

Minutes of November 9, 1964  
Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut

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The regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, November 9, 1964, in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ronald M. Schwartz, at 8:15 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Rabbi Emmanuel Gold, Temple Beth El

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: The President led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 37 members present and 3 absent. The absent members were: Dominick Vivona, Peter Martin and Alan Ketcham.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of September 14, 1964  
Minutes of October 5, 1964

The Minutes of the above meetings were accepted, there being no corrections.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - In memory of HARRY PEATT, former Deputy Sheriff, and husband of former Board member of Board.

THE PRESIDENT called for a moment of silence in memory of the above man, recently deceased.

Mrs. Farrell was instructed to write a letter of condolence to the widow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. SCHWARTZ, Chairman, presented the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Meeting held Monday, October 26, 1964

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, October 26, 1964 in the meeting room of the Board of Representatives, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mrs. Lilliendahl and Mr. Selsberg.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Two appointments, as re-submitted by the Mayor for the second time (his letter dated 10/16/64) for the Human Rights Commission and Urban Redevelopment Commission - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER  
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- (2) Three requests for additional appropriations, deferred at the 10/5/64 Board meeting - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE
- (3) One request for additional appropriation for the Hubbard Heights Municipal Golf Course (approved by Board of Finance on 10/8/64) - REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (4) Final adoption of SEWER CODE (adopted for publication 10/5/64) - ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (5) Correction to error contained in Resolution No. 435, adopted 3/2/64, amending CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN - (letter from Sydney C. Kreskin, Corporation Counsel, dated 10/5/64) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (6) Concerning BRANSON INSTRUMENTS, INC. appeal from decision of Building Inspector (Letter from Frank S. Massari, Secretary, Building Board of Appeals, dated 10/19/64) (Note: No action needed by Board of Representatives unless they REVERSE the decision of Building Inspector) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA
- (7) Proposed Ordinance "REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FOUR-WHEEL SHOPPING CARTS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD" (In Committee - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE)
- (8) APPEAL from decision of ZONING BOARD denying application 64-020 - MARTIN LEVINE AND LOUIS J. KURIANSKY (Letter dated 10/26/64 from Zoning Board - Not all information included with letter) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE, and ORDERED ON AGENDA, pending receipt of supplementary information from Zoning Board, as stated in their letter.
- (9) APPEAL from decision of ZONING BOARD denying application 64-027 - SYLVIA A. FIEBER & CAROL K. LAMPKE (Letter dated 10/26/64 from Zoning Board - Not all information included with letter) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA (pending receipt of supplementary information from Zoning Board, as stated in their letter).
- (10) All matters previously in the Planning & Zoning Committee and deferred at the October 5th Board meeting were ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA.
- (11) FEES - PARK COMMISSION - Facilities for 1965 Season (Letter dated 10/20/64 from Robert Bundock, Chairman, Park Commission) - REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - No: ordered placed on agenda.
- (12) Two matters held in Personnel Committee, were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA, namely: (1) Increased Benefits for Pensioners now on Pension under the "Classified Employees' Pension Plan" and (2) "Collective Bargaining for Municipal Employees" under terms of P. A. No. 495
- (13) Concerning Water Coolers for meeting rooms and pitchers



MR. KETCHAM, Chairman of the "Task Force" Committee, informed the members that water coolers will be provided for the members in time for the next Board meeting. Also, plastic or metal water pitchers will be provided.

There was some discussion as to the type of water pitchers to be provided and it was decided to leave this to the discretion of the Committee to decide.

- (14) Concerning Traffic Light at SEASIDE AVENUE and SYLVAN KNOLL ROAD  
(Requested by Mr. Kuczo, 10th District Representative - See Minutes of 10/5/64, page 4130)

MR. KUCZO asked if the letter on the above matter had been written. The Chairman reminded him that he was going to prepare such a letter, which he (the Chairman) would sign.)

- (15) Concerning request to pave PARKING LOT AT HIGH SCHOOL (see Minutes of 3/2/64, pages 3927 and 3944)

MR. KUCZO asked what the "story" was on the above matter.

