# Meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives Minutes of June 7, 1965 Stamford, Connecticut

The regular monthly meeting of the 8th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Monday, June 7, 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. Charles M. Vogt, Emmanuel Episcopal 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 35 present and 5 absent at the calling of the roll. However, two members arrived shortly thereafter, changing the roll call to 37 present and 3 absent.

The absent members were: Chester Walajtys, Patsy Arrussa and Gerald Sullivan.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of April 22, 1965 Meeting of May 3, 1965 Meeting of May 11, 1965

The Minutes of the above meetings were accepted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

# STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT Meeting held Monday, May 24, 1965

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, May 24, 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.

#### (1) Appointments:

Appointment to the Human Rights Commission of Executive Secretary ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA under Appointments Committee.

Mayor's letter of 5/24/65, resubmitting the name of PAUL STERNBACH as a member of the FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD. - ORDERED ON AGENDA under Appointments Committee.

# (2) Additional Appropriations:

All additional appropriations approved by the Board of Finance on May 13, 1965 were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA, with all items over \$2,000 referred to a secondary Committee.

- (3) Concerning proposed Ordinance on AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT Not ordered on agenda.
- (4) Ordinance Concerning Establishment of new Boundary Lines for Stamford's 20 Voting Districts
  ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA under Special Redistricting Committee.
- (5) APPEAL taken to BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS (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") (Previously in Legislative & Rules Committee and referred to the Public Works Committee on 5/3/65 and deferred at that time)
  ORDERED ON AGENDA under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (6) Petitions for acceptance of roads as city streets ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA under PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
- (7) Concerning additional information on 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 had further information on the above matter. ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA under PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- (8) Mayor's letter (dated 4/30/65) concerning use of meeting rooms
  REFERRED TO SPECIAL "HOUSE" COMMITTEE
- (9) Letter (dated 5/24/65) from Thomas A. Morris, 16th District Representative, CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE GARAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (10) Letter (dated 5/10/65) from George A. Goehner, 43 Rollingwood Drive PROTEST AGAINST STORAGE AND DUMPING OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AT INTERSECTION
  OF ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE, LITTLE HILL DRIVE and BARRIAN ROAD and VIOLATION OF
  ZONING RESTRICTIONS

Above letter ordered sent to Building Department as it involves violation of soning restrictions.

- (11) Letter (dated 5/19/65) from R. A. Philpot. 15th District Representative, REQUESTING CREATION OF A FIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFERRED TO EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
- (12) Letter (dated 4/23/65) from President E. Arthur Bell. Stamford Water Company, CONCERNING WATER RESOURCES FOR CITY OF STAMFORD (Answering request made by Paul Kuczo, Jr., 10th District Representative) Noted, with copy sent to Mr. Kuczo.

- (13) Letter (dated 4/28/65) from R. A. Philpot, 15th District Representative, CONCERNING SUGGESTED AMENDMENT BY RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
  REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
- (14) Carbon copy of letter to Park Commission, from James A. Stramaglia, Jr., (dated 5/19/65) CONCERNING PUBLIC BEACHES (Cove Island, West Beach and Cummings Park) COMPLAINING OF UNTIDY CONDITIONS (This letter was printed in the Stamford Advocate) REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- (15) Letter (dated 5/9/65) from Mrs. Poble Johnston. 59 Lanark Road, CONCERNING REPORT OF REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE presented at 5/3/65 Board meeting NOTED AND FILED
- (16) Copies of 2 letters (dated May 5th and 6th, 1965) from State Liquor Control COMMISSION, notifying the City of applications for liquor permits

  Copies ordered sent to Mr. Rich, URC Chairman, and Mr. Kuczo, Chairman of Education, Welfare & Government Committee
- (17) PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT Monthly Report for March 1965 Noted and filed, with copy sent to Education, Welfare & Government Committee
- (18) Letter (dated 5/24/65) from Paul Kuczo, Jr., 10th District Representative, CONCERNING GATES AT COVE POND DAM REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (19) Letter (dated 5/20/65) from Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative, CONCERNING SIDEWALKS ON CHESTNUT STREET, opposite Hart School REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
- (20) Letter (dated 5/24/65) from Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative, CONCERNING TRAFFIC HAZARD AT STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE AND COLONIAL ROAD REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (21) Letter (dated 5/24/65) from Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative, GONCERNING REQUEST FROM SENIOR CITIZENS FOR SMALL PORTION OF COVE ISLAND BEACH AND SMALL SECTION IN SHADED AREA OF HORSESHOE BEACH REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
- (22) Letter (dated 5/11/65) from Corporation Counsel, giving opinion on legality of HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE, with copy sent to that Committee

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

ALAN H. KETCHAM, Chairman Steering Committee

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#### APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, said his committee has one item to report, having been held over from last month, and has been re-submitted by the Mayor in his letter of 5/24/65.

The Tellers distributed the ballots. The vote on this appointment is recorded below:

# FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

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PAUL STERNBACH (R)
19 Morgan Street
(Filling out unexpired term
of Henry Gregory - deceased)

Dec. 1, 1967

17 no 1 abstention

#### FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. HEMINGWAY, Chairman, reported that the Fiscal Committee met the evening of June 3, 1965 at which time they acted upon all matters referred to their Committee.

(1) \$10,000.00 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Code 132,0000 Employees' Medical & Hospital (Mayor's letter of 5/7/65) (Expended on warrant of Corporation Counsel)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Kuczo, who reported that the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED.

(2) \$65.80 - PLANNING BOARD - Code 134.0501 Telephone & Telegraph (Mayor's letter undated, received 5/7/65) (REDUCED by Board of Finance on 5/13/65 from \$100.00)

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, and CARRIED.

(3) \$110,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE - Codes as follows:
(Mayor's letter, undated, received 5/7/65)

\*REDUCED by Board of Finance on 5/13/65 from \$77,000.00 to \$65,000.00.

MR. HEMINGWAY MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kucso, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs on approval.

(4) \$9,000.00 - REGISTRARS OF VOTERS - Code 102.5104. Special Election for Constitutional Convention Members (Mayor's letter 5/12/65)

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

(5) \$2,000.00 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 602.1501 Telephone (Mayor's letter of 3/30/65) (DEFERRED by Board of Finance on 4/8/65 - Approved on 5/13/65 in REDUCED amount from \$3,925.00 to \$2,000.00)

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

# LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. SELSBERG, Chairman, said he had no report at this time.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. REMLING, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held June 2, 1965 at 7 P.M. in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works. Present were: Representatives Longo, Dombroski, Tatano, Bitetto and Remling.

(1) 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") (DEFERRED 4/5/65 by Legislative & Rules
Committee and referred to Public Works Committee on 5/3/65 and deferred
at that time)

MR. REMLING MOVED to sustain the decision of the Building Board of Appeals. Seconded and CARRIED.

(2) Request for sidewalks on CHESTNUT STREET for children going to and from school (Letter from Andrew Tatano, 5th District Representative, dated 5/20/65)

MR. REMLING reported the above request was referred to Commissioner of Public Works, Arthur Mitchell, who stated he would contact the necessary department in Hartford in charge of such matters, for action.

(3) Concerning request for construction of equipment and maintenance garages for use by both the Police Department and Public Works Department (Letter from Thomas Morris, 16th District Representative, dated 5/24/65)

MR. REMLING said this matter will be checked by Commissioner Mitchell and referred to the Health & Protection Committee for further study.

(4) Letter from Paul Kuczo, 10th District Representative, concerning COVE DAM

MR. REMLING said this was referred to Commissioner Mitchell, to be answered by his department.

(5) Complaint concerning bad TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT COLONIAL ROAD AND STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE

MR. REMLING said this was being checked by Commissioner Mitchell's office and by the Police Department and was referred to the Health and Protection Committee to follow up.

# HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. HEARING, Chairman, said he has some good news for Mr. Kuczo concerning the requested TRAFFIC LIGHT ON SEASIDE AVENUE. He said this morning at 11 o'clock this traffic light on Noroton Hill was installed.

MR. CONNORS said this light was the result of the efforts of Mr. Kelly, who pushed this light through his efforts in Hartford and the Board of Representatives can't take too much credit for it. He said that Mr. Kelly spoke to someone in the State Traffic Commission who informed him well over three weeks ago that this light was going to go in - that it would be in by Decoration Day. He said he thought that Steve Kelly should get all the credit for getting this light because he did all the "leg work" on it.

