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Trumbull Town Council  
MINUTES  
November 10, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut.

The Chair asked all present to remember the brave men and women veterans who will be honored tomorrow. All present rose and joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

**PRESENT**

David R. Pia	Mark S. Altieri	Ann Marie Evangelista
Suzanne S. Testani	Jeff S. Jenkins	Michael J. London
Chadwick Ciocci	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	John A. DelVecchio, Jr.
James F. Meisner	Tony J. Scinto	Debra A. Lamberti
Mary Beth Thornton	Martha A. Jankovic-Mark	Daniel Helfrich
Michael Rappa	John M. Rotondo (arrived at 8:58 p.m.)	

**ABSENT:** Roberta A. Bellows, Robert J. Pescatore, Jr., Jane Deyoe and Kristy L. Waizenegger.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Mr. Daniel Nelson, Director of Finance Mrs. Maria Pires, Chairman of the Trumbull High School Building Committee Mr. James Nugent, Alfonso Barbarotta of AFB Construction Management, Chief of Police Thomas Kiely, Deputy Chief Michael Harry, Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes and Mr. Brian Berdolli Director of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Ms. Testani to accept the October 3, 2011 meeting as submitted. VOTE: Motion carried 14-0-1 (Abstention: Pia)

**Trumbull High School Building Committee Update:**

Mr. Jim Nugent reported that the project is on schedule to be completed next September. There is an insulation roof top ductwork issue; initially thought to be a larger issue but after inspection is a smaller. There are teams of professionals working on this issue. The Building Committee has hired its own third party consultant to review and to apprise them of the status of the issue and resolution. The Committee is confident that a resolution will be forthcoming and that any costs incurred including the third party consultant will be back-charged to the party found to be responsible. Atty. Donofrio is also working on this.

The Chair announced in respect of Veteran's Day a Town ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Trumbull High School auditorium.

**BUSINESS:**

1. RESOLUTION TC23-189: HELD IN COMMITTEE
2. RESOLUTION TC23-190: Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Timothy M. Herbst, First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull, be and the same, is hereby authorized to apply for the Fiscal Year 2012 Comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Program and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Timothy M. Herbst is authorized to sign and execute agreement and all documents between the Town of Trumbull and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Federal Highway Safety Program.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 and voted 2-4 (Against: Ciocci, Waizenegger, Testani and Jenkins).

The Chair stated that the Trumbull Police Chief Kiely, a number of members of the Trumbull Police Department, members of RYASAP (who have submitted a letter of support for this resolution) and members of TPAUD (Trumbull Parents Against Underage Drinking) were present at this meeting.

Mr. Pia stated that he would normally be opposed to taking federal and state money because it does increase government and our taxes; however after a meeting with Chief Kiely it is clear that this program saves lives. By accepting this grant we will keep the Trumbull police officers on the road protecting our Town. Mr. Pia asked that all present support this resolution.

Ms. Testani concurred with Mr. Pia, noting the funds have been provided to the town of Trumbull for the last ten (10) years; there are increasing demands on the police department that these funds will help the police department. Ms. Testani had voted against the resolution in committee and is reversing her vote based on further

information from Chief Kiely and extended her gratitude to Chief Kiely for the information provided. Ms. Testani spoke in favor of supporting this resolution.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he had spoken with Chief Kiely and would be reversing his vote and spoke in favor of this resolution.

Mr. Ciocci stated that he respects and appreciates the work the police department does and also fully supports DUI enforcement, but disagrees the way in which it is funded. If the police department needed \$150,000 in the next budget or as a supplemental appropriation for this program he would fully support either of those, but can not support this resolution due the funding source. Mr. Ciocci has an objection, based on principle, for state and federal grants due to governmental bureaucracy.

Mr. London stated that in principle he agreed with Mr. Ciocci, however in this set of circumstances spoke in favor of approving this resolution noting that the seriousness of this issue.

Mr. Meisner stated that voting against grants is the wrong way to protest, if Trumbull were to turn down the funds other towns will only accept the same funds, which would result in an additional tax burden on our citizens.

