

MEETING OF THE 9TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Minutes of May 2, 1966
Stamford, Connecticut

The regular monthly meeting of the 9th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, was held on Monday, May 2, 1966, in the Board's meeting room, Municipal Office Building, Stamford, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Mrs. Hilda S. Clarke, in the absence of the President, George Russell, at 8:30 P.M.

RE: ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MR. KUCZO rose on a point of order. He asked for an adjournment of the meeting, due to the fact that there will be a Democratic Primary tomorrow, and also due to the fact that this Board set a precedent last month by changing the meeting date to a Friday, instead of the first Monday of the month, as stated in Sec. 202.1 of the Charter, being done by the adoption of a resolution. He said he thinks some consideration should be shown to the Democratic Party as has been shown in the past for other elections.

MRS. CLARKE said Mr. Fusaro had also made the same request and it was not felt that this meeting could be put off until later in the week for the reason that the Board is holding a special meeting on the adoption of the Budget, called for next Monday night, May 9th. She said they decided unanimously in Caucus to go on with tonight's meeting.

MR. KUCZO said he is repeating his request and thinks it should be granted out of sheer courtesy to the Democrats on the Board, because of the Democratic Primary being held tomorrow.

MR. RICH called for the ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MR. KUCZO asked that a vote be taken on his request, to "condone his wishes". He said he is somewhat surprised that the Democrat's Minority Leader has not requested this.

MR. FUSARO, the Minority Leader, said he is not running a Primary.

MR. NATHANSON rose on a point of personal privilege. He asked if we are here tonight to discuss the differences in the Democratic Party or to conduct a Board meeting.

MR. KUCZO said he would insist that a vote be taken on his request to adjourn this meeting to later in the week, for the reason that the precedent has already been set last month by this Board. He said he would like to call for a vote on this and not "supersede" to the regular order of business and is making this a motion.

MR. CHIRIMBES rose on a point of order. He wanted to know how a vote can be taken when the meeting has not yet been convened.

MRS. CLARKE said she has already called the meeting to order. She asked if there was a seconder to Mr. Kuczo's motion. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

MR. KUCZO asked for a division of the house - for all those people who voted against having an adjournment tonight.

A voice vote was taken. Mr. Kuczo's motion was LOST.

MR. KUCZO said he calls for a roll call vote on his motion.

MR. HATHANSON said Mr. Kuczo is out of order because the vote has already been taken.

MR. KUCZO said there is some doubt in his mind about the vote and wants a roll call vote.

MR. KAPLAN rose on a point of order. He said a call for a division can be made at any time, according to Robert's Rules of Order, after the vote has been taken, and until a new motion is on the floor and therefore Mr. Kuczo is entitled to call for a division.

MR. MORRIS said he believes the first order of business should be the replacement of Mr. Selsberg.

MRS. CLARKE said this is true and there are other matters that also must come first and we have kept Rev. Bosserman waiting and in deference to him, we should at least go through part of the Agenda.

MR. KUCZO said he wishes to call the Chairman's notice to the fact that we are talking about whether to hold this meeting or not and insists on a roll call vote.

MRS. CLARKE asked for those opposed to Mr. Kuczo's motion to rise.

MR. KUCZO asked Mrs. Clarke to clarify the motion.

MRS. CLARKE asked for all those who wish to postpone the meeting to rise. All the Republicans voted against the postponement of the meeting tonight. Mr. Kuczo's motion was LOST.

INVOCATION - Given by Rev. Thomas Bosserman, St. John's Lutheran Church, who replaced Rev. Bernhard Johnson, who was unable to be here.

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

CONCERNING PRESIDENT GEORGE RUSSELL'S ABSENCE

MRS. CLARKE said most of the members know that Mr. Russell has been in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for the last three weeks and is coming along very nicely. She said he expects to return by the end of this week and that she spoke to him today over the telephone. She read a note, which is part of a letter to be read later, expressing Mr. Russell's regret at being unable to attend the meeting.

RESIGNATION of member from 11th District. WILLIAM SELSBERG (R)

MRS. CLARKE read a letter of resignation from Mr. Selsberg, who is resigning for the reason that he is disqualified as a Representative from the 11th District, having moved to the 18th District. She also read a letter from Mr. Russell, in which he expressed regret at losing so valuable a member of this Board as Mr. Selsberg, who is also the Majority Leader.

