

Special Meeting of 9th Board of Representatives
Minutes of April 1, 1966 meeting
Stamford, Connecticut

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford was held on Friday, April 1, 1966, pursuant to a "Call" from the President, George E. Russell, in the meeting rooms of the Board, at 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order, after a Caucus, by the President, at 8:05 P.M.

There were 32 members present and 8 absent. The absent members were: Edwin Lindstrom, Edward Dombroski, Vincent Caporizzo, William Murphy, Theodore Boccuzzi, Alton LeBeau, Booth Hemingway and Frances Lilliendahl. (Two members arrived later in the evening, after the regular Board meeting was convened, being Vincent Caporizzo and Alton LeBeau.)

"CALL" OF THE MEETING:

The President read the following "Call" of the meeting:

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Connecticut

March 25, 1966

TO: All members of Board of Representatives
FROM: George E. Russell, President
SUBJECT: "CALL" of Special Meeting of Board of Representatives

I, GEORGE E. RUSSELL, President of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, pursuant to Section 202 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a SPECIAL MEETING of said Board of Representatives for

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1966

At the Municipal Office Building
429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut

at 8:00 P.M.

for the following purpose:

To adopt a resolution, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202.1 of the Charter, entitled "Change of meeting date" in order to change the regular April meeting of the Board from Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 1st, 1966.

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George E. Russell, President
Board of Representatives

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The President recognized Mr. Rich at this time, who presented the following resolution and MOVED its approval. Seconded by Mr. Selsberg. The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 487

CHANGING DATE OF THE APRIL REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, in accordance with Sec. 202.1 of the Stamford Charter, entitled "Change of meeting date", to change their April regular monthly meeting date from Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 1st, 1966.

MR. KUCZO said he believes this Board is setting a dangerous precedent by moving our regular monthly meeting which is the first Monday of the month, to come here in order to hear a resolution being drawn up to meet here tonight, is being just a little ridiculous. He said if the meeting date was to have been changed, it should have been brought up at the March Board meeting and not to come here tonight to hear a special resolution as to whether or not we should be here.

THE PRESIDENT said perhaps it is unfortunate, but for the many years he has been on this Board, at least once a year or more it has been the custom to change the meeting date, whether it be before election, or around New Year's Day, but it has been changed informally in the past and that he, now, is only doing it by the proper method, according to Sec. 202.1 of the Charter, which has not been done in the past when the meeting date was changed, but merely by general agreement by the members. Because of something of a legal nature which is coming before the Board tonight, he said he wanted to make sure that it was handled properly.

MR. FUSARO MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded.

VOTE taken on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 487. CARRIED, with one "no" vote (Mr. Kuczo).

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Velma Farrell
Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

George E. Russell
George E. Russell, President
Board of Representatives

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Note: Two meetings were held the same night. The Special Meeting above, was held first, to enable the Board to hold their regular monthly meeting.

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MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Minutes of April 1, 1966

Stamford, Connecticut

The regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, was held on FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1966, pursuant to the adoption of Resolution No. 487 in accordance with Sec. 202.1 of the Charter, entitled: "Change of meeting date", in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the President, George E. Russell, at 8:20 P.M.

INVOCATION - Given by the Very Rev. Ippolit Kallaur, St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Assumption Church.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED - In memory of JOSEPH E. HANLEY, recently deceased.

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk. There were 32 present and 8 absent at the calling of the roll. However, two members arrived later in the meeting, changing the roll call to 34 present and 6 absent. (Mr. Vincent Caporizzo and Mr. Le Beau arrived late) The absent members were: Edwin Lindstrom (R), 1st District; Edward Dombroski (D), 3rd District; William Murphy (D), 6th District; Theodore Boccuzzi (D) 9th District; Booth Hemingway (R), 19th District; and Frances Lilliendahl (R), 19th District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of February 7, 1966

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

Concerning Minutes of March 7, 1966:

MR. SELSBERG said numerous individuals have indicated that they have not received copies of the March 7, 1966 Minutes, or if they have, it has been such a short period of time that they have not had an opportunity to examine them.

THE PRESIDENT said we have two sets of Minutes - the Minutes of February 7, 1966 and the Minutes of March 7, 1966 and everyone does have the February Minutes, and the March 7th Minutes were mailed, which some of the members have received, he being one who has received his copy, only having received it today. He said they were a little late coming because of various reasons and will be accepted at the May Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Steering Committee report was ordered entered in the Minutes, as follows:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held Monday, March 21, 1966

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, March 21, 1966 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, George E. Russell, at 8:15 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of Mr. Durso and Mr. Murphy.

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The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Two letters from Mayor, dated 3/21/66, requesting confirmation of appointments to the SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY and the PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD

REFERRED TO APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (2) Additional appropriations (3), approved by Board of Finance at their ADJOURNED MEETING HELD Monday, March 14, 1966

The above three additional appropriations were ORDERED REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and PLACED ON THE AGENDA, with those in excess of \$2,000 referred to a secondary committee, in accordance with Rule #10 on page 5 of the Rules of the Board.

- (3) Renewal of Resolution (No. 470, adopted Sept. 13, 1965 by 8th Board - on pages 4464 thru 4469) - CONCERNING FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS to entirely finance programs or projects for which Grant is awarded, being given directly upon receipt to the BOARD OF EDUCATION, and amendment to same

For the reason that the Board of Finance on 3/14/66 renewed their resolution on the above matter, it was decided to again renew Resolution No. 470, adopted by the previous 8th Board. - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER FISCAL COMMITTEE

- (4) WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT - 1966 Annual recertification to Federal Government, as outlined in Mayor's letter of 3/18/66 and attached document entitled: "1966 WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT"

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (5) Proposed Ordinance Against Loitering - (Presented by Mr. Lindstrom at 1/24/66 meeting of Steering Committee; sent to Corporation Counsel for opinion as to legality on 1/25/66 - On 3/7/66 agenda and deferred)

ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE

- (6) Follow-up procedure re recommendations of Special Water Conservation Committee in report presented at the 2/7/66 Board meeting (See pages 4604-4606)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (7) Letter (dated 3/14/66) from Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative, requesting an amendment to the BUILDING CODE, requiring the sill of a window in private dwellings, to be a maximum of 36 inches above the finished floor and to have a finished unobstructed opening of not less than 2 ft. x 2 ft.

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON THE AGENDA

- (8) APPEAL from Zoning Board decision of Feb. 24, 1966 - (Appl. 65-043)- WASHINGTON AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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The above matter was REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE to pass on whether or not it is properly before the Board according to Charter provisions, and also referred to the PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE for action. It was pointed

out that the transcript of testimony has not been received as yet, but under the provisions of Sec. 553.2 of the Charter, action by this Board is not required until "at or before its second regularly scheduled meeting, following such referral."

- (9) Proposed Ordinance regarding "OPERATION OF SHOPPING CARTS IN STAMFORD" - (Presented in letter of 2/12/66 from Louis Casale, 1st District Representative; referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee at the 2/21/66 Steering Committee meeting (item #8), but not ordered on the 3/7/66 agenda)

It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the above matter be removed from the Legislative & Rules Committee.

