

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1997
24TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Carmen Domonkos.

INVOCATION: Led by Rep. Giordano.

"Almighty God, we thank you for bringing us together this day. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward the attainment of our goal. We pray that you will bless and protect all of our people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony that we may serve you and your people. Continue your blessings upon us and our families, and guide us during our deliberations. This we ask in your holy name. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen Domonkos.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville.

There were thirty-seven (37) members present and three (3) absent/excused. The attendance record is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Absent and excused were Reps. Poltrack, Esposito and Martin. The President declared a quorum.

(Note: Rep. Esposito arrived at 8:30 p.m.)

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Conducted by President Carmen Domonkos.

The president declared the machine in good working order.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Sally Modugno, by Reps. Mellis and Loglisci;
Richard E. Manjuck, by Rep. Loglisci;

Mildred F. Pearce, by Reps. Zelinsky and Gergle; and
Austin V. Sabato, by Rep Sabia.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Chairwoman Carmen Domonkos
Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.
Democratic Caucus Room

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Steering
Committee report was waived

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE: Annie M. Summerville, Chairwoman

Chairwoman Summerville advised there would be no report this month as no names had
been submitted to the Appointments Committee for consideration.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: David Martin, Chairman
Meeting: Monday, July 21, 1997
7:00 pm - Democratic Caucus Room

In Chairman Martin's absence, Vice Chairman Owens gave the Fiscal Committee report.

Rep. Owens reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Monday, July 21, 1997 at 7:00
p.m. Present were Reps. DeLuca, Loglisci, Martin, Owens, Mellis, Nanos, Sherer,
Giordano, Drucker, Mitchell and Weiner. Also present were Sandra Dennies, Grants
Director; Jim Haselkamp, Director of Labor Negotiations; and Robert Stout, Controller.

1. F24.200	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; (Cap. Project);	APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA
\$50,000.00	Day Care Center, Roof Repair; Dept. No. 750,	
C-G-A-97-307	Project No. 069; to replace roof at the Child Care Center; projected cost is \$220,000 (plus contingen- cies); State will pay \$50,000, Stamford Community Development will pay \$150,000 and the Child Care Center will pay the balance; source of funds: grant.	
	06/13/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy	
	06/24/97 - Approved by Planning Board	
	07/10/97 - To be considered by Board of Finance	
	07/21/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0	

Secondary Committee: Education

*Waived by
Voice Vote*

2. F24.201 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$23,860.00 Budget); General Fund; City Labor Contract
O-T-A-97-305 Estimate; Acct. No. 014820 18911; to fund
implementation of the approved merit increase
matrix, effective 7/1/97; will result in an overall
increase of 4.3%; source of funds: taxes.
06/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/10/97 - To be considered by Board of Finance
08/04/97 - Held in committee

**HELD IN
COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Personnel

Concur

3. F24.202 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating
\$2,400,000.00 Budget); Office of Administration, contribution to
CNRF; Dept. No. New, Acct. No. New; a request to
transfer from the general fund into the capital non-
recurring fund, for the purpose of financing capital
improvements and reducing the amount of debt the
City must issue; source of funds: general fund.
07/01/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
07/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
07/21/97 - Committee approved 10-0-1

**APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**

Secondary Committee: Public Works

Concur

Rep. Owens stated that Item No. 3 above was contingent upon a letter being sent to the administration. This letter was sent by David Martin, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Rep. Owens moved Item No. 3; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Sherer stated that the content of the memorandum was exactly the sentiment of the Committee. However, Rep. Sherer would like to go one step further with the president of the board sending a memorandum to the administration. He further stated that this memo only reflected the Committee's sentiment, and there are no guarantees, although when an item is proposed, it would come before the Committee at a later date. Rep. Sherer stated that the vote was to approve the \$2,400,000 with the condition that the memo be forwarded. Likewise, tonight's vote should be with the same condition. Rep.

