

Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives  
Minutes of March 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, March 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: Given by Rev. Claude L. Peters, Stamford Baptist 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 33 members present and 7 absent at the calling of the roll. Several members arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 37 present and 3 absent. The absent members were: Patsy Arruzza, Stanley Kulowiec and William Hearing.

Mr. Nathanson said he has been in touch with Mr. Arruzza, who has been sick since December and has sent his apologies to the Board for his inability to attend the meetings during his illness. He suggested the members send him a letter wishing him a speedy recovery. CARRIED unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT said he has also heard from Mr. Hearing, who said he expects to be with us very shortly.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of February 1, 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, February 15, 1965

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, February 15, 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 8:25 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Hearing, who was ill.

Mrs. Farrell was instructed to write to Mr. Hearing, conveying the best wishes of the members for a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

(1) Appointments

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

Mayor's letter 2/15/65 requesting confirmation of two appointments - John T. Lyle (D) to the Zoning Board, term expiring 12/1/69; and George Ferrara (R) as an Alternate to the Planning Board, term expiring 12/1/67

The above three appointments were REFERRED TO THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

(2) Additional Appropriations

All additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance on 2/11/65 were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA, with all items over \$2,000.00 referred to a secondary Committee, with the exception of pensions.

(3) Additional appropriation of \$3,796.00 for membership dues in the SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFIELD REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (Mayor's letter of 8/6/64)

The above matter, having previously been deferred was ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE. It was decided to write to the Agency to ascertain what Norwalk's status is regarding dues.

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

The above matter, which was also deferred at the last Board meeting was ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under FISCAL COMMITTEE.

(5) Two items under the Legislative & rules Committee and deferred at the previous Board meeting - (a) Concerning amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE by adding Sections 57 and 58, Concerning Issuance of Building Permits or Certificates of Occupancy in cases where it will overtax sewer facilities; and (b) Proposed amendment to RULES OF ORDER under "Voting" so that the Board may adopt the use of electronic machines for the purpose of voting in secret balloting

Both of the above matters were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under Legislative and Rules Committee.

(6) Appeal from decision of Zoning Board - Application No. 64-038 of THE STAMFORD HALL COMPANY (Lord & Taylor) denying change to C-L Limited Business District, land now in C-N Neighborhood Business District (Their letter, with enclosures, dated 2/3/65, received 2/3/65)

(7) Appeal from decision of Zoning Board - Application No. 64-039 of THE STAMFORD HALL COMPANY (Fidelity Bank) denying change to C-L Limited Business District, land now in C-N Neighborhood Business District (Their letter, with enclosures, dated 2/3/65, received 2/3/65)

Both of above appeals were REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

There was some discussion as to the time involved in receiving all material on the above two appeals. Some of the members asked why it should take so long to get all the material, such as the transcript of testimony. They also asked why this had not all been sent out. The Chairman explained that he had been waiting to receive all the material so that it could all be sent out at the same time.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that any correspondence (on the above two matters) that is presently before this Board be mailed to the members immediately. Mr. Philpot seconded the motion.

There was considerable discussion at this point. The Chairman explained that the transcript of testimony is not ordered by the Zoning Board until after the appeal has been taken; it is then typed on stencils by the Stenotypist, who then sends it to the Zoning Board. It is then given to the Mimeograph Department to run off copies, after which it is delivered to the office of the Board of Representatives and mailed to all members immediately upon receipt.

A VOTE was taken on Mr. Kuczo's motion and CARRIED with two ~~no~~ votes.

MR. CONNORS reminded the members that if this Board fails to vote on the matter, the ruling of the Zoning Board stands.

The Chairman explained that all material will not be before this Board until the transcript of the public hearing of the Zoning Board is received.

Mrs. Farrell was directed to mail out everything that has been received to date on these appeals, and as other items are received, to send them out at once.

Mrs. Farrell was instructed to find out when the transcript of testimony would be ready.

Concerning an open hearing on above appeal (Lord & Taylor)

MR. CONNORS MOVED this be left to the discretion of the Planning & Zoning Committee as to whether or not a hearing should be held. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and CARRIED.

- (8) Letter (dated 1/28/65) from STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY requesting authorization for the Mayor to execute amendment to Cooperation Agreement to increase their payment, in lieu of taxes, from 10% to 12% (See Resolution No. 432, Minutes of 1/6/64, page 3868 and Minutes of 6/1/64, page 4034)

Above REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and ordered on the agenda.

- (9) Request for approval of EASEMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL LINES, TURN-OF-RIVER JR. HIGH SCHOOL and WILLARD SCHOOL (Mayor's letter 1/15/65) (Approved by Board of Finance on 2/11/65) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (10) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA, a Roman Catholic Church and School, under provisions of Ordinance No. 80.7, buildings to be used for non-profit, eleemosynary purposes. (Letter from Attorney E. Gaynor Brennan, Jr., dated 2/9/65) - REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE
- (11) A 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) Previously referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee and the Public Works Committee at the 12/21/64 meeting of the Steering Committee - REFERRED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE ONLY

- (12) Carbon copy of a letter from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative, regarding COVE DAM GATES (dated 2/4/65) addressed to Mayor Mayors (See note of referral of this matter from Mr. Kuczo, received 2/15/65) - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**RECESS:**

A recess was called at this time. After the members returned from caucus, Mr. KUCZO MOVED that the questions he asked in the above letter to the Mayor be answered specifically by the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Mr. Truglia and CARRIED.