A motion was then made that the above matter be TABLED. Seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

- (10) Letter (dated 3/21/66) from the Representatives from the 15th District (Thomas Morris and William Caporizzo) requesting reactivation of PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to Article 11 of Sewer Code, by adding Sec. 57 and Sec. 58 - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES - (Originally brought before the 8th Board; adopted for publication 1/4/65; published 1/11/65; open hearing held 1/27/65 and deferred 2/1/65 and 4/5/65 - See Minutes of 5/3/65, pages 4318-19)

REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE and PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (11) Complaint in letter (dated 2/20/66) from Alfred W. Axmann, 54 Deacon Hill Road - BAD FLOODING CONDITION ON DEACON HILL ROAD DURING RAINSTORMS

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (12) Proposed resolution concerning CLOONAN SCHOOL LAND BEING RESERVED FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK - (Introduced by Vincent Caporizzo, 5th District Representative, at 3/7/66 Board meeting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (13) Concerning DESTRUCTION BY VANDALS OF OLD CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL - Letter (dated 3/7/66) from Steve Kelly, 4th District Representative, presented at the March Board meeting (See page 4630, Minutes 3/7/66)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (14) Concerning the PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS DURING PERIODS OF SNOW EMERGENCIES and enforcement of Ordinance No. 97 Supplemental and/or amendment to said Ordinance re charge for towing away of privately-owned vehicles - (Letter from Paul Kuczo (dated 2/10/66) 8th District Representative - Referred to Health & Protection Committee at 2/21/66 Steering Committee meeting, but not ordered on agenda - See page 4612, item #13, Minutes of 3/7/66)

Although the above matter was in the HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE, it was also ORDERED REFERRED TO A SECONDARY COMMITTEE - the PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda.

- (15) Letter (dated 3/15/66) from Hawley C. Oefinger, Supt. of Communications, concerning State law regarding INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Noted and filed, with a copy sent to HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- (16) Proposed resolution concerning need for Zoning and Planning Rules and Regulations with the Master Plan evaluated by a proper survey of Zoning Engineers and Consultants - (Introduced by Mr. Bitetto, 14th District Representative, at the March 7, 1966 Board meeting) - REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Not on agenda
- (17) Letter (dated 3/21/66) from Booth Hemingway, 19th District Representative, requesting a Committee meeting with Planning and Zoning Boards re tightening of regulations re land and building use, particularly north of parkway, where proper water and sewage facilities are not available, suggesting in ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (where a street is to be laid out) THE DEVELOPER BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL IN SUCH NEW STREET SUITABLE PIPING FOR SANITARY SEWAGE AND WATER MAINS SUFFICIENT FOR THE NUMBER OF HOUSES TO BE BUILT ON SUCH STREET

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (18) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 5¢ CHARGE, PER PERSON, FOR RIDE ON COVE ISLAND "GLIDE-A-RIDE" TRAIN - Being transportation from mainland station to any island stop or from any island stop to mainland station (Letter from Edward Connell, Supt. of Parks (dated 3/4/66)

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (19) PETITION - FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MAY 30TH - Letter, (dated 3/21/66) from Jewish War Veterans, who are sponsoring parade (Route of parade enclosed with letter)

REFERRED TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (20) Letter (dated 3/21/66) from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative, requesting re-appointment of Investigating Committee (appointed by the previous 8th Board) to carry to a conclusion INVESTIGATION OF PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

REFERRED TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (21) Letter (dated 3/16/66) from Donald Zezima, Chairman, Board of Public Safety, requesting that the Board operate through its Committee system on all matters concerning the Board of Public Safety, rather than having each one of the 40-member Board contact the Safety Board themselves.

The above letter was noted and filed, with copies sent to all Officers of the Board. The Secretary was ordered to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

- (22) Notice from STATE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (dated 3/2/66) of receipt by the Commission of application of ROY H. SWENSON, for Restaurant Liquor Permit for premises at 32 Poplar Street, Glenbrook

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Mr. Fusaro, Minority Leader, requested the following be incorporated into the Steering Committee report:

- (23) In regard to Mr. Boccuzzi's (do not know which one) petition concerning the problem facing his constituents in the area of Polycast Corporation.

The Steering Committee deferred action, pending the outcome of the suit now before the Supreme Court of Connecticut, to be heard April 6, 1966.

- (24) Next Board meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 4, 1966:

Some of the members of the Steering Committee reminded the President that the regularly scheduled April Board meeting would occur on the Passover Jewish holy days. It was MOVED, seconded and CARRIED that the date be changed, in deference to the Jewish members of the community who might wish to attend the Board meeting or listen over the Radio.

It was decided to change the April Board meeting from Monday, April 4, 1966 to FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1966.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

George E. Russell, Chairman,
Steering Committee

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. NATHANSON, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said a meeting of his Committee was held on Tuesday, March 29, 1966 in the Municipal Office Building, with the following members present: Chairman Benjamin Nathanson, Joseph Bitetto and William Buchanan. He said all of the Mayor's appointees were interviewed with the exception of Daniel O'Connell and Joseph Santoro. He said all of those that were interviewed were approved by the Committee.

The Tellers distributed the ballots on the following appointments. The vote is listed below:

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY: (Per terms of Ordinance No. 126 Supplemental enacted March 25, 1966)

<u>EDWARD GLEN</u> (D) 39 Adams Avenue	VOTE: 27 yes 5 no 1 disqualified	<u>Term Ending:</u> March 15, 1967
<u>HOWARD WEINREICH</u> (D) 95 Wake Robin Lane	VOTE: 25 yes 8 no	March 15, 1967

PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD: (Per Building Code, Sec. 11, g. & h.) (See page 128)

<u>THOMAS G. CAPORIZZO</u> (D) (Journeyman) 215 Knickerbocker Avenue (Reappointment)	VOTE: 31 yes 2 no	Jan. 1, 1967
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RAYMOND ARNOW (R) (Master Plumber)
Cedar Heights Road
(Replacing Herbert Whitehead (R))

VOTE: 31 yes
1 no
1 disqualified

Jan. 1, 1969

AUSTIN J. SABATO (R) (Journeyman)
97 Redmont Road
(Replacing Michael Boyle (D))

VOTE: 32 yes
1 no

Jan. 1, 1969

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

In the absence of the Chairman, Booth Hemingway, Mr. Rich presented the report of the Fiscal Committee. He said the Committee met on March 31st and approved all items on the Agenda.

- (1) \$32.98 - BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES, covering following: (Mayor's letter of 2/23/66)

Code 106.0803 - Special Committee Expenses - For	
Public notice of hearing held on SWRPA-----	\$19.68
Code 106.0701 - Custodial Services - For services at	
Dolan Jr. High School on Jan. 31, 1966-----	13.30
	<u>\$32.98</u>

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Salsberg and CARRIED.

- (2) \$14,022.35 - CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, Code 126.2201, New Equipment:
(Mayor's letter of 3/10/66)

For purchase of an Automated Offset Machine-----	\$6,278.00
" " " a Platemaster-----	4,500.00
" " " #350 Offset Machine-----	<u>3,244.35</u>
	<u>\$14,022.35</u>

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. Mr. John Boccuzzi, acting for the Education, Welfare & Government Committee, in the absence of Mr. Murphy, its Chairman, said his Committee concurred in approval and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

- (3) \$260,000.00 - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Resolution No. 488 amending 1965/1966 Capital Projects Budget, to add a Project in amount of \$260,000.00 to be known as "STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND ADDITION" and appropriation of aforesaid sum therefor, to cover planning phase and purchase of property necessary for the Project (Little Property) - (Approved 3/14/66 by Board of Finance) (Mayor's letter of 1/7/66)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Mr. John Boccuzzi, who said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concur in approving this request. CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 488

AMENDING 1965-1966 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET BY ADDING ITEM TO BE KNOWN AS "STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND ADDITION" AND APPROPRIATION IN AMOUNT OF \$260,000.00 THEREFOR

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, to amend the 1965-1966 Capital Projects Budget to include an item to be known as "STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND ADDITION" in accordance with the provisions of Section 611.5 of the Stamford Charter by adding thereto the additional sum of \$260,000.00 for said project with the understanding that plans will be prepared to rehabilitate Stamford High School, add on the new addition and purchase the Little property for a total sum not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 for said Project.