MR. MORRIS (Chairman of Public Works Committee) explained that if this area was paved, it would create a flood condition, because there is no place for the water to run off and to alleviate the condition would entail an expensive flood control program, running into many thousands of dollars.

The above matter was referred to the EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

Ronald M. Schwartz, Chairman  
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, said the appointments of those whose names appear on the agenda were previously approved by the Committee at the time they were interviewed. He resubmitted the appointments as submitted by the Mayor.

The Tellers distributed the ballots among the members. The votes on each appointment are recorded below:

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

LEWIS E UPHAM (R)  
182 Skyline Drive  
(Replacing Louis Greenbaum)  
(2nd submission)

Term Ending:

August 7, 1969  
(5 yr. term)

VOTE: 14 no  
22 yes  
1 abstention

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

VIRGIL A. GANT, Executive Secretary

(Confirmation of appointment under provisions of Sec. 5.(g) of Ordinance No. 110 Supplemental) (Mayor's letter of resubmission dated 10/16/64)

VOTE: 6 no  
31 yesFISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held before the Board meeting tonight, with six members present, to consider the items referred to the Committee.

- (1) \$550.00 - HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION - Code 730.1801, Maintenance of Buildings (Mayor's letter received Oct. 2, 1964)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (2) \$35,000.00 - TURN-OF-RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT - Resolution amending Capital Projects Budget for 1964/1965 to build new headquarters and appropriation therefor (Mayor's letter of 9/2/64) (Deferred 10/5/64) (REDUCED from \$40,000.00 requested)

MR. HEMINGWAY said his Committee recommended that this request be REDUCED TO \$35,000.00 from the \$40,000.00 requested. He MOVED for approval of the REDUCED sum of \$35,000.00. Mr. Hearing said the Health &amp; Protection Committee also concurred in the approval. Seconded by Mr. Remling and CARRIED. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 452

AMENDING 1964/1965 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET  
BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$35,000.00 FOR NEW  
HEADQUARTERS FOR THE TURN-OF-RIVER  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1964/1965 Capital Projects Budget, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding an item thereto in the amount of \$35,000.00 for new headquarters for the Turn-of-River Volunteer Fire Department and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum of \$35,000.00 therefor.

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- (3) \$3,796.00 - SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY - Membership Dues - Code 135.2101 (Mayor's letter of 8/6/64) (See Minutes of 7/6/64, page 4064) (Deferred 10/5/64 and 9/14/64)



MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter was again kept in Committee and that the reason for this was because of lack of favorable action by the City of Norwalk and Town of New Canaan which continues to create doubt as to the reason why Stamford alone should be the major supporter of this Agency. He said it was also felt that further steps should be taken to induce Greenwich to join.

MR. KANE asked why this is still being kept in Committee.

MR. HEMINGWAY said it was by majority vote of the Committee and they felt they should await favorable action by Norwalk and New Canaan because they are concerned as to why Stamford should be the sole support of the Agency, or rather mainstay.

MR. SHERMAN rose on a POINT OF INFORMATION. He said it is his understanding that New Canaan is not a member, so therefore, how can they be called upon to pay?

MR. HEMINGWAY said one of the reasons advanced as to why Stamford is supposed to pay is that New Canaan and Norwalk are coming in, and still they have taken no action.

MR. SHERMAN said he had another point of information. He wanted to know if this is based on rumor or fact.

THE PRESIDENT said he would have to rule that question out of order.

MR. CONNORS said it is a well known fact that Norwalk has not paid any dues and it does not look as if they will, and it isn't hearsay. Also, the fact remains that Greenwich is not a member and neither is New Canaan. He said if it's such a good thing, why are these communities staying out of it? He said that is what the Committee is interested in and as a member of the Fiscal Committee, he wants to know why these other towns and cities won't become members if it's supposed to be so wonderful for each community.

After considerable further debate, MR. KANE MOVED this be REMOVED FROM COMMITTEE. Seconded.

MR. CONNORS MOVED for SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to present an Ordinance on Regional Planning.

MR. TRUGLIA asked for a recess at 9:05 P.M. This was granted and the members went into Caucus.

The Board re-convened at 9:25 P.M. 36 members were now present, as Mr. Rich had asked to be excused in the meantime because of an urgent message he had just received.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that a roll call vote had been requested to remove this matter from Committee.