Mr. DeIVecchio spoke against making this resolution a political topic, noting it is public safety issue.

Ms. Mark stated protest at this level will result in costing our citizens more and spoke in favor of petitioning our federal politicians.

VOTE: Resolution ADOPTED 14-1 (AGAINST: (Ciocci)

3. RESOLUTION TC23-191: Moved by Mr. DeIVecchio, seconded by Ms. Lamberti.

WHEREAS, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) intends to apply for grant funds under the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP), a state-funded program to encourage regional cooperation, referenced in Section 5 of Public 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will create and develop a regional Geographic Information System for the member communities of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council and the intent of the project is to jointly and cooperatively establish a regional system for developing, maintaining, updating and disseminating geographic information; and

WHEREAS, the total funding request will be \$1,400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the GBRC will work with member communities to prepare and adopt a Memorandum of Understanding for the operations and maintenance of the regional GIS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull approves and endorses the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant application by the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council to be approved by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management and certifies that pursuant to Section 8 of Public Act 02-239 that there are no legal obstacles to the provision of the services as outlined in the RPIP project.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 8:31 p.m.  
There was one person from the public present to speak.

First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst of 97 Fairview Avenue was present and asked all present to vote in favor of the resolution.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Report: The Legislation & Administration Committee met on November 2, 2011 and voted 3-1-1 (Against: Ciocci) (Abstention: Altieri)

Mr. Brian Berdolli Director of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council stated the intent is to increase efficiency with the creation of a shared service, as it relates to GIS. Rather than each of the six (6) municipalities hiring a GIS person, each setting up a server and each doing the back end system it would be done once, in a coordinated manner. The most important part of the GIS is the maintenance.

In response to Mr. London, Mr. Berdolli stated at the time of the L&A Committee meeting the other municipalities had not voted on this resolution but since then, Easton and Bridgeport have voted and approved the resolution. There is no match commitment for this resolution.

In response to Ms. Thornton, Mr. Berdolli stated that through the process there will be representation from each of the towns on a special committee. The distribution of the funds will be dependent on the needs of the town; a system for the distribution will be developed. They are looking to upgrade the partial data set and to purchase capital equipment. A proposal is still being developed.

Ms. Thornton stated it was her understanding that Trumbull had a Cadillac system although it is not in place because the flyover had just taken place. The Town is in the process of doing the layering.

Mr. Berdolli stated that the parcel data set Trumbull has a +/- 10' level of accuracy. The data set that they will be upgrading to is 3-4'. Ms. Thornton stated that she has been on the GIS Study Group and it has been her understanding that Trumbull has the

3-4' already. Mr. Berdolli stated that they will be integrated with the DOT ROW maps and the cord and geometry. CDM does not do the cord and geometry. Ms. Thornton stated that it was her understanding that CDM did do the cord and geometry when the flyover was done. Mr. Berdolli added that a flyover will be done in 2013, Trumbull's flyover was done in 2010; that will be a three (3) year gap, Trumbull will be ready for updates at that time. Trumbull has a fantastic starting point, CDM is a great vendor and they have been working with Richard White and Don Watson; the GBRC is trying to bring it up to the tier one standard, which is not typically done on a local level.

In response to Ms. Testani, Mr. Berdolli stated that an even distribution of the grant funds will not take place, the needs will be need to assessed for each of the Towns, approximately \$250,000 of the \$1.4 million will go to the town of Trumbull.

Mr. Pia questioned if someone would be writing a check back to the town of Trumbull for the money that Trumbull has already spent on the GIS? Mr. Berdolli stated that the maintenance is a big part but it is not all of it, the fact that there will be a regional system will provide ancillary benefits. If there is one consistent data set that the utility companies can rely on during a storm event that helps the utilities help the communities.

Mr. Pia noted that Trumbull made an initial investment of \$300,000 the other towns have not. Mr. Berdolli clarified that Bridgeport has spent \$2.5 million to develop their GIS system.