- (4) Resolution No. 489 (renewal of previous Resolution No. 470 adopted September 13, 1965 by 8th Board) CONCERNING FEDERAL OR STATE AID GRANTS to entirely (or partially) finance programs or projects for which grant is awarded, being given directly upon receipt to the BOARD OF EDUCATION (Same type of resolution adopted 3/14/66 by Board of Finance) (Letter dated 3/4/66 from Supt. of Schools)

MR. RICH presented the following resolution and MOVED for its adoption. Mr. John Boccuzzi seconded the motion and said the Education, Welfare & Government Committee concurs in approval. CARRIED:

RESOLUTION NO. 489

ENABLING BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FROM FEDERAL OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO ENTIRELY FINANCE PROGRAM OR PROJECT FOR WHICH GRANT IS AWARDED

WHEREAS, there are a number of grants available for educational programs and projects to municipalities from the Federal Government and/or the State of Connecticut, which grants entirely finance the program or project for which the grant is awarded, and

WHEREAS, there are also a number of grants available for educational programs and projects to municipalities from the Federal Government or the State of Connecticut which provide for partial reimbursement for expenditures incurred for the purchase of equipment and supplies, and

WHEREAS, there are also a number of grants available for educational programs and projects to municipalities from the Federal Government or the State of Connecticut, which grants entirely finance all sums of money to be actually disbursed to execute the grant program or project, but require municipal participation to provide facilities, equipment and personnel, and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford is eligible and the Board of Education is desirous of applying to the Federal Government and/or the State of Connecticut for a number of aforesaid grants, and

WHEREAS, any such Federal or State grant is finally awarded only after the applicant attests that the funds of the grant will be used solely for executing the grant program or project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives, in order to enable the Board of Education to obtain Federal or State grants in educational areas, does hereby consent and authorize the Board of Education, or its designated agent, and any other City officer, official or employee, to make the necessary attestation to the Federal and/or State Government that the grant will be used for the purposes for which granted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt by the City of Stamford of said grant funds, the Board of Representatives will appropriate said funds to the Board of Education for the execution of the program, or project for which the Federal or State grant is made, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt by the City of Stamford of funds from Federal or State agencies for partial reimbursement for sums expended for the purchase of equipment and supplies, the Board of Representatives will appropriate said funds to the Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives reserves to itself the right to revoke this entire resolution, authorization and commitment, at any time, upon written notice to the Board of Education; which revocation, however, shall not be construed to affect any grant finally approved by the Federal Government or State of Connecticut prior to the revocation.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented the report of his Committee. He said his Committee met in the Board Caucus Room on March 28th at 8:15 P.M., with the following members present: Messrs. Bromley, Farnen and Rich.

- (1) WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT - 1966 Annual recertification to Federal Government, as outlined in Mayor's letter of 3/18/66 and attached document entitled "Workable Program for Community Improvement - 1966"

MR. RICH said the Committee discussed with Mr. Broun, Director of Community Renewal, and Mr. McCulloch, Re-development Coordinator, the 1966 Workable Program for Community Improvement and after thorough exploration of this program, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board the re-certification of the Program to the Federal Government. HE MOVED that the Board approve the documents known as the "Workable Program for Community Improvement" for the elimination of slums and blight in Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr. Keggi seconded Mr. Rich's motion.

MR. MORRIS said he is in agreement with the motion, but he cannot help but wonder when they speak of "blight" if they take a good look at the planning and zoning in the City of Stamford and realize just what it is that causes deterioration and blight.

MR. RICH said he is glad that Mr. Morris asked that question, because this is one of the purposes for which the community renewal program is in action. He said their role is to look at all the things that affect the growth and development and the deterioration of the City and certainly the orderly development of the City and the development of its Master Plan and the change of it and any actions by the various City Boards which may hinder or enhance the growth of the City are the concern of the Community Renewal Program.

MR. MORRIS said he would then like to suggest that they look a little harder this year and also would suggest that they take a ride up to the rear of the Newfield Avenue shopping center.

MR. RYBNICK said he would like to ask what kind of blight are they looking for in the City of Stamford and also, what can be done - do they have any powers to regulate it?

MR. RICH said he would try to answer both Mr. Morris and Mr. Rybnick. He said the Community Renewal Program is not really one department, one person, or one body, but is made up of the actions of many Boards and many non-governmental bodies, as well as governmental agencies. He said when we speak of "cleaning up an area" it is probably the duty of one of the existing parts of the City government - the administrative arm of our government.

He said Mr. Rybnick asks about "blight" which can be caused by many things and one of the ways by which the City hopes to eliminate blight or at least to cut it down, is by the proper administration of Ordinance No. 65 and it is the hope of the Community Renewal Program that Code enforcement will become stronger, which may not cure blight, but will certainly slow it down. He said the Urban Renewal Program is a massive attempt to cure blight.

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

- (2) Concerning a Proposed Ordinance Against Loitering - (Brought in by Mr. Lindstrom at Jan. 24, 1966 meeting of Steering Committee; sent to Corporation Counsel for opinion as to legality on 1/25/66 - On 3/7/66 Agenda and deferred)

MR. RICH said no action was taken on the above item, because the Corporation Counsel's opinion has not been received by the Committee. He said, upon inquiry, they were told this would be forthcoming soon. He said this is not a simple matter, but is complicated from the legal standpoint.

MR. KELLY said we already have an Ordinance on the books against loitering, which is being enforced every day by our Police.

MR. RICH said the present Ordinance is not quite as specific as the one being proposed and the question is - can an Ordinance be as specific as proposed.

MR. SELSBERG said he thinks the one to which Mr. Kelly refers to is one that has an age limitation and because of this limitation, poses a problem in the enforcement.

MR. KAPLAN said there is a State Statute on loitering and this is one of the reasons why the Legislative & Rules Committee is giving this particular attention.

MR. CONNORS said he was under the impression that those under a certain age limit could not be out after a certain hour - a "curfew" and that the Police have the right to pick them up and turn them over to the Juvenile authorities.

MR. SELSBERG said this will be found on page 282 of the Code - 29-9, Curfew which applies to any child under the age of 15 years, after nine o'clock. He said the problem stems from individuals who are 15 years of age or over.

MR. KELLY said the Police Department have been arresting loiterers over 15 years of age and this has been going on for a good while.

- (3) Concerning recommendations of Special Water Conservation Committee in report presented at 2/7/66 Board meeting, that-----"by legislative means, a semi-annual review should be provided for, to be performed by the Planning Board, with the aid and advice of an independent qualified expert in the field of water supply and planning, and that the results of these reviews be made public; and if a deficiency is found, the City shall be empowered to seek remedies under applicable laws." (Report printed in Minutes of 2/7/66 - Pages 4604-4606)

MR. RICH said the Committee discussed this item at some length and did not come to a firm conclusion as to exactly what action the Board can and should take, as further investigation is proceeding. He said they recognize the importance of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Water Conservation and do not minimize the urgency or the significance of what has been proposed and it is for this very reason that we are proceeding with "deliberate haste". He said he would do his best to see to it that some action is reported out by the Committee in time for the next Board meeting.

MR. KUCZO said he has been asked by many residents when the Ordinance will be lifted - in other words, when the curtailment of the use of water will be lifted.

