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The regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held on Monday, February 6, 1956, at the Walter Dolan Jr. High School Cafeteria, Toms Road, Glenbrook. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. George V. Connors at 8:20 P. M.

INVOCATION was given by Rev. Nicholas Metropolsky, Pastor of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Rev. Philip Saltis was unable to be present.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 38 present and two absent. The absent members were: Mrs. Mary Bankowski and Rutherford Huizinga.

MR. FREDERICKS requested permission of the Board to ask a question of the Assistant Corporation Counsel who was present. He was asked what his question pertained to. "It relates to information which was given to me this afternoon in regard to the appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board on Revere Homes," he said. He quoted Section 552.3 of the Stamford Charter in relation to appeals of "owners of more than 50% of the privately owned land in the area located within 500 feet of the borders of such area....."

Permission was given him to question Mr. DiSesa. He asked: "May I ask this: Is the Appellant the owner of more than 50% of the privately owned land? It has been pointed out to me that he has an option to purchase and does not have it in Fee Simple. If he is not the owner of more than 50%, then is the appeal properly before this Board? He must be the owner to properly appeal."

There was some discussion as to Mr. Fredericks question and he restated it: "Is the present Appellant the owner of more than 50% of the privately owned land in the area in question?"

MR. DISESA: "I am assuming that the Planning Board would have verified this before now."

MR. FREDERICKS: "Is a person with an option to buy considered an owner?"

MR. DISESA: "A person with an option to buy is not the owner."

MR. FREDERICKS: "The Board has had an answer."

MR. DISESA: "They are not the owner in Fee Simple, but they do have an interest."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I therefore call this Out of Order so that we may obtain a more detailed opinion from the Corporation Counsel before considering this Appeal."

Mr. DiSesa explained that Mr. Hanrahan was on his way to the meeting, so the matter was held in abeyance until he could give a more detailed opinion.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Mr. Bradbury MOVED for acceptance of the Minutes of January 3, 1956. Seconded by Mr. Findlay and CARRIED



unanimously.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

##### Steering Committee:

Mr. Connors, Chairman, read the Minutes of the Steering Committee:

##### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held January 23, 1956

The Steering Committee of the Board of Representatives met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:15 P.M. The following members were present: George Connors, Chairman; George Georgoulis, Joseph Iacovo, John Macrides, Joseph Milano, Norton Rhoades, Stephen Kelly, William Kaminski and Vincent Vitti. The absent members were: Alanson Fredericks, Paul Plotkin, Rutherford Huizinga, Robert Lewis, Irving Snyder and Helen Peatt.

The following communications were read:

1. Letter dated Dec. 20, 1955 from the Personnel Director in regard to procedure to follow in presenting matters to the Personnel Commission. Referred to Personnel Committee.
2. Letter from Mayor Quigley dated Dec. 23, 1956, in answer to memo re Boat Basin, Dyke Park. Ordered filed.
3. Letter from Mayor Quigley dated Dec. 23, 1956 submitting nomination of Raymond B. Arnow as a member of Sewer Commission to replace the late William F. Jordan. Referred to Appointments Committee.
4. Letter from Mayor Quigley dated Jan. 23, 1956, re proposed resolution, authorizing New England Disaster Relief office to proceed with channel clearance on Rippowam River. Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.
5. Letter from Mayor Quigley dated Jan. 23, 1956, re proposed resolution, authorizing the filing of application with U. S. government for advance to permit building a municipal health center. Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and Health & Protection Committee.
6. Letter dated Jan. 13, 1956 from Paul Plotkin enclosing proposed ordinance re fluoridation of Stamford water supply system. Referred to Health & Protection Committee and Legislative & Rules Committee.
7. Letter dated Jan. 16, 1956 from Mrs. Doris Zuckert re identification cards for Board members and health menace in uncovered garbage cans. Referred to Public Works and Health & Protection Committees.
8. Letter dated Jan. 3, 1956 from Mr. Macrides re problem incurred by a Superintendent of an apartment building during holiday season when garbage remained uncollected. Referred to Public Works and Health & Protection Committees.





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9. Letter dated Jan. 23, 1956 from John Nolan, proposing a suggested resolution opposing Senate Bill 1853. Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.
10. Letter dated Jan. 16, 1956 from Gruber & Turkel, law firm, requesting Board to pass a resolution requesting the Legislature to hold another Special Session devoted to the question of rent controls. Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.
11. Letter from Stamford Republican Women's Club, dated Jan. 13, 1956, enclosing copy of letter sent to Mayor Quigley on the advisability of painting a white line at the edge of roadways. Ordered filed.
12. Letter dated Jan. 13, 1956 from Walter A. Wachter, Director of Planning & Zoning, enclosing transcript of proceedings of hearing on Revere Homes, Inc., and minutes of Zoning Board of Jan. 5, 1956 when Zoning Board disapproved their application for change from R-5 multiple family district to a CN neighborhood business district. Referred to Legislative & Rules and Planning & Zoning Committees.
13. Letter dated Jan. 3, 1956 from Woodland Day Camp Committee of Girl Scouts, requesting permission to use land adjoining their property on Scofield Town Road for exploratory hikes by the Scouts. Referred to Public Welfare & Recreation Committee.
14. Letter dated Jan. 5, 1956 from Peter Delancy re golf course for City. Placed on file.
15. Letter dated Dec. 28, 1955, from Cummings & Lockwood, attorneys representing Standard Brands, Inc., requesting portion of Betts Avenue, presently a City road, taken over by the City on Aug. 19, 1946, be returned to them as a private road. Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee.
16. Letter dated Jan. 16, 1956 from Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, giving opinion as to whether Board of Representatives may legally act upon the balance of appropriation for Registrars of Voters, requested in Mayor Quigley's letter of Nov. 3, 1955, which was partially approved by Board at the Dec. 12, 1955 meeting. Placed on File.
17. Letter dated Jan. 20, 1956, from Sewer Commission, addressed to Mayor Quigley, with copies to all members of the Board, enclosing proposed ordinance to be adopted by the Board of Representatives, regulating sewerage problems. Referred to Legislative & Rules and Public Works Committees.

On motion of Mr. Rhoades, seconded by Mr. Macrides, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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George V. Connors,  
Chairman, Steering Committee

Fiscal Committee:

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MR. KAMINSKI read the report of the Fiscal Committee.

REPORT OF FISCAL COMMITTEE

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STAMFORD, CONN.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fiscal Committee was held January 16, 1956, 8:00 P. M. at the home of Mr. William J. Brett.

Members present were: Mrs. Doris Zuckert, Messrs. William J. Brett, Edward P. Wynn, Jr., Charles W. Bradbury, Rutherford Huizinga and William C. Kaminski.

The Fiscal Committee considered all appropriations given approval by the Board of Finance at their meeting of January 13, 1956, plus items that were deferred at our January 3, 1956 meeting.

- (1) Additional appropriation, Tax Assessor's office, as requested in Mayor's letter of Dec. 16, 1955 - \$1,250.00. Maintenance and machine rental was reduced to \$313.00 by the Board of Finance, leaving a total of \$1,113.00 for all three requests.

The Fiscal Committee unanimously recommends approval of the amount, as approved by the Board of Finance - \$1,113.00.

- (2) Special appropriation request of Fire Chief Thomas Richardson, as requested in Mayor's letter of Jan. 6, 1956, and reduced by the Board of Finance. \$25,000 was requested, but reduced to \$15,000 by the Board of Finance. This money is to be used to defray the cost of changing the location of approximately 23 Fire Hydrants which will be affected by the Greenwich-Killingly Expressway.

The Fiscal Committee unanimously recommends approval of the amount of \$15,000, for Fire Department, Code 441.12.

- (3) Special appropriation request of the Registrar of Voters, as requested in Mayor's letter of Jan. 6, 1956, for \$4,173.25. The Board of Finance reduced this request to \$3,056.25 by deducting the \$1,117 we deferred at our January 3rd meeting. This leaves a total of \$3,056.25, General Election Expense, Code 100.53, Registrars of Voters.

The Fiscal Committee unanimously recommends the approval of \$3,056.25, for Registrars of Voters, Code 100.53, as approved by the Board of Finance on Jan. 13, 1956.

- (4) \$1,117.00, Registrars of Voters, Code 100.53. This is the amount we deferred at our Jan. 3, 1956 meeting, pending a written opinion by the Corporation Counsel on whether or not we can act on the remainder of the appropriation request in the Mayor's letter of Nov. 3, 1955.

The Fiscal Committee received a written opinion from Mr. Hanrahan, Corporation Counsel, in which he states: "In my opinion you may act upon the balance at your February meeting."

The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending the approval of





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\$1,117.00, Code 100.53, Registrars of Voters.

