

Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives
Minutes of April 5, 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, April 5, 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 8:35 P.M.

INVOCATION: Given by Rev. Edwin Burke, St. Maurice's Church.

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

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 36 present and 4 absent. The absent members were: Robert Russo, Michael Zozima, Daniel Remling, Gerald Sullivan and Stanley Kulowiec.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 1, 1965

The Minutes of the above meeting were accepted with one correction on page 4251, 10th line from bottom of page where it reads "CARRIED unanimously." This was changed to read "CARRIED (Mr. Kuczo and Mr. Murphy voting in the negative)."

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Special Meeting held March 9, 1965

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. SELSBERG MOVED that the reading of the Minutes of the Steering Committee be dispensed with. Seconded.

MR. TRUGLIA objected and said he does not believe this is a good practice to get into.

VOTE taken on the waiving of the reading of the Steering Committee report. CARRIED.

The report of the Steering Committee follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, March 22, 1965

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, March 22, 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 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Hemingway and Mr. Hearing, who was ill.

(1) Appointment

Mayor's letter of 3/22/65 requesting confirmation of appointment of JACQUELINE FRISBIE (R) as an Alternate of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, term expiring December 1, 1967.

ORDERED ON AGENDA under APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) Additional Appropriations

All additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance on March 18, 1965 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) 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 and 3/1/65)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(4) Concerning ARTHUR READER, Trustee, appeal from decision of Building Inspector - (Letter from Frank S. Massari, Secretary, Building Board of Appeals, dated 3/1/65) (Note: Action by Board of Representatives only necessary when they REVERSE the decision of the Building Inspector - See page 11 (d) of Bldg. Code)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.

(5) Proposed Resolution from Peter Martin, 18th District Representative, concerning Improvement of Passenger-Commuter Service by the N.Y.N.H. & H. Railroad (Brought up under "New Business" at the 3/1/65 Board meeting)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

(6) Concerning request for ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF DURANT STREET (Letter dated 3/5/65 from Sydney C. Kveskin, Attorney, representing Stelma, Inc.)

ORDERED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

(7) Concerning "Call" for Special meeting of Board for March 24, 1965

There was some discussion at this time on the above matter and whether or not the meeting could be postponed to a later date. The Chairman said he had received a letter signed by 12 members of the Board requesting such a meeting and the date would have to remain as stated in the "Call" of the meeting.

(8) CONCERNING COVE DAM GATES - Letters from Paul Kuczo, Jr., 10th District Representative, dated 3/3/65 and 3/19/65.

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, with a request that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee follow this up.

- (9) CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT OF WATERBURY AVENUE - Letter from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative, dated 3/21/65

REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, with the Public Works Committee to follow this up.

- (10) PUC Notice of hearing on application of King School, Inc.

NOTED AND FILED.

- (11) Letter (dated 3/13/65) from Edward Connell, Dept. of Parks Supt. concerning date of original submission of Park Commission request for approval of 50¢ fee for PILOT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR COVE BEACH

NOTED AND FILED.

- (12) Letter (dated 2/13/65) from Park Commission, re-submitting their request for approval of 50¢ FEE FOR PILOT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR COVE BEACH

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE and ORDERED ON AGENDA.

- (13) Petition from residents of COVE AREA (signed by 330 petitioners and dated 3/22/65) REQUESTING TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON SEASIDE AVENUE at three intersections

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

The following two matters, having been in the Personnel Committee and action deferred, were ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- (14) Concerning Increased Benefits for Pensioners now on Pension under the CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN (See Minutes of 10/5/64, page 4133)
- (15) 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; Minutes of 3/1/65, page 4259) (Committee public hearing held 11/18/64)

There being no further matters to come before the Committee, upon motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

MVMC/ad

ALAN H. KETCHAM, Chairman
Steering Committee

Concerning vote needed to overrule the ruling of the Chair

MR. TRUGLIA brought up the above matter, in view of a letter (dated 4/7/65) from Mr. John R. Nolan, former Board member, Majority Leader and Parliamentarian of 5th Board, President of 6th Board, in which he questions whether or not it requires a two-thirds vote to overrule the ruling of the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Truglia that the letter in question was sent to him at his home and he has it in his possession and will be happy to bring the matter up under "New Business".

