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A regular meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Conn. was held in the Cafeteria of the Dolan Jr. High School, Toms Road, Glenbrook, on Monday, July 7, 1958.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Norton Rhoades, at 8:10 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend John J. Bumpstead of St. Cecelia's Church, in the absence of Reverend Millar.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. At the calling of the roll, there were 36 present and 4 absent, but two members arrived later, bringing the attendance to 38 present and 2 absent. The absent members were: John Macrides and Anthony Kolich.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of June 2, 1958

Mr. Vittì called attention to remarks made by him when he made the statement that the West Side was being taxed without representation.

Upon MOTION by Mr. Longo, seconded by Mr. Marciano, the Minutes were accepted as corrected.

#### MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - Fiscal Year 1957-1958

Mayor Webster C. Givens presented his annual report to the Board at this time. Copies were given to all members of the Board.

The Mayor said his report at this time would be an interim report, with a more detailed report forthcoming at a later date, with a series of recommendations.

Mr. Fredericks arrived at this time.

MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Macrides has asked to be excused, semi-permanently, as he is not sure how long it will be."

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STEERING COMMITTEE:

MR. RHOADES, Chairman, presented the following Committee report:

##### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held June 23, 1958

The Steering Committee met in the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 8 P.M. on Monday, June 23, 1958.

Present were: Messrs. Rhoades (Chairman), Raiteri, Topping, Huizinga, Geronimo, Colatrella, Vittì, Macrides, Nolan, Connors and Mrs. Zuckert. Also present as representatives of their respective Committees, were Messrs. Kelly, Rybnick and Russell.

The following matters were discussed:

##### (1) Mayor's Annual Report

Ordered placed on Agenda, right after acceptance of the Minutes.

(2) Annual Picnic

A tentative date of the 2nd Sunday in September was set for this affair, in order not to interfere with the vacations of the Board members. Mr. Rhoades mentioned as possible members of the Picnic Committee the following: Anthony Marciano, Chairman, George Russell, George Connors and John Maffucci.

(3) Appointment of Charter Revision Commission

The appointment of this Commission, as authorized by Resolution No. 278, was discussed, but in the absence of Mr. Fredericks, the Minority Leader, no further progress can be made until it can be ascertained what his recommendations will be. Mr. Nolan was assured that he will be notified as soon as the choice is made regarding the Republican members of the Commission.

(4) Letter from Citizens Committee for Just and Orderly Government, dated 6/20/58 re former Corporation Counsel, Frank Pimpinella

The Chairman was instructed to reply to this letter and send transcript of excerpts from Minutes of the May 5th meeting.

(5) Letter from Harold S. Burt, Examiner of Public Records, dated 6/5/58, re proper keeping of public records

Referred to Mrs. Doris Zuckert, Clerk, to ascertain where the responsibility lies regarding records of the Board office.

(6) Petition from Residents, Fairview Avenue, East, complaining of nuisances Perpetrated in this Neighborhood

Referred to Health & Protection Committee

(7) Rule No. 9 of Rules of Order of Board of Representatives

Interpretation of this rule was discussed.

(8) Letter from Mayor Givens, dated 6/3/58 re-submitting name of RAYMOND G. CUSHING for the second time, as Corporation Counsel

Referred to Appointments Committee

(9) Letter dated 6/6/58 from law firm, Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin & Kuriansky, Counsel, Stamford Association for the Blind, enclosing suggested Ordinance to prevent non-resident blind people from begging on city streets

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

(10) Petition dated 6/9/58 from property owners on Pepper Ridge Place, regarding residents assuming costs of bringing road up to acceptable condition

Referred to Public Works Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee.

(11) Letter dated 5/27/58 from Parking Authority re metered community parking lot to be located in rear of YMCA

Referred to Legislative & Rules Committee.

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(12) Pension Plans of City - Need for revision

This was referred to the Steering Committee at the June 2nd Board meeting. The suggestion was made that perhaps this sort of thing would entail too much of a committee's time, as it would require specialists qualified in this field to work out the problems involved.

Referred to Fiscal Committee to contact sources which might be available to the city and to investigate what action should be recommended.

(13) Scofieldtown Road Site for University of Connecticut

The Chairman was directed to write to the Mayor, asking more information. Action postponed, pending receipt of further details and action by the Board of Finance which must precede this Board's action.

(14) Woodway Country Club, request for permission to hold Fireworks Display on July 4th at Woodway Beach Club

Because this request came in too late for approval at the June meeting, the Minority Leader, Majority Leader and President gave approval, subject to confirmation at the July 7th Board meeting.

Ordered placed on Agenda under Parks & Recreation Committee.

(15) Letter dated 5/26/58 from North Stamford Congregational Church, requesting permission to hold Old Settler's Day celebration on Sept. 13th.

Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee.

(16) Resolution naming Southfield Park the J. Flemming Rutledge Park

Submitted by Mr. Vitti and ordered placed on Agenda under Resolutions.

