

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 1955
FIRST REGULAR MEETING
OF FOURTH BOARD

The first regular meeting of the 1955-1957 (Fourth Board) session of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held Monday, December 12, 1955, in the Cafeteria of the Walter Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors, at 8:05 P. M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Donald Campbell, Pastor, Presbyterian Church.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 33 present and 7 absent. However, there were several later arrivals, changing the roll call to 37 present and 3 absent. Those absent were: Joseph Iacovo, Eugene Barry and Thomas Killeen.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: MR. SNYDER MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of December 1, 1955. SECONDED by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, read the Minutes of meeting held December 6, 1955:

Steering Committee Report

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives, 1955-1957 session, held their first meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 1955, in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:10 P. M.

The following members were present: George Connors, Chairman; George Georgoulis, Alanson Fredericks, Joseph Milano, Stephen Kelly, Paul Plotkin, William Kaminski, Norton Rhoades, Joseph Iacovo, Rutherford Huizinga, Robert Lewis and Irving Snyder. Mr. John Macrides, the Clerk, was absent, due to a previous engagement.

The following communications were read:

1. Letter dated December 2, 1955, from Mr. Ellis Baker, 8th District Representative, enclosing letter addressed to him and signed by nine taxpayers in his District, complaining of a flooding condition on Fenway Street. Referred to Public Works Committee.
2. Notice dated November 29, 1955, from Public Utilities Commission regarding resumption of hearing, Docket No. 9093, railroad spur track at grade across Jefferson Street to East Meadow redevelopment area, which is

scheduled for December 27, 1955 at 10:30 A. M. in Room 585 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Conn. Ordered placed on Agenda under communications.

3. Letter dated November 14, 1955, addressed to the Health & Protection Committee, from Mrs. Katherine Kaminski Sliwonik, former member of the Board of Representatives from the 13th District, regarding complaints from south end taxpayers on dangerous conditions in the Dyke Park boat basin area. Referred to Health & Protection Committee and Public Welfare & Recreation Committee.
4. A second letter from Mrs. Kaminski Sliwonik, also dated November 14, 1955, and addressed to the Health & Protection Committee, regarding a recent accident on Roxbury Road, in which an injured child was left lying in the road after being hurt in an accident, for some 3/4 of an hour before medical aid was forthcoming. Also referred to Health & Protection Committee and Public Welfare & Recreation Committee.
5. Letter (undated) addressed to Mr. Fredericks from a Mr. Clyde Scanley in regard to moorings for sailboats at Cove Island. Referred to Planning Board.

The question of late arrivals of petitions and various requests, going directly to the Board without going first to the Steering Committee for referral, was brought up and the Chairman of the Steering Committee was instructed to advise all City Boards and City Departments, both elective and appointed, the Mayor, the press and the radio, by letter, that the recommendations of the Steering Committee are that the Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives will henceforth convene on a Monday, two weeks before the regular meeting of the Board of Representatives and that all matters requiring action of the Board be submitted before that date.

In accordance with this practice, which is to be strictly adhered to, the next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 19th, two weeks before the meeting of the Board of Representatives, which will come on TUESDAY, January 3rd, 1956, because the first Monday in January is a holiday.

Mr. Rhoades moved for adjournment at 10:15 P. M. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. CONNORS, Chairman
Steering Committee

Mr. Plotkin, Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Russell arrived at this time.

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Mr. William Kaminski, Chairman, said he had no report to offer, because the Board of Finance was also meeting tonight and his Committee had no opportunity to meet and prepare a report for this reason.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

Mr. Plotkin, Chairman, stated he ~~expected to meet~~ ^{had met} with Mr. Swinnerton of the Building Department and Chief Densky of the Fire Department together with the rest of the Committee in regard to the new Building Code and would probably have a report to offer at the next meeting of the Board.

MR. SNYDER: "In regard to this Building Code which your Committee is considering at the present time - It has been brought to my attention that the Stamford Building Code is stricter and above what the Board of (Fire?) Underwriters require. I am asking the question of you as to whether this code is going to be in accordance with the Underwriter requirements and the State Code and if this is going to place an unnecessary expense and onus on builders in this particular community."

Bldg. officials → MR. PLOTKIN: "Our present Building Code was a model code prepared by the State of Connecticut. 27 towns have adopted it and the requirements of that code are based on the requirements of ~~municipal and~~ ^{industry} building associations. The new Building Code is prepared by the ~~National~~ Conference of America. Our Committee does not possess the technical ability, so we must rely on expert help, but it is our belief that the Building Code is based on our national standards."