MR. KANE, who had made the motion, said he would move to withdraw the motion with "great regret". He said the only reason he had requested a roll call vote was because it had been in committee so long.

MR. TRUGLIA said if there is some assurance that next month there will be some positive action taken one way or the other, he will go along with leaving this in Committee.



MR. HEMINGWAY said he would agree to this.

THE PRESIDENT explained that the status of this matter now is that the motion for a roll call vote has been withdrawn, and if there is no objection, the Board will pass on to the next item on the agenda.

- (4) \$7,844.00 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - Code 540.0101, Salaries - For transfer of and Alarm Tender needed in Glenbrook Volunteer Fire Department to City's fire alarm system (Mayor's letter of 8/20/64)  
(Deferred 9/14/64 and 10/5/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter was also held in Committee. He said it was understood that this request will be withdrawn and that other arrangements have been successfully made to provide the Alarm Tender service needed by this Volunteer Fire Company.

DEDICATION OF NEW MEETING ROOM FOR BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES:

THE PRESIDENT announced that before going on to the next order of business, he would like to announce that the official dedication of the new headquarters of this Board will take place at the December 7th meeting, at which time all the work will be completed, the carpet installed and the furniture in its permanent place. He asked if the members were satisfied with the present arrangement of the furniture as opposed to the way it was during the past two Board meetings.

Inasmuch as the members expressed no dissatisfaction with the present arrangement of the room, it was decided to keep it.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, said his Committee met on Thursday, November 5th at the Municipal Office Building, with the following members present: Messrs. Sherman, Keggi, Sullivan, Tatano, Selsberg and Kane.

- (1) Concerning adoption of Ordinance, enacting a SEWER CODE, as per Sec. 4 of Ordinance No. 80 (Being balance of Building Code not yet adopted - Rest of Building Code adopted 7/1/59 with this portion left out) (PUBLIC HEARING held August 27, 1964; copies of proposed Code made available to public by notice published on August 20th and 21st, 1964)

The following corrections were made in the Sewer Code:

PAGE 5, SECTION 33. changed to read:

SECTION 33. "pH" shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of hydrogen ion concentration in gram equivalents per liter of solution.

PAGE 7, SECTION 51. changed to read:

SECTION 51. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the curb fitting if provided, or the "Y" branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location. Where no "Y" branch is available, a neat hole may be cut into the public sewer to receive the building sewer, with entry in the downstream direction at an angle of forty-five (45) degrees. Such connection shall be made at the location specified by the Supervisor and under the supervision and in the presence of the Supervisor.

There being no further amendments or corrections, MR. SELSBERG MOVED for final adoption of the enacting Ordinance. Seconded and CARRIED:

ORDINANCE No. 80,10 SUPPLEMENTAL

AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF THE BUILDING  
CODE TO INCLUDE A SEWER CODE AND PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Building Code of the City of Stamford is hereby amended to include the following in addition to (a), (b), (c) and (d) under Section 2., of Ordinance No. 80:

(e) Sewer Code (including private sewage disposal systems)

(g) Private Water Supply Systems Code

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Ordinance No. 80, this Sewer Code and Private Water Supply Code is hereby intended to become part of the Building Code of the City of Stamford.

All Sewer regulations or private water supply regulations in effect prior to November 9, 1964 are hereby repealed and the provisions of this Ordinance are substituted therefor and shall become a part of the Building Code of the City of Stamford.

This Ordinance shall take effect November 9, 1964.

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- (2) Correction to error contained in Resolution No. 435, adopted 3/2/64, amending  
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN - (Letter from Sydney C. Kveskin,  
Corporation Counsel, dated 10/5/64)

MR. SELSBERG read the following letter and MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED:

Ronald Schwartz, Esq.  
Chairman, Board of Representatives  
Municipal Building  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Ronald:

Your minutes of March 2, 1964 amended the Classified Employees' Retirement Fund by means of the unanimous approval of Resolution No. 435.

It has come to my attention that paragraph (d) of Sec. 749 entitled "Pensions" contains an error in that the last reference to subsection (c) should have been shown as subsection (e).