- (13) Concerning DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (Deferred 10/5/64; 11/9/64; 12/7/64; 1/4/65 and 2/1/65) - KEPT IN PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE and not ordered on the agenda, per request from Mr. Russell, who said he has not been furnished yet with the wishes of the Board members and therefore cannot prepare any committee recommendations.

- (14) Letter (dated 1/28/65) from William Demopoulos, Secretary, Local 1083, Mechanics Chapter, concerning increase in compensation

- (15) Letter (dated 2/15/65) from Personnel Commission on above matter, explaining this was already before their Commission and wage increases had been given them as a part of a three-step program

After some discussion on the above two items (#14 and #15) it was decided to write to Mr. Demopoulos, explaining this was directly under the control of the Department of Civil Service under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Charter, with a carbon copy to that department.

- (16) Letter (dated 2/10/65) from Mrs. Frederick Lorenzen, Chairwoman of Board of Recreation, concerning report of 8th Charter Revision Commission - REFERRED TO CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

- (17) Appointment of Chairman of CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE

MR. KETCHAM announced that Mr. George Connors has been appointed as Chairman of the Special Charter Revision Committee this evening by unanimous approval of that Committee.

- (18) Concerning demonstration of electronic voting machine

MR. LINDSTROM, Chairman of the Special "House Committee" said he would arrange to have a demonstration of the above voting machine so that the members may have it explained to them.

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

ALAN H. KETCHAM, Chairman  
Steering Committee



APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held by his Committee on February 23, 1965 and the following Mayor's appointments were acted upon; and approved by the Committee.

The Tellers distributed the ballots and the following appointments were approved. The votes are recorded after each name:

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD:Term Ending:

ROBERT A. HELLER (D)  
82 Nutmeg Lane

December 1, 1965

(Filling out unexpired term  
of Milton Ellerin)

VOTE: 20 yes  
15 no

ZONING BOARD:

JOHN T. LYLE (D)  
271 Soundview Avenue  
(Replacing Dr. Noah H. Soloff)

December 1, 1969

VOTE: 33 yes  
2 no

ALTERNATE - PLANNING BOARD:

GEORGE FERRARA (R)  
27 Dolsen Place  
(Reappointment)

December 1, 1967

VOTE: 24 yes  
12 no

Mr. Rand and Mr. Walajtys arrived just before the vote was taken on Mr. Heller, changing the roll call to 35 present and 5 absent, and Mr. Iacovo arrived just before the vote was taken on Mr. Ferrara, thus changing the roll call to 36 present and 4 absent. Mr. Sullivan arrived shortly afterward.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY presented his Committee report at this time.

- (1) \$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 and 2/1/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY said the above matter was being kept in Committee and would not be reported out at this time. He said he had been directed by the Steering Committee to write to the SWRPA asking certain questions, which was done. The letters follow:

Dr. Rita C. Kaunitz  
Southwestern Fairfield Regional Planning Agency  
719 Post Road  
Darien, Connecticut

February 22, 1965

Dear Dr. Kaunitz:

The Board of Representatives in its meeting January 4, 1965 voted to end Stamford's membership in Southwestern Fairfield Regional Planning Agency. This was in line with the original ordinance

authorizing Stamford's membership for two years - January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1964.

During this period, Stamford had faithfully paid its assessed dues or membership fees from January 1, 1962 to June 30, 1964. There is now before our Board a request to authorize payment of \$3,796.00 which would have been the dues for the fiscal period July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965. It is possible that Stamford may elect to pay one half of this sum (6months period) to coincide with its term of membership in the agency.

Before considering this matter further, the Steering Committee of the Board has directed me to request an official answer from either the Chairman or the legal counsel of the S.W.F.R.P.A. to the following questions:

1. Has Norwalk, a member since the inception of the Agency, January 1, 1962, paid its proper dues?
2. If Norwalk has paid something less than the proper amount, is the Agency authorized to accept this and at the same time declare Norwalk a member in good standing, fully paid up to June 30, 1965?
3. If one or more members are not fully paid up, is the Agency qualified to apply for and receive State or Federal funds?
4. Does the Agency, with only four cities or towns, out of eight in Fairfield County, propose to represent all the municipalities in its overall planning, or confine itself to the more narrow interests of the four members?
5. Who is the observer from Stamford reported in the Norwalk paper, February 18, 1965 to have stated that Stamford may still rejoin the Agency and pay its regular dues from July 1, 1964?

If possible, we would appreciate your reply before our next Board meeting, Monday, March 1, 1965.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Booth Hemingway  
Chairman  
Fiscal Committee  
Board of Representatives

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The answer to the above letter follows:

SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY, 719 Post Road, Darien, Conn.

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February 26, 1965

Mr. Booth Hemingway  
Chairman, Fiscal Committee  
Board of Representatives  
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Hemingway:

You have raised some very important and complex questions concerning the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency in your letter of February 22. I am sure the Representatives to the Agency will want to give these questions their careful consideration.

Since certain of these questions do involve policy decisions, and others of them require consultation with State officials, the Agency will formulate answers and forward them to you as soon as possible.

We are pleased to be in touch with you in regard to Agency questions and will welcome the opportunity to be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

(signed) Rita D. Kaunitz, Ph. D.  
Chairman

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- (2) \$75,000.00 - Resolution No. 457 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) (Deferred 2/1/65)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 457

AMENDING 1964-1965 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 FOR SITE ACQUISITION FOR ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORTH OF PARKWAY (Edgar M. Cullman Property)

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 \$75,000.00 for the acquisition of 14-15 acres of the Edgar M. Cullman property fronting on Hickory Road, off High Ridge Road, as the site for an additional elementary school north of the parkway, said parcel, located on the southeast corner of the whole parcel, being a portion of Lot #1, east side, Hickory Road, and the appropriation of the aforesaid sum of \$75,000.00 therefor.

