

Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives
Minutes of February 1, 1965
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, February 1, 1965, in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Alan H. Ketcham at 8:20 P.M.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rev. Thomas W. Nissley, First Presbyterian Church.

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 29 members present and 11 absent, two members arrived shortly afterward and a new member was sworn in, replacing Martin Passaro (R) who resigned as a member from the 16th District. This resulted in a roll call of 32 present and 8 absent. The absent members were: Chester Walajtys, Patsy Arruzza, Dominick Vivona, Gerald Sullivan, Stephen Kelly, Stanley Kulowiec, William Hearing and Peter Martin.

RESIGNATION OF MARTIN PASSARO, Republican member from 16th District and naming of Successor.

THE PRESIDENT read the resignation of Mr. Passaro at this time and called for nominations for his successor.

ELECTION OF EDWIN D. IACOVO, (Republican) residing at 307 Silver Hill Lane, 16th District)

MR. MORRIS presented the name of Edwin D. Iacovo, Republican, as successor to Martin Passaro.

There being no further nominations, the President declared the nominations closed, Mr. Connors requested the Clerk to cast one ballot. Mr. Iacovo was elected unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT administered the oath of office to Mr. Iacovo and he assumed his seat as a member of the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of January 4, 1965

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

THE PRESIDENT read the following report of the Steering Committee at this time:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, January 18, 1965

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, January 18, 1965, in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street.

The Chairman, Alan H. Ketcham, called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Anthony Truglia, William Hearing and Romaine Philpot, who were ill.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

(1) Additional Appropriations

All additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance on 1/14/65 were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON THE AGENDA, with all items over \$2,000.00 referred to a secondary committee, except pensions.

Two items deferred at the 1/4/65 Board meeting were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE.

- (2) Final adoption of two amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE, by adding Sec. 57 and Sec. 58 - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES (Letter dated 12/11/64 from Corporation Counsel) (Adopted for publication 1/4/65; published 1/11/65)

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, to whom the above matter had been previously referred, said an open hearing would be held by his Committee on January 27, 1965 on the above matter.

(3) Concerning Civil Defense Corps

MR. KANE MOVED that a letter of thanks and commendation be sent to the Director and Deputy Director of the Civil Defense Corps for their outstanding work during the past year. Seconded by Mr. Connors and CARRIED unanimously.

- (4) Concerning RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A STATE AID GRANT FOR CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT (Requested in letter of 12/23/64 from Supt. of Schools, J. J. Franchina) (Estimated cost to complete: \$4,216,000.00; anticipated State Aid: \$1,338,700.00) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE

- (5) Concerning proposed amendment to RULES OF ORDER UNDER "VOTING", Rule No. 4, to change by deleting the word "written" after the word "secret" and before the word "ballot" thereby changing it to read "secret ballot" instead of "secret written ballot". (Per opinion from Corporation Counsel in letter of 12/11/64 to Mr. Edwin O. Lindstrom, concerning whether or not the Board of Representatives may adopt electronic machines for the purpose of voting and computing the vote.) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (6) Petition (dated 1/17/65) signed by residents of upper NEWFIELD AVENUE area (addressed to the Mayor) requesting INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS TO PROTECT CHILDREN ATTENDING PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS in that area, because of hazardous road conditions - REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (7) Request for TRAFFIC LIGHT at intersection of HALLIWELL DRIVE and BRIDGE STREET, with tripper on Halliwell Drive and another on Bridge Street (dated 12/14/64) - Signed by 5 residents; presented by Peter Martin, 18th District Representative under "New Business" at the 1/4/65 Board meeting - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (8) Carbon copy of letter (dated 12/14/64) to Mayor, signed by residents of WESTOVER MANOR, INC., concerning unpassable roads in development (Presented by Peter Martin, 18th District Representative, under "New Business" at the 1/4/65 Board meeting - REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (9) Several matters not brought out of Committee by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE at previous meetings were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA.
- (10) Concerning RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF CLUB (Letter from William Selsberg, Esq., 7th District Representative, dated 1/5/65)- REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE to "request an opinion from the Corporation Counsel with respect to the above Club's rules, regulations and fees approved by the Board of Representatives."

