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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, September 12, 1955, at the Walter R. Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:20 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Robert J. Marx of Temple Sinai.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 29 present and 11 absent. Mrs. Fromloy and Mr. Huizinga arrived later, changing the roll call to 31 present and 9 absent. Those absent were: Joseph Milano, Vincent Vitti, Samuel Picciallo, Martin Cash, Sr., Phil Coulter, William Murphy, Edward Ryba, John Cook and Helen Pentt.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MRS. HUBEN MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of August 1, 1955. SECONDED by Mrs. Winsor and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. LONGO MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of August 16, 1955. SECONDED by Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Fiscal Committee

The Chairman, Mr. Picciallo, being absent and for the reason that his Committee could not meet to pass on the several matters pending until prior approval by the Board of Finance, they had no report.

Legislative & Rules Committee

(a) Rules of Order for Board of Representatives

Mr. Plotkin, Chairman, said if there was no objection, he would proceed with the Rules of Order, and offered the following report of his Committee:

Report of the Legislative & Rules Committee - Sept. 12, 1955

The Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 1, 1955, with the following members present: James Mulrood, Jack McLaughlin, Paul Plotkin and Dwight Marshall.

Rules:

As you know, the Committee had requested any changes to be presented to the Committee by August 15th. The only person heard from was Mrs. Zuckert, in addition to the few the Committee had heard from previous. With the end of this Board in sight, the Committee is of the opinion that we should attempt to adopt the rules at this meeting.

Page 1, paragraph 4: Following the word "business" in the third line, insert "following the calling of the roll"

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Page 4, paragraph 1: After "i" insert "j. Committee on Education".

Page 4, paragraph 1: Add the following additional paragraphs:

11. Any petition or other communication, which, in the opinion of the President or Clerk, is properly the business of a standing committee of the Board or of a duly constituted executive or administrative authority of Stamford, may be referred by the President or Clerk directly upon receipt to the proper committee or authority. A report of the nature of each such petition or communication and its disposition shall be made to this Board at its next meeting. This procedure shall not apply to communications from the Mayor or from any duly elected or appointed Board or Officer, unless requested by the individual or Board concerned.

12. In addition to any other duties or functions assigned, the Steering Committee shall prepare the Agenda for all meetings of this Board and shall refer to appropriate committees all matters which come before the Board. All matters which any Representative shall desire to be placed on such Agenda shall be presented to the Steering Committee not less than 5 days before such meeting. No business other than what appears on the Agenda shall be transacted, except by consent of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Board of Representatives.

13. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to call a meeting of his Committee within one week after the appointment of the Chairman.

At this point in the reading of Mr. Plotkin's Committee report, Mr. Lewis MOVED that paragraph 13 be changed to read: "It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to call a meeting of his Committee at least once a month". SECONDED by Mr. Topping.

MR. COLLYER asked Mr. Lewis to explain his motion.

MR. LEWIS replied that he thought the Committee should meet a minimum of at least once each month.

MR. FREDERICKS: "Perhaps Mr. Lewis will accept this suggestion", and MOVED to amend Mr. Lewis' motion to read: "that a meeting will be called at least once a month if any matter has been referred to it by the Steering Committee, or by this Board and no action taken thereon".

MR. RHOADES: "Referring to the Standing Committees of the Board, item 'j', is this to be called the Board of Education Committee? I would suggest that it be called the Committee on Education". Mr. Plotkin agreed to this and incorporated it in his report.

Mrs. Bromley arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 30 present and 10 absent.

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MR. PLOTKIN continued with the reading of his Committee report:

Page 6, paragraph 6: Every member present, when a question is put by the President, shall vote, unless excused by majority vote of the members present, after stating his reasons for wishing to abstain. No member shall leave the meeting without permission of the Board.

Paul Plotkin, Chairman
Legislative & Rules Committee

MR. PLOTKIN, having finished the reading of his report, said:
"Mr. President, I MOVE to submit the Rules for adoption". SECONDED
by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. LEWIS referred to Page 1 of the Rules, item "h." and said he thought the Majority Leader would take over as Acting Mayor in the event the President of the Board was out of town during the Mayor's absence.

MR. PLOTKIN called his attention to page 21, Sec. 302.1 of the Charter which covers this matter and said he had been designated by the Board as Acting Mayor, in the event of both the Mayor's absence from the City and the inability of the President of the Board of Representatives to take his place.

MRS. ZUCKERT: "Is it in order to accept these Rules before the corrections are incorporated? I do not believe we can do this."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the QUESTION.

MR. KAMINSKI: "I noticed that these Rules can be changed by a two-thirds vote. I think it would be unfair to shackle the new Board with the acceptance of these Rules." Mr. Kaminski said he thought it would only be fair that we provide the new Board can reaccept these rules by a simple majority vote at their first meeting and offered this as an AMENDMENT to Mr. Plotkin's MOTION.

MRS. BROWLEY spoke against this amendment.

MR. RUBELL: "We do not question the wisdom of any new members of the Board, but this was one of the jobs of the Committee and as we are getting towards the end of the Board's term these rules should be completed and adopted before the new Board comes in, as they will need a firm set of rules to operate under and will be handicapped if they do not have them."

MR. KAMINSKI refused to withdraw his amendment.

MR. MULREED said that no amendment was necessary and that the new Board at its first meeting can move to change these rules and that "We don't need an amendment to give the incoming Board the right to do this."

MR. FREDERICKS called attention to the fact that there was no Secondor to Mr. Kaminski's amendment.

MR. JACHIMCZYK said he SECONDED Mr. Kaminski's amendment.

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MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the QUESTION on the amendment. VOTE taken on Mr. Kaminski's amendment. LOST, 5 in FAVOR and 25 OPPOSED.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the QUESTION on the Rules. VOTE taken on Mr. Plotkin's MOTION and CARRIED unanimously.

(b) Code of General Ordinances

Mr. Plotkin said his Committee had met with the Purchasing Agent and a representative of the Michie City Publishing Company and that they had two alternatives:

1. \$2,500 to do the editing and bringing up-to-date.
2. \$4,500 to do the printing, editing and bringing up-to-date of the Code of General Ordinances.

He said the price of \$4,500 was for 400 copies of the book. Should the book go beyond 300 printed pages, it would cost \$7.00 per page. In addition, for one year after they would bring the edition up-to-date for no additional cost. He said that the Committee thought they could get the printing done locally; that he had contacted the Corporation Counsel's office about doing the editing and bringing the Code up-to-date and that they said they would do it, but the Committee thought it would be asking too much, in view of their other duties. He said: "I would like to have an expression of opinion by the Board."

MRS. BROMLEY: "It is my understanding that we have some 250 copies of these Ordinance books and I think we should wait until this supply is exhausted before ordering more books. We have never begun to realize what these have cost us."

MR. PLOTKIN: "There are a great many references that should be brought up-to-date."

MR. SNYDER: "What is this editorial work that you are referring to?"