- (3) \$3,660,000.00 - Resolution No. 458 authorizing the issuance of \$3,660,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, to Finance the Capital Projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1964-1965 to be financed with funds raised by borrowing (Requested in Mayor's letter of 2/8/65) (Note: A similar resolution adopted by Board of Finance on 2/11/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY said his Committee approved this resolution and MOVED for its approval. Seconded by Mr. Russell and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 458

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,660,000.00) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO FINANCE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964-1965 TO BE FINANCED WITH FUNDS RAISED BY BORROWING

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 630 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, as amended, the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford has received a letter from the Mayor, dated February 8, 1965, requesting it to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance all of the Capital Projects contained in The Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1964-1965, as amended, as are to be financed with funds raised by borrowing; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been furnished with a certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Finance approving the aforesaid authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT:

1. That there be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to the Charter of the City of Stamford and any other general or special statutes thereto enabling, the issuance and sale, from time to time, of general obligation, coupon, serial bonds of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, in the aggregate principal amount of Three Million Six Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,660,000.00) for the purpose of paying for Capital Projects consisting of the several public improvements or other municipal works of a permanent character or for land taken for the purpose of such improvements or municipal works, all as hereinafter more fully described. Each of said Capital Projects is included in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1964-1965, as amended, duly adopted, and reference is hereby made to the said The Capital Budget, as amended, for a more complete description of the particular Capital Projects hereinafter designated. The said Capital Projects and the extent to which they are to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitary Sewer Construction:

Extension of Sanitary Sewers-  
South of parkway and Sewage  
Treatment Plant Addition.....\$900,000.00

Flood Control Construction: .....

Hurricane Protection.....760,000.00

\$1,660,000.00



BOARD OF EDUCATIONBoard of Education Construction:

Elementary School - North of  
Parkway - East Site .....\$1,000,000.00

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONUrban Redevelopment Construction:

Southeast Quadrant.....1,000,000.00  
\$3,660,000.00

2. That said bonds shall be issued in the name of and upon the full faith and credit of the City of Stamford, and shall be issued as four separate bond issues, and, subject to the Charter of the City of Stamford and other applicable provisions of law, in the manner and in the principal amounts that the Board of Finance may determine from time to time, including, but without limitation, the determination of the form, date, dates of payment of principal and interest and all other particulars; and said Board of Finance, or, if authorized by the Board of Finance, the Commissioner of Finance, may determine the rate or rates of interest which the said bonds are to bear.

3. That each of the Capital Projects hereinabove described and contained in The Capital Budget for the fiscal year 1964-1965, as amended, is hereby confirmed as a duly authorized Capital Project.

4. That, with respect to the issuance of any bonds hereinabove authorized, there be and hereby is authorized, under and pursuant to Section 630.1 of the Charter of the City of Stamford, the Connecticut General Statutes and any other enabling authority in amendment thereof, or in addition thereto, but without such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by resolution of the Board of Finance, the making of a temporary loan, or loans, by the issuance and sale, from time to time, as funds may be required, of a temporary note, or notes of the City of Stamford in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds for designated Capital Projects and the renewal of the same by the issuance and sale of a renewal temporary note or notes; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of temporary notes or renewal notes at any one time outstanding shall never exceed the principal amount of the bond issue in anticipation of which such notes were issued.

5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately, and all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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(4) \$29,000.00 - Resolution No. 459 amending 1964-1965 Capital Projects Budget by adding the sum of \$29,000.00 to be known as "SANITARY SEWERS, PROSPECT STREET" and appropriation of that amount for said Project (See Mayor's letter (undated) - Approved by Board of Finance on 2/11/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Remling, who said the Public Works Committee concurred in approval. CARRIED unanimously:

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RESOLUTION NO. 459AMENDING 1964-1965 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING THE  
SUM OF \$29,000.00 TO BE KNOWN AS "SANITARY SEWERS, PROSPECT  
STREET" AND APPROPRIATION OF THAT AMOUNT FOR SAID PROJECT

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 Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter, by adding an item thereto in the amount of \$29,000.00 for enlargement of sanitary sewers on Prospect Street and the appropriation of that amount therefor.

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(5) \$104,863.99 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency (Mayor's letter of 2/5/65) (Approved by Board of Finance 2/11/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Remling who said his Committee (Public Works) concurred in approval. Also seconded by Mr. Russell.

MR. KUCZO spoke in opposition to the amount of overtime put in by the Foreman. He said he does not believe anyone should put in more than forty or fifty hours a week; that it is a health risk to work under such exhausting conditions. He urged that this Board send a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works, suggesting that Assistants be trained or hired or that men presently working aid.....

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kuczo that he was getting off the subject.

MR. SELSBERG ROSE ON A POINT OF ORDER and asked that the speaker confine his remarks to the motion, or else bring this before the Steering committee or bring it up under "New Business".

