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MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gaudiano called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked all those present to remember the Director of Public Works George Estrada's mother who had recently passed away at the age of 102.

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

PRESENT:

Ashley Gaudiano	Joy Colon	Tony Scinto
Christine El Eris	William Mecca	Jason Marsh
Jennifer Winschel	John Foreman	Kelly Mallozzi
Jerrod Ferrari	Matthew Dunn	Michael Buswell
Richard Wolf	Brian Walsh	Steven Spillane
Thomas Broderick	Ann Sather	Nicole Satin
Anthony Dorsey	Mary Isaac	Carl Massaro (teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorneys Daniel Schopick and James Nugent, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Assistant Chief of Police Glenn Byrnes, Finance Director Maria Pires, Police Commission Chairman Dawn Cantafio, George Wiles of Wiles Architecture, Veterans and First Responder Building Committee Chairman Raymond Baldwin, Downes representative, Dan Sacco of the Veterans and First Responder Building Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Colon, seconded by Mecca to approve the September 9, 2026 minutes as submitted,. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were seven (7) people present to speak. (Public Comment Attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC31-67: Moved by Colon, seconded by Dorsey
   BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman having recommended the appointment of Jeffery Kuroghlian as a member of the Police Commission, Jeffery Kuroghlian be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Police Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2027.

   Committee Report: The R&R Committee met on September 28, 2026, and voted unanimously.

   Jeffery Kuroghlian was present and explained for the Chair he is looking forward to giving back. He spent his whole life in this in this field, in security & safety and law enforcement. He is looking forward to giving back and helping the police department be the best it can, and in turn the town being as safe as it can.

   VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent the Town Council RESOLUTION TC31-70 as the next item of business and to take certain items out of order.

2. RESOLUTION TC31-70: Moved by Wolf, seconded by Mallozzi
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $384,100 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to various accounts. (Schedule Attached)

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 28, 2026, and voted unanimously.

   - Chief Lombardo confirmed this is a good problem in some ways because the department has been able to hire more quickly than anticipated. This is something he shared with the first selectman and the police commission throughout the fiscal year.
   - There was a cost because the positions weren't funded until April. There are expenses for those officers to go to the various academies, and when they come back from the academy, they need to be trained. The field training officers are paid additional stipends for that training time, which is usually 12 to 14 weeks. Additionally, there was a turnover reduction of a little more than 69,000 last year into the past fiscal year, which was taken from the budget, there are variety of things that occurred at one time, but mostly because of good things, the hirings.
   - The department tests on a constant basis.
   - They just hired a lateral transfer last Thursday from the city of Norwalk. This saves on training expenses because he doesn't have to go to the academy. He'll probably do about three weeks of field training to learn the way they do things, and then he'll be able to work on his own.
   - Hiring and resignations are a moving target. There are officers that are deployed and there are people on long-term sick leave, we just have to move with it and adjust as it as it occurs.

- They have accomplished a lot in the last few years. The department is in a much better place now compared to 3-5 years ago. It was confirmed those on long-term sick leave are long term chronic illnesses.
- The third SRO has been reinstated.
- Of the new hires two are in field training. Within the next month or so, it is the hope they'll be able to work by themselves. There are two others at the police academy in Meriden. They are slated to graduate in December and another who's in the Milford Academy, that officer won't graduate until March. There are people in the pipeline that they're hoping the commission will interview in the next few weeks because there's another police academy starting in Bridgeport in early November. They are pushing our selections officers to get the process of the background investigations done as quickly as possible, so we can get those people hired and get them to the academy.
- The overtime budget should decrease when the people are trained and fully able to work in the field, we may have a larger staff right now, but the problem is a lot of them are in training. At one point, I think we had 11 people in training, so they're on our payroll and we're paying them, but they cannot fill any vacancies in the field, and there is minimum staffing that is required 24 hours a day. The hope is that when we get to a better place, and most of our people are trained and working by themselves, the overtime should at least level off and hopefully come down.

VOTE: Adopted by unanimous consent.