MR. PLOTKIN: "We often find that the State Statutes cover some of our Ordinances, so that this causes conflict."

MR. RUSSELL: "We also have many mimeographed Supplemental Ordinances that have to be placed in the back of the book. Since the present book was published we have found it to be in conflict with the State Statutes in many instances, the State having passed Statutes that obviate the necessity of having a local Ordinance and this should be brought up-to-date, in order to get rid of a lot of Ordinances that are unnecessary today."

MR. LEWIS: "I think we should wait until the next Board comes in and let them spend this money."

MR. MULREED: "I don't think we are giving enough thought to what these Ordinances are -- these are the laws that govern the City of Stamford. We should have these so that any newcomer to Stamford can look up local Ordinances easily and quickly and find what he is looking for. To my mind, the money spent is a very trivial amount in comparison and I am very much in favor of having this done and think both the editing and printing should be done by the same firm."

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MR. PLOTKIN: "I am in favor of having the work done at this time and think we should request the Mayor to appropriate this money."

MR. RHOADES MOVED this Board request the Mayor to initiate the appropriation of \$4,500 for the editing and re-printing of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford. SECONDED by Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Jachimczyk.

MR. FREDERICKS: "In the interim it would be helpful if the Mimeographing Department would use paper for the Supplemental Ordinances, that would fit into the loose leaf section so that they won't have to be cut."

MR. COLLYER: "What about additional copies after this edition is ordered?"

MR. PLOTKIN: "I think that some arrangement can be made."

Mr. Huizinga arrived at this time, changing the roll call to 31 present and 9 absent.

VOTE taken on Mr. Rhoades' motion and CARRIED unanimously.

(c) Shrubbery Ordinance No. 47

Mr. Plotkin stated that the Corporation Counsel, Mr. John Hanrahan, would explain the reason for bringing up this Ordinance which had been passed previously by the Board on May 2, 1955.

Mr. Hanrahan stated that he believed the Board would have to repeat the procedure, in order to clarify matters, by passing this Ordinance again.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED to dispense with the prior publication of this Ordinance. SECONDED by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that this be declared an emergency and that Sec. 7, Chapter 28 of the Stamford General Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following substituted in its place. SECONDED by Mr. Fredericks.

ORDINANCE NO. 47 SUPPLEMENTAL

OBSTRUCTING STREET CORNERS BY SHRUBBERY, etc.

Sec. 7. No hedge, shrubbery or full board fence or any other obstacle other than a building or a natural earth embankment shall be maintained or permitted at a height more than three feet above the street grade on that portion of any corner lot commencing at the corner point of a street line on the street side of the lot and running in either direction along the street for a distance of not less than twenty-five feet and within the triangle thus formed by both street lines and a line connecting the above mentioned termini of both street lines.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

VOTE taken and CARRIED, 30 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED.

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Appointments Committee

Request from Mayor Quigley, dated September 1, 1955, resubmitting the name of Dr. James J. Costanzo as Commissioner of Health.

MR. JACHIMECZYK MOVED for the adoption of Dr. Costanzo's appointment. SECONDED by Mr. Mulroed.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for a five minute recess for a Caucus before voting on this appointment. SECONDED by Mr. Plotkin and CARRIED unanimously.

The recess being over, the President called the Board to order at 9:30 P.M.

MR. LETIS MOVED the Board approve Dr. Costanzo's appointment. SECONDED by Mr. Jachimeczyk.

Tellers Mrs. Bunkowski and Mr. Topping passed out the ballots and counted them. The vote, 29 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED. CARRIED.

Request of Mayor Quigley, dated August 1, 1955, submitting the name of Mr. Stearns Woodman, 83 Belltown Road, as member of the ZONING BOARD, to replace Mr. Webster Givens who has resigned. Term to expire on December 1, 1957. This was presented to the Board at its meeting held August 1, 1955 and referred to the Appointments Committee.

MR. FREDERICKS asked if there was a Chairman for the Appointments Committee. Upon being informed that Mr. Kaminski had requested that he be excused from acting as Chairman for this Committee as long as the secret ballot was employed, he asked the Chair for a ruling.

Mr. Connors, the President, ruled that this be referred back to Committee because there is no Committee report on this appointment.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that since there is no Committee report on Mr. Woodman's appointment, that it be referred back to Committee for a report at the next meeting of the Board. He said: "I would like to have it known that this is not to be considered as any objection to the appointment of Mr. Woodman, but merely that it be done in the proper manner." SECONDED by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Mr. Topping, Chairman, read the following letter, which was referred to his Committee by the Steering Committee:

August 2, 1955

Mr. George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives
City of Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Connors:

In answer to your letter of July 29, in regard to a

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communication from the Cove Civic Association, Inc., asking for the alleviation of a storm drain condition on Givens Avenue, a project to correct this condition was included in the Capital Projects program for 1955-1956.

However, when these projects were under consideration by the various Boards, it was moved up to the years 1956-1957.

I shall do everything in my power to expedite the matter.

Very truly yours,

Patrick J. Scarolla,
Commissioner of Public Works

Mr. Topping said inasmuch as this has been moved up to the years 1956-1957, it will have to stay there unless the Planning Board cares to reconsider this matter.

Mr. Topping read a letter from Mayor Quigley, which was also referred to his Committee by the Steering Committee, as follows:

August 18, 1955

Mr. George V. Connors
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Connors:

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29th referring to a communication and signatures on such a communication, submitted by Mr. Daniel L. Winsor, Jr., President of the Cove Civic Association.

As you know, a personal inspection was made by the writer, together with Commissioner Scarolla, Mr. Chaso, City Engineer White and the Corporation Counsel.

Should the opportunity arise in the near future where funds could be found from the balance of any work that has already been completed, I will be glad to make every effort to try to alleviate this storm drain condition on Givens Avenue.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,
Mayor

Mr. Topping said he was sure that the Mayor would, as soon as the money is available, do everything in his power to try to alleviate this flood condition.

Health & Protection Committee

- 150.3 1. Letter dated April 28, 1955, from William Katz, Chairman of

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Parking Authority, requesting that meters be installed on both sides of Summer Street from Broad Street to North Street and on Westerly side of Myrtle Avenue from Warren Street to Elm Street.

Mr. Caputo, Chairman, stated that he had contacted the members of his Committee in reference to this matter and that the majority felt that these meters should be installed in the area and MOVED that these meters be installed in accordance with the Parking Authority's request.

MR. LEWIS said he wanted to know when this was referred to the Health and Protection Committee by the Steering Committee and said: "This is not my idea of a Committee report and for this reason I asked earlier in this meeting that the Rules be changed. I feel that this matter should be tabled until the next meeting of the Board and until the signatures of the Committee members can be appended to the Committee report."

MR. HUIZINGA said he was surprised to learn that approval of the installation of parking meters was the prerogative of this Board.

Mr. Caputo assured him this was the case and went on to say in answer to Mr. Lewis' statement that the members of the Committee had not been contacted in the proper manner. "I contacted my Committee members in person tonight as they came in the door."