MR. KUCZO said he believes his remarks to be germane to the situation, because this will probably come up again next month for another appropriation, if there is any more snow, or if there is any more salt to be purchased, as there has been purchased almost a 1,000 tons. Again, he said he wished to ask that the Board send a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting additional help so that either these Foremen get some type of relief from all this overtime work, so that they will not be overburdened by putting in such long hours and in turn, be lacking in their responsibilities. He said a man working over 40 or 50 hours can not do either himself or the City justice or anyone else justice, and they must have some type of rest. He asked what would happen if these men should become sick - does the City fall apart something like this would give more of the men an opportunity to work overtime, provide rest for their supervisors, thus they would then be alert and ready for an approaching snowstorms and emergencies and also cut down any possible sick leaves to the supervisors in the Public Works Department, caused by overwork. However, he said he would like to go along with this particular item, because anyone who puts in work like this certainly should be paid and this part of the appropriation he would like to see approved.

MR. KUCZO said he would like to speak on another area of this same appropriation, namely - rock salt, which is approximately 4,000 tons of salt, about one-half of the appropriation. He said in his opinion the City is relying entirely too much on the use of salt for snow removal and that years ago it was not used so extensively, but very gingerly mixed in with the sand, but today they are using nearly all salt and very little sand.

MR. KUCZO MOVED that the item listed as "Rock Salt" in the amount of \$52,642.18 be TABLED until further ~~until further~~ investigation reveals whether or not it is necessary. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kuczo that a motion was already on the floor for a vote-namely, the total appropriation of \$104,863.99 and that he was out of order in picking out one item listed under "Encumbrances". He said he was within his rights in asking that this be sent back to Committee, but did not believe it is proper to attempt to remove one item.

MR. KUCZO MOVED to amend the original motion that the item listed under "Rock Salt" in the amount of \$52,642.18 be TABLED, and all other items listed be approved and that the rock salt be stricken out until further investigation can be made <sup>as to</sup> its merits. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

THE PRESIDENT said this motion is not amendable, is not debatable, and requires a majority vote.

THE PRESIDENT said he would entertain a motion to amend the original motion by deleting the \$52,642.18 item listed under "Rock Salt", leaving a balance of \$52,221.81.

MR. KUCZO said he would change his motion to so AMEND the original motion to reduce this appropriation to \$52,221.81 by deleting the amount of \$52,642.18 for "Rock Salt". Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

THE PRESIDENT said a motion to amend is debatable and the vote will first be on the amendment and then on the original motion.

MR. NATHANSON said he is a little confused. He said it was his understanding that we can cut an appropriation but cannot tell the department how to spend their money.

After considerable further debate, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Kuczo's amendment to reduce the total appropriation by cutting out the item listed under "Rock Salt". MOTION WAS LOST.

VOTE taken on original motion as presented by Mr. Hemingway to approve the entire appropriation of \$104,863.99. CARRIED ~~unanimously~~. *(Mr. Kuczo + Mr. Murphy negative)*

(6) \$12,920.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 550,1209 Hydrants, Rural  
(Mayor's letter 2/5/65) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$19,720.00 and approved 2/11/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Remling who said his committee (Public Works) also concurred in approval. CARRIED, unanimously.

(7) \$938.40 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES - Code 106,0102, Part-time employees  
(Mayor's letter 2/5/65) (Approved by Board of Finance 2/11/65)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Selsberg. CARRIED unanimously.

(8) \$1,335.00 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, as follows: (Mayor's letter 2/5/65)

Code 106.2201, New Equipment (To supplement previous appropriation, as ordered by State Examiner of Public Records.....)	\$850.00
Code 106.0501, Telephone & Telegraph.....	185.00
Code 106.0403, Printing.....	300.00
	<u>\$1,335.00</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mrs. Lilliendahl.

MR. SELSBERG asked what the \$850.00 for "New Equipment" was for.

MR. HEMINGWAY said it was to purchase a safe to hold the official Minute Books. He said \$400.00 had been appropriated in the 1964-1965 Budget for this item, which at that time was thought to be adequate, but when the time came to purchase this item, it was discovered that in order to meet the requirements of the Examiner of Public Records - that it withstand two hours of fire, also that it involved an item of rigging, and an additional sum of \$850.00 would be required.

MR. NATHANSON asked if the amount requested for Printing would be of help in bringing the Charter up-to-date.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he thought it very unlikely, as this was merely to take care of the Board's normal requirements.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion to approve item #8 on the agenda. CARRIED unanimously.

(9) \$4,775.00 - OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL, as follows: (Mayor's letter 2/5/65)

Code 110.0301 Stationery & Postage .....	\$ 100.00
Code 110.0501 Telephone & Telegraph .....	175.00
Code 110.0901 Special Professional Services.....	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
	<u>\$4,775.00</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kuczo said his Committee (Education, Welfare & Government) also concurred in approval of this item. CARRIED unanimously.

#### LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held Wednesday, February 24, 1965 with all members present with the exception of Mr. Sullivan.

- (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 - DEFERRED 2/1/65)

MR. SELSBERG said his Committee deferred any action on this matter, pending Judge Brinckerhoff's return, in order that the Stamford Bar Association's suggestions could be obtained.



- (2) 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) - (Deferred 2/1/65)

MR. SELSBERG said before the Committee discussed this item, Mr. Lindstrom explained and demonstrated the new voting system. He said after the demonstration, the Committee was unanimously in favor of the new system.

MR. SELSBERG MOVED that the Rules of Order be amended as outlined in the above caption, be APPROVED. Seconded by Mr. Lindstrom.

He said he would not read the entire paragraph, as only one word was being deleted under paragraph No. 4 under "VOTING" of the Rules of Order and the first sentence would then read as follows:

4. In all elections or appointments by the Board and on any question to approve an appointment to any Board or position submitted by the Mayor, the voting shall be by secret ballot.....

MR. SELSBERG explained that the rest of paragraph No. 4 will remain. He said a few people asked about the new system of voting and how it will work. Therefore, he said he would request Mr. Lindstrom give a demonstration on the model which had been left in the meeting room for demonstration purposes.