Moved by Colon, seconded by Dorsey to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Veterans and First Responder Building Committee Update and Financial Report

Raymond Baldwin Jr., Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans First Responders Building Committee explained:

- After nearly seven years, they are three months away from completion of the building and expect to take occupancy on January 1.
- Along the way, they have gathered more support for this project from individual, corporate, and municipal donors. Each donation has come because people not only believe in our mission but have faith in our plan. Though they are aware that this facility will be used by first responders, town boards and commissions, and the public at large, they firmly believe that first and foremost, this is a veteran center designed and built for veterans.
- This project is on budget and will remain so to its completion. They have maintained a healthy industry standard contingency for this stage of construction, and that has been validated not only by the town's construction manager Downes, but also our builder and our architect Wiles Associates.
- From the purchase of memorial plaques and naming rights, they've established a $200,000 account to pay the cost of operating this building for the next three years, relieving the town from any potential financial responsibility associated with running the facility. After that,

rental fees generated will be used to continue paying for the necessary cost of operation. There has never been a municipal building project in this town, and I venture to say anywhere else in the state of Connecticut that has established an operating reserve in addition to managing a construction project.

- Both the town and the veterans have agreed to manage and run this facility efficiently, we would need to retain the services of a manager, someone who could book events, provide catering services, and otherwise oversee the facility's operations. A committee of veterans took the initiative and vetted several possible individuals and companies, and have selected Catering by Christine, a Trumbull-based company with many years of catering and facility management experience and expect to have a contract in place within the next week or two.
- There has been discussion on the value-engineered items that were restored, and some of you are not happy about that. Some of you believe the money raised from donations should have been used first to pay down the $703,000 bond, and there certainly is an argument to be made for that. They have already, turned over $150,000 in donated money to the town for construction costs, and the VFW has paid an additional $80,000 directly for budgeted contract items for a total of $230,000.
- The council appointed this building committee in March of 2020. You selected us because you believed we would use our collective experience and best judgment to not only manage this project to a successful conclusion, but to ensure going forward, this facility would have optimal marketability for rental, and thus be self-sustaining, we as a committee unanimously believe these value-added items greatly enhance that marketability and stand by our decision to reinstate them.
- None of the $703,000 in bonded money was used to pay for any of these added items. Other possibilities exist for a pay down of the bond, and start having some productive conversations with the town, he believes that's an achievable goal. But it's going to require a collaborative effort.
- What remains is the negotiation of an updated lease between the town and veterans. There are 58 years remaining on the current lease, so we aren't going anywhere. I'm just hopeful we can come to terms sooner rather than later, so they can continue to move this project forward.

Veterans and First Responder Building Committee Vice Chairman Dan Sacco explained the following:

- The goal of the program selling plaques for the wall and naming rights was to collect $200,000 for the day they turned the key so the veterans would have the means to pay the bills. They were able to do that, $200,000 is in a lockbox. That's not going to be spent, and in truth, they raised about $500,000 in that program.
- He noted the importance of the brotherhood and loyalty of the veterans. Many of those veterans present at this meeting hit the nail on the head with regard to the importance of this center and what it stands for and how good it is for the veterans and the town.

Raymond Baldwin Jr., Chairman of the Trumbull Veterans First Responders Building Committee explained for the council the following:

- This project has a lot of support from the community, the town and vendors. U.I. came on site and donated $68,000 and Frontier also donated 7 poles which has a value of $75,000-$100,000.

- Power is brought in overhead and once it is on site it is underground. It had to be done that way because of the location of the pond.
- They will bring the proposed operating or enterprise fund for the Veterans and First Responders Center to the Town Council in November.

Frank Tomcak, Downes Construction Project Manager reviewed the schedule and the Total Project Budget Summary (See attached):

- Downes is responsible for overseeing the construction of the project on behalf of the Town of Trumbull.
- There is a general contractor responsible for constructing the building. The project has made a lot of progress.
- From a schedule standpoint, some say we're a few months away from completing the project, which is true. More importantly, in another few weeks, we're going to be heading into finishes. They will start hanging drywall in the next couple weeks, and then painting ceilings and carpet.
- There were concerns earlier in the project about surprises that could potentially come up along the way during construction, but at this point, with finishes starting up in the next couple weeks, the surprises essentially go away. The biggest surprises come when you're coming out of the ground during the construction project. We're well beyond that.
- They got a report from PAC Group at the end of September. This shows a substantial completion date by the middle of January. That means furniture would follow right after that.
- The budget, contingency, schedule, grants, donations, and projected completion status was presented
- Total funding of $5,719,060, includes $4,448,949 in hard costs, $771,801 in soft costs, and approximately $200,000 remaining in contingency.
- The project is tracking within budget, with a $200,000 operating reserve funded through plaques and naming rights. It was confirmed $200,000 in contingency is more than enough at this point of the project, the PAC group also agrees.
- They are contemplating IPs for the project. WAP's, (wireless access points) are included in the Tech. Phones, Servers & Switches line item. It was confirmed they do not believe this line item will come in higher than what has been budgeted.
- It was confirmed under the Budget Breakdown grants are listed, (i.e. STEEP & HUD etc.) there are both state and federal grants.
- The additional work for the parking lot should fall within the base bid scope for the phase one contractor.
- Maria Pires explained the town has not received all the funding. The town has received $75,000, but she believes the VFW has received it and is ready to submit it to the town. Dan Sacco further explained the donations went to the VFW and they are talking to the attorneys on how the town wants to handle. They will handle it any way the town wants. The money is in a money market earning interest. That $250,000 earns $6,000 interest.
- The Chair explained they know the money is accounted for, some of it went to the town and some went to the VFW account. Some bills were paid from the VFW account and