REPLACEMENT and swearing in of new member from 11th District. JONATHAN M. BENNETT (R)

MR. NATHANSON MOVED to accept Mr. Selsberg's resignation with regret. He said he was Mr. Selsberg's running mate in the last election and it has been a pleasure to serve with him as the Representatives from the 11th District, and he is sure that he will continue to serve his community.

Several members expressed their regret at losing Mr. Selsberg, who has proven his ability as a very able and hard working Representative on the Board.

MR. NATHANSON offered the name of JONATHAN M. BENNETT (R) residing at 112 Hoyt Street in the 11th District, as replacement for the vacancy on the Board caused by Mr. Selsberg's resignation. He read a statement of Mr. Bennett's background at this time. He said he is an attorney, associated with Bernard Glazer, Attorney, with offices located on Summer Street in Stamford.

MRS. CLARKE administered the oath of office to Mr. Bennett at this time and he assumed his seat on the Board. (applause)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MAJORITY LEADER

MRS. CLARKE announced the appointment of Thomas Morris (R) from the 15th District as the new Majority Leader of the Board. (applause)

ROLL CALL was taken by the Clerk, Mrs. Clarke. There were 33 present and 7 absent. The absent members were: Vincent Caporizzo (D), Robert Durso (D), William Murphy (D), William Hearing (R), Leon Zebroski (R), George Russell (R) and Booth Hemingway (R).

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (By majority vote - See Rule #7, page #2 of Rules of Order)

MRS. CLARKE called for nominations for the election of a Temporary Chairman.

MR. MORRIS placed the name of Benjamin Nathanson before the Board to act as Temporary Chairman. Seconded.

MR. JOHN FUSARO'S name was also placed in nomination for Temporary Chairman. Seconded.

MR. CASALE MOVED the nominations be closed.

MRS. CLARKE called for a vote on the nomination of Benjamin Nathanson for Temporary Chairman. He received 20 votes.

MRS. CLARKE called for a vote on the nomination of John Fusaro for Temporary Chairman. He received 13 votes.

MRS. CLARKE declared Mr. Nathanson elected as Temporary Chairman. (applause)

MR. NATHANSON took the Chair as Chairman pro tempore.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 7, 1966
Meeting of April 1, 1966

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. NATHANSON read the following report of the Steering Committee:

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
Meeting held Monday, April 18, 1966

A meeting of the Steering Committee was held on Monday, April 18, 1966 in the Board of Representatives' meeting rooms, Municipal Office Building, 429 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

In the absence of the Chairman, William Selsberg, Majority Leader, presided. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. All members were present, with the exception of George Russell, Benjamin Nathanson, Edwin Lindstrom and Robert Durso.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

- (1) Two appointments (deferred at the April 1, 1966 Board meeting) to the Plumbing Examining Board - Daniel O'Connell and Joseph Santoro - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- (2) Additional appropriations (8) on the Board of Finance agenda for their April 14th meeting (adjourned to April 28th) were REFERRED TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEE and ORDERED PLACED ON THE AGENDA, with items 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) All matters on the April 1st Board meeting Agenda under Legislative & Rules Committee and deferred at that time, were ORDERED AGAIN PLACED ON THE AGENDA UNDER LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE.
- (4) Concerning FIRE TRUCK (65 foot Maxim aerial replacement) damaged, and finally replaced by a new one, but not with the same specifications as original truck - (Letter dated 4/18/66 from Thomas Morris and William Caporizzo, 15th District Representatives) - See Minutes of 4/6/66, page 3955, item #14)

REFERRED TO FISCAL COMMITTEE and HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
ON AGENDA UNDER HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- (5) Concerning VANDALISM AND DISPOSITION OF OLD CLOJNAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL - (Two requests - (1) from Vincent Caporizzo, 5th District Representative; and (2) from Stephen Kelly, 4th District Representative) (Committee to report at May Board meeting)

OFF. 309 ORDERED PLACED ON AGENDA under PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- (6) Request that CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THE REAR OF THE NEWFIELD SHOPPING CENTER BE INVESTIGATED (Brought up by Mr. Buchanan, 16th District Representative, under "New Business" at the 4/1/66 Board meeting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (7) Request for SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO "INVESTIGATE THE CLOSING OF CLOONAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL" - (Requested in letter of 4/7/66 from George Connors, Stephen Kelly, Paul Kuczo, Jr., and Gerald Rybnick)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Not on agenda

