

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY &
TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF NORTH BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT**

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Jerome Harrison Elementary
7:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Michael Doody, Deputy Mayor Vincent Candelora, Council Members Mary Bigelow, Andrew Esposito, David Hultgren, Ashley Joiner, John Lappie and Joanne Wentworth. Also present were Town Manager Karl Kilduff and Town Attorney John Gesmonde.

Council Member Donald Fucci was absent.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
 - a. March 15 – Regular WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2005 Regular Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council Meeting as presented.

VOTE: Passed 6 to 0 with 2 abstentions in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Doody, Councilors Mary Bigelow, David Hultgren, Ashley Joiner, John Lappie and Joanne Wentworth

ABSTAIN: Deputy Mayor Candelora, Councilor Andrew Esposito

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AGENDA

3. CORRESPONDENCE/CITIZENS' STATEMENTS

There were no correspondence or citizens' statements at this time.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

6. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

There were no citizens' statements or petitions at this time.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

a. Economic Development Commission

Town Manager Kilduff reported that there was not a quorum at the last meeting. He noted that there continues to be a vacancy on this Commission.

The Commission members present reviewed the work being done by the economic development staff and the outcome of the meeting with the New Haven area realtors. The Town Manager indicated that the State would be attending the Commission's June meeting to give an update on the State's efforts with respect to economic development.

There was a brief discussion between Council members and the Town Manager on the issue of what the Commission can do without a quorum present.

b. South Central Regional Council of Governments

Town Manager Kilduff reported on the March 23rd meeting of COG. He noted that representatives from Senator Dodd's office were present to give an update on the Senator's position on a number of regional issues. A grant was authorized with the DEP to document the regional trail network. He presented to Council members the Annual State of the Workforce report prepared by the Workforce Alliance.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Kilduff presented and reviewed with the Council his Memorandum dated March 30, 2005 (Attachment 1).

The Town Manager requested that the Council finalize the budget schedule. The dates for the Council's review of the budget are suggested to be April 12th and 13th. Council members confirmed that these dates were acceptable.

Town Manager Kilduff also reviewed with the Council the proposed wording for the referendum question. After review, it was the consensus of the Council to use question 2, which includes the mill rate.

The Town Manager also requested a date for a joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the intermediate school project. It was the consensus of the Council to hold this meeting on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

9. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no community events or presentations at this time.

10. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

There were no citizens' statements, petitions or correspondence at this time.

11. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no resignations or appointments at this time.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Update on Acceptance of part of Mansfield Drive as a Public Right-of-Way

Town Manager Kilduff presented for the Council's review a letter dated March 17, 2005 from Dr. Wolfe, Superintendent of Schools, regarding the number of students picked up at the intersection of Route 17 and Mansfield Drive, a letter dated February 24, 2005 from Dr. Wolfe to Mr. Fasano denying the request for buses to pick up at the cul-de-sac on Mansfield Drive, and the School Bus Rules and Regulations. He noted that the request before the Council is for a portion of Mansfield Drive to become a public right-of-way.

Mr. Fasano was present to answer any questions of the Council.

There was considerable discussion by Council members on this issue.

Town Engineer Kurt Weiss reported that the final inspection has not been done on the bridge and road and confirmed that further certification is required prior to accepting this as a public road. He briefly reviewed the history of this. It was noted that it is a policy question as to whether the Council would approve this as a Town road if it meets all Town standards.

Deputy Mayor Candelora felt that the major factor in accepting this as a Town road would be in order to have the school buses travel down it to pick up the students. Otherwise, he did not feel that there was a reason to make it a public road.

There was considerable discussion on this issue between Council members. It was noted that the Board of Education would need to change its policy regarding buses traveling down cul-de-sacs. The Council felt that this is a public safety issue and a hazardous situation with approximately 50 students being picked up and dropped off on Route 17.

The Council requested that a letter be sent to the Board of Education asking them to relook at this issue and expressing the Council's concerns with students being picked up at the intersection of Route 17.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Resolution Authorizing Application for Historic Documents Preservation Grant

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of North Branford wishes to secure an Historic Documents Preservation Grant to help maintain the records of the Town. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of North Branford authorizes Karl F. Kilduff, Town Manager, or the Town Clerk as his

designee, to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the Town of North Branford, an application and contract with the State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

VOTE: Passed 8 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- b. Discussion and Action Re: Resolution Designating the State of Connecticut as the Administrator for FY2005 Homeland Security funding

MOTION: Councilor Lappie moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached Resolution of the North Branford Town Council Designating the State of Connecticut as the Administrator for FY2005 Homeland Security funding (Attachment 2).

VOTE: Passed 8 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- c. Discussion and Action Re: Fair Housing Resolution

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Lappie, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached Resolution of the North Branford Town Council regarding Fair Housing (Attachment 3).

VOTE: Passed 8 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- d. Discussion and Action Re: Affirmation of Fair Housing Policy Statement

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Joiner, that the Town Council of the Town of North Branford hereby ratifies the attached Fair Housing Policy Statement (Attachment 4) as a part of its commitment to the principles and practices of fair housing.

VOTE: Passed 8 to 0 in a roll call vote.

14. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

There were no citizens' statements or petitions at this time.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Hultgren moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

VOTE: Passed 8 to 0 in a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Krajewski,
Clerk to the Council