some were paid by the town, this makes this particularly challenging to follow the dotted line. No one is saying the money is not accounted for.

- It was noted that the council is supportive of this project, but it is incumbent upon the council as elected officials on behalf of the town of Trumbull, to ask these questions.
- The center's anticipated capacity was stated as 132 people. It was confirmed they will be looking at round tables and chairs from the FF&E line item.
- It was confirmed Monroe's BOF and Town Council unanimously approved a donation of $100,000 for the center.
- Starting in February the building will be rentable.
- Hard construction costs to complete the project is $3.2 million.
- Monroe and Shelton have made donations, and they are still fundraising. The other to towns they are approaching are Easton and Redding. They may have more luck with Redding. Hartford Healthcare has donated $5,000 and will run some programs at the facility. The Workplace also donated.
- All these organizations that they're talking to are going to come in and do programs for veterans. The idea behind this project is to help facilitate the transition of veterans back into society after they've served their country. The number used to be 22 veterans a day committed suicide, but that number is down to 17 a day in the United States. There are veterans out there struggling, and if we can help them out and save any veteran by having a facility like this available to provide them with the services to transition back that's what we'll do.
- Downes Construction is not aware of any other costs coming. There have been discussions of adding window treatments but that is based upon more donations.
- The Council extended their gratitude to all the people who came out this evening and to the building committee and all those who are working on the project

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

3. RESOLUTION TC31-68: Moved by Marsh, seconded by Mallozzi
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $319,000 is hereby appropriated from Retained Earnings to Capital Outlay 21100000-581888.

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 28, 2026, and voted unanimously.

   VOTE: Adopted by unanimous consent.

Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Colon to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

4. RESOLUTION TC31-69: Moved by Dorsey, seconded by Mallozzi
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $49,000 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to Professional Services 01010000-522202.

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 28, 2026, and voted unanimously.

- Maria Pires confirmed the auditors have started the audit. They met with the department heads, and they have started their selection of items to review. They're progressing on the audit. She did ask the auditors today how much time they will need for the audit, but she has not received a response yet and will get back to the council on this. The Chair suggested sending her the information which would then be forwarded to the counsil.

VOTE: Adopted by unanimous consent.
Moved by Buswell, seconded by Satin to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC31-72: Moved by Isaac, seconded by Mallozzi
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $25,917 is hereby transferred from Contingency to various accounts. (Schedule Attached)

   Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on September 28, 2026, and voted Unanimously to pass without recommendation.

   - Maria Pires explained the dollar amount should be changed to $9,645 because one of the last items on the schedule was the senior center account 01050600-501101. It was initially $24,343, but here was enough funding in the part time account that could be transferred from, therefore only $8,071 is needed in that account, which changes the total to $9,645.
   - Maria Pires noted the total amount of appropriations authorized and approved for the fiscal year is $1.6 million including all the appropriations on this agenda.
   - The Chair and Maria Pires noted the larger appropriations are as follows: Golf course at 319,000, 384,000 for PD, Building Maintenance at 166,000, Snow account was 556,000, Tree Warden was 102,000, and Debt Service at 113,000. Those are the larger ones, which totals 1,400,000.

   Moved by Satin, seconded by Winschel to amend the amount to $9,645.
   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

   VOTE: Adopted as amended by unanimous consent.
Moved by Satin, seconded by Massaro to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC31-71: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Foreman
   BE IT RESOLVED, That $67,558 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to various accounts. (Schedule Attached)

   By unanimous consent the reading of the committee minutes was waived.