- (8) Concerning 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) - ORDERED ON AGENDA UNDER PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- (9) Request for TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT CORNER OF SMITH STREET AND SCHUYLER AVENUE - (Requested in letter of 4/6/66 from Vincent Caporizzo 5th District Representative)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (10) Request for SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON PRESSPRICH STREET - (Letter from John Boccuzzi, dated 4/1/66, 2nd District Representative)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (11) Request to have timing on TRAFFIC LIGHT AT FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND SELLECK STREET CORRECTED - (Requested in letter from John Boccuzzi, 2nd District Representative, dated 4/1/66)

REFERRED TO HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE - ORDERED ON AGENDA

- (12) Complaint concerning alleged ZONING VIOLATION IN SALE OF SHRUBBERY AND TREES FROM PRIVATE HOUSE - (Letter from Gilbert Weiss, President of Long View Park Association, dated 4/1/66)

REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - NOT ordered on agenda

- (13) AIR AND WATER POLLUTION - (Request in letter of 4/12/66 from George Connors and Paul Kuczo, 8th District Representatives - asking that something be done to eliminate pollution of the water and air in Stamford)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS AND HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEES- NOT on agenda

Mr. Selsberg, acting Chairman, informed the members that the City already has two Ordinances on the books which can be enforced if the City wishes to do so.

- (14) Letter from Stearns Woodman, Chairman of Zoning Board (dated 4/14/66) Regarding NEED FOR AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CODE ON WALLS IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS TO REQUIRE SOUNDPROOFING

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE - NOT on agenda

- (15) Letter from a Mr. Howard Browning, 15 Overbrook Drive, dated 3/23/66, citing appointment by Stamford Water Company to their Board of Directors of a City employee - (Brought in by Howard Kaplan, 14th District Representative, in letter of 3/28/66)

The above letters were read and the matter TABLED. Ordered noted and filed.

- (16) Letter (dated 4/6/66) from Alfred Lutz, President of Stamford Residential Builders Association, Inc., regarding proposed amendment to Building Code on height of bedroom windows and size of opening, and proposal that subdivisions be required to install sewer and water lines for future connection to trunk lines

Copies of above letter ordered sent to Legislative & Rules Committee, Public Works Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee for information.

MR. SELSBERG, Acting Chairman, informed the members that there will be a special, informal Board meeting on Monday, April 26, 1966, to enable the members to copy the figures in their Budget books that have been approved by the Board of Finance.

Mr. Selsberg also informed those present that the next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held Monday, May 2, 1966, with the Special Board meeting to adopt the 1966-1967 Capital and Operating Budgets probably held the following Monday, May 9th. He said this last meeting will depend on how much time the Fiscal Committee needs to complete their Budget hearings, but it is tentatively scheduled for May 9th.

Mr. Kaplan questioned the need for holding a special meeting for the members to copy Budget cuts made by the Board of Finance. Several of the members said it has always been done this way, as it is the best way to make sure each member has the proper figures in his Budget book by making each individual responsible for his own Budget book, as these figures will be needed at the time the Budget is adopted, at which time every item is passed on separately by this Board.

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

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William Selsberg, Chairman Pro Tempore
Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Vice Chairman, presented the Committee report. He said the two appointees, whose names appear on the agenda, were approved.

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

PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD (Per Building Code, Sec. 11, g. and h. on page 123
(This has been superseded by the passage of Public
Act No. 493, 1965 session of Legislature, and will
become effective in October 1966)

DANIEL E. O'CONNELL (D) (Master Plumber)
79 Cascade Court
(Reappointment)

Term Ending:

Jan. 1, 1967

VOTE: 31 yes
2 no

JOSEPH J. SANTORO (R) (Layman)
35 De Pinedo Avenue
(Reappointment)

Jan. 1, 1968

VOTE: 31 yes
2 no

MR. NATHANSON said, as a point of information for the Board members, the Plumbing Examining Board goes out of existence on October 1st and is being replaced by a State Statute which will require the State people to conduct the examinations for plumbing licenses, so the terms of office will not expire on the dates that appear on our agenda.

