

The Regular Meeting of the 31st Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 8:00 p.m., and was held remotely.

MINUTES

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Deacon Ernest Jeffers [7th District].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Curtis.

¹ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk Cottrell. There were 36 members present, 3 members absent or excused, and 1 vacancy. (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins were present; Rep. Moore was excused; Reps. Jacobson and Jean-Louis were absent). Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOTING MACHINE STATUS: Not applicable; meeting to be held remotely.

²MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late: K. Shirley O'Connor and June Estep Fiorelli from President Curtis.

³FILLING OF VACANCY:

Rep. Fedeli nominated Stephen Garst to fill the vacancy in the 18th District; said nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, a motion to approve Stephen Garst to fill the vacancy in the 18th District was made, seconded, and approved by a roll call vote of 36-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor).

Town Clerk Ruijter administered the oath of office to Rep. Garst.

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4COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Representatives Adams and Morson are celebrating Birthdays this month
2. The invocation for the June Board Meeting will be the responsibility of the representatives from the 8th District (Reps. Figueroa and Sherwood). Representatives are responsible for notifying the Board office with the name of the person doing the invocation.
3. The Deadline for Steering is Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:00 p.m.
4. The Steering Committee meeting will be on Monday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m.
5. Next month's Regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:00 p.m.
6. The Board office will be closed on Monday, September 5th.
7. If you need assistance with Zoom during the meeting, please call: [REDACTED] to speak with IT. Please do not call other members of the Board or the Board office. If you are having problems speaking or hearing with your computer, you can always access the meeting through a telephone by dialing the phone number on the Agenda - 1-646-558-8656, and using the Webinar ID on the agenda: 814 7054 1826. Please call or text IT at [REDACTED] or text the Clerk at [REDACTED] to let us know you are coming on, with the phone number you are using, and we will make sure you are able to speak during the meeting.
8. If you do not respond during a roll call vote, your name will be called 2 more times after the conclusion of the vote. If you do not respond, you will be assumed to have left the meeting and your name will not be called on the next roll call vote.
9. If you decide to leave the meeting, you must text the Clerk when you leave. If you need to leave the meeting for a short period, text the Clerk when you leave and return. Members who do not text the Clerk when they leave the meeting will be presumed to be present for all consent items.
10. The Board of Reps social will take place on Friday, August 12th at the Halloween Yacht Club at 7 p.m.
11. There will be an ethics training and cabinet meet and greet on September 10th from 9 am to 11 am at the Harry Bennet Branch of the Ferguson Library.

President Curtis announced that Rep. Bewkes will be serving as the Board representative on the Property Revaluation Review Committee. Rep. Fedeli will be serving on the Legislative & Rules Committee. Rep. Garst will be replacing Rep. Fedeli on the Public Safety & Health Committee and will be serving on the Fiscal and Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committees.

5HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. [RESOLUTION](#); Congratulating Sterling Farms Golf Course on its 50th Anniversary. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
Submitted by the 31st Board of Representatives

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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6PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

Kieran Edmondson spoke about printing ballot sheets for the upcoming election. Paul Arvoy spoke about opting out of the State law regarding ADUs and the Mayor's husband receiving a marijuana license. Wendy Rogovin spoke about the condition of Cove Road. Barry Michelson spoke about opting out of the State law regarding ADUs; Sam Magliari spoke about alleged corruption. The Board also received the [attached written statement](#) prior to the meeting, which was distributed to members.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

A motion to waive the Steering Committee report was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Denis Patterson, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Patterson reported that the Appointments Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Shaw and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Figueroa, Grunberger, Pavia, Summerville, and Walston. Absent were Reps. Bewkes and Figueroa. Also present were Reps. Curtis and Fedeli.

1. A31.041

Appointments Commission

Danette Melchionne (R) *New Commission*
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/31/2024
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/27/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

**APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA**

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| 2. A31.042 | Appointments Commission
Patrick Sasser (R) <i>New Commission</i>
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/31/2023
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/27/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Rep.
Campbell
abstaining) |
| 3. A31.043 | Urban Redevelopment Commission
Mara Siladi (D) <i>Repl. Condlin</i>
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/1/2024
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/27/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Reps.
Campbell and
Coleman
abstaining) |
| 4. A31.044 | Personnel Commission
Lynn Arnow (R) <i>Rep. Adamson</i>
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/31/2022
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/27/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA (Reps.
Curtis and
Campbell
abstaining) |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

⁸FISCAL COMMITTEE:
[Attendance & Votes](#)
[Minutes & Video](#)

Monica Di Costanzo, Co-Chair
Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair
 Meeting: Monday, July 25, 2022
 7:00 p.m. –Democratic Caucus Room
 and by webinar

Co-Chair Di Costanzo reported the Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Di Costanzo and Miller and Committee Member Reps. Boeger (online), Coleman (online), Fedeli, Figueroa (online), Nabel, and Pierre-Louis (online). Excused were Reps. Morson and Tomas. Rep. Figueroa joined at 7:18 p.m. Also present were Elda Sinani, Director of OPM; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; and Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations.