   Moved by Dorsey, seconded by Foreman to ENTER into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.
   VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The Trumbull Town Council ENTERED Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. with the following people present:
Town Council members:

Ashley Gaudiano	Joy Colon	Tony Scinto
Christine El Eris	William Mecca	Jason Marsh
Jennifer Winschel	John Foreman	Kelly Mallozzi
Jerrod Ferrari	Matthew Dunn	Michael Buswell
Richard Wolf	Brian Walsh	Steven Spillane
Thomas Broderick	Ann Sather	Nicole Satin
Anthony Dorsey	Mary Isaac	Carl Massaro (teleconference)

First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Finance Director Maria Pires and Labor Relations Director Thomas McCarthy.

Moved by Dorsey, seconded by Marsh to END Executive Session at 9:18 p.m.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent.
Moved by Satin, seconded by Mecca to PASS as Emergency Legislation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss the Town Council adjourned at 9:20 by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Margaret D. Mastroni, clerk

SCHEDULES

Trumbull Police Department

POLICE DEPT #01022000

FY 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

FISCAL YEAR _2025-2026	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE BEFORE SUPPL	AMOUNT OF SUPPL	BALANCE AFTER SUPPL
ITEM # 09-26-04				
FROM: General Fund			**(384,100.00)**	
TO:				
Salaries - Full Time	01022000-501101	**(136,220.11)**	**136,500.00**	**279.89**
				-
Salaries - Overtime	01022000-501105	**(127,956.40)**	**128,000.00**	**43.60**
				-
Training	01022000-501114	**(52,043.95)**	**52,100.00**	**56.05**
				-
Uniform Allowance	01022000-501888	**(13,319.29)**	**13,500.00**	**180.71**
				-
Ancillary	01022000-522203	**(12,976.62)**	**13,000.00**	**23.38**
Professional Development, In Service	01022000-556603	**(16,290.58)**	**16,500.00**	**209.42**
Vehicle Repair	01022000-567702	**(24,303.44)**	**24,500.00**	**196.56**
		Total:	**384,100.00**	

TOWN OF TRUMBULL						
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRITIONS						
FY 2026						
ITEM						**BALANCE**
#	**ACCOUNT**	**ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION**		**AVAILABLE BUDGE**	**SUPPLEMENT**	**AFTER SUPPL**
09-26-09	**FROM:**					
		FUND BALANCE			(67,558.00)	
	TO:					
	01010000-578801-	NATURE CENTER-MAINTENANCE SV CONTR		(132.00)	132.00	-
	01012800-522203-	TOWN ATTORNEYS-ANCILLARY	(1)	(18,829.37)	18,830.00	0.63
	01013000-522202-	HR-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	(2)	(19,464.83)	19,465.00	0.17
	01014800-545501-	INLAND/WETLAND-LEGAL NOTICES		(126.00)	126.00	-
	01022600-578801	EMS-SERVICE CONTRACTS	(3)	(7,933.38)	7,934.00	0.62
	01030300-567701	PW-TRANSPORTATION-GAS, OIL & GREASE	(4)	(15,753.00)	15,753.00	-
	01060800-522202-	TCTV-SERVICES & FEES-PROFESSIONAL	(5)	(2,724.81)	2,725.00	0.19
	01-060800-522205-	TCTV-PROGRAM EXPENSES	(5)	(2,592.75)	2,593.00	0.25
						-
					67,558.00	67,558.00
		(1) Additional attorneys expenses, offset by Revenue				
		(2) Professional services for several investigations				
		(3) Pro Care contract to maintain all of our ambulance equip, incrs due to addt;l equip added				
		(4) Rae was locked but there was more usage				
		(5) More programing during the year				

TOWN OF TRUMBULL		PROPOSED			
TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY					
FY 2026					
ITEM				TRANSFER	BALANCE
#	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE BUDGET	CONTINGENCY	AFTER SUPPL
09-26-10	FROM:				
	01013800-501116	CONTINGENCY	454,029.00	(25,917.00)	428,112.00
	01012400-501101-	TREASURER-SALARIES-FT (extra day)??	(122.95)	124.00	1.05
	01013000-501101-	HR-SALARIES-FT	(1,449.65)	1,450.00	0.35
	01050600-501101-	SENIOR-SALARIES-FT	(24,342.33)	24,343.00	0.67
				25,917.00	
		Various personnel upgrades			

TOWN OF TRUMBULL		AS AMENDED			
TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY					
FY 2026					
ITEM				TRANSFER	BALANCE
#	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE BUDGET	CONTINGENCY	AFTER SUPPL
09-26-10	FROM:				
	01013800-501116	CONTINGENCY	454,029.00	9645.00	444,384.00
	01012400-501101-	TREASURER-SALARIES-FT (extra day)??	(122.95)	124.00	1.05
	01013000-501101-	HR-SALARIES-FT	(1,449.65)	1,450.00	0.35
	01050600-501101-	SENIOR-SALARIES-FT	(8071.00)	8071.00	.00
				9645.00	
		Various personnel upgrades			

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were seven (7) people present to speak.

