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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, November 8, 1954 at the Burdick Junior High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by George V. Connors, President at 8:12 P.M.

Invocation was given by Reverend E. Pollard Jones of the First Methodist Church.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 35 present, 5 absent. The absent members were Frank LiVolsi, Phil C. Coulter, Barbara Winsor, William Murphy and Katherine Kaminski. Barbara Winsor and Katherine Kaminski arrived 15 minutes late; William Murphy arrived about 10; and Frank LiVolsi arrived in time to vote for Patrick Scarella so that final roll call was 39 present, one absentee.

James Mulreed submitted a Resolution naming the field formerly known as Belltown Field to The George T. Barrett Field and MOVED its adoption.

Resolution #187 - Changing the name of the field formerly known as Belltown Field to the George T. Barrett Field

RESOLUTION #187

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE FIELD FORMERLY KNOWN AS BELLTOWN FIELD TO THE GEORGE T. BARRETT FIELD

WHEREAS God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst George T. Barrett who devoted many years of his life to furthering the welfare of the people of Stamford and

WHEREAS By one of the many accomplishments of his fruitful life healthful competition in outdoor sports has been fostered and enhanced and

WHEREAS During his life among us, no sporting event was ever complete without the presence of George Barrett, not only as the loyal and voiceful rooter, but also as the giver of friendly words of advice and encouragement and

WHEREAS Not only was he responsible, as first selectman of Stamford, for the establishment of Belltown Field, where outdoor sports may be enjoyed, but, as a public-spirited citizen, he donated part of the land which made this field possible, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED As a tribute to the memory of George T. Barrett and as encouragement to the youth of Stamford to attain the lofty ideals to which his life was dedicated, the field now known as Belltown Field be and hereby is named The George T. Barrett Field.

Motion was brought to question, seconded by Helen Peatt, Norton Rhoades and Hayes B. Hoyt and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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Helen Bromley MOVED that a copy of said resolution be sent to his widow with an expression of sympathy from the Board, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED.

George Connors presented the minutes of September 13, 1954 to the Board for acceptance.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED acceptance of the minutes of September 13, 1954 as presented, seconded by Doris Zuckert and CARRIED.

George Connors presented the minutes of October 4, 1954 to the Board for acceptance.

Alanson Fredericks MOVED, seconded by Doris Zuckert, that these minutes also be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

Fiscal Committee

Patrick Scarella, Chairman, submitted the committee report recommending approval of items a, b, c and d and stated that the Health & Protection Committee would submit a report on item e.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the additional appropriation of \$410. requested by the Town and City Clerk's Office, Code 470.22, for new office equipment. Motion seconded by Doris Zuckert and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the additional appropriation of \$2000.00 requested by Judge Keating of the Probate Court for the purchase of Record Books, Code 830.11. Motion was seconded by John Cook and Carried by a vote of 35 in favor, one opposed, the opposing member being Edward Ryba.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the additional appropriation of \$2000.00 request by the Tax Collector of the Tax Office for Reserve for Tax Refunds, Code 575.R. Motion was seconded by Doris Zukert and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Patrick Scarella MOVED approval of the additional appropriation of \$1000. for an Actuarial Survey of the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund as recommended by Haskin & Sells in their most recent audit report, seconded by Rutherford Huizinga and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Joseph Caputo, Chairman of the Health & Protection Committee reported that they had met with Mr. Charles Price, Director of Civil Defense and Dr. Samuel Link, his assistant re the additional appropriations requested by Civil Defense and the committee recommended their approval.

Joseph Caputo MOVED approval of the additional appropriation of \$3760. requested by Civil Defense covering \$3500, for Maintenance and Operational Equipment, Code 444.A and \$260. for Personnel Equipment, Code 444.B. Motion was seconded by Alphonse Jachimczyk and Carried by a vote of 33 in favor, 3 opposed, the opposing members being Rutherford Huizinga, Thomas Topping and George Russell.

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Legislative & Rules Committee

Paul Plotkin submitted the committee report and upon committee recommendation MOVED that some competent authority be contacted to come in, examine the area and make known to the Board the best and most practical location for the new Turn of River Fire Department Station #2 prior to adoption of the proposed lease, ~~seconded by James Mulreed.~~

Patrick Scarella MOVED seconded by Stephen Kelly that Mr. John Stashenko present in the audience be heard inasmuch as he was on the Building Committee of the Turn of River Fire Dept. and would in all probability have all of the facts. Carried.

John Stashenko stated that he had in his possession a map which had been pinpointed by the Board of National Fire Underwriters and that the proposed lease covered property only 300 feet away from this pinpoint, if that. He stated that much time and study had been given to the site and after careful consideration this property was chosen as the best location to erect Station #2.

Considerable controversy followed re the condition of the roads, access to the adjoining highways, the closeness of the new school, children en route to and from school, etc.

John Cook MOVED for a recess, seconded by George Russell and Carried in order that the Legislative & Rules Committee might caucus to review the findings as submitted by Mr. Stashenko.

George Connors recalled the meeting to order.