MR. MULREED: "The Charter says that the approval of the Board of Representatives is necessary on the installation of new parking meters. I feel that we have slipped up somewhere in the Charter revision when we gave no consideration to the amount of money to be charged for parking. I think there should be some communication from the Parking Authority as to the fee charged for parking."

MR. LEWIS: "That is the prime reason why I have brought this up. As a member of the Committee I am at least entitled to attend a meeting with the other members of my Committee to discuss these matters. I asked Mr. Caputo how many shop-keepers had been contacted and apparently this has not been done. I MOVE that this report be disqualified."

The President informed Mr. Lewis that a minority report can be submitted when a member of a Committee disagrees with their findings.

MR. LEWIS: "How can I turn in a minority report on this when I never attended any meeting?"

MRS. BROMLEY said that this is something the Board should not pass over lightly and that is what she said at the Steering Committee meeting. She said: "I think this should be looked into from a professional angle. There are a great many professional offices on Summer Street, which may create a hardship for patients visiting their doctors. The police patrol this street very well and take care of overtime parking."

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED that this be referred back to Committee.
SECOND'D by Mr. Topping.

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MR. RUSSELL: "I would like the Committee to check and see if these are one-hour or two-hour motors."

MR. MULREED: "I am not against the installation of these motors, but I do think we should look into the matter very carefully."

VOTE taken on Mr. Huizinga's motion. CARRIED unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Committee:

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Joseph Iacovo read the Committee's report as follows:

Planning & Zoning Committee Report - 9/12/55

The meeting was held on 9/10/55 with all members present. The Committee approved for acceptance as public highways the following roads, all of which have been approved by the City Engineer:

1. CHERRY HILL ROAD, extending from Stanwich Road south, easterly to East Middle Patent Road, as shown on Map No. 5506 on file in the Town Clerk's office.
2. PANAGON LANE, extending easterly from North Forest Lawn Avenue for a distance of approximately 410 feet, as shown on Map No. 3398 on file in the Town Clerk's office.
3. HORTON STREET, from Charles Street southerly for a distance of approximately 310 feet and LEVLYN ROAD for its entire length of approximately 1,040 feet. These are shown on Map No. 4090 on file in the Town Clerk's office.
4. PUTTER DRIVE, extending westerly from Hope Street for a distance of approximately 1,024 feet and TREE LANE, extending northerly from Putter Lane for a distance of approximately 364 feet. These are shown on Map No. 5105 on file in the Town Clerk's office.
5. CLOVER HILL DRIVE, extending easterly from Stillwater Road to Long Ridge Road for a distance of approximately 1,750 feet, LONG HILL DRIVE, extending southerly from Stillwater Road to Clover Hill Drive for a distance of approximately 1,975 feet and EVERGREEN COURT, extending westerly from Clover Hill Drive for a distance of approximately 250 feet, all as shown on Map No. 4068 on file in the Town Clerk's office.
6. MARLOU LANE, extending westerly from Bedford Street, for a distance of approximately 250 feet as shown on Map No. 4434 on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Joseph F. Iacovo
Patrick J. Fortunato
P. Wardham Collyer

MR. MULREED: (Referring to No. 5) "My question is this: Have these specifications been drawn up by the City Engineer, or has there been

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a revised specification?"

MRS. BROMLEY: "I don't think the old specifications have been met at all."

MR. TOPPING: "Storm drains have been put in -- these streets are in good condition."

MR. MULREED: "Mr. Topping is evidently unaware of the specifications of the City Engineer which have not been complied with, and I am very much afraid that there is a condition there which may very well ruin the roads which have been built."

MR. TOPPING: "In this year's budget we have \$5,000 for the completion of the brook project."

MR. KAMINSKI: "I was on that Committee, and I don't think that particular brook has any relation to the roads in question."

MRS. ZUCKERT: (Referring to No. 6) "My only concern is if this road is taken over by the City the City may have quite a problem. I am about 15 feet or 18 feet above this street. There is a dirt embankment with a dry well on top with shrubbery which hides approaching traffic. However, I will go along with this with the hope that I will be given consideration because of the obstruction there."

MR. LEWIS: "We should have a ruling before we take a vote on this. I VE that at this time before a vote is taken that we have an o. leal ruling on this road being accepted." SECONDED by Mr. Collyer.

MRS. BROMLEY: "Does this Committee feel that this road that is up for acceptance is ready for acceptance?"

MR. LEWIS: "It will clarify quite a few points if our Corporation Counsel who I see is present tonight, will give us an opinion on this."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I believe that the Corporation Counsel would have to give this some study before he could render an opinion. How many houses are there on this street?"

MR. IACOVO: "One house. The road is approximately 205 feet long."

MR. MULREED: "For the information of the Board there is one property owner on this street -- Peter Conetta. The petitioner is not an owner of property on this road. The sole interest that Mr. Rich of the Rich Construction Company has in this street is that a road he has he wants to tie in with this road. This is a very serious traffic hazard."

MR. LEWIS: "Not only Marlow Lane is a traffic hazard. We have had no cooperation from the City Fathers in regard to closing off Ridgeway."

After further discussion, Mr. Lewis WITHDREW his MOTION and accepted Mr. Mulreod's MOTION that this be recommitted to Committee for further study.

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MR. MULREED MOVED that this be recommitted to Committee for further study.

MR. TOPPING: "On this particular street I will go along with Jim and if Mr. Rich uses it for an access to his shopping center it will cause a very serious traffic hazard with the increased traffic that will result."

MR. LIVOLSI: "I am very much in sympathy with the argument. I don't like to see the word 'sympathy' substituted in place of the word 'progress'. It may be that we should have two streets here. How can we develop this so that it will satisfy the people coming into this section? We need at least one or more streets in there."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I believe Mr. Mulreed's motion is a motion to recommit. I will 'SECOND' it and 'MOVE' the QUESTION."

MR. HUIZINGA: "I would like to AMEND this MOTION that when the Committee comes out again with this recommendation that they give us some justification as to why a builder should petition for acceptance of this road and not the property owner involved."

MR. LEWIS: "I would like to further AMEND the MOTION that it be referred to the Health & Protection Committee because of the traffic hazard involved."

MULREED ACCEPTED these AMENDMENTS. VOTE taken, CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SNYDER presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 201

WHEREAS, subdividers of properties at present can ask for release of Bond upon completion of a subdivision and,

WHEREAS, Bond is released if the City Engineer's office advises the Planning Board that the subdivision meets City requirements and,

WHEREAS, frequently subdivider does not petition the City of Stamford to accept the streets upon completion of the project, and,

WHEREAS, the purchasers of properties in subdivisions presume that the maintenance of the streets will be assumed by the City of Stamford, therefore, in order that past abuses be rectified and future abuses avoided:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That all subdivided streets in the City of Stamford presently developed and serving two or more residences or business establishments be accepted by the City, brought up to minimum standards and henceforth maintained by the City.