MR. KANE asked for a clarification on this ruling because of the fact this might come up tonight during debate and he thought it would be better to "set the record straight" now rather than wait until it comes up later in the meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said if this situation arises, at that time he will make a ruling.

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like to know whether the vote needed to overrule the Chair is 21 or 27 votes.

THE PRESIDENT said if there is a motion to overrule the Chair, at that time he will take it up.

MR. TRUGLIA said the ruling should be given according to what is stated in the book and not according to circumstances.

THE PRESIDENT said he will rule according to Robert's Rules of Order, the Rules of the Board and precedent set by the Board. He called for the report of the Appointments Committee, being the next order of business.

MR. NATHANSON arose to present his Committee report.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a point of PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

THE PRESIDENT inquired as to what point he is bringing up.

MR. TRUGLIA said that he did not get an answer to his question.

THE PRESIDENT said he believed he received an adequate answer to his question, and said he was out of order.

MR. TRUGLIA APPEALED FROM THE RULING OF THE CHAIR, declaring him out of order. Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

THE PRESIDENT read the letter in question at this time (letter from John R. Nolan) dated 4/7/65. He explained that this Board operates under its own rules which take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order -- that Robert's Rules stand, unless covered the Rules of this Board. He said he would most certainly yield to Mr. Nolan's interpretation that it requires a majority vote of 21 to overrule the ruling of the Chair, rather than a two-thirds vote, for the reason that Mr. Nolan was President of the 6th Board, Majority Leader of the 7th Board and Parliamentarian of both Boards.

THE PRESIDENT said when the 8th Board came into being, at the suggestion of the President at that time, it was decided that the Board follow a table of precedence of motions, which had been used by the previous Board (the 7th Board) and also by the 6th Board and which had been compiled and tabulated in accordance with the direction of that Board. Inasmuch as this had been used for some time, he naturally followed the same precedent set down by previous Boards in using this tabulation of motions on a mimeographed sheet, and continued to use this two-thirds vote, believing it to have been acceptable in the past, being a part of precedent set by this Board, even though Robert's Rules of Order specifically states that an

appeal from the ruling of the Chair, the motion to sustain a ruling of the Chair requires merely a majority vote of the organization. He said it would therefore appear that what is stated in Robert's Rules differs from the precedent set by this Board.

THE PRESIDENT said now since the question arises and Mr. Nolan questions it, having been a Parliamentarian at the time this precedence of motions was established, he now can only believe that there was an error in the past and that it was meant that this Board in this particular instance, should follow Robert's Rules. He said he would therefore rule that this Board will no longer follow precedent set by previous Boards, but will follow Robert's Rules of Order and in any future appeal from the ruling of the Chair, the motion shall be in the affirmative to sustain the Chair and shall be carried by a Majority Vote.

MR. KANE said he has been on this Board four years and has served under three Presidents, and can never recall any time when there was a ruling from the Chair where it took 27 votes to overrule the President.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kane that he thought he had made it perfectly clear how this happened - that this Board was merely following precedent set by previous Boards. However, since it has been called to his attention by Mr. Nolan that this is an error, "we stand corrected" and shall return to the parliamentary procedure as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

MR. KANE asked if he is changing the rules of the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said we are not changing the rules - merely a precedent - that the rules of this Board do not refer to this particular instance.

After considerable further debate, MR. TRUGLIA withdrew his motion appealing from the ruling of the Chair.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting was held by his Committee on March 30, 1965, at which time they approved the following Mayor's appointment.

The Tellers distributed the ballots. The vote is recorded below:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE:

Term Ending

MRS. JACQUELINE H. FRISBIE (R)
33 Crestview Avenue
(Replacing Canio Santoro)

December 1, 1967

VOTE: 28 yes
8 no

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said two meetings were held - one on April 1st and the second one this evening earlier.