Sherer also stated that the Committee's concern was that the budget process has just been completed, where millions of dollars were approved for capital projects in the upcoming year. There are also projects that have not yet been bonded out. However, Rep. Sherer stated, there could be a situation whereby the administration feels that they can now add \$2,400,000 as to what the Board of Representatives has already approved. The Committee wants to make sure that this \$2,400,000 is just used for capital projects, not necessarily to create new ones, thereby increasing the budget by \$2,400,000.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he strongly backs Rep. Sherer, and recommends that the words, "not necessarily new," be changed to, "not new." Further, Rep. Loglisci hopes that all the members of the Board will remember why this \$2,400,000 was placed in the capital fund and that when the time comes to vote for new projects, the Board remember that this vote is meant to reduce costs to the citizens of Stamford and not seen as an additional source of funding. Rep. Loglisci stated he is willing to vote yes on this item only under these terms.

President Domonkos stated that in reading the memorandum from Mr. Hamilton to the Mayor, she asked Rep. Owens whether she is correct in understanding that when this money is spent, the administration will have to come back to the Board. Rep. Owens stated she is correct in her understanding of the memorandum. The item was approved by voice vote.

Rep. Owens moved the Consent Agenda, Item No. 1; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. Domonkos noted that Rep. Esposito joined the meeting at this time.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - Maria Nakian, Chairwoman

Meeting: Monday, July 28, 1998

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on July 28, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were committee members Nakian, Lasko, Fox, Mitchell, Skigen, Zelinsky, Fedeli, Sabia, Sherer and Ventura. Also present were Rep. Giordano and Richard Robinson, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel. Public hearings were held on Nos. 2, 4 and 5, and no one from the public appeared to speak.

1. LR24.109 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication;
amending Chapter 179, Article III of the Code of
Ordinances concerning Itinerant Vendors.
03/11/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
03/11/97 - Placed on Pending Agenda

**APPROVED
ON CONSENT
AGENDA**

04/16/97 - Removed from Pending Agenda
05/05/97 - Held in Committee
06/02/97 - Held in Committee
06/30/97 - Held in Committee
07/28/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

2. LR24.117 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption; **APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE**
sale of 88 Cold Spring Road to Joseph D'Agostino
for \$111,252.00.
05/15/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
05/20/97 - Approved by Planning Board
06/12/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
06/30/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0
07/28/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0

Rep. Nakian moved Item No. 2 above; said motion was seconded.

Rep. White stated that, as he has said in the past, he believes it is a mistake to sell of City land in that it should be used for other purposes.

Said motion was approved by voice vote.

3. LR24.118 RESOLUTION; allowing the Mayor to accept gifts **APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE, as
amended**
to the City of Stamford up to \$5,000 in value.
05/24/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
06/30/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0
07/07/97 - Returned to Committee
07/28/97 - Committee voted 10-0-0

Rep. Nakian stated that Item No. 3 was held in Committee last month, and several changes were made to it by the Committee, and everyone has the changes. Rep. Nakian further stated there were a number of typographical errors in the resolution in addition to the amendments made.

Rep. Nakian moved the Item, noting the Committee voted 10-0-0 in favor of the ordinance. Rep. Nakian then moved to amend the ordinance: the first change is in paragraph No. 1, it should read, "the Mayor or the Mayor's designee;" and the second change is "with an appraised or estimated value of \$5,000." The third change is the entire paragraph No. 3, which should read: "The City of Stamford shall have the right to locate any gift of property given outright to the City or purchased with gifts of money to the City at the discretion of the City." The last change is the entire Section 4, which should read: "The Mayor shall quarterly provide a report to the Board of

Representatives showing all gifts accepted by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, their value and disposition." Said amendments were seconded and approved by voice vote.