Mrs. Farrell was instructed to write to the Corporation Counsel requesting such an opinion.

- (11) Two matters previously held in Committee at the 1/4/65 Board meeting, under the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA.

- (12) Concerning final report from Special Investigating Committee

MR. KANE MOVED to cancel the above Committee, since no report has been submitted of its findings in the "14 months of its existence". Seconded by Mr. Connors.

THE CHAIRMAN said he understands the Committee still has quite a bit of work to do and is trying to finish it as soon as possible.

- (13) Concerning release of publicity other than by Committee Chairmen

MR. MORRIS pointed out that under the Rules of the Board, the Chairman of a Committee is the only one authorized to release publicity. Several members agreed that this rule has been violated on several occasions. The Chairman asked the members to refrain from issuing public statements on matters that are still in Committee and not yet reported out by that Committee.

- (14) Concerning Budget requests of the Board of Representatives for fiscal year 1965-66

THE CHAIRMAN was instructed to go ahead and present the necessary budget requests and, in the case of special appropriations - i.e. concerning the Public Address System for the Board's meeting room.

- (15) Concerning Duplication Services:

There was some discussion on how to expedite the above. REFERRED TO THE "HOUSE COMMITTEE" to look into various methods and to report back.

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

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Alan H. Ketcham, Chairman
Steering Committee

Mr. Durso and Mr. Vincent Caporizzo arrived at this time, changing the roll call

to 32 present and 8 absent.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented the Committee report. He said a meeting was held by the Committee, as well as a joint meeting with the Education, Welfare and Government Committee, on Thursday, January 24, 1965 in the Conference Room of the Board of Representatives, with all members attending except Mr. Hemingway, who was out of town. He said Mr. Russell presided as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

(1) \$2,660.00 - ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, Covering the following: (Mayor's letter of 12/5/64)

Code 144.0102 Salaries, Part-time Employees-----	\$2,160.00
Code 144.0901 Professional Services-----	500.00
	<u>\$2,660.00</u>

Mr. Hemingway reported that the Committee denied, by majority vote the request for \$440.00 for Code 144.2101 Conventions, Dues & Conferences.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above \$2,660.00 as approved by the Committee.

MR. KUCZO said his Committee (Education, Welfare & Government) to whom this was also referred, concurred in the approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

(2) \$3,796.00 - SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY - Membership Dues
(Mayor's letter 8/6/64) (See Minutes 7/6/64, page 4064; Deferred 9/14/64; 10/5/64; 11/9/64; TABLED 12/7/64; kept in Committee 1/4/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee unanimously agreed to hold this item in Committee to obtain additional information.

MR. BITETTO and MR. TRUGLIA asked why this was not being reported out of Committee.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he would have to refer the question to Mr. Russell as he did not attend the meeting.

MR. RUSSELL said that several questions had been raised, one of which was why Norwalk was being forgiven 3/5ths of their dues and still remain a member of the Agency in good standing. He said this did not seem right to the Committee and they wished to explore the question further.

(3) \$450.00 - PLANNING BOARD, Code 134.2201, New Equipment (To purchase replacement for old, worn out typewriter) (Mayor's letter 1/8/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee approved this request and MOVED for approval. Seconded and CARRIED.

(4) \$75,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, Code 422.0000 General Hospital
(Mayor's letter 1/8/65) (REDUCED 1/14/65 by Board of Finance from \$120,000.00)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee approved the above request and MOVED for approval.

MR. KUCZO said his Committee concurred in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

- (5) \$10,000.00 - EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL & HOSPITAL ACCOUNT, Code 132.0000 (Disbursed on warrant of Corporation Counsel) (Mayor's letter 1/8/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee approved the above request and MOVED for approval.

MR. RUSSELL explained this appropriation concerns bills involving injuries and hospitalization to City employees.

MR. KUCZO said his committee concurred in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

- (6) \$16,134.00 - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - Preliminary Expenses connected with conversion to Modular Computer System planned for 7/1/65 (Mayor's letter 1/8/65)

Code 117.0101 Salaries-----	\$4,034.00
Code 117.0102 Overtime-----	1,200.00
Code 117.0301 Stationery -----	800.00
Code 117.2201 Disk Pack Equipment-----	9,800.00
Code 117.5203 Training School -----	300.00
	<u>\$16,134.00</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concur in the approval.