- (1) \$900.00 - MAYOR'S OFFICE - Code 108.0801, Transportation Account
(Mayor's letter of 3/2/65)

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

MR. KUCZO said he noticed in the Mayor's letter a reference to the fact that "the Urban Redevelopment Coordinator occasionally makes trips which must be paid for by the City". He asked if they did not have their own separate account for expenses.

MR. HEMINGWAY replied "No"..... that the Coordinator was employed after the budget was set up and whatever trips he is making are covered by the Mayor's office.

VOTE taken on item #1. CARRIED.

(2) \$3,600.00 - STAMFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT - Mayor's letter of 3/3/65)

Code 540.0501 Telephone & Telegraph-----	\$1,000.00
Code 540.0702 Janitor Service-----	300.00
Code 540.1201 Maintenance of Equipment-----	1,000.00
Code 550.1505 Water-----	1,300.00
	<u>\$3,600.00</u>

MR. HEMINGWAY said the Fiscal Committee questioned and is going to continue to question, the charges which are coming in for additional appropriations for Telephone and Telegraph, but for the purposes of this particular request, they recommend approval. He said there may be some questions asked on the "Water" item which is up considerably from last year and is due to the increased number of footage of water mains laid in city streets to which hydrants are attached - that is a fixed charge per inch of diameter per each foot of main. He said his committee recommends approval of this request and SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. HEARING said the Health & Protection Committee also approved. CARRIED.

(3) \$7,234.57 - STAMFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT -(Mayor's letter of 3/4/65)

Code 530.0501 Telephone, Teletype, Dictaphones-----	\$4,778.50
Code 530.0910 Prisoners' Meals-----	804.15
Code 530.1508 Traffic Light Power-----	1,651.92
	<u>\$7,234.57</u>

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

MR. HEARING said the Health & Protection Committee also approved.

There was some discussion at this point as to the increase in costs for the new telephone system. Mr. Connors was requested to explain the reason for this, if he could.

MR. CONNORS said he would not say the new system is cheaper, but it is much more efficient than the old system. He said the new system allows everyone to dial the department they are calling without going through the switchboard, as in the past - a method that was not only time consuming but inefficient, requiring that every departmental call go through the switchboard. He said with the new system, you can dial any city department direct.

MR. HEMINGWAY said before this system was installed, anyone trying to reach a department, kept getting a "busy" signal and said he feels it is very important to be able to get the Police and Fire Departments immediately, without being held up because of the lack of sufficient trunk lines.

VOTE taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion. CARRIED.

- (4) \$546.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Bureau of Highways - Code 606.0601, Salaries - Mayor's letter of 3/4/65

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

- (5) \$17,000.00 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Code 638.0000, Gas, Oil & Repairs (Mayor's letter of 3/17/65) (REDUCED by Board of Finance from \$28,000.00)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. He explained that the Public Works Department is supplying the gas and oil for all city departments and this is not just for their own department.

MR. BITETTO said the Public Works Committee concurred in approval of this request, and seconded the motion.

MR. TRUGLIA asked Mr. Hemingway if he had the breakdown on just what has been spent so far this year on this item.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he does not have this information.

MR. TRUGLIA asked him if he could make a guess.

MR. HEMINGWAY said he does not choose to guess.

MR. KUCZO asked if vehicles for the Public Works Department are included in this.

MR. BITETTO said this was brought up before the Public Works Committee and Mr. Mitchell informed them that the item for repairs was almost entirely for the replacing of bodies and pneumatic hoists in the garbage trucks - that in trucks only a year old, these have to be replaced because they wear out, being in continuous use and have to be kept in good repair.

MR. KUCZO said he happens to know that some of the foremen use their own cars on city business and wanted to know if this also included repairs on their cars.

MR. LINDSTROM said he had brought this out a couple of times when it came before the Public Works Committee and it was explained at that time that when someone is using their own car on city business, they are paid for the use of their car, on a day by day basis, plus the gasoline and oil used and all repairs have to come out of their own pocket. He said the repairs that they do have are made to city-owned vehicles.