Paul Plotkin withdrew his original motion and stated that the committee by a vote of 4 - 2, after caucus, now recommends approval of the lease of property at the Northeast corner of the Roxbury School Site between the City of Stamford and the Turn of River Fire Dept., Inc. for a term of 20 years at an annual rent of \$1.00, with an option of renewal of the lease for another term of 20 years. At the expiration of the term the buildings will become the property of the City of Stamford. The committee concurs with the requirement requested by the Board of Finance to be incorporated in said lease that the Turn of River Fire Department, Inc. be required to take out public liability insurance for said premise each year in an amount satisfactory to the City of Stamford and as approved by Corporation Counsel.

Paul Plotkin MOVED approval of said lease, with the required change, seconded by Alanson Fredericks and CARRIED by a vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, the opposing member being Jack McLaughlin.

re: School Bus Ordinance

Paul Plotkin advised that negotiations between the Board of Education and the Connecticut Company had failed to produce results and that the matter had been turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney for consideration as to whether or not the buses are violating state statutes

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and regulations. Mr. Mulreed and Mr. Russell have been designated to check with the Prosecuting Attorney on this matter.

Proposed Ordinances re Grounding of Television Antennae and re Comic Books are still incomplete and will be presented in a month or two.

Proposed Ordinances Re: Outside Exit from Basements

Paul Plotkin ~~MOVED~~, acceptance of the following ordinance for publication, to be considered for adoption at the December meeting, seconded by Patrick Scarella and CARRIED by a vote of 36 in favor, one opposed, the opposing vote being Robert Lewis.

Amending the Building Code of the City of Stamford by adding to Section 602, Sub-Section 7 - Cellar Exits:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that the Building

Code of the City of Stamford is amended by adding to Section 602 thereof the following sub-section:

7. Cellar Exits. Where heatings, furnaces are placed in the cellars of dwellings or where such cellars are used as recreation areas there shall be in addition to the primary interior stairway an exit to a yard or court.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

Duplicate names of streets

Paul Plotkin stated that the Corporation Counsel advises that the proper procedure for the Board is to enact an ordinance re each change. The committee felt that the Planning Board should first approve such a change although such an approval is not required. The committee is awaiting action by the Planning Board.

Rules and Regulations (new) for the Board of Representatives

These new rules will be considered for adoption at the December meeting. If the members have any suggestions as to changes, they should be phoned or sent in within the next week.

Liaison Committee of the Welfare Department

William Kaminski, Acting Chairman, submitted the report. The committee made no recommendations. Said report is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives.

Patrick Scarella ~~MOVED~~ to accept the report, seconded by Dwight Marshall and CARRIED.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Joseph Iacovo submitted the committee report in Mr. Murphy's absence. The committee report was carefully read detailing the maps, footage and description of various roads proposed for acceptance as public highways that had the endorsement of the City Engineer and the committee for approval.

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Joseph Iacovo Moved that the following roads be accepted as public highways, seconded by Helen Peatt, Jack McLaughlin, Doris Zuckert, Alanson Fredericks, Vincent Vittti, Rutherford Huizinga and CARRIED.

Hazelwood Lane 740', northerly and westerly to Crestwood Drive.
 Crestwood Drive Ext. 700' from a point approx. 750' westerly from
 Pepper Ridge Road to Hazelwood Lane
 Columbus Place, Springdale 1200' from Ceretta St. to River Place
 Joan Road 1400'
 Arnold Drive 1200'
 Willard Terrace Ext. 150'
 Jane's Lane Ext. 1000'
 Mather Road 650' extending easterly from Woodbine Road
 Simsbury Road 870' extending southerly from Vine Road
 Nutmeg Lane 1425' extending easterly from Pepper Ridge Road to
 Simsbury Road
 Robinson Drive 450' extending easterly from Pepper Ridge Road.
 Pressprich Street 710' starting at the westerly line of Victory Street
 and extending westerly and southerly to the intersection of
 Orlando Street.

The committee's report giving full details is on file in the Office of the Board of Representatives.

Alanson Fredericks Suggested that all committee reports of factual importance be mimeographed and distributed to all members to avoid the necessity of time involving discussions at the meeting, the members thereby being fully acquainted with the facts.

Patrick Scarella said this was practically impossible inasmuch as most of the committees met after the Steering Committee which meets the last Tuesday of each month and the time was insufficient to get the report mimeographed and mailed.

Health & Protection Committee

Thomas Killeen submitted the report stating that Mr. Price, Director of Civil Defense had assured the committee that all Civil Defense equipment was available for use of the regular or volunteer fire departments at any time. Mr. Price also suggested that Chief Richardson make arrangements to train some of the firemen to operate the fire boat for an emergency in case Mr. Price's man would not be available. The committee stated it had no objection to the Kiddie Amusement Park at Bull's Head providing State and local ordinances were observed. Training programs progress letters were received from both the Police and Fire Departments. The committee recommends that the Mayor and Chief Kinsella be requested to advise the local taxi companies and the bus companies of the many complaints received regarding reckless operation of their equipment and the lack of courtesy to the public.