MR. TRUGLIA said this appears to be just a preliminary expense and asked if further expenses would be incurred.

MR. RUSSELL said a lengthy explanation was given to the Committee by both Mr. Gibbs Lyons, Commissioner of Finance and Mr. James McDonald, Controller as to the reasons why this was necessary for better auditing control, plus the many additional and desirable applications that this up-to-date equipment would give many departments of the City. He said this would probably run approximately \$40,000.00 more a year in the Budget to carry on this operation, but the Committee, thought the streamlining of the methods of auditing would be well worth the expense and that it was only bringing the city up-to-date by doing away with outmoded methods.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to approve item #6 above. CARRIED.

- (7) \$1,309.15 - PENSION - Joseph A. DeRosa, Code 154.0000, Custodians' Retirement Fund, effective 1/4/65, based on annual pension of \$2,661.50 or 50% of his average salary for past five years (Mayor's letter of 1/8/65)

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

- (8) \$2,581.85 - DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE - (Mayor's letter of 12/3/64) covering the following:

Code 560.0301 Stationery & Postage -----	\$ 50.00
Code 560.0501 Telephone -----	681.85
Code 560.0604 Identification -----	100.00
Code 560.1201 Maintenance of Equipment-----	750.00
Code 560.1701 Auto Operation & Maintenance--	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$2,581.85</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Committee had a discussion with Mr. Schacht, Operations Officer, Civil Defense, who explained that much of their rolling equipment was in serious need of repair; also their telephone account started at the beginning of the year with a back bill of several hundred dollars. He MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by several people.

MR. TRUGLIA asked why this had to be an emergency appropriation.

MR. RUSSELL explained in detail.

MR. CONNORS reminded the members of a letter that had recently been written to the Department of Civil Defense from the Steering Committee, commending them on an excellent job. He told about their outstanding work during the floods of 1955, when the volunteers from Stamford went up to Waterbury and did a wonderful job. He urged approval of the appropriation.

VOTE taken on item #8 above and CARRIED.

- (9) \$6,500.00 - Resolution No. 455, amending 1964-1965 Capital Projects Budget for improvement of FRANKLIN SCHOOL SITE ADDITION (Mayor's letter of 12/3/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter was unanimously approved by the Committee and MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Mr. Kuczo said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee also concurred in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 455

AMENDING 1964-1965 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$6,500.00 FOR IMPROVE-
MENT OF FRANKLIN SCHOOL SITE ADDITION

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1964-1965 Capital Projects Budget of the Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding an item thereto in the amount of \$6,500.00 for improvement of the Franklin School site addition (former Finch property), which includes the demolition of the building on the property and its preparation as an additional playground area, and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum of \$6,500.00 therefor.

- (10) \$75,000.00 - Resolution amending 1964-1965 Capital Projects Budget for Site Acquisition for additional ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORTH OF PARKWAY (Edgar M. Cullman Property) (Mayor's letter of 12/3/64)

MR. HEMINGWAY reported the above matter was being held in Committee, waiting further information affecting this matter.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held on January 27, 1965 at which time all members of the Committee were present.

- (1) Final adoption of amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE, by adding Section 57 and Section 58 - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES
(Letter dated 12/11/64 from Corporation Counsel) (Adopted for publication 1/4/65; published 1/11/65; open hearing held 1/27/65)

MR. SELSBERG said at the open hearing held by his Committee, many interested individuals were present and both pro and con arguments were heard. He said in view of the many facts brought to the attention of the Committee and the willingness of the Stamford Bar Association to assist, the Committee has deferred action on this matter.