MR. KELLY said he spoke with a man in Hartford on May 27th and was informed then that this light was going in Decoration Day. He said the same day he received a call informing him that it would not go in until the end of June as there was a hold up on it in Stamford. He said he thereupon checked with the Hartford Electric Light Company who informed him there was no hold-up with them. He said the light is now installed and has been operating a little earlier than expected. He said he reported his efforts to the two members from the 10th District. He said he has been working on this matter for the past three or four weeks and has seen it through from top to bottom. He said it came as no surprise to him that the light was installed, although it seems to have come as a big surprise to other people.

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

MR. RUSSELL said a meeting of his Committee was held on Thursday, June 3, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. in City Hall, with the following members present: William Selsberg, Dominick Vivona, and George Russell.

- (1) SALE OR DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (See list of property from Planning Board, with recommendations for disposition of same, their meeting of 5/26/64, pursuant to request of Commissioner of Finance on 5/8/64 and provisions of Sec. 2-24 and Sec. 2-25 of Code of General Ordinances) (Copies mailed to all Board members on 6/4/64) (DEFERRED 10/5/64; 11/9/64; 12/7/64; 1/4/65 and 2/1/65; not on the March or April agendas DEFERRED again on 5/3/65)
- MR. RUSSELL said the above matter was being held in Committee for further information.
- (2) Acceptance of roads as City streets:
- MR. RUSSELL MOVED for acceptance of the following road as a city street, which was seconded by Mr. Selsberg and CARRIED:
  - SOMERSET LANE Extending from Perna Lane southerly to land of Steve Day, Inc. Length, approximately 166.41 ft., width 30 ft., as shown on map No. 5905 on file in the Town and City Clerk's office.
- (3) Resolution concerning the directing of improvements to be carried out on LOUGHRAN AVENUE under provisions of Ordinance No. 79 Supplemental and Chapter 64, Sec. 640 of Charter

MR. RUSSELL MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring the above matter up at this time, for the reason that it will take several months to be processed under Chaper 64 of the Charter. Seconded by Mr. Martin. Mr. Russell explained that this was originally brought in by Mr. Martin, but unfortunately was presented on the wrong petition form.

THE PRESIDENT explained that this will require a two-thirds vote of the Board in order to bring this on the floor. CARRIED unanimously.

MR. RUSSELL read the following petition at this time:

April 28, 1965

President, Board of Representatives City Hall Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ketcham:

We, a majority of property owners on LOUGHRAN AVENUE wish to have said road improved in conformity with specifications as set forth in Ordinance No. 79 Supplemental of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford, and be accepted as a city street.

We thereby request the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford to proceed, by Resolution, action pursuant to the powers granted under Chapter 64 of the Stamford Charter.

(SIGNED BY 20 PETITIONERS)

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 465

CONCERNING DIRECTING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON LOUGHRAN AVENUE UNDER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 79
SUPPLEMENTAL AND CHAPTER 64 (SEC. 640) OF CHARTER (1st step)

BE AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD:

That it is the opinion of the Board of Representatives that the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity require the construction and layout of the highway known as LOUGHRAN AVENUE, in conformity with the specifications set forth in Ordinance No. 79 Supplemental of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Stamford; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Board of Representatives, with the approval of the Mayor, to construct and lay out said highway, together with any curbing, drainage or other incidental installations required to carry out said project pursuant to the powers granted it under Section 640 of the Charter of the City of Stamford; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public Works to do the preliminary engineering work, including preparation of surveys, plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of the total cost of the improvement and to submit a report thereon to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall make estimates of the value of any land proposed to be taken and of the amounts of the benefits or damages which should be assessed against or in favor of each piece of property affected; and

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be requested to submit a report thereon to the Board of Representatives; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a percentage as shall hereafter be fixed upon by the Board of Representatives of the cost of the work and improvements as aforesaid, shall be assessed against the properties benefited thereby; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary and requisite steps be taken toward the construction and layout of said highway, curbing, drainage and incidental installations in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 64 of the Charter of the City of Stamford.

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(4) Concerning request for acceptance of HOME COURT (an old street, never accepted as a City street)

MR. CONNORS said he had always believed the above street was a city accepted street, but has been informed by the Commissioner of Public Works in a letter dated June 3, 1965 that it was never accepted as a public highway and the Department of Public Works is therefore unable to make various improvements requested by the residents, and suggesting that it might be possible to accept this street on the basis that it was open to the public as a thoroughfare prior to 1949 (the time of consolidation).

THE PRESIDENT suggested to Mr. Connors that he bring this matter up under "New Business" as it is not on the agenda and has never been referred to a Committee by the Steering Committee.

#### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

MR. KELLY said his committee did not meet. However, he read a letter which he has sent to the Chairman of the Park Commission, Mr. Robert Bundock, as follows:

May 31, 1965

Dear Sir:

Immediately upon receipt of the notice of your regular Park Commission meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 1965, I telephoned the Park Department office and informed them that it would be impossible for me to attend, as I have other commitments that will keep me busy until on or about the second week of June, until late in the evenings.

The Steering Committee has delegated our Committee to seek an answer or answers to the following communications: the letter that appeared in the Advocate a few weeks ago concerning the beach cleanup; a letter from Mr. Thomas Morris, of the 16th District Republican Club, asking that the Park Commission set aside a portion of Cove Island for senior citizens' use and transportation for the oldsters' equipment, even at a nominal fee, and our Committee would like to report back on the question that was petitioned by quite a few residents, who, as boat owners had requested that the time limit of boats being taken out of the water be extended to December 1st of each year.

Copies of all these letters are on file at the office of the Board of Representatives, and I presume that copies have been forwarded to your Commission.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. PHILPOT, Chairman, presented the following report:

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

The Retirement Department has furnished me with a study of costs involved in raising the pensions of 68 retired City employees and of the widows of such employees to the level of the amended plan, which we adopted in 1964.

I've broken these figures down and the persons involved fall into six categories. So that you may follow me with greater ease, I'd like to define the categories before I quote the figures applying to each one.

- (1) A retired employee is a person receiving both a City Pension and Social Security.
- (2) A Survivorship Pensioner is a widow receiving a current income because her husband had chosen a reduced income during his life so that she would receive income after his death.
- (3) Legislative Pensioners are persons who received pensions due to legislative action before the City adopted its pension plan in 1952 and who were folded into the City plan at that time.
- (4) Pensioners never under Social Security are those persons who never did contribute to Social Security, but who did contribute 5% of salary to the City plan.
- (5) Social Security Pensioners Non Contributory are those persons who never contributed to the City plan.
- (6) Social Security Pensioners Contributory are those persons who contributed less than \$1,000 to the City plan and withdrew the contributions at retirement because the monthly payments would have been too small to bother about.

The figures for these classifications follow:

Cat	agory	Number 42	Present Total	New Total \$69,065.54	Increase \$26,208.42
(1)	Retired Personnel		\$42,857.12		
(2)	Survivorship Pensioners	2	631.72	631.72	-0-
(3)	Legislative Pensioners	4	4,240.76	4,240.76	-0-
(4)	Pensioners Never Under Social Security	3	5,469.22	4,322.74	-1,146.48
(5)	Social Security Pensioners - Non Contributory	. 5	-0-	2,728.85	2,728.25
(6)	Social Security Pensioners - Contributory	12	-0-	8,989.80	8,989.80
		68	\$53,198.82	\$89,979.41	\$36,780.59

So far as the 9 Disability Pensioners are concerned, no figures have been furnished since - on both the old and the possible new basis - such benefits are computed at approximately one-half their final average salaries and no improved benefits would result.

As possible alternatives with the idea of bringing all 77 people into line with a new plan, the Retirement Department makes two suggestions. These are:

- (1) That each person, including the Disability Pensioners, be allotted a flat increase of approximately \$500 based on the average of all their salaries (\$3,500) at the time the plan first went into effect in 1952, but computed according to the formulae of the 1964 plan; or
- (2) A flat percentage increase which would come to between 10% and 30% of present City pension benefits. The percentage applied in each case would depend on the date of the individual's retirement and be comparable to the one to three Social Security increases which have taken place since the City plan started in 1952.

