

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

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Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Town Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Andrew Esposito, Deputy Mayor Joanne Wentworth, Council Members Mary Bigelow, Andrew Bozzuto, Vincent Candelora, Arthur Hausman and Ashley Joiner. Also present were Acting Town Manager Kurt Weiss and Town Attorney John Gesmonde.

Councilors Michael Doody and Donald Fucci were absent.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
  - a. June 20 – Regular WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2006 Regular Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council Meeting as presented.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**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. CORRESPONDENCE/CITIZENS' STATEMENTS

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



**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Candelora, that the North Branford Town Council hereby reappoints Thomas Katon to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2007.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Hausman, that the North Branford Town Council hereby appoints Vincent Vollero as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Hausman, that the North Branford Town Council hereby reappoints Steve Scavo to the Conservation and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term to expire May 31, 2008.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Candelora, that the North Branford Town Council hereby appoints Michael Burton to the Ethics Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2008.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilor Joiner moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wentworth, that the North Branford Town Council hereby appoints Carol Davidson to the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- a. Appointment of the Town Manager to the Open Space Committee of the South Central Regional Council of Governments

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Joiner, that the Town Council of the Town of North Branford hereby appoints Town Manager Karl Kilduff to serve as the Town of North Branford's representative to the Open Space Committee of the South Central Regional Council of Governments.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Possible Ordinance Amending Building Permit Fees

Tabled until later in the meeting after the conclusion of the public hearing.

- b. Discussion and Action Re: Report on Meeting with the DOT on Route 80 Concerns

The Council was in receipt of a Memorandum dated July 3, 2006 from Town Manager Karl Kilduff regarding Outcome of Meeting with the DOT on Route 80 Issues.

Councilor Candelora reported that the State has agreed to address some of the issues. He suggested that this item be placed on the August Agenda of the Council in order to receive information back from the North Branford Congregational Church.

Town Engineer Weiss confirmed that the Congregational Church will be reviewing this and will report back to the Council.

There was discussion on this between Council members and the Town Engineer. The Town Engineer confirmed that sidewalks will be installed from Commerce Drive east to Notch Hill Road.

There was also discussion on the commercial redevelopment along the Route 80 corridor and the need to enhance the Zoning Regulations to support this. The Council and Town Engineer briefly discussed the update of the Plan of Development by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**MOTION:** Councilor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, to table Discussion And Action Re: Report on Meeting with the DOT on Route 80 Concerns until the next meeting of the Council.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- c. Discussion and Action Re: Authorization of Letter to Regional Water Authority Expressing Town's Intent to Preserve Gas Station Located at 714 Foxon Road

Councilor Bigelow requested that the Council approve sending the letter to the Regional Water Authority regarding the Preservation of Gas Station Building 714 Foxon Road, North Branford. She indicated that this is the first step in letting the Regional Water Authority know that the Town is still interested in preserving the gas station.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Joiner, that the North Branford Town Council hereby requests that the attached letter be sent to the Regional Water Authority (Attachment 2).

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Creation of Library Capital Project Fund

**MOTION:** Councilor Candelora moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wentworth, that **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the North Branford Town Council instructs the Treasurer/Finance Director to create fund 453, Library Construction, for the purposes of accounting for all the revenues and expenditures relating to this construction project.

**VOTE:** Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- b. Discussion and Action Re: Appropriation Transfers

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached appropriation transfers (Attachment 3), as recommended by the Town Manager and the Treasurer/Finance Director.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- c. Discussion and Action Re: Appropriation from Contingency

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bozzuto, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to appropriate from reserve for contingency, Account #4703-760-0000, and transfer into the appropriate accounts, as soon as possible, for the attached purpose (Attachment 4).

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

- d. Discussion and Action Re: Tax Refunds

MOTION: Councilor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached property tax refunds (Attachment 5).

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

14. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Esposito opened the meeting to citizens' statements and petitions.

Town Attorney John Gesmonde advised the Council that the sending of a letter to the Regional Water Authority would not stop the condemnation action on the gas station. He indicated that the only way the demolition could be stopped is with an injunction action.

Councilor Bigelow stated that they have discussed this with the Regional Water Authority and that the Authority has requested that the Town send a letter. She felt that there was enough time prior to the proposed demolition of the building for the Town to take action.

Mayor Esposito was in receipt of the following correspondence:

The Greater New Haven Literacy Coalition Re: Annual Support in the amount of \$1,000

Girl Scouts of America Re: Opening Camp Murray in East Haven for coffee during various dates over the summer

RideWorks Commuter Transportation Services Re: Informational booklet

The Council took a break from 7:25 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**7:30 PM Public Hearing on Possible Ordinance Amending Building Permit Fees**

Mayor Esposito opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record (Attachment 6).

Mayor Esposito opened the hearing to public comments. There were no public comments at this time.

Deputy Mayor Wentworth noted that the Building Permit fees are being raised to offset costs.

Town Engineer Weiss reviewed the new fee schedule. He stated that the fees for Certificates of Occupancy will be more in line with surrounding towns. It was noted that the last time the fees were raised was in 1995.

Building Official Tom Colwell was present to answer any questions of the Council. He stated that this proposal raises Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy fees to make North Branford more in line with the fees charged by towns in the surrounding area that are comparable in size to ours.

Councilor Candelora questioned if an automatic escalation could be written into the Ordinance, possibly allowing the Building Official to raise the fees every five years.

Town Attorney Gesmonde advised that that would be a significant change to the notice for the public hearing.

Mayor Esposito closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Possible Ordinance Amending Building Permit Fees

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached Ordinance Amending Building Permit Fees (Attachment 7).

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Candelora, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 in a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rosanne Krajewski, Clerk to the Council