

The Adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held on Monday, January 14, 1957 in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 23 present and 17 absent. Mr. Rybnick requested permission to leave in order to attend a meeting of the Personnel Commission and Mr. Huizinga arrived shortly after he was excused, resulting in an apparent discrepancy in the vote during Mr. Rybnick's absence. Mr. Rybnick again returned to the meeting later in the evening. The absent members were: William Brett, Vincent Vitti, Clifford Waterbury, Salvatore Giuliani, Robert Lewis, Robert Findlay, Paul Plotkin, William Murphy, Edward Gaupka, Frank Longo, Edward Wynn, William Hearing, Charles Bradbury, John DeForest, John Lilliendahl, Jack McLaughlin, and Irving Snyder.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (continued from Agenda for Jan. 7, 1957 meeting)

Planning & Zoning Committee:

Mr. Russell, Alternate Chairman, in the absence of Mr. Murphy, Chairman, presented the following Committee report:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT ON ROADS
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The following roads have been certified by the City Engineer to be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Board and the Engineering Department.

They have been inspected and received favorable approval by the Committee. The Committee recommends their acceptance. All maps referred to are filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

GLENDALE CIRCLE EXT.	- Approx. 325 ft.	- Located On Map #5451
GREEN FIELD RD. EXT.	- Approx. 519 ft.	- " " " #5451
YALE COURT	- Approx. 550 ft.	- " " " #5532
PARRY RD. EXT.	- Approx. 200 ft.	- " " " #5157
WARD LANE	- Approx. 750 ft.	- " " " #5157
TWIN BROOK RD.	- Approx. 764 ft.	- " " " #4919
SADDLE HILL RD.	- Approx. 900 ft.	- " " " #6007
TREE TOP COURT	- Approx. 300 ft.	- " " " #4068
* DENVER DRIVE	- Approx. 400 ft.	- " " " #5231

* On the condition that this road shall be called and known as Berrian Road, of which it is at present a continuation of. 400 ft. instead of 430 ft. accepted, due to builder tearing up end of road.

The following roads did not meet requirements when inspected and were disapproved by the Committee.

COOPERS POND RD. EXT.	- No turnaround
PHAI BAN LANE	- Poor surface, road broken up
JANE LANE EXT.	- Poor surface, road broken up

The Committee and the Board of Representatives requests that the Planning Board do not release the bonds on these roads until they

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have been brought up to requirements.

W. Murphy, Chairman
George E. Russell, Acting Secretary
Gerald J. Rybnick
Helen J. Peatt

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis; and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

GENDALE CIRCLE: Extending southerly approximately 325 feet, from present accepted portion to a point approximately 16 feet south of northeasterly corner of lot #50 (Map #5451).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

GREENFIELD ROAD EXTENSION: Extending southerly and westerly from present accepted portion of this road, a distance of approximately 519 feet to intersection of Gendale Circle (Map #5451)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Kelly, and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

YALE COURT: Extending westerly from High Ridge Road for a distance of approximately 550 feet, as shown on Map #5532.

Mr. Huizinga arrived at this time.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

PARRY ROAD: Extending easterly from the present accepted portion of this road to the New Canaan Town Line (Map #5157).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mrs. Peatt and CARRIED unanimously.

WARD LANE: Extending easterly from Woodbrook Drive to the New Canaan line, approximately 750 feet (Map #5157).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. He said this road had a turnaround. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

TWIN BROOK DRIVE: Extending southerly from Eden Avenue for a distance of approximately 764 feet (Map #5438).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Barry and CARRIED unanimously.

SADDLE HILL ROAD (First section): Extending westerly from Rockrimmon Road approximately 900 feet (Map #6007).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. Seconded by Mr. Ketcham and CARRIED unanimously.

TREE TOP COURT: Extending easterly from Long Hill Drive, for approximately 300 feet, plus a turnaround (Map #4068).

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MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road. The acceptance being contingent on the name of this road being changed to BERRIAN ROAD instead of Denver Drive, because this is really a continuation of Berrian Road and would only lead to confusion in the future if the name were different.

DENVER DRIVE - ON CONDITION THE NAME BE KNOWN AS BERRIAN ROAD: Description: Extending easterly from Denver Court a distance of approximately 400 feet (instead of the 430 feet originally approved by the City Engineer) to Woods End Road (on Map #5231)

Mr. Russell's motion to accept this road was seconded by Mr. Iacovo and Mrs. Peatt.