After considerable further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Hemingway's motion. CARRIED, with one "no" vote. (Mr. Kuczo voting in the negative)

- (6) \$400.00 - CITY & TOWN CLERK - Code 112.0903, Fees, Doctors & Sextons (Mayor's letter 3/2/65)

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

- (7) \$400.00 - ZONING BOARD - Code 138.0401, Advertising & Printing (Mayor's letter 2/24/65)

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

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LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

- (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 and 3/1/65)

The above matter was deferred.

- (2) Confirmation of Appeal taken to Building Board of Appeals under terms of 100. GENERAL, Sec. 13 (d) of Building Code - (Application of Arthur Reader, Trustee, requesting nullification of requirements established in Table 2 of the Stamford Building Code, page 22, entitled: "Fire Resistance Rating of Structural Element in Hours")

MR. SELSBERG said the Committee is deferring the above, awaiting further information.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Bitetto gave the Committee report. He said a meeting was held in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works on 4/1/65. Attending were Representatives Longo, Lindstrom, William Caporizzo, Thomas Morris, Dombroski, Bitetto and Remling. He said all items on the agenda were discussed and acted upon.

- (1) Regarding COVE DAM GATES (Letter from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative dated 3/3/65)

MR. BITETTO presented the following letter on the above matter, answering questions posed by Mr. Kuczo:

March 30, 1965

Mr. Daniel Remling, Chairman
Public Works Committee
Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Remling:

I am enumerating below answers to a number of questions set forth in a letter from Mr. Paul Kuczo to Mr. Alan Ketcham, President of the Board of Representatives, concerning the gates at the COVE DAM:

1. The sum of \$24,000 has been more than enough to cover the cost of the new gates, which it was determined would be most satisfactory for the purpose of controlling tidal waters at Cove Pond.
2. The figure of \$35,000 involved in the City's suit for damages was based on the cost of labor and/or materials involved in the original gate installation only.

3. Engineering details, such as the requirements for the replacement of, or change in design of the gates, is a function of the Department of Public Works, which, at its discretion, seeks qualified advice from consultants. The Public Works Committee and the Flood and Erosion Control Board were kept informed at all times.
4. No request for a model of the gates was made, nor was the need apparently felt by the members of the Board of Representatives at the time the request for additional funds was before that body.
5. The entire concept of control of the tidal waters has been changed and it is not a question of replacing hinges with a better type, but with a change of design worked out in conjunction with our consulting engineers.
6. The maintenance costs are minimal and will be absorbed in our regular Department of Public Works operating schedule.
7. The Flood & Erosion Control Board is not now, nor has it ever been, in a position to assume supervision and/or maintenance of its projects, during or after construction. This function has been performed by the Department of Public Works at the request of the Flood Board.

If there is any other information which your Committee would like to have on this matter, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. Mitchell
Commissioner of Public Works

MR. BITETTO read a second letter, as follows:

March 31, 1965

Mr. Paul Kuczo, Jr.
10th District Representative
Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Kuczo:

The small leaks which you noticed at the base of the new gates at the Cove Dam will be almost wholly eliminated when the wood of the gates has swelled to its fullest extent and these small gaps closed up. The amount of tidal action allowed by these leaks is minimal and will have little or no effect on the level of the pond.

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We are aware of the cracked condition of the wall on the easterly side of the dam and have been waiting until the new gates were installed and the weather was more favorable before attempting to have it repaired. Arrangements have been made for this work to be performed when weather permits.

Work on the contract for the replacement of the gates is still under way and will be completed shortly.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. Mitchell
Commissioner of Public Works

(2) USE OF SALT ON CITY STREETS (Letter from Paul Kucso, 10th District Representative, dated 3/17/65)

MR. BITETTO presented the following report from the Commissioner of Public Works, (dated 4/1/65) on the above matter:

Salts used on highways has risen three million tons annually in the United States and accounts for more than 10% of the 30 million tons of salt produced. It has saved untold thousands of lives in its role as the most important element in keeping our streets, roads and highways clear of accidents caused by ice in winter.