The main motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

4. LR24.120 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption;** **APPROVED**
 approving the sale of Condominium No. 101, Royal **ON CONSENT**
 Pavilion Associates, Inc., 60 Strawberry Hill Avenue **AGENDA**
 to Charter Resources Ltd.
 06/06/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
 06/17/97 - Approved by Planning Board
 06/30/97 - Committee voted 9-0-0
 07/10/97 - Approved by Board of Finance
 07/28/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0
5. LR24.121 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Final Adoption;** **APPROVED**
 amending Chapter 200 of the Code of Ordinances **ON CONSENT**
 renaming the Water Pollution Control Commission **AGENDA**
 to the Sewer/Water Commission.
 06/02/97 - Submitted by Rep. Domonkos (D-18)
 06/30/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0 to publish
 07/28/97 - Committee voted 8-0-0
6. LR24.82 **PROPOSED ORDINANCE; For Publication;** **APPROVED**
 concerning the issuance of civil citations for **ON CONSENT**
 violations of the Code of Ordinances and local **AGENDA**
 regulations.
 11/08/96 - Submitted by Rep. Nakian (D-20)
 01/06/97 - Held in Committee
 03/11/97 - Placed on Pending Agenda
 07/28/97 - Committee voted 9-0-0

Rep. Nakian then moved the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 6. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Randall Skigen, Chairman
Meeting: Monday, July 28, 1997
6:45 pm - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Skigen reported that the Personnel Committee met on Monday, July 28, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Reps. Fedeli, Lasko, Loglisci, MacInnis, and Skigen. Rep. Fortunato was unable to attend.. Also present were Reps. Sabia, Giordano and Ventura and Paul Shapero. A public hearing was held on Item No. 1.

1. P24.09	PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; Concerning pensions for Certain Private/Parochial School Workers who were Laid off Due to Budget Cuts re: Mary Jane Signore and Harriet Roth. 01/21/97 - Submitted by Paul D. Shapero, Esq. 03/03/97 - Held in Committee 04/07/97 - Held in Committee 05/05/97 - Held in Committee 05/29/97 - Held in Committee (6-1-0) 07/07/97 - Approved for publication 07/28/97 - Committee voted 4-1-0	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
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Rep. Skigen moved Item No. 1 above; said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL/ - Paul Esposito &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Donald Sherer, Co-Chairmen**
Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 1997
7:00 p.m. - Republican Caucus Room

Chairman Esposito reported that the Planning & Zoning/Environmental/Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, July 23, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Present were committee members Esposito, Sherer, Skigen, MacInnis, Boccuzzi and DePina.

1. PZ24.09	APPROVAL; of road acceptance for Cross Country Trail. 06/16/97 - Submitted by William D. Fieber 07/23/97 - Committee voted 5-0-1	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. Skigen abstaining)
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Rep. Esposito stated that Norman Liu reported the City has approved the road, and the Committee voted 5-0-1. Said motion was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote, with Rep. Skigen abstaining.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Bobby Owens & Lucy Corelli, Co-Chairs

Chairman Owens stated the Public Works Committee had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE - Jeffrey T. Curtis, Sr., Chair

Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 1997

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Curtis stated that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, July 24, 1997. Present were committee members Drucker, Corelli, Poltrack, Curtis, Gergle, DePina, Gasparrini, Martin, Pia and Leydon. Also present were Rep. Sherer; Rep. Boccuzzi; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sweeney from Dolphin Cove; Captain Henry Marks of Dolphin Cove; Rod Cook of the Stamford Marine Police Division; Deputy Chief Walter Young, Stamford Police Department; John C. Byrne, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; Ron Graner, Chief, Stamford Fire Department; and Barry Callahan, Fire Marshall.

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| 1. PS24.22 | PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>For Publication</u> ; to amend recently enacted Ordinance No. 815 regarding speed restrictions in Stamford Harbor by amending the boundaries of such speed restrictions
07/07/97 - Submitted by Rep. Boccuzzi (D-2) | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE, as
amended |
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Rep. Curtis moved item No. 1 above; said motion was seconded Rep. Curtis then amended the ordinance, a copy of said amended ordinance is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Further, Rep. Curtis stated that all representatives were provided with the amendments to the ordinance. Said amendment was approved by voice vote. The main ordinance was approved by voice vote.