First Selectman Herbst stated that he appreciated the concern being raised at this meeting noting that it is critical to integrate the region, not only from a planning stand point but form a cost stand point. Dividends will be seen on our investment. We have to recognize that what was traditionally a nonoccurrence, as related to weather related emergencies, has come to be common place. It is critical for the region to have an integrated system to allow communication.

(Mr. Rotondo arrived at 8:48 p.m.).

First Selectman Herbst continued, If the Town was integrated, it would better serve the Police Department, the EOC, the Public Works Department and the utilities to better coordinate the areas that need to be responded to. The Town is in the process of a serious deliberation on sewer regionalization. The short answer to the question of what return Trumbull will see for their investment will not be seen in hard dollars but as benefits realized, as we approach regional issues, these can not be enumerated by a dollar amount.

In response to a question from Mr. Meisner, Mr. Berdolli stated there is no match necessary to this grant. With regard to recouping the initial investment it is a matter of timing, the other towns they are eligible for this activity because they are now just moving forward with the development of GIS.

In response to Mr. Scinto, Mr. Berdolli stated that when the \$1.4 million grant money runs out the GBRC can step in, they are allocated federal highway funds; there are GIS

positions maintained in-house for the towns. According to the resolution a memorandum of understanding will be developed.

In response to the Chair, Mr. Berdolli stated the other towns are having trouble maintaining their systems which is why they are looking to the GBRC for assistance; there will be uniformity in the data quality and the equipment provided to the towns. Mr. Berdolli confirmed for the Chair that if the GBRC was to decide that a different system was better than what Trumbull currently has; Trumbull would then receive that benefit. The interface that Trumbull is currently using was provided by the consultant as was Bridgeport's, the other towns' do not have anything, this will make it easier to standardize. Mr. Berdolli agreed with the Chair's description that each of the six (6) towns would connect to the cloud; the cloud would handle the data. Trumbull's system is connected to CDM; the GBRC is looking to go the amazon.com host web-based service.

Moved by Mr. London to send Resolution TC23-191 back to committee. There was no second.

Mr. Berdolli confirmed for Ms. Mark that once the grant money runs out there would be no liability.

First Selectman Herbst clarified that there was a 12-31-11 deadline for this application. The Chair clarified if the council was to send the resolution back to committee it would not be heard until January 2012.

Mr. Berdolli stated if Trumbull was to choose not to participate, the region would then consist of five (5) towns instead of the six (6). In response to Ms. Mark, Mr. Berdolli stated that the memorandum of understanding would involve the consortium, not the capital outlay. The membership dues that the Town currently pays are \$18,000 per year.

Ms. Thornton stated that there is no down side to this resolution if we do not approve the resolution we would pay on our own to maintain our GIS, with taxpayers' money. Mr. Berdolli agreed. Ms. Thornton spoke in favor of this resolution.

Mr. Ciocci stated that there is no free-market-need for a regional approach. The State of CT used to function with a county system of government and has since dissolved to save taxpayers' money, this is moving in the wrong direction.

Mr. London stated that there is no down side to the resolution, if we do not get the benefit of the grant we will have to maintain our system ourselves; if we participate in the program we might get the benefit of having somebody else pay for improving the system. Mr. London stated he would support this resolution.

Ms. Testani stated that she would be in support of this resolution based upon the fact that businesses would be looking at the demographics which would result in encouraging businesses to relocate here.

Mr. Altieri stated that electric grids are already on the GIS; the resolution does not have a matching component so it does not appear to fair in the way the funds will be distributed. This grant would sit better if all of the towns had already invested in their infrastructures and the \$1.4 million would be divided six ways.

Mr. DelVecchio stated the town has invested \$400,000 and the system has been invaluable to those who work in town and for the U.I. etc. There is no down side and not much of a negative, let the positive take its path. Mr. DelVecchio spoke in favor of this resolution. Mr. DelVecchio agrees with Mr. Ciocci with regard to taking grants that we pay for it out of the back.

In response to Ms. Testani, Mr. Berdolli explained that the GBRC works on behalf of six (6) towns, there will be a representative from your town on the committee to make sure that Trumbull's need are heard, it will probably be the Town Engineer.