As pointed out in an interesting article printed in the "American City" magazine, February, 1964 edition: ".....any possible damage to the cars....is far outweighed by the reduction in traffic accidents, in economic losses, and in school closings."

In Stamford alone, our school busses travel 1,540 miles a day, making more than one trip a day, which costs the taxpayer \$1,400 a day. The cost of the cafeteria, taking all into consideration, is approximately \$3,000. Therefore, if the Stamford public schools were closed, it would cost the City approximately \$50,000 a day for 18,000 pupils. While other nearby towns and cities had to close school because of snow, Stamford schools were in full operation.

CORROSION:

The significant factor is how effective is the chosen material for ice and snow removal purposes. The effectiveness of salt is obvious, for a bare, dry pavement is the result. As to corrosion of automotive vehicles, the Engineering Society of Detroit concluded that modern enamels and lacquers used on automobiles are relatively unaffected by sodium chloride used on the streets to melt ice and snow. Corrosion of steel or iron can only take place when the bare metal is exposed to moisture and oxygen.

Another complaint often received is the effect of salt on vegetation. Research tests, and practical observations show that salt is non-toxic and has no harmful effect on soil and vegetation under the conditions for which it is used as a de-icing chemical. The brine resulting from the action of salt on ice and snow may be discharged onto soil and areas where vegetation is present.

However, this occurs during the dormant winter season and melting snow and spring rains soon wash away salt from the soil prior to the growing season.

COST:

It is cheaper to use salt, because it is an economical chemical, as compared to sand. Salt costs \$12.50 per ton delivered, and it requires approximately 500 pounds of salt per mile of 20 foot pavement. The cost of same is \$3.12 per mile, assuming that salt is \$12.50 per ton, delivered. If sand alone is used, it costs \$2.45 a yard and it would require 2 yards of sand to accomplish the same coverage, or \$4.90 a mile. Where sodium chloride lengthens the miles of clear roads, per dollar, in the bare pavement program, sand does not. Therefore, if more than 2 inches of snow has fallen, sand will lose all of its effectiveness, as far as safety and economical value is concerned, where salt would not.

Also, plows used on unsalted roads merely scrape off superficial material, leaving a slippery adherent coating road surface. This, then, would require another sanding spread, which would double the cost, as previously stated.

Every other state and city in the country have stressed bare pavements and savings from economical loss caused by winter storms. They use salt, because of its quick effectiveness and it is much more economical than any other method.

The State of Connecticut, and also other states, use straight salt at the start of a storm and it is understood that it will be necessary to repeat this treatment in order to get the desired result and should not wait until there is an accumulation of snow.

In 1958-59, the State of Connecticut used 43 thousand tons of salt to take care of their 33 hundred miles of road. This year, they used 83 thousand tons of salt. If Stamford used the same proportion as the State did, the amount of tons the City of Stamford used would be approximately 83 hundred tons of salt.

This City is surrounded by hills that average a 200 foot difference in elevation, where most hospitals, schools and other public buildings are located. There isn't a road that doesn't require "scalping". Therefore, for safety, it is a necessity to keep and use materials to clear and keep clear, all highways that are major arteries, to further protect the citizens, which is always foremost in our minds.

INVESTIGATIONS:

The Public Works Department has investigated the usage of other materials to prevent corrosion, and, at present, this Department has not received any definite answer as to cost, efficiency, etc. Many will not be on the market until next Fall.

Several findings have indicated that the cost of this type of rust inhibitor would cost the City 2½ times more for that type of ingredient, plus the cost of mixing, which is impossible for us to mix at the proper percentage, because we haven't the facilities to do so.