No figures have, as yet, been submitted to support either suggestion. However, since 77 persons are involved, the flat \$500 increase should cost around \$38,500 per year.

The advantages of the \$500 flat increase vs. revision under the 1964 plan are that those who would be left out under revised 1964 (i.e., the Survivorship Pensioners) would come out \$500 better, while those who would lose income under revised 1964 (i.e., the Legislative Pensioners) would come out slightly ahead of their present incomes. The disadvantages lie in the fact that the increases would be arbitrary with no relationship to incomes presently received - and that the great majority of pensioners would receive somewhat less than they'd get under revised 1964.

So far as the percentage increase is concerned, its advantage is that those persons losing Gity pensions because of increases in Social Security would recoup their losses precisely. The disadvantage lies in the fact that two of the Disability Pensioners would suffer, since they received nothing from Social Security. It is the feeling of your Committee that increases to bring present benefits up to the levels of the 1964 plan cannot be adequately considered until the percentage increase suggestion has been reduced to dollar cost figures. For that reason, the Retirement Department has been requested to prepare these figures as soon as possible.

As you have seen, none of the three alternatives considered can fairly meet the needs of all the persons involved. It is the feeling of your Committee that if any one of them should be adapted to conform to a general pattern, it will also be necessary to correct inequalities in specific instances by separate and specific treatment of the exceptions.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Philpot, Chairman Personnel Committee

MR. PHILPOT said he would try to bring in a final report on this matter next month.

#### EDUCATION, WELFARE & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KUCZO, Chairman, presented his committee report. He said a meeting of his Committee was held Thursday, June 3, 1965 with the Fiscal Committee at the Municipal Office Building. Present were: Judith Sutherland, Augusta Goings, Romaine Philpot, and Paul Kuczo. Absent was Chester Walajtys.

Mr. Kuczo reported that the fiscal matters were reported earlier in the meeting.

Concerning request by Mr. Philpot. 15th District Representative. for a new Standing Committee to be called the "Education Committee"

MR. KUCZO reported that Mr. Philpot's request cited the need and reasons for such a Committee. He said no action was taken by his Committee, for it was felt by the members that further study was needed and that possible action might be taken at the next regular meeting of his Committee.

#### URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented the following report:

The Urban Renewal Committee met at 8:15 P.M. June 2nd in the Board Caucus Room. Present were committee members Esposito, Hemingway, Longo, Murphy, Nathanson, Philpot, Sutherland and Chairman Rich. Also present was Commission Chairman Mrs. Marshall, staff members Battiste, Friedman and Shapiro and Urban Renewal Coordinator McCulloch.

Mrs. Marshall and members of the staff reported to the Committee on several items of current interest in connection with the project:

- (1) The taxpayer's suit against the project was settled by mutual agreement on the basis of the provision for additional relocation housing. 200 units of "moderate income" non-profit housing will be added to that already in the project's plan. This housing will be on the same site as that already planned and thus will result in larger buildings than the garden-type which had originally been projected. The sponsors of the project will build this housing on a non-profit basis. Furthermore, the Housing Authority has agreed to construct 100 additional units of "low income" public housing elsewhere in the city.
- (2) The agreement to settle this suit means that the restraining order has been lifted and so progress can resume on the project. There has been an eight week serious delay due to the court action itself and a further six month delay due to preparation for the court action. 5% of the total property that is to be acquired has been acquired so far. 13 more parcels of land are about to be acquired and 70 are in negotiation right now. Mrs. Marshall observed that approximately one-half of all the parcels of property to be acquired were in some stage of the acquisition process now.

The highest priority for property acquisition is the Willow Street - Bell Street area, where relocation housing is to be built. Contact has been made with almost all the owners and about 40% of the property has been acquired or, is about to be. The first bids for demolition have been requested. Demolition should start about July 1st.

(3) Mr. Battiste reviewed the status of family and business relocation. A small number of families and roomers have been relocated. The court action held up relocation, but this will now move forward rapidly. Mr. Battists cited several typical relocation cases wherein families had been moved to superior quarters at equal or lower rents than they had been paying previously.

56 of the 350 total businesses within the area have relocated. 15 of these have moved to new locations within the project.

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#### MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING "HOUSE COMMITTEE" (Special Committee)

MR. LINDSTROM, Chairman, said he had nothing to report, except that the request for additional funds for the purchase of the public address and secret balloting system was turned down by the Board of Finance.

MR. KANE asked if the \$3,000 or so remaining in this account would revert back to the City under the Surplus Account.

THE PRESIDENT reminded Mr. Kane that this was discussed at the last meeting of the Steering Committee and was brought out at that time that these funds would be encumbered before the end of the fiscal year.

MR. KANE asked if Mr. Lindstrom would give a report as to what is being purchased, because the Board will not be meeting again until after the start of the next fiscal year.

MR. LINDSTROM said the Committee is not ready to give a report at this time.

MR. KANE said if this money is going to be spent, will it not have to be spent before the July Board meeting.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kane that these funds have been encumbered and will not revert back to surplus.

# SPECIAL REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

Concerning final adoption of ORDINANCE CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BOUNDARY LINES FOR STAMFORD'S 20 VOTING DISTRICTS (Adopted for publication 5/3/65; published 5/14/65)

MR. SELSBERG MOVED for adoption of the proposed Ordinance, as previously printed in the minutes of May 3, 1965 on pages 4336 through 4341, establishing District 1 through District 20.

THE PRESIDENT stated that all members of the Board have previously been furnished with copies of the proposed 20 voting districts, as well as with copies of the May 3, 1965 Minutes containing the proposed Ordinance in full and it has also been published in full in the Stamford Advocate on May 14, 1965.

MR. SELSBERG asked Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant of the Board, when the May 3, 1965 Minutes were in the hands of the members.

MRS. FARRELL informed Mr. Selsberg that the Minutes in question were mailed to all Board members on May 28, 1965, complying with the terms of Sec. 204.1 of the Charter.

MR. NATHANSON seconded Mr. Selsberg's motion.

MR. MORRIS requested a five minute recess at this time (9:25 P.M.), which was granted.

RECESS being over, the members resumed their seats.

THE PRESIDENT said the motion is now before the Board for approval of the Ordinance, which was moved for approval by Mr. Selsberg and seconded by Mr. Nathanson.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a point of order. He asked the President if the Board received a ruling from the Corporation Counsel on the legality of Charter revision.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Truglia he was out of order. He said the Board is now discussing an Ordinance concerning redistricting and not Charter revision.

THE PRESIDENT said at this time he wished to remind the members that they are only allowed to speak twice on any motion before the Board and if anyone wishes to speak for a third time will have to wait until everyone else has had a chance to speak first, and then only by permission of the Board. He said discussion will now be on the merits only of the motion before the Board, which is the body of the Ordinance and debate will be on the merits.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wishes to state that it is his belief that this Ordinance is illegally before this body. He called attention to #12 of the Rules of the Board under "Committees."

THE PRESIDENT said this matter is before the Board for the reason that the Board has so ruled by vote, and properly. He said his discussion does not pertain to the Ordinance now before the Board, but to extraneous matters and as such, he RULED MR. TRUGLIA OUT OF ORDER.

MR. TRUGLIA rose on a point of personal privilege. He said they did not have a chance to state their views last month - that he was ruled out of order three or four times last month and was informed by the President at that time that debate would be allowed on any and all parts of the proposed Ordinance this month, when it came before the Board for final approval. He said now he rises to be recognized and is told that he is out of order. He said he would like to know when he will get a chance to debate it.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Truglia if he was questioning a ruling of the Chair made at the last regular meeting and asked if that was correct.

MR. TRUGLIA said if the President would tell him what he was going to say, he would be able to answer him.

THE PRESIDENT asked him to repeat his question for clarification.

MR. TRUGLIA said he was asking to be allowed to debate the legality of the Ordinance on redistricting.

THE PRESIDENT said he would have to repeat that by vote of the Board, this matter is now before this body.

MR. TRUGLIA said it is his belief that until a final vote is taken he has the right to question the legality of the Ordinance.

THE PRESIDENT said the Ordinance is now before the Board, not because of any ruling that he made, but by a vote of this Board, at action taken at the May 3rd meeting, and debate can now be only on the merits of the Ordinance.