- (5) Deferred item of \$2,000.00 requested by Mr. Chase, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works (See Acting Mayor Connor's letter of Oct. 10, 1955) for ELM STREET SCHOOL maintenance.

This request was originally for \$2,500 and reduced to \$2,000.00 by the Board of Finance on Dec. 12, 1955, and deferred by the Board of Representatives at our January 3, 1956 meeting, pending answer to letter sent to Mayor requesting advice as to disposition or use of this building. The Fiscal Committee received a letter from Mayor Quigley in answer to our request for this information.

The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending the approval of \$2,000.00 Code No. 416A-18A, Maintenance of Elm Street School.

- (6) Special request by the Police Department for \$3,400.00 (see Mayor's letter of January 6, 1956). The item Code No. 430.6A, Identification Bureau - Photographic Supplies, \$2,000.00 was reduced to \$500.00 by the Board of Finance on Jan. 13, 1956, making a total of \$1,900.00.

The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending approval of \$1,900.00 for the Police Department.

- (7) Special request, Commissioner of Finance, as requested in Mayor's letter of Sept. 8, 1955 - \$150.00 Salary, Executive Secretary.

This item was deferred at our January 3, 1956 meeting, pending certification of reclassification. We have a letter from Mr. Halpern, Personnel Director, certifying a reclassification of position of Secretary to that of Executive Secretary, effective January 1, 1956.

The Fiscal Committee was unanimous in recommending the approval of \$150., Code 480.1, office of Commissioner of Finance.

- (8) Special request of Board of Representatives in letter from Mayor of Jan. 13, 1956, requesting \$150.00, Code 200.6 Supplies & Postage Account.

The Fiscal Committee is unanimous in recommending the approval of this request.

William C. Kaminski,  
Chairman  
Fiscal Committee

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- (1) \$1,113.00 - Tax Assessor's Office (See Mayor's letter 12/16/55)

Code 571.3 Stationery, Supplies & Postage.....	\$300.00
Code 571.4 Advertising & Printing.....	500.00
Code 571.14 Maintenance & Machine Rental.....	313.00

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$1,113.00 for the Tax Assessor's office. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

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- (2) \$15,000.00 - Fire Department (Mayor's letter of 1/6/56)

Code 441.12 - Fire Hydrants

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$15,000.00 for the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$3,056.25 - Registrars of Voters (Mayor's letter of 1/6/56)

Code 100.53 - General Election Expense

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$3,056.25 for the Registrars of Voters. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$1,117.00 - Registrars of Voters (Mayor's letter of 11/3/55)

Code 100.53 - General Election Expense

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$1,117.00 being balance remaining which was deferred at the January 3, 1956 meeting of this Board. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) \$2,000.00 - Department of Public Works (Mayor's letter of 10/10/55)

Code 416A-18A - ELM STREET SCHOOL maintenance.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$2,000 for Department of Public Works for maintenance of Elm Street School. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. SNYDER asked that the Mayor's letter, explaining the use or disposition of this building (requested by the Board at their January meeting) be read. Mr. Kaminski complied with his request, reading the following letter:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

January 16, 1956

Mr. William C. Kaminski, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee  
Board of Representatives

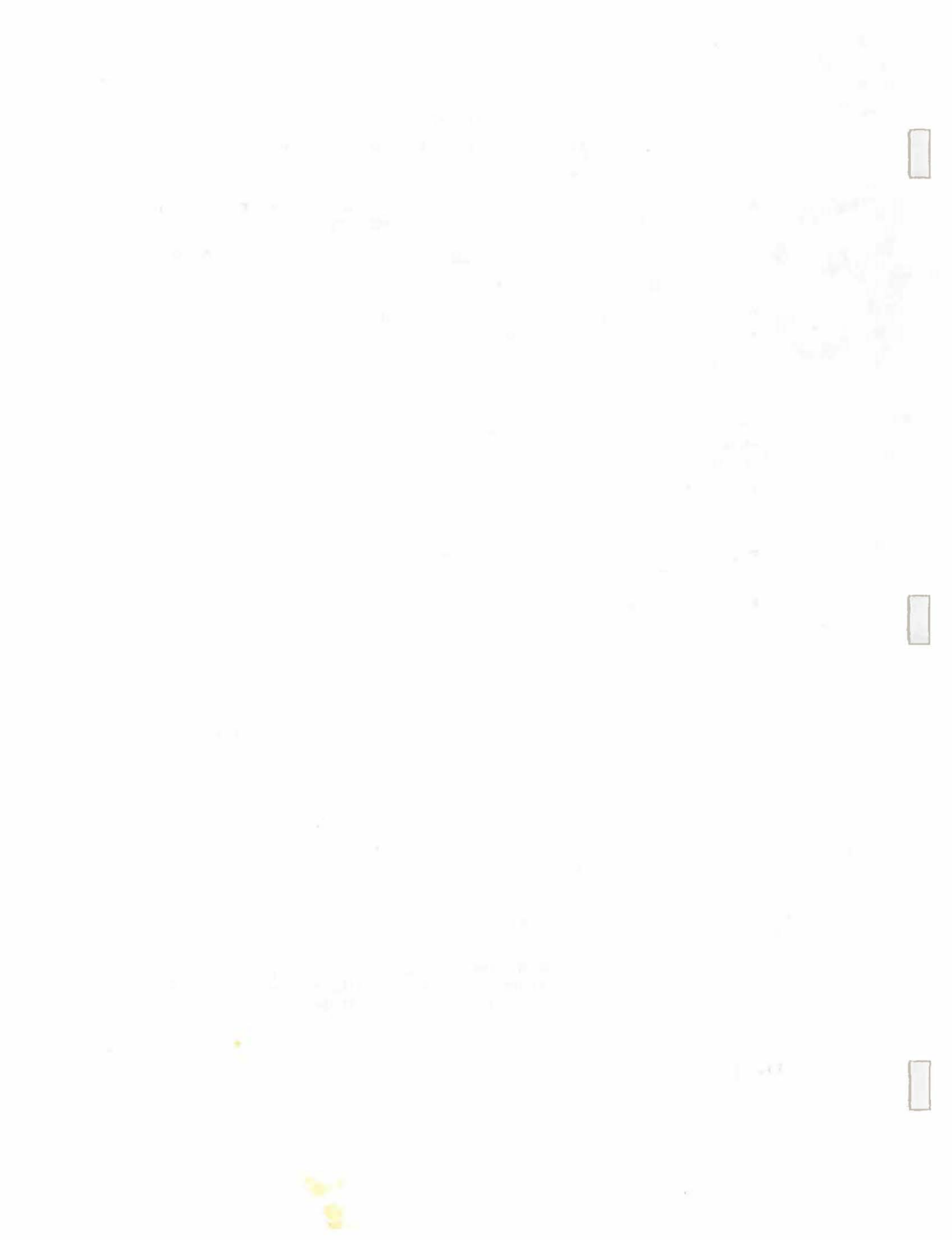
SUBJECT: Public Works Department \$2,000 appropriation  
ELM STREET SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Kaminski:

As per your request of January 12th, I would like to state that the general duty of the Public Works Department is to protect and preserve all City-owned buildings

Inasmuch as the Elm Street School was abandoned by the Board of Education, it was incumbent upon the City to take over and at the same time use this building for whatever purposes would be of most benefit to those looking for space.

Many requests were made to me for areas and meeting places of dif-





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ferent organizations in the City that more or less performed public and quasi-public duties. For that reason, I felt that the building could be used on a temporary basis by the Police Association, also the Stamford Teachers' Association, and the Area Headquarters for Civilian Defense.

These tenants are in there for the time being. I have further requests for the use of the building by teen-agers, also by the Girls' Club and the Boys' Club. These latter groups, you can rest assured, could get some very good use out of this building until such time as we are ready to dispose of same.

I am sure your Board does not wish duplication of the situation that we had at the old Hubbard Heights Golf Course, and also the Cummings Park Pavilion.

My particular suggestion would be that we keep this property in useable condition until such time as a buyer would come along and purchase this land and building for not only a good business asset to the City, but naturally a good tax return as well.

I think it would be difficult to abandon this building at this time because I feel that it will have greater value when the Thruway is completed.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

MR. RHOADES: "Is there any possibility of this being used by the Stamford Boxing Club?"

MR. KELLY: "I have heard that it can be used by the Veterans' Administration and by the Personnel Commission, who will put it to good use."

MR. HANRAHAN arrived at 8:50 P.M.

MR. KAMINSKI continued with the Fiscal matters on the Agenda. Vote taken on \$2,000 for Elm Street School maintenance and CARRIED unanimously.