MR. RICH said he believes this is up to the Director of Health and the Mayor and has nothing to do with this issue, but is an administrative decision by the Mayor upon the advice of the Health Director.

MR. MORRIS said he believes we will have to present a resolution rather than an Ordinance on this review by the Planning Board twice a year. He said he does not think that we can "order" them to do anything by Ordinance, but will have to be done by resolution of the Board which he is sure they will go along with.

MR. NATHANSON said he disagrees and that he believes this Board does have the power to expand upon what is already in the Charter and that is that the Planning Board already has the power to investigate the water problems of the City as far as future planning is concerned and all this would do is to expand upon the power that already exists.

- (4) Concerning request for amendment to Building Code, requiring the sill of a window in private dwellings, to be a maximum of 36 inches above the finished floor and to have a finished unobstructed opening of not less than 2 ft. x 2 ft. (Letter from Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative, dated 3/14/66)

MR. RICH said his Committee awaits a specific proposal from the Public Works Committee which is consulting with the Building Department in the matter.

MR. BITETTO said he is doing exactly that.

MR. MORRIS asked what specific information are they looking for?

MR. BITETTO said what they really want to know at this time is what specifications there are in effect and how these would go along with the specified things that Mr. Morris has in his letter.

MR. MORRIS said to specify the size of a window is to make sure that in the event of a fire that it could be used as a means of escape by people who might be trapped in a room. He said the reason that this was brought up is because there are buildings being constructed in the City of Stamford where the windows are about six feet from the floor and these windows have an opening of about 12" x 12" which gives them more wall space in a small room. But, if anyone should find themselves trapped in a room because of a fire, they can't get out. He said what he laid out was a minimum requirement.

MR. DURSO asked if it would not be necessary to first hold a public hearing in the event of an amendment to the Building Code, in order to allow all interested parties in the City be heard on the issue. He said he has heard comments from various builders, who want to know if they would have an opportunity to speak on the proposed amendment to the Building Code.

THE PRESIDENT said he does not know whether changes of this nature would require a public hearing or not, but he thinks the Committees involved will come up with the answer to that question.

MR. MORRIS said he brought this up for the reason that it may have been the cause of a tragedy that recently happened and the builders are merrily going on building more projects with the same fault. He said this is nothing new - that at least two years ago "Fire Engineering" wrote articles on fires on Long Island where the same thing happened and this has been written up in many fire engineering books. He said if the Board continues to drag this out there may possibly be more houses built that will be nothing more or less than a "death factory" and this is why he feels it is urgent. He said naturally architects will feel that in a small room where there is very little wall space, this is an advantage as far as selling a house is concerned, but you also must think of the safety factor for the occupants of these houses.

(5) APPEAL from Zoning Board decision of Feb. 24, 1966 - (Appl. 65-043) -
WASHINGTON AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MR. RICH said the Committee reviewed this matter in great detail and has not yet been able to determine whether there are sufficient legal signatures on the petition to make the appeal a valid one. He explained that although there are many signatures on the petition which would seem that there are more signatures than would be required; however the Committee is in serious doubt as to whether there are enough signatures of PROPERTY OWNERS on the petition. He said the Committee's "unpaid counsel" has spent many hours on this petition and still has a ways to go and it may necessitate another Committee meeting with interested parties to have it demonstrated one way or the other. He said they will expedite their work on this so that the Planning and Zoning Committee will know whether or not it is validly before the Board.

THE PRESIDENT said he would assume that Mr. Rich's Committee intends to hold an open meeting to enable both sides to present their case as far as the legality is concerned.

MR. RICH said he knows that they will not hold an open hearing, but may hold another Committee meeting, to which they will invite the representative of the petitioner and the representative of the property owners to discuss the matter. He said he would not guarantee this, however, as the Committee may be able to settle the matter to their own satisfaction before that time.

MR. MOSCA asked if it would be proper at this time to air the fact that some of these signatures were not legal because of reasons that property owners, husband and wife, have signed the petition as a property owner and if just one of the property owners is either the wife or the husband, without the other, signs, it is called illegal - is this the way it works, Mr. Rich?

MR. RICH said there are several problems and Mr. Mosca has indicated one of them - to sign as a property owner - all of the owners of that particular piece of property must sign; and if a piece of property is in the name of both the husband and wife, they both must sign, which is a legal requirement. Another problem, he said, is that there are a lot of absentee land owners, a great many small parcels of land, and the residents in some of these buildings are roomers, renters, and not the owners of the property. He said apparently the petition gatherers got the signatures of residents and not property owners.

MR. MOSCA asked if it would be possible to hold a meeting with the petitioners so that this could be explained to them, and perhaps in some way rectify it.

MR. RICH said he does not think this is a practical matter, nor is it the function of the Committee to educate the public, either in retrospect or in prospect as to what the legal requirements are. He said the Committee's function is to rule on the validity of the appeal for the Board, as to whether or not it is properly before us.

There was some further discussion of the matter at this time.

- (6) Concerning proposed amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE, by adding Sec. 57 and Sec. 58 - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES -
(Reactivated by letter from Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative dated 3/21/66) - (Originally brought before 8th Board, adopted for publication 1/4/65; published 1/11/65; open hearing held 1/27/65 and deferred 2/1/65 and 4/5/65) (Also see Minutes of 5/3/65, page 4318-19) (Originally referred to Legislative & Rules Committee and Public Works Committee)

MR. RICH said the above matter is being held in Committee

MR. MORRIS said he is not going to blame Mr. Rich for this, because he has not been on the job long, but this was presented to the Board one year ago - there was a meeting held at which time the Bar Association objected to this - the Health Commission thought it was a great thing, and the Bar Association said they would write up a new Ordinance that would be acceptable. He said the President of the Bar Association at that time made this statement and now he notices in tonight's paper that a ten story high riser is going up on Strawberry Hill Avenue and

Strawberry Court. He said this situation is what we are trying to eliminate, and the last time a high riser went up on Prospect Street, the City had to spend over \$20,000 to rectify the size of the sewer line. He said what they are trying to do is to make it impossible to build a high riser unless they first ascertain whether or not the sewer line is adequate to carry the extra load.

Mr. Morris spoke at some length on the problem involved.

MR. SELSBERG said when this thing first came up he was the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee and at that time everyone recognized the seriousness of the problem. He said Mr. Rich telephoned him several days ago and requested all the various background information and notes on the matter. He said, being busy, he was not able to get it all together and give it to him until today.

He said he would like to clarify a few points - one, that the Stamford Bar Association did not say they were going to write an Ordinance for the Board - they did say, however, that they would examine it carefully and come out with recommendations, which has not been done as yet. He said Mr. Brinckerhoff, an Attorney in the City, did give the Committee certain recommendations and help. Two members of this Bar Association Committee were representatives in Hartford and had a very difficult time in arranging meeting time.

Mr. Selsberg said the proposed Ordinance was written by the Corporation Counsel's office and the comments of the Bar Association were so numerous that they recognized that the amendment wouldn't work. He said although it's true that the Committee did not come up with anything, but it is a very, very difficult matter to handle and there is no question but that the Sewer Commission and the Zoning Board as well will have to be brought in, because integration of these two departments is a necessity. He said you just can't zone land and then forget about sewers, and you can't put sewers in without thinking about what the land uses are. He said in the past there hasn't been any integration between these two and the best recommendation that the Committee could possibly come up with was an amendment to the Zoning Regulations whereby all uses would be subject to the approval of the Building Department - that facilities for sewage disposal were adequate. He said Mr. Rich has all his notes and he is willing to help him with the background of this matter, but it is a problem and is not as easy as the amendment looks, because one big problem is that you are then going to zone a person's land, you are going to tell him he couldn't use it - and the biggest problem is that you are taking his land and weren't paying him for it, because you are restricting it to such an extent. He said there were many other numerous problems, but he thinks it can be resolved, but it will take all the Boards to get together and work it out.