In response to Mr. Ciocci, Mr. Berdolli explained that the membership dues were formulated in the 1980's and were based upon population size, geographic size and grand list. Bridgeport contributes the most.

In response to Mr. Pia, Mr. Berdolli stated that once the system is set up, the people from home would be able to view our town's system as well as the surrounding towns'. There is a lot of flexibility to the system; there are certain things that could be blind/not seen by the other towns. We are currently on contract to host the site for two-three years, but that does not include maintaining the data. The overlap of GBRC and the contracted services would be a good thing. The Board is comprised of the Chief Elected Officials of the six (6) towns, they would craft the memorandum of understanding.

First Selectman Herbst stated the town's legal will review the MOU.

Mr. Ciocci stated that he does not see the benefit to this system.

The Chair clarified that this resolution is an endorsement to move forward with the grant application, details will follow.

VOTE: Resolution ADOPTED 12-2-2 (AGAINST: Ciocci and Scinto)  
(ABSTENTION: Altieri and Rotondo)

4. RESOLUTION TC23-192: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Pia.

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$62,000 is hereby appropriated from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to Tree Warden 01080800-522205 Program Expenses \$12,000 and Tree Warden 01080800-578806 Emergency Services \$50,000 for Tree Removal Services Related to Storm Damage.

Ms. Pires explained that this request is for a supplemental of \$62,000 for emergency services for the Tree Warden's department due to Hurricane Irene and the many hours of over time and services. The account is over due to the storm. All of the costs associated with the storm are being identified and will be submitted to the State for FEMA reimbursement; that will take time. The account is running out of funds, we have had another storm since.

Ms. Pires confirmed for Mr. DeVecchio that this has to be paid and are expecting reimbursement from FEMA but it is not known as to when or how much the reimbursement will be.

In response to Mr. Meisner, Ms. Pires reported that the general fund balance is \$14.5 million, the bond agencies rate anything over 10% as great and we maintain at 11%.

In response to Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Pires confirmed that the FEMA reimbursement automatically is deposited into the General Fund Balance.

VOTE: Resolution ADOPTED unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION TC23-193: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Testani.

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$14,760 is hereby appropriated from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to Fringe Benefits 01013400-511151 Medical \$10,680 and 01013400-511150 FICA \$4,080 for Fringe Benefits associated with new Economic Development Director position.

First Selectman Herbst stated this resolution relates to the Economic Development Director position. The BoF created an employee position for the Economic Development Director. In June 2011 the Economic Development Director left the position; the position has been vacant since. There are two reasons why the position had not been filled to date:

#1. Due to the fact that it would not be fair to fill the position before the November election, if First Selectman Herbst had not been elected, he would have wanted his successor to have the opportunity to appoint the person of their choosing.

#2. The position was on a contract basis. The Economic Development Commission recommended that the position be an employee position in order to attract quality candidates and to be able to retain the candidate.

The salary has been transferred from contract to employee. The resolution before the council is the second half of the employee classification. The Economic Development Commission supported this; the BoF unanimously supported this resolution. Filling this position is critical. First Selectman Herbst stated he would like to see this position filled in the next 100 days. Grand list growth is critical to the town and the stabilization of taxes is realized by grand list growth.

VOTE: Resolution ADOPTED unanimously.

First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst extended his gratitude to the Town Council for their hard work over the last two years and specifically wanted to thank the Town Council members who will be departing:

Mr. Helfrich for his twenty years of service, Mr. Rappa for his service, Mr. Altieri and his stewardship as Chairman of the council, Mr. Rotondo for his six years of service and Mrs. Thornton's eight years of service on the council in a variety of capacities. Mrs. Thornton had the best attendance record of any of the twenty one members of the Town Council. First Selectman Herbst thanked Mrs. Thornton for a spirited campaign, for making him work harder and enjoyed their debates.