1. Bob Mraz of 65 Pomona Road and Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10059 read Keif Doyle's comments into the record: I am the Junior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10059, and I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak about our new Veterans and First Responders Center that is nearing completion. So many people have supported us along the way, and we are forever grateful. I wish I could say this has been an easy journey, but it has not. Ever since COVID, the costs of construction have skyrocketed, and what was once going to cost $3 million to build doubled to 6 million. For years, we have sought donations at the federal and state level from generous individuals and businesses, and even neighboring towns have come to our aid. There are people in Trumbull who have supported us from the very start, but sadly, there have also been those who have made this journey extremely difficult. Honestly, it is a was a fight to get this center built, even until relatively recently. I really must ask, how could you let this happen? Don't we deserve a place to gather, celebrate, honor, and even mourn those we have lost? When I think of the foundation of our town, I think of three groups: our veterans and first responders, our senior citizens and our families. As veterans and first responders, we have fought for and protected those in this town. We have earned this building. Our senior citizens-they have lived their lives here, seeing it grow and change along the way. They deserve a senior center to be proud of, and our families-they have entrusted us with their children. They deserve beautiful, state-of-the-art new schools. I realize that all this costs a great deal of money, but we all know what happens to a building where you don't invest in a solid foundation. It collapses, and I would argue, the same could happen to a town that, at times, has its priorities misplaced. Thank you.

2. Bob Mraz of 65 Pomona Road and Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10059 was present and stated: I've lived in this town many years. However, I am foreign-born, and I like to give a perspective to people about being a foreigner and what happens. I happen to be a product of World War II. I come from the worst dictatorship of that time. I am fortunate enough that I had an American father and a German mother and came to this country. I decided at some point, probably in seventh or eighth grade, that I was going to become a Fed, so what you're looking at is someone who has spent his life in the military. I was born from the military army, and I grew up in it. And I did the military for 30 years as a reserve officer, also worked for the Defense Department in weapon systems management and procurement. So, the point being is, as I came back into the VFW, the major reason was to support the construction of this building. If you look at the way this building is shaping up now, it is really going to be a very excellent display of freedom. I think when people go in there and utilize this building and enjoy it, you just walk through those halls, and what we're going to have in there is going to be very impressive. I find that in the United States, many Americans don't appreciate and understand the freedoms that they have. What happened was, when the draft ended, we have young people now that don't even understand the military. They have no idea what we do, who we are, why

we do it, and most of us did it to defend human freedom, and we still do it for that reason. So, therefore, for me, as someone who's come here and worked in this system, I really look forward to this building being finished and what the people will be able to see and enjoy on an ongoing basis in the future. Thank you.

3. Pat Tivadar of 91 Elliott Road was present and stated: Good evening, everybody. My name is Patricia Tivadar, and I currently serve as the president of the VFW Auxiliary to Post 10059. I'd like to publicly thank the members of the town council, the building committee, and everyone who has supported this important project. I'm thrilled that the building is becoming a reality, and the Auxiliary, along with the VFW and the American Legion, will finally have a place to call home. For the past two and a half years, the Auxiliary has been meeting in a craft room in the basement of the Shelton Community Center. We currently have no place to store the materials we need for our meetings or many of the items we collect to promote patriotism and support area veterans. We also assist the VFW with many of their programs while continuing to support numerous programs of our own, one program we are especially proud of is the VFW Auxiliaries Illustrating America Art Contest. I'm excited to share that Amelia Huang, a seventh grader now an eighth grader at Madison Middle School, won first place for the 2025-2026 national contest. There's also a high school level program, and the first prize is a $15,000 scholarship. They give many scholarships in addition to first place. We have students getting involved in that right now. In closing. thank you for all your support in making the veterans and first responders building a reality. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our veterans, first responders, and to our community. Thank you.