(17) Petition re drainage conditions south of Merritt Parkway between High Ridge and Long Ridge Roads, submitted by Mr. Ketcham in letter dated 6/20/58

Referred to Public Works Committee.

(18) Placement of parking meters at various locations, requested by Parking Authority, letter dated 4/21/58 (re-committed to Committee June 2nd)

The Chairman was instructed to inquire of the Parking Authority as to the authorization for the installation of parking meters already in place on Broad Street. (one of the sites mentioned in the letter)

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norton Rhoades  
Chairman, Steering Committee

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MR. RHOADES: "Mr. Russell has a letter from Mayor Givens, again inviting us to use his grounds for our picnic this year. The Picnic Committee will be as follows: Anthony Marciano, Chairman; George Russell, George Connors and John Maffucci

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. Chairman, in accordance with our Rules, the Appointments Committee held their meeting on June 24th at 5:30 P.M. in the Mayor's office. Mr. John J. Hogan was interviewed as the employees' representative to the Personnel Commission."

Mr. Colatrella arrived at this time.

- (1) JOHN J. HOGAN, JR. - Employees' selection as member of PERSONNEL COMMISSION, for term ending December 1, 1959

MR. LEWIS moved for approval of the appointment of Mr. Hogan as a member of the Personnel Commission.

The Tellers distributed the ballots. VOTE: 33 in favor and 5 opposed

- (2) RAYMOND G. CUSHING - For CORPORATION COUNSEL (2nd submission)

MR. LEWIS moved for approval of the appointment of Mr. Cushing as Corporation Counsel. He stated that he had been interviewed by the Appointments Committee and it was the recommendation of the Committee that this appointment be approved.

The Tellers distributed the ballots. VOTE: 33 in favor and 5 opposed

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HUIZINGA, Chairman, presented the following requests for additional appropriations for the fiscal year 1957-1958, which were approved by his committee:

- (1) \$170.00 - Assessor's Office, Code 571.8, Transportation (As requested in Mayor's letter dated 4/2/58)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$370.33 - Police Pension Fund - Pension for Sgt. Thomas J. Riley, effective May 20, 1958, based on annual pension of \$3,173.89, or 56% of annual salary of \$5,667.66

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$558.25 Police Pension Fund - Pension for Patrolman August Hefner, effective April 8, 1958, based on annual pension of \$2,420.80, or 50% of annual salary of \$4,841.60

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) \$2,450.00 - Code 487, General Insurance - (REDUCED by Board of Finance at the request of Commissioner of Finance)

MR. HUIZINGA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Fortunato. The Education, Welfare and Government Committee also concurred in the recommendation for approval. CARRIED unanimously.



LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RAITERI read his committee report. He stated that meetings of the Committee were held on June 5, 12, 17, 26 and July 2nd in the Mayor's office. The meetings of June 5, 12 and 17 were devoted to work on the Building Code.

MR. RAITERI: "The drafts of the Electrical and Plumbing Codes were finally reviewed with interested officials and representatives of the trade and are now being re-produced for public hearing. The Heating and Air Conditioning Code and the basic Building Code will be ready for public hearing by the end of July. Work on the Sewer Code is progressing."

- (1) Appeal from Planning Board Decision re: Application of Allan and Esther Leslie for Change in Master Plan of Land Located on Hope Street, from "Residential, Single Family, Plots Less than One Acre" to "Commercial Neighborhood or Local Business"

MR. RAITERI stated that the Joint Committee unanimously recommends that the proposed change in the Master Plan be rejected.

MR. RHOADES: "According to the Charter, 21 votes are necessary for such a change in the Master Plan to be made. The vote will therefore be taken on that basis. Lest there be any misunderstanding, let me explain once more, that while the motion is an affirmative motion, the committee report was in opposition to such a motion. When this motion is put, and you cast a vote, if you will vote 'aye' you will be voting in favor of changing the Master Plan, as indicated in the application. If you vote 'no' you will be voting as the committee recommended, in opposition to this change."

MR. WILENSKY presented a letter, addressed to the President of the Board, which cannot be read by the President, urging that the Board vote "no" on this appeal.

MR. FREDERICKS: "I MOVE the question on approving the change in the Master Plan." Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and LOST by a vote of 2 in favor, 28 opposed and 8 not voting.

MR. MURPHY called attention to Section 522.5, last sentence, and Section 529.1 regarding affirmative vote of majority of entire membership of Board.

MR. MURPHY MOVED to REJECT the change in the Master Plan. Seconded by Mr. Wilensky and CARRIED by a vote of 27 in favor, 6 opposed, 5 not voting.

