

MAY 16TH, 1949

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A meeting of the Board of Representatives of Stamford was held at the Burdick Junior High School on Monday, May 16th, 1949, and was called to order by the President of the Board, Mr. Samuel F. Pierson, at 8:05 P.M.

Rev. Donald F. Campbell pronounced the Invocation.

Roll Call of members was held, all being present except Mr. Horace L. Woodbury, Mr. David Waterbury and Mr. George W. Lockwood.

The Clerk announced that in the future, members arriving late at the meetings should report to her.

The Clerk called the attention of the Board to the fact that the mimeographed minutes of the previous meeting should be corrected as follows:

Page 1. the name "Cameron" should be changed to "Canavan" as the maker of the motion to grant permission for Petition 3.

Page 3. the word "purpose" should be changed to "purchase" in the second paragraph of Resolution #6, so that the same shall read "for the purchase of a new bookkeeping machine"".

James W. Harrington, 9th District, stated that inasmuch as these Minutes are being placed on file he feels it advisable to incorporate therein the full name and district of the maker and seconder of motions.

Upon motion of Edward J. Wojciechowski, 2nd District, seconded by John M. Canavan, 11th District, the Minutes were approved as corrected.

The Chair presented Mr. Rabe, H.S. political science student, Messenger for the meeting.

Jeanette L. Bell, 17th District, pointed out that she felt there was an error on Page 3, Section 33, of the Rules adopted by this Board, as to the proper order of subdivision "9", "to Postpone Indefinitely" and after some explanation by Michael Wofsey and Daniel Miller, she moved that the question of the order of Subdivision 9, Rule 33, be referred to the Rules Committee, which motion was seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, and carried.

The first order of business was the reception of Petitions, Petition #6, being that of The Springdale Fire Company, Inc., requesting permission to conduct a Bingo in the rear of the Springdale Firehouse at 980 Hope Street, Springdale, on May 27th to June 4th inclusive.

Upon motion made by James W. Harrington, 9th District, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, IT WAS VOTED that permission be granted.

The Chair then read to the Board a set of Petitions numbered 7 which had previously been approved by the Common Council, as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Request</u>
Richmond Park Republican Club, Inc.	<u>Carnival</u> , July 8th to July 16th 1949, inclusive
San Maghese Society ✓	<u>Bazaar</u> , June 3 to June 12, 1949, excluding June 5 and June 12
St. Mary's Church ✓	<u>Carnival</u> , August 5 through August 13, 1949, excluding August 7th
The Aviglianese Society ✓	<u>Bazaar</u> , June 3, 4 and 6 to 11, inclusive
Maria S. S. Delle Grazie	<u>Feast</u> and Fireworks display, July 2 and 3, 1949
Holy Name Athletic Club, Inc.	<u>Carnival</u> , July 22 to July 30, 1949

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Request</u>
Sacred Heart Church	Bazaar, End of September or beginning of October
Society Maria SS Del Carmine and Saint Vito Martire, Inc.	Feast, June 18 and 19, 1949
Italian Men and Women's Council	Bazaar, May 12 through May 21, 1949
Societa' Moderna	Bazaar, August 12 to August 30, 1949

Upon motion of John M. Canavan, 11th District, seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, the above applications were approved.

Petition #8 of St. Maurice's Church was read, requesting a permit to hold a Bazaar on its Church grounds on July 22, 23, and 25, 1949.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved that the Petition be granted, which motion was seconded by James W. Harrington, 9th District, and carried.

Petition #9 of the Turn of River Fire Department, Inc. was read requesting permission to run their Annual Carnival on property behind stores at High Ridge and Vine Roads on July 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1949.

Upon motion made by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, and carried, Petition #9 was granted.

The Petition of the Glenbrook Fire Department, numbered 10, to hold a Fair apparently on Stark School property, was presented. Mr. John Cook stated that he believed the dates to be June 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that the petition be approved, subject to the approval of the school authorities, seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, and carried.

The Chair stated that wider publicity would be given in the Press concerning the need of a request for a Permit, in answer to a question by William A. Adriaance, 18th District. Mrs. Seeley quoted from Section 51 of The Stamford Charter in further explanation.

Petition #11 of The Central Veterans' Association, Inc. was read for the President of the Board of Representatives to sit in Reviewing Stand at Town Hall on Monday, May 30th, to review the Memorial Day Parade or to send some other member of the Board in his place.

Upon motion of John L. Cameron, 20th District, seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, IT WAS VOTED that this request be granted, and that if the President of the Board cannot serve in that capacity he appoint a substitute.