MR. TRUGLIA said he wanted to know if the legality of the Ordinance is one of its merits, or not.

THE PRESIDENT told him he could speak on the merits of the Ordinance only.

MR. TRUGLIA sind he does not feel this Ordinance is legally before the Board.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Truglia that there is a difference between debate on the Ordinance itself and debate on whether or not it is legally before the Board and he is sure that he understands what he means.

MR. TRUGLIA said he questioned the procedure last month and still questions the procedure this month.

THE PRESIDENT reminded him that when he questioned the procedure last month he was out of order, because it was decided by vote of the Board.

MR. TRUGLIA said he can only say then that it puts the Democratic members in only one position - that they must take legal action in Court. He said he wished to state for the record that he has discussed this with other members of the Redistricting Committee and they were of the opinion that the report of the Redistricting

Committee was only of a preliminary nature, and, in short, that the Committee had not finished its work, because most of their time was taken up by the Census; that a thorough and deliberate study could not possibly have been made, and they assumed that it would come to them and they would then have time to do something with it - appoint a Committee of this Board, hold a public hearing, and in other words, proceed normally. He said this is what they are questioning, and this was not done and he does not think that it will be done at the rate we are going.

MR. KANE said he also wished to state that it is his belief that the system under which the Board is now operating is not proper - not that the Board itself is not proper, but he does not believe that the District lines are set up properly. He said he thinks the Court has decided that there will be one man and one vote, but that the City has attempted through a Committee which this Board has set up to gain information to present to the Board, which they have done and have probably done a very thorough study. However, he thought that the results of the Committee's study would then be presented to a Committee of this Board which would then present their report and recommendations to the Board. He said he sees on the agenda mention made of a Special Redistricting Committee and wants to know if Mr. Selsberg is supposed to be the Chairman of this particular committee.

He said he noticed that the final sentence of the Ordinance in question states that "this Ordinance shall take effect the date of its enactment, which, to his mind creates quite a problem, because he will then find himself in the Sixth District and not the 11th which he now represents; and there will also be three other members from the Sixth District. He said according to Section 115 of the Charter, no more than two members can be elected to hold office in any one District at any one time, so he is not sure whether or not he is now giving his farewell speech or is just being locquacious. He said he hopes it is the latter. He said he would like to have an opinion as to whether or not he is right or wrong, and that it could be stated that by adopting this Ordinance we are setting up 20 new Voting Districts and if that is the case, he would have to run in two Districts - both the Fourth and the Sixth, which might be interpreted as running at large, rather than representing any one District.

MR. KANE said he noticed in the report given to this Board that no mention was made as to the number of children that were counted, nor was there; any statement as to the authenticity of the number of people that were attempted to be reached. He said he only knows in his own case, his wife received a telephone call and was asked how many people lived in their house. He said he questions whether or not this was the proper way to carry on a census, especially when we are trying to give representation to the people. He said he is saying this, because he represents the District with the least number of people in it and feels something should be done to make it as equitable as possible. He said to count the children, you might have many more children in one area than in another and then it would appear that the children would be having more say about the city than the adults who do the voting.

MR. KANE said he wishes to propose that there be six districts set up, with six Representatives from each one, so that the lines would not become a political football. He objected to the Board of Representatives being able to pass a simple Ordinance by a vote of 21 in order to redistrict the entire city, and said he felt it was an abuse of power by any political party to do it so easily. He said he felt this Board has not had sufficient opportunity to sit down and figure out just what redistricting as presented in this Ordinance will mean. He said if it is as the Charter states in Sec. 115 that there shall be only two Representatives from each District, and it now turns out that there will be four from his new District, who will get the nod.

MR. CONNORS said he does not think this is the proper time to change the Districts, for the reason that Urban Renewal may change the population in various Districts, and said he does not believe anyone can tell him right now what number of people will live in this immediate area affected by renewal. He said new apartment houses are being built over all the City, which will also have a drastic effect on how many people live in a District.

MR. NATHANSON directed a question to Mr. Truglia, through the Chair. He said that Mr. Truglia being a member of the Committee charged with the responsibility of redistricting; he would assume that Mr. Truglia voted with the other members in unanimous agreement, as it is reported in the Committee report and asked if he was correct.

MR. TRUGLIA said he and the other Democratic members of that Committee, approved the work done by the Committee for further study by this Board, which they have not been given an opportunity to do.

MR. NATHANSON said "but the Committee did report unanimously - is that right?"

MR. TRUGLIA replied "for preliminary work."

MR. NATHANSON said he wonders why, if this plan was so objectionable why those who are now disagreeing with the recommendations of the Committee, did not come up with a minority report to this Board.

MR. KANE said he would like a point of information. He asked who is the Chairman of the Redistricting Committee, so that the members may direct their questions to him.

THE PRESIDENT informed him that questions should be directed to the Chair.

MR. KANE said the members keep asking questions and would like to know who is the Chairman, so that they may direct their questions to him and get an answer.

THE PRESIDENT said he would answer their questions.

MR. KANE said he wants to know how was the count taken, who is the Chairman of the Committee, who is on the Committee, how many children in proportion to adults that were counted and is it a fact that Mr. Murphy and himself, and Mr. Connors and Mr. Kuczo might be off this Board tonight.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not wish to engage in repartee with members on the floor of this Board - that each member has in his possession the report of the Redistricting Committee, which provides everyone with all the answers to the questions that have been asked.

MR. KANE said he does not consider this an answer to his questions.

THE PRESIDENT declared Mr. Kane out of order.

MR. KANE said he would like to know on what grounds is he being declared out of order. He APPEALED FROM THE RULING OF THE CHAIR. Seconded.

THE PRESIDENT informed the members that a majority vote is necessary to uphold the ruling of the Chair, and that a vote of "yes" supports the Chair and a vote of "no" is in favor of Mr. Kane's appeal.

THE RULING OF THE CHAIR WAS UPHELD.

MR. MURPHY said he believed redistricting was definitely needed, but it should be done by a non-partisen committee and not one that is slanted one way; and by one that can come up with a fair plan and compromise so that both parties can live together and will take into consideration future population changes and keeping neighborhoods together. He said he can't "buy" this proposed plan. He explained his reasons and cited them in detail.

MR. MORRIS (Tom) said it is refreshing to see that both sides agree on one thing, and that is that redistricting is needed. He said he would like to call the Board's attention to the Minutes of March 6, 1961, as follows:

"MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for suspension of the rules for consideration of the establishment of a Redistricting Study Committee...."

MR. MORRIS said this Board at that time was composed of 35 Democrats and 5 Republicans....

MR. TRUGLIA said he would like to remind the President that he had objected to his remarks on the legality of this matter and now is allowing this to go back to 1961.

MR. MORRIS continued his remarks:

"Seconded by Mr. O'Connell and CARRIED.

"MR. CALLAHAN MOVED for the establishment of a ten member Redistricting Study Committee, appointed by the President of this Board, to consist of the following: One Democrat and one Republican member of this Board, two members of the Democratic Town and City Committee, two members of the Republican Town and City Committee, two members appointed by the Republican party Chairman and that said Committee shall submit to the next Charter Revision Commission its proposal for the redefinition of the City's voting Districts. Seconded by Mr. O'Connell and CARRIED."

MR. MORRIS said this matter died in Committee and nothing was ever done about it. He said he feels that if the Democrats felt so strongly about redistricting, they should have put it through at the time they outnumbered the Republicans on the Board by a 35 to 5 ratio.

He spoke in favor of the redistricting Ordinance and urged its adoption, pointing out how the population has shifted in the City since that time, pointing up the urgency of redistricting at this time. He said a question was brought up as to whether or not the Census that was taken was correct or not. He said this was brought up by the Redistricting Committee, who sought an opinion from Sydney C. Kweskin, Corporation Counsel, which was given to them. Mr. Morris quoted from the letter as follows:

Jan State Water

September 29, 1964

Mr. Louis A. Clapes City and Town Glerk Town Hall Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Lou:

I noticed in the Stamford Advocate of September 16th something attributed to you, in which you said -

"He said he believes the committee will have to report back to the Board of Representatives and notify that Board it cannot continue with the redistricting without a house-to-house census."