FISCAL COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, substituting for Mr. Hemingway, the Chairman, presented the Fiscal Committee report. He said the Committee met in the Board Caucus Room on April 28th and took the following action:

(1) \$200.00 - ZONING BOARD - Code 138.0401. Official Notices (Mayor's letter of 3/25/66)

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

(2) \$92.00- ZONING BOARD - Code 138.0104. Overtime (Mayor's letter of 3/25/66)

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

(3) \$250,000.00 - Resolution amending 1965-1966 Capital Projects Budget for PURCHASE FOR PARK, RECREATIONAL AND CONSERVATIONAL PURPOSES, 77.292 acre tract of land known as the "OLD MILL LANE-MIANUS TRACT" and appropriation of \$250,000.00 therefor - (Mayor's letter of 4/7/66)

MR. RICH said the above matter has been DEFERRED for the reason that the Board of Finance did not have the necessary five members present and voting at its meeting to vote the emergency appropriation and is therefore being carried over to the next meeting.

- (4) \$300.00 - HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - Code 192.0501, Telephone & Telegraph
(Mayor's letter of 3/30/66)

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

- (5) \$250.00 - CITY AND TOWN CLERK - Code 112.2201, New Equipment (Mayor's letter
of 4/6/66)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and several
others. CARRIED.

- (6) \$14,353.02 - POLICE DEPARTMENT, covering following: (Mayor's letter of 4/6/66)
(REDUCED by Board of Finance on 4/28/66 from \$16,377.02 to
above figure)

Code 530.0501 Telephone, Teletype, Dictaphone-----	\$3,000.00
Code 530.1508 Traffic Light Power-----	350.00
Code 530.1204 Traffic Supplies-----	2,500.00*
Code 530.1702 Gasoline and Oil-----	966.00
Code 530.1705 Maintenance of Patrol Cars-----	4,237.02
Code 530.1203 Maintenance of radio equipment-----	3,300.00
	<u>\$14,353.02</u>

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. He explained that the agenda
shows six items listed, one of which was reduced by the Board of Finance, being
Code 530.1204, Traffic Supplies, which they reduced from the requested amount of
\$4,524.00 to \$2,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. KUCZO asked why the item for Code 530.0501, Telephone, Teletype, Dictaphone
in the amount of \$3,000.00 is so high. He said he wants to know if there was not
enough money in the Budget to cover this.

MR. RICH said this is explained in the Mayor's letter which was sent to all Board
members, says: "In the current 1965-1966 Operating Budget we requested \$13,151.00
and were allowed \$11,300.00. Current bills are paid through January 1966." He
said the Police Department notes that they will require an additional \$3,000.00
to pay their bills for Telephone, Telegraph through June 30, 1966.

There being no further questions. Mr. Nathanson called for a vote on the motion.
CARRIED.

- (7) \$19,814.12 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 616, Street Lighting (Mayor's
(REDUCED by Board of Finance on 4/28/66 letter of 4/4/66)
from \$29,814.12 to above figure)

MR. RICH said this is exactly \$10,000 less than the figure noted on our agenda,
because the Board of Finance, which met late last week, cut the original request
by an even \$10,000. HE MOVED for approval of the above request.

MR. BITETTO, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, to whom this was also referred,
said they concur on this item and seconded the motion. CARRIED.

- (3) \$112,238.37 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Code 606.0609, Snow Removal and Flood Emergency - (Mayor's letter of 4/4/66)

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Bitetto, who said the Public Works Committee also concurs in approving this request.

MR. KUCZO asked why the City of Stamford should have 25 contractors do their snow removal work for them.

MR. BITETTO said the City of Stamford happens to be in the position where every year when the snow removal problem comes along, emergency equipment has to be called out and these contractors have the necessary equipment, and the City does not have enough equipment to do this work, so it becomes necessary to call upon these various contractors to help out, which is very vitally needed.

MR. KUCZO said that 25 contractors seems like quite a large amount, particularly when we have 20 districts in Stamford. He said he wonders why, for instance, one contractor cannot handle one District, plus being supplemented by the use of the City's trucks. He said he fails to see why there should be so many people involved in doing this work.

