

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Town Council Chambers

7:03 p.m.

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

Council Member George Guertin was absent.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
 - a. October 5 – Regular WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2004 Regular Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council Meeting as presented.

VOTE: Passed 8 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:

- a. Discussion and Action Re: Possible Sanitary Sewer Connection - 90 Foote Hill Road

Town Engineer Kurt Weiss reviewed with the Council his Memorandum dated October 13, 2004 regarding WPCA Application to Connect Existing House at 90 Foote Hill Road Sanitary Sewers. He reviewed the Suggested Motion and confirmed that the property owner would be required to pay a Special Connection Fee of \$1,985.00.

MOTION: Councilor Lappie moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth, that the North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority hereby approves the attached Suggested Motion regarding Sanitary Sewer Connection for 90 Foote Hill Road (Attachment 1).

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

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. Board of Education Financial Report - As of October 1, 2004

The Council was in receipt of the Board of Education Financial Report as of October 1, 2004 (Attachment 2).

- b. Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee

Councilor Bigelow reported that North Branford will hold a Recycle Day on November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the recycling center. She indicated that they will be taking tires at \$1 a piece, oil and car batteries.

Councilor Bigelow also reported that HazWaste Central has entered a contract with a hauler for 2005-2006 with the result being that the Town will need to budget \$37 per participating household, which is up \$3 from what the Town currently pays. She also indicated that the committee is polling other towns in the State who have successful recycling programs to find out how North Branford can improve its recycling program.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Kilduff presented and reviewed with the Council his Memorandum dated October 13, 2004 (Attachment 3).

The Town Manager suggested a workshop session with the Library Board for Tuesday,

October 26 at 7:00 p.m. The Council concurred with this date and time.

Town Manager Kilduff reported on the public hearing to be held by the Connecticut Siting Council on the proposed telecommunications tower at Commerce Drive or Foxon Road scheduled for October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. He noted that the Town has submitted a letter that was included in the informational packet sent to the Siting Council, which he briefly reviewed. The Town Manager indicated that the Town's statements made at the public hearing will mirror the statements contained in this letter. He also noted that balloons will be flown at both sites at 2:00 p.m. that day.

Due to the expected large voter turnout on Election Day, the Town Manager advised the Council that the Registrars of Voters have requested two shifts for that day. Under State statutes, the legislative body of the Town must approve this request. Town Manager Kilduff stated that the registrars have advised him that there would be no increase in cost for these two shifts.

There was a brief discussion on this request by Council members.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Lappie, to amend the Town Council Agenda to add on under 13. New Business, item f. Discussion and Action Re: Additional Shifts for the November 2004 Election.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 with 1 abstention in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Doody, Deputy Mayor Candelora, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Donald Fucci, Ashley Joiner, John Lappie and Joanne Wentworth

ABSTAIN: Councilors Andrew Esposito

9. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Wentworth advised that she has contacted the Department of Public Health regarding the flu vaccine and was advised that it should be in by the end of November.

Deputy Mayor Candelora stated that the Rotary Club will be holding its Annual Auction on November 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Connecticut Sportsplex. This year's auction will benefit the North Branford High School Athletic Fields.

Councilor Wentworth noted that this Saturday, October 23, is Make A Difference Day. Community Day will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Field and North Branford students will be collecting food for the food bank from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

10. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Doody opened the meeting to citizens' statements and petitions. There were no citizens' statements or petitions at this time.

Mayor Doody was in receipt of the following correspondence:

Department of Transportation Re: Changes to the Local Road Network

- CT Trust for Historic Preservation Re: Copy of letter to Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority in opposition to demolition of significant historic structures on its properties
- Conn. Transportation Institute Re: Phase II Storm Water Roundtable Discussion on November 4
- Associated Builders and Contractors Re: Connecticut Municipalities Spending 20% more for School Projects
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Re: Initial Statement of CCM Priorities for 2005; 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Committee on Education; 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Environmental Management; 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Land Use, Housing and Community Development Committee; 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Taxes and Finance; REVISED 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Public Safety, Crime Prevention and Code Enforcement; CCM Transportation Task Force: Mission Statement; Members of CCM Task Force on Transportation; Members of CCM Task Force on Working Farms; DRAFT 2005 State Legislative Recommendations: Early Childhood Success Task Force; An Act Concerning Municipal Ethics Code
- Connecticut Housing Finance Authority Re: 2003 Annual Report

11. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Lappie, that the North Branford Town Council hereby appoints Bruce Wentworth to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kris Vanacore.

Deputy Mayor Candelora briefly spoke on Mr. Wentworth's qualifications for this position. There was a brief discussion between Council members on this appointment.

