

SUBJECT: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 5, 2006 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Hall Community Room

PRESENT: Mayor Krampitz, Councilman Zagurski, Councilman Goodwin, Councilwoman Murawski, Councilwoman Scoville. **ABSENT:** Councilman Sekorski.

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Krampitz called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - This was dispensed with due to the pledge being recited during the public hearing.
3. Approval of the November 14, 2006 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes – **MOTION:** Councilman Goodwin moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2006 . **SECOND:** Councilwoman Scoville. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. Liaison Reports – Councilman Zagurski reported that the Public Works Department has been interviewing for a Labor Grade 4 Truck Driver and an Engineering Tech position. Harwinton Tree Service was the bid winner for the tree removal service. They located property lines at Lake Winfield and met with Northeast Utilities concerning lighting bills. They installed catch basins, new street signs and drainage. Councilwoman Scoville reported that Public Health is still having flu shot clinics and to contact them for the schedule. Santa will be at the library this week on Saturday and it is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Goodwin reported that most of the boards he covers did not meet since the last meeting but wanted to commend the Police Department for the work they did during the tragic event that happened on Benedict St . The Councilman wanted to thank the Chief and her department. Councilwoman Murawski reported that the Police Commission approved two traffic signs, one a directional for Rte. 72 and the other a yield at Allentown Rd. and Lane Hill Rd. They did not approve a request for No Parking signs in front of Silvio's because it would be detrimental to business and there was no history of accidents in that area.
5. Council Rules and Procedures – **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to change the order of the agenda by moving item #11 to item #6 and moving the rest of the items down one. **SECOND:** Councilwoman Scoville. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **MOTION:** Councilwoman Murawski moved to add to #4 Privilege of the Council Section (e) that any written information contributed by a member of the public at a council meeting must be submitted through the chair. Copies of any such document should be supplied for each person at the council table. **SECOND:** Councilman Goodwin. Councilwoman Murawski explained that there were several reasons for this addition. One was to avoid disruptions especially when a speaker was at the podium and papers are being handed to council people. Secondly, Councilwoman Murawski thought that if information was useful to one councilman then it should be useful to all of the council. Lastly, she felt it was a matter of courtesy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
11. Discuss and take action to approve the revised General Order #06-18 as submitted by the Police Commission – Chief Krasicky was asked by the Mayor to come forward to answer any questions. Councilman Goodwin was concerned about the female police officer and other female civilian police staff that may have to do this search and wanted to know if another person would be available as a witness to avoid accusations of inappropriateness. The chief replied that there is always someone else there. Councilwoman Scoville asked

what would happen if the female civilian staff did not want participate in a strip search. The chief said that is why the language states “may be used” because it is not a requirement. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to approve the revised General Order #06-18 entitled “Strip Searches” as submitted by the Police Commission. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilwoman Murawski noted that the charter in section 5b-2 states that the Police Commission, subject to the approval of the Town Council shall make these changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Resignations and Appointments – MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved to reappoint Janice Basoli to the Human Services Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Goodwin commented that Jan Basoli has good attendance and contributes a lot to this commission. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral reappointment of Stephen J. Fennessey with a term to expire November 4, 2009 to Board of Fire Commissioners. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral reappointment of Martin Sandshaw with a term to expire November 4, 2009 to the Board of Fire Commissioners. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilman Goodwin commented that Marty Sandshaw is a tireless volunteer. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the Mayoral reappointment of Gerald Wunsch to the Board of Fire Commissioners with a term to expire November 4, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Councilman Goodwin moved the Mayoral reappointment of David Boilard to the Board of Fire Commissioners with a term to expire November 4, 2009 . SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mayor’s Report –

- Mayor Krampitz said that concerning labor negotiations, the unions have yet to make a medical insurance proposal to provide affordable benefits. As you may recall, we implemented a new plan on November 1 that will expire June 30, 2007 that fits our budget. Therefore, we need to go to arbitration in January and the goal will be to have the arbitrator rule on the medical insurance issue because we need to plan past July 1, 2007 .
- The Mayor presented Sharon LaCourse our Terryville Library Director with a Certificate of Appreciation as our Director for nineteen years. She will retire December 31, 2006 . The search for her replacement will conclude soon.
- The Mayor, along with Bill Kuehn, our Economic Development Director, attended a workshop concerning Affordable Housing hosted by the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency.
- Property owners have received their assessments which represents a 40 percent increase of value to their home. The commercial real estate increase is about 60 percent. As you know this figure represents 70 % of the estimated fair market value of their property as of October 1, 2006 . As in all cases when the town goes through revaluation, the mill rate will go down. We need to continue to caution residents to not multiply their new assessment by the present mill rate. A new mill rate will be set after next year’s budget process.
- We have interviewed and selected our design consultant for the Waterwheel Park.

The committee's choice was unanimously BL Company, a company that has had a long positive association with the Town. We had excellent proposals which reinforce that that site will be a major focal point and jewel for the community. The Inland Wetlands Commission Hearing for the Belonick property teardown will be tomorrow evening.

- As you all know, we had a random act of violence last Thursday night which resulted in one homicide and one injury. Mayor Krampitz commended our Police Chief and our Police Department for their professionalism in not only bringing this incident to conclusion with the State Police but showing they can work with our state agencies during times of crisis. Police Chief Krasicky was especially comforting in her media words to the public in stressing public safety but kept the Mayor fully informed – day and night.