A communication from Mayor Barrett was read in which he submitted names of people appointed by him to the following Committees:

PLANNING BOARD

E. Gaynor Brennan	Jerome C. Massari ✓
Howard R. Goerke	Richard V. Holahan ✓
Harold Spelke	

ZONING COMMISSION

Preston Z. Jones	Leonard Kuvin ✓
John W. Mershon ✓	John S. McDaniel ✓
George E. Lockwood	

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

James J. Morris ✓ Fred. Smith
Clayton Tomkins Matthew E. Hanna ✓
 Marcus Goodbody ✓

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that these appointments be referred to the Committee on Appointments, seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District.

James W. Harrington expressed to the Board his opinion that the Representatives are being asked, in many instances, to approve people they do not know and that he thinks these appointees should be presented at the Board meetings. Daniel Miller, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, said that he and his committee have had the opportunity of meeting every one of these appointees and that any member of the Board who is interested is welcome to attend his committee meetings and also meet them. James N. Mulreed suggested that the Board of Representatives has set up various committees to do the very thing that Mr. Harrington wishes done and that if the Appointments Committee functions properly it will not be necessary for the appointees to appear before this Board, as the Committee can give a report of their abilities.

The motion was put to a vote and IT WAS VOTED to refer these appointments to the Committee on Appointments.

A communication to Mayor Barrett from James P. Romanzo, a member of the Glenbrook Businessmen's Association, concerning truck traffic through the Glenbrook route was described by the President.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, stated that he believed that the Legislative and Rules Committee should investigate the possibility of having legislation passed to make it possible for Stamford to control traffic through Stamford.

A motion was made by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, that the Legislative and Rules Committee investigate the possibility of giving the right to the proper authorities in Stamford to regulate truck traffic through Stamford, which motion was carried. Mr. Wofsey explained that he cannot possibly get this into this session of the Legislature.

The Chair described a communication from Mayor Barrett concerning a proposed Enabling Act regarding the disposal of municipally owned property on Greenwich Avenue.

There was considerable discussion and expression of opinion as to sale of land, if given to this municipality for park purposes. Patrick J. Hogan, 10th District, stated that the land, if facts were closely examined, would prove too small an area for a park, and that it is unsuitable, as well, because of a steep embankment and busy thoroughfare. Upon motion by Michael Wofsey, 1st District, seconded by Catherine B. Cleary, 8th District, IT WAS VOTED that the matter be referred to the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, and that a copy of the proposed Enabling Act be sent to each member of the Board for further study.

A communication from the Cove Civic Association, Inc. was described, and inasmuch as it pertained to the Cove Sewer project, a matter which has already been referred to the Public Works Committee, no further action was taken.

A request from Mayor Barrett that an ordinance be passed forbidding the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks of Stamford was presented.

Daniel Miller, 16th District, moved that the matter be referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee, seconded by John M. Canavan, 11th District, and carried.

A further request was presented from Mayor Barrett, at the suggestion of Fire Chief Veit, that an ordinance be passed to compel owners of properties within the limits of Stamford, to abate fire hazards.

Upon motion of Daniel Miller, 16th District, seconded by Eugene T. Kaminski, 13th District, and carries, the matter was referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee.

Louise T. Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Matters Committee, reported on Resolution #4 referred to her committee concerning the transfer of the sum of \$1,500. from "Canvass and Electors' Account" to Controller's Account, CP-3, "Record Books, Checks, Stationery, etc." to the effect that her committee recommends its adoption.

She further reported that her committee approves adoption of Resolution #5 concerning an appropriation of \$4,500. for election expenses, and also that her committee approves Resolution #6 regarding appropriation of \$4,500. for the purchase of a new bookkeeping machine.

Mrs. Seeley also reported that Mr. Edward Downey, Clerk pro tem of the Board of Finance, has referred to her a resolution of the Board of Finance appropriating \$150.00 for the clerical expenses of the Board of Representatives and recommended approval of the same by the Board of Representatives.

Upon motion made by Daniel Miller, 16th District, seconded by John Cook, 15th District, IT WAS VOTED that we accept the report of the Chairman pertaining to Resolutions #4, #5 and #6, and that these resolutions be adopted by this Board.

Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that the matter of the \$150.00 appropriation be placed at the end of the Agenda for the day while its legality is being checked. Seconded by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, and carried.

Daniel Miller, Chairman of the Appointments Committee, prior to presenting his report, moved that in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives, the vote of any appointments shall be made by secret ballot. Seconded by Michael Wofsey, 1st District and George V. Connors, 10th District. Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, offered an amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Mr. Miller, "Individually, one by one". The motion, as amended, was carried.

Leonard J. DeVita moved that a seven minute recess be declared, seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, and carried.

Following the recess, Mr. Miller reported that his committee has examined the qualifications of Robert Almond and finds that he is ably qualified for the position as Commissioner of Finance, and that the committee recommends that he be approved.