The monies that have been compiled for snow and ice removal operations in the past has not been a true picture of our expenditures. Where a sand and salt

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mixture was used, mostly on the rural roads, it will require the Public Works forces to take much of its machinery and many man-hours to sweep up approximately 200 miles of road. Also, it will require additional cleaning of storm water sewers with the available educators. This all means a later starting date for the regular Spring work. But, where salt was used exclusively, such as on well traveled and emergency used roads, there will be little, if any, additional cost to the City for either man-hours or equipment.

Because of the safety factor and because salt is the least expensive commodity that can effectively reduce accidents that are produced by snow and icy weather, and until a more effective substitute is produced, at a low cost to the City, we will continue to use salt on City streets.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. Mitchell
Commissioner of Public Works

MR. HEMINGWAY and MR. CONNORS asked to be excused at this time (9:40 P.M.) in order to attend a meeting of the Board of Finance on the Budget for 1965-66.

- (3) Petition concerning request for TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT 3 INTERSECTION ON SEASIDE AVENUE to correct hazardous traffic conditions (Signed by 330 petitioners and filed in office of Board of Representatives by Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative - Received 3/23/65)

No action was taken on the above as it was filed in the office of the Board.

- (4) Petition signed by 43 residents on Berrian Road, Idlewood Drive, Janice Road, Little Hill Drive, Denise Drive, Thornridge Drive, Bedford Street, Pepper Ridge Road, complaining of pollution of creek on south side of BERRIAN ROAD. Bounded by properties of Angelo Lovello, et al. and James Uhlman.

MR. BITETTO presented the above petition, which was ordered held for the next meeting of the Steering for proper referral to Committee.

- (5) Concerning complaint from Mr. Eugene Wasicki, a resident of WATERBURY AVENUE, regarding potholes and poor curbing (Brought in by Paul Kuczo, 10th District in his letter dated 3/21/65)

MR. BITETTO presented the following letter from the Commissioner of Public Works on the above complaint:

March 31, 1965

Mr. Daniel Remling, Chairman
Public Works Committee
Board of Representatives
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Remling:

I have made a personal inspection of WATERBURY AVENUE and find it to

be in comparably good condition with other streets similarly surfaced. There are potholes which are common to this time of year when the frost is leaving the ground. These will be repaired when the asphalt plants reopen next month.

Permanent paving can be planned as an inclusion in our summer program when funds for such purpose are made available to us under the Town Aid allocation.

I find that the curbing already in place on approximately one-half of the street is in good condition and needs no repair. In order to finish curbing the entire street (which should not be done until the paving has been put in place) will require that the work be done by a contractor on a bid basis. We believe that this cost will be about \$1,500 which can be taken from our City-wide curbing funds.

Both of these items will be included in our spring and summer schedule.

Very truly yours,

Arthur A. Mitchell
Commissioner of Public Works

MR. BITETTO said a discussion was held pertaining to old CLOONAN SCHOOL PROPERTY and its disposition and acquisition by the Board of Recreation.

He said a letter written by him to the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works was also discussed, concerning COLD SPRING ROAD.

THE PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Bitetto for giving the Public Works Committee report.

MR. KUCZO said (referring to item #1 under the report of the Public Works Committee) that he does not feel his questions were answered. At this time he read his letter dated 3/3/65.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kuczo that Mr. Bitetto has already given his report in some detail and suggested to him that he obtain a copy of the letter from Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant of the Board, as it is too lengthy to go over once more. He suggested that he study the reply at his leisure and perhaps he may later wish to bring it up more definitively.

MR. KUCZO said he feels that he still does not have an answer to his questions.

USE OF SALT ON CITY STREETS (See item #2 under Public Works Committee report)

MR. KUCZO said he also wished to talk on the above matter. He said in his letter he had pointed out that the City of Bridgeport, which has approximately ten more miles to salt down than does Stamford, only uses 1,500 tons of salt, whereas Stamford uses 4,000 tons. He said his suggestion is that we use it in a little more moderation than we have been doing. He said the Morton Salt Company thinks that salt is corrosive.

MR. NATHANSON rose on a point of information. He said it was his understanding that the Committee report has already been given on this question of salt and wanted to know why it is being brought up again.