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

FOR: Mayor Doody, Deputy Mayor Candelora, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Andrew Esposito, Donald Fucci and John Lappie

ABSTAIN: Councilors Ashley Joiner and Joanne Wentworth

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion and Action Re: Amendment to Pension Investment Policy Statement

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth, that Be It Hereby Resolved that the North Branford Town Council, based on the recommendation of the Pension Committee at their September 21, 2004 special meeting, adopts the revised Investment Policy for the three defined benefit pension plans that the Town maintains (police/fire/town) effective immediately.

Councilor Joiner had several questions with respect to this change in the pension plan.

Deputy Mayor Candelora noted that this change came after review by the Pension Committee which is made up of employee representatives from each segment of the pensions as well as administrators and Council members.

Town Manager Kilduff clarified that the Pension Investment Advisor, who is a contractor for the Town, advised the Pension Committee of this new investment tool. It was reviewed and approved by the Pension Committee, and there were two educational sessions held with respect to this change.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 with 1 abstention in a roll call vote.

FOR: Deputy Mayor Candelora, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Andrew Esposito, Donald Fucci, Ashley Joiner, John Lappie and Joanne Wentworth

ABSTAIN: Mayor Doody

b. Discussion and Action Re: Financial Report - September 2004

Treasurer/Finance Director Anthony Esposito reviewed with the Council the Financial Report for September 2004. He noted that although it is early in the fiscal year the revenues are exceeding last year. He pointed out that the Technology department is over-expended at this time as the Town Code and Town Charter have now been placed on the Town's web site. He spoke on the long-term benefits of this as well as the future reduction in costs as the Town will no longer have to have numerous copies available.

c. Discussion and Action Re: Appropriation of Land Sale Proceeds

Town Manager Kilduff briefly reviewed a Memorandum dated October 13, 2004 from Treasurer/Finance Director Anthony Esposito regarding Use of Funds Derived from Sale of Town Land.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that Be It Hereby Resolved that the North Branford Town Council directs the Treasurer/Finance Director to transfer/utilize the funds derived from the sale of

town-owned property at 12 Olson Road (\$5,000), which were previously accounted for as General Fund revenue, to the capital project involving the landscape architecture study for the Swajchuk/Hyland Properties.

There was a brief discussion on this by Council members. Town Manager Kilduff advised that they are waiting to hear from the Regional Water Authority on additional financial support for this.

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

- d. Discussion and Action Re: Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION: Councilor Lappie moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached property tax refunds (Attachment 4).

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

- e. Discussion and Action Re: Appropriation for Additional Valley Road Bridge Funding

Town Engineer Kurt Weiss confirmed that the Valley Road Bridge was reopened this past weekend. He reviewed the request for additional funds with the Council. He indicated that at the time of paving they determined that the limits of the pavement needed to be extended due to safety concerns which resulted in this request for additional funding.

Mayor Doody questioned the status of the existing telephone pole in that area. Town Engineer Weiss indicated that the telephone pole is beyond the project area. They will be contacting the utility company about relocating it.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth, that Be It Hereby Resolved that the North Branford Town Council authorizes increase in the appropriation for the Valley Road Bridge Replacement Project of \$25,000. Furthermore, this additional appropriation is to be funded out of the proceeds from the November 2003 \$750,000 bond sale for various Road Improvements Projects.

There was further discussion on this request by Council members.

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

- f. Discussion and Action Re: Additional Shifts for November 2004 Election

Town Attorney Gesmonde reported on his discussion with the Registrars. He stated that they have indicated that there will be no additional funds required for a second shift on Election Day and that the same number of people will be used.

The Council still had several questions with respect to this request and the need for an additional shift.

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Lappie, that the North Branford Town Council recess for 10 minutes.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Council recessed at 7:35 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

f. Discussion and Action Re: Additional Shifts for November 2004 Election

Deputy Mayor Candelora reported on his discussion with the Registrars. He noted that instead of one 16 hour shift they are requesting two eight hour shifts for the November election. The Registrars feel that they are better able to obtain volunteers for an eight hour shift.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Candelora moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that the North Branford Town Council hereby permits two shifts for the November 2004 election.

VOTE: Passed 7 to 0 with 1 abstention in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Doody, Deputy Mayor Candelora, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Donald Fucci, Ashley Joiner, John Lappie and Joanne Wentworth

ABSTAIN: Councilor Andrew Esposito

14. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Doody opened the meeting to citizens' statements and petitions. There were no citizens' statements or petitions at this time.

15. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. LAND NEGOTIATIONS, PURSUANT TO CGS 1-200 (6) (D)

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito, that the North Branford Town Council hereby adjourns to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss land negotiations, pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(D); and that attendance at said Executive Session be hereby limited to Town Council members and the Town Manager.

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

MOTION: Councilor Lappie moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Candelora, to return to open session at 8:09 p.m.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Lappie moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Candelora, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Krajewski,
Clerk to the Council