- (2) Appeal from Zoning Board Decision approving Application of Francis X. Burke and Alfred F. DeCarlo, et ux, for change in Zoning Map, property located on Newfield Avenue, from "R-7½ One Family Residence District" to "CN Neighborhood Business District"

MR. RAITERI: "The Joint Committee was of the unanimous opinion that the land involved is not suited for residential use, but that no need has been demonstrated for the opening up of extensive new shopping areas. The land in question is much greater than normally required for neighborhood business and to so reclassify it would constitute spot zoning of an irresponsible nature. The Committee is in agreement with the recommendations of the Weinberg (Edie) report, referred to specifically in the transcript, that this land is best suited for the creation of a designed district for a corporation headquarters or a research laboratory.

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in zoning be rejected and I so MOVE." Seconded by Mr. Nolan.

The President explained that an affirmative vote, of which there must be 21 for a motion to carry, will be in favor of the change in the zoning map to be made.

MR. NOLAN: "In Section 552.2 the Charter states the Board of Representatives shall approve or reject the proposed amendment. Section 556.1 requires the Board to decide such matters by an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership.

"Therefore, it would seem that the Charter requirements could best be fulfilled in the following manner: The Chair would ask (1) All those in favor of approving the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map, or (2) All those in favor of rejecting the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map.

"Therefore, if 21 members vote affirmatively on either approving or rejecting, a decision will have been reached. If the Board fails to approve or reject the proposed amendment (if approval or rejection fails to receive 21 votes) this is deemed as APPROVAL of the Zoning Board's decision." (Section 552.2 and Section 552.3)

MR. WILENSKY read a letter from Mr. Weinberg and spoke against approval of the change in the Zoning Map.

MR. BAKER said he is in agreement with Mr. Wilensky.

MR. KETCHAM urged the members to consider an example in his district as to what can develop if the lines, as projected, are followed. He said they were assured at the time this was instigated that it would be harmonious and fit in with the landscape. He said: "I invite all of you to come up and visit us in Turn-of-River and look for yourselves. I understand now, from what I read in the papers, that we are to be further honored in our district by a genuine, chrome trimmed, Colonial styled Diner."

VOTE taken on the approval or rejection of the proposed change in the Zoning Map as indicated in the Burke-DeCarlo application. REJECTED by a vote of 11 approving the change, 24 rejecting and 3 not voting.

Mr. Fredericks asked to be excused at this time, changing the membership present to 37.

(3) Proposed Ordinance Changing Name of Portion of Scofieldtown Road to Sunset Road

MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval of the following proposed Ordinance for publication, (final approval to take place at the August meeting):

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. --- SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The following street names shall be changed as shown below:

Bounty Estates Lane (a private street) changed to BUTTERNUT LANE,

Cove View Drive (a city street) from Brookside Drive to King Street, changed to RIVER VIEW DRIVE,

Scofieldtown Road (a city street) from Sky Line Lane, northerly and easterly to High Ridge Road, changed to SUNSET ROAD.

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

Mr. Raiteri's motion was seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

(4) Fees - Park Department (As authorized by Ordinance No. 64 Supplemental)

MR. RAITERI presented the following fees as submitted in letter dated May 7, 1958 from Mr. Edward A. Connell, Supt., Department of Parks and Trees. He said the committee recommended the approval of the fees and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Hearing and CARRIED unanimously:

PARK DEPARTMENT FEES

MARINAS:

Cummings dockage -----	\$15.35
Cummings Shore -----	5.35
Cummings Open -----	5.35
Southfield dockage -----	12.35
Dyke dockage -----	10.35
Cove Island dockage -----	5.35
Cove Island shore -----	5.35
Seasonal Boat Trailer -----	5.35
Daily -----	.50

TENNIS:

Hourly rate per court -----	.40
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LAWN BOWLING:

Seasonal rate per person -----	2.00
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WEST BEACH LOCKERS:

Season -----	20.00
Daily per person -----	.50

PARKING STICKERS:

Resident -----	1.00
* Non-resident -----	

\*Suggested policy will be presented to Board of Representatives in near future.

(5) Parking Authority - YMCA lease, metered parking area

MR. RAITERI: "Mr. Leonard Leeds of the Parking Authority was present at our committee meeting to assist in our review of this requested lease, covering property owned by and situated in the rear of the YMCA building, to be used for municipal parking purposes.

"The term of the proposed lease is four years, with renewal options. No rental fee is involved. Taxes, if any, are to be assumed by the Parking Authority. The Parking Authority estimates the costs of improvement to be between seven and eight thousand dollars, and anticipates that income from the property will amortize the cost in a period of between four and five years. Capacity of the

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proposed lot would be 52 cars with 8 spaces reserved for YMCA use. All day and transient meters would be installed.

"After full discussion of the proposal, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the lease, provided the city's rights to withdraw under the renewal option clause was clarified. Subsequent discussion of this clause with the Corporation Counsel brought assurance that the city is fully protected."