- (2) Resolution No. 456 authorizing preliminary application for STATE AID GRANT for CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT, New Building, Capital Project (Estimated cost to complete: \$4,216,000.00 - Anticipated State Aid: \$1,338,700.00 (Letter from J. J. Franchina, Superintendent of Schools, dated 12/23/64)

MR. SELSBERG said it was the consensus of the committee that a resolution be offered for adoption allowing such application and MOVED for approval of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Kane and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 456

AUTHORIZATION OF PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR STATE AID GRANT FOR CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT, new building, Capital Project - (Estimated cost to complete: \$4,216,000.00 - Anticipated State Aid: \$1,338,700.00)

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Stamford, pursuant to and within the limitations of Section 10-283, Chapter 173 "Application for Funds" of the 1958 Revision of the Connecticut General Statutes, is hereby authorized and directed to apply for State Aid for the CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT, new building, and is further authorized to accept or reject State Aid Grant in the name of the City of Stamford for said Project.

- (3) Amendment to Rules of Order under "VOTING", Rule No. 4, to change 3rd line by deleting word "written" after the word "secret" and before the word "ballot", thereby changing it to read "secret ballot" instead of "secret written ballot". (Per Corporation Counsel's opinion in letter dated 12/11/64 to Mr. Edwin O. Lindstrom, concerning whether or not the Board of Representatives may adopt use of electronic machines for the purpose of voting and computing the vote.)

MR. SELSBERG said no action was taken by the committee on the above matter and it is hoped that the committee and Mr. Lindstrom will be able to explore all of the particulars and ramifications of the proposed voting machine in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE -

MR. REMLING, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held January 29, 1965, with all members present.

- (1) Petition (dated 1/17/65) signed by residents of upper NEWFIELD AVENUE area (addressed to the Mayor) requesting INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS TO PROTECT CHILDREN ATTENDING PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS in that area, because of hazardous road conditions

Mr. Remling said the committee discussed this with the Commissioner of Public Works, who will make a study of this problem to see what can be done.

- (2) Request for installation of stop light at INTERSECTION OF LOCKWOOD AVENUE and COVE ROAD and SOUNDVIEW AVENUE and COVE ROAD for protection of school children and residents (Presented by Stephen E. Kelly and Gerald J. Rybnick, 12th District Representatives in letter of 9/21/64 and referred to the Health & Protection Committee by Steering Committee on 9/21/64) - See Minutes of Oct. 5, 1964, item #18 on page 4124)

Mr. Remling said the above situation has been corrected.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. HEARING, being absent, the President asked if another member of the Committee had a report to present. There being none, the President asked if there was anything in this committee anyone wished to discuss.

Letter (dated 12/21/64) from John Kane, 11th District Representative, CONCERNING PROPOSED BUILDING OF A FURNACE SYSTEM TO COMBAT THE SMOKE AND BURNING OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE SOUTH END (See Minutes of 1/4/65, page 4180, item #16 - Referred to Health & Protection Committee by Steering Committee)

MR. KANE asked why the above matter was left off the agenda.

MR. REMLING said at the last meeting of his Committee (Public Works Committee) they discussed this with the Commissioner of Public Works and he has a survey going for the last few months on this problem.

MR. KANE said his question is why was this left off the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT said he would look into the reason and let him know sometime in the near future.

MR. KUCZO said he noticed a great deal of air pollution caused by solid particles of soot settling all over the Municipal Office Building which had seeped through the windows and covered the furniture.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Kuczo present this in writing to be brought before the Steering Committee.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on January 27, 1965, with all members of the Committee present, with the exception of Michael Zezima.

- (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 request of Commissioner of Finance on 5/8/64 and

provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances)
(Copies mailed to all Board members 6/4/64) (Deferred 10/5/64; 11/9/64;
12/7/64 and 1/4/65)

MR. RUSSELL said the above matter was being held in Committee, awaiting additional information. He said the Committee again requests the Board members to please check their copies of the above lists of properties being considered for disposition and to please forward any comments they might have to the Planning and Zoning Committee, so that they can report it out of Committee.