After a statement by George V. Connors, a member of the committee, that there is no Minority Report, and questions put to the Chairman of the committee, and answered by him and Mr. Connors as to Mr. Almond's ability and qualifications IT WAS VOTED, upon motion made by Daniel Miller, 16th District, seconded by Hunt Sutherland, 17th District, "that we proceed to balloting".

The Chair announced the approval of Robert Almond as Commissioner of Finance by a vote of 31 to 6.

Mr. Miller then reported that his committee has examined the qualifications of George Wise as Corporation Counsel and finds that he is ably qualified for the position, and recommends that he be approved by the Board of Representatives.

There being no Minority Report, Michael Wofsey, 1st District, moved that we proceed to ballot, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried.

The Chair announced that the approval of the appointment of Mr. George Wise as Corporation Counsel is granted by a vote of 34 to 3.

Mr. Miller then stated that his committee had examined the qualifications of the men named by the Mayor to the Board of Taxation, as follows:

Dr. Frank J. Sproviero	for	5	years
Mr. William J. Kellow	"	4	"
Mr. John J. McNerney	"	3	"
Mr. Joseph G. Gleason	"	2	"
Dr. Frederick H. Dutcher	"	1	year

and that a majority of the Committee find that they are all qualified to be members of the Board of Taxation and that the majority of his committee recommends that the Board of Representatives approve these appointments. Numerous questions about the qualifications of these men were answered by the Chairman of the Committee.

A Minority Report was received by the Board, the same being presented by George V. Connors, 10th District, in which unfavorable action on the name of Joseph G. Gleason was recommended, Mr. Connors stating that his group feels that Mr. Gleason is not representative of the Democratic party.

Babette S. Ranschoff, 15th District, inquired of Mr. Connors if there is any question as to Mr. Gleason's qualifications, and she was told that it was simply that he is not representative of the Democratic party. Michael Laureno, Minority Leader, stated that Mr. Connor's report is not a unanimous one but rather a purge in their own ranks, and that he feels an opportunity should be given to Mr. Gleason to be heard in the matter.

Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, made a motion to proceed with the business, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried.

The Chair announced the following vote:

Board of Taxation

<u>Name</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Dr. Frank J. Sproviero	12	24	1
Mr. William J. Kellow	3	34	
John J. McNerney	1	35	1
Joseph G. Gleason	21	16	
Dr. Frederick H. Dutcher	11	26	

and declared the approval of Dr. Sproviero, William Kellow, John J. McNerney, and Dr. Frederick H. Dutcher and the disapproval of Joseph G. Gleason.

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At this point the President of the Board excused Michael Wofsey from the meeting.

Stearns E. Woodman, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reported that "pursuant to Resolution #10 introduced on May 2, 1949, dealing essentially with the need for a sanitary sewer extension in the Cove section of this municipality," his committee has convened and explored the subject at some length, having discussed it with the Mayor, members of the Department of Public Works, and officers of the Board of Health, and having visited the area itself. He stated that they were strongly impressed with the immediate need of action and that an undesirable condition of health menace exists. Also, that they have learned that expensive comprehensive surveys of the project have been made in recent years toward a permanent solution and that these should be sufficient, together with some new supplementary data, to get the

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job under way. He further stated that they were convinced that there is no alternative to a permanent sanitary sewer and that such sewer should be so laid out that it shall serve all portions of the area which are not now served. He also said that the Mayor has told his committee that this matter will be among the highest on his agenda of capital improvements proposals, after the Operating Budgets have been put through, and that his committee will stand ready to emphasize the urgency of this operation when an appropriate measure is submitted to this Board by the Mayor.

The Chair announced that he would entertain a motion that the sense of this Committee's Report be submitted in the form of a letter to Mayor Barrett. Such a motion was made by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, seconded by Edward Ballo, 12th District, and carried.

Helen J. Bromley, Chairman of the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee, reported on Petition #1 referred to her committee pertaining to the Stamford Exposition of Progress.

The committee favored granting permission for use of Woodside Park for the Stamford Exposition of Progress, Inc. and Mrs. Bromley read a letter of confirmation of the terms and conditions under which permission would be granted. She stated that Mr. Max Spelke, Chairman of the committee, and Mr. Kingsbury of the Chamber of Commerce have met with her committee and have agreed to take out Property Damage Insurance and adequate Liability Insurance to cover all losses incurred, and that they have agreed to provide guards for their equipment, exhibits and grounds and to provide extra attendants for the public rest rooms.