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| 1. F31.071
\$13,611.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation of Funds to pay Current Year Wage Settlements (FY23) via Tentative Agreement with Dental Hygienists Union (Source of Funds: Contingency).
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/14/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/25/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
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| 2. F31.072
\$6,730.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation of Funds to pay Retroactive Wage Settlements (FY22) via Tentative Agreement with Dental Hygienists Union (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/14/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/25/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 3. F31.073
\$1,098,156.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation of Funds to pay Current Year Wage Settlements (FY23) via Tentative Agreement with IUOE Local 30 (Municipal Services and Operations) (Source of Funds: Contingency).
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/14/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/25/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 4. F31.074
\$900,537.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation of Funds to pay Retroactive Wage Settlements (FY22) via Tentative Agreement with IUOE Local 30 (Municipal Services and Operations) (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
07/06/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/14/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/25/22 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 5. F31.070
\$500,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001265; Barrett Park; Funding for Traffic Signal Infrastructure Improvements Related to Development <u>Playground Upgrades</u> (100% State Grant funded)
06/16/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/28/22 - Approved by Planning Board
07/14/22 - Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/25/22 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON
THE CONSENT
AGENDA |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1 through 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

9 LEGISLATIVE & RULES

COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Phil Berns, Co-Chair

Susan Nabel, Co-Chair

Meeting: Tuesday, July 26, 2022

7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Co-Chair Nabel reported that Legislative and Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Nabel and Berns, and Committee Member Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Jacobson, Matheny, Miller and Sherwood. Also present were Reps. Figueroa, Patterson, Shaw, Summerville, and Walston; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Burt Rosenberg and Chris Dellaselva, Law Department; Laurie Albano, Recreation Services; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Michael Hannam, Esq., Day Pitney; and Greg Stackpole, Assessor.

1. [LR31.024](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving the Sale of Property Located at 35 Crescent Street to Crescent Housing Partners, LLC.
03/31/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
04/12/22 – Approved by Planning Board
06/09/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
07/26/22 – Held by Committee 8-0-0 **HELD**

2. [LR31.031](#) RESOLUTION and public hearing; Approving the First Amendment to Lease Between Our Lady Star of the Sea Corporation and the City of Stamford for 1170 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT.
06/24/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/28/22 – Approved by Planning Board
07/14/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/26/22 – Approved by Committee 7-1-0 **APPROVED, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 34-2-2**

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 34-2-2 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Campbell, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor; Reps. Jacobson and Pollack opposed; and Reps. Gilbride and Grunberger abstaining).

3. [LR31.025](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with Sustainable Strategies Inc. for Federal Lobbying Services under RFP No. 854 [Amount of Agreement \$132,600/yr. – See backup for additional terms].
06/24/22 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/14/22 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
07/26/22 – Approved by Committee 6-1-1 **APPROVED, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 29-3-6**

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a roll call vote of 29-3-6

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(Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Summerville, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Boeger, Sherwood, and Tomas opposed; and Reps. Campbell, Figueroa, Garst, Pavia, Stella, and Walston abstaining).

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| 4. LR31.030 | REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS; Planning Board and Board of Finance Recommendations Re: Triennial List of City-Owned and Leased Real Properties as Transmitted by the Board of Finance.
06/20/22 – Submitted by Sandra Dennies
06/28/22 – Considered by Planning Board
07/14/22 – Considered by Board of Finance
07/26/22 – Recommendation by Committee to Retain 0 Rockrimmon Road Properties as a Preserve Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 5. LR31.028 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure Section III.B.8 Relating to the Filling of Vacancies in any Citywide Elected Office.
06/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Jacobson and Sherwood
06/27/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0
07/26/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 7-0-0 | APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA |
| 6. LR31.029 | APPROVAL; Amendment to the Board of Representatives Rules of Procedure to Amend Section III.C to add Requirements Regarding Submission of Documentation for Candidates to be Interviewed by the Appointments Committee.
07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Stella, Curtis, Cottrell, Figueroa, and Jacobson
07/26/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 | HELD |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 4 and 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹⁰PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
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Anabel Figueroa, Chair
Mary Fedeli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2022
6:30 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Figueroa reported that the Personnel Committee met at the above date and time. In

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attendance were Chair Figueroa, Vice Chair Fedeli. and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Berns, Goldberg, Jean-Louis, Mays, Patterson and Pavia. Rep. Pavia was absent. Also present: Rep. Walston; Ana Gonzalez, Labor Relations Specialist; and Gabe Jiran, Esq., Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. C

1. P31.025 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and IUOE Local 30 (Municipal Services and Operations) for 07/01/19 - 06/30/24. **REJECTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 0-36-2**
07/02/22 – Submitted by Al Cava
07/14/22 – Positive Advisory Opinion Issued by Board of Finance
07/18/22 – Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-8-0

