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April 7, 2014
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked all those present to remember the following people who had recently passed away George Burr, Conor Wynne and Gloria Maina.

The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT:

Suzanne S. Testani	Daniel Marconi	Joseph G. Pifko
Vincent DiMasi, Jr.	Vicki Tesoro	Edna Colucci
Mark S. LeClair	James P. Blose	Thomas Christiano
Ennio DeVita	Ann Marie Evangelista	
Cynthia L. Penkoff	Enrico R. Costantini	
Tony J. Scinto	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	
Michael J. London	Lori Rosasco Schwartz	

ABSENT: Patrick Helfrich, Kenneth M. Martin, Sr., Johnna M. Dineley and Bethany Llodra Gilman.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Staff Lynn Arnow, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Chief Building Official Graham Bissett, THS Mock Trial Coach Eric August, Mr. Joseph Kask of Blum Shapiro and Leslie Zoll of Blum Shapiro

*The Chair reserved the right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Moved by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Ms. Rosasco Schwartz to approve the March 3, 2014 meeting minutes. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.
- Moved by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Penkoff to approve the March 22, 2014 special meeting minutes. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one present to speak.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- *Mock Trial:* The Trumbull Town Council recognized and honored the Trumbull High School Mock Trial Team who won the state championship last month. All present congratulated the team on their success. Mr. August extended his gratitude to the Town Council. The team members present are as follows: Mark Ambrose, Christian DeGenova, Captain Dante Esposito, Ashley Hallstrom, Ross Pellenberg and Anneliese Segarra. Team members not present are as

follows: Gabby Buttress, Jayla Perez, and Cameron Perrelli. Each of the team members present introduced themselves to the Council stated where they would be attending college in the next year and what this experience meant to them. All team members spoke favorably of their experience of having bonded as team.

The Chair recognized another championship team in the area, the Fairfield Prep's men's Hockey team. A member of this team is the son of Councilman Thomas Christiano. The Town council congratulated the team on their success.

- *Auditor's Report:* Mr. Joseph Kask, Audit Partner in charge and Leslie Zoll, Senior Manager of Blum Shapiro was present. Five documents were issued to the Council as it relates to the Trumbull audit are as follows: The Financial Statement Audit, Federal Single Audit, State Single Audit, the Agreed-upon procedures as it relates to the year end report (EDO-1 file to the Department of Education) and the Sash 114 Communication. The Federal Single and State Single audits represent compliance with laws and regulations as the programs are administered for the financial dollars received has assistance. \$19,780,000 was reported as State aid that the Town of Trumbull administered. Under the Federal Single audit the Town administered \$4.4 million of federal aid. Those are clean audit reports. In both of the audits there is a reference to a finding this is a carryover from last year as it relates to posting and adjusting journal entries. The Director of Finance and her team have worked very hard correcting this finding and he expects this to not appear in the 2014-2015 audits. Under the Financial Statements (the 70 page document) on pages 1, 2 & 3 is the auditor's report. There was a clean opinion on Trumbull's 2012-2013 FY financial statements. On page 14 the undesignated fund balance was reported as just over \$17 million, representing a 12% unassigned fund balance. The WPCA Enterprise Fund had a slight loss, this includes the depreciation expense. The Golf Course Enterprise Fund had a profit, a surplus of \$64,000. \$6.6 million was put into the pension trust fund. The OPEC Trust Fund ended the year with \$94,000. There were no findings or issues with the EDO-1. Within the Sash 114 Communication, there were no difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, there was nothing that needed to be reported to the Council with regard to corrected or uncorrected statements and there were no disagreements with management. There were no other issues or matters that needed to be discussed with this Town Council. Mr. Kask explained for Mr. Christiano within the Federal Single Audit the significant deficiency is the carryover from the first year audit where they had found audit adjustments. The Director of Finance and her team have worked on this from the last audit and expect this not to be an issue in the next fiscal years audit. This is a finding which carried over and has gotten much better since last year. All in all, the audit went very well and he extended his gratitude to the Director of Finance and her team.
- *Trumbull High School Building Committee Update:* The Chair indicated he had heard from Chairman Nugent, he and the professionals involved were unable to be present at this meeting. The commissioning of the mechanical systems has been completed. The Chair had also spoken with Fire Marshal who inspected the roof and she was very pleased with it. There is only some reflective taping to be installed. Chairman Nugent had communicated that most of the interior work has been completed and their work as a committee is just about finished.
- *THS Renovation Audit:* The Chair stated Catherine Perente had been contacted and the full report should be ready for council review at the May 2014 meeting.

BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC25-51: Moved by Ms. Colucci, seconded by Mr. LeClair.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the budget of the Trumbull Day Commission for Trumbull Day 2014 is hereby approved.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously.

The Chair indicated this is a preliminary budget any changes to the budget will be brought to the Council.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

2. RESOLUTION TC25-61: Moved by Rosasco Schwartz, seconded by Mr. London.
BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, That Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, Section 5-3 Schedule of Permit Fees of the Trumbull Municipal Code, be and the same is hereby amended. (Full Resolution Attached)

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on March 31, 2014 a public hearing was held, there was no one present from the public to speak and the committee voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED 14-2 (AGAINST: Tesoro and Christiano)

3. RESOLUTION TC25-62: Moved by DiMasi, seconded by Ms. Testani.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Rose Marie Derrig of 48 Tait Road, be and the same is hereby reappointed to the Trumbull Day Commission for a term to extending September 1, 2014.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

4. RESOLUTION TC25-63: Moved by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Mr. Di Masi.
BE IT RESOLVED, That _____ of _____, be and the same is hereby appointed to the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to _____, 20__.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously to send without recommendation.

Moved by Mr. Constantini, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend to read as:

RESOLUTION TC25-63: BE IT RESOLVED, That Michael Vartuli of 75 Daniels Farm Road, be and the same is hereby appointed to the Trumbull Day Commission for a term extending to September 7, 2015.

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended unanimously.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. LeClair to make Emergency Legislation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION TC25-64: Moved by Mr. Blose, seconded by Ms. Rosasco Schwartz.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Jeffrey Crow of 33 Cornfield Road, be and the same is hereby appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term from December 7, 2009 to December 7, 2015.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Tesoro to send without recommendation).

The Chair explained under the Vacancy section of the Trumbull Town Charter there is a provision to either hold a special election to fill an elected position or absent of the special election the vacancy is appointed by the First Selectman. There is no harm in voting on this it may be a moot exercise. The Chair stated they had requested the opinion of Town attorney. Ms. Arnow stated they had not heard back from the Town attorney to date. Ms. Tesoro stated that the Charter does allow for the people to petition for special election if somebody resigns. In this case she does not feel it's necessary to vote on the resolution.

VOTE: ADOPTED 14-1-1 (AGAINST: Tesoro) (ABSTENTION: Christiano)

6. RESOLUTION TC25-65: Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Ms. Testani.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Rosemary Seaman of 77 Garwood Road, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Board of Education representative for the Emergency Management Shelter Building Committee.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously.

The Chair stated the seat is open to a Board of Education member and Mrs. Seaman has agreed to serve.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

7. RESOLUTION TC25-66: Moved by Ms. Tesoro, seconded by Mr. Christiano.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Joseph Schlig of 129 Mayfield Drive be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to December 7, 2015.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted 3-0-1 (ABSTENTION: Scinto).

Ms. Tesoro stated Mr. Schlig had served on the Board of Finance previously under three different chairmen. This is an appointment to replace Kristy Waizenegger who has resigned. This is based on fundamental fairness. Currently there is a Republican as an alternate, and an unaffiliated member. They are putting Mr. Schlig forward as a democrat because they believe it is the proper configuration. Ms. Tesoro asked the Council to exercise fairness and balance and vote to put Mr. Schlig in as the Democratic alternate for the Board of Finance.

Mr. Constantini stated he would like to make clear for the record that the rule is that no more than two of three alternates can be of the same political party. The rule is majority limitation not minority representation.