- (2) Petition (signed by 69 residents of Lakeview Development) to abandon a portion and close off the end of BROOK RUN ROAD (Undated - received 9/14/64) (Deferred 10/5/64; 11/9/64; 12/7/64 and 1/4/65)

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee unanimously rejected the above request to close off a portion of Brook Run Road for the following reasons:

The road opening on to Long Ridge Road had been requested in 1957 by the Board of Education and the road was built and accepted as a City street in December 1958; an additional appropriation of approximately \$7,000.00 was requested 3 years ago to correct street drainage and properly open road intersection with Long Ridge Road (completed summer of 1964). The Planning Board and the Board of Education still feel this connection is necessary as it is used by many walking students, as well as some students driving cars to Rippowam High School.

Mr. Russell said the Committee agrees that residents complaining that through truck traffic should be limited and controlled are right and that the city should prevent such type of road usage and the Committee so recommends.

MR. RUSSELL MOVED that the above petition to close off a portion of Brook Run Road be DENIED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

(3) Acceptance of roads as City Streets:

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee agreed to present the following roads for acceptance; they were certified by the City Engineer and inspected. He said all maps referred to are filed in the office of the Town and City Clerk. He MOVED for acceptance of the following streets. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

BARMORE DRIVE EAST - Extending from the already accepted portion easterly and northerly to a dead end. Length, approximately 860 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 3682.

BARMORE DRIVE WEST - Extending from the already accepted portion northerly and easterly to Barmore Drive East. Length, approximately 980 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 3682.

McINTOSH ROAD - Extending from Winesap Road northerly to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 1,150 ft., width 27 ft. Map No. 7757.

PAMLIN ROAD - Extending from the already accepted portion northerly to Barmore Drive East. Length, approximately 150 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 3682.

SHELTER ROCK ROAD - Extending from the already accepted portion southerly and easterly to a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 1,076 ft., width 27 ft. Map No. 7803

WOOD RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH - Extending from the already accepted portion northerly to and including a temporary turnaround. Length, approximately 835 ft., width 30 ft. Map No. 7617.

- (4) Final adoption of Ordinance CHANGING THE NAME OF WESTWOOD ROAD NORTH TO "WESTWOOD ROAD" (Adopted for publication 1/4/65; published 1/13/65)

MR. RUSSELL said the Committee unanimously agreed to present the following Ordinance for final adoption and so MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously:

ORDINANCE NO. 117 SUPPLEMENTAL

CHANGING THE NAME OF WESTWOOD ROAD NORTH TO "WESTWOOD ROAD"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Westwood Road North, running westerly from Stillwater Road to that portion of Westwood Road presently under construction, described as follows:

As shown on Map No. 7568 on file in the City and Town Clerk's Office, entitled "Map Showing Section Five, West Hill Manor, Stamford, Conn." prepared by Parsons, Bromfield and Redniss and dated Revised March 22, 1963. The road is shown extending westerly from Stillwater Road, a distance of approximately 810 lineal feet to a temporary turnaround,

which shall henceforth be known as "Westwood Road".

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

Letter (dated 12/21/64 from John Kane, 11th District Representative, requesting a study be made of development of a road and bridge to CONNECT LUDLOW STREET AND THE MAGEE AND SHIPPAN ROAD INTERSECTION - (See Minutes of 1/4/65, page 4180, item #18)

MR. KANE rose on a point of information. He said at the Steering Committee meeting held 12/21/64 he brought up the above matter, which was referred at that time to the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Public Works Committee. He asked why this was left off the agenda.

MR. RUSSELL said they had left it off the agenda because they have a tentative meeting scheduled with the Planning Board at which time they hope to have a discussion on the problems involved.

MR. KANE said he would like to know why this was not placed on the agenda.

MR. TRUGLIA said he believes that any member has the right to question any part of the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT said he believed his question has been fully answered by Mr. Russell.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Park Commission request, approval of a 50¢ fee for I. D. Card to test use of identification cards at Cove Island Park during 1965 Season (Letter of 12/10/64)

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Bitetto presented the Committee report. He said a meeting was held on January 29, 1965, as was a previous meeting held on January 19, 1965. He said four members attended the meeting held the 19th and six attended the one held the 29th.

MR. BITETTO MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Rand.

Considerable debate ensued at this time.

MR. KUCZO MOVED this be TABLED for further study. Seconded. LOST.