Appointments Committee:

Mr. Georgoulis, Chairman, said his Committee had no report, but they were to have a meeting on Friday, Dec. 16th and would have something to offer at the next meeting of the Board.

Public Works Committee:

Mr. Topping, Chairman, presented the following two reports of his Committee:

Public Works Committee
Report, Dec. 12, 1955

The Public Works Committee received two petitions through the Steering Committee on November 10th. One from Mr. Banker on West Hill Road and one from the residents of Houston Terrace and Waterbury Avenue, both concerning damage caused by storm water run-off.

Sunday, November 27th, Mr. Longo and I called on Mr. Banker and surveyed his situation. His house is built over a brook which runs under the house in a culvert. This culvert is just large enough to carry the brook during ordinary flow. When a heavy rainfall occurs, the brook overflows and runs around the foundation of the house.

We found that there is run-off water from West Hill Lane

and also from West Hill Road, increasing the flow of the brook.

There are plans now under way in the City Engineer's office to widen West Hill Road from Roxbury Road to a point beyond Mr. Banker's property. When this is done, it will control the run-off from West Hill Lane and West Hill Road so it will not run over the Banker property.

We told Mr. Banker that the brook is his problem and that the city can only be concerned with the run-off from the two roads. Mr. Banker said that he could handle the brook if the city would keep the storm water from the roads off his property.

Mr. Longo and I then went to Waterbury Avenue, where we spoke with Mr. Preglar at #154, Mrs. Karger at #155 and Mr. Gardner at #114 Houston Terrace.

On investigation, we discovered that the run-off water from Webb Avenue runs down Houston Terrace to the Gardner property, where it flows over the edge of the road, across their front yard, through their garage, and then along the rear boundaries of several yards on Waterbury Avenue and Houston Terrace. Finally, the water runs through the Karger property to a catch basin on Waterbury Avenue.

To correct this condition, this Committee recommends that a catch basin be installed on Houston Terrace half way up the hill, between the present catch basin and the corner at Mathews Street. Also, that the curb on the east side of Houston Terrace be raised. The storm water would then stay in the roadway until it reached the catch basin at the low point on Houston Terrace.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. TOPPING, Chairman
Public Works Committee

Frank W. Longo

Public Works Committee
Report, Dec. 12, 1955

The newly appointed Public Works Committee met on Friday the 9th of December at 8:00 P. M. Members present were: Mr. Barry, Mr. Kolich, Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Topping. Mr. Vittl did not attend.

Much of this first meeting took the form of a discussion to acquaint the new members with the structure and functions of the Public Works Department.

A petition relative to flood conditions on Fenway Road was presented. Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Barry will investigate and report at the next meeting.

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The regular committee meeting night was tentatively set for the third Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. TOPPING, Chairman
Public Works Committee

Mr. Topping read the following:

PETITION NO. 202

Dated October 30, 1955 addressed to Mr. Charles White, City Engineer, and referred to Board of Representatives by Mr. Alanson R. Fredericks, 18th District Representative, as follows:

The problem we submit to you is that our properties are receiving the run-off water from West Hill Lane, which has no drainage, and Mr. Banker's property is, in addition, receiving run-off from the Roxbury School. The grading and surfacing of the West Hill Lane and the school have been completed in the past few months.

Mr. Carl C. Braun recently built West Hill Lane. Mr. Braun states that the lane met City of Stamford specifications, and has been accepted by the City as satisfactory. and that he has been relieved of all obligations attendant therewith. Mr. Braun points out that the road was graded to insure depositing all run-off water onto West Hill Road.

Before West Hill Lane was graded and surfaced we did not have the problem of run-off water.

The water from West Hill Lane runs out to West Hill Road, then flows in through Mr. Greenman's property, causing severe erosion and joins an existing stream which so overburdens the stream that in any heavy rainfall Mr. Banker's property is inundated to a flood condition. This excessive water is threatening to flood the house and undermine the foundation.

Two other sources of considerable run-off water are West Hill Road itself and the Roxbury School. The run-off from Roxbury School concentrates on the top of the hill and flows, with additional water, from the road, down and across West Hill Road, causing flooding and backing of the cesspool and flooding of the side portion of Mr. Banker's property.

We were not bothered by the run-off from West Hill Road before the surfacing of West Hill Lane and the Roxbury School driveway, and the attendant grading of the roadways and frontal grounds of the school. The stream which runs through Mr. Greenman's and Mr. Banker's property is not a problem, as the amount of water in the stream is controlled by the diameter of the run-off pipe itself.