4. Ron Foligno of 48 Arden Road was present and stated: We've been residents for almost 18 years. I want to start by saying thank you to the town, to our leaders, to the building committee, and to everyone who worked so hard on any and many areas and ways to make this center happen. It took years of patience, effort, and a lot of people pulling in the same direction. For our veterans, this is to be a gathering place, almost like a home. A 5,500 square foot center will be the home base for the American Legion, the VFW, and the DAV serving Trumbull, Shelton, Monroe, Easton, and Reading and we think many more. It is a place to gather, hold meetings, share a meal, and look out for one another and support one another. Anyone who has served knows how much that brotherhood means. It's more than a meeting hall. The center is meant to offer access to job training, career development, and healthcare for the region's 30,000 veterans. It's real help with the next chapter of life, right here in our own backyard. It's all good for all of us. The center gives our police, fire, and EMS teams more availability needed for training space, which makes our whole community safer. It's also a welcoming spot for town boards, commissions, civic groups, and family celebrations. Some of these will help offset the cost for the center's programs and operation. So, to our veterans, thank you for your service. To our first responders, thank you for running toward the danger. To everyone, and these are the big ones-those who continually gave their time, their effort, their money, their voice-to build this multi-use, town-oriented vet center. Thank you. It's not the end yet. This multi-use center says something good about Trumbull. What it says, is we take care of our own. Thank you.

5. Graham Bissett, Commander of VFW Post 10059 was present and stated: We not only represent Trumbull but also Shelton, Monroe, Easton, and Redding. We are truly a regional post. I am a Vietnam veteran. Served with the 25th Division in Cu Chi Vietnam, in 1966. I retired in 2016 as the Town of Trumbull Building Official after 23 years with the department. I live in Shelton, so by town charter I could not be on the building committee, but I attended every building committee meeting, all job site meetings, and volunteered my time during phase one of the project. I spent many hours on the building site, but I don't want to talk about me. I would rather talk about the new building and how we got to this point. The new veterans building is being constructed near Katz Pond on the site of the old veterans building that was condemned by the town due to the foundation structural damage. Let me give you a brief history of the Katz Pond site. The Katz Icehouse was a wood-framed structure built in 1908 by Ernest Katz, who ran an ice harvesting operation between 1908 and 1955, the town of Trumbull acquired the property in 1969. Because a large wooden structure had deteriorated and had become a safety hazard, the town demolished it in May of 1978. In March of 1983, the town of Trumbull entered into a 99-year lease agreement with VFW Post 10059 and the American Legion Post 141, known as the Trumbull Veterans Organizations or TVO. A small part of the original icehouse remained, and an addition was added by the veterans, which became the Trumbull Veterans Center. The TVO maintained the building for the next 30 plus years until excuse me until no fault of the veterans, the 100-year-old foundation deteriorated, and the building was mothballed and demolished in 2021. We started planning a new veteran center in 2018, and COVID hit in 2019, we lost a year, and prices escalated, and we had to find more funds and more funds, and there were many delays. The veterans, on numerous occasions, stated that we just want a home to run our programs and help veterans, their families, and reach out to the community. We would have been satisfied with just four walls and a roof, and we ended up with this beautiful building. I would like to thank everyone who made this dream a reality, our building committee, the first selectman's office, various towns' departments, our contractors, and of course the town council. This was truly a team effort. Thank you.

6. Dan Geraghty of 4 Merrill Road was present and stated: Good evening, everybody. I moved to Trumbull 25 years ago in April, just before the attacks of 9/11. At that time, I was an infantryman serving in Connecticut as a first lieutenant, then becoming a captain, and took command of a company of infantrymen out of New Haven, Connecticut. On September 11th, I was at the towers and watched the first responders, the 343 firemen, run into those buildings to give their lives. That is what they did on September 11th, and I've lived with that my entire life. I'm very proud of Trumbull. I'm incredibly proud of the veterans that I stand side-by-side with when I look at this building, and I just imagine the generations of veterans who will be able to take part in coming together, showing fraternity and brotherhood and sisterhood and supporting each other. I'm a disabled American veteran too. My soldiers deployed to Taji, Iraq, 20 miles south of Baghdad in 2004. Two of my soldiers from Connecticut were the first soldiers put on active duty and into combat since World War II. Out of the National Guard, Robert Hoyt and Felix Del Greco were both killed in Iraq. I know what it means to feel loss. I know what it means to