We don't issue opinions without a request, but since there seems to be a misinterpretation of our opinion, I thought that I would communicate with you in this informal manner, so that you may have the benefit of supplemental information.

Nothing in our opinion stated that a "house-to-house" census is necessary. The Supreme Court case requires a substantial compliance, but not one that is mathematically perfect. With the number of people involved in Stamford and the continuing births, deaths and movement, any census taken would never be exact.

Accordingly, we feel that reliance on any authentic survey of recent vintage should be satisfactory. If there is no such survey of this type available, then we see no objection to the use of the U.S. Census of 1960. This census divides Stamford into 24 census tracts and I believe that the information which can be obtained from this source should be sufficient for the purpose.

This information is sent to you informally so that you may use it for effectuating the redistricting.

Sincerely,

SCK: A

Sydney C. Kweskin Corporation Counsel

MR. KANE ROSE ON A POINT OF INFORMATION. He asked if Mr. Morris is taking into consideration the fact that Mr. Russell, Mr. Connors and he, himeself, knows that they were taking the census in Pound Ridge.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Kane if he has proof of that statement.

MR. KANE said that Mr. Russell was there at the time and is his witness.

MR. MORRIS continued. He read the names of the members of the Redistricting Committee who signed the report as submitted to the Board of Representatives, as follows:

Mrs. Nancy S. Tatano
Mrs. Dorothy T. Mulreed
Jack DeForest
(Designate for W. Patrick Ryan)

Lawrence W. Haggerty
(Designate for Joseph Tooher, Jr.)
Alan Ketcham
Anthony D. Truglia
James Gregory
Charles W. Bradbury, Jr.

He said he believes that Mr. Truglia was present at the final meeting of the Redistricting Committee, held on April 27, 1965. He said they held twelve workshop sessions when they attempted to move district lines in order to give as nearly equal population per district as possible, and that the Committee on April 27, 1965 reached the point of complete agreement.

MR. KANE ROSE ON A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. He said he was one of the three people who wished to know whether or not he would still be a member of this Board when the night was through. He said he was not complaining, that in fact, he was all for redistricting.

MR. MORRIS raised a point of order and said no names were mentioned.

MR. TRUGLIA said his name was mentioned.

MR. MORRIS said it appears to him that the whole idea of the Supreme Court, in their "one man - one vote" is being overlooked and it seems to have resolved into what politician is going to be taken care of and this was not the idea when the Supreme Court nuled - that they ruled that each one shall have an equal representation. He said he is sure that most of the complaints about redistricting have come from politicians and not the people and if the people thought this was not a good plan, they would have been heard from.

MR. KANE said they have asked for a public hearing on this matter before it is decided.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to have a clarification as to whether or not this Ordinance is properly before the Board or not. He said he has the agenda before him which reads: "Special Redistricting Committee" and also before him is the revised list of all Committees of the Board and sees no mention made anywhere on it of a special redistricting committee.

THE PRESIDENT said he would be glad to go over this again - that as reported in the May 3rd Board minutes and by vote of this Board, this Ordinance was received from the Special Redistricting Committee, appointed by Resolution No. 437, and the Ordinance was placed before the Board by vote of the Board and publication was voted, the Ordinance was then published in a copy of the local paper and therefore following the normal procedure of this Board is now before them for final adoption, a month later.

MR. RYBNICK said he has never heard of any Committee of this Board called the "Special Redistricting Committee" - that the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee brought the Ordinance before the Board and tonight when asked for a report from his Committee, said he had no report to make.

THE PRESIDENT explained it again.

MR. KUCZO said he had several questions he wants answered before a vote is taken on the Ordinance. He said he would like to know what all this is going to cost the City.

THE PRESIDENT said this is not before the Board for their consideration, and that the discussion is now on the merits of the Ordinance itself.

MR. KUCZO said it looks to him as if everything will result in a hodgepodge of confusion as to where the voter will go to vote. He said he would like to know if the Corporation Counsel has been contacted as to what the status of the Board members will be tomorrow after the Ordinance is adopted.

THE PRESIDENT informed Mr. Kucso to read the Committee report which will give him the answers.

MR. KUCZO said he has read the book and does not find the answers to his questions there!

MR. SELSBERG said in answer to Mr. Rybnick's question, when he made his motion last month to introduce the Ordinance for publication, he did not make it as Chairman of any Committee - he made it as a member of the Board and at no time has he taken any action on this Ordinance as the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee. He said it was not necessary to create a special committee merely to handle the Ordinance and report from the Redistricting Committee, as the resolution itself which created the Committee, specifies in its last sentence that the Committee be directed to make its report to this Board, or a Committee of it, no later than May 1, 1965. Therefore, he said, this Board not only created this Special Committee, but also directed it what to do - to report back to the Board, or to a committee of the Board.

MR. SELSBERG said there are going to be problems, but he was sure they are not impossible to surmount and it would seem that when the Supreme Court made its decision they were more concerned with one vote per voter, than with the mechanics of setting it up. He said the problems are administrative ones. He said the State Statutes themselves have sections stating where a Board such as this one has the power to change their voting boundaries and he would imagine that this Board would continue as an interim Board until after the next election, at which time the Town and City Committees can amend their rules, if necessary, by the power vested in them by State Statutes, to make the members "at large", and that the Town Committee can also act "at large" to nominate members from Districts where there is at present no incumbent. He called attention to Sec. 9-169 of the Statutes where it states that we can change voting boundaries.

MR. KANE said he believes that the final arbiter of this is the Court.

MR. DURSO said he would like to know what is the great rush to get this matter through and why were the rules of this Board flagrantly violated. He said he can see no reason why a public hearing cannot be held on this matter, that the people of the City have a right to be heard on this. He said it is a very far reaching change in City government and yet no one thinks it necessary to hold a public hearing. He said a lot more thought and energy went into the Lord and Taylor appeal than such a vital matter to the City as the redistricting of their voting Districts. He said he would like to know where this places him - in WHAT District will he find himself placed tomorrow?

MR. JOHN MORRIS called attention to a report of the bi-partisan Charter Revision Commission in which it states that the Board of Representatives as presently constituted may not meet the needs of the City, in regard to its size and the method of representation. He said it is his belief that anything as far reaching as a change in the Board of Representatives should first be submitted to the people at a public hearing.

MR. MARTIN called attention to the report given to this Board by the late Charter Revision Commission, at which time it no longer was in existence.

MR. KANE objected. He said he thinks that extraneous information is being brought in that has nothing to do with what is now being considered.

MR. MARTIN said on April 6, 1964 when this redistricting plan was first started that part of the resolution says the committee shall report to this Board, OR TO A COMMITTEE OF IT which means they can do it either way - report to the entire Board, or to a Committee, whichever way they wish to handle it. He said he would like to point out that Mr. Kane, coming from the smallest District and he, himself, coming from the largest District, have something in common. He said Mr. Kane has something like 983 voters vs. over 7,000 voters in his District. He objected to the dilatory tactics that are being employed tonight and suggested that they are wasting time and getting nowhere. He said he has with him tonight a resolution which he intends to introduce under "New Business" which will request that the constitution convention look into the matter of changing their lines to conform with ours, which is well within the realm of their activities.

MR. PHILPOT read from the report of the Redistricting Committee concerning the boundary lines of the new Districts. He said he would suggest that many of the points brought up this evening are irrelevant to the matter before the Board.

After considerab le further debate, MR. RAND MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded by Mr. William Caporizzo. CARRIED with two no votes.