THE PRESIDENT said the way it looks is that Mr. Morris should keep a good watch and make sure these properties are not re-zoned before we are ready with the sewers.

MR. BITETTO said his Committee (Public Works) also took this into consideration and agree it should be facilitated as soon as possible.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Chairman, said his Committee met on Tuesday, March 29th at 7 P.M. in Commissioner Ferrara's office, with the following present: Joseph Bitetto, Chairman, Stephen Kelly, William Buchanan, Edward Dombroski, with Mr. Mosca and Mr. Casale excused.

- (1) BAD FLOODING CONDITION ON DEACON HILL ROAD DURING RAINSTORMS - Complaint in letter dated 2/20/66 from Alfred W. Axmann, 54 Deacon Hill Road.

MR. BITETTO said this was discussed and a reply was given by the Commissioner to the effect that this portion of Deacon Hill Road is not an accepted street.

- (2) Concerning old CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL (Disposition of and vandalism) -
(Two requests - (1) from Vincent Caporizzo, 5th District Representative;
and (2) from Stephen Kelly, 4th District Representative)

MR. BITETTO said the Committee recommended that a Sub-Committee of two meet with the Mayor to determine the disposition or the use of this property, to report back to the whole Committee for their further consideration. He said this meeting is scheduled for the early part of next week and he will try and bring back a report to the Committee, who will then bring it on the floor of the Board.

MR. WALDEN said the residents of his area think that it is time that we do something about this Cloonan School and they hope that some consideration will be given to the use of this building for recreational facilities which is much needed in the South End.

MR. KAPLAN said he would urge Mr. Bitetto and his Committee to take further action upon the complaints of the property owners on Deacon Hill (see item #1 above). He said this was an all too easy answer for the Commissioner to give. He said he does not think we should accept the answer of the Commissioner in this situation. He said although Deacon Hill is not an accepted City street, Colony Court is, and due to drainage conditions on Colony Court, torrents of water are flooding the houses and properties that are located on Deacon Hill. He said something must be done so that the homes on Deacon Hill are not made valueless by the poor drainage conditions existing on an accepted City street such as Colony Court. He said the people in this District urge that some action be taken so that Colony Court is not a source of flood water.

MR. KELLY (speaking on item #2 - Cloonan School) said when he made his request on the vandalism at the old Cloonan Jr. High School, he made it by asking that the President name a special Committee to investigate this. He said it was brought before the Steering Committee and referred to the Public Works Committee. He said now they want us to leave it up to a Committee that was formed some six or seven months ago and has not yet given any answer as to what their action was. He said he wished to again request that the President name a special committee to look into this and would strongly recommend that the two Representatives from the District where Cloonan Jr. High School is, be added to that special committee.

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MR. BITETTO said Mr. Kelly was present at the time this came before the Public Works Committee and was one of the original persons who would form the Sub-Committee to attend a meeting with the Mayor in order to gain information. He said the Committee felt that we have to start somewhere and in view of the fact that the Mayor already has appointed a Committee to study this matter, they felt that by meeting with the Mayor they would be better informed and could then come back to their Committee and from there on be governed by whatever this Board decides to do.

MR. CONNORS said he is getting confused - we are talking back and forth between Deacon Road and Cloonan School. He said this all boils down to one thing - that we have been postponing items in the Budget for many years. He said he and his colleagues on the East side have had projects for which they have been waiting for ten, twelve and fifteen years to see accomplished and they haven't done anything yet. He said these matters are still postponed, year in and year out. He said if they don't do anything for streets that are approved and taken over by the City, now can they expect the City to do something for a street that is not even an accepted one?

MR. LOCKHART said he can understand this Committee wanting to go in and talk with the Mayor to get information to bring back to this Board, but thinks it would be very helpful if the President would appoint a Special Committee to investigate this so that we will be enlightened by both groups. He said he can see the great need for this Cloonan School becoming a recreational area.

THE PRESIDENT said in all fairness to the Committee system, you must at least give a Committee the opportunity to perform its responsibility first. He said it is not at all unusual for a Committee, if they find the job is too much, to come back and recommend that a Special Committee be set up to handle one thing. He said he feels that Mr. Bitetto's Committee be given a chance to come back with a report to the Board and then if the Board feels a Special Committee should be set up, it could be done at that time.

MR. DURSO said at the time the Mayor formed this "blue ribbon" Committee he felt he should have had one of the Board members from that area on his Committee and perhaps if this had been done, the problem would be solved by now. Further, the Board member could have acted as liaison between the Mayor's Committee and this Board. He said up to the present time they have not come out with any report whatsoever.

MR. RYBNICK said he constantly comes to meetings and keeps hearing all about the troubles at Cloonan School and it is near time that this should be resolved. He said he feels a Committee formed by this Board should go down there and find out just what this building consists of - bring back a full report of the condition of the building, amount of vandalism, what really can be done with the building, what can best be done with the building itself and then let the Board decide what action is needed.

After considerable further debate, MR. MORRIS MOVED that the President appoint a Special Committee to bring back a report. Seconded by Mr. Caporizzo.

MR. KUCZO spoke in favor of the motion and urged the appointment of a Committee.

MR. BITETTO asked the members to give him a chance to look into this and he promised to come back with a full report to the Board at its next meeting.

THE PRESIDENT said he feels that in all fairness to the present Committee, they should be given a chance first to do something about this, before appointing a Special Committee.

MR. MORRIS said he thinks the Public Works Committee has been given a reasonable amount of time already and asked for the appointment of a Special Committee.

MR. WALDEN said as the Representative from the District in question, he will be glad to offer his services to do anything that needs to be done to expedite action.

MR. BUCHANAN said as a member of the Public Works Committee, he thinks the first thing that should be done is to look to the existing Committee that was appointed by the Mayor and get their findings before proceeding further.

MR. SELSBERG urged that the Public Works Committee be given an opportunity to see what they can do before forming another Committee, and be given the chance to bring this matter to a proper conclusion.

After much further discussion, MR. FUSARO MOVED for a recess at 9:50 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Selsberg and CARRIED.

THE RECESS was declared over at 10:15 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT said there was a motion on the floor (Mr. Morris' motion to form a Special Committee on Cloonan School).

MR. KAPLAN rose on a point of order. He said he would call upon the President to rule on Sec. 204.2 of the Charter as to whether or not this requires a two-thirds vote.

THE PRESIDENT said the Charter is very clear about this - that a two-thirds vote, or 27 votes are needed to set up a Special Investigating Committee.

MR. MORRIS said he would like to withdraw his motion at this time. Mr. Caporizzo said he withdraws his seconding of the motion.

MR. RYBNICK said when they asked for a Special Committee, they were not asking for a Special Investigating Committee under the Charter provisions - Sec. 204.2 - but merely wanted a Special Committee to study the Cloonan School and bring back a report and there was absolutely nothing said about the formation of an investigating committee.

MR. NATHANSON rose on a point of order. He said, for clarification, he thinks it should be explained at this time, that this matter is now in the hands of a Committee and they are looking into the problems involved.

MR. RYBNICK said he still feels there is need for the formation of a Special Committee.

MR. SELSBERG said it is now in a Committee and to please give them a chance before appointing any more committees.

MR. FUSARO said it is not necessary to consider this an investigation as specified in Sec. 204.2 of the Charter - that this Board formed a Water Committee to look into the water shortage problem and it was not formed under the provisions of Sec. 204.2.