MR. BITETTO said the City has close to 300 miles of roads to take care of and that is beyond the scope of the Public Works Department to handle, so the private contractors are needed and that's the reason why they are called for. He said when the snow falls, all of the citizens of Stamford need to get back and forth to work and time is of the essence in getting these roads cleared as quickly as possible.

MR. KUCZO said he wished to call attention to the Mayor's letter regarding the item for "Calcium Chloride" -- SALT. He said as everyone is well aware, during the past year we have had a water shortage problem, and this item is one of the things that causes water pollution. He said if the City had not used salt, perhaps they could have placed the snow they removed from the streets around the lakes in the City's reservoir system and thereby contributed toward the conservation of water. Also, he said, according to the City Ordinances, salt is prohibited from being placed on city streets. He said salt may be good for a steak but it certainly is not good for a car.

MR. KUCZO spoke at some length, offering an amendment to the motion which was not seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion. CARRIED, with one "no" vote, Mr. Kuczo voting against the appropriation.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE:

MR. RICH, Chairman, presented his Committee report. He said his Committee met on April 26th at 8:15 P.M. in the Board Caucus room, with the following members present: Messrs. Bromley, Kaplan, LeBeau, Murphy and Rich.

- (1) Concerning a proposed Ordinance Against Loitering - (Brought in by Mr. Lindstrom at 1/24/66 meeting of Steering Committee; sent to Corporation Counsel for opinion as to legality on 1/25/66 - Deferred 3/7/66 and 4/1/66)

MR. RICH said his Committee received on April 26th a lengthy memorandum of opinion from the Corporation Counsel's office, dated March 18th. He said this opinion held, in summary, that "the proposal as submitted to us does not adequately satisfy constitutional safeguards, without which personal liberties are denied." Accordingly, the Committee, taking into account the points raised in the Corporation Counsel's opinion, drafted a substitute Ordinance which it believes complies with the requirements laid down by the courts in such matters. He said he therefore is submitting this amended Ordinance to the Board for its approval for publication and SO MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Kaplan and CARRIED for publication:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AGAINST LOITERING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, to loiter or congregate upon any public street or sidewalk, or other public place, park, or building in such a manner as to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and to refuse to cease such obstruction when ordered to by the police.

- (2) 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 -- Deferred 4/1/66)

MR. RICH said the Committee studied the various means of accomplishing the result sought by the Water Committee, and, as a result, agreed upon the following resolution. He said Mr. Bromley abstained from the discussion and from voting on this matter. MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the following resolution; seconded by several members:

RESOLUTION NO. 490

CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL WATER
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TO PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Stamford states that the powers of the Board of Representatives include concern for the health and welfare of the City's inhabitants and the scope of the Planning Board includes concern for the extent and location of public utilities for water, and

WHEREAS, a special committee of this Board made an exhaustive study of the current water shortage problem in the City of Stamford, and

WHEREAS, that Committee, as part of its report, recommended that by legislative means, a semi-annual review be made by the Planning Board with the aid of an independent, qualified expert and that the results of these reviews be made public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives strongly urges the Planning Board to retain an independent and professionally qualified expert in the field of water supply, to require this expert to study and report semi-annually on the extent, location and condition of Stamford's public water resources, and to make this report public along with any recommendations the Planning Board deems necessary.

MR. BITETTO spoke in favor of the resolution and said he thought it was a very necessary piece of action.

MR. KUCZO asked why there is a need for the City to employ extra agents to help us out of our problems. He said he notices this is becoming more frequent lately.

MR. NATHANSON asked Mr. Kuczo to whom is he addressing his question, and he said to anyone that can answer it.

MR. NATHANSON said perhaps he can explain this - that the Legislative and Rules Committee is merely acting upon the recommendations of the Special Water Conservation Committee that was appointed to look into this matter and report back to the Board, which was done, with their recommendations of further action to be taken, which the Legislative & Rules Committee has proceeded to do. He reminded Mr. Kuczo that he had been a member of the Special Water Conservation Committee.

MR. KUCZO said that then perhaps the Chairman will remember he was against hiring another agent by the City - that he believes we have enough of them now that aren't doing anything.

MR. MORRIS explained the problems of the Special Committee on the water shortage problem. He said they had problems of who to find that knew the situation. At that time they almost recommended that the City hire a firm to give us a survey of the water situation in the City, then later decided to wait for the PUC to give a report, and by March 18th the PUC was still waiting for reports of some 70 more water companies in the State. He said this would have put the Stamford report off to sometime in July or August of 1967.