MR. THOMAS MORRIS MOVED for a roll call vote. Five members indicated they wished a roll call vote. The Ordinance, which follows was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 21 yes, 13 no, 2 abstentions and the President not voting as is customary. The roll call vote appears below and the Ordinance as adopted by said vote, follows:

# THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR

Joseph Bitetto (R)
William Caporizzo (R)
Augusta Goings (R)
William Hearing (R)
Booth Hemingway (R)
Edwin Iacovo (R)
J. John Keggi (R)
Frances Lilliendahl (R)
Edwin Lindstrom (R)
Peter Martin (R)
Thomas Morris (R)
Benjamin Nathanson (R)
Romaine Philpot (R)

# THOSE VOTING IN OPPOSITION

Vincent Caporizzo (D)
George Connors (D)
Edward Dombroski (D)
Robert Durso (D)
Jennie Esposito (D)
Stephen Kelly (D)
Paul Kuczo (D)
Stanley Kulowiec (D)
Carmine Longo (D)
John Morris (D)
Gerald Rybnick (D)
Anthony Truglia (D)
Dominick Vivona (D)

Paul Rand (R)
Daniel Remling (R)
John Rich (R)
George Russell (R)
William Selsberg (R)
Judith Sutherland (R)
Andrew Tatano (R)
Michael Zezima (R)

#### ABSTENTIONS

John Kane (D) William Murphy (D)

# ORDINANCE NO. 118 SUPPLEMENTAL

# CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BOUNDARY LINES FOR STAMFORD'S 20 VOTING DISTRICTS

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

In conformity with Section 101 of the Stamford Charter, Section 7-1 of the Code of General Ordinances, is hereby amended, and the following boundaries are hereby established for the twenty voting districts of the City of Stamfords

# DISTRICT 1 - Description of District

Point of origin: Cove Road and Shippan Avenue.

East on Cove Road to Willow brook Avenue, south on Willowbrook Avenue to Soundview Avenue, east on Soundview Avenue to shore line. South along shore line, around Caritas and Vincent Islands, around Shippan Point and West side of Mare Island, northeast along center of East Branch Channel to a point 600 feet North of Lindstrom Road, thence east, parallel to said road to Shippan Avenue, thence north on Shippan Avenue to point of origin.

#### DISTRICT 2 - Description of District

Point of origin: West Main Street and Greenwich Town Line.

East on West Main Street to West Avenue, south on West Avenue to Connecticut Thru-way, east on Thru-way to center of Mill River, south along center of Mill River to N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. tracks. Southwest along said railroad tracks to Selleck Street to center of West Branch Channel. South and west along shore line and around Cummings Point to Greenwich Town line. North on said line to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 3 - Description of District

Point of origin: Elm Street at New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad tracks.

Southeast on Elm Street to Cove Road and Shippan Avenue, South on Shippan Avenue to a point 600 feet north of Lindstrom Road, thence west to center of East Branch Channel. South along center of said Channel and following shore line west and north into and along center

of West Branch Channel to a point opposite the end of Selleck Street.

Thence west on Selleck Street to N.Y., N.H., and H. R. R. tracks; north east on said railroad tracks to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 4- Description of District

Point of origin: Seaside Avenue at Connecticut Thruway.

South on Seaside Avenue to Cove Road, east on Cove Road to Weed Avenue, north on Weed Avenue to line of 41° 03' latitude. East on said line to Darien Town line, south on said line and following shore line around Cove Island to Soundview Avenue, west on Soundview Avenue to Willowbrook Avenue, north on Willowbrook Avenue to Cove Road, west on Cove Road to Lockwood Avenue, north on Lockwood Avenue to William Street, west on William Street across Myrtle Avenue to the Connecticut Thru-way, east along the Connecticut Thru-way to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 5 - Description of District

Point of origin: Clinton Avenue and Main Street.

South on Clinton Avenue to Richmond Hill Avenue, east on Richmond Hill Avenue to South Street, south on South Street to N.Y., N.H., and H. R. R. tracks, west along N.Y., N.H., and H. R.R. tracks to center of Mill River. North along Mill River to Connecticut Thru-way, west along Thru-way to West Avenue, north on West Avenue to Tuttle Street, east on Tuttle Street to Corbo Terrace, north on Corbo Terrace to Stillwater Avenue, east on Stillwater Avenue, and continuing on Smith Street and east on Main Street to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 6 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of South Street and N.Y., N.H., and H. R. R.

North on South Street to Richmond Hill Avenue, west on Richmond Hill Avenue to Clinton Avenue, north on Clinton Avenue to Main Street, east on Main Street to Atlantic Street, north on Atlantic Street across Broad Street and continuing on Bedford Street to Hoyt Street. East on Hoyt Street to Strawberry Hill Avenue, scuth on Strawberry Hill Avenue, continuing on Grove Street to Main Street, east on Main Street to Lafayette Street, south on Lafayette Street to center of Connecticut Turnpike. Thence, easterly across Myrtle Avenue, continuing on William Street to Lockwood Avenue, south on Lockwood Avenue to Cove Road, west on Cove Road to Elm Street, northwest on Elm Street to N.Y., N.H., and H. R. R. to point of origin,

# DISTRICT 7 - Description of District

Point of origin: Connecticut Turnpike and Lafayette Street.

North on Lafayette Street; continuing on Daskam Place and Hope Street to Howes Avenue; east on Howes Avenue to Glenbrook Road; north on Glenbrook Road to Church Street; west on Church Street to Hope Street;

north on Hope Street to Viaduct Road; east and south on Viaduct Road, continuing easterly on Poplar Street to Noroton River (City Line). Thence southerly along center of Noroton River to Connecticut Turnpike; southwest along the Connecticut Turnpike to Riverview Drive. Thence on Riverview Drive to King Street; west on King Street to Hamilton Avenue; north and west on Hamilton to Lawn Avenue; south on Lawn Avenue to Garfield Avenue; west and south on Garfield Avenue to Custer Street. Thence, west on Custer Street to Lincoln Avenue; south on Lincoln Avenue across Main Street continuing on Lockwood Avenue to the Connecticut Turnpike; west along the Connecticut Turnpike to point of origin.

# <u>DISTRICT 8 - Description of District</u>

Point of origin: Intersection of Connecticut Turnpike and Lockwood Avenue.

North on Lockwood Avenue across Main Street and continuing north on Lincoln Avenue to Custer Street; east on Custer Street to Garfield Avenue; north on Garfield Avenue to Lawn Avenue; north on Lawn Avenue to Hamilton Avenue; east and south on Hamilton Avenue continuing east on King Street to Riverview Drive; south on Riverview Drive to the Connecticut Turnpike; northeast on Connecticut Turnpike to the Darien Town Line (Noroton River). South along the Town Line to line of 41° - 03' latitude. West on said line to Weed Avenue; south on Weed Avenue to Cove Road; west on Cove Road to Seaside Avenue; north on Seaside Avenue to the Connecticut Turnpike; west on Turnpike to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 9 - Description of District

Point of origin: Broad Street and Mill River Street.

South on Mill River Street to Smith Street; West on Smith Street continuing on Stillwater Avenue to Corbo Terrace; south on Corbo Terrace to Tuttle Street, west on Tuttle Street to West Avenue; south on West Avenue to West Main Street; west on West Main Street to Greenwich City Line. North on City Line to Palmers Hill Road; east on Palmers Hill Road to Stillwater Road; south and east on Stillwater Road and continuing east on West Broad Street to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 10 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Atlantic Street and Main Street

West on Main Street to Mill River Street; north on Mill River Street to Broad Street; west on Broad Street to Stillwater Avenue; north on Stillwater Avenue to Cold Spring Road. Thence, easterly along center of Mill River to Woodside Street; east on Woodside Street across Summer Street and continuing on First Street to Bedford Street; south on Bedford Street, across Broad Street, continuing on Atlantic to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 11 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Hoyt Street and Bedford Street.

Northwest on Bedford Street to First Street, west on First Street across Summer Street and continuing on Woodside Street to Mill River. Thence, north along center of Mill River to Bridge Street; east on Bridge Street to Summer Street; north on Summer Street, continuing on High Ridge Road to the intersection of High Ridge Road and Oaklawn Avenue; east on Oaklawn Avenue to Newfield Avenue and continuing on Strawberry Hill Avenue to Hoyt Street, west on Hoyt Street to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 12 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Grove Street and Main Street

North on Grove Street, continuing on Strawberry Hill Avenue to Colonial Road; east on Colonial Road to Hope Street; north on Hope Street to Church Street; east on Church Street to Glenbrook Road; south on Glenbrook Road to Howes Avenue; west on Howes Avenue to Hope Street; south on Hope Street, continuing along Daskam Place and Lafayette Street to Main Street; thence west on Main Street to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 13 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Greenwich Town Line at Merritt Parkway.