We do respectfully submit that we are being oppressed by the

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run-off water from West Hill Lane and from the Roxbury School, both completed in the past few months. We feel that this condition probably has not been brought to your attention.

We are alarmed at being used as a dumping ground for such a considerable water run-off area.

It is probable that plans to correct this condition have been incorporated in the blueprints for widening West Hill Road. We ask that a gutter be provided to conduct the Water from West Hill Lane along West Hill Road past Mr. Greenman's property and past Mr. Banker's property; conducted under the entrance to Mr. Banker's driveway, and continued to the low point of the hill and there deposited.

All of this water is deposited at this low point now, but at the cost of awful erosion to Mr. Greenman's property and erosion and flood threat and damage to Mr. Banker's property. It would seem logical to conduct the water at road edge to the point where it winds up anyway. There has never been any flood condition at the low point of the hill.

It would probably be inexpensive to accomplish this improvement during the widening of West Hill Road from Roxbury Road to the Hubbell's property line. We feel strongly that these plans for widening include control of the run-off water from West Hill Lane and the Roxbury School. Mr. Banker's property and Mr. Greenman's property would be substantially reduced in value if the run-off from West Hill Lane, Roxbury School and the widened West Hill Road was not controlled. Indeed, the loss of property value to an extent, and expenditure of time and money to eliminate effects of existing conditions caused by the Lane and the School have already occurred.

We submit that this problem could be eliminated entirely, at relatively low cost, while the road work is being done.

Attached is a diagram showing the course and sources of the run-off. The run off from West Hill Lane easily exceeds the capacity of Mr. Banker's culvert and the normal stream, which of course, were not designed for handling the excess water. The diagram also shows the course of the run-off from the Roxbury School since the partial cave-in of the far side of West Hill Road two weeks ago, which cave-in has worsened since, thereby providing a temporary alternate channel for this water, luckily for the Bankers, as their cesspool was not flooded today, and the utilities could be used.

We beg you to ease our concern over this problem of run-off water, generated by recently completed construction, by just a short note of assurance that the gutter will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

J. More Greenman
West Hill Lane

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Ernest A Banker
West Hill Road

MR. FREDERICKS: "Since that particular letter was submitted, I have had several telephone calls from the Hubbells. They sincerely hope that in the widening of West Hill Road from Roxbury Road to the Hubbell's property line, that the City does not clear the situation insofar as Mr. Greenman's and Mr. Banker's properties are concerned and move the flooding situation down to the Hubbell's."

Mr. Nolan Arrived at this time.

Mr. Topping read the following:

PETITION NO. 203

Undated, but received Oct. 31, 1955 and addressed to Mr. Connors, 10th District Representative:

Let's do something about preventing some of the flood disaster! Here in the Cove, the district which you represent, we are faced with a continued flooding with each heavy rain-storm.

The water rushes down Webb Avenue, flooding cellars on Houston Terrace, continues on down to Waterbury Avenue, flooding and damaging cellars, ruining oil burners, leaving large pools of stagnant water and debris in its wake.

This should be corrected immediately, as the home owners in this neighborhood cannot afford to take the continued losses and damage to their properties. The cost to the city would be negligible as compared to the losses incurred by the property owners.

We feel that larger or more catch basins to take care of the overflow would eliminate the problem.

Note attached to petition signed by Mrs. William Karger, 155 Waterbury Avenue. Petition itself signed by 25 others.

MR. CONNORS: "I had Mr. Chase, the Mayor and Mr. Scarella down to look at this condition. They are trying to get an easement there in order to put in new catch basins to take care of this condition."

Mr. Topping read the following:

PETITION NO. 204:

Undated, but attached to letter dated Dec. 2, 1955 from Mr. Ellis B. Baker, 8th District Representative, to whom it was sent:

Dear Mr. Baker:

First, may we congratulate you on your recent election to the Board of Representatives.

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Secondly, we ask your help to STOP the flooding on Fenway Street every time it rains. This lovely area is surely and steadily deteriorating without official action.

Several months ago Health Commissioner Dr. Costanza and Public Works Commissioner Patrick Scarella inspected our properties and the city properties adjoining ours. They both agreed appropriations must be made to clean up the putrid drainage running along the back of our properties, which spills over our lawns during a steady rain. Needless to say, the recent flood brought the foul drainage four and five feet deep in our cellars. The drainage area is a haven for rats as well as a flooding hazard.

Mayor Quigley has assured us the matter will be submitted to the Planning Board in December. We invite you to come and see the situation yourself and visit our homes, that we may talk to you personally. We are anxious to attend any meetings that pertain to our problem and would appreciate notification of the dates and place.