MR. LINDSTROM showed the members how the voting machine operates and answered questions proposed by various members.

MR. TRUGLIA spoke in favor of adopting this method of voting.

MR. KELLY asked what would happen in the event of a breakdown of this "mechanical contraption".

THE PRESIDENT explained that in that event the Board could still use paper ballots as that method would not necessarily be ruled out, because the word "written" was merely eliminated, requiring only that the voting be by secret ballot, and that we do have the option, within the scope of the amendment.

MR. SELSBERG said he would like to have one question answered, because he knows that it is in everyone's mind. He said "Is there any possible way in which an individual's vote can be known by any other member of the Board of Representatives?"

MR. LINDSTROM said: "The only possible way for anyone to know how anyone else votes, in the event that they should vote 'no' and they were the only one to have voted no, or they voted 'yes' and they were the only one to vote yes. Outside of that, there would be no way for anyone to know who voted one way or the other.

MR. RYBNICK said: "There's a red button and a green button. Is that exposed where anyone can see which one you press?"

MR. LINDSTROM replied this would be impossible, because they would be covered. He said the only time the scoreboard would light up would be after everyone has finished voting, when the switch would be turned on, lighting up the

scoreboard to enable the tellers to count the number of 'yes' votes and the number of 'no' votes.

There being no further questions asked of Mr. Lindstrom, the President thanked him for the demonstration. He reminded the Board members that the Rules of the Board could only be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members and called for a vote on the adoption of the machine method of voting by amending the rules. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- (3) APPEAL from decision of Zoning Board - Application No. 64-038 of THE STAMFORD HALL COMPANY (Lord & Taylor) denying change to C-L Limited Business District, land now in C-N Neighborhood Business District and R-7½ One Family Residence District - (Their letter, with enclosures, dated 2/3/65, received 2/3/65)
- (4) APPEAL from decision of Zoning Board - Application No. 64-039 of THE STAMFORD HALL COMPANY (Fidelity Bank) denying change to C-L Limited Business District, land now in C-N Neighborhood Business District and R-7½ One Family Residence District - (Their letter, with enclosures, dated 2/3/65, received 2/3/65)

MR. SELSBERG said that the two above items on the agenda - Nos 3 and 4, dealing with the two appeals from the decision of the Zoning Board, would be taken up as one. He reported his Committee was of the opinion that these appeals were made pursuant to the Charter and therefore, it is now officially before the Planning & Zoning Committee.

- (5) Request (dated 1/28/65) from STAMFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY to authorize the Mayor to execute amendment to "Cooperation Agreement" by increasing their payment, in lieu of taxes, of the shelter rent per annum for each occupied dwelling unit from 10% to 12½% - (See Resolution No. 432, Minutes of 1/6/64, page 3868 and Minutes of 6/1/64, page 4034)

MR. SELSBERG said his Committee was in favor of the above request and he MOVED that the Mayor of the City Stamford is authorized to execute an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement, increasing payment in lieu of taxes from 10% to 12½%. Seconded by Mr. Nathanson and CARRIED unanimously.

- (6) Request for approval of EASEMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL LINES, TURN-OF-RIVER JR. HIGH SCHOOL and WILLARD SCHOOL (Mayor's letter 1/15/65) (Approved by Board of Finance on 2/11/65)

MR. SELSBERG said his Committee voted in favor of granting HELCO easements to the above named schools for electric services, and MOVED for approval, Seconded by Mr. Nathanson and CARRIED unanimously.

- (7) Request for WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE for OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA, a Roman Catholic Church and School, under provisions of Ordinance No. 80.7; buildings to be used for non-profit, eleemosynary purposes (Letter from Attorney E. Gaynor Brennan, Jr., dated 2/9/65)

MR. SELSBERG said his Committee voted unanimously in favor of the above request and SO MOVED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. REMLING, Chairman, presented the following report of his committee:

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held on February 26, 1965, with the following members present: Messrs. Lindstrom, Bitetto, William Caporizzo, Edward Dombroski, Carmine Longo, Thomas Morris and Daniel Remling, Chairman.

Concerning Overtime worked by employees of Public Works Dept.

In response to a question on the above matter, Commissioner Mitchell explained that men of supervisory and mechanical capacity were receiving a large amount of overtime hours, as is common practice during the length of storms. They are not allowed to go home for any short period as it will be difficult to have them return because of any emergency that might arise in the interim.

By allowing this practice, it keeps the cost of outside contractors down who do the same type of work. At present, there are 162 men on call for snow removal in the City. Ten years ago, there were approximately 98 men.

Using salt saves the use of men and more equipment, on the basis of past years, because by the increased use of salt, there has been a saving of over \$20,000 on this one item alone. Also, a considerable amount will be saved in the Spring, as it will not be necessary to clean and pick up sand on the roadsides.

The use of salt is becoming common practice by our State Highway and also in neighborhood towns by their Highway Departments. At present there are 38 State Highway Departments in the country using the same method of salt application and 100 per cent of all major cities in the country using the same practice in snow removal.

MR. REMLING said Mr. Selsberg has an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, which he will read later in the meeting.

Letter from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative, regarding COVE DAM GATES (Dated 2/4/65) addressed to Mayor Mayers (See note of referral of this matter from Mr. Kuczo, received 2/15/65 in Office of Board)

MR. REMLING said he would like, at this time, to enlighten the members of the Board on the history of this matter, which follows:

A petition was forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Representatives in 1956 by the residents in the Holly Pond area, requesting that the tidal gates, which were first built in 1796, be restored.