(6) \$1,900.00 - Police Department (Mayor's letter of 1/6/56)

Code 430.6A Identification Bureau, photographic supplies, etc.....	\$500.00
Code 430.17A Oil.....	\$550.00
Gasoline.....	<u>850.00</u>
	<u>1,400.00</u>
	<u>\$1,900.00</u>

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$1,900 for the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

(7) \$150.00 - Commissioner of Finance (Mayor's letter of 9/8/55)

Code 480.1 - Salary, Executive Secretary (re-classification of position from Secretary to Executive Secretary)



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MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$150 for office of Commissioner of Finance. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(8) \$150.00 - Board of Representatives (Mayor's letter of 1/13/56)

Code 200.6 - Supplies & Postage Account

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of \$150 for Board of Representatives. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

MR. PLOTKIN, Chairman, read the report of the Joint Committee meeting held on January 18, 1956.

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD JAN. 18, 1956

The meeting of the Special Joint Committee was held Wednesday, January 18, 1956, in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8:30 P.M. Present were: Ellis Baker, Clement Raiteri, Jr., George Russell and Paul Plotkin from the Legislative and Rules Committee; Anthony Kolich, Eugene Barry, Thomas Topping and Alan Ketcham from the Public Works Committee; William Murphy from the Planning & Zoning Committee (also represented by George Russell, Thomas Topping and Edward Czupka); Arthur DiSesa, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Walter A. Wachter, Planning & Zoning Director; John J. Denham, Planning Board; Charles White, City Engineer; George Georgoulis, Majority Leader; George Connors, President, Board of Representatives; Patrick J. Scarella, Commissioner of Public Works; Andrew Thorpe, Health Department; and Carl Tobyansen, Deputy Building Official.

INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL:

This is not a problem of needing more men to do a more efficient job, but a problem where the departments represented candidly admitted that they cannot do the job that they are supposed to do. The Engineering Department now has an appropriation in for three additional men, but, at the rate allowed, they are unable to fill these positions. The problem then is one of not only enlarging the personnel of these departments, but also one of raising the salary schedule.

ROAD SPECIFICATIONS:

The general consensus of opinion was that our present specifications of gravel and oil are poor. The City Engineer suggested that the specifications be changed to require 6 inches of broken stone with 2 inches of asphalt on top. The question then arose, because of the increased cost to the developer - should the City bear the cost of the asphalt?

It was also suggested that the developer provide curbs, either finish or rough. Also, that the developer put in the fire hydrants when the water mains are installed - the City would provide the hydrants at no cost to the developer.

ROAD ACCEPTANCE:





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The Planning Board has suggested the following:

"No performance bond shall be released by the Planning Board until the street or streets covered by said performance bond is accepted by the Board of Representatives, except that in the case a developer desires to continue the street or streets in a private status, it will be necessary, before final approval of the subdivision by the Planning Board, for the developer to assure the Planning Board, in writing, that each deed to every lot in the subdivision will contain an agreement to the effect that the purchaser understands that the street upon which his lot abuts is to be kept a private street."

ROAD ACCEPTANCE (cont'd)

The general consensus of opinion was that the present interval between the release of bond and the acceptance of roads was bad and that the general idea of the above suggestion was preferable.

It was also suggested that no streets be accepted until after they had withstood the test of one winter.

CONSTRUCTION OF LAKES:

It was suggested that our zoning regulations provide for construction of lakes, with appropriate safeguards to prevent gravel pits under the guise of lakes. It was suggested that the regulations in force in Darien on this be examined.

PAUL A. PLOTKIN,  
Chairman

PP/vf

Mr. Plotkin explained the reason for the meeting and said he hoped that a precedent had been established because a great deal had been accomplished and could be accomplished in the future by this sort of meeting. He said: "This is something that involves teamwork. The first problem was the problem of personnel. The various department representatives present at the meeting admitted that they were unable to do a better job and were handicapped by the lack of personnel."

There was considerable discussion at this point and Mr. Plotkin said: "There is no sense in bringing this to the attention of the Board if we are not going to do something about following this up."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "Since the budgets are now being prepared, would this not be a proper time to write a letter to the Mayor asking for more personnel for these departments? I MOVE that a letter be written to the Mayor, incorporating the idea of additional personnel." Seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. SNYDER MOVED to AMEND: "This would have to originate with the department head in question. I would like to AMEND this by saying that we ask that the communication be addressed to the Mayor requesting that he ask the various department heads to indicate their needs."

144.1 MR. PLOTKIN: "It won't do a bit of good to write a letter to the Mayor.

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It seems that what we have to do is get the Public Works Committee and the Personnel Committee to meet with the heads of these departments, with the Commissioner of Public Works and review each department's need so their needs can be more specific. We have to get our Committees out and meet with these various department heads."

MR. RHODES: "I had two ideas, but Paul caught up with them - I think it is essential that the final decision in these cases should rest with the Board of Finance and our Board and the department heads can come in and present their needs for additional personnel."

MR. TOPPING: "Last year in our budget for the Public Works Department we had a salary provided for young engineers - a starting salary which was below what we could get them to start at. We have got to revise our salary schedule if we expect to attract competent personnel - it will have to be raised to a point where it will attract people to want to work for the City."

MRS. ZUCKERT: "The Mayor gives the first cut to the original budget, so why not begin there?"

MR. FREDERICKS: "There is a crying need for personnel and something must be done to meet this need."

MRS. ZUCKERT, after some discussion, withdrew her motion in favor of one offered by Mr. Plotkin.

MR. SNYDER: "I am entirely in sympathy with what you are asking and realize we must not usurp the powers of the Mayor, but by Mrs. Zuckert's motion we are merely bringing this to the Mayor's attention and are requesting him to get together with the various department heads."

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED that we send a letter to the Mayor to ask the various department heads, Civic Boards and Commissions that are concerned with the various problems to meet with the Mayor jointly to discuss the matter. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

Mr. Russell suggested that the interested Committees of this Board also be added. After some discussion, Mr. Fredericks suggested a rewording of Mr. Plotkin's motion.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that a letter go from the Board of Representatives to the Mayor requesting that he refer the questions raised in the report of the Joint Committee to the proper elective and appointive Boards and Commissions of the City and the appropriate committees of the Board of Representatives. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED Unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN: "The other problems raised were in regard to road specifications." He read from the report on "Road Acceptance."

MR. SNYDER: "I am wholeheartedly in favor of that last thing. I think it also should be added that the expenses of the street repairs be carried by the property owner until the road has been accepted."

MR. CZUPKA: "I think the Planning Board regulates that."

1411 MR. FREDERICKS: "I think what Mr. Snyder had in mind was to have that





incorporated in the deed so that the purchaser would know what he was expected to do."

Mr. Plotkin finished reading the report, after which there was considerable discussion and suggestions in regard to street signs and the digging up of roads for the laying of pipelines. Mr. Kelly explained that the street signs were taken down for the reason that they were first attached to the poles owned by the lighting company.

(6) Re: Appeal, Revcore Homes, Inc. from decision of Zoning Board on decision for change from R-5 multiple family district to CN neighborhood business district.

MR. PLOTKIN requested that the Board take up item No. 6 on the Agenda next because the Corporation Counsel was now present and could render a decision.

MR. FREDERICKS questioned Mr. Hanrahan, repeating his previous question in regard to the appeal, saying: "The question was that there is some information that the present Appellant is not the owner in Fee."

MR. HANRAHAN: "The transcript would seem to indicate that the Appellant has a contract to buy the property and is not the owner of more than 50% of the privately owned land in the area included in the proposed amendment as required by the Charter. It raises a jurisdictional question. The Board is without jurisdiction to entertain such an appeal unless it is brought by the proper party. My reaction would be that he does not own the property, but only holds an option, or contract, to buy."

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for suspension of rules in order to act on item No. 6 on the Agenda under Legislative and Rules Committee. Seconded by Mr. Rhoades and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. GEORGOULIS MOVED that the matter be Tabled. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

Mr. Topping withdrew his seconding of the motion, as he said he had misunderstood Mr. Georgoulis and thought he had said "take up" the appeal.

However, Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Plotkin both seconded Mr. Georgoulis' motion to table. VOTE taken and CARRIED, 21 in favor and 16 opposed.

MR. FREDERICKS: "The motion has been made to Table. Is it the intention of this Board and the Legislative and Rules Committee to find out and get a legal opinion, because if this Board has jurisdiction, it should be heard on its merits."

MR. NOLAN: "Our Minority Leader has sprung something about which we know nothing. I think we should table this until we can look into this further."

MR. FREDERICKS: "I only heard about this today."

MR. KAMINSKI: "The question is dead and cannot be further debated - it is not in order at this time to debate the question."



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(2) Resolution re special session of Legislature on extension of rent controls.