As to Resolution #11 concerning the building at the corner of Lockwood Avenue and Lillian Street, referred to her committee, the committee was in favor of deferring any decision until the Engineering Department can investigate and make a survey of what the costs would entail for this work, and recommended that this resolution remain in this committee for discussion after such survey is received.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, moved acceptance of the report concerning the Stamford Exposition of Progress and that permission be granted; seconded by George V. Connors. Following considerable discussion as to portion of Park to be used, length of time, etc., the motion was put to a vote and carried.

Mrs. Bromley stated that she had suggested that the eight men who were responsible for the presentation of Resolution #11, being the representatives from the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Districts, should get together and go over to the location when the Engineering Department makes the survey.

John L. Cameron, 20th District, moved to accept that portion of the report referring to Resolution #11 and to recommit the same to the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee for further study when engineering data becomes available, which motion was seconded by Sewell H. Corkran, 18th District. An amendment to the motion was offered by William A. Adriance, 18th District, and accepted by the maker of the motion, as follows: "The City Engineer to be notified, for action and study" and the motion, as amended, was adopted.

Daniel Miller, Chairman of the committee appointed to investigate adequate housing for the Board of Representatives, reported that Mr. Reginald Neuwein, Superintendent of Schools, had suggested Room #128 at the Stamford High School for meetings, but Mr. Neuwein stated that he doubted that a full Board of Representatives, and the group present at this meeting could be accommodated. Mrs. Ransohoff remarked that we should not meet in quarters which would discourage the public from attending.

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Sewell H. Corkran, 18th District, moved that we meet in Room #128 at the Stamford High School for the next meeting, and try it out, which was seconded by Ralph Nau, 19th District, which motion was defeated.

After further discussion about a suitable place to meet, the President of the Board announced that he would discuss this matter with the Mayor with the permission of the Board.

A letter was read from Horace L. Woodbury, Representative from the Sixth District, tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Representatives due to ill health. James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved that the matter be referred to the Appointments Committee, seconded by Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, and carried.

Leon C. Staples, 7th District, moved that we regretfully accept Mr. Woodbury's resignation, which motion was seconded by Sewell H. Corkran, 18th District, and carried.

The matter of the Budget of the Board of Education was presented, and upon motion made by Leonard J. DeVita, 5th District, seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District, IT WAS VOTED that the same be referred to the Fiscal Committee, and that copies of the Budget be passed out to each of the Representatives.

Louise T. Seeley, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, announced that it was the feeling of both the Chairman of the Board of Finance and herself that it would probably be a good thing to have two joint public hearings of the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives, one for the Board of Education Budget, and the other for the Mayor's Budget, but the dates have not yet been determined.

James N. Mulreed, 4th District, moved that the Chair appoint a permanent Steering Committee to prepare Agenda for each meeting; seconded by Stephen E. Kelly, 12th District, and carried.

The following were named to the Steering Committee by the President:

Helen J. Bromley	Michael E. Lauren
Daniel Miller	James N. Mulreed
Sherman R. Hoyt	Patrick J. Hogan
Sewell H. Corkran	Stephen E. Kelly
Michael Wofsey	Joseph Zdanowicz
Louise T. Seeley	

John J. Gacher, 2nd District, inquired why the Commissioner of Finance has not advertised for bids for the beach concessions in the Parks, and following explanation from Mrs. Bromley, the Chair announced that with the approval of the Board he will speak to the Mayor and inquire why the concessions of the Parks have not been given out.

The Chairman of the Public Welfare and Recreation Committee was requested to see that two backstops are provided at Cummings Park for the Board of Recreation.

Upon motion made by Patrick Scarella, 3rd District, seconded by Daniel Miller, 16th District, and carried IT WAS VOTED that the matter of the \$150.00 appropriation for clerical expenses and supplies, recommended for approval by the Board of Finance, be approved.

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Sherman R. Hoyt, 19th District, suggested that if any member is interested enough in any subject referred to a committee of this Board, that member should communicate with the Chairman of the Committee and submit questions ~~for committee consideration.~~ *in order to acquaint himself with regard to the Committee's position on the subject.*
This suggestion met with the approval of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion of Clifford Waterbury, 4th District, seconded by George V. Connors, 10th District, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

BABETTE S. RANSOHOFF

Clerk

Notes:

Copy of Mayor Barrett's letter re Enabling Act mailed to Helen Bromley, Chr. Public Welfare and Recreation Committee.

Copy of Mayor Barrett's letter re appointments of members on Planning Board, Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals mailed to Daniel Miller, Chr. of Appointments Committee, together with copy of Mr. Woodbury's letter of resignation.

Copy of Mayor Barrett's letters re suggested Ordinance, data re truck traffic through Glenbrook and reminder re Sec. 33, subdivision 9, of the Rules sent to Michael Wofsey, Chairman Legislative and Rules Committee.

School Budget given to Mrs. Seeley, Chr. of Fiscal Matters Committee, at Board Meeting.