Signed by 13 petitioners

Mr. Topping spoke about this condition which exists at Fenway Street and said it is the site of Betts Pond where they have never been able to fully overcome the natural situation that exists there as it has always been known as a sink hole and said there are still springs there and underneath there is nothing but silt and it is a natural low area where water will not run off. He said there were some catch basins there, but it did not correct the condition and it was a very difficult situation. However, the catch basins did keep the street dry.

Mr. Baker also spoke about this area, saying he had inspected it. He made several recommendations as to what he thought could be done to help alleviate the situation and that perhaps the Public Works Department could do something to help matters.

Mr. Topping agreed to contact the Public Works Department to see what could be done.

Mr. Lewis arrived at this time.

Planning and Zoning:

Mr. Czupka, Chairman, presented the following report of the old Committee of Planning and Zoning, which had been deferred on November 14th, because of the Chairman's absence (See page 987 of Minutes).

Planning and Zoning Committee

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The Committee met on Saturday, November 12, 1955, and approved acceptance of the following streets, all of which have been approved by the City Engineer:

1. Section one of Old Colony Road, which extends northerly

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approximately 600 feet from Bouton Street, West, as shown on Map #5031 filed in the Town Clerk's office.

2. Lake View Drive, extending westerly for approximately 900 feet from High Ridge Road, Stone Wall Drive, which extends northerly for a distance of approximately 625 feet from Lake View Drive to Cooper's Pond Road, and Cooper's Pond Road, which extends northerly from Lake View Drive for a distance of approximately 460 feet, as shown on Maps No. 4961, 5020 and 5195, which make up Section #1 of Lake View Acres, filed in the Town Clerk's office.

William D. Murphy, Chairman

MR. CZUPKA MOVED for acceptance of OLD COLONY ROAD. SECONDED by Mr. Russell.

MR. TOPPING: "I saw that road put together. There is nothing but four inches of sand on that road, covered with oil. I know that it does not meet the specifications of the City."

MR. RUSSELL: "Until our Public Works Committee put the pressure on our Engineering Department to properly inspect these roads, I can see that most all of the roads which we have accepted in the past are no better. The Newfield Corner roads which we previously accepted are no better. If the road looks good and has stood up well from the floods we have just experienced, I think it should be accepted."

Mr. Longo said he thinks the Board should be furnished with a map so they can have these roads pointed out to them when they are discussed.

MR. LEWIS: "I take it that the Planning & Zoning Committee have examined these roads." Because of the fact that the Committee report as presented by Mr. Czupka was a report of the former Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Lewis stated he thought it should be referred to the new committee for study before passage and so MOVED.

Mr. Murphy, the former Chairman of this Committee objected and stated that his report had been ready in ample time for presentation to the Board at the November 14th meeting, but because of his inability to attend this meeting his Committee report had been given to the President of the Board to bring to the meeting, but he had inadvertently forgotten to bring it to the Board meeting that night.

Mr. Lewis stated he still thought it should be left in abeyance until after the new Committee had a chance to pass upon these roads.

Mr. Fredericks read from page 987 of the Minutes of November 14th, stating that he objected to Mr. Lewis' motion to re-commit to Committee. He said: "I think if the whole Committee have inspected these roads and found them to be in good condition, then they have met the requirements. However, any member of this Board is free to express his own opinion. I think it would be inadvisable to re-commit this to a new Committee. I am not so sure we are following procedure that is permissible." He requested a ruling of the Chair as to whether or not

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a motion to re-comit is in order.

At this point a great deal of discussion ensued. Mr. Lewis again reiterated his previous motion that this be re-committed to Committee.

The President RULED the motion OUT OF ORDER for the reason that the acceptance of these roads had already been deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Board at the November 14th meeting (See page 987 of Minutes).

VOTE taken on shall the Chair be upheld. Mr. Macrides, the Clerk, assumed the duties of the President in order to take the vote on this question.

The ruling of the Chair was APPROVED unanimously.

There was considerable discussion at this point as to the proper procedure in the matter of road acceptance. In order to clarify any misunderstandings that any member of the Board might have with respect to the procedure in regard to release of performance bond by the Planning Board, Mr. Connors read the following letter:

PLANNING BOARD'S PROCEDURE IN
REGARD TO RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS

August 2, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

In reply to your letter of July 28, 1954, in which you requested information regarding the Planning Board's procedure in connection with releasing performance bonds, we submit the following information.