THE PRESIDENT said we may not have called it a special investigating committee, but it was.

MR. FUSARO said "Was there a two-thirds vote?"

THE PRESIDENT said it was done by unanimous vote of this Board, and we also abided by that section and the Committee was appointed under the rules of that section and it was an investigating Committee.

(Note: See Minutes of Dec. 6, 1965, page 4547, Resolution No. 476)

Mr. Durso said it was not a unanimous vote - there was one vote in opposition.

MR. FUSARO asked if there was a motion on the floor.

MR. RYBNICK said he MOVED that the President appoint a special committee tonight and bring back a full report on the Cloonan School building, including the Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Mr. Lockhart.

MR. SELSBERG rose on a point of order. He said under the motion, what is going to be the required vote.

THE PRESIDENT asked him if he meant the vote necessary to set up a Special Committee.

MR. SELSBERG said that is what he meant.

THE PRESIDENT said, having been many years on the Board, and having served as past Parliamentarian and as a member of the Legislative and Rules Committee, he would say that it is not proper to set up the sort of Committee that has been requested, that you have an alternate - that it either goes to a proper Committee of the Board, which is within our own rules, or it goes into a special Committee and in this case, according to the Charter and our own rules he cannot find anything else but a Special Investigating Committee to all it and the moment he does this, then we have to abide by Sec. 204.2 of the Charter.

MR. KUCZO rose on a point of order. He said that during the 8th Board there was supposed to have been a Committee formed and how was that Committee formed, if the Committee ever existed.

THE PRESIDENT asked him did the Board form the Committee, or did somebody else form it.

MR. KUCZO said someone formed it, because he was informed that he was a member of it.

THE PRESIDENT said he can't give him an answer to that because it would require going back into many Minutes.

MR. CONNORS said this Board has had many Special Committees in the past and there is one right on tonight's Agenda - the Municipal Office Building House Committee. He said "Isn't that a Special Committee, or is it an investigating Committee?" He said we have set the precedent many times in the past and we don't need any investigating Committee and there is no good reason why the Special Committee that Mr. Rybnick has requested cannot be set up and they can work in conjunction with the Public Works Committee. He said "What's wrong with that? Is somebody trying to hide something? Is somebody afraid of something?" He said it doesn't make sense, the Board getting into a hassle like this over such a simple matter as creating a Special Committee to do a certain job. He said Cloonan School is a disgrace to the City of Stamford - the building has been allowed to go to wrack and ruin. He said if this continues on for another year or two there will not be a

building left. He said the next thing they'll do is put a match in there and burn it up - that's what is going to happen. We have GOT to do something about that building.

THE PRESIDENT said he is sure that most of the Board members are in agreement - that it is an item that was turned over to the Public Works Committee and they no sooner started gathering information and they haven't been given the opportunity to finish their job. He said he is sure that the Committee will come back with a sound reasonable report by the next Board meeting.

MR. CONNORS said he does not see why this Board cannot appoint a special committee and it is not necessary to use the word "investigation" at all, because right away people think something is wrong - that all is needed now is just to set up a Special Committee to work in conjunction, as Mr. Rybnick mentioned, the members of the Public Works Committee, and maybe they can help the Public Works Committee out a little, because as it now is that Committee already has enough work to do, and with a Special Committee, they could do the leg work for the Committee.

MR. BITETTO said he thinks we are acting like children tonight and should try to responsibly adhere to the rules of the Committee system - his Committee is not lax, is made up of good members and should be given a fair opportunity to exercise the rights of the Committee. He said he will, as Chairman, promise that at the next monthly meeting of this Board, there will be a definite report back to the Board and then the Board can act on it as they see fit.

MR. RUSSELL said if it is not possible for the standing Committee - the Public Works Committee - to get the answers, then the only way it can be done is through the powers of a Special Investigating Committee, where they have to give them the answers - they cannot be pushed off or disregarded as they can do with a Committee that has no power of investigation.

MR. BUCHANAN said he wishes to support the position of the Committee Chairman and believes the Mayor's Committee should be allowed to report their findings before this Board proceeds further and to set up another Committee would be pointless at this time.

MR. KUCZO said he believes that the scope of the work to be done on this matter is so great that it would not be fair to put all of this upon Mr. Bitetto and his Committee. He said it is a direct result of poor planning and should definitely be looked into - why? He said this Board must not forget that just before Gloonan School was closed that \$150,000 was expended on it.

MR. MORRIS said he would like to suggest that all the people who have questions on Gloonan School give the questions to Mr. Bitetto so that he can bring back the answers at next month's meeting. He said this is the fair way to handle it.

MR. RICH MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. (closes debate)

MR. RYBNICK said he wishes to withdraw his motion. He said he will give the Public Works Committee one month and if they don't come in with a full report at that time, he will come back and ask for the same thing again. The seconder also withdrew his seconding of the motion.

MR. KELLY asked Mr. Bitetto if he could in any way assign Mr. Jerry Walden to that Committee of the Public Works.

THE PRESIDENT said he could be an ex-officio member.

MR. BITETTO said he would like to state to any member of the Board, that anything that his Committee does in reference to this item or any other item - any time that his Committee meets, all they have to do is leave their name with Mrs. Farrell and she will let them know when and where they are meeting.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Concerning the PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS DURING PERIODS OF SNOW EMERGENCIES and enforcement of Ordinance No. 97 Supplemental and/or amendment to said Ordinance re charge for towing away of privately-owned vehicles - (Letter from Paul Kuczo (dated 2/10/66) 8th District Representative - See item #13 under Steering Committee Report)

MR. KAPLAN said he has no report on this now, but will bring in a joint report at a later date, as this was referred to both his Committee and the Public Works Committee.

MR. BITETTO said his Committee's previous recommendations at the last Board meeting still stand and they recommend the proper Committee to formulate.

He said parking on alternate sides of the street is under consideration by Commissioner Ferrara, pending the Corporation Counsel's office answer.

MR. KUCZO said this past winter has seen a great deal of injustice, a lot of harrassment, foisted upon the citizens of Stamford because of negligence on the part of certain people who have handled this particular Ordinance. He said he asked to have an investigation of this matter and is still asking for it - he said there are too many questions to be answered and does not believe that by throwing up a "smoke screen" by asking for a higher towing fee is going to "get me off their back".

MR. BITETTO said his Committee (Public Works) went over Mr. Kuczo's letter entirely and their feelings were expressed fully in their report and they still stand.

THE PRESIDENT asked the members to continue with the Agenda.

Concerning meeting with Rev. Hemsley, Chairman of PUBLIC HOUSING

MR. LOCKHART said he is not sure whether the above matter should come up under the Health and Protection Committee or not, but for several months he has been communicating with Rev. Hemsley in regard to public housing, and as of this time he has received no answer from him. He asked if this should be referred to the Health & Protection Committee.

THE PRESIDENT said this should be brought up under "New Business" at the end of tonight's meeting and would then be referred to the Steering Committee for proper referral. He asked him to please bring it up under "New Business" later in the meeting.

Concerning State of Connecticut cutting corner of Courtland Avenue and Main Street

MR. CONNORS said he is not sure when to bring this matter up, but he would like the members to know that the State has made arrangements to cut the corner of Courtland Avenue and Main Street. He said there are a few little things that have to be straightened out as far as the property line is concerned, but it looks very good at this time.

Widening and lights at COLONIAL ROAD and STRAWBERRY HILL

MR. MORRIS said about a year ago they asked for widening and lights at the corner of Colonial Road and Strawberry Hill. He said the money for doing this has since been appropriated. He asked if Mr. Kaplan can tell the Board just where this stands at the present time.