The Chair extended his gratitude to all members of the Town Council for giving him the honor and privilege two years ago of serving as the Chairman. It has been a unique experience, a lot of hard work but very rewarding to be able to conduct the Town's business with the Town Council. The Chair stated that Mark Altieri had been a great mentor for him noting that the six years prior to this session, the Chair learned from Mr. Altieri how to give everyone a fair opportunity to speak, to make sure all of the items that were addressed were fully discussed and vetted to everyone's satisfaction and that all of the information that could possibly be was made available to make an informed decision for the people.

The Chair extended his gratitude to the clerk for her hard work and for taking on the task. The Chair extended his gratitude to the whole council for all of their hard work, they had been put to the task with many meetings, the hard work and many months are appreciated.

The Chair recognized the departing Town Council Members with a proclamation signed by himself and the Vice Chairwoman Suzanne Testani. The Chair noted that this has been a bonding experience and that the Town Council worked very hard.

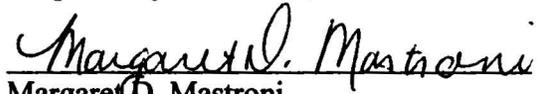
The departing Town Council members were honored with a proclamation by district as follows:

Michael Rappa - District 1  
Mary Beth Thornton - District 2  
Robert Pescatore, Jr. - District 2  
John Rotondo - District 3  
Roberta Bellows - District 3  
Mark Altieri - District 5  
Daniel Helfrich - District 7

The Chair announced that this concludes the twenty third session of the Trumbull Town Council.

There being no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. Pia the Twenty Third Session of the Trumbull Town Council adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk



November 10, 2011

To: Town Council of Trumbull, CT  
Re: 2012 Comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Program Grant

RYASAP respectfully requests your support of the grant application for the 2012 Comprehensive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Program Grant. The country as a whole has made significant strides in reducing the numbers of highway fatalities, however Connecticut as a whole still ranks 50/51 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of DUI fatalities (The ranking system is based on the percentage of total traffic deaths in each state that are DUI related, with the state ranked 1 having the lowest percentage of DUI related deaths & the state ranked 51 (D.C. is included as a separate entry) as having the highest percentage of DUI related deaths in 2009.) *MADD 2011*

From 1982 (when the drinking laws began their grandfathered shift from age 18 to 21) there were 515 driving fatalities – 356 were alcohol related and 320 of drivers had a BAC of .08+ representing 62% of the deaths. By 2009 the overall loss of life on Connecticut roads was nearly cut in half to 223 with 114 of the fatalities being alcohol-related and 99 of those where the driver possessed a BAC of .08+. Of those 99, 14 of those deaths were individuals under the age of 21. Connecticut's 2009 arrest data for DUI reports that the overall total was 10,178 with 65 being under the age of 18.

In the *2009 Rural v Urban Fatality Study*, although only 23% of the population lives in rural areas, rural areas accounted for 57% of the fatalities as compared to 42% in urban areas. In cases where drivers have one or more previous convictions, data shows that in rural areas, 61% of the drivers involved in fatal crashes were alcohol impaired as compared to 58% in urban areas. With the introduction of enforcement assistance (such as this grant) the past 10 years have seen a 22% decrease in rural fatalities compared to the 11% in urban areas, highlighting that there was a 23% decrease in DUI fatalities in rural areas compared to 7% in urban. Seatbelt and speeding data also indicate that rural violations are higher than those of their urban counterparts. (National Center for Statistics and Analysis)  
These improvements are due to have MANY tools that Trumbull has acquired for its toolbox to combat these issues. These numbers presented include passengers and pedestrians as well; many of them are innocent victims.

For over a decade now, Trumbull's focus on teen alcohol use through TPAUD and Trumbull Cares, RYASAP's school survey, 9th grade parent night, social host laws and DUI inspections has been a model that other towns are using to strengthen their programs and practices.

There is a need for a multifaceted approach to combat the difficult problems facing our towns and we cannot afford to take this important tool away from the police. We have seen the direct impact of the "all angles" approach in Trumbull. Supporting the Trumbull Police Department's application will assist them in their continued efforts to lower vehicular violations across the board but importantly saves the lives of those that live in or drive through your town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Francis  
Executive Director, RYASAP

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