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2. That before subdividers be released from Bond in the future, acceptance of streets by the Board of Representatives shall be a condition precedent to such release.

Precedent

MR. SNYDER MOVED for SUSPENSION OF RULES in order to consider his resolution. SECONDED by Mr. Russell and CARRIED, 29 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED.

MR. SNYDER MOVED that this be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for interpretation, to the Planning & Zoning Committee and to the Fiscal Committee to report out. SECONDED by Mr. Russell.

MR. MULREED MOVED to AMEND that this be referred to the Public Works Committee instead of the Fiscal Committee.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I don't see why this should go to the Fiscal Committee -- Public Works, yes, but not Fiscal."

MRS. BROMLEY: "I would be willing to say that one-half of the streets in Stamford have not been accepted. The expenditure would be tremendous. When the Board first discussed this, we decided that many streets in Stamford have never been accepted and to do so would involve too much expense, so we thought it best to accept the new streets as they came along."

After some discussion, in which it was pointed out that the Fiscal Committee would have to consider this because of the additional expense involved, Mr. Mulreed changed his AMENDMENT to read that this also be referred to the Public Works Committee.

MR. SNYDER ACCEPTED this AMENDMENT.

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 201 being referred to the Legislative and Rules Committee, the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Fiscal Committee and the Public Works Committee. CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Huizinga brought up the question of having a map before the Board so they could have those streets pointed out to them when they are under discussion. He was informed that such a map did exist and was furnished to the Board, but because of the burning of Burdick High School, where it had formerly been kept, it was now in the office.

Public Welfare and Recreation Committee

No report.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Housing Committee:

Mr. LiVolsi reported that his Committee met twice last month, once with the Corporation Counsel to discuss the project they have been working on. He said the Committee has gone on record that they are not considering any sites for their project at the present time and they need some concrete suggestions as to what they can do regarding

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sites. He said they are planning to meet again on September 20th.

MR. H IZINGA: "As a point of information, am I right in assuming that the Equitable Financial Corporation cannot commence this proposed project until they have the consent of this Board?"

MR. LIVOLSI: "The Mayor has to initiate this."

MR. HANRAHAN spoke briefly and said that only in the event City property was used would it have to go to the Mayor and through the usual procedure followed in matters of this kind. He said if there were any restrictions in the deed of the proposed site which would prevent its use for any other purpose than the intended one, that would also have to be considered. If the proposed site was primarily intended for the use of parks and for educational purposes this would necessarily act as a deterrent to having it used for any other than the specified purpose.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am fearful that we are going to waste a lot of time on the Cove Island site. I MOVE that the President or the Clerk of this Board write to the Corporation Counsel and ask whether or not, in his opinion, there is any restriction on the Cove Island property to prevent its use for the purpose that is under discussion." SECONDED by Mr. Collyer and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KELLY: "This was intended for recreation purposes only."

MR. HUIZINGA: "This is not a criticism of our Corporation Counsel. The fault lies in this Board for not submitting the question properly to the Corporation Counsel."

MR. LIVOLSI: "I believe that the City Housing Authority on their own State and Federal projects have the right of condemnation of any property, wherever it is. Woodside Park, as an example, was given specifically for park purposes and yet it is being used as a site on which to build a trade school." He spoke of considerable correspondence and telephone calls in regard to this matter.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I am sure that Mr. Livolsi would appreciate this: If it should happen that the Corporation Counsel will find that this project cannot be erected on the Cove Island site, he will probably find his mail will drop off considerably."

Accident Committee

Mr. Killeen, Chairman, read the following report of his Committee:

REPORT OF SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BY

STAMFORD BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

The purpose of this Committee was to conduct a study of ways and means to reduce traffic accidents in the City of Stamford. This study involved securing the necessary statistical information on the number and type of accidents in Stamford for the first 6 months of 1955,

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determining present methods of police enforcement by discussions with Chief of Police Kinsella, and then arriving at specific recommendations based on facts and information made available to the Committee.

A comparison of Motor Vehicle accident statistics recorded by the State, with those recorded by the Police Department, indicates a greater number recorded locally. This is due to the fact that only those accidents involving property damage in excess of \$100. or Bodily Injury are reported to the state. The statistics for the first 6 months of 1955 are as follows:

	<u>6 Months Totals</u>	<u>Average Per Month</u>
Accidents	858	72
Injuries	223	19
Deaths	6	1

It was also determined that over 1/3 of all the accidents for this period involved operators under age 25.

The Traffic Squad consists of 15 men; 3 squads of 5 men each, who are primarily confined to the business section of Stamford. There are 17 patrol cars; 4 assigned to detective bureau and 3 assigned to department heads. Of the remaining 10 patrol cars, only 3 to 5 are on duty twenty-four hours per day. The Committee was informed that the reason for not utilizing all available patrol cars was due to lack of man-power. It was also determined there is no set time whereby patrol cars report to Headquarters, as is currently an effect with foot policemen.

The method of handling suspension of operators' licenses does not appear adequate. These notices, as they come in from Hartford, are accumulated and made available to the entire force once a week. A check with several policemen indicates that the average man on the force does not have this information, and therefore is unable to watch for those cars now being driven by unlicensed operators.

It was learned that one of the major difficulties involving police enforcement of Motor Vehicle laws is the fact that there has been no revision of the "Police Manual" for 15 years. This Manual has now been completely revised and is being printed and will be available to the entire force in the very near future. It is expected that there will be many changes in methods and ways of police enforcement as soon as the new manual is available. Also, after the completion of the new Police Headquarters Building, there will be a new mechanical

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dispatch system which will be a valuable aid in the control of police enforcement.

Within the next 30 days two patrol cars will be assigned to the Accident Prevention Bureau. They will be responsible for investigating all accidents as they are reported. The balance of their time will be entirely devoted to the enforcement of the "Rules of the Road". This action alone should do a great deal toward the reduction of motor vehicle accidents in Stamford.

It is the opinion of this Committee that the large number of motor vehicle accidents in Stamford are due to the careless operation of the motor vehicle by the person behind the wheel. The operator of a motor vehicle must be made to realize the very real responsibility which he must assume when he operates a motor vehicle. He must be made to realize that the careless operation of his vehicle and violations of driving regulations makes him a potential killer. Potentially, he can kill and injure more innocent people than a man with a gun.

With respect to teen-age drivers, it is the responsibility of the parent to get this fact across to their children. Law enforcement involving teen-age drivers begins in the home. A parent certainly should know if his child is driving without a license. It is a privilege and not a right which is given by the State to operate a motor vehicle. It is up to the parent to deny their child this privilege if he knows of violations, rather than wait for the Police Department to deny the privilege.