THE CHAIRMAN asked the Clerk if the report of the Special Water Conservation Committee was a unanimous report, except for his minority report which he filed at the same time. He was informed the report was approved by all the other members of the Committee.

MR. RYENICK wanted to know if the duties of the "water expert" would conflict with the powers that have already been granted to the Planning Board.

THE CHAIRMAN informed him that in the Charter the Planning Board is currently empowered to look into matters of water supplies, power supplies, etc. and that all this is doing is expanding on the powers that they already have.

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MR. RYBNICK said the Ordinance that this Board adopted gives the power of water conservation to the Mayor and the Health Department and wanted to know if we are now trying to abolish the powers of the Mayor and the Health Department.

THE CHAIRMAN said he is sure we are not going to do that.

MR. RYBNICK said we have two different Committees working together here and it appears to him to be conflicting.

THE CHAIRMAN said that when the Planning Board gets this information it will be of great aid to the Mayor in making his decisions as to when to enforce the Ordinance that Mr. Rybnick refers to. He said this is merely giving the Mayor more information on which to base his future decisions.

MR. KAPLAN said it is difficult for us to comment upon whether or not the Water Company is making adequate provisions for our future water supply, as we, as laymen, know very, very little and often could not make an intelligent judgment upon certain very technical matters, but with the help of a professional, he could assist the Planning Board in their decisions as to how to cope with the problem in the future.

MR. FUSARO said he would like to ask one question - would he be considered an investigatory agent to investigate and propose alternatives. Someone objected to the word "investigation", so Mr. Fusaro asked if any thought has been given to this being integrated into Regional Planning rather than having an individual handle this and would it be handled through the basic concept of Regional Planning and has the committee given any thought to gearing it into Regional Planning instead of expending additional funds.

MR. NATHANSON said he would explain it this way: The Water Committee of this Board no longer exists - it was a special committee of three months duration and expired when they presented their report to the Board, recommending the hiring of an expert to report to the Planning Board, since this is a function of the Planning Board and not the Board of Representatives and what this is doing is expanding the present powers of the Planning Board.

MR. FUSARO said he is not questioning the action taken by this Committee, but since the committee has voiced opinions, he would ask through the Chair, of the Committee, if any thought was given to gearing this through Regional Planning.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Morris, as Chairman of the Special Committee, would he care to answer Mr. Fusaro. He replied that he thinks this should be answered by the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN said he thinks that all the Legislative and Rules Committee did was to act on the recommendation submitted to them by the Special Water Committee. He said this should be clarified, as a member of the Special Committee. He said by all means Regional Planning did enter into the discussions of the Committee and the Committee report was quite inclusive and covered all aspects of the situation. In the report of the special committee, he said, will be found that regional planning was discussed, but at the present time regional planning is not looking into this and the Committee felt that the time to act is now, without waiting any longer.

MR. FUSARO asked if any provisions have been made, at some future date, to gear this into Regional Planning.

MR. MORRIS said the Planning Board has this authority and it is up to them to contact Regional Planning - not us - to see what could be done and he is sure they will give this consideration.

MR. KAPLAN said he just wished to mention that this is merely an advisory resolution on our part, because we do not have the authority to order the Planning Board to do it, but merely asking the Planning Board to do it and if they should ask for the money to put this into effect, this Board would be morally obligated to give it to them. He said if the Planning Board should consider it necessary to consult with Regional Planning, he hopes that they will do so.

MR. RYBNICK said he sees no reason why we should ask Regional Planning to come into the picture on this, but rather, they should come to us and present it themselves.

MR. BITETTO MOVED the question. Seconded and CARRIED.

VOTE taken on Resolution No. 490. CARRIED.

- (3) 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.
(See letter from Thomas Morris, 15th District Representative, dated 3/14/66 - Deferred 4/1/66)

MR. RICH said this is being held in Committee for further study.