It is important that your Board take this corrective action.

Sincerely,

Sydney C. Kveskin  
Corporation Counsel

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- (3) Concerning BRANSON INSTRUMENTS, INC. appeal from decision of Building Inspector  
(Letter from Frank S. Massari, Secretary, Building Board of Appeals, dated  
10/19/64) (Note: Action by Board of Representatives only necessary when  
they REVERSE the decision of the Building Inspector) (See Page 11(d) Bldg.Code)

MR. SELSBERG explained that Branson Instruments contend that the installation of a sprinkler system in their proposed new fireproof building would create a potentially dangerous and hazardous condition to the workers, because of electronic and ultrasonic equipment used by them in the neighborhood of 20,000 volts and the touching off, by accident, of the sprinkler system could result in the electrocution of workers.

Mr. Selsberg said he also has a letter from the Building Inspector, Mr. Arthur V. Swinnerton, where he states that he has no objection to the decision reached by the Building Board of Appeals in this matter and feels the decision is both proper and just in view of the reasons heard and thus should be sustained.

MR. SELSBERG said under the terms of the Building Code, the Board of Representatives must approve the decision of the Building Board of Appeals in order that this requirement of the Building Code be waived. He MOVED for approval of the decision of the Building Board of Appeals. Seconded and CARRIED.

- (4) Proposed Ordinance "REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FOUR-WHEEL SHOPPING CARTS IN THE CITY OF STAMFORD"

The above matter was kept in Committee.

- (5) APPEAL from decision of ZONING BOARD denying application 64-020 - MARTIN LEVINE AND LOUIS J. KURIANSKY (Letter dated 10/26/64 from Zoning Board referring above appeal to Board of Representatives)

- (6) APPEAL from decision of ZONING BOARD denying application 64-027 - Sylvia A. FIEBER AND CAROL K. LAMPKE (Letter dated 10/26/64 from Zoning Board referring above appeal to Board of Representatives)

MR. SELSBERG said in reference to both items No. 5 and No. 6 above, it was the opinion of the Committee that these appeals were perfected according to the Charter and therefore the Board of Representatives does have jurisdiction and recommends that this matter now be committed to the Planning and Zoning Committee for further action.

THE PRESIDENT asked for clarification on the word "perfected". He said he would assume that Mr. Selsberg means it is valid and meets the Charter requirements for action by this Board. Mr. Selsberg said he is correct.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. (Tom) MORRIS, Chairman, gave his Committee report. He said a meeting was held November 5th in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, at which time the following members were present: Messrs. Dombroski, Longo, Bitetto, Remling and Morris, in addition to Mr. Arthur Mitchell, the Commissioner of Public Works

Mr. Morris reported that the Committee discussed the sanitary sewer code and other related problems belonging to Public Works.



Concerning complaint on Garbage removal

MR. MORRIS said in reference to the Human Rights Commission finding that garbage removal was not being made in a certain area of the West Side, that upon investigation and a check with the Chairman of this Commission, it was ascertained that only one street was involved - Hazel Street, and the matter has been corrected.

Concerning Repair to Cove Dam Locks

MR. MORRIS reported that the City has accepted the bid of Blakley Construction Company of New Haven to repair the Cove Dam locks and work is to start immediately.

Concerning use of Cloonan School as a Playground

MR. MORRIS said his Committee recommends that the above school be made use of as a playground and that the gymnasium be made available for use by the neighborhood children.

MR. KELLY said his Committee also has discussed the problem of the selling of the buildings and land comprising Cloonan School by means of an auction. He said his Committee objects because there are thousands of residents and tax payers who are very much opposed to the closing of this school, and the bussing of hundreds of children all over the City, especially those children in the lower grades, who are exposed needlessly to traffic hazards in areas that are strange to them. He said that also, the closing of this school and its sale will further deprive children in that area of the use of two beautiful gymnasiums and curtail a goodly percentage of recreation during the long winter months, which has previously been available to athletes of championship caliber from all sections of the City. He said the need for an elementary school in the area of Cloonan School is so great that steps should be taken to use at least part of the school for that purpose alone.