In the interest of reducing traffic accidents in Stamford, this Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Newspaper campaign arousing Stamford citizens to the absolute necessity of the observance of traffic regulations.
2. Much more strict enforcement by the Police Department, of traffic rules.
3. Special periodic surprise drives by the Police Department, whereby all teen-age drivers will be stopped and asked to show their operator's license. By this method alone dozens of unlicensed drivers will be taken off our streets.
4. Special appeal through newspapers, asking the public to report operators they know to be driving without a license.

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5. The setting up of a new and better system of keeping track of operators who have had their licenses suspended.
6. The adoption of "Stop for Pedestrian" signs at certain busy intersections in the business section of Stamford, and strict enforcement of the regulation. It is also recommended that the pedestrian aisle between the two white lines be painted with cross lines, to draw the attention of drivers of vehicles to the fact that the pedestrian has the right of way.
7. Specific instructions to all traffic police to direct traffic from the center of the intersection, instead of standing on the curb. It has been observed in many instances that the traffic officer does nothing more than change the light by manipulation of the manual controls of the signal control box.
8. Assignment of one or two patrol cars to the task of spot checking for motor vehicle violators, by concentration of their activity and patrol to certain small areas of the City for a definite period of time.
9. Increased fines for traffic violators. It is the opinion of this Committee that a \$10.00 or \$25.00 fine for a traffic violation was a right and severe penalty twenty-five years ago, but means very little to the average traffic violator today. A study should be made immediately by the proper City officials in order to determine the possibility of increasing traffic fines in the light of today's economic conditions.
10. Investigation and study by the proper City officials to determine if a traffic court is necessary in Stamford.
11. It shall be the duty of the standing Health and Protection Committee of the District Board, to make periodic reports to the Board on traffic accidents, in order that the elected Representatives of the City may at all times know the degree of improvement which should result if these recommendations are adopted and strictly enforced.
12. A system of record-keeping should be adopted by the new Police Accident Bureau which will not only show the cause of each traffic accident, but what definite and specific action has been taken to prevent the recurrence of a similar accident.

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13. Introduction of specific "driver training" course in Stamford High School. This Committee was advised that insurance companies are now giving special insurance premium credits to those teen-age drivers who can submit certificates as evidence of completing required driver training course.

It is obviously not within the province of this Committee to instigate any specific action, but rather make a study of the facts and then present our recommendations. Therefore, in conclusion, we would suggest that a copy of this report be sent to the following people with the request that they report back to this Board with whatever suggestions they may have and/or what action they are specifically taking, with respect to the above recommendations, in an endeavor to reduce traffic accidents in Stamford.

- (a) Thomas F. J. Quigley, Mayor
- (b) Joseph W. Kinsella, Chief of Police
- (c) Clement L. Raitori, Chairman, Board of Public Safety
- (d) Maurice J. Buckley, Senior Judge, Stamford City Court
- (e) Joseph P. Zonc, Prosecuting Attorney
- (f) Reginald Neuwien, Superintendent of Schools
- (g) Board of Finance

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Killen, Chairman
Rutherford G. Huizinga
John L. De Forest
Vincent J. Vitti
William Kaminski

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MR. KILLLEN MOVED that the report of his Committee be approved as read, and that his Committee be discharged. **SECOND**ED by Mrs. Bromley.

151.2 MR. PLOTKIN MOVED to AMEND by adding that a copy of this report go to the Board of Finance and a copy to the newspaper.

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and where other meeting halls are located, I would like you to have in duplicate, copies of the areas that are uppermost in our mind for installation of Mercury lights at this time.

As you know, there is a parent map on display in my office, prepared by the Connecticut Power Company, showing the potential lighting program necessary for the over-all general welfare of our people. It is the City-wide coverage, and as the requests are made, we are fitting them into the pattern as recommended by the lighting engineers.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,
Mayor

Enclosure

As previously noted under Steering Committee report, this letter with its four-page enclosure from the Connecticut Power Company, dated July 18, 1955, recommending locations for installations, was referred to the Health and Protection Committee.

PETITIONS:

Mr. McLaughlin asked for SUSPENSION OF RULES in order that he might offer a resolution on the dredging of the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers.

SECONDED by Mrs. Bromley and Mr. Russell. VOTE taken, 29 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED. CARRIED.

MR. McLAUGHLIN presented the following resolution and MOVED for its acceptance:

RESOLUTION NO. 202

Re: Noroton River and Rippowam River

WHEREAS, sizeable sectors of our population living in the districts bordering the Noroton and Rippowam Rivers sustained severe damage to their properties during the heavy rain storms over the past several years, and WHEREAS, the damage in the years to come can only increase, with the increase of our population, and

WHEREAS, it has already been a part of our City planning for the past two years, having been introduced by Dr. Conna two years ago, at which time it was strongly recommended that the rivers be cleared and dredged for the protection of those property owners along their banks,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board recommend to the Mayor that serious consideration be given for an emergency appropriation to alleviate this condition.

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MR. RHOADES objected to the last sentence.

MR. MULREED said it should be changed to read: "Be it further RESOLVED that this Board....."

MRS. BROMLEY: "The new Board should request that this be reconsidered."

MR. HUIZINGA: "We are discussing how to initiate this thing. Obviously, according to the Charter, we can suggest to the Mayor that this should be done and ask him to initiate this appropriation. Should it go into this year's budget, or should it go into next year's budget?"

MRS. BROMLEY: "It would have to be a Capital Budget appropriation to go into the next budget."

Mr. Incevo spoke in favor of Mr. McLaughlin's resolution.

MR. RUSSELL: "I would like to suggest that the resolution be reworded not to mention any specific sum of money. I feel that it will cost a great deal more than \$50,000 to dredge this river."

Mr. Russell's suggestion was accepted by Mr. McLaughlin and incorporated in his resolution.

MR. RHOADES MOVED to AMEND that the last sentence be eliminated and to include a request to the Public Works Committee that it report to the Board at its next meeting as to what course of action should be taken.

SECONDED by Mrs. Bromley.

Mr. McLaughlin said he objected to Mr. Rhoades' amendment and said he wants the Board to send a letter to the Mayor recommending that he initiate action on the dredging of the Noroton River.

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED to AMEND this by requesting the President of this Board to write a letter to the head of the Public Works Department and ask him to report to this Board at their next meeting as to what action the Public Works Department contemplates regarding the dredging of the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers. After some discussion he modified this as follows: "We ask that a letter be written to the Public Works Department, asking them to report to this Board as to what action can be taken immediately insofar as the dredging of these two rivers are concerned and what the costs will be."

MRS. BROMLEY spoke against Mr. Huizinga's recommendation and said: "We should write to the Planning Board and to the Mayor, requesting them to make an emergency of this and to move this up and make an emergency appropriation."

MR. MULREED: "It might be desirable to ask the Commissioner of Public Works if he has any idea of how this can be done. I MOVE that we hear from the Commissioner of Public Works." SECONDED by Mr. Russell.

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MR. SCARELLA, Commissioner of Public Works, spoke and said that these obstructions in both the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers should be cleaned out.