VOTE: Motion FAILED 3-11-2 (IN FAVOR: Tesoro, Christiano and Marconi)(ABSTENTION: London and Scinto)

8. RESOLUTION TC25-67: Moved by Ms. Colucci., seconded by Mr. Constantini.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Edward Murphy of 146 Beechwood Avenue, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to December 7, 2015.

Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously.

Ms. Tesoro stated although she is not happy with the outcome of the vote on resolution TC25-66 she will support Mr. Murphy because he is her neighbor and friend and is a qualified person to serve.

VOTE: ADOPTED 15-1 (AGAINST: Marconi)

Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Mr. Blose to make Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED.

9. RESOLUTION TC25-68: Moved by Mr. Christiano, seconded by Mr. Di Masi.
BE IT RESOLVED, That Blum Shapiro, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Independent Auditor for the Town of Trumbull for Fiscal Year 2013 to 2014 pursuant to year three of the agreement.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on March 31, 2014 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

10. RESOLUTION TC25-69: HELD IN COMMITTEE
11. RESOLUTION TC25-70: HELD IN COMMITTEE
12. RESOLUTION TC25-71: HELD IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Ms. Colucci, seconded by Ms. Penkoff the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

TC25-70 FULL RESOLUTION: HELD IN COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION TC25-70: BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, That Section 6, Enforcement of Provisions False Alarm Abatement of the Trumbull Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting Section (a) *Failure to register* and replacing said section with the following: Section (a) *Failure to register*. Any alarm user as defined in Section 1 herein, who fails to register their alarm system, will be issued a warning by the Trumbull Police Department to register their alarm within 30 calendar days. The alarm user will receive an alarm registration form at the time said warning is issued and must register within 30 calendar days of receipt. If registration is not made within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the warning, the alarm user will be charged \$100 for that year and for each year said alarm is not registered. In addition the alarm user shall pay \$50.00 for each false alarm until the alarm system is registered in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

RESOLUTION TC25-61 FULL RESOLUTION: ADOPTED
 RESOLUTION TC25-61: BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, That Chapter 5,
 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, Section 5-3 Schedule of Permit Fees of
 the Trumbull Municipal Code, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

**Trumbull Building Department
 Schedule of Permit Fees**

<u>Type of Construction</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Residential construction, alterations or additions (based on estimated cost)	\$20.00 for the first \$1,000 and \$10.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
2. <u>Residential</u> Plumbing, Electrical, H.V.A.C.	\$5.00 per \$100 or any fraction thereof for the first \$1000, and \$10.00 for each \$1,000 thereafter. <u>Minimum \$40</u>
3. Commercial construction, alterations or additions (based on estimated cost)	\$20.00 for the first \$ 1,000, and \$12.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
4. <u>Commercial</u> Plumbing, Electrical, H.V.A.C.	\$10.00 per \$100 or fraction thereof for the first \$1,000, and \$12.00 for each \$1000 thereafter. <u>Minimum \$40.00</u>
5. Swimming Pools	\$50.00 for the first \$2000 and \$ 10.00 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof
6. Demolition (based on estimated cost of demolition)	\$20.00 for the first \$1,000 and \$12.00 or any fraction thereof (no state ed. fee) <i>Note: there is a \$250 administrative Fee for historical buildings</i>
7. Temporary structures Including tents, carnivals, circus	\$250.00 flat fee

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| 8. Processing & handling fee | \$10.00 for each permit |
| 9. Certificate of Occupancy
Or Completion | \$10.00 for each Residential permit
\$25.00 for each Commercial permit |

**Note: There is an additional State Education Fee .26 (twenty-six cents) per
Thousand dollars of value.**

Note: this fee is subject to change by the State of Connecticut

**Permits for work on a Town of Trumbull owned structure are exempt
from the fees in this schedule.**

**Except for emergencies, any person who commences any work before first
obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to the following penalty:
Double the normal permit fee plus \$50.00.**

2/28/14