MR. RUSSELL said he also would like to call attention to the fact that since this school has been closed it is fast becoming an object of vandalism and the windows are being broken and if something is not done very soon, it will become a very unsightly piece of property. He said this building is a problem and needs extensive repair work if it is to be used by the city.

MR. KELLY said he wished to stress the great need for better recreational facilities in this area and the school would make an ideal place, from the standpoint of both the playgrounds and the gymnasium.

MR. CONNORS also spoke of the need for retaining this school. As for breaking windows, he said its an "awful temptation" for children not to throw a rock and break a few windows when a building is unoccupied. He said they cannot keep bussing the children all over the city forever, because it is running into too much money.

MR. TRUGLIA said it seems this matter requires more study and would appreciate having it referred to the Steering Committee for further consideration.

MR. BITETTO said he agrees with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Connors, that we should preserve this as a playground area and then look into the feasibility of using it as an elementary school.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:**

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, presented his Committee report, and said two matters were being reported out at this time.

(1) Concerning DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (See list of property from Planning Board with recommendations for disposition of same, their meeting of 5/26/64, pursuant to provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances) (Previously in L & R Committee - copies mailed to all Board members 6/4/64 - Deferred 10/5/64)

The above matter was deferred.

(2) Request from TAYLOR-REED CORPORATION to name ramp leading from Courtland Avenue (owned by N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R.) to "TAYLOR-REED PLACE" (Their letter dated 8/28/64)

MR. RUSSELL said this was originally listed on the agenda as a proposed ordinance, but he found out that the assigning of a name can be done by resolution and only change of a street name must be done by ordinance.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded and CARRIED:

**RESOLUTION NO. 453****NAMING A PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY "TAYLOR-REED PLACE"**

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, that the following road, a private right-of-way, extending from the westerly side of Courtland Avenue and running southwesterly, and approximately parallel to the north side of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, shall be known as "Taylor-Reed Place".

(3) Petition (signed by 69 residents of Lakeview Development) to abandon a portion and close off the end of BROOK RUN ROAD (Received 9/14/64 - undated) (Deferred 10/5/64)

The above matter was deferred.

(4) Acceptance of roads as City Streets:

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee agreed to present the following roads for acceptance. They were certified and inspected by the City Engineer. He said all maps referred to are on file in the office of the Town and City Clerk. He MOVED for acceptance; seconded and CARRIED. (As required by Ordinance No. 92 Supplemental)

WEST GLEN DRIVE - Extending from Westover Road westerly to the boundary line between the Town of Greenwich and the City of Stamford. Length, approximately 1,287.87'; width 30 ft. Map No. 7871.



- WEST BANK LANE - Extending from West Glen Drive northerly and westerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 1,222.31 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 7871.
- LONDON LANE - Extending from Stillwater Road easterly and northerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 900 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 7720.
- CONSTANCE LANE - Extending from the intersection of Den Road and Bangall Road westerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 540 ft., width 27 ft. Map No. 7807.
- BUCKINGHAM COURT - Extending from Buckingham Drive southerly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 305 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 7694.
- CARTER DRIVE - Extending from Sound View Avenue southerly to a dead end. Length, approximately 1,345 ft. Map No. 1265.
- TUPPER DRIVE - Extending from Sound View Avenue southerly to Carter Drive. Length, approximately 1,083 ft. Map No. 1265.
- VERPLANK AVENUE - Extending westerly from Shippan Avenue to Ocean Drive West. Length, approximately 1,526 ft. Map No. 27.
- ROCKY RAPIDS ROAD - (Extension) - Extending from the already accepted portion westerly to Riverbank Road. Length, approximately 1,325 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 7183.
- \*PINE TREE DRIVE - Extending from Upland Road easterly and southerly to a dead end. Length, approximately 1,490 ft. Map No. 2403.
- \*HOLBROOK DRIVE - Extending from Strawberry Hill Avenue easterly to a dead end. Length, approximately 996 ft. Map No. 2403.
- \*BOX WOOD DRIVE - Extending from Pine Tree Drive southerly to a dead end. Length, approximately 1,219 ft. Map No. 2403.
- \*APPLE TREE DRIVE - Extending from Pine Tree Drive southerly to a dead end. Length, approximately 1,171 ft. Map No. 2403.