THE PRESIDENT said it appears that Mr. Kuczo is not satisfied with a detailed and lengthy report on this question of salt. He suggested it might be better for him to first study the report and then if he has any questions to bring them up at a later date.

MR. NATHANSON said he cannot understand how this Board, which is supposed to be a legislative body, can be expected to answer these questions. He said it seems that Mr. Kuczo would be better off to take his questions to the proper authority and not to take up the time of the Board in trying to get the answers to his questions on the floor of a Board meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said in order to save the Board's time, it would be better for Mr. Kuczo to obtain copies of the answer to his questions contained in the letters previously read into the record by Mr. Bitetto in giving the Public Works Committee report.

MR. KANE said he agreed with Mr. Kuczo that none of his questions were answered.

THE PRESIDENT informed the speaker that the questions were asked and answers have been received and if the answers do not satisfy either Mr. Kuczo or himself, that they obtain copies of the letters in question and study them in detail.

MR. KUCZO pursued his discussion on the corrosive properties of salt, as described in a pamphlet from the Morton Salt Company. He said another company, which manufactures an inhibitor of salt says basically the same thing.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. HEARING reported that lights will soon be installed at the following intersections: SEASIDE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND SEASIDE AVENUE AND COVE ROAD.

- (1) Concerning resolution proposed by Peter A. Martin, 18th District Representative, urging assistance by local, state and federal authorities in securing the continuation and improvement of passenger-commuter service by the N.Y.N.H. & H. Railroad Company (See Minutes of 3/1/65 under "New Business")

MR. MARTIN MOVED for the adoption of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. Rich and CARRIED unanimously:

RESOLUTION NO. 460

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.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

GEORGE RUSSELL, Chairman, presented his committee report and said one item was presented his committee which was approved:

ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF DURANT STREET (As requested in letter of 3/5/65 from Sydney C. Kveskin, attorney for firm STELMA, INC.)

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for abandonment of the following portion of DURANT STREET, which was seconded by Mr. Nathanson, and CARRIED unanimously:

DURANT STREET - - - Being an undeveloped road, 50 feet in width, and 125 feet in depth, bounded East, South and West by land of Stelma, Incorporated, being 0.1435 acres, further described and delineated on a certain map entitled: "Map of Selleck Park South, certified substantially correct by the W. B. Pierce Company, by A. B. Tracy, May 24, 1927; scale 1" = 80' ", on file in the office of the City and Town Clerk and known as Map No. 1374, reference thereto being hereby had.
(Portion of)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

STEPHEN KELLY, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said his committee met on Monday, March 29, 1965, with the following members present: Mrs. Esposito, Mr. Rand, Mr. Bitetto, Mr. Dombroski and Mr. Kelly.

- (1) Concerning Park Commission request for approval of a 50¢ FEE FOR A PILOT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM TO BE INSTALLED AT COVE BEACH (Resubmitted for approval in their letter of 2/13/65) (Deferred 3/1/65)

MR. KELLY said under date of 2/3/65 the Board was in receipt of a letter from the Park Commission in which it was stated in view of insufficient time to make the many arrangements necessary to activate the above program for this summer, they had decided to forego implementation of the Personal I. D. Card pilot project at Cove Island for the 1965 Season. However, because there is an item in the 1965-66 Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,500 to finance this project, it was their thought that when the Board approves the fees as submitted, they would then be in a position to install the system in the Spring of 1966.

MR. KELLY said his committee, after careful consideration of the aforementioned request contained in a letter of 2/13/65 from the Park Commission, asking that their original request for implementation of this I. D. card program be reactivated, found this request to be objectionable, due to an extra unnecessary financial burden being imposed on the public, using this park only, as one of many parks and it would entail all of the taxpayers in Stamford being asked to approve \$5,500 to implement this program on a limited number of people, at an additional cost of fifty cents to each person over 16 years of age, when other city parks issue I. D. Cards at no cost to the taxpayer.