MR. KAPLAN said he does not know the answer to Mr. Morris' question, except that the last action was taken by this Board, approving the appropriation to do this work and thereupon ceased to be a legislative matter. He said if there seems to be any unreasonable delay, he will report back to Mr. Morris.

MR. MORRIS said because there happens to be two schools at this intersection, he would like very much if Mr. Kaplan would try to find out just what is holding this up.

MR. KAPLAN reminded the members that it has only been one month since this Board passed the authorization to do this work.

MR. MORRIS said one month seems to go into a year very fast.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) APPEAL from decision of Zoning Board on Feb. 24, 1966 - (Appl. 65-043) - WASHINGTON AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MR. MORRIS said the Committee is awaiting an opinion from the Legislative and Rules Committee before proceeding with this matter.

- (2) TO CONSIDER FURTHER TIGHTENING OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAND AND BUILDING USE, PARTICULARLY NORTH OF PARKWAY, where proper water and sewage facilities are not available; suggesting that all new residential developments (where streets are to be laid out) be required to install in such new street, suitable piping for future sewage and water mains sufficient for the number of houses to be built on such street - (Request in letter of 3/21/66 from Booth Hemingway, 19th District Representative, that proper Committee or Committees, of the Board meet with the Planning and Zoning Boards to consider this)

MR. MORRIS said he has seen Mr. James Bingham and he is going to meet with the Committee.

- (3) Concerning Acceptance (or rejection) of roads as City streets:

MR. MORRIS said there was another matter, held in Committee, which they will act on tonight. He said the Committee has had numerous meetings, the last one being held last night on this and just about everyone on the Committee has been up there two or three times and the Committee feels this is quite a situation. He read the following letter to the City Engineer:

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March 31, 1966

Mr. Max Wolfson, City Engineer
Municipal Office Building
Engineering Department
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Wolfson:

The Planning & Zoning Committee of the Board of Representatives has inspected and reinspected the subdivision of Fieber and Lampke off Oak Lawn Avenue, Castle Wood Park #4.

The Committee is concerned about the storm drain outlet pipe at the end of Stanwick Circle, especially since it is in receipt of a complaint letter from a Mr. Daniel Remling, Sr., whose property abuts above subdivision. Mr. Remling states that the water coming from the new outlet drain pipe is seriously overflowing his property despite less than normal rainfalls. The fact that the drainage to his property is now a concentrated flow with velocity, could he be getting a flood condition even under normal rainfall that is different than which existed before?

The Committee is requesting that you again review the complete drainage situation in this area and submit, in writing, your comments as to whether there is a problem, whether this subdivision has changed water flow through this property, and do you feel we should accept this subdivision after your review?

Sincerely,

(signed) Thomas A. Morris, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Committee
Board of Representatives

MR. MORRIS said he has pictures of the site if anyone wishes to see them. He said this problem is one that has been with the City for a long time - where subdivisions are being accepted and then later the City is called on to rectify problems on other person's property that has been affected by improper drainage from the subdivisions.

MR. MORRIS said his Committee wishes to REJECT the following roads for acceptance as City streets and SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Nathanson, Mr. Mosca, Mr. Bromley and Mr. Bitetto and CARRIED with one abstention (Mr. Kaplan):

Description

STANWICK CIRCLE - Extending from Stanwick Place easterly to and including a permanent turnaround. Length, approximately 120 ft. Map No. 7987 on file in City and Town Clerk's Office.

STANWICK PLACE - Extending from Oaklawn Avenue southerly to dead end. Length, approximately 530 ft. Map No. 7987 on file in City and Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Morris explained that if nothing was done this meeting, these streets would have been automatically accepted and as it now is, they can come back later on and re-submit their petitions to the Board and at that time we can go through it all over again.

Mr. Morris said it is hard to judge who is right and who is wrong in this case, but before these roads are accepted, the Committee wants to know the truth so that it can be corrected.

THE PRESIDENT called attention to that Section of the Code of General Ordinances which spells out the automatic acceptance of roads under certain conditions, being Section 29-48 on page 353.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- (1) Request for approval of 5 cent charge, per person, for RIDE ON COVE ISLAND "GLIDE-A-RIDE" TRAIN - Being transportation from mainland station to any island stop, or from any island stop to mainland station -
(Letter dated 3/4/66 from Edward Connell, Supt. Park Dept.)

In the absence of Mr. Lindstrom, the Chairman, Mr. Mosca reported for the Committee. He said the Committee decided to keep the above matter in Committee because they wish to look into the 5 cents charge.

- (2) PETITION NO. 314 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MAY 30TH - Requested in letter dated 3/21/66 from Jewish War Veterans who are sponsoring the parade (Route of parade enclosed with letter)

MR. MOSCA MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and CARRIED. It was explained that permission is given, subject to approval of the Police and Fire Departments and also provided that proper insurance coverage is obtained.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Request for re-appointment of Investigating Committee in letter of 3/21/66 from Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representative - (Appointed by previous 8th Board) asking that this Board carry to a conclusion investigation of PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES started by the 8th Board

MR. RYBNICK said he wished to apologize that his Committee has not held a meeting on this matter, but said his Committee will meet during the next month and have a clearance on this letter of Mr. Kuczo's.

MR. KUCZO said that since November of last year, he has been constantly requesting that this Special Investigating Committee report its findings. He said he is quite surprised to find this was referred to the Personnel Committee and does not know why it should be in that Committee. He said what this Board is trying to do is to "sweep this under the rug" and this Board is morally obligated to the citizens of Stamford to report these findings and the more it is hidden, the greater the mystery is going to grow and he wants to have this reported out.

THE PRESIDENT said he believes that Mr. Rybnick should be given an opportunity to bring in a report from his Committee.

MR. KUCZO said he is not saying that Mr. Rybnick is not doing his job - that he fails to understand why it should be in his Committee; in the first place what does this have to do with his Committee? He said he now knows why they put rugs on this floor.

URBAN RENEWAL COMMITTEE:

MR. KEGGI, Chairman, said his Committee met on March 23rd at 8:10 P.M. in the Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives. Present were: Messrs. Casale, Farnen, Karl, Keggi and Longo, of the Committee and Messrs. Carey, McCulloch, Rose and Toth from the Commission and Staff. He said they discussed the Capital Budget request of the Commission for the fiscal year 1966-1967 and compared it with the expected expenditures for the next two years.

He said eleven properties were acquired at a cost of \$432,000 during March, bringing the total of acquisitions to 119 at a total cost of over \$4.9 million.

He reported that three families were added to the relocation case load in March, and six families, one single person household and seven roomers were relocated during the same period, which leaves a remaining case load of 157 families, 34 single person households and 66 roomers. He said one business completed its relocation during March.

MR. CONNORS said he would like to ask the same question he asked before - what provisions has the Urban Redevelopment Commission made for a non-conforming business.

MR. KEGGI said there is a Business Relocation Office and they are doing their level best (and he has talked to them at some length about this) to find adequate places for people who are displaced, regardless of the nature of their business, whether it is conforming or non-conforming. He said his Committee is in the process of educating themselves on all aspects of Urban Renewal in quite painstaking detail, and will take up the problem of business relocation and family relocation within the next two or three months. He said when the subject comes up, he will be happy to send Mr. Connors a special invitation to attend, and at every one of these meetings, he has constantly been inviting all of the Board members, because of the importance of becoming better informed on all of these problems. He said his Committee meets regularly with the Commission and asks a lot of questions and gets a lot of enlightening and straightforward answers.