MR. PLOTKIN presented the following letter from the law firm of Gruber and Turkel:

GRUBER & TURKEL  
Attorneys At Law  
1 Bank Street  
Stamford, Connecticut

January 16, 1956

George Connors, Esq.  
President, Board of Representatives  
Town Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

No doubt you are aware that the State rent Control statute will expire by its terms on March 31, 1956 because of the failure of the Legislature to extend the same at the special session held in December, 1955. Under such circumstances the tendency on the part of landlords is to indulge in unconscionable rent gouging with demands for rent increases ranging from 50 to 100 percent, which was the recent experience in Greenwich when controls were lifted.

I think you will agree that a serious emergency condition exists in Stamford because of displacement of tenants for throughway construction, urban redevelopment, and flood damage, and construction of new moderate or low cost rental housing is unable to keep up with the demand.

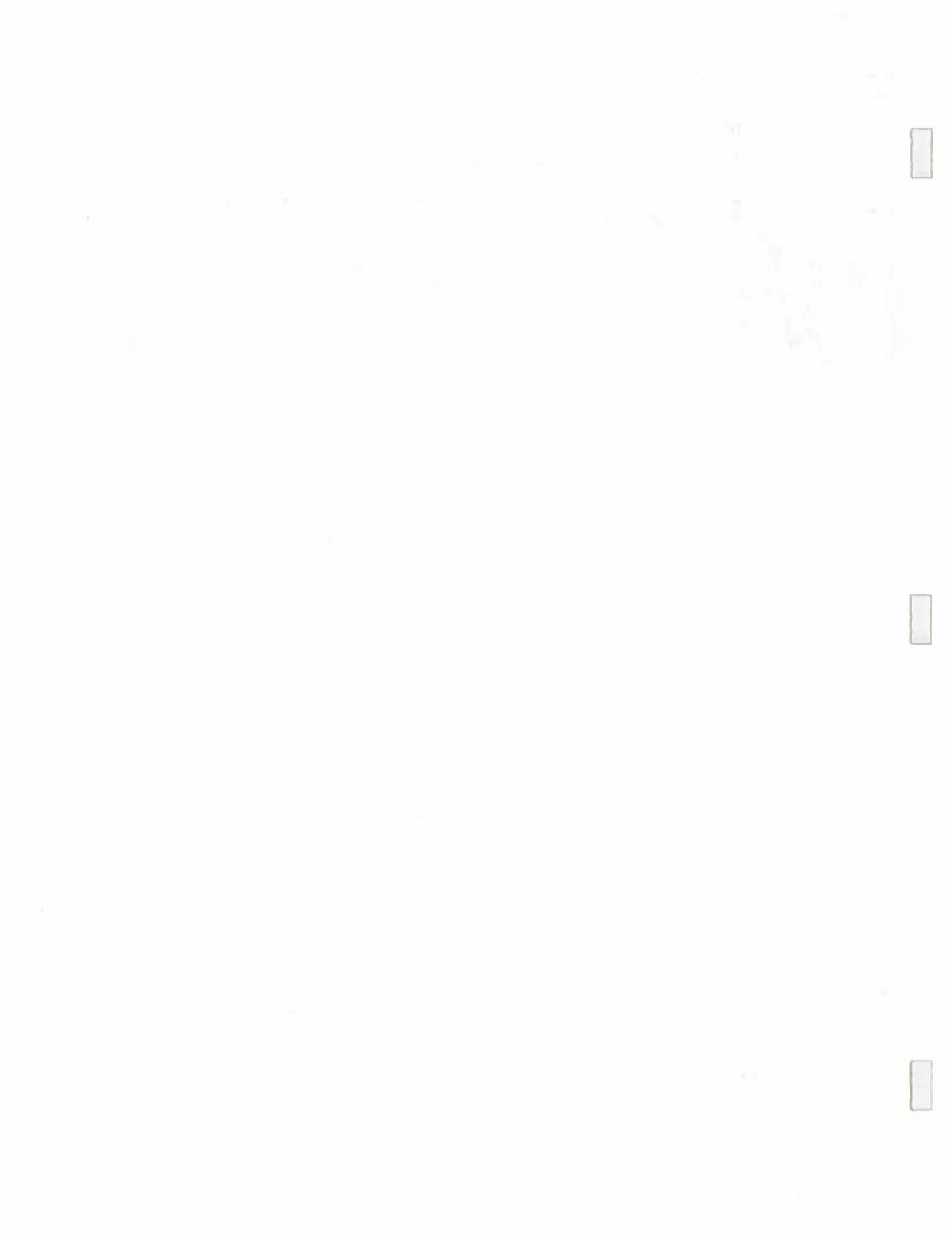
It would be appreciated if you could advise me at your earliest opportunity if the Board of Representatives has given any thought to the possibility of passing a resolution memorializing the Governor and the Legislature to hold another special session devoted to this question alone, at which further extension of rent controls may be enacted, at least to provide for local option which will give each community in the State an opportunity to protect its citizens if such protection is deemed necessary. At the same time, perhaps you could indicate if any thought is being given to the possibility of enacting a local ordinance regardless of any action by the State Legislature to the end that rent controls be retained at least in Stamford.

Very truly yours,

Milton Turkel

MT/mgt  
cc: Paul A. Plotkin

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A recess was called at 9:25 P.M. to allow the spectators to leave. The recess was over at 9:40 P.M. and the Board resumed its session.

Mr. Plotkin returned to the business at hand before the recess and stated "Since no action has been requested of this Board, I do not see that any has to be taken."

MR. BAKER MOVED that a letter be sent to Mr. Turkel, explaining that the Board has no jurisdiction in this matter - that it is a matter for the State Legislature to handle. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Ordinance Creating Flood and Erosion Control Board

Mr. Plotkin presented the following letter from Mayor Quigley:

M A Y O R ' S   O F F I C E

Dec. 28, 1955

Board of Representatives  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re. Establishment of Flood and Erosion  
Control Board

Public Act 509 adopted by the 1955 General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, effective June 22, 1955, provides a means by which towns and municipalities may co-ordinate their efforts for flood control and shore erosion projects with those of adjacent communities, the State of Connecticut and the United States.

Section 6 of said Act provides that:

"Any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, as defined in Section 391C (1953 Supplement - in our case, Board of Representatives) adopt provisions of this Act and exercise through a Flood and Erosion Control Board, the powers granted hereunder."

Said section provides that the legislative body of the town may act as such Board. However, an examination of the provisions of the Act would seem to indicate that the attention to detail and the time required to carry out this provision is such that it would be in the best interest of Stamford to set up a separate Board.

I am enclosing a suggested draft of an ordinance creating such a Board.

I have been in consultation in Hartford during the last few weeks with representatives of the state and the heads of towns and municipalities concerning this problem. It was the consensus of



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these conferences that the creation of such a Board in the various towns and municipalities would enable a portion of the expense of surveys and work projects of flood control and shore erosion to be reimbursed by state and federal funds. It was also the feeling of these meetings that it is necessary for communities to come to an early decision as to the advisability of participating in the flood and erosion program of the state and federal government.

I therefore request that you submit this proposal to your Legislative and Rules Committee for their consideration and early action.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. J. Quigley,  
Mayor

The following ordinance was adopted by a more than two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Representatives, to wit: a unanimous vote of 37 in favor:

ORDINANCE NO. 49 - ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Code of General Ordinances of Stamford, Connecticut, 1950, be and it is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following new Chapter, designated Chapter 31.

Chapter 31  
Flood and Erosion Control Board

Sec. 1. There shall be in the City of Stamford a Flood and Erosion Control Board (hereinafter called the "Board") which shall consist of five regular members, at least two of whom shall be civil engineers or persons qualified by at least three years practical experience, and the following members ex officio: The Mayor, The Commissioner of Public Works, the City Engineer and the Planning Director. Each regular member shall serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, except that the original appointments shall consist of one regular member to serve until December 1, 1956, one to serve until December 1, 1957, one to serve until December 1, 1958, one to serve until December 1959 and one to serve until December 1960.

Sec. 2. The provisions of Chapter 50 of the Charter shall govern the manner of appointing and removing regular Board members, the filling of vacancies, the appointment of a clerk, the custody of records and the holding of meetings.

Sec. 3. The Board shall perform such duties and have such powers as are or may be imposed by the General Statutes upon municipal authorities.

Sec. 4. The ex-officio members shall have all the privileges of the regular members, excluding that of voting.





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

The provisions for introduction and publication prior to the date of the adoption, as required in Section 204.1 of the Charter were deemed dispensed with because of the emergency situation created by flood conditions in the recent past and imminent in the future.