MR. RAITERI presented the following letter from the Corporation Counsel, explaining the lease:

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Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

With reference to the lease between the YMCA and the Parking Authority, which lease has been submitted to you for approval, the following is submitted by way of explanation:

The phraseology on page 2 of said lease, which deals with a renewal option in effect permits the YMCA to cancel said option on six months' notice prior to the expiration date of the lease, as you have noted. However, by definition, an option is a privilege granted to the Lessee and which may mean exercising the need, as the Lessee pleases.

Accordingly, it is inherent in the use of the term "option" that the Parking Authority need not retain its tenancy beyond the original four year term.

The reference to an automatic exercising of the option simply means that the Parking Authority may voluntarily renew the lease for the stated period without further notice to the landlord.

The use of the word "automatically" does not in any way affect the right of the Parking Authority to exercise said option.

I hope that this provides sufficient clarification of the difficulty which has arisen on this subject.

Very truly yours,

RAYMOND G. CUSHING  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

MR. RAITERI MOVED for approval of the lease (See item #5 above). Seconded by Mr. Baker.

MR. MURPHY: "Since we just knocked off the change in neighborhood business and the Retail Merchants are violently opposed to this change, since the vacant stores in the downtown district, I would appreciate it if they would take note of this subsidy which the city is providing to them in the form of a parking space in their area."



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Mr. Vittti said he was opposed to the parking lot, as it was too small to be of any use.

Mr. Geronimo said he also did not approve.

Mr. Longo said he thought there was plenty of room in the proposed parking lot and was in favor of it.

Mr. Topping inquired about the entrance, saying it was his understanding that there was only one entrance.

Mr. Longo informed him that there were two entrances, one from Willow and one from the YMCA and postoffice.

Mr. Raiteri said there were two entrances into the lot, one from Willow Street and one from Guernsey Avenue. He said there was an old garage where the proposed entrance would be on Willow Street, but this garage would be demolished and the property on which it stands will be available for parking space and a wider entrance. He showed the members of the Board a map, explaining how this would be done.

MR. RAITERI: "I will admit that when this thing was first discussed by our Committee that we had some reservations about it, but when we went into it more thoroughly and in talking with Mr. Leeds, most of the reservations we had were taken care of. He told us that he has contacted the Connecticut Power Company and they have assured him that several of their employees will be using the lot for all day parking. He tells me also that the postoffice department will have use for parking in that area for the use of their employees, so it is our opinion that the lot would be used to as near capacity as possible at all times, at least to a 75% capacity."

MR. VITTI MOVED that this be recommitted to Committee for another month. Seconded by Mr. Georgoulis.

MR. RUSSELL: "Unless some new information is presented to the Committee before the next meeting, there won't be any benefit by keeping it in Committee, because, as Mr. Raiteri said, we went into this with the feeling we would not need this parking lot, but after we talked with Mr. Leeds, he answered all our questions and we felt differently about it. If there are any questions tonight in the minds of any of the members, perhaps we could answer them and clear up whatever doubts they might have as to the desirability of the parking lot. I feel that in view of the usage by the YMCA and the Power Company and postoffice employees themselves, that a small lot like this will satisfy the needs in that area. Then, you are not buying this lot as has been done in other cases, so you really can't lose on it."

VOTE taken on Mr. Vittti's motion to recommit. LOST by a vote of 3 in favor and 34 opposed.

After considerable further discussion, a vote was taken on Mr. Raiteri's motion that this lease be approved. CARRIED by a vote of 31 in favor and 4 opposed.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. TOPPING presented his committee report. He said the committee met on June 25th; that the members present were Messrs. Marciano, Nilan, Ketcham, Geronimo and Topping. Messrs. Maffucci and Vittti were absent.

- (1) Petition dated 6/9/58 from residents of Pepper Ridge Place, re their assuming costs of bringing road up to acceptable condition

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MR. TOPPING presented a resolution on the above matter, which was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for presentation at the August meeting of the Board.

- (2) Petition from residents in Turn-of-River area, 18th District, re drainage problems (Submitted by Mr. Ketcham in letter dated 6/20/58)

MR. TOPPING presented the above petition, signed by 33 residents of the area in question. It was referred to the Flood and Erosion Control Board for their study and possible action.

- (3) Home Court, Houston Terrace and Webb Avenue

MR. TOPPING: "Mr. Maguire, Commissioner of Public Works, said he could give temporary relief by fixing the curb and gutters on Webb Avenue, but that permanent relief would be a Capital Project in the next budget."

- (4) Neponsit Street (Letter to Corporation Counsel for decision of ownership)

MR. TOPPING: "Mr. Connors also complained of a water condition on Neponsit Street on the north end of the street. In the 1954-1955 Budget an appropriation of \$3,000 was made to complete Neponsit Street to Seaside Avenue. There was some question of the ownership of the 100' x 50' strip between the dead end of Neponsit Street and Seaside Avenue. The tax list shows this strip to be owned by the city, but at present it is occupied by the abutting property owners on Seaside Avenue. This Committee voted to recommend that a letter be sent to the Corporation Counsel, requesting him to investigate the matter of the ownership of this piece of property and report his findings to the Board, and I so MOVE."