The developer is notified, about two months in advance of the expiration date that the bond period will terminate on said date, and the developer is requested to inform the Board of the status of the work in order that the Board may reach some conclusion regarding the disposition of the bond. (In most instances, however, the required work has been finished well in advance of the expiration date, and the bond released following a favorable report from the City Engineer, making it unnecessary to send the aforesaid notification.

If the developer replies that all the required work is accomplished, the Planning Board requests the City Engineer to inspect the development and report to the Board whether or not the required facilities have been installed in conformance with the Planning Board's regulations and the City's specification, and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. The Planning Board, at a regular meeting, considers the matter; and if action is taken to release the bond, so advises the developer and/or surety company,

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and bond then being filed in the "cancelled bonds" file.

If the Board's letter is not answered within one month, the following letter is sent to the surety company:

"Your company is surety on the bond of _____ for the construction of _____ in the amount of \$ _____, which was signed on (date) by _____ (name of signing officer) which bond runs to the City of Stamford, Connecticut.

"Before it becomes necessary for us to call this bond we will appreciate your arranging to have an authorized representative contact the writer at the earliest opportunity."

If an answer is not received prior to the expiration date, the Planning Board will then send another letter to the surety company, substituting the following paragraph for the last paragraph in the above letter:

"This work has not been completed in accordance with the subdivision regulations of the City of Stamford, Connecticut and we hereby notify you of our intention to call this bond."

The matter is then placed in the hands of Corporation Counsel for the necessary steps leading to forfeiture of the bond. Minor modifications of timing may be encountered by reason for the Board's busy schedule, or lack of a quorum at some particular meeting.

Prior to August, 1950 real estate or personal bonds for the period of five years had been accepted by the Board; but after said date, the maximum term for bonds was limited to two years, sometimes one year, in the case of a small development, and all bonds from that time on had to be issued by an established surety company. While most of these early bonds have long since been released, there are twelve bonds outstanding and not due to expire until late this year or in the first half of 1955. In other words, while most developers under the foregoing type of bond have satisfactorily completed their projects, there are a few apparently making use of the full period allotted; i. e., five years, and then, too, the personal or real estate bond is not the best form of security.

Very truly yours,

WALTER A. WACHTER,
Planning Director

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MR. HUIZINGA: "In other words, the whole question of the release of bond is up to the Engineering Department of the City of Stamford. If that is the case, cannot the Engineering Department issue a letter to our Planning and Zoning Committee certifying that the road is accept-

able?"

MR. PLOTKIN: "If at all possible, we should arrange to have a meeting with the members of the following Departments and Committees:
(See page 968 of Oct. 10th, 1955 Minutes)

Legislative and Rules Committee
Public Works Committee
Planning & Zoning Committee
Planning Board Representatives
City Engineer
Building Department
Health Department

We should arrange to have this meeting so that we can iron this thing out. The bond should not be released until the Board has accepted the road."

VOTE taken on acceptance of OLD COLONY ROAD. 36 YEAS, 1 NAY, Mr. Topping voting in the negative.

MR. CZUPKA MOVED for acceptance of Lake View Drive, Stone Wall Drive and Cooper's Pond Road. Mr. Murphy SECONDED the motion.

MR. FREDERICKS: "These three roads were all developed by the same developer, were they not?" He was assured that this was the case.

VOTE taken on acceptance of these three roads. CARRIED, with 36 YEAS and 1 NAY.

MR. HUIZINGA: "Someone has made the suggestion that each member of this Board be furnished with a small map in order that we can consult the map when the question of the acceptance of these roads is brought up." He MOVED that the Secretary be authorized to secure copies of these maps by the next Board meeting. SECONDED by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

Public Welfare and Recreation Committee:

Mr. Kelly, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

Report, Public Welfare & Recreation
Committee, December 8, 1955

On Thursday evening, December 8th, 1955, the newly appointed Welfare and Recreation Committee of the Board held its first meeting of the new term in the Law Library of the Town Hall at 8:00 P. M.

Not having any regular business or petitions to act upon, the Chairman threw the meeting open to a round table discussion, and various phases of the committee's functions were discussed thoroughly. Suggestions were made by the members and they will be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Committee.

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It was agreed by the members present that the Welfare and Recreation Committee will hold their regular meetings on the Tuesday immediately following the Steering Committee meeting at 8:00 P. M. in the Law Library of the Town Hall. Postal cards will be mailed to each member for the first meeting to be held in December in preparation for the January meeting.