MR. PLOTKIN presented the following Resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Seconded by Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 207: CHANNEL CLEARANCE - RIPPOWAM RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford and it is hereby resolved that the Mayor of said City is authorized to enter into and execute the attached Waiver and Release, granting permission to the New England Disaster Relief office to go forward with the execution and channel clearance as indicated on the drawing entitled: "Channel Clearance at Stamford, Conn. number RIP-1-1001" and dated 3 January 1956.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for SUSPENSION OF RULES in order that a second resolution may be introduced in regard to the Noroton River channel clearance. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 208: CHANNEL CLEARANCE - NOROTON RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford and it is hereby resolved that the Mayor of said City is authorized to enter into and execute the attached Waiver and Release, granting permission to the New England Disaster Relief office to go forward with the execution and channel clearance as indicated on the drawing entitled: "Channel Clearance at Stamford & Darien, Conn., Noroton River Flood Emergency, Number NOR-1-1000" and dated Jan. 19, 1956.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for acceptance of the above resolution No. 208. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. PLOTKIN MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Kolich:

RESOLUTION NO. 209: SENATE BILL 1853

RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford opposes Senate Bill 1853 sponsored by Senator J. William Fulbright, which removes the production of natural gas from Federal regulation, thereby circumventing the decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court on June 7, 1954.

Mr. Nolan spoke on the resolution and urged that it be adopted by the Board.

MR. SNYDER: "We have never done this before and I am wondering if we know the reason why we are doing it now."

Mr. Nolan explained the reasons why he considered it important for the Board to go on record as being opposed to this Bill. He said: "I think this is of vital interest to the City of Stamford and that we should let the people of Stamford know we are protecting their



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in forests."

MR. SNYDER: "Isn't it correct that the charges levied against the local consumers are controlled by the Public Utilities Commission? I fail to see why this body, without more study being given to it should go on record as taking a stand opposing this Bill."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the QUESTION on Resolution No. 209. CARRIED 32 voting in favor and 5 opposed.

MR. PLOTKIN requested that the Mayor's request, contained in his letter of January 23, 1956, in which a proposed Resolution is submitted, regarding the authorization for filing application for an advance to provide for the preliminary planning of a Municipal Public Health Building to be kept in Committee for further consideration. Permission was granted.

Re: Building Code, City of Stamford, Conn.

Mr. Plotkin stated that his Committee had been working on the new Building Code for over two years, but that it would have to be held up for a few more months because the Plumbing Regulations were being gone over by the Master Plumbers and until they had finished with their recommendations the Committee could not go ahead with the printing of the new Code.

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED that the President of the Board of Representatives reactivate the Charter Revision Committee. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

MR. RHOADES agreed that this would be an excellent idea. Vote taken that the CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE be reactivated. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRIDES spoke re appeals from the Zoning and Planning Boards. He said: "We should somehow or other try to curb this growing practice of appeals from the decisions of the various boards." He MOVED to resolve that this Board shall not in the future act on any appeals which are referred to us by these boards and said:

"RESOLVED that in the future in regard to applications for appeals from the decisions of the Planning and/or Zoning Boards, this Board will not act.

MR. SNYDER spoke against this being done and said: "I am unequivocally opposed to this being done."

MR. PLOTKIN seconded Mr. Macrides' resolution.

MR. LEWIS: "This Board is elected and not appointed and if you take the right of appeal away you are defeating the intent of the Charter, which was approved at the time by many civic groups."

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED that Mr. Macrides' resolution be Laid on the Table. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert. LOST by a vote of 19 opposed and 18 in favor.

MR. LEWIS MOVED that this be re-committed to an appropriate Committee of the Board.





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MR. RHOADES: "This is a matter that properly belongs to a Charter Revision Committee of this Board. This is out of order, anyway, because we did not suspend the rules before consideration; I don't think we should act on this tonight"

MR. NOLAN MOVED to AMEND that this be submitted to the Legislative & Rules and the Planning & Zoning Committees. Seconded by Mr. Topping.

MR. LEWIS accepted this amendment.

MR. KAMINSKI supported Mr. Rhoades and Mr. Lewis and said: "I don't think we should take any hasty action at this time, but we should consider it very carefully from all angles."

MR. MACRIDES asked for permission to withdraw the resolution. Mr. Kaminski MOVED that the resolution be withdrawn. Seconded by several and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. MACRIDES requested the members of the Board to give the necessary thought to how future appeals should be handled.

MR. CONNORS requested that he speak on this subject and Mr. Macrides took the Chair while he addressed the Board.

MR. CONNORS explained that in order for the Board to consider these appeals from the Planning and Zoning Boards that it was necessary to have copies of the transcript of testimony taken at the Zoning or Planning Board hearing. The transcript of testimony taken by the Stenotypist hired for the occasion is very expensive and only one copy is furnished. It then remains for the Board of Representatives to have copies made for each member of the Board. Inasmuch as the last testimony was 90 pages long, and most of them are lengthy, it would require a large appropriation to take care of the additional expense of having copies made, which would run into a very substantial sum. He explained further that if the Board are to consider these appeals, any member of the Board can be subpoenaed to appear in Court to testify and would have to study all papers submitted very carefully, so it would be necessary that each and every member of the Board be furnished with copies of all papers in connection with the appeal.

Mr. Connors resumed the Chair.

MR. PLOTKIN: "Unless we have copies of the transcript for each member of the Board, I think we should not try to consider these appeals."

MR. FREDERICKS raised a Point of Order and read from Robert's Rules of Order in regard to debate on this subject when the request was not made for Suspension of the Rules.

Appointments Committee:

- (1) Commissioner of Finance: Thomas Morrissey, Jr.

MR. GEORGOULIS, Chairman, read his Committee report on Mr. Morrissey's qualifications and MOVED for approval of his appointment. Seconded by Mr. Plotkin and CARRIED 27, in favor and 11 opposed.



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- (2) Board of Tax Review: Samuel M. Picciallo, to replace Joseph T. Greaney. Term to Expire Dec. 1, 1960

MR. GEORGOULIS read the Committee report on Mr. Picciallo's qualifications and MOVED for approval of his appointment. Seconded by Mr. Plotkin. LOST, 22 opposed and 16 in favor.

- (3) Zoning Board: John Hogan. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1959.

MR. GEORGOULIS read the Committee report on Mr. Hogan and MOVED for approval of his appointment. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED, 32 in favor and 2 opposed.

- (4) Board of Taxation: Daniel F. B. Hickey. Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960

MR. GEORGOULIS read the Committee report of Mr. Hogan's qualifications. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED, 25 in favor and 13 opposed.

- (5) Hubbard Heights Golf Course: Luke Malloy. (Re-appointment) Term to expire Dec. 1, 1960.

MR. GEORGOULIS read the Committee report of Mr. Malloy's qualifications and MOVED for approval of his appointment. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and CARRIED, 29 in favor and 9 opposed.

#### Public Works Committee:

MR. TCPPING, Chairman, said his Committee had met in joint session with the Legislative & Rules Committee and agreed with their recommendations.

#### Health & Protection Committee:

MR. MILANO, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

#### HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held January 25, 1956

The Health and Protection Committee met at the Safety Center on Wednesday, January 25, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Joseph P. Milano, Chairman; Frank W. Longo, Thomas M. Killeen and John L. DeForest. There was one absent member, Robert Lewis.

In reference to the proposed ordinance for consideration by this Board on the Fluoridation of the water supply, your Committee met with the Commissioner of Health, Dr. James J. Costanzo and he assured this Committee that he is wholeheartedly in favor of the adoption of the proposed ordinance for fluoridation of the Stamford Water supply. Our Committee also recommends the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

In reference to the Mayor's letter of January 23, 1956, regarding the proposed resolution of the Board of Representatives authorizing the filing of an application with the United States of America for an





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advance to provide for the preliminary planning of a Municipal Public Health Building. The Committee questioned the Commissioner of Health concerning the need for a new building. He stated that the present building is inadequate for the fast growing City of Stamford and that economically-wise the City would profit by it, for the City would receive one-third of the cost from the Hilburton Fund, plus the saving of rent. The Committee recommends the approval of the proposed resolution.

In reference to letters received from Mrs. Zuckert and Mr. Macrides, representatives from the 7th and 11th Districts:

The Committee questioned the Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. Patrick Scirella, in regard to uncovered garbage cans and holiday pick-ups. The Commissioner feels that on the one holiday a year which is given the Sanitation Department workers, that the apartment building owners would cooperate a little by having extra cans to tide them over. He also made the suggestion that he would request home owners, through the press, to obtain covers for their garbage cans and also that he would ask his Sanitation Department to begin work at 7:00 A.M. instead of 8:00 A.M.

The Committee feels that this Board could publicize this request through the newspapers and radio.

The attached reports from the Safety Center are to be considered a part of this report.