William Kaminski MOVED that the portion of the report with reference to the Kiddie Amusement Park at Bull's Head be recommitted to Committee, seconded by Hayes Blake Hoyt and Irving Snyder. CARRIED.

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Patrick Scarella MOVED acceptance of this report with above portion deleted, seconded by John Cook and CARRIED.

Cove Island

Helen Bromley stated that the wharf and other buildings had been demolished by fire by request of the Mayor without the permission of the Board of Representatives, which is necessary and clearly defined under Section 488 of the Charter.

James Mulreed MOVED to hear from Corporation Counsel John Hanrahan, seconded by William Kaminski and CARRIED.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that upon advise from Mr. Chase of Public Works Department that it was even unsafe for his men to work on and was a definite hazard, later confirmed by Chief Thomas Richardson of the Fire Department, it seemed wise to take immediate steps to demolish the wharf and toppling buildings as a protective measure.

Planning & Zoning Committee

William Murphy, who had just arrived, stated there was one item the committee had not reported on heretofore and added that Pepper Ridge Road and Red Bird Lane were not approved by the committee since the drainage was not installed properly to take care of a heavy rainfall.

Steering Committee

George Connors submitted the committee report, which report is on file in the office of the Board of Representatives. Patrick Scarella MOVED acceptance of the report seconded by Samuel Picciallo and CARRIED.

Appointments Committee

William Kaminski, Chairman, read the committee report recommending the appointments of Leonard Scalzi, William Jordan and Patrick Scarella.

Tellers Thomas Topping and Barbara Winsor, who substituted for Mary Bankowski, distributed and counted the ballots. Leonard Scalzi was confirmed to the Sewer Commission by a vote of 35 - 3 replacing Robert G. Davis. His term will expire December 1, 1955. William Jordan was confirmed to the Sewer Commission by a vote of 37 - 1, replacing Michael S. Grzelaczyk. His term will expire December 1, 1957.

Patrick Scarella was confirmed as Commissioner of Public Works by a vote of 27 - 11. His term will expire December 1, 1955.

Patrick Scarella expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board for voting him in as Commissioner of Public Works.

Helen Bromley MOVED for Suspension of Rules to consider a new position being brought into Classified Service entitled "Administrative

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Assistant and Liaison Officer - Sewer Commission", seconded by Irving Snyder and Carried.

Helen Bromley MOVED that this matter be referred to the Personnel Committee for review and consideration; also question the legality of paying a salary from Bond issue, Capital Projects Budget, since Mr. Morrissey stated this salary would be paid out of Capital Projects Budget. Motion seconded by Rutherford Huizinga and CARRIED.

Petition #177

Stephen Kelly MOVED that permission be granted the Girl Scouts to operate Woodlane Day Camp on city-owned property at Scofieldtown Road for the 1955 season of June through August, seconded by Thomas Killeen and CARRIED.

Communications From other Boards and Individuals

George Connors read a letter received from Reflectone Corporation re the proposed firing range to be constructed on Rockrimmon Road at the rear of the Town Farm. The Reflectone Corporation has agreed to construct, adequately covered by insurance and connect the electric power lines for the use of this firing range for approximately three months. During this period same can be used by the Stamford Police Department anytime it is not used by Reflectone Corporation. Same will be abandoned in about three months by the Reflectone Corporation and can then be used at all times by the City.

William Kaminski MOVED that same be referred to the Health & Protection Committee, seconded by Norton Rhoades.

Irving Snyder amended the original Motion to refer same to the Planning and Zoning Committee also, seconded by George Russell.

William Kaminski and Norton Rhoades accepted the amendment and the amended motion was CARRIED.

RE: Site for J. M. Wright Technical School

Irving Snyder referred to Resolution #185 - Endorsing the need of retaining J. M. Wright Technical School in Stamford adopted 8/2/54, and stated to date nothing definite had been done on this matter.

Irving Snyder MOVED that the Clerk of the Board be instructed to address a communication to the Mayor asking that he advise the Board the present status of the Wright Technical School site; also of the continued interest of the Board relative to this matter, seconded by George Russell and CARRIED.

Katherine Kaminski MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor and Chief of Police asking that arrangement be made for parking on the nights of

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the regular meetings of the Board of Representatives at Burdick Junior High School, Seconded by Thomas Topping and Carried.

Barbara Winsor spoke of the dangerous ~~hot rod drivers~~ on the Sylvan Knoll Roads, bad curve on Cove Road near the Dale Street apartments and Seaside Ave; and the Post Road. William Kaminski stated a similar condition existed in Waterside.

William Kaminski MOVED that the Health & Protection Committee check into this situation and report their findings and submit recommendations, seconded by Barbara Winsor and CARRIED.

Rutherford Huizinga spoke about the microphones and loud speaker that was temporarily installed for the evening, services and equipment having been graciously donated for a try-out by Thomson Electric Company of Glenbrook. He stated the need for this equipment was evident by the vast improvement demonstrated and hoped whatever the cost, the Board would see fit to ask for the money for this badly needed equipment so that members as well as the public would hear what is going on.

Alphonse Jachimczyk MOVED to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Edward Ryba and CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Alphonse C. Jachimczyk
Clerk