In January 1958, a joint meeting was held in the Mayor's office, when it was decided that a survey be made to find the best way to correct the condition at Cove Dam. The cost of this survey was \$15,000.00, which was spread three ways - Darien and Stamford to pay \$4,000.00 each, while the State absorbed the extra cost. Darien had backed out of the Cove Dam project, because they felt they could not legally appropriate funds to be used on the property of another municipality and they had already become involved in other responsibilities.

Mr. John Boffa, who was retained by the State, estimated construction cost at about \$138,000.00.

Bids were opened on July 8, 1960, but were rejected, because of lack of funds and the question of the cost of the gates.

An emergency request of \$125,000.00 was submitted to Mayor J. Walter Kennedy, but denied, because it was felt that it was not an emergency. The additional cost was due to erosion not suspected before the preliminary estimate, a change in gate specifications, and inflation of 15% from the time of the original estimate.

On February 16, 1961, bids were opened for Cove Dam and a contract signed between the City and Turner and Brevogel, Inc. on April 19, 1961, in the amount of \$186,700.00. The money was allocated from the 1959-1960 Cove Dam Capital Projects Budget of \$150,000.00 with an additional appropriation approved in April, 1961 of \$53,000.00

Turner and Brevogel, Inc. hoped to have the Dam completed by November 24, 1961. Several complications set in, such as the delay by a broken crane, Hurricane Esther, uncertainty in weather and the failure of a sub-contractor to supply castings on schedule. The Cove Dam was completed April 5, 1962.

Baffa Engineering - contractor on job - submitted a letter that final payment be made and that the Cove Dam was completed according to terms and specifications of bid.

There was a prolonged delay in the final payment to be made to Turner and Brevogel, due to finding upon investigations, made by the Flood and Erosion Control Board, who felt they could not accept the Cove Dam in its condition with loosened gates, leaks, etc.

In December 1962, M. Amereci Campanella placed a claim to collect the sum of \$17,846.57 (retainage withheld) for Turner and Brevogel. The Corporation Counsel, Isadore Mackler, on request of the Flood and Control Board, reviewed the contract and recommended that final payment be made if the engineer certified the work to be completed in accordance with plans and specifications and that there was no fraud or bad faith involved.

In September 1963, it was reported by the Flood and Erosion Control Board that two gates were broken loose, the factor being that the hinge pins were not held in any manner (slip pins). On July 10, 1963, the contractor was notified by the City Purchasing Agent that links of the hinges supporting two tide gates were sheared to the extent that one timber gate has already fallen off its hinges (the other fell off in early September). The engineer and contractor were advised that corrective action should be taken.

In November, 1963, the contractor advised that any and all repairs or modifications are the responsibility of the City. The Rodney Hunt Machine Co., who submitted the timber gates, said that the responsibility did not lie with them since the gates were made to the specifications and approved by the engineers.



On February 26, 1964, the Mayor ordered that the Cove Dam Flood Gates be repaired without waiting for settlement of the question of financial responsibility. The City served notice to the firm that it will bring a lawsuit to recover the cost of fixing the broken gates, unless the firm undertakes the repair itself.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted a request for \$24,000.00 to be appropriated for Cove Dam repairs. This would include removing the gates, shipping them to the manufacturer for conversion, shipping them back to Stamford, and re-installing the gates.

On May 15, 1964, one of the missing Cove Dam gates was located by police scuba divers. The City, on May 25, 1964 filed suit for \$35,000.00 for compensation on the Cove Dam Gates.

On August 18, 1964, John J. Kassner Associates submitted the final contract drawing and documents for the repair of the gates and bids will be opened September 15, 1964 for the repair of the gates. This bid was awarded to Blackly Construction in New Haven for \$21,000.00

MR. REMLING said he would turn this part of the report over to Mr. Thomas Morris, who has a replica of the Cove Dam gates.

MR. MORRIS demonstrated the replica to show the members how the gate works.

MR. REMLING requested Mr. Selsberg to read the Corporation Counsel's opinion, which was presented to the 7th Board at their meeting held November 12, 1963. (Page 3818 of Minutes of that date) in which he stated that the use of salt for snow or ice removal does not violate Section 29-14 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford. Mr. Selsberg read the opinion from Isadore Mackler, Corporation Counsel at that time.

MR. DURSO objected to the reading of a former Corporation Counsel's opinion at this time and said it does not appear on the agenda.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Durso that this was a part of the report of the Public Works Committee. He said Mr. Remling had asked Mr. Selsberg to research this particular opinion and it was allowed as a part of the report.

MR. KUCZO asked to be allowed to speak. He said that Mr. Mackler's opinion was "sheer diatribe" for one thing, and secondly, pointing out about salt, water and petroleum, etc. is not important, because as everyone knows we use salt for our food, but also everyone knows that an overdose of salt will kill you. He said another chemical - hydrogen cyanide is definitely a lethal compound, but it is used to fumigate wheat, etc. in order to preserve it - and is safe, if it is used in moderate percentages. And, even water, if taken in large amounts, can be dangerous. He said his complaint is that the City is using salt indiscriminately and in his opinion, using far too much on the highways. He said he hopes that by next month he will have more evidence to this effect.

MR. TRUGLIA said he has observed that the President allowed Mr. Selsberg to read what he considers to be finished business.