\*HOLBROOK ESTATES

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY, Chairman, gave his Committee report. He said the Committee was invited to attend a meeting of the Park Commission on November 4th at Cove Island and because it was the day after election day, one member attended - Mrs. Esposito. He said they were informed by the Park Commission that they intended to come out with some sort of individual card identification in order to control the use of the city's parks and beaches by out of town residents. If this type of identification is used, it will be first tried at Cove Island, as there is a better chance of success there than in other places. He said his Committee favors the idea if it can be worked out successfully.

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Fees - Park Commission - Facilities for 1965 Season (Letter from Robert Bundoock, Chairman of Park Commission, dated 10/20/64)

MR. KELLY said they are in receipt of the above and also have the proposed rules and regulations of the Recreation Board and Park Department and are now awaiting receipt of the rules and regulations of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and that action will be taken immediately after the first of the year.

PETITION NO. 307 - Request from The Salvation Army to place Christmas Kettles in various places throughout city (Letter dated 10/29/64 - received too late to place on agenda)

MR. KELLY MOVED for suspension of the rules to bring the above matter on the floor. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

Concerning Picnic Areas for Rental Purposes by various Organizations

MR. CONNORS brought the above matter on the floor. He said Stamford is very short of areas for clambakes and picnics and many concerns in the city have to go out of town and it is well known that the city has been closing off these areas for various reasons, one after the other, with the exception of Hartman Park, Cove Island occasionally. He said he thinks the city could derive some revenue from part of the mainland which at the present time is not developed. He suggested that some thought be given to developing this into some sort of a picnic area for rental purposes.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Connors put his remarks in writing so that it may be referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral to committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- (1) Concerning Increased Benefits for Pensioners now on Pension Under the "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN" (Brought up by Mr. Ketcham under "New Business" on 3/2/64, followed by a letter to the Steering Committee on 3/24/64; referred to Personnel Committee 4/6/64 - See pages 3964 and 3966 of Minutes of 4/6/64) -

\* MR. PHILPOT, Chairman, said the Mayor is now undertaking a study of insurance as it may be applied to benefit the city employees under their Pension Plan. He said it seems reasonable that Part 3 of the benefit plan can be adapted to group life and retirement benefits. *He is a study of* ~~and consequently, benefits might be gained by those pensioners not now covered by the old plan and can be undertaken immediately~~ *future* ~~to extend benefits to these people.~~

- (2) Concerning COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, under terms of Public Act 495 (1963 Session) (See Minutes of 7/6/64, page 4075; Minutes of 8/3/64, pages 4079 and 4092) (Minutes of 10/5/64, pages 4134 through 4135)

MR. PHILPOT said if arrangements can be made for the use of the Board's meeting room for a public hearing on the above matter for sometime around November 19th he would like to hold a hearing with interested parties on the above matter.



MR. KANE asked if Mr. Philpot's committee has looked into whether or not the study now being made by the Mayor is a good plan. (Concerning item #1 above)

MR. PHILPOT replied that the Mayor's acceptance of his idea only reached him today by mail and the committee will have to study it further.

MR. KANE asked, through the President, if this means that the action will come from the Mayor rather than from the Committee of this Board that was assigned this task.

THE PRESIDENT said this is not quite fair - that the question is whether or not something can be accomplished quickly, and by working with the Mayor, the legislative branch can move faster. Also, he said he thinks this is more within the purview of the Administrative branch of the city's government rather than the Legislative branch.

MR. KANE says he asks this question because it started as a joint effort (bi-partisan) of both Mr. Ketcham and himself and the idea was to accomplish the bringing up to present day standards the pensions of those now retired employees who have not received these additional benefits accorded to other city employees. He said he was wondering whether they have incorporated these people who were on the previous pension plan with present employees who will receive these benefits when they retire.

MR. PHILPOT replied that this is the intention - that the difficulty now remains of trying to locate those people who are now on Social Security alone, with no benefits from the City whatsoever. He said they have to try and trace these people to try and find out where they are.