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-36-2 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor; and Reps. Campbell and Garst abstaining)

2. P31.026 REJECTION; Tentative Agreement between the City of Stamford and Stamford Public Health Dental Hygienists Union, AFSCME Council #4 for 07/01/21 - 06/30/24. **REJECTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 0-37-1**
07/02/22 – Submitted by Al Cava
07/14/22 – Positive Advisory Opinion Issued by Board of Finance
07/18/22 – Rejection FAILED in Committee 0-8-0

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote of 0-37-1 (Reps. Adams, Baxter, Berns, Bewkes, Boeger, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Gilbride, Goldberg, Grunberger, Jacobson, Ley, Matheny, Mays, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pavia, Pierre-Louis, Pollack, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Shaw, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Tomas, Walston and Watkins in favor; and Rep. Campbell abstaining)

¹¹LAND USE/URBAN

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#) & [Votes](#)

[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

Bradley Bewkes, Chair

Nina Sherwood, Vice Chair

Meeting: Thursday, July 28, 2022

7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Bewkes reported that the Land/Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Bewkes, Vice Chair Sherwood and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Campbell, de la Cruz, Grunberger, Mays, Matheny, Summerville, and Tomas. Also in attendance were Reps. Boeger, Coleman, Miller, and Walston; Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; and eight members of the public.

1. [LU31.017](#) REVIEW; Recent State of Connecticut Legislation **HELD**
Related to State Control Over Local Zoning,
Including but not Limited to [Public Act 21-29](#),
Previously H.B.6107, and Other Statutes or
Proposed Bills Allowing as of Right Accessory
Apartments, as of Right Higher Density
Development, and Elimination of Single-Family
Zoning Including the Process and Ability of
Municipal Opt-Outs.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and
Sherwood
06/23/22 – Report Made & Held by Committee 10-0-0
07/28/22 – Held in Committee

As a Secondary Committee: State & Commerce

2. LU31.018 REVIEW; Recent Transit Oriented Development **HELD**
Legislation and Measures Proposed or Passed by
the City of Stamford and State of Connecticut.
06/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Bewkes and
Sherwood
06/23/22 – Held by Committee 10-0-0
07/28/22 – Held in Committee

As a Secondary Committee: State & Commerce

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**PUBLIC SAFETY &
HEALTH COMMITTEE:**

**Jeffrey Stella, Chair
Eric Morson, Vice Chair**

Chair Stella reported that there was no meeting of the Public Safety & Health Committee and no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE:**

**Jennifer Matheny, Chair
Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair**

Chair Matheny reported that there was no meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee and no report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

**Megan Cottrell, Chair
Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair**

Chair Cottrell reported that there was no meeting of the Education Committee and no report.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**Mavina Moore, Co-Chair
Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair**

Co-Chair Roqueta reported that there was no meeting of the Housing / Community Development / Social Services Committee and no report.

¹³TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

[Attendance](#)
[Minutes](#) & [Video](#)

**David Watkins, Chair
Terry Adams, Vice Chair**
Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7:00 p.m. – by Webinar

Chair Watkins reported that the Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore, and Sandford. Absent was Rep. Di Costanzo. Also present were President Curtis and Reps. Boeger, Stella and Walston; Dana Lee, Law Department; Frank Petise and Luke

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Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking; Sgt. Jeffrey Booth; Philip Magalnick, Mayor's ADA Advisory Council; and William Wright, People Friendly Stamford.

1. [T31.013](#) REVIEW; Micromobility Devices- Updating [Code of Ordinances Chapter 231 – Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI](#). to Allow Micromobility Devices (i.e Scooters and Ebikes).
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Gilbride, Pollack and Boeger
04/11/22 – Held at Steering
05/09/22 – Moved to Pending
06/21/22 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
07/19/22 – Report Made **REPORT MADE**

¹⁴STATE & COMMERCE COMMITTEE:

[Attendance & Votes](#)
[Minutes & Video](#)

Fred Pierre-Louis, Chair
Jonathan Jacobson, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2022
7:00 p.m. – By Webinar

Chair Pierre-Louis reported that the State & Commerce Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Jacobson and Committee Member Reps. Ley, Miller, Sandford, and Walston. Excused were Chair Pierre-Louis and Rep. Goldberg. Also in attendance were Matt Quinones, Director of Operations; Frank Petise, Director of Transportation; Luke Buttenwieser, Traffic Engineering; Lauren Meyer, Mayor's Office, and two members of the public.

1. [SC31.006](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to [Chapter 214, Article V](#), of the Code of Ordinances, Outdoor Dining, to Expand Outdoor Dining Into Parking Spaces and the Roadway.
02/09/22 – Submitted by Frank Petise
03/02/22 – Held by Committee 5-0-0
03/30/22 – Held by Committee 4-0-0
04/11/22 – Moved to Pending
07/19/22 – Approved by Committee, as amended, 5-0-0 **APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (Reps. Campbell, Sherwood and Figueroa abstaining)**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

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