

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

**Town Council Chambers
7:04 p.m.**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. .ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Joanne Wentworth, Deputy Mayor George Guertin, Council Members Mary Bigelow, Michael Downes, Andrew Esposito, Joan Fitch, and Jack Krasko. Also present were Town Manager Karl Kilduff and Town Attorney John Gesmonde.

Council Member Vincent Candelora arrived at 7:10 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
 - a. November 12 - Regular WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Downes moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2002 Regular Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council Meeting as presented.

VOTE: Passed 5 to 0 with 2 abstentions in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Wentworth, Deputy Mayor Guertin, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Michael Downes, and Andrew Esposito

ABSTAIN: Councilors Joan Fitch and Jack Krasko

- b. November 19 - Regular WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Downes moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Guertin, to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2002 Regular Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council Meeting as presented.

VOTE: Passed 5 to 0 with 2 abstentions in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Wentworth, Deputy Mayor Guertin, Councilors Mary Bigelow, Michael Downes and Jack Krasko

ABSTAIN: Councilors Andrew Esposito and Joan Fitch

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AGENDA

3. CORRESPONDENCE/CITIZENS' STATEMENTS

There were no correspondence or citizens' statement 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. Permanent Project Building Committee

Councilor Krasko reported that the auditorium's opening will be held on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. The North Branford High School band will perform a concert after the opening ceremonies.

b. Economic Development Commission

Town Manager Kilduff reported that the Economic Development Commission continues with planning for the North Branford Expo to be held at the end of April at the CT Sportsplex. The Commission also reviewed the work being done on the Economic Development Strategy by CERC.

Councilor Fitch questioned if a survey will be sent to Town residents on the Economic Development Strategy. Town Manager Kilduff stated that public input is being requested through the Town web site. He indicated that they had received comments which he responded to and forwarded to CERC.

c. Pension Committee

Town Manager Kilduff reported that the Pension Committee reviewed reports from the actuary on information for next fiscal year. The investment advisor was also present and reviewed investments. The Committee discussed other related pension issues with respect to cafeteria workers and firefighters.

Finance Subcommittee

Mayor Wentworth reported that the Finance Subcommittee met last evening with the Registrar of Voters to discuss next year's budget. Recreation Director Pamela Gery was also present and reviewed a plan which will be on the next Council Agenda in January.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Kilduff reviewed with the Council his Memorandum dated December 4, 2002 (Attachment 1).

Town Manager Kilduff advised the Council that Public Works Director Fran Merola and the Public Works Department along with Town Engineer Kurt Weiss are featured in the Connecticut Association of Public Works magazine "Highways & Byways."

Town Manager Kilduff referred to the Council the possible demolition of structures on the Augur Farms property which the Town now owns. He reviewed the costs to rehabilitate these buildings and noted that it has been determined that they are not of significant historical value. The two buildings to be demolished are one large barn and a partially collapsed chicken coop.

There was some discussion between the Council and the Town Manager regarding any salvage value to these buildings.

MOTION: Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Downes, to amend the Town Council Agenda to add on under 13. New Business, item c. Discussion and Action Re: Demolition of Buildings on Augur Farms.

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

Town Manager Kilduff reviewed with the Council cuts to local aid under the Governor's budget, noting that some municipal aid programs have already been cut such as the Town Aid Road Program which the Town budget takes into consideration. He indicated that they are receiving information from CCM on the potential for further cuts which could impact this year's budget.

Town Manager Kilduff presented to the Council the Board of Education Financial Report as of December 1, 2002, which was received after the Agenda package went out. The Council was also in receipt of a report from the Superintendent of Schools on the policy review process.

With respect to the letter received at the last Council meeting regarding livestock at large, Town Manager Kilduff noted that this is addressed in the Zoning Regulations. He will continue to review this and will report back to the Council.

9. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wentworth advised of the First Annual CAMS Slam Student/Faculty Basketball Game to be held at ACES school on December 19th. She also reminded Council members of the concert to be held at the new auditorium on December 18th.

10. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Robert Wolfe, Superintendent of Schools, presented a check to Mayor Wentworth from donations received during the Community Roundup food drive. Mayor Wentworth thanked Dr. Wolfe for this donation and indicated the money would be used for Christmas turkeys.

11. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Permanent Project Building Committee Appointment

The Council was in receipt of a Memorandum dated December 4, 2002 from Town Clerk Lisa Valenti regarding the expiration term for Alfred DeRosa's appointment to the Permanent Project Building Committee.

MOTION: Councilor Downes, moved, seconded by Councilor Krasko, that the North Branford Town Council hereby corrects the expiration term for Alfred DeRosa on the Permanent Project Building Committee to expire November 30, 2007.

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

b. Other Appointments

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Guertin moved, seconded by Councilor Downes, that the North Branford Town Council hereby appoints John Lappie to the North Branford Town Council to fill a vacancy.

Mr. Lappie was present and gave a brief report on his background.

VOTE: Failed 4 to 0 with 4 abstentions in a roll call vote.

FOR: Mayor Wentworth, Deputy Mayor Guertin, Councilors Candelora and Downes

ABSTAIN: Councilors Mary Bigelow, Andrew Esposito, Joan Fitch and Jack Krasko

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Discussion and Action Re: Cedar Lake Road Realignment Request

Town Manager Kilduff reviewed with the Council a letter dated November 22, 2002 from the State Department of Transportation regarding the Cedar Lake Road Realignment. He indicated that the State prefers to stay with the "T" intersection as proposed. The Town Manager reported that the Traffic Authority also agrees with this "T" intersection.

There was some discussion on this issue by the Council. The Council requested that a representative from the Traffic Authority be present at the next Council meeting to report on this.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action Re: Financial Report - November 2002

Treasurer/Finance Director Anthony Esposito reviewed the Financial Report for November 2002 with the Council. He indicated that there could be future overages in the Public Works Department for overtime, sand, salt and repairs due to the recent early snowstorms.

Mayor Wentworth questioned the 25% received for State Grants-Education. Treasurer/Finance Director Esposito indicated that these payments are made in three installments and the Town will receive funds in March and May.

b. Discussion and Action Re: Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION: Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Downes, that the North Branford Town Council hereby approves the attached property tax refunds (Attachment 2).

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

c. Discussion and Action Re: Approval of Demolition of Barns on Augur Farms on Totoket Road

MOTION: Councilor Fitch moved, seconded by Councilor Downes, that the Town Manager be given the authority to see that the barns at Augur Farms on Totoket Road owned by the Town be demolished.

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

14. CITIZENS' STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Wentworth opened the meeting to citizens' statements. There were no citizens' statements at this time.

Mayor Wentworth was in receipt of the following correspondence:

Conn. Conference of Municipalities Re: Survey on Municipal Pension Funds; Municipal Management Bulletin; Legislative Update; Legislative Committee Meeting; State Regulatory Bulletins

Guilford Planning & Zoning Commission Re: Draft of the Town of Guilford Transportation Plan for Public Comment

South Central Conn. Regional Emergency Communications System Re: Draft of CMED Operating budget for FY 2003-04

Municipal Interlocal Risk Management Agency Re: MIRMA News

Women & Family Life Center Re: Annual Appeal

Connecticut Historical Commission Re: Approval of the Northford Center Historic District

ACES Re: CAMS newsletter

South Central Conn. Regional Action Council Re: Membership Meeting on December 11th

Conn. Children's Investment Partnership Re: Child Care Facilities

Conn. Interlocal Risk Management Re: Risk Control Shop Talk newsletter June 2002

Business New Haven Re: Newspaper November 25, 2002

15. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
a. Pending Litigation, to CGS 1-200 (6) (B)

MOTION: Councilor Downes moved, seconded by Councilor Bigelow, that the North Branford Town Council hereby adjourns to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(B); and that attendance at said Executive Session be hereby limited to Town Council members, the Town Manager and the Town Attorney.

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

MOTION: Councilor Downes moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito, to return to open session at 8:02 p.m.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

b. Land Negotiations, Pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6) (D)

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Guertin moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, that the North Branford Town Council hereby adjourns to Executive Session at 8:02 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 unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Krasko moved, seconded by Councilor Downes, to return to open

session at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Guertin moved, seconded by Councilor Fitch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Krajewski,
Clerk to the Council