MR. KANE said he has been wondering why this has taken so long, but now he can understand - that the Committee IS studying this particular matter. He asked if the Board will receive a report on this very shortly.

MR. PHILPOT says he hopes to have this information before the next Board meeting.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Philpot that the Board's meeting room is taken for the night of November 19th (in regard to item #2 above) and if he will check with Mrs. Farrell perhaps another meeting night can be arranged. (Note: Held Wednesday, November 18th)

MR. TRUGLIA asked if the President is referring to the Personnel Committee's hearing to hear speakers concerning Collective Bargaining for Municipal employees.

The President replied this is correct.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said two meetings were held during the month of October.

Concerning request to investigate the possibility of installation of WARNING SIGNS TO MOTORISTS NEAR SCHOOL BUS STOPS to slow down during school term (Introduced by Joseph S. Bitetto, 6th District Representative in letter of 9/14/64) (See Minutes of 10/5/64, page 4135)



MR. KUCZO reported that a joint meeting was held with the Board of Public Safety on October 13th on the above matter. He said the Police Department is now painting signs on the roads to warn motorists of their approach to schools. In addition, there are numerous warning signs which warn motorists of both schools and bus stops. He said there are literally thousands of school bus stops throughout the city and the cost of signs would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12.00 each, and it was agreed by this Committee and the Board of Public Safety that a duplication of existing signs would be unwarranted. He reported that a study is now under way regarding school bus signs being installed at the start of each major highway where there is a school bus route.

MR. KUCZO said the Committee will study this problem further in the interests of safety of our school children and motorists that must travel these routes.

Concerning request to PAVE PARKING LOT AT HIGH SCHOOL (See Minutes of 3/2/64, pages 3927 and 3944 - Also 2/3/64 minutes, page 3919)

MR. KUCZO said the regular monthly meeting of his Committee was held 11/5/64 at the Municipal Office Building, with the following present: Andrew Tatano, Frank Veit, John Keggi and Paul Kuczo, Jr., to consider the above matter. He said this was previously referred to the Public Works Committee and the Committee felt it belongs in that category. He said to date, little has been done to alleviate the condition, although there has been an appropriation to start this project; that the site improvement plans show that parking will be provided on the Hillendale Road border and tennis courts on the easterly portion of the land concerned, or bordering on Finway Street. He said there is a drainage problem at the easterly portion, but this apparently would only affect the tennis courts, since this is the lowest part of the land. He said the immediate need is for additional parking.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the Public Works Department take immediate steps to get this parking lot in acceptable condition.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not think this is a proper motion and should be referred to the Steering Committee to be referred to the proper committee, rather than take action tonight on the floor of the meeting. He said he would initiate a letter providing a complete report is furnished to him in writing.

MR. KUCZO said there is one thing that should be borne in mind - that winter is coming and this problem is cause for grave concern, particularly at night when the parking lot is used for parking for adult education classes.

MR. MORRIS said he thought he had explained in great detail to Mr. Kuczo the reasons why this parking lot has not been paved - that the drainage problem created by a large paved surface would be too large to handle without causing flooding of the area. He said the storm drains were inadequate to carry away the large amount of water and would create a flooding condition and this is the reason it has not been paved. He said Mr. Mitchell (Commissioner of Public Works) has spoken with the Superintendent of Schools and explained the problem that would be created by paving so large an area.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

In the absence of Mr. Rich, who had been called from the meeting, the President read his report:



No Committee meeting has been held since the last Board meeting, but the following report of activity in the Southeast Quadrant is presented:

The Business Relocation Office at 440 Main Street, opened on November 2nd, under the supervision of Alvert Novik, Director of Business Relocation. Mr. Novik has completed a study of all businesses affected by the Project and has started to assist those who must move.

The Family Relocation Office has added several staff members. Mr. Battiste, the Director, has started preparations for the relocation of families by a thorough review of family financial situations, space needed and family desires.

In the property acquisition area of the Commission's work, they report that first and second acquisition appraisals have been reviewed and recommended prices submitted to HHFA covering 74 properties.