feel a deep sense of loss as a as a leader for those who are left behind, and it also reminds me of the deep commitment that Americans need to feel, possess and display in terms of their love for the American veteran, and I am incredibly proud to be a citizen and a member of this town. This town helped me reinvent myself. I became a teacher and reinvented myself after 9/11 and got my teacher training at Hillcrest Middle School. I became a high school teacher. I've served as an administrator, and I now call myself a special education case manager at Trumbull High School. When I look around at the service of our teachers, our veterans, the auxiliary, and I also know the sacrifice of the families who also want to celebrate veterans and have a place to come to and celebrate weddings and anniversaries and great events. Trumbull has become a beacon in this entire region for that, and I'm incredibly thankful for that. I just want to leave you tonight with just a bit about Jonathan Trumbull himself. Jonathan Trumbull was one of the most important leaders of the American Revolution, and he broke with the English to be one of the greatest supporters logistically of the American Revolution, and he also became a friend of George Washington. He made sure that the supplies that were needed for the warriors and the patriots were available, and that's why his statue is out front of our building today. I thank you all for the support and good night.

7. Major David Stone of 141 Fern Circle was present and stated: I'm a 36-year veteran, both active-duty Army, National Guard & Reserve. I've joined the VFW about two months ago. I stood next to those guys every day, and they're pretty good guys, you know. And we see these guys as old guys, and when they were young, they saw veterans as old guys too. But my son is United States Army, he's a veteran, and he's going to have a son, and he's going to be a veteran, and this town is going to build a building because of the, you say veterans, I say heroes. Every one of these guys put their life on the line to be a part of this club. The town of Trumbull moved forward with that and built something. You took money, time and effort of all your parts to create a physical embodiment that represents the commitment of this town to the veterans. You deserve a round of applause for doing that. Thank you, thank you for these guys. Thank you for me and thank you for my son.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

9/28/2026

DOWNES CONSTRUCTION

TRUMBULL VETERANS & 1ST RESPONDERS CENTER

	Shoring Structural Design	$ 7,575		$ -	$ 7,575		$ -	$ 7,575	$ 7,575
	VE Design Services	$ 4,500		$ -	$ 4,500		$ -	$ 4,500	$ 4,500
	Structural Engineer Const Admin	$ 2,500		$ -	$ 2,500		$ -	$ 2,500	$ 2,500
	Civil Engineer Const Admin	$ 3,500		$ -	$ 3,500		$ -	$ 3,500	$ 3,500
	MEP Engineering VE Design Services	$ 4,500		$ -	$ 4,500		$ -	$ 4,500	$ 4,500
				$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -
	SUB TOTAL	**$ 290,425.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 290,425.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 290,425.00**	**$ 290,425.00**
	Other Consultants/Professional Services			$ -					
	Special Permiting DEEP Stormwater Permit Mgmt.		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	3rd Party Review		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Utility Fees/Permits		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	LEED Consultant		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Geotechnical		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Land Survey		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Wetland Mapping Surveyor		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Traffic Control Engineer		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Technology and Audio Visual Consulting		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	SUB TOTAL	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Land Acquisition									
	Facility Purchase / Land Acquisition Cost	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	SUB TOTAL	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FF&E/Technology									
	Furntiure, Fixtures & Equipment	$ 148,729		$ -	$ 148,729		$ -	$ 148,729	$ 148,729
	Tech., Phones, Servers & Switches , , etc...	$ 75,000		$ -	$ 75,000		$ -	$ 75,000	$ 75,000
				$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	SUB TOTAL	**$ 223,729**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 223,729**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 223,729.00**	**$ 223,729.00**
	TOTAL SOFT COST	**$ 771,801**	**$ 17,562.50**	**$ (62,325)**	**$ 709,476**	**$ 41,588**	**$ -**	**$ 667,887.87**	**$ 709,475.87**
CONSTRUCTION HARD COSTS									
			$ -						
	PAC Group Lump Sum Bid - $4,164,417	$ 3,732,513	$ 181,003	$ 223,519	$ 3,956,032	$ 3,956,032.34	$ -	$ -	$ 3,956,032
	Nagy (Phase 1 Concrete)	$ 257,000	$ 69,439	$ 69,439	$ 326,439	$ 326,439.00		$ -	$ 326,439
	Conte (Demo Existing Structure Phase 1)	$ 44,436	$ (1,047)	$ (1,047)	$ 43,389	$ 43,389.00		$ -	$ 43,389
	Nagy (Phase 1 Sitework)	$ 415,000	$ 67,015	$ 67,015	$ 482,015	$ 482,015.00			$ 482,015
	TOTAL HARD COSTS	**$ 4,448,949**	**$ 316,410.00**	**$ 358,926**	**$ 4,807,875**	**$ 4,807,875.34**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 4,807,875.34**
OWNER PROJECT CONTINGENCY									
Not %	Owner's Contingency	$ 498,310		$ (296,601)	$ 201,709			$ 201,709	$ 201,709
	TOTAL PROJECT CONTINGENCY	**$ 498,310**	**$ -**	**$ (296,601)**	**$ 201,709**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 201,709**	**$ 201,709**
	TOTAL	**$ 5,719,060.48**	**$333,972.50**	**$ (296,601)**	**$ 5,719,060**	**$4,849,463.34**	**$0.00**	**$869,597.14**	**$5,719,060.48**