South on Town Line to Palmer's Hill Road; east on Palmer's Hill Road to Stillwater Road; north on Stillwater Road to Pond Road; west on Pond Road to Westhill Road; north on Westhill Road to Roxbury Road; southeast on Roxbury Road to Long Ridge Road; north on Long Ridge Road to a point 400 feet north of Barnes Road. Thence, east on to Crystal Lake Road to Wilder Road; north on Wilder Road to Sun Dance Circle; east on Sun Dance Circle to Snow Crystal Lane; north on Snow Crystal Lane to Bradley Place; east on Bradley Place to High Ridge Road; north on High Ridge Road to Merritt Parkway. Thence, west along Merritt Parkway to point of origin.

#### DISTRICT 14 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Cold Spring Road and Stillwater Avenue.

North on Stillwater Avenue to Pond Road; west on Pond Road to Blueberry Drive; south on Blueberry Drive to West Hill Road; north on West Hill Road to Roxbury Road; east on Roxbury Road to Long Ridge Road; south on Long Ridge Road to Three Lakes Drive; east on Three Lakes Drive, continuing on Bridle Path to Woodridge Drive; north on Woodridge Drive continuing on Meadow Park Avenue; south Meadow Park Avenue; east, Brookvale Place; east on Woodridge Drive continuing on Ridge Park Avenue to High Ridge Road; south on High Ridge Road to Loveland Road; east on Loveland Road to Silver Hill Lane; east on Silver Hill Lane to Pepper Ridge Road; south on Pepper Ridge Road to Turner Road; west on Turner Road to Loveland Road; thence north and west on Loveland Road to Dann Drive; south on Dann Drive to Oaklawn Avenue; west on Oaklawn Avenue

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Avenue to High Ridge Road; south on High Ridge Road continuing along Summer Street to Bridge Street; west on Bridge Street to Mill River. Thence, along center of Mill River to point of origin.

#### DISTRICT 15 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Colonial Road and Strawberry Hill Avenue.

North on Strawberry Hill Avenue; continuing on Newfield Avenue to Oaklawn Avenue; thence west on Oaklawn Avenue to Dann Drive; north on Dann Drive to Loveland Road; easterly and southerly on Loveland Road to Turner Road; east on Turner Road to Pepper Ridge Road; north on Pepper Ridge Road to Silver Hill Lane; east on Silver Hill Lane, continuing on Brinckerhoff Avenue to Case Road; east on Case Road to Newfield Avenue; south on Newfield Avenue; to Todd Lane; east on Todd Lane to Pershing Avenue; thence North on Haig Avenue to St. Charles Avenue; east on St. Charles Avenue to Hope Street; south on Hope Street to Colonial Road; west on Colonial Road to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 16 - Description of District

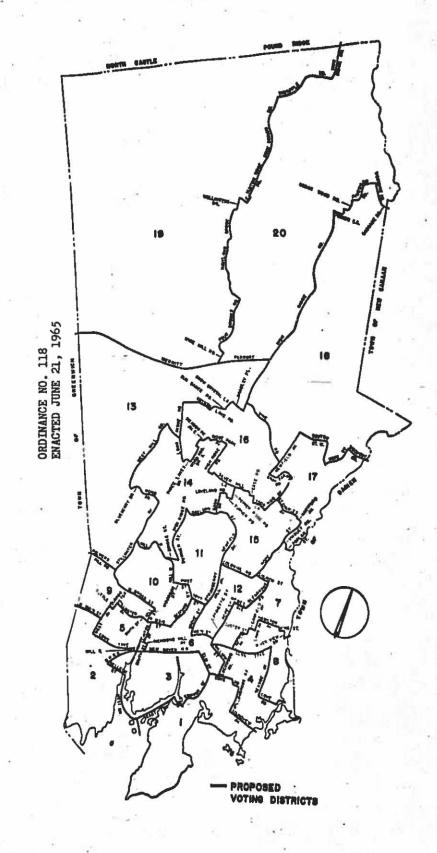
Point of origin: Intersection of Mill River and Long Ridge Road.

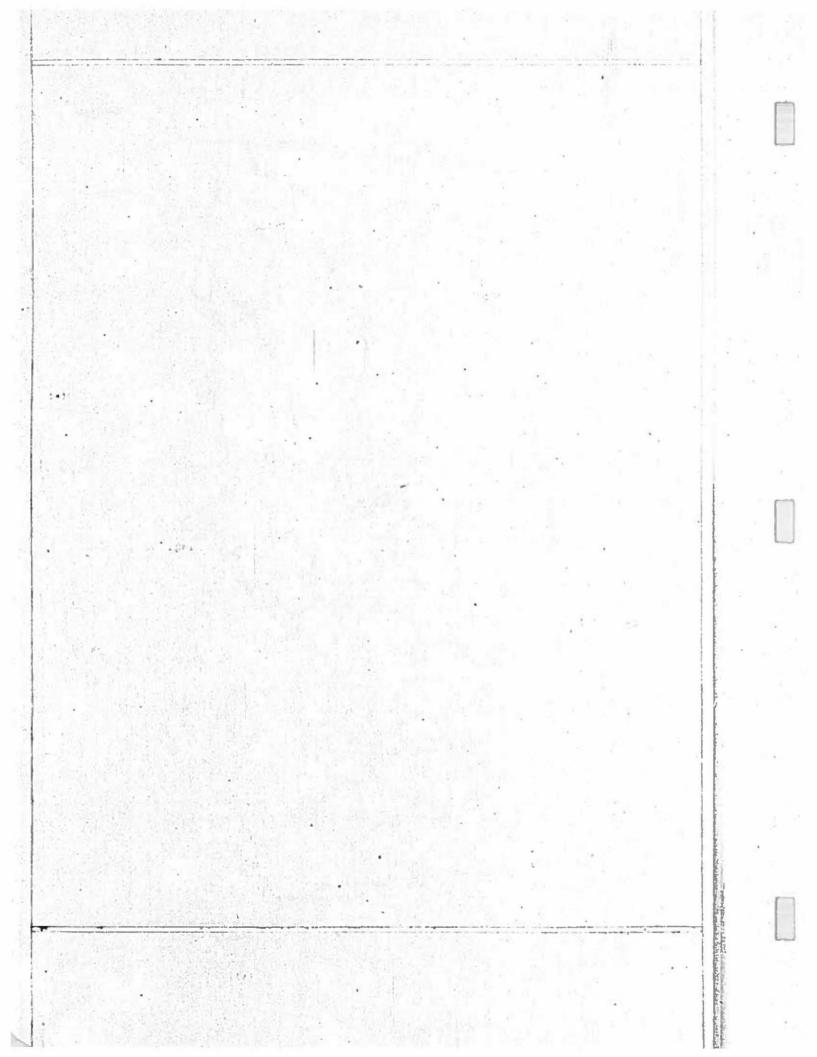
North on Long Ridge Road to a point 400 feet north of Barnes Road; easterly on Crystal Lake Road to Wilder Road; north on Wilder Road to Sun Dance Circle; east on Sun Dance Circle to Snow Crystal Lane; north on Snow Crystal Lane to Bradley Road; east on Bradley Road to High Ridge Road; north on High Ridge Road to Vine Road; east on Vine Road to Newfield Avenue; south on Newfield Avenue to Gray Farms Road; east on Gray Farms Road; east on Gray Farms Road to Haig Avenue; south on Haig Avenue to Pershing Avenue; west on Pershing Avenue, continuing west on Todd Lane to Newfield Avenue; north on Newfield Avenue to Case Road; west on Case Road to Silver Hill Lane; west on Silver Hill Lane to Loveland Road; west on Loveland Road to High Ridge Road; thence north on High Ridge Road to Ridge Park Avenue; west on Ridge Park Avenue, continuing west onto Wood Ridge Drive, Brookvale Place, and southwest on Meadow Park Avenue E., continue to Meadow Park Avenue S., to Wood Ridge Drive South. Thence east and south on Wood Ridge Drive; south to Bridle Path Road; west on Bridle Path Road to Three Lakes Drive, continuing on Three Lakes Drive to point of origin.

#### DISTRICT 17 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Woodway Road at the Darien Town Line.

West on Woodway Road to Center of Hope Street; south on Hope Street to a point 200 feet beyond Minivale Road; thence northerly and running parallel to the west of Minivale Road to Bouton Street West; westerly along Bouton Street West to a point on Newfield Avenue 1,300 feet north of Weed Hill Avenue; thence south on Newfield Avenue to Gray Farms Road; east on Gray Farms Road to Haig Avenue; thence south on Haig Avenue to St. Charles Avenue; east on St. Charles, continuing on Hartford Avenue to Hope Street; south on Hope Street to Viaduct Road, continuing on Poplar Street to the Darien Town Line (Noroton River); thence northerly along the Darien Town Line to point of origin.