8. Take action to refund property taxes to: Alexander Datzuk \$267.28 – MOTION: Councilwoman Murawski moved to refund property taxes to Alexander Datzuk \$267.28. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Discuss and take action to approve Fall Mountain Water Project assessment – Mayor Krampitz stated that we have had the public hearing and the amount would be \$3,158.00 for 15 years. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to set the Fall Mountain Water Project Assessment in the amount of \$3158.00 for a period of fifteen years. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Councilwoman Scoville stated that she was on the council when the property was purchased. The land purchase and grant was in place between the Mischke and Covello administrations and Mary Grasso was the USDA liaison to the Town at that time. Councilwoman Scoville recalled that there was a vote missing but it was corrected and everything was made right back then. Councilman Zagurski thought it was a well-attended public hearing with many valid questions that were answered. Councilman Goodwin stated that having water on the mountain is a good thing. He thought Mr. Houle made an outstanding point about public safety. Councilwoman Murawski was happy to see this project being finished because she was part of the council that sent it to referendum during the Mischke administration and she remembered meeting with the residents and listening to their struggles on bringing water to their homes to drink, cook and bathe with. Mayor Krampitz asked if there were any public comments. Melanie Church, 328 Main St. – disagreed with Councilwoman Scoville's opinion of the land purchase. Councilman Goodwin commented that there does not seem to be any constructive purpose to keep dredging up the past. He agreed with Councilwoman Scoville that if a problem had existed that it had been corrected and the town moved forward. Councilwoman Scoville added that we are better off today because we have a water tower and water in that area and she agreed with Councilman Goodwin. Lisa Whitney, 541 Main St., asked if the 4.75% was also on the \$250,000 land purchase portion and was told yes. Brian Barnes, 25 Fall Mt. Terrace – stated as the President of the association that everyone is pleased that the water is up there. Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Ave. – asked what the total was for the referendum and what it included. She was told it was 4.75 million and Councilman Goodwin read from a letter from Robinson & Cole that stated "In reply to your inquiry, the Town has taken all steps necessary to authorize expenditures for the Fall Mountain Lake water supply project, including acquisition of the site and related equipment for construction of a water tower and water distribution facilities to serve the

Fall Mountain Lake area. Such expenditures may be met from the captioned loans and grants to be provided by the Rural Development under the bond resolution authorizing the project.” Mayor Krampitz assured the Town Council that they have all of the information needed. Everything is correct and legal and Mary Grasso of the USDA has signed off on it. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved the question. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. Mayor Krampitz explained that the motion, if passed would stop all discussion immediately. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Back to the original motion – MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Discuss and take action on report of the Capital Improvements Committee – Mayor Krampitz introduced David Barbieri, Chairman. Mr. Barbieri stated that the report forwarded to the Town Council earlier was approved unanimously by the Capital Improvements Committee earlier that evening. The CIC asked the Town Council to receive the report and has recommendations to move it forward. The CIC feels strongly about the need for short and long term capital project plans. Mayor Krampitz asked if there were any changes to the proposed draft that was submitted to the council and Mr. Barbieri said there were none. The Mayor stated it would be considered final. Councilwoman Scoville asked for a comment on the CIC’s breakdown of its “essential” area. Mr. Barbieri responded that they received requests from the Police and Fire departments for facilities. The thought was with the new high school being built and other facilities becoming available, how do we prioritize these. There are other needs also like the highway garage that fit into this category. Councilman Goodwin liked the recommendation for the creation of a town facilities study committee that inventories and evaluates the Town’s facilities. The councilman wanted to know if that same committee would also be charged with looking for funding sources. The answer was that it was only to do the inventory. Councilman Zagurski thanked the CIC for a very comprehensive report but he would have liked to have seen more emphasis on sidewalks. Mr. Barbieri responded that sidewalks should be an on-going program that is within the operating budget and should not be a capital project. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to accept the 2006 Capital Improvements Committee Report and distribute a copy to the Board of Finance members. SECOND: Councilwoman Murawski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
12. Public Comment – Kathy Kosak, 201 N. Harwinton Ave. – felt that the new high school was a detriment to the neighborhood as far as the revaluation assessments because their area was experiencing 60% increases which was far greater than the reported average. Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Ave. – cited sections in the town charter that she felt were in violation because of budget deficits in the tax office. Mayor Krampitz explained that the entire budget would have to be in deficit. Sally Barnes, 279 Main St. – commended the Police Chief and the department for the fantastic job that they did on Benedict St .
13. Other Business – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to discuss the Annual Chamber of Commerce 2006 Awards Dinner. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilwoman Scoville stated that the dinner is the last Tuesday in January and the local recipients are Lauretano Sign Co., Evergreen Project, Gaye Zukauskas, Not Just Blinds, Rotary, American Legion and David Barbieri. MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to discuss the health care going to arbitration. SECOND: Councilman Zagurski. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville –

yes, Councilman Goodwin – no, Councilwoman Murawski – no. MOTION FAILED.
MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss Scott Funeral Home 100 th Anniversary. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Councilman Zagurski wanted to congratulate Scotts for 100 years of business in our community. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss the property Silvio purchased on Main St . SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Zagurski wanted to recognize Silvio for taking a blighted property and making it look so nice on Main St . Mayor Krampitz stated that everyone was pleased with the quick progress. MOTION: Councilman Zagurski moved to discuss the K-9 Handler and job description. SECOND: Councilwoman Scoville. Councilman Zagurski – yes, Councilwoman Scoville – yes, Councilman Goodwin – no, Councilwoman Murawski – no. MOTION FAILED.

14. Adjournment – MOTION: Councilwoman Scoville moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. SECOND: Councilman Goodwin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: David M. Denis, Council Clerk