JOSEPH P. MILANO, Chairman

PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE: FLUORIDATION

WHEREAS, it has been proved, both through the medium of scientific testing and through the many years of actual practical experience of various municipalities throughout the country, that the presence of fluorides in the drinking water supplied the public has a known beneficial effect upon the condition of the teeth of the entire population both in adults and in children, but particularly in the case of children; and

WHEREAS, in the nearby community of Newburgh, New York, a test of ten years was taken in which the addition of fluoride to the public water supplies was maintained at a level of 1.0 part per million, and this study with others made at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brantford, Ontario, and Evanston, Illinois, have demonstrated that the addition of one part of fluorine to one million parts of water supplied to said municipalities reduced the incidence of dental caries in the permanent teeth of children as much as from 46.2 to 77 percent and has produced no deleterious effect of any kind on any persons located in said municipalities who have been drinking the water so fortified; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of fluorides into water supplies have been approved by the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the U. S. Public Health Service; the office of the Surgeon General of the U. S. Army, the National Institute of Dental Research, and the American Public Health Association; and

WHEREAS, it has been ruled that the use of fluoride in water



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supplies as a health measure under scientific control would not violate any constitutional or other legal rights of any water user;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD that in the interest of the public health, the Stamford Water Company is hereby empowered and instructed to introduce fluoride in the public water supplies in a concentration adequate for safety and in accordance with regulations, if any, of the Connecticut Department of Health and/or regulations to be prescribed by the Department of Health of the City of Stamford.

MR. MILANO MOVED for acceptance of the Ordinance.

MR. TOPPING asked who was going to pay for this. He said it was a very expensive venture and thought a great deal of consideration should be given to it before embarking on a plan so far-reaching. He stated that it was not only very expensive, but a full time technician would have to be employed to test the water every day to insure the proper dosage was maintained.

MR. NOLAN MOVED that this be re-committed to Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Committee:

MR. CZUPKA, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Feb. 2, 1956

The Planning and Zoning Committee met Feb. 2, 1956 in the City Court Room at 10:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Edward Czupka, Chairman, John Nolan, George Russell and Helen Peatt. Mr. Murphy was unable to attend.

Pepper Ridge Road Acceptance (Oct. 10, 1955 Minutes)

The City Engineer says this road should be accepted in its entirety.

Inasmuch as the City Engineer has brought this road up to acceptable specifications, your Committee recommends its acceptance, for the entire length.

Betts Avenue - Request by Standard Brands, Inc. for road to be returned as a private road.

This road was formerly accepted by the City in 1946. Your Committee requests that this be held in Committee, pending a legal opinion from the Corporation Counsel and further investigation by members of the Committee. The Committee is of the opinion that the deadline for road acceptance has expired. No action by the Board can be taken at this time for this reason.





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Marlou Lane - Request by Rich Construction Co.

Reported out of Committee because of question of manner in presentation and as deadline for road acceptance extension has expired, no action by the Board can be taken at this time.

EDWARD C. CZUPKA, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning Committee

MR. CZUPKA MOVED that the remaining portion of Pepper Ridge Road be accepted as follows: (First portion accepted 10/10/55)

1300 lineal feet, more or less, of blacktop road, extending from Pepper Ridge Place Northerly to the Northerly boundary line of the Newfield School property.

Seconded by Mr. Milano and CARRIED, 36 in favor and 1 opposed.

MR. CZUPKA MOVED that the request to have Betts Avenue returned as a private road, be held in Committee for further consideration and study. Seconded by Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously.

In regard to MARLOU LANE, Mr. Czupka MOVED that no action be taken at this time for the reason that the deadline for acceptance of roads has expired and asked that this remain in Committee. Seconded by Mr. Bradbury and CARRIED unanimously.

Public Welfare & Recreation Committee:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, presented the following report of his Committee:

The Welfare and Recreation Committee met on Thursday evening, January 26, 1956 in the Law Library of the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. with six members present.

A list of all planned winter activities of the Board of Recreation was requested and received from the Board. After going over the list, it was turned over to Mr. McLaughlin, who will visit the places where the various activities are being held and observe, in the hope of coming up with recommendations for the enlargement and improvement of Stamford's over all recreational program.

Mr. McLaughlin attended a talk on recreation given by a member of the National Association of Recreation, who seems to be quite familiar with what Stamford needs in the way of recreation, and I feel that Mr. McLaughlin may have a report to make on his findings at the next Committee meeting.

A letter has been sent by your Chairman to the newly created Park Commission, asking for an opportunity to meet with them to discuss the letter sent to the Board of Representatives by Mr. DeForest, and the hundreds of complaints being received by your Committee regarding Cummings Park and other park areas, wherein there has been destruction and wilful misuse of privileges over quite a period of time.



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To date, the Park Commission has been unable to meet with us, due to reorganization and the time they had to put in on the coming Budget, so at this time I would like to move to have the matter re-committed to committee, or left in Committee, for a report at the next scheduled meeting. This matter has also been referred to your Health and Protection Committee.

The Welfare & Recreation Committee would like to recommend to the Board of Representatives that the Committee now known as the Welfare & Recreation Committee be changed and have it known as the Recreation & Park Committee, due to their more direct relationship (one with the other), Recreation & Parks, and the Welfare part of the present name of the Committee be delegated to the newly formed Education Committee, where we, of the Committee feel it rightfully and more clearly belongs, and I so MOVE.

Respectfully Submitted,

STEPHEN E. KELLY, Chairman  
Salvatore Giuliani  
Frank Longo  
Jack McLaughlin  
William Hearing  
Charles Gilbert  
Edward Wynn

MR. FREDERICKS read from the Rules of the Board in regard to changing a Committee's name and delegation of duties and it was decided to let this go over to the next meeting of the Board.

PETITION NO. 205:

Mr. Kelly presented the following report:

The Woodland Day Camp Committee of the Stamford Association, Girl Scouts, are requesting the use of the property on Scofield-town Road, owned by the City of Stamford, for their 1956 Camp session, which begins June 18th and ends the second week of August.

They are also requesting permission to cross over the rim and use the city property on that side for hikes, exploring on nature walks and for general parts of their outdoor program.

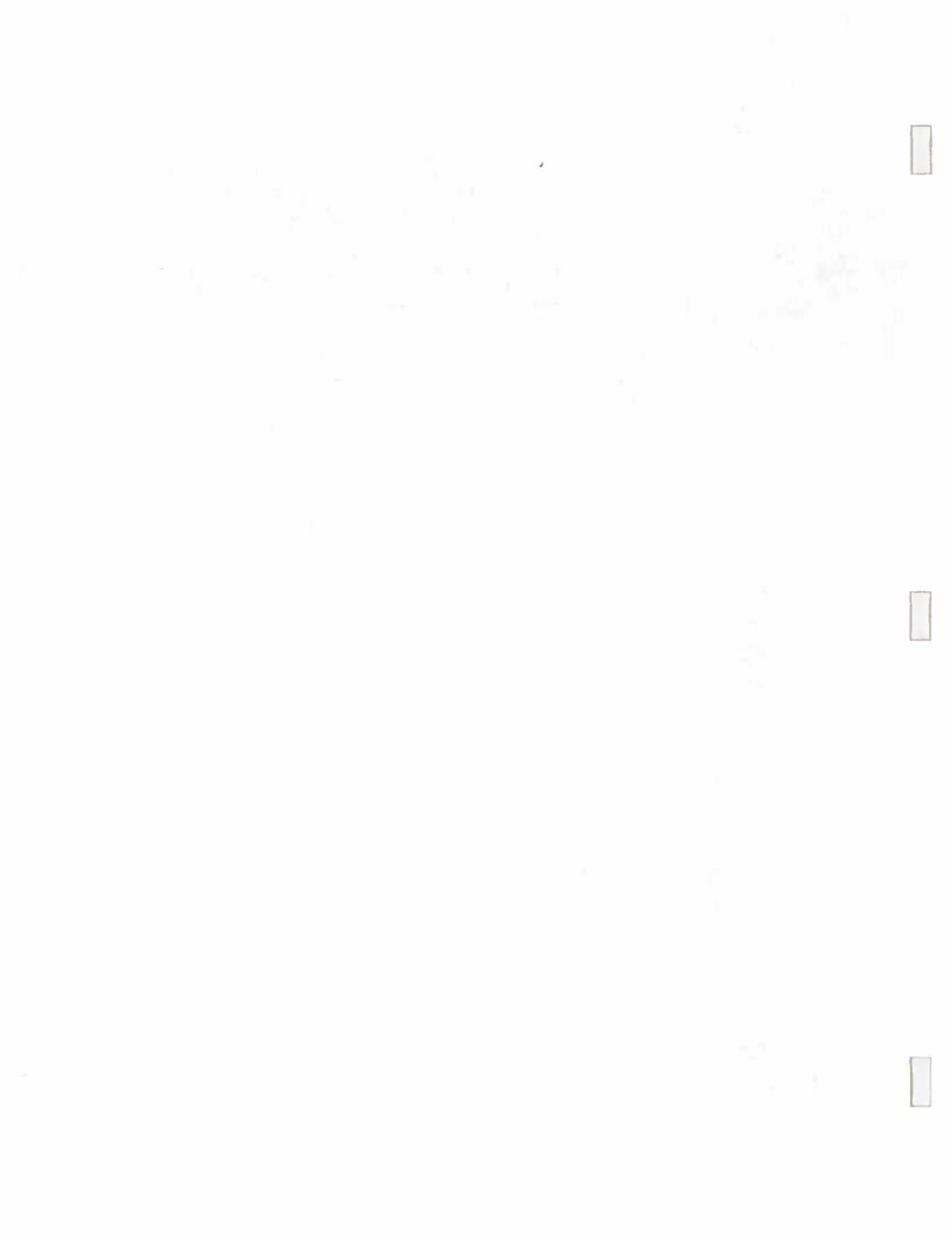
They have had the use of the above mentioned property for several years and have never abused the privileges granted to them by the City. Your Committee feels this is a very worthwhile project and recommends the approval of the granting of the request, and I so MOVE.