Mr. Jack McLaughlin graciously volunteered to take notes of the meeting. All members were present, but Mr. Charles Gilbert who was detained elsewhere, and he so notified the Committee Chairman previous to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

STEPHEN E. KELLY,
Chairman
Public Welfare & Recreation
Committee

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mr. Connors read the following communications from the Mayor:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

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Mr. George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Connors:

I would like to submit the following nominations to be passed upon by the Board of Representatives:

CORPORATION COUNSEL: John M. Hanrahan

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: Thomas Morrissey, Jr.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: Patrick J. Scarella

ZONING BOARD: Fred C. Noble, Woodchuck Road, Stamford (to replace John W. Mershon) Mr. Noble is a member of the Republican party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960

PLANNING BOARD: Ralph Rich, 45 Sagamore Road, Stamford (to be re-appointed) Mr. Rich is a member of the Republican Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960

John J. Denham, 46 Rock Ledge

Drive, Stamford. (To replace Alphonsus J. Donahue, Jr.) Mr. Denham is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1956.

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS:

Samuel Gordon, Newfield Ave., Stamford (To replace Morris Weissman). Mr. Gordon is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW:

Samuel M. Picciallo, 38 Stephens St., Stamford. (To replace Joseph T. Greaney). Mr. Picciallo is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

PUBLIC WELFARE
COMMISSION:

Paul DuBois, Janes Lane, Stamford, (To be re-appointed). Mr. DuBois is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1958.

BOARD OF TAXATION:

Paul Klinkowski, Wire Mill Road, Stamford. (To replace John F. Power). Mr. Klinkowski is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1957.

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Daniel F. B. Hickey, 321 Stamford Ave. Stamford. (To replace Frederick H. Dutcher). Mr. Hickey is a member of the Republican Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

BOARD OF RECREATION:

Alexander Klahr, 109 Woodmere Road, Stamford. (To be re-appointed). Mr. Klahr is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION:

Herbert C. Rice, 318 Sound View Ave. E. (To be re-appointed). Mr. Rice is a member of the Republican Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1958.

HUBBARD HEIGHTS:

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Luke Malloy, 27 Longhill Drive. (To be re-appointed). Mr. Malloy is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

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SEWER COMMISSION:

Edward Carey, Brodwood Drive, Stamford. (To replace Leonard D. Scalzi). Mr. Carey is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

John Cook, 75 Fairmont Avenue, Stamford. (To replace William F. Jordan). Mr. Cook is a Republican. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1957.

PARK COMMISSION:

John F. Power, 315 Ocean Drive W. Stamford. Mr. Power is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to Expire Dec. 1, 1960.

Robert B. Nolan, 110 Hope St., Stamford. Mr. Nolan is a member of the Democratic Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1959.

John Scalzi, 21 Ralscy Road, Stamford. Mr. Scalzi is a member of the Independent Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1958.

Thorne Sherwood, Mayapple Road, Stamford. Mr. Sherwood is a member of the Republican Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1957.

Mrs. Bindley Gillespie, 125 Ocean Drive W., Stamford. Mrs. Gillespie is a member of the Republican Party. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1956.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION:

Morris Weissman, 43 Revonah Ave. Stamford. (To replace Joseph Dombroski). Term to expire Aug. 7, 1960.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,
MAYOR

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONN.

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

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This is to advise you that I have re-appointed:

EDWARD CZESCIK
14 William Street
Stamford

to the CITY OF STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Mr. Czeszik is a member of the Republican Party.
His term is to expire October 1, 1960.

The above is for your information.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,
Mayor

The above communications were referred to the Appointments Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

The following two communications were read:

SPRINGDALE RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION

Springdale, Conn.

December 9, 1955

Mr. George V. Connors, President
Board of Representatives
19 Woodrow Street
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Connors:

We, of the Springdale Residents' Association respectfully urge you to reform the special committee on Flood Control. It is our considered opinion that such a Committee could give invaluable service to the City as a fact-finding agency and then make recommendations to the Public Works Department.

The Springdale Residents' Association has, for the past five years, been urging the various City governments to take preventive measures on flood control so as to minimize or eliminate damage resulting from inadequate drainage facilities. So far, our appeals have not been answered in the form of a permanent solution - only patchwork! All of the facts, data and statistics accumulated by our Association, as well as a thorough study of maps in our area, indicate one very vital need.

A thorough survey must be made of both the Springdale Brook

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and the Noroton River by a competent engineering firm. This is imperative for three reasons:

1. To determine what corrective measures are needed.
2. To determine estimated cost.
3. For substantiation of a request for funds, whether it be in our own capital budget or for State and Federal aid.

The capital budget is now in the process of being prepared. We believe the Mayor can easily determine a fairly accurate cost of this survey, and it is our contention that regardless of State or Federal aid, your committee should make certain that this item is in the budget and then follow through to see that the various other Boards approve this expenditure.