Mr. Topping's Motion was seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and CARRIED unanimously.

- (5) Hearthstone Court and Bungalow Park - re Drainage Condition

This matter was referred back to Committee for further study.

- (6) Drainage condition, Muller Avenue and Sound View Avenue (from Mr. Kelly, 12th District Representative)

This matter was also referred back to Committee for further study.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. MILANO presented his committee report. He said the Committee met on July 3rd at 8 P.M. in the Police Headquarters.

- (1) Parking Authority request of April 21, 1958 for placement of meters (See Minutes 6/2/58 - Recommended 5/5/58 and again on 6/2/58) (See page 1936)

MR. MILANO MOVED for approval of the installation of parking meters at the following locations; seconded by Mr. Marciano and CARRIED unanimously:

Spring Street, from Bedford Street to Summer Street, North side only

Sixth Street, from Summer Street to Bedford Street, North Side only

Summer Street, from Sixth Street to Colonial Garden Apartments, East side only

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Summer Street, from Bridge Street to Eight Street (west side)

(2) Petition regarding complaint, residents, Fairview Avenue, East, of nuisances perpetrated in area

MR. MILANO: "In reference to the petition presented by Mr. Roche, asking this Board to adopt a resolution to close the parking area at Fairview Avenue, East, I believe last year's minutes of this Board shows that after extensive investigation of a Special Committee of this Board, their recommendation was to have this area remain open to parking. (See Minutes of July 1, 1957 - pages 1655, 1656)

"Your Committee, after checking with the Police Department of any complaints of disturbances, or wrong-doing in the past year in this area, were notified that there had been hardly any complaints. Therefore, your Committee does not recommend the adoption of the resolution to fence off this area."

MR. ROCHE spoke at great length on the above problem and MOVED that this area be closed between the hours of 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Hart.

MR. NOLAN MOVED that this be referred to Committee.

MR. TOPPING said he agrees with Mr. Roche that this area be closed to everyone except fishermen.

MR. MILANO presented the following letter:

STAMFORD FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION  
P. O. Box 2, Stamford, Conn.

36 Dunn Avenue Ext.  
Stamford, Conn.

Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

June 30, 1958

I am writing you in regard to the controversy between the Shippan Point Association and the sports fishermen of this area, in trying to restrict the fishermen from parking on the Fairview Avenue East beach. They contend that this area is being used as a lovers' lane. If it is being used for this purpose, why can't the Police Department stop them from parking?

All the fishermen have Fish and Game stickers on their cars "Gone Fishing" and it is very easy for the Police to detect whether the person is fishing or not. As you know, there are only a few exits for the fishermen to reach the sound for surf casting, and this area is one of them.

Last year the Board of Representatives ordered these boulders to be removed and not placed back again. I hope that the Board will clear this matter up once and for all, so that the same controversy will not come up each year.

Sincerely,

EMIL A. KRAMER, President  
STAMFORD FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

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After further discussion, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Chief of Police, requesting that this area be closed between the hours of 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. and that parking by other than recognized fishermen be eliminated; by MOTION of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and CARRIED unanimously.

It was also agreed that the above would give temporary relief, and in the meantime the matter was referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee, Health & Protection Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee for further action and recommendation at a later date.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL presented his committee report. He stated that a joint meeting was held in the Mayor's office the evening of June 17, 1958, with the Planning Board, Assistant Corporation Counsel, City Engineer and the Planning & Zoning Director, Mr. Walter Wachter and the members of the Planning & Zoning Committee present were Messrs. Geronimo, Wilensky and Russell. Also, a regular meeting and a joint meeting with the Legislative & Rules Committee, were also held in the Mayor's office on July 2, 1958.

- (1) Appeal from Planning Board Decision - Leslie Property (See Legislative & Rules Committee - joint report of both committees)
- (2) Appeal from Zoning Board Decision - Newfield Avenue Property (See Legislative & Rules Committee - joint report of both committees)
- (3) Change of names - roads (See Legislative & Rules Committee for proposed Ordinance)
- (4) Petition for road acceptance - Commerce Road, 1,300 feet, as shown on Map #4224 on file in Town Clerk's office

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the road as noted above, as a city street. He said this road has been certified by the City Engineer to be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Board and the Engineering Department. Seconded by Mr. Geronimo and CARRIED unanimously.

(5) Status, Road Performance and Maintenance Bonds

MR. RUSSELL: "As a result of the joint meeting held with the Planning Board, complete agreement was obtained by all attending the meeting as to the serious need for improving the purpose of the Performance Bond, and also the benefits and need for the maintenance or guarantee work bond. The whole matter was turned over to the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Arthur DiSesa, who had previously drafted proposed suggested changes in the present Performance Bond. It is now up to him to present a revised Performance Bond, which will also incorporate the automatic presentation of a one-year guaranteed work bond. This will, at long last, insure to the City that a developer has constructed his road to specifications. Your Committee feels that this step will go a long way toward correcting a continual and sad road problem to the residents, as well as the City of Stamford.