THE PRESIDENT said it is his understanding that an opinion of a Corporation Counsel, unless it is overruled by the Courts, still stands, and is binding, irrespective as to whether it was given yesterday, a year ago, or two years ago; and unless a further opinion has been given, that opinion still stands.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wished to repeat what he first said - that he is <sup>disturbed</sup> ~~distrubed~~ that the Chair allowed Mr. Selsberg to read something that is finished business.

THE PRESIDENT stated that this was brought up by Mr. Remling during his committee report.

MR. TRUGLIA said he was under the impression the subject under discussion was the Cove Dam gates.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Truglia that Chairmen are allowed considerable leeway in bringing up matters that are in Committee. However, he said no action is required of this Board, but if he has any further remarks, he may do so.

MR. TRUGLIA said he does have some further remarks.

MR. NATHANSON ROSE ON A POINT OF ORDER. He said since the Committee report has been given, he sees no reason for any further discussion.

THE PRESIDENT said he intends to limit debate, as there is nothing before the Board requiring action.

MR. TRUGLIA said he does not believe the questions asked in Mr. Kuczo's letter were answered. One, centered around three important facts and he does not believe these questions were answered. The first question - there was a bid of \$59,600.. and the City sued for damages of only \$35,000 and why wasn't the Board of Representatives notified of a modification - - going from one type of gate to another. Second question - why was this project taken out of the hands of the Flood and Erosion Control Board? He said it seems to him that the report sidestepped the questions that were asked and we ended up on rock salt and an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that was given to a previous Board over a year ago, and he feels that Mr. Kuczo's letter was not given due consideration and that no attempt has been made to give him the courtesy of an answer after all the time and effort he spent getting his facts together.

Considerable discussion continued for some time.

THE PRESIDENT reminded the members that this Board is not a debating society, and the subject has been belabored too much. He suggested that if there are questions some of the members think have not been answered, to please process them through the normal channels, through the Steering Committee and refer them back to the Public Works Committee for further clarification, and exploration.

THE PRESIDENT said he would rule that the discussion at this point is out of order and the Board will proceed to the next order of business.

MR. KUCZO challenged the ruling of the Chair and appealed his ruling. Seconded,

THE PRESIDENT said a vote would be taken on Mr. Kuczo's appeal from the ruling of the Chair to continue with the next order of business - the Health & Protection Committee report.

A RECESS was called at 10:30 P.M. the recess was declared over at 10:45 P.M. and the members resumed their seats.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion on the floor is a motion by Mr. Kuczo appealing from the ruling of the Chair. He said the motion is not amendable, not debatable, and requires a two-thirds vote to overrule the ruling of the Chair.

A standing vote was taken. Mr. Kuczo's appeal was LOST by a vote of 16 in favor of Mr. Kuczo's motion and 20 opposed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL said he would like to make an announcement at this time - that there would be an open meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee on Thursday, March 11th, 1965 at Rippowam High School on the Lord and Taylor and Fidelity Bank appeals. He urged all members to attend in order that they may be better informed at the next regular meeting of the Board in April.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Park Commission request (dated 2/13/65) for approval of 50¢ fee for a pilot identification program to be installed at Cove Beach

The above matter was kept in Committee.

PERSONNEL 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 awaiting word from the insurance company on the above matter.

- (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 legislation is being introduced in Hartford which will make collective bargaining mandatory. He said he has not yet received a copy of the Governor's Committee report on this matter.

MR. KANE questioned as to when the Board can expect a report on the first item on the agenda under the Personnel Committee. He said he feels that these people should receive the greater benefits that are being provided all city employees.

MR. PHILPOT explained that the gathering of information to compile the listing has been a very laborious one - addresses had to be traced down of people who had moved away, etc., and all of this information was submitted to the Boston office of this company and they have promised a report will be forthcoming soon.

MR. KANE inquired as to what was the duty of this office in Boston - are they investigating this, or what?

MR. PHILPOT replied that the insurance company in Boston has all the pertinent data, names, ages, birthdates, sex and all the statistical figures that they need.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH said the Committee did not meet this month. He explained that the restraining order obtained earlier this month will merely restrain the Commission from buying or disposing of property, but not from other operations, and that prior to the restraining order, five properties had been acquired, so they may go forward with processing these in the interim.

Concerning Custodial Services

MR. TRUGLIA inquired as to why no custodial services were provided.

THE PRESIDENT said the answer is very simple - no money.

Several of the members expressed the need for having custodial services provided during Board meetings.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE (Special Committee)

MR. CONNORS, Chairman, reported that the Board held their public hearing on the report of the 8th Charter Revision Commission in the Auditorium of Dolan Jr. High School, at 8 P.M. the evening of February 25, 1965 and tomorrow night the Charter Revision Committee will hold their first meeting at 7 P.M. here in the Board's meeting rooms.

MR. TRUGLIA asked if there is a time limit as to when the Board must meet and vote on this report of the Charter Revision Commission and Committee recommendations.

THE PRESIDENT replied that in accordance with the Home Rule Act, action must be taken two weeks after the special meeting and public hearing on Charter revisions.

MR. SELSBERG said he would suggest that if any members have any matter that was not brought up at the public hearing, perhaps an entirely new matter, that they bring it to the attention of the Charter Revision Committee. He said there is a possibility that some member of the Board may have suggestions for Charter revisions and therefore should make sure it is brought to the attention of the Committee.

MR. KANE asked if this has to be completed by March 11th if it goes back to the Charter Revision Commission.