MR. MULREED said that tree stumps and pieces of driftwood and other obstructions can and should be removed and said: "We have this same condition for miles up both rivers and I believe this could be cleaned out."

MR. SCARELLA: "There is a condition on these rivers and it would cost over \$50,000 to clean it up. The Planning Board has seen fit to postpone this work."

MR. MULREED: "I believe that something can be done to get immediate action on this."

MR. RIOADES: "Is there any possibility that the Mayor is going to ask for an emergency appropriation? Should we ask the Mayor for this appropriation?"

MR. LIVOLCI: "There is a possibility that we could get the money from State Aid for flood prevention."

MR. SNYDER: "It seems to me that there is general unanimity that this Board is desirous of getting something done. Might I ask Mr. McLaughlin if he would accept an AMENDMENT that the Board of Representatives recommend to the Mayor that serious consideration be given for an emergency appropriation to alleviate the condition in the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers." SECONDED by Mr. Jachimczyk.

Mr. McLaughlin said he would accept this amendment.

MR. SCARELLA suggested that the Board petition the Planning Board that their recommendation be moved up and that they ask the Mayor to initiate action to alleviate the condition. He said: "We have done what we could to alleviate the condition along these rivers."

MR. WATTSBURY said that over two years ago he met with the City Engineer, at that time Mr. Leon Tuttle, who instituted a survey and made a report to him.

VOTE taken on Mr. McLaughlin's resolution as amended and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. SNYDER MOVED for SUSPENSION OF RULES, in order that he might introduce a Resolution in regard to curtailment of bus service to the Shippan area. SECONDED by Mr. Caputo and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 203

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Company has curtailed bus service to the Shippan Point section and other sections of Stamford, effective September 10th, 1955, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Company has been granted the exclusive franchise to provide bus service to this section, and

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WHEREAS, the residents of Stamford face a grave inconvenience because of this curtailment, and

WHEREAS, this Board has been informed that no public hearing has been held nor any attempt made to justify the arbitrary action, be it therefore

RESOLVED, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford directs the Clerk of the Board to advise the Public Utility Commission of its displeasure in the arbitrary manner in which the curtailment has been effected and further respectfully requests the Commission to advise the Connecticut Company that service be restored and no future curtailments effected without public notice and public hearing and without approval of the Public Service Commission.

MR. RUSSELL AMENDED the first sentence to read "and other sections". Mr. Snyder agreed to this and incorporated it in his resolution.

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously.

Mr. Snyder said he was requesting the Clerk of the Board of Representatives to advise the Public Utilities Commission of the action of the Board.

MR. JACIMCZYK MOVED for ADJOURNMENT at 11:55 P.M. SECONDED by several voices and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors,
President
Board of Representatives

RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD
(As adopted Sept. 12, 1955)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. On December first, following each biennial election, the Mayor shall convene the Board of Representatives for the purpose of organization.
2. The Mayor shall preside until the election of a temporary Chairman.
3. The order of business shall be as follows:
 - (a) The calling of the roll
 - (b) Appointment of temporary tellers
 - (c) The election of a temporary chairman
 - (d) The election of a temporary clerk
 - (e) The election of the President of the Board
 - (f) The appointment by the President of two tellers and two alternates
 - (g) The election of the Clerk of the Board
 - (h) The election of a Deputy Acting Mayor
 - (i) The President shall announce the Majority and Minority Leaders, who have been elected by their respective parties
 - (j) The election of the Appeals Board and Alternates
 - (k) The appointment by the President of the Standing Committees and any other committees that are necessary
4. Any appointments that are not made at the organizational meeting may be made at the next regular meeting and shall be the first order of business following the calling of the roll at that meeting.

THE PRESIDENT

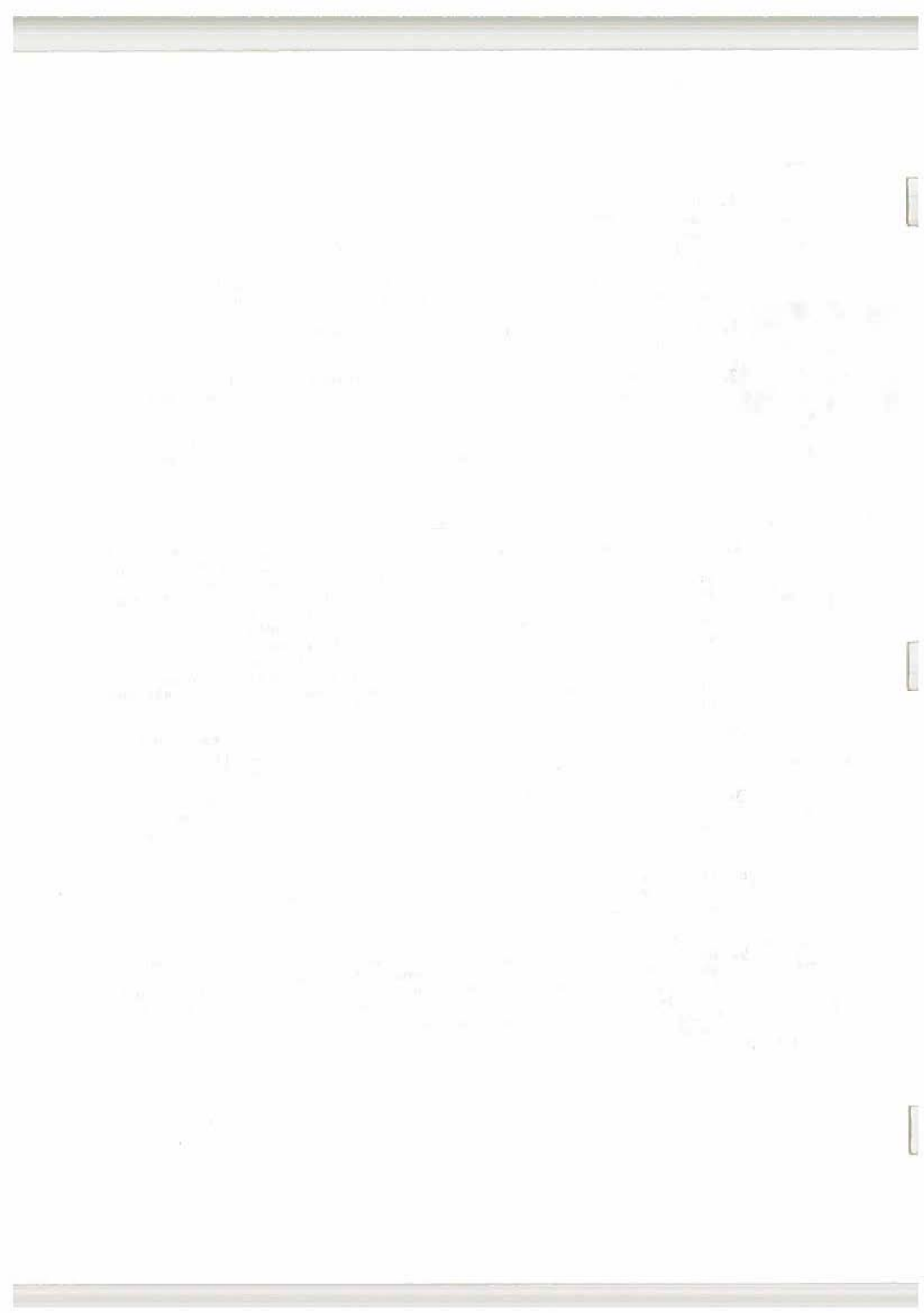
1. The President shall take the chair at the hour for which the meeting is called; he shall immediately call the Board to order. If, after prayer and roll call, a quorum is present, he shall proceed to the regular order of business.
2. In the absence of a quorum, the President shall adjourn the Board to a date within ten days thereafter, at the same hour. At all other times during the meeting, an adjournment shall be pronounced by the President on motion.
3. He shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, upon which no debate shall be allowed, except at his request; but his decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Board, on which no member shall speak more than once. No other business shall be in order until such appeal is disposed of.
4. The President shall rise to put a question or to address the Board, but may read sitting.
5. In case the President wishes to leave the Chair temporarily for the purpose of taking part in the debate, or other cause, he may designate a member to perform the duties of the Chair during his absence.
6. In the event of absence or temporary disability of the President at the commencement of any regular or special meeting, the members present, may by majority vote, elect a Chairman of the meeting.
7. In the event of the absence of the President at any regular or special meeting, it shall be the duty of the Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, Majority Leader, to call the meeting to order at the hour for which the meeting is called, and to preside until the election of a temporary Chairman, which shall be the first order of business.
8. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at the next regular meeting, the members present shall, by majority vote, elect a new President.
9. The President of the Board may be removed from the Presidency by a vote of the majority of the entire Board at a special meeting called for the purpose.
10. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby or aisles of the meeting room, the President shall have the power to order the same to be cleared.