MR. BITETTO read the following letter from the Corporation Counsel at this time:

Concerning Corporation Counsel's opinion on Proposal of the Park Commission to issue personal identification cards for use at COVE ISLAND PARK during the 1965 Season. (Letter dated January 21, 1965)

Mr. Stephen E. Kelly, Chairman
Parks & Recreation Committee
Board of Representatives

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This is written with regard to your recent request concerning a proposal of the Park Commission to issue personal identification cards for use at Cove Island Park during the coming 1965 Season. You state that it is contemplated that a 50¢ additional fee is to be charged for the identification cards and that the purpose of said cards is to more efficiently limit the use of Cove Island Park to residents of the City of Stamford.

Specifically, the legal question you pose is whether the above proposal of the Park Commission is prohibited by the provisions of State or Federal law relative to the granting of funds to the City of Stamford for the improvement of Cove Island Park or of any other park in Stamford.

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The result of our investigation of this matter is that at present there is no such prohibition against the proposal of the Park Commission emanating from the grant of State or Federal funds for the improvement of Cove Island Park. In addition, no such prohibition relative to Cove Island Park presently exists by reason of the grant of funds for other parks.

The other questions posed by your request relative to the merits of the proposal of the Park Commission and are policy matters.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. Patrick Ryan,
Corporation Counsel

After considerable debate, MR. NATHANSON MOVED to commit the question of the legality of the issuance of these I. D. Cards to the Legislative and Rules Committee. Seconded. VOTE taken; LOST by a vote of 11 in favor and 13 opposed.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. Seconded by several members. CARRIED.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED to refer this back to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded and CARRIED.

TIME TABLE FOR MARINA REGISTRATIONS FOR 1965 FALL SEASON:

MR. BITETTO read the following letter for the members information:

January 29, 1965

Mr. Stephen E. Kelly, Chairman
Parks & Recreation Committee
Board of Representatives
City of Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Requests submitted to the Park Commission concerning the closing date of public marinas next fall are being given close study and consideration.

May I request that you inform all members of the Board of Representatives at the February 1st meeting of the following time table for marina registrations:

RENEWALS: (Those who had 1964 accommodations and wish to renew)

From Saturday Feb. 6th to Saturday Feb. 13th:

Saturdays --- 9 A. M. to 1 P.M.

Weekdays --- 9 A. M. to 4 P.M.

(NOTE: The office is open Friday Feb. 12th - 9 A. M. to 1 P.M.)

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NEW APPLICATIONS: (Those who DID NOT have 1964 accommodations)

Starting Saturday Feb. 27th --- 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Continuing thereafter during regular office hours, Monday through Friday.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Connell, Supt.,
Department of Parks & Trees

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. PHILPOT reported on the following matters in his Committee:

- (1) Concerning Increased Benefits for Pensioners now on Pension under the CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN --(See Minutes of 10/5/64, page 4133)

MR. PHILPOT said he is in receipt of a letter from a company to which he has written that a detailed report will be sent to him within a week or ten days.

- (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 4079-4092; Minutes of 10/5/64, page 4134) (Committee public hearing held 11/18/64)

MR. PHILPOT said it is his understanding that the Governor's report of the findings of the Committee he appointed on the above matter, will be forthcoming some time in February and he has requested copies of that report.

EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO reported that his Committee met jointly with the Fiscal Committee and all action taken has been reported earlier in the meeting under the Fiscal Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor's letter of January 26, 1965 requesting confirmation of appointment of Robert A. Heller (Democrat) to the Flood & Erosion Control Board, term expiring 12/1/65

The above letter was referred to the Steering Committee to take up at their next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Letter(dated 1/28/65) concerning meetings of the Building and Sites Committee of Board of Education on Capital Projects, one scheduled to be held February 4, 1965 and inviting members of the Board of Representatives to attend

THE PRESIDENT read the above letter.

- (2) Letter from City Housing Authority concerning amendment to Cooperation Agreement, increasing payments of percentages of rents in lieu of taxes, to 12-1/2% from 10%

Above communication referred to the Steering Committee.

- (3) Letter dated 1/28/65 from Mechanics of the Stamford School System, Local 1083 concerning increase in wages

Above communication referred to the Steering Committee.