We respectfully request, therefore, that you re-appoint the Flood Control Committee and that the Board of Representatives back us to the fullest extent in this request, and we also urge the Board of Finance and the Planning Board, individually and collectively, not to ignore this very urgent appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. LENTO, JR.
President

This was referred to the Public Works Committee, Planning & Zoning Committee, and Health & Protection Committee.

A second letter from the law firm of Moore & Epifanio, Gurley Building, Stamford, dated Dec. 12, 1955, was presented, in which they request the status of Marlou Lane for acceptance as a public highway. (See pages 945, 946 and 947 of Sept. 12th Minutes.

MR. MURPHY: "That road is still in Committee - I believe Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Lewis know about this. There are holes in this road."

MR. McLAUGHLIN: "If we accepted that road without installing a traffic light, it would create a most hazardous situation. It is an absolutely impossible situation for hundreds of cars coming out of that street, with no provision made to control the traffic. That road should not be accepted under the present circumstances."

There was considerable discussion at this point. Mr. Plotkin said this communication should be answered, saying that as far as the Committee is concerned, the road is not up to acceptable standards and cannot be accepted and that it is still under advisement by the Committee, giving them time to repair the road, for a possible acceptance at a later date, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

The following letter was read and referred to the Health & Protection Committee, Public Works Committee and Public Welfare and Recreation

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Committee:

Mr. George Connors, President
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In contacting numerous people throughout Stamford, it is discovered that a large percentage of them feel that this city is extremely dirty and unkempt -- in fact, plain filthy. Nearly every street is cluttered with papers and rubbish at all times of the day and one sometimes wonders if the old-fashioned street cleaner has not gone the way of the Dodo Bird, for he appears about as extinct.

Futhermore, the carelessness of garbage collectors in failing to close the doors at the rear of their trucks seems at times to cause a considerable amount of distribution, as well as collection of the city's refuse.

Then, there is also the matter of spitting on the sidewalks. And, from the rural areas especially, come countless complaints of beer cans and bottles along the roadside.

It is hoped that these problems may be placed in committee, and that the members of the committee may wish to consult with the Sanitation, Health and Police Departments, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Street Association and similar organizations.

In addition to these foregoing complaints are the problems in our recreation parks. One of these problems concerns the condition of the pavilion at Cummings Park. This has been a very real concern to Stamford citizens for a long time. Not only is this dilapidated building an eye sore, but it has also become a moral problem. By neglecting it, we are in effect, aiding and abetting immorality and delinquency.

Stamford is fortunate in being located on Long Island Sound. Much of its private shore property is most attractive. Is there any valid reason why city-owned property cannot be equally so? Why must Cummings Park, one of the largest recreation areas in this city, be a source of shame to us -- largely because certain authorities choose to ignore a ruined building?

It has been observed in the past that a club house at the municipal golf course could be demolished at the snap of a finger, and that smaller parks throughout the city could be carved right and left, at will, with equal rapidity. Why, therefore, may we not expect just as prompt attention regarding this broken down pavilion?

There may be other situations to be considered in an effort to make Stamford a cleaner, healthier and safer city in which to live, but the aforementioned concerns are offered to this Board in the hope that it will wish to sanction their consideration by the Health and Protection Committee.

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Sincerely,

JOHN L. DE FOREST

MR. HUIZINGA: "I think these letters should be given to the Steering Committee first. That is the purpose of the Steering Committee."

MR. LEWIS: "I was under the same impression."

MR. GEORGE GEORGIOULIS requested a five-minute recess, in order that something which has just been received be given consideration by the Board.

MR. WATERBURY MOVED that the Board take a five-minute recess. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The recess being over, Mr. Kaminski asked for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES in order to consider a fiscal matter that has just been brought before the Board.

MR. WATERBURY MOVED for suspension of the rules. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED, 35 in favor and one dissension.

\$2,523.78, Code 100.53 Special Election Expense, Registrars of Voters, for election of July 26, 1955.

\$2,591.22, Code 100.53 Special Election Expense, Registrars of Voters, \$5,115.00 for election of August 30, 1955.

This requested appropriation was approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting tonight, in the amount of \$5,115.00.