THE CLERK

1. The Clerk shall be responsible for the keeping of the minutes, the correspondence and records of the Board; for the conduct of the correspondence of the Board; for the publication of all public notices of the Board; for the maintenance of the roll of the members; for the keeping of a list of the committees; for the keeping of the committee reports; and for the maintenance of a correct and true copy of these rules of order and of the Charter
2. The Clerk shall be responsible for the supervision of any clerical and secretarial assistants, employees or aides.
3. In the event of absence or temporary disability of the Clerk, the President shall appoint a temporary Clerk to perform the duties of the Clerk.
4. In the event of the resignation or death of the Clerk, the first order of business, following the calling of the roll, at the next regular meeting, shall be the election of a new Clerk.

MEMBERS

1. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Board, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President". If two or more shall rise at the same time, the President shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not. However, the member introducing the motion or committee report, is entitled to have the floor first, even though another has risen first and addressed the President. No member who has already had the floor in debate on the subject under discussion, is again entitled to it for debate on the same question, provided the floor is claimed by one who has not spoken on that question.
2. No member shall speak on the same question more than twice without leave of the Board. The Clerk shall assist the President in keeping a count of the number of times a member has spoken.
3. Any member who is interested in the decision of any questions in such a manner that he cannot vote, may stay in the meeting when such a question is discussed or decided; however, without the right of debate.
4. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, shall transgress the rules and orders of the Board, the President shall, or any member may call him to order; and, if speaking, he shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.
5. When, at any one session, the Board is required to fill a vacancy on the Board of Representatives and a vacancy on any other elective Board, or approve of any appointment to any appointed board, the election to fill the vacancy on the Board of Representatives shall take precedence over the filling of any other vacancy or vacancies.



COMMITTEES

1. There shall be the following Standing Committees:
 - (a) Fiscal
 - (b) Legislative and Rules
 - (c) Appointments
 - (d) Public Works
 - (e) Health and Protection
 - (f) Planning and Zoning
 - (g) Public Welfare and Recreation
 - (h) Personnel Committee
 - (i) Steering Committee
 - (j) Committee on Education
2. Such Committees shall be composed of members of the major political parties in substantially the ratio in which such parties are represented on the Board. This rule may be changed by vote of a majority of the Board.
3. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Board. The member first named shall be Chairman.
4. No member shall serve on any Committee while considering any question involving his private right, distinct from the public interest.
5. Any matter referred to a Committee at a regular meeting of the Board and not reported out of committee at the next regular meeting, may be removed from such committee's hands by a majority vote and the matter may then be acted upon at any succeeding regular or special meeting.
6. The President of the Board, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader, may participate in any Committee meeting, but without the right to vote.
7. The Steering Committee shall include the President, the Clerk, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and at least one member from each of the other Standing Committees.
8. The Steering Committee shall screen all communications addressed to the Board, channeling such communications not properly the responsibility of the Board, to the proper authorities.
9. The Committee reports shall contain the names of the members present, the votes taken, or the feelings of the members on any matter and the Committee's reasons for action taken; the time, the date and place of the meeting. The Chairman or his appointee, shall make the Majority report; any member may make a Minority report.
10. When additional appropriations of \$2,000 and over are requested, or other important administration matters are addressed to the Board, they may be referred to the Fiscal Committee, as well as one other interested committee (or the referred Committee and one other interested Committee); their full reports must be rendered at the meeting before action is taken by the Board of Representatives.

11. Any petition or other communication, which, in the opinion of the President or Clerk, is properly the business of a Standing Committee of the Board or of a duly constituted executive or administrative authority of Stamford, may be referred by the President or Clerk directly upon receipt to the proper Committee or authority. A report of the nature of each such petition or communication and its disposition shall be made to this Board at its next meeting. This procedure shall not apply to communications from the Mayor or from any duly elected or appointed Board or Officer, unless requested by the individual or Board concerned.
12. In addition to any other duties or functions assigned, the Steering Committee shall prepare the Agenda for all meetings of this Board and shall refer to appropriate Committees all matters which come before the Board. All matters which any Representative shall desire to be placed on such Agenda shall be presented to the Steering Committee not less than 5 days before such meeting. No business other than what appears on the Agenda shall be transacted, except by consent of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Board of Representatives.
13. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to call a meeting of his Committee within one week after the appointment of the Chairman and a meeting will be called at least once a month if any matter has been referred to it by the steering Committee, or by the board and no action taken thereon.