There was some discussion at this point as to the reasons for changing the name of the road and for only accepting 400 feet instead of the 430 feet originally requested. Mr. Russell explained that the 30 feet in question had been torn up and was in a poor condition and he could not recommend its acceptance at this time, however, the other 400 feet of this road was in acceptable condition. He also explained the reason why it should not be known as Denver Drive, (see above explanation). He said the numbers on Berrian Road were already assigned, and as this road would, in the future, run into Berrian Road, it would be better to have the numbers run right along.

VOTE taken on acceptance of BERRIAN ROAD and CARRIED unanimously.

The following roads, disapproved by the Committee were then taken up:

COOPER'S POND ROAD EXTENSION: Extending northerly from end of the present accepted portion of this road, a distance of 132.51 feet (Map #5972).

MR. RUSSELL explained that the Committee did not recommend acceptance of the above road at this time because there was no turnaround, and MOVED that acceptance of this road be DISAPPROVED at this time until the turnaround has been developed. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

PHAIBAN LANE: Extending northerly from Wyndover Lane for a distance of approximately 750 feet, including dead end turnaround (Map #5488).

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for REJECTION of the above road for the reason that the road is all broken up and in very poor condition. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

JANES LANE: Extending westerly and southwesterly from end of previously accepted portion for a distance of approximately 2,000 feet (Two Maps, Nos. 5431, 5608). (to clarify records, this is further described by the City Engineer as extending westerly and southwesterly from Scofieldtown Road for a total distance of 3,800 feet)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for REJECTION of the above road because of poor surface and the fact that the road is broken up and in bad condition.

MR. FREDERICKS suggested that we write a letter to the Planning Board and request that they hold up the release of bonds on these roads until they are brought up to proper condition for acceptance.

Mr. Russell accepted Mr. Fredericks' suggestion and incorporated it in his motion.

Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. HUIZINGA suggested that a letter be written to the City Engineer, requesting that an effort be made to sand these roads, even though they are not accepted as city streets so that the property owners will not be penalized because the roads

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cannot be accepted for approval at this time.

Mr. Huizinga went on to say that it was his understanding that many developers build the roads themselves to try to get as much of the work done as possible before applying for a bond in order to keep the amount of the bond down. He asked if it was a requirement that a developer must get a permit from the City before he can start construction of a road.

Mr. Fredericks mentioned that he was of the opinion that when a developer wishes to develop a subdivision that he must file a map with the Planning Board and then apply for permission.

MR. HUIZINGA: "In a case I am thinking of, the road was nearly completed before any city department was contacted. I find out that this happens very frequently. In this particular case, the Engineering Department refused to tell him the amount of the bond he should apply for because it would not meet the requirements of the city. That does not make sense to me. I know of cases where contractors start building a road and when it is nearly completed, then apply for a bond. How can we control the type of road he builds after he has completed it?"

Mr. Huizinga requested a report from the Planning and Zoning Committee as to the proper procedure to be followed.

Charter Revision Committee:

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for permission for Mr. James Mulreed, former member of the Board and former Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee, to join the meeting because of his previous experience. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman, presented the following proposed Bills for Charter revision: (Copies were previously given to all members of the Board)

- (1) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITY COURT OF STAMFORD - Purpose: To improve the functioning of the City Court.

Mr. Macrides briefly explained the purpose of this proposed bill. A couple of corrections were made to the first page of the proposed bill, namely, the 12th line from the bottom of the page: "assitant" be changed to read "assistant" and on the fifth line from the bottom of the page, the word "we" be changed to read "are".

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- (2) AN ACT TO RELATE THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE TO THE BIENNIAL ELECTION OF STAMFORD - Purpose: To conform the election of Finance Board Chairman to that of other Boards.

Mr. Macrides explained the reason for this proposed bill. Attention was called to the misspelling of the word "biennial" in the title and again on the second line.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE STAMFORD CHARTER CONCERNING APPEALS FROM ORDERS OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO CONFORM WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER

Purpose: To conform the Appeals Section to other provisions in the Charter.

This was corrected by adding a last line, as follows:

"Sec. 416.2. Section 416.2 is hereby repealed."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Fredricks and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE STAMFORD CHARTER WITH REGARD TO THE BUILDING CODE - Purpose: to repeal an obsolete section of the Charter.

This was corrected by adding a last line, as follows:

"Sec. 416.3. Section 416.3 is hereby repealed."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) AN ACT TO PLACE STAMFORD CHARTER REFERENCES TO STATUTES ON A CURRENT BASIS
Purpose: To change references from General Statutes Revision of 1930 to General Statutes Revision of 1949.