# DISTRICT 18 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of Cascade Road and New Canaan Town Line.

West on Cascade Road to Woodbine Road; north on Woodbine Road to Pinewood Road; thence westerly and southerly on Pinewood Road to Wood Road; southerly on Wood Road to the intersection of Cedar Drive; southerly and westerly on Pinner Lane to High Ridge Road; south on High Ridge Road to Vine Road; easterly and southerly on Vine Road to Newfield Avenue; north on Newfield Avenue for 5,800 feet; thence easterly continuing on Bouton Street West to a point 200 feet west of Minivale Road; thence southerly to a point 200 feet west of the intersection of Minivale Road and Hope Street; north on Hope Street to Woodway Road; east on Woodway Road to the Darien Town Line; thence northerly along the Darien and New Canaan Town lines to point of origin.

# DISTRICT 19 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of the New York State Line and Northwestern - City Line.

South on the City Line to center of the Merritt Parkway; east on Parkway to Wire Mill Road; north on Wire Mill Road to Four Brooks Road; westerly on Four Brooks Road, continuing in a northerly direction for about 1,000 feet to center of the south branch of Mill River; northerly along the center of said river to Surrey Road, about 400 feet west of Wellington Drive; east on Surrey Road to Wellington Drive; northerly on Wellington Drive to Haviland Road; east on Haviland Road to East Hunting Ridge Road; north on East Hunting Ridge Road, continuing on Rockrimmon Road to Mayapple Road; east on Mayapple Road to High Ridge Road; northerly on High Ridge Road to the New York State line; west along the New York State Line to point of origin.

#### DISTRICT 20 - Description of District

Point of origin: Intersection of New York State line and New Canaan Town Line.

South on New Canean Town Line to Cascade Road; northwest on Cascade Road to Woodbine Road; north on Woodbine Road to Pinewood Road; westerly and southerly along Wood Road, continuing on Pinner Lane to High Ridge Road; south on High Ridge Road to the Merritt Parkway; west on Merritt Parkway to Wire Mill Road; thence north on Wire Mill Road to Four Brooks Road; north on Four Brooks Road, continuing in a northerly direction for about 1,000 feet to the center of the West Branch of the Mill River; northerly along the center of said river to Surrey Road about 400 feet west of the intersection of Wellington Road; thence easterly on Surrey Road to Wellington Drive; north on Wellington Drive to Haviland Road; east on Haviland Road to East Hunting Ridge Road; north on East Hunting Ridge Road, continuing on Rockrimmon Road to Mayapple Road; thence easterly along Mayapple Road to High Ridge Road; north on High Ridge Road to the New York State Line; east along the New York State Line to point of origin.

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

Mr. Lindstrom and Mr. Remling were excused at this time.

#### RESOLUTIONS ...

#### Proposed Resolution Concerning voting districts

MR. MARTIN introduced a proposed resolution on the above matter, which was referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral to Committee.

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS

(1) Letter from the White House. Washington. D. C., dated May 27, 1965 acknowledging letter directed sent to the President at the May 3, 1965 Board meeting - (See Minutes of 5/3/65, page 4344,4345)

THE PRESIDENT read the above letter and said it would be directed to the attention of Mr. Connors, who made the original motion to send the letter to the President.

(2) Corporation Counsel's Opinion - Concerning Legality of appointment of 8th Charter Revision Commission

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter:

June 4, 1965

Mr. Alan H. Ketcham, President Board of Representatives Municipal Office Building Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ketcham:

#### Re: Eighth Charter Revision Commission

On May 18, 1965 you requested an opinion as to the legality of the appointment of the Eighth Charter Revision Commission.

Section 54 of the Charter, which became effective on November 6, 1963, after approval by the electorate, provided for the appointment of a Charter Revision Commission, on or before February 1, 1964. The first sentence of Sec. 54 states: "a general review of all the provisions of and amendments to this Charter shall be undertaken at twelve year intervals by a Charter Revision Commission to be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Act."

Section 7-190 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that the appointing authority "shall provide by resolution for the appointment of a Charter Commission, Charter Revision Commission, or Home Rule Ordinance Commission, consisting of not fewar than five, nor more than fifteen electors." The term: "appointing authority" means the governmental body in the municipality empowered to make ordinances. Sec. 7-187 Connecticut General Statutes.

A review of the minutes of the Board of Representatives of its meeting of January 6, 1964, discloses that the President, with the concurrence of the Majority and Minority Leaders, announced the appointment of nine members to the Commission and indicated that six additional members would be appointed thereafter. See pages 3876 and 3877 of the minutes of the Board.

The Commission was not appointed by resolution of the Board of Representatives. The mandatory language of the Home Rule Act, referred to above, was not complied with, and accordingly, it is our opinion that the Eighth Charter Revision Commission was not validly constituted.

In an analogous situation, the Supreme Court of Errors of this State, has decided that where "there was not a lack of authority to act at all, but rather an attempted exercise of authority in an unauthorized fashion", the invalidity can be cured retrospectively by appropriate legislation by the State Legislature. Moran v. Bens, 144 Conn. 27, 31.

The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn on Wednesday next and whether the passage of a validating act can be secured is therefore unclear, but it should be considered.

Sincerely,

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(signed) W. Patrick Ryan Corporation Counsel

The above letter from the Corporation Counsel was REFERRED TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE.

#### OLD\_BUSINESS:

Concerning resolution to accept HOME COURT as a public highway (Letter to George Connors, 10th District Representative, from Arthur Mitchell, Commissioner of Public Works)

MR. CONNORS said he is in receipt of a letter on the above matter from Mr. Mitchell, Commissioner of Public Works. He said he had requested work be done on Home Court, but has found out that this street has never been accepted as a public highway. He said he had been under the impression that this street was accepted as a city street a long time ago, because it is one of the oldest streets in the City of Stamford. He quoted from the letter:

"....The residents of HOME COURT, which is in your District, have been asking us for various improvements to be made to their street, such as sidewalks, curbing, storm drains.

"According to records on file in this office, Home Court was never accepted as a public highway. While we are not in a position to accede to their request, as their Representative, it might be worth yourwhile to ask the Board of Representatives to accept this street on the basis that it was open to the public as a thoroughfare prior to 1949."

MR. CONNORS said it is hoped that work can be started on this street as soon as possible, but it was one of the streets that was left out at the time some of the older streets in the City were being accepted. He said there is a serious flood condition on this street and something should be done as soon as possible to correct this.

MR. CONNORS requested that this street be accepted under SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

MR. RUSSELL, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, said there is a certain procedure that must be observed when accepting these old streets - that it must be done by resolution, which is first advertised in the newspaper and if there are no objections by the residents, it is then brought before the Board at the next meeting for acceptance.

The above matter was referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

# Concerning establishment of a Committee to consider industry leaving the city

MR. TRUGLIA asked that the above matter be referred to the Steering Committee, to consider the establishment of a committee. He said every time they try to do something about this, they are told that it is not really within the domain of this Board. Therefore, he said he would like to propose that the Steering Committee consider the establishment of such a committee of the Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Concerning appointment of a Board member to act as liaison between the Senior Citizens and this Board

MR. TRUGLIA suggested that some thought be given to delegate a member of this Board to meet at stated intervals with the Senior Citizens in order to help them more than they are being helped at the present time.

THE PRESIDENT said this is a matter for the Majority and Minority Leaders and the President to consider.

#### Concerning use of Rosa Hartman Park

MR. DURSO, 3rd District Representative, said he has received several complaints from residents in his District on the use of the above park. He said the children aren't able to use this park on weekends, for the reason that a local firm leases these facilities for a \$25 fee.

THE PRESIDENT suggested that Mr. Durso put his request in writing and direct it to the attention of the Parks and Recreation Committee so that it may be referred to that Committee at the next meeting of 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 11:15 P.M.

Velma Farrell, Administrative Assistant

(Recording Secretary)

APPROVED:

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Alan H. Ketcham, President Board of Representatives

Note: Above meeting broadcast by Radio Station WSTC up to 11:00 P.M.

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