Mr. Kaminski, Chairman of the Fiscal Committee, said it was the recommendation of his Committee that the first amount, above referred to, be cut to \$1,999 for approval at this time, with the recommendation that the balance be approved at a future meeting, and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. LEWIS reminded the Board of the decision of the Steering Committee, in which they went on record that all matters to be considered by the Board of Representatives must first be presented to the Steering Committee in order to be placed on the Agenda. He stated that the Board of Finance met whenever they felt like it. He said: "I thought they were supposed to meet once a month. I think it is most disgraceful and entirely out of order for the Board to even allow this matter to be considered. We have been fighting for four years to eliminate this type of railroading job. If the Board of Finance has not even the courtesy to meet, so that these things can be considered in an orderly manner by our Board, I recommend that it is the duty of the Mayor to impeach them and ask for their removal."

MR. FREDERICKS: "It is my understanding that the Fiscal Committee recommended that this Board approve \$1,999 of the \$2,523.78 requested, and that the balance of \$524.78 be referred back to the Fiscal Committee for their further consideration. This is a situation that we knew was going to happen when the special referendum was held and also on the Raffle Bill. It creates a difficult problem, and in view

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NOTE: For clarification of Mr. Fredericks' remarks on page 1013 of the Minutes and Mr. Kaminski's remarks on page 1014,

See Report of Fiscal Committee dated December 19, 1955, item (3)

of the nearness of the Christmas season, I do not think the workers should be penalized, and for this reason I feel this request is in order and recommend the acceptance of the recommendation of the Fiscal Committee."

MR. KAMINSKI: "In defence of the Fiscal Committee, they have decided to also adopt the policy of the Steering Committee, that all fiscal matters referred to the Board of Representatives prior to the standing date of the evening meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be requested by them to appear on the Agenda of the next regular meeting of the Board. We also went on record that only in the event of an extreme emergency would we deviate from this policy. However, in this particular case, I think it may be considered as an extreme emergency. There was no appropriation made to take care of this expense. The money that is being requested tonight, is money that had to be borrowed from the regularly scheduled election funds in order to take care of the special referendums, which were not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared."

MR. NOLAN MOVED the QUESTION.

MR. LEWIS raised a point of order. He said: "Can we legally give this department part of their request tonight and the balance at a later meeting?" HE MOVED that the Board hear from the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Mr. Di Sesa, who was present.

Mr. Di Sesa said the Board would be governed by their own rules in this case and that he could not give a snap judgment opinion, but it would seem to be the way it should be handled.

Mrs. Bankowski arrived at this time.

MR. HUIZINGA: "We, as a Board, have the right to cut any appropriation of the Board of Finance. The people making this request will have to come in at a future meeting of the Board. We have had no chance to inspect these items at the Fiscal Committee meeting."

There was further discussion and Mr. Topping read from the Rules of the Board, saying the Board could act because the amount requested is under \$2,000.

VOTE taken on the first item under discussion. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that it was the recommendation of his Committee that the second amount of \$2,591.22 be partially approved in the amount of \$1,999, with the balance of \$592.22 to be approved at a future meeting of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR:

MRS. ZUCKERT MOVED that the Board of Representatives write to the Board of Finance, requesting them to meet more often, so that these fiscal matters would not have to be brought up under Suspension of Rules in order not to hold them up. She said it was a shame to put the Board of Representatives in the position they found themselves in tonight. Mr. Topping SECONDED the motion.

VOTE taken on sending a letter to the Board of Finance, requesting them to meet more often and CARRIED unanimously.

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MR. SNYDER: "At our October meeting we asked the Secretary of the Board to write a letter to the Prosecuting Attorney in regard to the stoppage of traffic behind school busses. No reply has been received, in spite of numerous requests made to Mr. Zone. Mr. Snyder MOVED that the Board of Representatives request the Mayor of the City of Stamford to request an answer by the Prosecuting Attorney to this letter. SECONDED by Mr. Fredericks, and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS called attention to page 968 of the Minutes of October 10, 1955, Resolution No. 201, in reference to the acceptance of City streets.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the question of the acceptance of streets, release of bond, etc., be brought up at a joint meeting of the following:

Legislative and Rules Committee
Public Works Committee
Planning and Zoning Committee
Planning Board Representatives
City Engineer
Building Department
Health Department

SECONDED by Mr. Rhoades.

MR. PLOTKIN: "Add to that the related problems of septic tank and drainage, road acceptance and sub-division."

MR. RHOADES seconded the amendment also.

MR. FREDERICKS: "It is very pertinent and proper that we have this meeting. The City of Stamford is one of the easiest cities in the United States in releasing bonds."

VOTE taken and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that Mr. Plotkin be Chairman of the joint meeting. SECONDED by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for adjournment at 10:30 P. M. SECONDED by Mr. Czupka and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

John G. Macrides,
Clerk



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