MR. CONNORS said here is a case where we have an office for relocation and what are you supposed to do if they tell you there is nothing that they can do for you? He said there is a man with a non-conforming business, who was put out of business when Urban Renewal came along - where does he go? He said, to his knowledge, no one has been able to answer that question yet. He said he asked it last month, is asking it again tonight and still does not think that he got an answer. He said he keeps reading about the relocation office - how many tenants and boarders they take care of - but what do you do with a businessman who has to appear before a Board, get special permission to establish a business and after he has established his business and been in business for maybe eight to ten years, then they come along and put him out of business - where is he going to go? No one wants a garage or gasoline station alongside of them; no one wants a junkyard; no one wants a

radiator shop - now where are these people supposed to go? He said this type of business is needed in a community. It has been here for years, something we have been living with for years; these people put their businesses in, moved into a certain location, which did not seem to irritate their neighbors and now, if they try to relocate - where do they go? Furthermore, he said they are offered a price of say \$21,000 for both a building and a business and in order to purchase another comparable piece of property would probably cost \$25,000 plus another \$20,000 to put a building up. He said how is it possible for a little "Guy" to do this? Big business can, but a little man can't. That is what he thinks is very unfair and that they have not prepared for this in the right manner. He said there must be some section of Stamford that will have to be set aside for this type of business - and you just can't tell people that they are out of business after ten or fifteen years. He said he wants an answer to this - he didn't get it last month, or this month, and doubts if he will get it next month, either.

THE PRESIDENT said he thinks that if this matter is referred properly that Mr. Keggi will get the answer the best he can.

MR. KEGGI said he personally has looked into two "hardship" cases and it seems that there is only one non-conforming use that will experience any difficulty, and that is garages and automobile repair shops. He said he visited and talked to two of these cases during the past month. One is in considerable difficulty about the future - of the property that he is occupying; and the other cases to which Mr. Connors is referring, every humanly possible assistance that can be provided, will be provided for him. He said in the other case, you are dealing with a very clear case of conflict between what the Urban Redevelopment Commission can pay under the existing rules and regulations and the existing audit procedures that they have to live up to. He said they have to work within the framework of the appraisals they have to face and the auditors have to look at. He said the person to whom Mr. Connors refers, is not thinking in terms of appraisals, but in terms of replacement costs, which is entirely different and obviously two or three times the value of the property. He said the conflict is so clear cut that only the Courts can settle it. He said there is an established procedure whereby the money offered by the Commission gets deposited into an account, from which the displaced businessman can draw at any time, without pre-judging his case at any time. He said this procedure is a great improvement over the way it was done before.

MR. CONNORS said he is concerned about the "little fellow" and is not at all worried about the "big man" because he can take care of himself - he can close his business and go to Florida and probably glad to sell it anyway.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

- (1) Petition from Residents in area, objecting to proposed location of HELIPORT IN DYKE PARK (Signed by approximately 500)

MR. WALDEN, 3rd District Representative, presented the above petition at this time.

- (2) Concerning curtailment of passenger service on the New Haven Railroad

MR. KAPLAN, 14th District, presented a letter which he wished to have sent to Mr. Alan Boyd, Undersecretary of Commerce for Transportation, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., requesting that the passenger service on the New Haven R. R. not be curtailed. HE MOVED for approval of this letter. Seconded by several members and CARRIED.

- (3) Letter, dated 3/16/66, from Donald F. Zezima, Chairman, Board of Public Safety, requesting that the Board operate through its Committee system on all matters concerning the Board of Public Safety, rather than having each one of the 40-member Board of Representatives contact the Safety Board themselves

THE PRESIDENT read the following letter at this time:

"At a recent meeting of the Board of Public Safety I was authorized to write to you concerning some matters which affect both our Boards. From time to time, the Safety Board has received letters from individual members of your Board requesting that certain matters be attended to in their respective aspects. In many cases we only received the letter as an incidental measure after it has been in the local press and in the local Radio Station. It seems to me that if we are trying to solve problems, that the matters can better be handled by operating through your appropriate committees. Therefore, I would like to suggest to you that you ask the members of your Board to communicate with your Health and Protection Committee, or any other Committee which might be involved and that these committees then meet with the Board of Safety at periodic times to try to see if something could be done to resolve the problems. This seems to me to be a better way to proceed than having 40 members write to the Board of Safety on various occasions. We would be happy to have as many meetings as is necessary with your appropriate committees, but we do not feel that we should meet with every member who might have a complaint, particularly after we received a letter subsequent to its widespread publicity.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to the Chairman of the Health and Protection Committee and I would appreciate it if you would discuss this with me and give me a joint reply."

(Signed) Donald F. Zezima,
Chairman,
Board of Public Safety

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning Towing Fee Charged under Ordinance No. 97 Supplemental

MR. KUCZO said he would like to clear the air over the above matter, which he brought up before. He said there seems to be a misunderstanding, perhaps brought about by a statement which he saw published in the local newspaper recently, made by the Commissioner of Public Safety, in which he stated that it was the towers who charged this fee. He said to clear up this misunderstanding, he would like to have it known that it was NOT the towers who charged this money, but the City agencies that collected the money. He said this is why he wants this investigated --- to find out why they were overcharged beyond the \$5.00 fee.

MR. KAPLAN said he would like to promise Mr. Kuczo that a thorough investigation of this will be made by the Health & Protection Committee.

MR. NATHANSON said he would like to ask Mr. Kuczo just how many people were charged this exorbitant fee.

MR. KUCZO said he did not keep track, but does know there was quite a number of complaints, and that is why he is requesting an investigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. BUCHANAN asked that the conditions at the rear of the Newfield Shopping Center be investigated and that the Steering Committee refer this matter to the proper Committee of this Board.

THE PRESIDENT asked Mr. Buchanan to bring his request before the Board in writing. Mr. Buchanan said he will do so.

MR. MORRIS said if the Public Works Committee will contact him, he will be glad to show them around the area. He said he is afraid that pretty soon the rainy season will arrive and they won't be able to get near there - that it's pretty wet now.

Proposed resolution concerning need for Zoning and Planning Rules and Regulations with the Master Plan evaluated by a proper survey of Zoning Engineers and Consultants -
(Introduced by Mr. Bitetto, 14th District Representative, at the 3/7/66 Board meeting) (Referred to Planning & Zoning Committee by Steering Committee- See item #16 under Report of Steering Committee)

MR. BITETTO said that because of the amount of work, the above matter was by-passed for another month. He said he does have a resolution that this Board should pass a resolution to the effect that the Planning & Zoning Regulations of the City of Stamford should be re-evaluated and re-studied by a survey of proper consulting engineers. He said there is a dire need for this because of the constant repetition of these same items to which Mr. Morris referred and one which he has in his own District.

Concerning Public Housing and meeting with Rev. Hemsley, Chairman

MR. LOCKHART said he had previously brought this up under Health & Protection Committee and was informed that he should bring it up under "New Business" later in the meeting, so he wishes to bring it before the Board at this time. He said he wanted to meet with Rev. Hemsley and has been trying to do so now for several months, in order to talk with him in regard to the problems that exist in public housing, and especially in the Southfield Development which is in his District.

He said he also feels that the Task Force has the responsibility of investigating both City and State property, as well as private property and would like to have a Committee of this Board look into this situation immediately.

THE PRESIDENT promised Mr. Lockhart that he would see that a letter is drafted for Rev. Hemsley about his request.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

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APPROVED:

George E. Russell
George E. Russell, President
14th Board of Representatives

Velma Farrell
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Administrative Assistant
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Note: The above meeting was broadcast over Radio Station WSTC. VF