS. SANFY SECONDED that nomination with pleasure.

MR. BLUM also seconded the nomination.

MR. GLUCKSMAN also seconded Mrs. Selikoff's nomination, stating she is a nurse and admirably qualified for this position.

WELFARE COMMISSION

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| (13) MRS. SHIRLEY SELIKOFF (R) | 24 YES   | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 1425 Bedford Street            | 14 NO    | Dec. 1, 1978         |
| Held in Committee 5/3/76       | APPROVED |                      |

MR. DIXON said that the last three names are being held in committee since they were not interviewed, and they are Dr. Gary Lessin, Charles Grinnell, and Carl Becker, and that ends his report.

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

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| (14) DR. GARY LESSIN (R) | HELD IN COMMITTEE | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 8 Four Brooks Drive      |                   | March 15, 1978       |

ZONING BOARD

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| (15) MR. CHARLES GRINNELL (R) | HELD IN COMMITTEE | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 83 Wire Mill Road             |                   | Dec. 1, 1980         |

ALTERNATE FOR ZONING BOARD

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| (16) MR. CARL BECKER (R) | HELD IN COMMITTEE | <u>Term Expires:</u> |
| 41 Red Fox Road          |                   | Dec. 1, 1980         |

MR. MILLER said we would now move on to the FISCAL COMMITTEE, requesting all Board members to please give their full attention so we can get out of here as soon as possible. It is necessary to have quiet and order.

FISCAL COMMITTEE - Michael G. Morgan

MR. MORGAN said the Fiscal Committee met on Thursday, June 3, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. Present were Vice-Chairman Gerald Rybnick, Sandra Goldstein, Christine Nizolek, Mildred Ritchie and Chairman Michael Morgan.

MR. MORGAN said the first item is a reimbursable grant for \$5,075.17, and his Committee voted 4-0, with himself abstaining, in favor of this request, and he so MOVED.

MR. WIESLEY said he was sorry but the EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE was unable to convene a meeting.

MR. MILLER said the motion was SECONDED by MRS. CLARK. The MOTION is CARRIED. He recognized Mrs. Cosentini next.

MRS. COSENTINI: "I would like you, Mr. Chairman, to clarify a POINT OF ORDER. When a Committee meets, is it necessary for the Committee to have a QUORUM for the Committee to make a recommendation?"

MR. MILLER: "I would say yes."

FISCAL COMMITTEE (continued)

MRS. COSENTINI: "The number on the Fiscal Committee is 10. Does 4 or 5 constitute QUORUM?"

MR. MILLER: "That's right....no, it does not."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Then are we getting an official recommendation here tonight?"

MR. MILLER: "Well, I would have to say, as a matter of Parliamentary Procedure, I don't see how you could consider 4 or 5 out of 10 as a quorum of a Committee, but I'll call on Mr. Morgan."

MR. MORGAN: "Mr. President, would you tell me where in Rules it says the Committee needs a quorum in order to meet?"

MR. MILLER: "It's not in Rules, but I think you could fall back onto Robert's Rules which you would have to do in this instance, and I think you would find a minority of a Standing Committee does not give you a quorum. I think I would have to say that."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Do we proceed or not?"

MR. MILLER: "I think we'll proceed, but I don't think Mr. Morgan can put forward as a recommendation, something that was not voted on when you had a quorum. If he had no quorum when these votes were taken, then I think he could not speak on behalf of the committee. What you would have to do, I would say, is to either take a vote to SUSPEND THE RULES on the Fiscal Committee, or just have somebody else make a motion, but he can't make a motion on behalf of the Committee."

MR. MORGAN: "Mr. President, perhaps we should just hold everything on the Fiscal Committee agenda until next month."

MR. MILLER: "Well, all I can say, Mr. Morgan, is that when I'm asked a question if 4 or 5 people out of a 10-member committee are a quorum, I can't say that that's a quorum."

MRS. COSENTINI: "Mr. Miller, there is also....the additional problem that there is not a second committee having acted on this."

MR. MILLER: "No, I don't think that's the problem, Mrs. Cosentini. That's not a problem as long as somebody seconds the motion."

MRS. COSENTINI: "O.K., we will decide here which procedure we're going to take, because many of us have several remarks to make on the general operations of the Fiscal Committee. PERIOD. I don't know if this is an apropos time, or if we want to wait on whether or not these are going to come out, and do them as they come out, or as they do not come out. But I think the fact that this Committee meeting was called on a night that it's not normally scheduled for, when many of us had other commitments was, first of all, a singularly irresponsible action when those of us would like to exercise our duties to our constituents...ah, and we really think that's more important than Mr. Morgan's presence on our usual Wednesday night at a Coffee for his own political benefit. There are other considerations but we will wait to hear what the rest of the Committee report is at this time."

MR. MILLER said he has some other people who wish to speak.

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, I think that it's rather unfortunate that this is really the first that we've heard of any objections as far as the Fiscal Committee's report is concerned, and I certainly, as the Majority Leader of this Board, would like to, as much as possible, work with the Minority Leadership of this Board, I would like to know just exactly what they are recommending as far as this evening's Fiscal Committee Report is concerned. Are they asking that we bring these items out without any recommendations? Or would they prefer that we hold them all in committee until next month? I would like a sense of direction, and I'm sure we can resolve it."

MRS. COSENTINI: "I think all items should come out without a recommendation."

MR. MILLER: "Well, you're going to have to move them out of committee, so I would suggest that for each item, we take a motion to move the item out of committee, vote on that; and then take a motion on each item, now, I have some other people who wish to speak."

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, if this be the case, I'd like to ask for a short break, so that we may discuss this."

MR. MILLER: "Take a five-minute recess."

RECESS began at 11:07 P.M. and lasted until 11:50 P.M.

MR. MILLER: "Will all members please take their seats. The Chair will recognize Mr. DeRose."

MR. DeROSE: "Mr. President, due to the lateness of the hour and the length of the agenda, I MOVE that we ADJOURN this meeting until Monday, June 14th at 8:00 p.m. in this very room of the Board of Representatives."

MR. MILLER: "MOVED and SECONDED. The MOTION is CARRIED. We'll take a DIVISION, using the machine. So there will be no misunderstanding about the vote, we'll clear the machine, a YES vote is for adjournment; a NO vote is opposed to adjournment. The MOTION is CARRIED with 24 YES votes for adjournment, and 14 NO votes against adjournment."

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:53 P.M., after voting to meet on Monday next, June 14, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. (A Special Meeting intervened on June 10, 1976 however to consider one item.)

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

APPROVED:

*Frederick E. Miller, Jr.*

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14th Board of Representatives

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