STEPHEN E. KELLY,  
Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Wynn and CARRIED unanimously.

Personnel Committee:

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Mr. Waterbury, Chairman, reported that he had been attending the meetings of the Personnel Commission as a "Watch Dog" for the Board, but had not been able to participate.

Committee on Education:

MR. MACRIDES, Chairman, brought up the subject of a letter that had been referred to his Committee from Mr. Iacovo, Representative from the 5th District in regard to elimination of certain holidays. He stated that since the Board of Education have already taken action on this, no further action can be taken by this Board.

He spoke in regard to the Board of Education's Budget requests for the coming fiscal year.

MR. SNYDER suggested that the part of the report concerning the budget of the Board of Education be taken up at the time the Budget is under discussion. This, Mr. Macrides, agreed would be the proper time, so there was no further report.

Re: School Busses: Mr. Macrides said the cost to the local government is prohibitive. He said Mr. Nolan would report at the next meeting of the Committee.

There ensued some discussion as to expenditures required by the Board of Education.

MR. KAMINSKI: "I agree that these guesses as to the amounts that are necessary are hard to understand. What has the Board of Education been turning back into the General Fund?"

MR. MACRIDES: "I do intend to go go further into this matter at a later date."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

(1) The following letter from the Mayor was presented:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

January 23, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors, President  
Board of Representatives

SUBJECT: Boat Basin  
Dyke Park

Dear Mr. Connors:

With reference to your memo, dated January 18th, regarding the boat basin at Dyke Park, please be advised that the Park Department Budget contains an item for a fence to be erected that will act as a safeguard not only for the safety of the people, but also as a means of overcoming any dirt and garbage nuisance that might occur.

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Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

(2) A second letter from the Mayor was presented:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

January 23, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors, President  
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Connors:

I would like to submit the nomination of MR. RAYMOND B. ARNOW, of Cedar Heights Road, Stamford, for membership in our SEWER COMMISSION (to replace the late William F. Jordan) to your Honorable Board.

Mr. Arnow is a member of the Republican Party, and his term would expire December 1, 1957.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

The above letter was referred to the Appointments Committee to interview the applicant and report their recommendations at a future meeting.

(3) A third letter from the Mayor was presented:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

January 31, 1956

Mr. George V. Connors, President  
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Connors:

Recently we sent each member of your Board a copy of correspondence from our Sewer Commission, relating to an Ordinance which they prepared relative to the general health of our community.

I know of no other more important item to be faced than the correction and instituting of an ordinance regulating public and private sewers and drains, their use and effect, as well as their over-all safety towards contributing to make this a healthy City.

165-9 Much work has been done by the Sewer Commission in preparing this ordinance and I ask that it be given every consideration by your Board in order to help the City



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improve the general health requirements of a fast-growing community.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS F. J. QUIGLEY,  
Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Notice of Hearing from Public Utilities Commission:

Docket No. 9282

Application of Stamford Water  
Company to Declare Stockholders'  
Dividend in the Amount of \$500,000

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the office of the Commission, Room 585, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, on Tuesday, February 21, 1956 at 10:30 a.m. on the application of the Stamford Water Company to increase its Capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 by the issuance of 25,000 additional shares of common capital stock at \$20 par value each to the stockholders of record as of March 30, 1956 to be paid for by transfer from the company's surplus account.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 3rd day of February, 1956.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

By George J. Griffin  
Its Secretary

Invitation from S. G. G. A.

Stamford Good Government Association  
79 Prospect Street  
Stamford, Conn.

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

Dear Mr. Connors:

We want to extend to the members of your Board a cordial invitation to preview the "Thruway" model with us on February 15th.

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The attached copy of letter to our membership is self-explanatory. State and City officials have been most enthusiastic about the study and we are



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anxious to have all of the interested groups see it as soon as possible.

Please extend our invitation to the members of the Board and try to be present.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. HERZOG,  
President

Enclosure

The following letter was enclosed with the above communication:

S. G. G. A.

STAMFORD GOOD GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

79 Prospect Street  
Stamford, Conn.

Feb. 2, 1956

Dear Member:

Your Directors take pleasure in inviting you to a preview of the "Thruway" model which has been constructed under the direction of Mr. Joseph Chanko, Chairman of our Civic Development Committee.

The model, 40 feet in length, depicts the route of the "Thruway" through Stamford and its affect on adjacent property and intersecting roads. It will be displayed publicly at a later date on the main floor of the Connecticut Power Company building and at other locations.

At the Connecticut Power Company auditorium on Wednesday night, February 15th, you may view the model, hear a report by committee members and ask questions. The meeting will start at 8:15 P.M. and will be very brief.

We hope you will be present as the construction of the "Thruway" will bring great changes to Stamford in building property values, traffic and parking and you should be aware of its far-reaching effect.

Cordially,

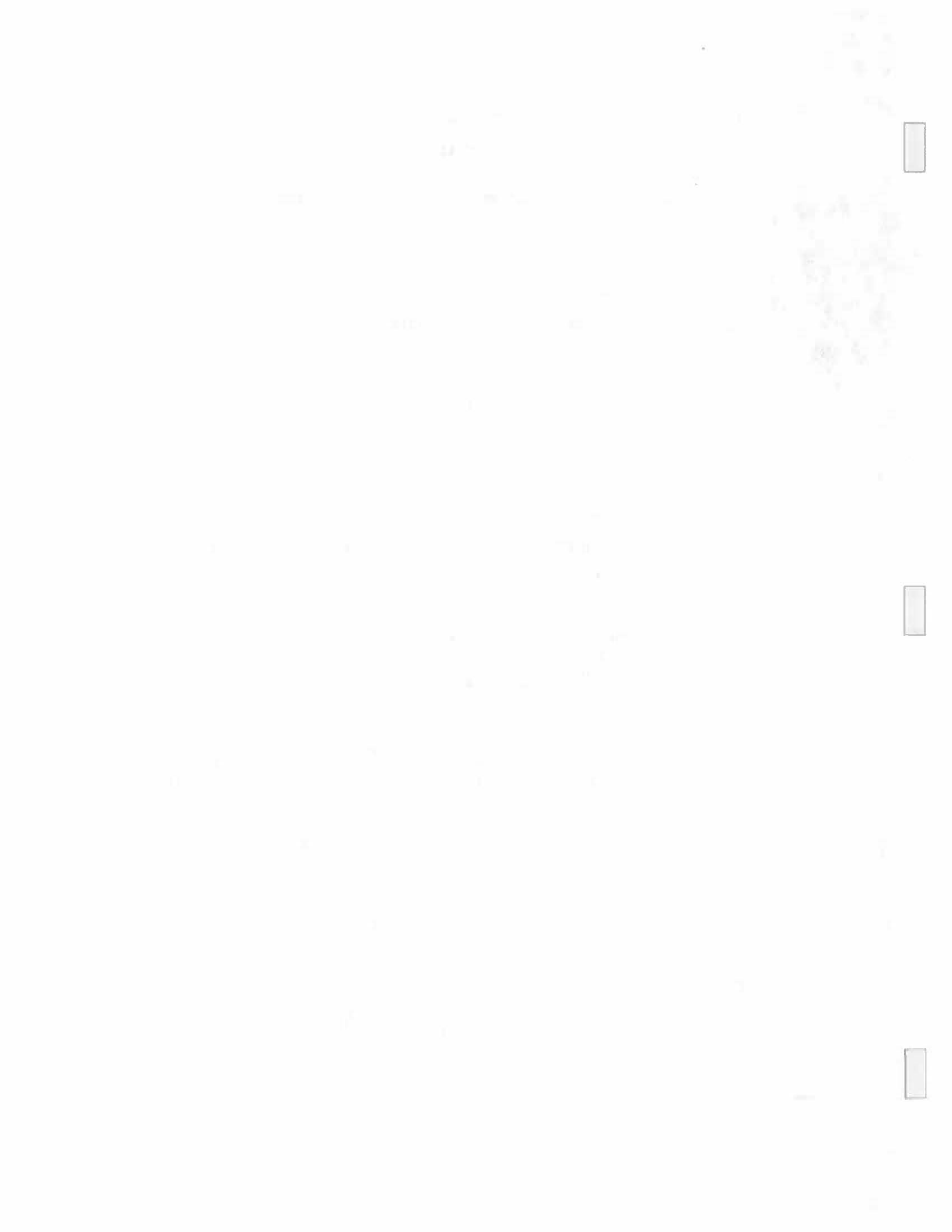
ROBERT P. HERZOG,  
President

PETITION NO. 206:

135 Clover Hill Drive  
Stamford, Connecticut

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January 26, 1956





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

Dear Mr. Connors:

On October 15, 1955, the Rippowam River in Stamford, overflowed its banks and caused loss of life and untold property damage. Since that time, many promises have been made and plans have been formulated to dredge and widen the Rippowam in some areas.

We have patiently waited to hear of plans to correct the conditions where the Long Ridge bridge crosses the River at Clover Hill Drive, on State Route 104. In this area, three homes were completely flooded and the people in five other houses were evacuated when the waters reached their doorsteps.

The bridge itself was damaged to the extent that workmen have been repairing it for over two months. To repair and protect the footings, they are raising the river bed three feet and leaving only a seven foot clearance for the water to pass under two arches. It has been proven that after a normal three-hour rainfall, the river rises at the rate of a foot an hour. This fact can be verified by the Stamford Water Company. There are no plans to remove the silt and gravel, which was deposited along the river in this area. Is this flood control, or do the authorities assume: "It can never happen again"?

We feel that we are the forgotten few who must continue to live in danger every time the rainfall is above normal. Therefore, we petition you to bring our problems to the attention of the proper authorities for correction.

Sincerely and gratefully,

CLOVER HILL RESIDENTS GROUP

(signed by 28 residents)

MR. SNYDER MOVED this petition be referred to the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

The following letter from the Corporation Counsel was presented:

Re: Site for Proposed location of Court House

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

February 3, 1956

Board of Representatives  
Planning Board  
Board of Finance

1652 Ladies and Gentlemen:



February 6, 1956

You will recall that the 1955-1956 Capital Budget contains an item of \$15,000.00 for preliminary planning of Court House facilities in Stamford, and to that end the Board of Representatives adopted Resolution No. 189 on December 14, 1954.

Pursuant to this budget item and the Resolution, the Mayor and I have held a number of conferences with the Committee of the General Assembly charged with investigating and securing a site for a Court House, pursuant to the Act of the Legislature appropriating money for the construction of same.

As you know, the General Assembly authorized the County of Fairfield to issue bonds in the amount of \$750,000.00 to erect additional court facilities in the County. The Act places the responsibility for the selection of the site and the building of the building upon the legislators from all of the towns and municipalities in Fairfield County. These legislators, in turn, selected a committee of four under the Chairmanship of Representative Louis J. Padula of Norwalk.

At the present time, we have been advised by the Committee that the site proposed by the City of Stamford between Hoyt Street and North Street, as shown on the attached map, is appropriate and adequate for their purpose.

It would now seem in order for the City to officially initiate action to authorize the Mayor to convey this land to the State, or the County of Fairfield, whichever it may be. Accordingly, the Planning Board is requested to review the proposal and make its recommendation to the Mayor and your Honorable Boards.

The Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives are asked at this time to declare their willingness or unwillingness to go forward with this proposal. In the event your Honorable Boards are in favor of this proposal and so indicate, we would then be in a position to secure proper survey by metes and bounds suitable for conveyance purposes.

This matter has been pending for a long time and numerous difficulties and delays were encountered because of technical difficulties with the legislation and the make-up of the Committee.

However, now the matter is urgent and it is very important that your Honorable Boards give consideration to the problem at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

JOHN M. HANRAHAN,  
Corporation Counsel

(Map enclosed)

MR. SNYDER MOVED that the Board voice their sentiments on this matter and that the Board advise the Mayor and the proper City authorities of the willingness and intent of this Board to approve this proposal, as shown on the attached map. Seconded by Mrs. Peatt and CARRIED unanimously.



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The following letter from the Corporation Counsel was presented:

Re: Pension for hardship cases

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

February 2, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Milano, Chairman  
Health & Protection Committee  
Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Milano:

During the past year the Mayor's office has been in receipt of appeals on behalf of Miss Habel O'Keefe of 54 Courtland Hill Street, Stamford, and Miss Katherine T. Quinn, of 25 Bell Street, Stamford.

Both of these ladies had brothers who were in the employ of the City in excess of 25 years. Each of the ladies in question is alleged to have been solely dependent upon their brother for support. They maintain that the failure of the City to make provisions for pension in their cases is inequitable and has resulted in hardship.

The Mayor has requested me to look into the matters to determine whether or not it would be within the purview of the City to provide pensions in these instances.

An examination of the Charter would seem to indicate that under the provision of Section 710, your Honorable Board may enact an Ordinance providing pensions for these two women, in the event it is determined that they are true dependents of the deceased employees.

As a matter of precedent, I have been informed that there have been similar situations in the Police and Fire Departments where a sister was deemed to be a dependent and receives a pension.

There are also some situations involving widows of custodians who are without pensions because the last amendment to the Custodian's Pension Act does not seem to be broad enough to cover them. They too, may be considered under this provision.

Very truly yours,

JOHN M. HANRAHAN,  
Corporation Counsel

MR. MILANO MOVED the above communication be referred to the Legislative and Rules and Personnel Committees. Seconded by Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously.

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The following letter from the Corporation Counsel was presented:

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

February 3, 1956

Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Bell and Atlantic Street  
Parking Lot

For the past several months, the Mayor and the Parking Authority, together with numerous civic groups, have been exploring the possibilities of acquiring off-street parking facilities on the North side of Bell Street.

At the present time, the Parking Authority has arrived at a state in negotiations where it has agreed with the owners as to the area and the price. My office is presently engaged in drafting the proposed contracts to be signed.

As you know, under Sections 583, 584 and 585 of the Charter, the approval of the Planning Board and the Board of Representatives is required before new facilities can be acquired.

Very shortly we expect to seek formal approval of the proposal by the Planning Board and subsequent thereto request the approval of your Honorable Board.

In the interest of expediency, I am requesting that you submit this matter at this time to the appropriate Committee of your Board in order that they may be in a position to adequately review the proposal and examine the property so that we may be able to take formal action on it at your March meeting.

Very truly yours,

JOHN M. HANRAHAN,  
Corporation Counsel

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the above communication be referred to the following Committees: Planning and Zoning, Fiscal and Legislative and Rules. Seconded by Mr. Macrides and Mr. Snyder and CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR

Board of Appeals - Vincent J. Vittl to replace Eugene F. Barry.

There was considerable discussion at this point as to how this should be done. Mr. Fredericks read from Sec. 204.3 of the Charter and stated that a vote is unnecessary for this particular office

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and merely an appointment by the President is enough.

Vote taken on Mr. Vittl replacing Mr. Barry on the Board of Appeals and CARRIED, 19 in favor and 18 opposed.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for Suspension of the Rules in order that he might present the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 210

Re: Dredging and Clearing of the  
Rippowam and Noroton Rivers

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has made extensive surveys, plans and the letting out of contracts for the dredging and clearing of the Rippowam and Noroton Rivers at no cost to the City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, this project is most imperative to the safeguard of health, homes, private and public property as well as preservation of human life, and

WHEREAS, heavy spring rains and severe flash floods are likely and highly possible to again and further threaten the areas recently damaged and devastated,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the City of Stamford, Connecticut, take whatever expeditious steps that may be necessary to have the projects of dredging and clearing of above said rivers, progress immediately without further delays, and
2. If necessary, due to the limited time period remaining for such work, the City should use whatever powers invested in it under the Charter of the City of Stamford to eliminate any such delays with due consideration to Sec. 640 which includes provisions of assessment for benefits or damage to property owners who will directly be affected by said project.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the above resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. LONGO requested that the Housing Committee be reactivated because of the pressing need for housing for people affected by the Thruway.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED for adjournment at 12:25 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis and CARRIED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MACRIDES, Clerk  
Board of Representatives

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