- (4) Letter (dated 1/14/65) from Joseph J. Franchina, Supt. of Schools, concerning Stamford High School Rehabilitation Project, (enclosing one copy of a survey report from Ballard Todd Associates, Architects), which is being requested in the 1965/1966 Capital Projects Budget

- (5) Report of 8th Charter Revision Commission (1 copy)

THE PRESIDENT said copies will be made of the above report and made available.

MR. KANE asked if the President contemplated appointing a Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee (a special committee) shortly inasmuch as the former Chairman (Michael Sherman) is no longer a member of this Board, having resigned at the January Board meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said it would be attended to at the first available opportunity.

- (6) Letter (dated 1/31/65) from Robert Bundock to the attention of Mr. Thomas Morris, Majority Leader Board of Representatives, concerning action taken by the Tri District Republican Club, asking why the Stamford Schools are not observing Lincoln's birthday as a holiday this year

MR. (TOM) MORRIS read the above letter.

MR. KANE explained that each year a tentative school calendar is sent around to all of the teachers for their opinions and interpretation as to what should be included and apparently this was an oversight.

MR. MORRIS said he would like to have this letter sent to the Board of Education. Seconded by Mr. Connors. CARRIED with one "no" vote (Mr. Truglia).

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Concerning the reporting out of matters referred to various Committees

MR. KUCZO said he thinks something should be done about matters being referred to various Committees without ever being reported out by the Committee to whom it had been referred. He said he thinks there should be some kind of written report submitted by the Committee and he knows personally that he has never received or seen any report on any matter that he has brought before this Board and thinks at least that some type of progress report should be given.

MR. MORRIS said it might be true in some instances, but in the case of the Cove Dam he presented a very thorough report when he was Chairman of the Public Works Committee and Mr. Kuczo had asked for a report - he got it.

(2) Concerning change in specifications of COVE DAM GATES

MR. KUCZO said he would also like to point out that the gates now being installed at the Cove Dam site are not the same ones that were originally supposed to be installed. He said the City paid some \$71,000.00 for gates and now \$24,000.00 more is being spent for an inferior product and he would like to have an explanation as to the reason for this.

MR. MORRIS said he believes Mr. Kuczo is misinformed - that it was the original gates that were inferior and not the ones now being installed.

(3) Concerning Disposal of old CLOONAN SCHOOL

MR. TRUGLIA said it has been several months now since the closing of the old Cloonan School and nothing has been done about disposing of it. He asked is it to be allowed to just deteriorate and fall apart. He said it seems the City could find plenty of use for this building, besides just letting it lie idle and fall apart.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Truglia present a letter to this effect so that it may be presented to the Steering Committee for proper referral to committee.

MR. (TOM) MORRIS said he believes this was thoroughly discussed on the floor of this Board when an attempt was made to sell this property and the fact was brought up at that time that perhaps it could serve a better purpose by being used as a neighborhood center and playground, rather than selling it.

(4) Concerning Mayor's Committee on prevention of industry leaving the City

MR. TRUGLIA asked what was happening to the two man member of the "Paper Committee" on the above matter.

THE PRESIDENT said he would like to refresh his memory on this point - that at the 12/21/64 meeting of the Steering Committee this was thoroughly discussed, and the two members from this Board were supposed to report back to the Steering Committee and if necessary, we would then pursue this matter further.

(Note: See Minutes of Jan. 4, 1965, page 4181 under report of Steering Committee.)

MR. TRUGLIA said it is for this reason that he is now asking this question - why have they not as yet reported back.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes he is correct in his assumption that they will follow the directive of the Steering Committee and report back as soon as they have looked into the matter, and have something to report.

MR. NATHANSON said he would like to ask a question at this point. He asked if he is correct in assuming that these two members of the Board who are supposedly members of the Committee to which Mr. Truglia refers, are NOT members of a Committee of THIS Board, but members of the Mayor's Committee and are therefore not subject to reporting back to this Board.

THE PRESIDENT replied he is correct - that these are two Board members who have been assigned to another Committee which is NOT a Committee of this Board.