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| 2. PS24.23 | REVIEW; of the City's handling of the Cove Area arson situation.
07/11/97 - Submitted by Rep. J. Curtis (D-9) | REPORT
MADE |
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Rep. Curtis stated that a full report has been provided on Item No. 2 to all representatives and that no action by the committee was required.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Herman Alswanger & Mary Fedeli, Co-Chairs

Meeting:- Wednesday, July 23, 1997

7:00 pm, Democratic Caucus Room

Co-Chair Fedeli reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, July 23, 1997. Present were Reps. Fedeli, Alswanger, Giordano, Sherer, Fox and Weiner. Rep. Poltrack was excused due to a prior commitment. Also present were Frank MacGinnis, Chair, Golf Authority; John Valmus and John Ostrowski; Pat Battinelli, Tony Pia and Frank LiVolsi.

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| 1. PR24.12 | DISCUSSION; regarding the installation of a plaque and stone in honor Brigadier General Peter J. Rowe, a Stamford native.
06/12/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | REPORT
MADE |
| 2. PR24.13 | RESOLUTION; regarding issuing resident golf permits to Stamford residents only.
06/19/97 - Submitted by Michael Dale, Manager
07/23/97 - Committee voted 4-1-0 | APPROVED
BY VOICE
VOTE, as
amended |

Rep. Fedeli reported that Item No. PR24.13 related to a policy passed by the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Authority that stated, "effective immediately, all golf permits will be issued to Stamford resident taxpayers only." Rep. Fedeli stated that the Golf Commission, along with the Mayor, feel strongly that this should pass. There are currently twelve people that this will affect, and this policy is already in effect at Sterling Farms. Rep. Fedeli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. DeLuca stated that the resolution should be amended to read, "Issuing golf permits to Stamford residents only" because there are persons who live in Stamford who rent and do not own a car, but they are still residents. Further, Rep. DeLuca stated that the WHEREAS clause that refers to difficulty in obtaining tee times is not true in that tee times are easy to obtain at E. Gaynor Brennan.

Rep. DeLuca stated that in the June 6, 1994 minutes of the Board of Representatives, Tom Pia and he argued that one must be domiciled in Stamford to get a pass, regardless of taxpayer status. Further, Rep. DeLuca stated that he and Tom Pia lost their argument and that the Board approved allowing those who do not live in Greenwich or Norwalk (who do not reciprocate to our taxpayers) and who pay taxes would be eligible for resident rates. Rep. DeLuca stated that there are only twelve people involved who play once or twice, and he feels that these people should not be subject to the whims of every new golf commissioner. Rep. DeLuca proposed amending the resolution allowing the present twelve to be grandfathered in; Rep. DeLuca moved the amendment; said motion was seconded.

President Domonkos asked Rep. Fedeli whether the number twelve was accurate. Rep. Fedeli responded that a woman who would be affected by this stated that there were twelve individuals to her and that she had a list, although a copy was not provided.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he understood that the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission stated that they would bring this grandfathering issue in at a later date and make a recommendation to the Board of Representatives. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that since we don't have an exact number, he suggested we not approve the amendment and request that the Golf Commission provide its recommendation.

Rep. Alswanger stated that he is opposed to the amendment because these people have had these permits for years and they should be grateful that Stamford has accommodated them over the years. Rep. Alswanger feels that since Stamford residents cannot play on their courses in their cities, he doesn't believe they should be grandfathered in.

Rep. Pia stated that since we require people to be Stamford residents to use the beaches, and other City facilities., we should not have to worry about out-of-towners using the golf courses.

Rep. Weiner echoed the sentiments of Representatives Alswanger and Pia. He further stated that we remember that we are all elected officials of the City of Stamford and taxpayers of the City of Stamford. Rep. Weiner stated he serves on the Parks & Recreation Committee, and there was such a fight put up by the twelve or more, that he is concerned that those persons who have had this privilege at our expense for so many years would be denied the right to play. However, it is not a question that they cannot play, it is merely a question of them having to pay a few more dollars. Rep. Weiner also stated he does not think it is the Board's function to make life easier for the residents of the surrounding towns in that we serve Stamford, it is the Board's function to be fiscally responsible for Stamford, and if these people want to continue to play, they still can. Rep. Weiner suggested the amendment being voted down.