MR. KELLY said his committee felt, in view of the above circumstances, this would be unfair and therefore disapproved this request and HE SO MOVED.

MR. RAND spoke in favor of the motion and seconded Mr. Kelly's motion. CARRIED to DENY the request.

MR. CONNORS and MR. HEMINGWAY returned to the meeting at 10:25 P.M.

- (2) PETITION NO. 308 - Memorial Day Parade and Services (Requested in letter of 2/24/65 from St. Mary's Post Catholic War Veterans of Stamford and the Patriotic and Special Events Commission)

MR. KELLY said the Committee has received the above request - that the parade will start at 10 A.M., assembling at Yankee Division Highway, going South on Summer Street to Broad Street, East on Broad Street to Atlantic Street, South on Atlantic Street to Main Street, East on Main Street to St. Johns Park for the Memorial Services at approximately 11 o'clock A.M.

MR. KELLY MOVED FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES to consider the above request. Seconded and CARRIED.

MR. KELLY MOVED that the above request be approved, provided that approval is granted by the Police and Fire Departments and the proper bond and liability insurance is set up. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

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

MR. PHILPOT, Chairman, said he is in receipt of a letter outlining a means of dealing with persons affected under the M.E.A. Plan and has turned the letter over to Mr. McCutcheon (Executive Secretary of Classified Employees Pension Plan), for comment.

- (2) Concerning COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, under terms of Public Act 495 (1963 Session of General Assembly) (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 he is in receipt of two copies of the Report of The Interim Commission To Study Collective Bargaining By Municipalities, dated February 1965, being a Commission appointed by the Governor under the terms of Public Act No. 495, to study and report its recommendations for proposed legislation to the Governor and to the General Assembly by January 15, 1965.

Mr. Philpot said he will be attending a Forum to be held at the University of Connecticut on this matter and will be better informed at the next Board meeting.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, said his Committee did not meet during the past month. However, he presented an interim report, concerning pending litigation.

MR. PHILPOT asked to be excused at 10:30 P.M.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

MR. CONNORS, Chairman, said the Charter Revision Committee met with the Charter Revision Commission last week. He said no action was taken as far as his Committee was concerned, but was just for general information. He said their report is due around the 9th or 10th of April, after which this Board will then have 15 days in which to act upon their recommendations for submission to the electorate at referendum.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:Proposed Resolution Concerning Closing of Hospital Facilities for Veterans

MR. MORRIS read a resolution at this time which was REFERRED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE. (Not presented to the Administrative Assistant)

Letter(dated 3/19/65) from Westover PTA concerning BAD FLOODING CONDITIONS AT WESTOVER SCHOOL - Capital Projects Budget for 1965-1966

Above letter was read and noted.

PUC Notice of Hearings on application of King School, Inc. for permit to operate a Livery Service

Above noted and ordered filed.

OLD BUSINESS:Concerning Petition requesting TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT 3 INTERSECTIONS ON SEASIDE AVENUE (See item #3 under report of Public Works Committee)

MR. KUCZO said he would like to reiterate his stand on the above matter. He said he and Mr. Connors (10th District Representatives) have presented this petition and expect action on it. He said to date they haven't even had a good hand shake from the Police Chief. He said there are no signs there warning about schools or school children and they are not going to stand for it any longer.

Concerning Binders for Charter and Code of General Ordinance Books

MR. CONNORS asked if there was any way in which members who do not have binders for their Code books can obtain them. He said he sees other people who have binders for their books and cannot understand where they got theirs from.

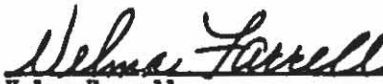
He requested that a letter be written to the Mayor requesting an appropriation be initiated to buy binders for the Code books.

MR. RYBNICK said he believes this should go through the proper channels - the Steering Committee.

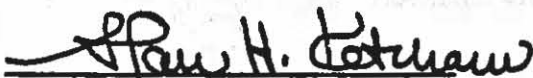
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 P.M.

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Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

Alan H. Ketcham, President
Board of Representatives

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

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