Boundary survey work has continued.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. D. Rich, Chairman

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING "TASK FORCE" special committee:

MR. LINDSTROM reported for the Committee. He said he believed the President brought the details out earlier in the meeting - that they plan to have the meeting room finished in time for the December 7th Board meeting. He said if there are any objections to the seating arrangement to please let them know before the rug is laid and arrangements made for fixed seating and the necessary carpentry work.

MR. TRUGLIA said he believes a tentative meeting date has been set for the members of the Committee to finish up the task.

MR. LINDSTROM said a firm date has not been set, but will be as soon as the members are contacted.

THE PRESIDENT said he understands from Mrs. Farrell that the rug is going down this Thursday (November 12th).

Concerning Dedication Ceremonies on December 7th

THE PRESIDENT said he would urge the Majority and Minority Leaders to hold their caucus early, in order that the dedication ceremonies can start promptly at 8 P.M. prior to the regular monthly meeting. He informed the members that the Minority Leader will have some members of the Rippowam High School Band here at that time to play, so it will be important that the meeting start promptly at 8 o'clock. The President said the question of refreshments will be left to the discretion of the Special Task Force Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:****(1) Invitation from the Stamford Veterans' Day Celebration Committee**

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter:

The Honorable  
Ronald M. Schwartz, President  
Board of Representatives  
City of Stamford  
429 Atlantic Street  
Stamford, Connecticut

November 9, 1964

Dear Sir:

The Stamford Veterans' Day Celebration Committee cordially invites the members of the Board of Representatives to attend the Veterans' Day Memorial Services, Central Park, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 11, 1964. Members are also invited to participate in the parade and review which begins at 2 p.m., Town and Country Shopping Center.

The Reviewing Stand will be located adjacent to the Old Town Hall. We would appreciate having you all with us.

For a successful Veterans' Day.

Respectfully,

Stephen J. Vitka  
General Chairman  
Veterans' Day Committee

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**(2) Concerning Request from General Chairman, Veterans' Day Committee for the following:**

1. To name Atlantic Square "VETERANS' SQUARE" for this week only.
2. To declare this week "VETERANS' WEEK".

A VOTE was taken on the above request, and unanimously approved.

**(3) Copy of letter dated October 30, 1964, signed by Ten Businessmen whose Businesses are to be displaced by the URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, addressed to the Urban Redevelopment Commission, requesting right to bid for land in the Urban Renewal Area in order that they may sponsor the construction of their own buildings.****(4) Letter dated 10/28/64 from John Parkin, Secretary, Social Action Committee, Stamford-Darien Council of Churches, concerning nomination of Executive Director of Stamford Human Rights Commission.**



- (5) Letter dated 10/29/64 from Mrs. Beatrice Foreman, President, Catholic Interracial Council, Stamford-Greenwich Area, concerning nomination of Director of Stamford Human Rights Commission.
- (6) PUC Notice of Dismissal (dated 11/6/64) re: Stamford Water Company Appeal from decision of Stamford Zoning Board of Appeals Denying Request of Company to erect a Pumping Station. (Docket No. 10297)

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning Special Committee to Investigate reasons for Industry Leaving Stamford

MR. TRUGLIA asked what was being done by the Committee formed some time ago to look into the problem of industry leaving Stamford and what could be done to prevent future problems of this nature. He said he has inquired about this from time to time and would like to know if anything has been accomplished.

MR. RUSSELL said he has had some conversations with the Mayor on this matter, who plans very soon to have another meeting at which time members will be invited to be present.

Concerning STAMFORD ALL WARS MEMORIAL

THE PRESIDENT called the attention of the members that representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars are present in the rear of the meeting room with a replica of the above named memorial, and would request the members to examine it at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

*Velma Farrell*  
Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

*Ronald M. Schwartz*  
Ronald M. Schwartz, President  
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast  
over Radio Station WSTC.  
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\*Turn page for Correction PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (1) MR. PHILPOT

**\*PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

MR. PHILPOT, Chairman, said the Mayor is now undertaking a study of insurance as it may be applied to benefit the city employees under their Pension Plan. He said it seems reasonable that Part 3 of the benefit plan can be adapted to include a study of group life and retirement benefits. Consequently a study of those pensioners not now absolutely covered by the old plan can be undertaken in the very near future with a view to extending additional benefits to these people.