MR. KUCZO said he believes that back in 1954 a bi-partisan committee was appointed around the time that Schick was moving out of Stamford. He said he wanted to know if that committee is still in existence, because the resolution of this Board (Resolution No. 190) was adopted at that time.

THE PRESIDENT said the resolution to which Mr. Kuczo refers is still preserved in print, because he recently read it, but for historical research it might be of interest.

MR. CONNORS said as one of the members of this so-called "Paper Committee" to which Mr. Truglia and Mr. Kuczo refer, how can he report back when he has never been asked to attend any meetings of this Committee. He said he can see where it is not up to the President to demand a report - that if the members are not invited to attend a meeting there is nothing they can do about it.

MR. RUSSELL said as the other member of the Board who was supposed to belong to the Committee, it is unfortunate that perhaps when it was formed, there was no definite understanding about the function of the two members from this Board whose names were suggested to the Mayor at a later date, after the citizens committee had been formed by him. He said he has spoken to the Mayor about it, and it seems as if the committee has been actively engaged in looking into various phases of the problem - that it was the Mayor's personal committee and we asked to be placed on it after most of the ground work was done and they came along at the end asking to also be placed on the committee.

MR. RYBNICK said he thinks this should be left up to the discretion of the Steering Committee to perhaps write a letter to the Mayor to find out more about it, rather than debating it on the floor of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Concerning keeping the Charter up-to-date

MR. SELSBERG said he is somewhat concerned with the fact that the Charter is not kept up to date by an orderly process of having amendments to it printed up as a regular service, so that those who have the Charter can have their copies kept constantly up to date, rather than to have several years go by and then having new ones printed up. He said those who have to constantly consult their copies of the Charter are always working under a disability.

Mr. Selsberg pointed out that this Board needlessly approved the hearings of the Board of Tax Review when this function had been removed from the Board of Representatives by a Charter revision that was approved by the electorate back in 1962, but never incorporated as a part of the Charter because it had been printed before these amendments were adopted. He said he thought this Board should do something about getting a service that would enable us to constantly keep the Charter up to date and not wait until many amendments had been made and then having new ones printed up again. He said this method was not only confusing, but antiquated and that a more efficient method should be employed.

THE PRESIDENT said he would again have to remind the members that this is something that should be processed through the Steering Committee and the normal channels.

(2) Concerning USE OF ELECTRONIC MACHINE FOR PURPOSE OF VOTING AND COMPUTING THE VOTE (See Minutes of 1/4/65, page 4180, item #19)

MR. LINDSTROM said this matter is now in the Legislative & Rules Committee (See item #5 under Steering Committee Report and item #3 under Legislative & Rules Committee Report) and his special "House Committee" and next month they intend to come out with a report on this and is wondering if the Board would like to have a demonstration of the machine to see how it works, so that the Board can then vote on the amendment to the Rules of the Board in order to adopt this electronic method of computing the vote.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes this could be done at the discretion of the "House Committee".

(3) Use of Salt on City Streets

MR. KUCZO said he is not sure whether he should have brought this up under "Old Business" rather than at this time, but he said he has failed to see any trucks applying sand to the city streets - they appear to be using nothing but plain salt, and at the expensive rate of \$15.00 a ton this would seem to be a very expensive way of getting rid of snow and ice.

(4) Shoveling of Snow from sidewalks

MR. KUCZO said he also wished to point out the fact that the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks is also a City Ordinance and yet the City itself seems to be one of the biggest violators of its own Ordinance. He asked if there is any way in which we can enforce this, or to make them cognizant of their dereliction of their duties.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kuczo that as a legislative body this Board adopts Ordinances, but it is not their function to enforce them and the only thing to be done is to notify the Police Department, whose job it is to enforce the Ordinances.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to suggest that the President of the Board write a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works to point out this violation.

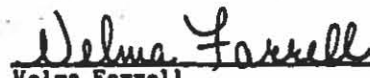
THE PRESIDENT said this also should be taken up at the Steering Committee meeting.

MR. KUCZO said by the time it goes through the Steering Committee it will be summer.

MR. MORRIS said he would suggest that the only proper way to do this would be to notify the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.


Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED


Alan H. Ketcham, President
Board of Representatives

Note: the above meeting was broadcast
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