Mr. Macrides explained that this was purely a clerical and was merely changing the references as to section and chapter.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR STAMFORD
Purpose: To clarify interpretation of this section so that it conforms with earlier section.

Mr. Rhoades said that Mr. Mulreed had suggested some changes which they had considered an improvement. The changes were as follows: Sixth line from bottom of page after "(.)" be changed to read:

" , which two-thirds shall not be less than a majority of the entire membership in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 202.2."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE OF STAMFORD - Purpose: To clarify the Charter regarding appointment of the Director of Public Welfare.

This had a slight correction, to be inserted after the word "welfare" on the third line, changing it to read as follows:

"welfare (.) , subject to the provisions of Chapter 73."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, subject to the correction. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (8) AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF STAMFORD CONCERNING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - Purpose: To clarify the Charter regarding power of the Board of Representatives of Stamford concerning public improvements.

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Mr. Macrides explained the reasons for the changes. The following corrections were made:

On line 5, to be changed to read:

"643 of this Chapter,"

On 10th line from bottom of page, to be underlined as follows:

" , even though "

Mr. Fredericks explained that this would enable the Board of Representatives to initiate appropriations. He said under the present set up the Mayor and the Mayor alone can "start the ball rolling". He said: "What we are trying to do is to give this Board a function which the City Fathers intended us to have. We should be able to look into things and the needs for Capital improvements -- that is the purpose of this particular Bill. I believe the Committee was unanimous in their approval of this amendment."

MR. HUIZINGA: "Then, this puts us in a position to initiate capital expenditures? If this preliminary investigation requires the expenditure of funds, can we initiate it?"

Mr. Fredericks said: " No."

MR. RHOADES: "This is to merely give us the power to start an investigation. We just take one little step in the procedure."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, subject to the corrections. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

(9) AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TAX ASSESSOR AND TAX COLLECTOR OF STAMFORD - Purpose: To clarify the Charter regarding appointment of Assessor and Tax Collector.

MR. MACRIDES SAID the Committee approved Mr. Mulreed's suggested change, which would change the second sentence to read as follows:

"The taxation board shall appoint, and (may at pleasure) shall have power to remove an assessor and a tax collector (.) , subject to the provisions of Chapter 73."

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval, subject to the corrections. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

(10) AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE ESTABLISHING APPOINTIVE BOARDS FOR STAMFORD

MR. MACRIDES explained that the purpose of this would be to add the extra Boards, which are not specifically referred to in the Charter in its present form. However, he explained the changes were not approved unanimously by the Committee, as there had been some disagreement.

Mr. Mulreed spoke in reference to this suggested change, which specifically names the various appointive boards. He said if the Board were to change the Charter to include all the agencies established since the adoption of the Charter, that in the event it became necessary to abolish an agency or board that was no longer needed, it would require an act of the Legislature to do so. He said he could not recommend this so-called "freezing" in of boards and various agencies, as it would require too

much red tape to abolish them if it were desirable to do so and would also jeopardize local autonomy to have to go to the Legislature for power which should naturally be long to the local government. He said: "It would require us to go to the State Legislature and ask permission to abolish an agency or board. Some of the members of the Committee have agreed with this reasoning, and it might be better to forget about this change altogether."

MR. MACRIDES threw the discussion open to the floor.

MR. RAITERI: "I don't object to what Mr. Mulreed said. My personal opinion is that the Charter represents the laws of the City of Stamford. But, it is a quick way to find out what the powers and duties of certain boards and agencies are, by glancing into the Charter. It was my opinion that all of the appointive boards in the City should be listed in the Charter, in order to allow ready access for information, and in this way their powers would be easily and clearly defined. The particular board that we are discussing are of a permanent nature and not likely to change very quickly."

MR. RUSSELL MOVED to hear from Mr. Mulreed. Seconded by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MULREED: "First I think we should remember we are covered not only by the Charter but by local ordinances creating these boards and agencies. Now, the State Legislature would give the Board of Representatives the power to enact ordinances for the government of the city. I would not like to see any act of this Board jeopardize the power you now enjoy. In the local ordinances we specify the manner and way in which the local boards are now appointed. There is nothing in the State Acts as to how we should appoint the membership of these various city boards. If you are going to include some, you must include them all. You should include the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Commission and the Park Commission and the Parking Authority. In some cases you specify in the Charter the specific manner in which appointments are to be made and in others this is taken care of by Ordinances. Whereas, if you set these all up by an Act of the Legislature, you cannot make any changes without first going to the Legislature and getting the power to do so. I think it is extremely important that you strive to retain whatever local autonomy you now have."