Rep. Loglisci stated that he has a hard time making exceptions for people who can afford some of the finer things, such as expensive hobbies, and if these people can afford to play golf, he believes it is very small on their part not to want to pay their fair share, and he is not in favor of the amendment.

Said amendment failed by voice vote. Rep. Fedeli moved to strike the WHEREAS clause regarding the difficulty in getting tee times. Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Rep. DeLuca asked when this would come into effect. President Domonkos stated she believed it would be immediate. Rep. Fedeli stated that she was not advised of an effective date, but her belief is that once it is passed, it would take effect immediately.

Rep. Kuzlik stated that the resolution state that it be effective immediately. He further stated that these people already hold permits valid for the remainder of the season, but

from this point forward no one would be able to obtain current privileges without meeting this criteria.

Rep. Summerville stated that, as a point of information, by the way of law and the way of resolutions being approved by the Board, the resolution will take effect immediately, as soon as it is signed, as all other resolutions are. Rep. Summerville stated this has been policy in the past and will be in the future.

The main motion was approved by voice vote.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: John F. Leydon, Jr., Chairman

Rep. Leydon stated no meeting was held this month and there was no report

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE - Alice Fortunato, Chairwoman

Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 1997

7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Fortunato reported that the Urban Renewal Committee met on July 31, 1997, at which time a presentation was made by Director Steinberg, Commission Chairman Osman and their counsel, Mr. Goldberg. Rep. Fortunato stated that a report has been provided to all representatives for his/her perusal.

1. UR24.13	UPDATE; Blocks 8 and 9 Project and presentation by Corcoran-Jennison Group.	REPORT MADE
	09/10/96 - Submitted by Rep. Fortunato (D- 1 7)	
	04/07/97 - Report Made	
	05/05/97 - Report Made	
	07/07/97 - Report Made	

HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Ellen Mellis, Chairwoman

Meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 1997

6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Mellis reported that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 22, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Members Mitchell, Johnson and Mellis. Also present were Community Development

Director Timothy Beeble, John Byrne, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Richard Robinson, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel; Social Services Commissioners Ann Sadowsky, Jack Halpert, and Miguel Garcia; Social Service Coordinator Ellen Bromley; Max Thaxton from CTE; Gwynn Lamont from Halcyon Day Properties; Deborah Schmidt, Director of Smith House; and Joe Gasparrini from the Smith House Board of Directors; Rep. DePina; Kari Alston and Marilyn Melfi from Community Development; and Tobin Coleman from The Advocate.

1. HCD24.06 REVIEW; of subgrantees of CDBG funding: a) **REPORT**
Domestic Violence Services; b) The Exchange **MADE**
Club.
0602/97 - Submitted by Ellen Mellis (D- 1 3)

Rep. Mellis stated a report has been provided to each representative regarding Item No. 1 above.

2. HCD24.13 REVIEW; of Smith House policy regarding **HELD IN**
admission of non-Stamford residents. **COMMITTEE**
05/14/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Rep. Mellis stated because there was no quorum, there was discussion regarding Item No. 2 above, however, the item was held in committee.

Rep. Sherer stated that he received a memorandum from Director Byrne and in that memorandum, Director Byrne said, in essence (and paraphrased) that he had sent details regarding what the Smith House wanted to do and requesting comments. Further, Director Byrne said that since no comments were received, the Smith House had implemented this policy. Rep. Sherer stated he did not appreciate receiving deadlines regarding comments. Further, Rep. Sherer stated that he had planned on commenting at what we thought was an appropriate time. Rep. Sherer stated that Director Byrne deemed the Board's silence to mean that the Board acquiesces. Rep. Sherer stated that he hopes the Board gets disturbed about this as it should not set a precedent in the City where a director can request comment and then assume the Board's agreement. Rep. Sherer stated he had questions regarding this issue.