"Along the lines of this, I would like to present the following letter:

Letter from Corporation Counsel, regarding status of certain roads

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT



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Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

In response to your inquiry of June 4th regarding the status of various roads listed therein, I submit the following:

Smoke Hill Drive and Arrow Head Drive:

Judgment was entered in favor of the City of Stamford on June 27th. It is contemplated that these roads will be substantially completed by September 1st.

Old Colony Road:

A contract is in the process of being made by the bonding company for the completion of this road. Negotiations should be concluded by the end of July.

Aquila Road and Kramer Road:

These roads were originally brought up to specifications, but became run down pending negotiations between Mr. Wellington and the City concerning the correction of a drainage condition. A contract has been prepared between the City and Mr. Wellington wherein Mr. Wellington agrees to resurface, reshape and regrade the roads and the City agrees to sand and oil the same and then release the bond.

Eden Road:

The bond has not as yet been called by the Planning Board and we therefore have no correspondence on it.

Very truly yours,

RAYMOND G. CUSHING  
Corporation Counsel

(5) Definition of "Temporary Turn-Around":

MR. RUSSELL: "At the joint meeting with the Planning Board, a problem concerning the misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the specifications for road construction and surface preparation of road dead-end 'Temporary Turn-arounds'. Some developers felt that this meant a simple dirt and gravel cleared area. The Planning Board and the Assistant Corporation Counsel, A. DiSesa, explained the Planning Board's requirements which they expressed had been clearly told to developers in the past when they questioned the word 'temporary'.

"The turn-arounds must be finished to specified diameter with the same road pavement and construction specifications as the main road itself. The work 'temporary' being used only to signify that the road will, at some future time be extended, and that the areas of the turn-around that cut into adjoining property lines will, at that time, revert back to the property owners. Meanwhile, any roads up for acceptance by the City will be rejected if the turn-arounds are not completed to City road specifications."

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(6) City Maintenance of Private Roads:

MR. RUSSELL: "The Committee wishes to bring to the attention of the Public Works Commissioner that many new roads have been accepted only IN PART as City Streets and under the program of yearly road oiling and sanding as well as snow removal, only that length of road which has been accepted should be receiving services from the City.

"This has been brought about because, unfortunately, the manner in which we have accepted a lot of roads has a little catch in it and does not work to the advantage of the Public Works Department. We accept so many feet of a road and the developer comes along in the future and starts developing further and if it's timed properly and he has it roughly graded, it is very easy for the Public Works crew to go in there and not be sure as to whether they should go in 1,500 feet, 2,000 feet or 3,000 feet. The Public Works Department have had this called to their attention and are taking steps to try to insure that only the footage that has been accepted by the city will be maintained."

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that a reminder concerning this matter be sent to the Commissioner of Public Works by the Board. No seconder.

(7) Need for Hydraulic Engineer and Engineering Survey

MR. RUSSELL: "Recently, Bernard Geronimo brought to the attention of the Mayor the need for a Hydraulic Engineer, due to the many sewerage and storm drainage problems. For the past year or so, the Planning & Zoning Committee has also discussed the serious need for such an engineer and study with the Planning Board, who also indicated feelings that they concurred with this need.

"The Committee therefore requests the Board to ask the Mayor that he look into this important and serious matter in the near future, in view of the many home building projects and resulting miles of additional new roads, as well as the many large swamps and seasonal brooks rapidly disappearing, all with no sound hydraulic engineering studies or supervision being made. The Committee would like to suggest that the Mayor call a joint meeting of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Public Works Commissioner, City Engineer, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning Committee and the Public Works Committee of the Board of Representatives, as well as a representative or two of a Consulting Engineering firm qualified in hydraulic engineering work."

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that a letter be sent to the Mayor, requesting that he start action to look into the advantages of bringing in an Hydraulic Engineer to do a survey. Seconded by Mr. DeVito.

MR. HUIZINGA: "The first part is more apropos. I think that this problem should be studied by the Mayor and by the Public Works Department. But, I think that just for us as the Board of Representatives to suggest to the Mayor that he look into this project of hiring hydraulic engineers to make this survey - I think that is within the province of the Public Works Department. I agree with what you are trying to accomplish, but I don't think that we are doing it the right way."

MR. GERONIMO: "Perhaps I can clarify this situation a little better, having been the author of the so-called letter. I sent a letter to the Mayor, pointing out the fact that there were hundreds of new homes that are being built in our outlying districts, and of course, particularly in the B and C Districts that are not sewered, in these there is indeed a sad situation. We know that thousands upon thousands of gallons of water flows into these disposal systems, and they can only take so much of their capacity and it then runs out into the field. After this happens and the ground becomes saturated, then what happens? Well, we all know that then we have an unhealthy situation.