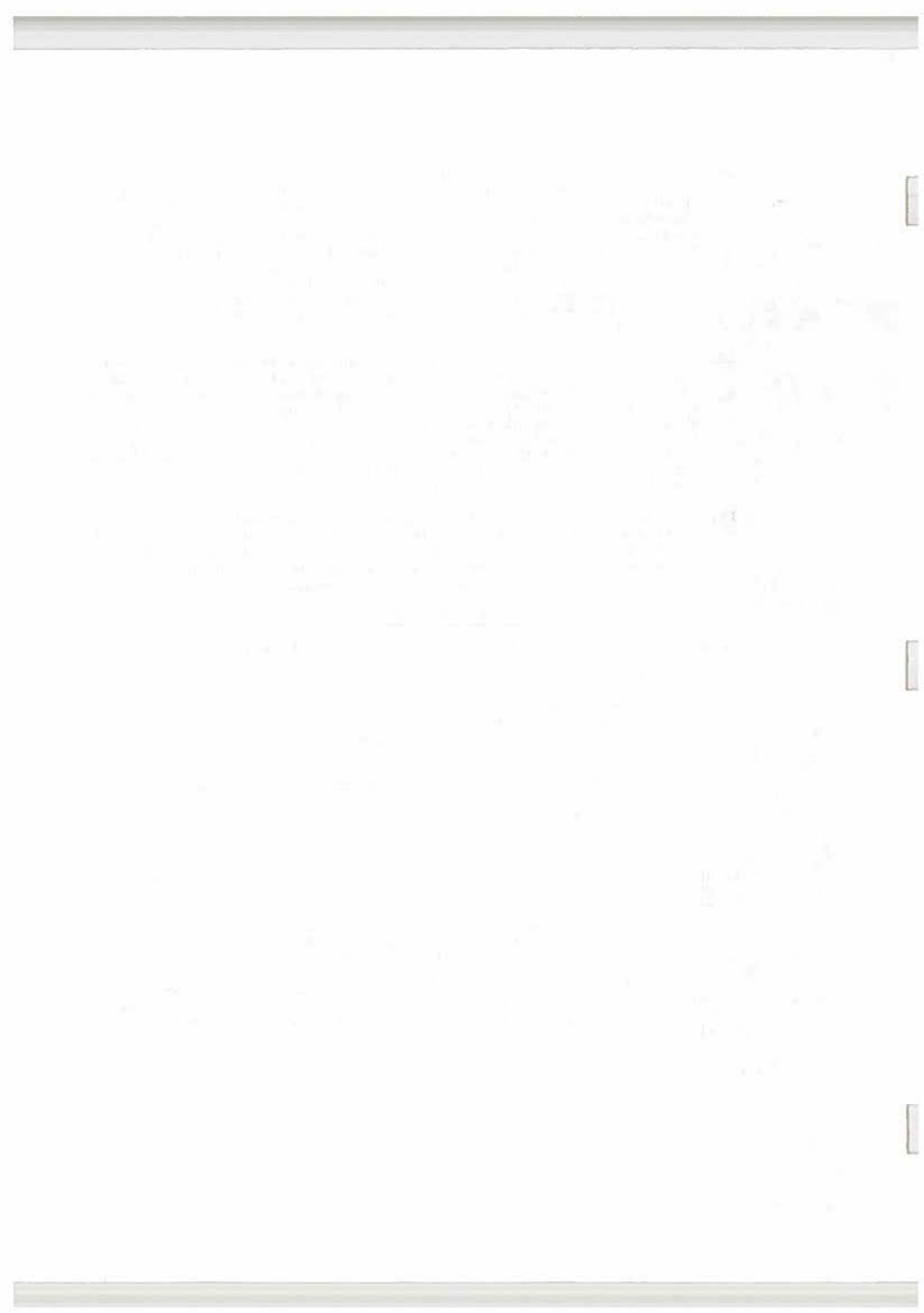
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The regular order of business shall be as follows: viz:

- (a) Invocation
- (b) Roll Call
- (c) Acceptance of Minutes
- (d) Committee reports
- (e) Communications from the Mayor
- (f) Petitions
- (g) Resolutions
- (h) Communications from other Boards and individuals
- (i) Old Business
- (j) New Business

VOTING

1. In all cases when a vote is taken without a division, the President shall determine whether it is or is not a vote; and in all doubtful cases he shall ask: "Is it doubted?". If the vote be doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, it shall be tried again. If the President shall doubt the vote, or a division be called for, the Board shall divide, those in the affirmative rising from their seats and standing until counted, and afterwards those in the negative. After the President has then declared the vote, it shall not be taken again unless by a regular motion for reconsideration, made by a member, who voted on the prevailing side.



2. At the desire of one-fifth of the members present, at any time before a declaration of the vote, the yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, except as provided in Paragraph 4 and entered by the Clerk. When the name of a member is called, he shall rise and announce his vote.
3. No ordinance or appropriation resolution shall be adopted except by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board.
4. In all elections or appointments by the Board and on any questions to approve an appointment to any Board or position submitted by the Mayor, the voting shall be by secret written ballot. Ballots shall be distributed by the tellers and deposited in the teller's ballot box in response to a roll call of the members, the members' names being called alphabetically. In the case of an election, each member shall write the name of the candidate for whom he is voting on the ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. If there is a tie, the vote shall be declared "no election", and the Board shall proceed to vote again. If not more than one candidate be nominated for any position on the Board, the Board may by majority vote and without balloting, instruct the Clerk or any other member, to cast one ballot for his election. In the case of a question to approve an appointment submitted by the Mayor, each member shall indicate his vote by checking "yes" or "no" on the ballot.
5. In all cases of balloting, the President shall vote; in other cases, he shall not be required to vote, unless his vote would be decisive. In cases of an equal division, the question shall be lost.
6. Every member present, when a question is put by the President, shall vote, unless excused by majority vote of the members present, after stating his reasons for wishing to abstain. No member shall leave the meeting without permission of the Board.
7. When a ballot has been counted, if any member shall raise a question of an excess of ballots over the number of members present, a count of the Board shall be had, and if it shall appear that such excess of ballots exists, the President shall order the vote to be again taken.

MOTIONS

1. When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the Board by the President before any debate be had thereon; but every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President so direct, or any member desire it.
2. When a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Board. It may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, but not after amendment, unless the Board gives leave.

3. The question first moved shall be first put, except as modified by Rule 4; in all cases the vote shall be taken first upon the largest number or sum, and the longest time proposed, in any question.
4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:
 - (a) To adjourn
 - (b) To recess
 - (c) To lay on the table
 - (d) For the previous question
 - (e) To close the debate at a specified time
 - (ec) To postpone to a time certain
 - (f) To commit or recommit
 - (g) To amend
 - (h) To continue to the next meeting
 - (i) To postpone indefinitely

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged in this rule, and no motion to lay on the table, commit or recommit, to continue to the next meeting, or to postpone indefinitely, having been once decided, shall be again allowed at the same meeting, and at the same state of the subject matter.

QUORUM

1. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. The rules of parliamentary procedure, as contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Persons, other than members of the Board of Representatives and Stamford officials, who desire to speak with members of the Board while it is in session shall communicate their desire to do so to such members through one of the messengers, and shall not converse with such member in the meeting room while the Board is in session. Proper facilities for transmitting messages above referred to shall be provided by the clerk and administered by the messengers.

AMENDMENTS

1. These rules shall not be amended, except by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a meeting in which the notice of said meeting includes the text of the amendment.