Rep. Mellis stated that this item was not able to be taken up at an earlier meeting because John Byrne and Smith House were not able to attend earlier meetings. Also, she was advised that this was an administrative decision and even though they wanted the Board's input, it was basically just input.

President Domonkos asked Rep. Mellis whether this is a contractual matter that would require amending the Smith House contract. Rep. Mellis stated that this was not discussed.

Rep. Loglisci said that just because they stated it was an administrative decision, is the Board certain that this is true because they are a part of the City. Rep. Loglisci questioned whether we have authority to change a mission statement, etc. or can the administrator go ahead and merely provide the Board the courtesy of advising it of policy changes.

Rep. Mellis believes that it is up to the Board of Directors of Smith House to make this decision.

Rep. Gasparrini stated he is currently a member of the of Smith House Board of Directors (SMBOD) and has been for the past five years. Rep. Gasparrini stated he believes there has been some mishandling of the timing of this matter. Rep. Gasparrini stated that earlier this year, the management company president, Gwynn Lamont, advised the SMBOD that he had discussed with Mayor Malloy and Director Byrne this idea and requested the SMBOD's consideration. At that time he was advised that the authority was with the SMBOD and was advised that this resulted from the state law's governance of nursing homes. Rep. Gasparrini stated that the SMBOD considered the item and determined that a change to the Smith House's missions statement would be necessary. This amendment eliminated the exclusivity clause and stated that the Smith House would provide priority to Stamford residents, family members of Stamford residents and former residents of Stamford. This mission statement resolution was passed unanimously by the SMBOD.

Rep. Gasparrini stated that he did find it puzzling that the administration brought this to the Board of Representatives after the mission statement was amended.

President Domonkos stated that the communication was received from Mr. Byrne on May 21, 1997, and copies were sent to Dr. Geier, Mr. Lamont, and Ms. Schmidt. President Domonkos asked Ms. Mellis to research this matter further and find out if the Board now needs to review the contract with Halcyon Day Properties.

Rep. Pia asked Mr. Gasparrini if the SMBOD had a set of by-laws that spells out the responsibilities of the members of the SMBOD. Rep. Gasparrini stated he was not certain if by-laws existed. Rep. Pia asked if Rep. Gasparrini can sit on the SMBOD and the Board of Representatives at the same time.

President Domonkos stated she was unaware of Rep. Gasparrini's position with Smith House and that the matter would be researched. President Domonkos stated that the Smith House is a private corporation.

MINUTES

1. July 7, 1997 Regular Board Meeting

**APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. President Domonkos stated there has been a committee by the Mayor regarding the Old Town Hall. The Mayor requested that President Domonkos sit on the committee, and she has agreed. The Committee consists of Ruth Powers, Sandy Goldstein, and people from the Planning Board. President Domonkos stated that Renee Kahn will come and comment on the proposals. President Domonkos reported that there are two proposals for the Old Town Hall: one for a hotel and one for a brew pub. President Domonkos stated she would provide information to the representatives.

Rep. Loglisci requested that some Republican members of the Board be included on some of the outside committees. President Domonkos stated that she does try to include Republican members of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Domonkos stated that the Palace Theater Committee is continuing to meet, there is a preliminary report from Perkins-Eastman Architects, and after the report is approved, it will be distributed to everyone. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held. Three options are being proposed: 1) tearing down the existing lobby building; 2) retaining the outer shell of the building and gutting the remaining portion of the building and building a new interior; and 3) totally saving the lobby building, which would probably entail mothballing the top three floors and restoring the first floor.

Rep. Nakian stated that at the last meeting, it was decided that Perkins Eastman would write up the report and then there would be a public hearing. After the public hearing, the Committee would make a decision.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Note: A tape of these proceedings is available in the Board of Representatives office.