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"Some of these homes that are built along the banks of brooks and streams, certainly the effluent flows into the stream and the streams then flow on, carrying whatever contamination they are filled with.

"I wrote this letter to the Mayor and he was very courteous. He answered me and said he had sent a copy of the letter to the Planning Board, the Flood and Erosion Control Commission, the Health Department and the Public Works Department. From there on, the status quo is up to the Mayor.

"I appreciate Mr. Russell's interest in this matter, but that is exactly the way the situation now stands. The motion which Mr. Russell has in mind, perhaps could be expedited."

MR. GERONIMO suggested that both matters be consolidated, so that a city-wide survey could be made of the drainage and sanitary problems.

MR. RUSSELL explained that hydraulic engineers dealt with surface drainage and streams. He said: "If you are going into sanitary engineering, then that is another problem. However, during my connection with this problem it has been proven that part of the problem of pollution is due to the surface of the land being saturated by not taking care of the proper drainage of rain - storm drainage. Now, this has been going on for about a year and a half with the Planning Board. In our discussion with the members of the Planning Board, they have indicated a very strong interest in a hydraulic engineer. That is where the word came up. I feel that this should have been done ten years ago. Certainly we have no one in our Engineering Department today with this sort of experience and talent. It is a full-time job, calling for a highly specialized type of learning."

MR. GERONIMO explained his recommendation would be to retain a Hydraulic Engineer and a Sanitary Engineer, to combine and coordinate their efforts.

MR. GERONIMO MOVED to amend Mr. Russell's motion by adding that a combination of the two types of engineering study be made, both hydraulic and sanitary.

VOTE taken on Mr. Russell's motion, as amended by Mr. Geronimo, that the Mayor be requested to start action to look into the advantages of bringing in Hydraulic Engineers and Sanitary Engineers to make a city-wide survey of the drainage problem. CARRIED unanimously.

#### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY read his committee report. He said the committee met with the Park Commission on June 24th, with Mr. Hart and Mr. Kelly in attendance. They again met with the Legislative & Rules Committee on June 26th.

(See petitions)

#### PETITIONS:

Petition No. 249 - Woodway Country Club - Fireworks display on July 4th

MR. KELLY: "On account of both the Manager and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee having only recently taken over, and neither had any knowledge of the proper procedure to follow, this came in too late to go through the regular channels, permission was granted, subject to the usual requirements being met. Regretting that this request was not submitted at the proper time, I MOVE for approval of this request, retroactively. "Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

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Petition No. 250 - North Stamford Congregational Church - 8th Annual North Stamford Old Settlers' Day - September 13, 1958

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above petition. Seconded by Mr. Colatrella and CARRIED unanimously.

Petition No. 251 - Fawn Drive and Denise Drive - Block Party, July 4th

MR. KELLY explained that this request also came in too late for Board action and was handled by the Majority and Minority Leaders and the President of the Board. MR. KELLY MOVED for retroactive approval of this request. Seconded by Mr. Huizinga and CARRIED unanimously.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

Appointment of Charter Revision Commission

MR. RHOADES announced the appointment of the following members of the Charter Revision Commission; as authorized by Resolution No. 278 adopted June 2, 1958:

Republicans

John L. Cameron  
Wire Mill Road

Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr.  
Twin Brook Drive, Springdale

\* Alanson R. Fredericks  
12 Deacon Hill Road  
(Mr. Fredericks' alternate is  
Julius Wilensky, 51 Barrett Ave.)

Democrats

\*Patrick J. Fortunato, Chairman  
5 Revere Drive pro tem

James N. Mulreed  
53 Crane Road

Lotus Mills  
(Mrs. William E. Mills, Jr.)  
Haviland Road

Monroe Silverman  
41 Long Hill Drive

\*Note: Members of the Board of Representatives  
as authorized by Public Act #465

MR. LEWIS MOVED that the above appointments to the Charter Revision Commission be APPROVED. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RHOADES: "The President read Pat Fortunato's name first and would like to indicate by that that he is appointed the Temporary Chairman of the Commission; that he is expected to call the first meeting, at which time an election can be held by the Commission itself to elect a permanent Chairman. Mr. Macrides has informed me that he will turn over to the Commission all the information that he has regarding proposed matters to come before them. There are one or two others, which must first come before this Board and receive the two-thirds vote before they can be referred to the Commission."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Naming "Southfield Park" "The J. Flemming Rutledge Park"

MR. VITTI: "In fairness to the two other members from the Second District, who did not get time enough to canvas the whole area, I would like to table that until the meeting."