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

9/28/2026

DOWNES CONSTRUCTION

TRUMBULL VETERANS & 1ST RESPONDERS CENTER

Budget Breakdown	
Rotary Club	$50,000.00
VFW	$52,855.48
Trez Foundation	$25,000.00
Major Art O'Leary	$10,000.00
Town Bonding	$200,000.00
City of Shelton	$75,000.00
Synergy Home Care	$20,000.00
Hartford Healthcare	$5,000.00
Dinardo Enterprise Donation	$100,000.00
STEEP G0342	$128,205.00
VCHUD (HUD)	$750,000.00
DECD VCDEC	$1,500,000.00
Federal CPF (VCFED)	$1,200,000.00
State of CT Special Act	$900,000.00
Total Project Budget	$5,016,060.48
Addl. Funding - Town Council Approved Funding	$703,000.00
Total Project Budget	$5,719,060.48

		Budget Adjustments				Data Date 9/28/2026			
	Original Budget Combined	Pending Revisions	Total Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget	Total Committed	Expended	Uncommitted Balance	Total Projected Cost
	a		b	c	d	e	f	g
				a+b			c-d	d+f
SOFT COSTS								
Owner Expenses								
Generator ($40,000)	$ 40,000		$ -	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000	$ 40,000
Kitchen Equipment	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Phase 1 Site Assesment	$ 2,392		$ -	$ 2,392	$ -	$ -	$ 2,392	$ 2,392
Consultant Services (Environmental Review)	$ 2,000		$ -	$ 2,000	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,000
Geotechnical Testing	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Testing & Special Inspections	$ 25,229	$ (2,300)	$ (2,300)	$ 22,929	$ 2,300	$ -	$ 20,629	$ 22,929
Utility Company Service Fees	$ 75,686	$ -	$ (34,588)	$ 41,098	$ 34,588	$ -	$ 6,510	$ 41,098
Builder's Risk Policy	$ 50,000	$ -	$ (45,300)	$ 4,700	$ 4,700	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700
Bond Cost For New Appropriation	$ 7,000		$ -	$ 7,000	$ -	$ -	$ 7,000	$ 7,000
Legal Fees (DECD Grant Related)	$ 5,340		$ -	$ 5,340	$ -	$ -	$ 5,340	$ 5,340
			$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
0.00% Soft Cost Contingency (See bottom of sheet)	$ -		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
SUB TOTAL	**$232,647.00**	**$ (2,300.00)**	**$ (82,187.63)**	**$ 150,459.37**	**$ 41,588.00**	**$ -**	**$ 108,871.37**	**$ 150,459.37**
Professional Services								$ -
Owner Project Manager (Downes - Separate Budget)	$0		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Add Services	$25,000	$ 17,563	$ 17,563	$ 42,563	$ -	$ -	$ 42,563	$ 42,563
Specail Inspections (DeStefano&Chamberlain)	$0	$ 2,300	$ 2,300	$ 2,300	$ -	$ -	$ 2,300	$ 2,300
			$ -	$ -			$ -	$ -
			$ -	$ -			$ -	$ -
			$ -	$ -				$ -
SUB TOTAL	**$ 25,000.00**	**$ 19,862.50**	**$ 19,862.50**	**$ 44,862.50**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 44,862.50**	**$ 44,862.50**
A/E Fees - Wiles Architects	$ 185,000			$ 185,000			$ 185,000	$ 185,000
Add Service No. 01	$ 7,500		$ -	$ 7,500			$ 7,500	$ 7,500
Add Service No. 02	$ 15,000		$ -	$ 15,000		$ -	$ 15,000	$ 15,000
Add Service No. 03	$ 40,350		$ -	$ 40,350		$ -	$ 40,350	$ 40,350
Reimbursable Allowance	$ 20,000		$ -	$ 20,000		$ -	$ 20,000	$ 20,000