MR. NOLAN: "If we are going to do this properly, we would also have to add the Rent Control Board."

MR. FREDERICKS: "As I interpret Mr. Mulreed's remarks, I believe that what he is advising is very wise. I have had the privilege of working with him in the past and his experience is valuable to us."

MR. GEORGOLIS: "I am in complete accord with the remarks that Mr. Mulreed made. Rather than create confusion, my suggestion is to leave well enough alone."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that the Board should not amend Sec. 500 at this time. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and Mr. Raiteri and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

(11) AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE APPEALS BOARD OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF STAMFORD - Purpose: To relate the name of this Committee to the duties which it performs.

MR. MACRIDES MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I wish to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Board of Representatives to John Macrides for the particularly good job that he did in organizing the Charter Revision Committee and arranging the meetings and prepa-

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ration of the material for submission, and I so MOVE. Seconded by Mr. Kaminski and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRIDES: "Thank you very much. I, also, at this time want to express my thanks for the wonderful cooperation from the members of the Committee and for their long and intelligent hours spent on this work. I wish to particularly express my appreciation to Mr. Charles Bradbury for all of the fine work he did."

MR. MACRIDES: "In regards to appeals to the Board of Representatives from the Planning and Zoning Board - the reason for not presenting anything to the Board on this is because we have not received any communications from any individuals desirous of changing the present way of handling these appeals."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I believe it is now in order to make reference to the letter of transmittal and the letter of recommendation in regard to the proposed changes in the Charter. I would MOVE that the usual letter of transmittal be sent with the usual recommendations." Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

The suggestion was also made that a representative of the Board go to Hartford to explain the reasons for the proposed legislation.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that this Board see that an appropriation to take care of the expenses of Mr. Macrides to go to Hartford be initiated. Seconded by Mr. Milano, and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. BAKER MOVED that a rising vote of thanks be given to Mr. Mulreed for his very helpful assistance. Seconded by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Pension for John Reilly, former Probation Officer in City Court

MR. RAITERI: "I would like to bring this matter before the Board, as it may require an Act of the Legislature to enact a pension for Mr. Reilly and I would like to have the opinion of this Board as to what action they wish to take. The State Pension Fund Committee is meeting on the 16th and we expect to get information from them at that time. Due to the fact that we have to get these Acts up to the Legislature by the deadline of the 23rd, I would like to bring to your attention at this time that two alternatives are available to us by which a pension can be provided for Mr. Reilly. (1) An Act to provide for a pension for John A. Reilly of Stamford, which would be paid by the City, or (2) An Act providing for the contributions by the City of Stamford into the State Pension Fund."

MR. FREDERICKS: "What would the Mayor do - would he have to ask for an appropriation?"

MR. GEORGOU LIS MOVED to hear from Mr. DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel, who was present, to clarify the procedure.

MR. DISESA called attention to Chapter 71, Sec. 710 of the Charter in which it specifically states the Board of Representatives may enact ordinances for payment of pensions to any officer or employee who has been employed or held office in the city of Stamford for a period of 25 years or more. He said in the case of Mr. Reilly his employment lacked the time specified in the Charter - the 25 years, and that he had been employed for a period of some 23 years. In order for the Board to pass an Ordinance or for the Mayor to be empowered to initiate an appropriation to give a pension to Mr. Reilly, it would first be necessary to obtain the enabling legislation from the State.

MR. FREDERICKS: "It is my opinion that this Board should limit itself to submitting only Bills to the State Legislature in connection with the revision of the Charter.

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Anyone wishing to submit a private Bill for any reason whatsoever is perfectly free to do so and it is not necessary that the Board of Representatives sponsor such a Bill."

There was considerable discussion at this point as to how this should be handled. Mr. Raiteri offered a motion that a letter be sent to Mr. Reilly, informing him that the Legislative & Rules Committee has gone into the matter of a pension for him and that it is unable to act without an Act of the Legislature and suggesting that he contact the office of the Corporation Counsel in regard to the possibility of having a private Bill introduced in his behalf. This was seconded by Mr. Nolan and Mr. Macrides, but the motion was withdrawn after considerable debate on the course of action to be followed.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that a letter be sent to Mr. Hanrahan, the Corporation Counsel, advising him that due to the fact this legislation would have to be a privately introduced Bill, it could not be sponsored by the Board of Representatives, and suggesting that Mr. Reilly be informed that all records be made available to enable Mr. Reilly to go ahead with the possible introduction into the Legislature of a private Bill in his behalf. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

(1) Withdrawal of appointment:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

January 7, 1957

Board of Representatives
Stamford, Conn.