THE PRESIDENT informed him he is correct.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

Corporation Counsel's Opinion on Submission of Fees of Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board for approval of Board of Representatives (Requested by Mr. Kelly, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee and by Mr. Selsberg, Chairman of Legislative & Rules Committee)

Mrs. Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
Board of Representatives  
City Hall  
Stamford, Connecticut

February 26, 1965



Dear Mrs. Farrell:

You have requested, on behalf of Mr. Selsberg and Mr. Kelly, an opinion regarding whether or not the Hubbard Heights Golf Club must submit its fees to the Board of Representatives for approval.

Section 543 of the Stamford Charter reads in relevant parts:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter, there shall be in Stamford a Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board. Such Board shall make all rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and all of its facilities and shall have exclusive control and direction of all activities conducted therein."

The grant of power to make rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club is not made conditional by the words of the above quoted provision. Such is not the case in correlative rule or policy making provisions for the Board of Recreation and the Park Commission, where the Charter expressly limits such power by the words "except as may otherwise be determined by the Board of Representatives." (See Charter Sections 543, 540 and 595). Under these circumstances, where the language of Section 543 is clear on its face, no limiting words can be added by interpretation and it must be concluded that the legislature did not intend to restrict the power of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club in the same manner it has seen fit to do in the case of the Board of Recreation and the Park Commission.

To the extent that Section 23-3 of the Code of General Ordinances may conflict with the Charter, the Charter provision, under accepted rules of statutory interpretation, prevails. Therefore, in response to your specific question, the Hubbard Heights Golf Club is not presently required to submit its fees to the Board of Representatives for approval.

Very truly yours,

W. Patrick Ryan  
Corporation Counsel

By: (Signed) Theodore Godlin  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

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PARKING AUTHORITY statement, July 1, 1964 through December 1964  
(Received Feb. 23, 1965)

Above statement noted and ordered filed.

Carbon copy of letter to Chief of Police, Joseph Kinsella, from  
EAST SIDE DEMOCRATIC CLUB (dated 2/19/65) concerning requests for  
Traffic Lights in the East Side of Stamford

Above letter noted and ordered filed.

Carbon copy of letter (dated 2/19/65) addressed to the Mayor, from Stevens School PTA concerning overcrowding of schools

Above letter noted and ordered filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

MR. SELSBERG asked if something can be done to obtain binders for the Charters and Code of ~~Local~~ Ordinances and also to bring them up to date by having the amendments printed for insertion in the books.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Selsberg bring this matter before the Steering Committee to take this under consideration. He said it might be wasteful to try to do this at the present time, inasmuch as there may be changes in the Charter after it has been acted upon by the Charter Revision Commission and this Board.

MR. KANE asked how this Board could proceed with the revision of the Charter when the ones they have are outdated.

MR. KUCZO urged that something be done to expedite some action on obtaining a traffic light at Seaside Avenue.

MR. RYBNICK called attention to a letter received by him as President of the East Side Democratic Club, answering his letter to the Chief of Police concerning traffic lights to be installed on the east side, which he read at this time.

Concerning Traffic Lights

MR. MARTIN read a letter from the Superintendent of Communications, explaining the sequence of events on how traffic lights are installed in the City of Stamford, and explaining the role of the State and the fact that the Board of Representatives does not have the decision as to whether or not lights are placed.

MR. KANE said there is a very dangerous problem on Seaside Avenue, and the members on both sides of the aisle are well aware of this fact. He said they have gone through all of this procedure, as well as writing many letters to the State, and as a matter of fact have asked that an additional letter be sent to expedite this matter. He said 81 accidents have occurred at this intersection. He urged that the City of Stamford do everything in its power to bring a light here and that everyone is well aware of this problem area.

THE PRESIDENT said this Board is well aware that many individual members of this Board have made every effort to publicize the problem that exists and have done their part in bringing it to the attention of those who can do something about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning continuation and improvement of Passenger-Commuter Service by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company

MR. MARTIN read an article from the New York Times pointing up the seriousness of the railroad situation. He said this Board has done very little to see what it can do about this problem.

MR. MARTIN presented the following resolution and asked that it be presented to the Steering Committee at its next meeting:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

URGING ASSISTANCE BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES  
IN SECURING THE CONTINUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PASSENGER-  
COMMUTER SERVICE BY THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD  
RAILROAD COMPANY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT AND OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, it appears imminent that passenger service for the public of Stamford, Connecticut; neighboring towns; and Fairfield County may be impaired, curtailed, or terminated in the near future, and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the economic well-being of this geographic area, both at present and in the future that said passenger-commuter service be continued and improved, and

WHEREAS, the value of real property, the protection of a commuter based economy, and the future development of a vast area would be jeopardized, or thrown into chaos,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut;

1. That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford heartily endorses the efforts of the Mayor of the City of Stamford in achieving the continuation and improvement of said passenger-commuter service,
2. That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford heartily endorses the efforts of other officials, State and Federal, in achieving the continuation and improvement of said passenger-commuter service,
3. That the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford strongly urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of Commerce, the Senators and Representatives from the State of Connecticut, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, and other officials, Boards or Commissions concerned with the problem of railroad passenger-commuter service and the continued economic well-being of the State of Connecticut, the County of Fairfield, and the City of Stamford, to exert their every effort on a priority basis, to assure the continuation and improvement of said passenger-commuter service.

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MR. KUCZO said he doesn't know what this Board can do for the New Haven, when they can't even get a traffic light installed.

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Minutes of March I, 1965

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

Velma Farrell

Velma Farrell  
Administrative Assistant  
(Recording Secretary)

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**APPROVED:**

Alan H. Ketcham

Alan H. Ketcham, President  
Board of Representatives

Note: The above meeting was broadcast  
over Radio Station WSTC.

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