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MR. COLATRELLA: "This thing has come before this Board at least three times since I have been on this Board. The last time it came up, I brought in petitions signed by the residents in my District, opposing the re-naming of Southfield Park. I personally am not anti-Rutledge for the same reason that I am not anti any other name. I understand that Mr. Kaminski has also presented resolutions before previous Boards to the same effect. I think in all fairness to the people in our District, who have shown opposition to the re-naming of the park - they want it to stay Southfield Park. Let's put this thing up to a vote and get it once and for all over with. It seems to be continually coming up before us."

After further discussion, upon MOTION by Mr. Vitti, seconded by Mr. Rybnick, the resolution was referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Re: Policing of Harbors

CITY OF NORWALK  
CHIEF OF POLICE

June 27, 1958

Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Please excuse me for not answering you sooner. Your letter got in with some other papers and was not noticed until today.

In reply to your questions, please be advised that we have an Auxiliary Coast Guard group here which operates at its own expense, without any contributions from the city. They are recognized by the U. S. Coast Guard and are connected with them by radio telephone. Further, this Auxiliary unit operates a boat loaned to us by a local boat dealer and we put an officer on board to enforce the regulations and ordinances covering the inner harbor. We patrol on weekends only. The hours are dependent on the weather and the tide. Usually from 9:00 A.M. to about 11:00 P.M., on Saturdays and Sundays.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to ask. Again, with apologies for the delay in answering I am

Sincerely yours,

M. ORLINS, Chief of Police

Re: Reassessment of Real Estate for Tax Purposes

STAMFORD CHAMBER OF RESIDENCES

June 26, 1958

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To: The Board of Representatives, City of Stamford  
The Mayor, City of Stamford  
The Board of Finance, City of Stamford

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Gentlemen:

It is the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Residences of the City of Stamford:

1. That, present assessments of real estate in Stamford do not reflect the extreme changes of land values that have taken place in recent years.
2. That, until a reassessment is made to correct this situation, our property owners are being taxed in an unfair and inequitable manner.
3. That, in the interest of good government, every property owner and taxpayer should bear his just and fair share of the cost, and
4. That, it is the duty and obligation of our elected representatives to safeguard and protect the interests of the citizens and property owners by seeing that injustice does not prevail.

We therefore urge that the Mayor, and the other governmental bodies of this City take immediate action to proceed with a reassessment of real estate for tax purposes at the earliest possible date.

(signed) Edwin R. Stretcher, President  
Mrs. Gladys W. Avison, Secretary

#### OLD BUSINESS

The President announced that the next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held on July 28th and that Mr. Nolan, the Majority Leader, would preside in the absence of the President on Vacation.

The President also announced that the next Board meeting would be on August 4th.

#### Re: Girl Scouts Camp on City-owned property, Scofieldtown Road

MR. GERONIMO brought up the matter of contamination of a brook running through this spot, which is contaminated by the dump not too far away and which drains into the brook. He requested that a letter be written to the Health Department to investigate the degree of contamination of this brook.

The above matter was referred to the Health & Protection Committee to investigate and report back to the Board.

#### Re: Accident problem, vicinity of Hubbard Avenue

MR. DEVITO read a letter from Anna B. Cunningham on this problem which was referred to the Health & Protection Committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### Re: Stop Lights, Stillwater Avenue section

MR. GEORGIOULIS asked that a survey be made regarding the installation of stop lights at the above location.

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Above was referred to the Health & Protection Committee.

MR. RUSSELL spoke about drag racing in the vicinity of City Hall late in the evenings, and also during daylight hours. He mentioned a bad condition in the vicinity of Lucy's Drive In on Prospect Street, which is dangerous to anyone passing that section, as cars come racing out and park around the Drive In at all angles making it difficult to see. He said he thought the Board should insist upon regulations being enforced by the Police Department in this area.

Re: University of Connecticut Branch

MR. HUIZINGA: "I was wondering what we are doing about this letter, which each of the members received from the Mayor, pertaining to the acceptance of a location for the University of Connecticut branch in Stamford."

MR. RHOADES: "Originally we did not receive nearly enough information, and at the request of several members of the Board, we wrote a letter to the Mayor, saying that we needed certain other information. It was supplied to us very promptly, and has been turned over to the Legislative & Rules Committee and is now in that Committee. I assume that a report will be forthcoming at the next meeting."

Re: Offer of property to City

MR. TOPPING: "It has come to my attention that a piece of property has been offered to the City by a Mr. Halliwell and it runs along Tupper Drive. I believe that was offered some months ago. If we can acquire this particular piece of property, it will help us to relieve a very bad drainage condition that exists in the park as of right now. Referred to Parks & Recreation Committee."

Re: Flooding condition in 3rd District

MR. VITTI: "Some time ago I invited the Chairman of the Public Works Committee, at his convenience and at my expense, after the next rainfall that we have, for him to contact me and I will show him a real flood in the 3rd District."

Upon MOTION of Mr. Baker, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
President, Board of Representatives

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