Attention: Mr. George V. Connors
President

Dear Mr. Connors:

Please withdraw the name of
ROGER O'CONNOR, 18 Brightside Drive, as a proposed member of
the HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE COMMISSION.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,
Mayor

(2) Nomination for Board of Recreation:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

January 14, 1957

Mr. George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Connors:

I wish to submit the following nomination
for the BOARD OF RECREATION:

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MRS. MARY S. FITZPATRICK
357 Glenbrook Road
Glenbrook

for the term expiring December 1, 1960. Mrs Fitzpatrick is a member of the Democratic party, and will replace Mr. Klahr.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,
Mayor

The above letter was referred to the Appointments Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

1) Meetings of Board of Tax Review:

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW
City of Stamford, Conn.
303 Main Street

December 11, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors, President
Members of the Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Section 530, Chapter 53, of the Stamford Charter, we are hereby notifying you that the Board of Tax Review will meet on the following dates, on the 2nd floor of 303 Main Street, Stamford, for the purpose of receiving applications for revisions of assessments on the List of September 1, 1956:

- January 2nd, Wed.....7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- January 5th, Sat.....9:00 AM " 3:00 PM
- January 8th, Tues.....2:00 PM " 5:00 PM
- January 10th, Thurs.....7:00 PM " 9:00 PM
- January 12th, Sat.....9:00 AM " 3:00 PM
- January 16th, Wed.....2:00 PM " 5:00 PM
- January 18th, Fri.....7:00 PM " 9:00 PM

Appeal forms may be obtained in the Assessor's Office during January 1957, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

The reason for not scheduling Board meetings beyond January 18th, 1957, is to allow the Assessor to make any and all changes on the Grand List, which must be completed by January 31st, 1957. This has been the usual procedure of previous Boards.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. BOYD, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

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(2) Enforcement of Ordinance #57, relating to overloading of trucks and littering of streets

THE CITY COURT OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

December 27, 1956

Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I have your communication dated December 4, 1956, quoting a resolution passed by your Board which referred to Ordinance No. 57, commonly known as the Ordinance relating to overloading of trucks and littering of streets.

The resolution stated that your Board would like a statement as to why this Ordinance is not being enforced. The enforcement of Ordinances is exclusively a matter for the Stamford Police Department. The question of guilt is for the Court, as well as the question of penalty in the case of guilt. Judges and officers of this Court have no authority to make arrests. This is a matter for the Police Department. However, on the presentation of sufficient evidence to the Prosecuting Attorney of a violation of an ordinance, he may issue a warrant for the arrest of the alleged wrongdoer, but the complainant must eventually appear in Court and support the complaint.

Members of the Police Department are authorized to make arrests on what is known as speedy information, and under such conditions a warrant is not required, but the police officer can make an arrest if he is a witness to a violation of an ordinance, or if such evidence is immediately presented to him on a very recent violation.

Approximately six or seven of these cases have been brought before the City Court by the Stamford Police Department, and, with the exception of one, all have been found guilty as charged and a penalty imposed.

Let me thank you for your inquiry. Be assured that the Court and its officials are prepared, and in fact, anxious to answer questions relative to the operation of the Court at any time. In fact, the Court would be pleased to have the members of the Board of Representatives attend one or more of the sessions of the Court which are held in the morning at nine o'clock.

With greetings of the Season, I am

Very truly yours,

MAURICE J. BUCKLEY,
Judge, Stamford City Court

(3) Referral of Appeal, Zoning Board, re: Harold Cooper et als, Appeal 56-020 by opponents of proposed amendment to Zoning regulations approved by Zoning Board on December 5, 1956, following public hearing on November 28, 1956 and subsequent publication of decision of Zoning Board on December 10, 1956.

Letter dated December 28, 1956 on above subject from Mr. Walter A. Wachter, Planning and Zoning Director, with attached enclosures, was referred to the Steering

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Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Re: Deficit in Picnic Funds

MRS. PEATT, Chairman of the Picnic Committee, brought up the question of deficit in funds from the Board of Representatives' picnic. She said there still remained a deficit of \$81.95.

MR. RHOADES MOVED that the members be assessed \$2.00 each to take care of the deficit remaining. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED by a vote of 21 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. RHOADES MOVED for adjournment at 11:05 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors

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President, Board of Representatives

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