- (4) APPEAL from Zoning Board decision of Feb. 24, 1966 - (Application 65-043) WASHINGTON AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (Deferred at 4/1/66 Board meeting)

MR. RICH said the Committee finds that the appeal by the Washington Avenue Neighborhood Association has not been perfected in accordance with the requirements of the Charter, and therefore is not properly before this Board. He said the Committee recommends that the appeal be dismissed on procedural grounds, because the Committee finds that an insufficient number of property owners, as defined in Sec. 552.3 of the Charter, signed the appeal petition. He said this is not a matter over which the Legislative and Rules Committee has any degree of discretion, as it is mandatory that they make this recommendation to the Board. He said Mr. Kaplan abstained from participation in this matter.

He said he would like to make it absolutely clear that the recommendation of his Committee be approved by this Board and their recommendation is that this matter is not properly before us, due to lack of the appropriate number of qualified signatures on the appeal petition, and therefore MOVED that the appeal be DENIED. Seconded by Mr. Morris and Mr. Connors.

THE CHAIRMAN repeated the motion for clarification. He said a motion has been made that the appeal by the Washington Avenue Neighborhood Association on the decision of the Zoning Board be denied by this Board.

MR. RICH said this was not a decision that they took lightly, but we are under a government of laws, not desires, in every matter that comes before the Board and the Stamford Charter is very clear on the requirements for referral to the Board of Representatives on appeals from decisions of the Zoning Board. He said he would like the record to show that the Committee has received a letter from Counsel to the Washington Avenue Neighborhood Association and requested in this letter that "said petition be continued before your Board for consideration by the full Board." In another place in the letter he said that it would appear that not enough names had been obtained on this petition. He said this is clearly a matter over which the Board has no discretion, and may want to do something different, but the law is very specific as to what the Board's powers are. He said if this Board does not approve the action or the recommendations of the Legislative and Rules Committee, it will be a prima facie case for anyone opposing the action of this Board in going to Court and saying that this Board had no jurisdiction in this matter.

MR. CONNORS said he wished to ask a question. He asked if this is a case where you have two people owning a piece of property and only one of them signed?

MR. RICH said some of the signatures were of that type - some of the missing signatures. He said in the area in question, there appears to be a great many absentee land owners and it would appear that many people signed the petition who were not owners at all.

There being no further discussion, a VOTE was taken on the motion to approve the recommendation of the Legislative & Rules Committee that this matter is not properly before the Board. CARRIED, with one abstention. (Mr. Kaplan)

- (5) Concerning proposed amendments to Article 11 of SEWER CODE, by adding Section 57 - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS 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; 3/1/65 and 4/5/65) (Also see Minutes of 5/3/65, page 4318-19) (Originally referred to Legislative and Rules Committee and Public Works Committee - Deferred 4/1/66)

MR. RICH said after lengthy consideration and consultation with the Legislative and Rules Committee of the 8th Board, the Committee has written a proposed amendment to the Sewer Code.

MR. RICH MOVED for approval of the publication^{of} the following proposed amendment to the Sewer Code. Seconded by Mr. Casale and Mr. Bitetto and CARRIED:

AMENDING THE STAMFORD SEWER CODE - CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN CASES WHERE IT WILL OVERTAX AVAILABLE SEWER FACILITIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

The Building Code of the City of Stamford is hereby amended by adding another Section to ARTICLE 11 of the SEWER CODE, as follows:

SECTION 57. The Health Director shall submit to the Commissioner of Public Works, from time to time, a list of streets wherein he has cause to believe that the existing sewer facilities, if any, are insufficient to allow an increase in a particular unit or combination of units, which together reasonably can be expected to overtax the sewer facilities.

The Commissioner of Public Works shall then notify, in writing, the owners of every parcel of land so affected, of such findings, and shall record and file such notice in the office of the Sewer Commissioner. A property owner affected by such findings may, within 60 days, appeal to the Commissioner of Public Works the Health Director's findings.

Thereafter, the Building Inspector may refuse to issue a building permit for any proposed building or renovation with respect to any parcel or parcels so affected for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date that an application shall have been made, in good faith, for such permit. The owner of a parcel of land adversely affected by the Building Inspector's decision to refuse to issue such permit may take an appeal within 15 days from this decision to the Building Board of Appeals. If such decision of the Building Board of Appeals is in favor of the owner's appeal, a permit shall immediately be issued. In the event such decision of the Building Board of Appeals is adverse to such owner, the permit may be withheld for a period not to exceed 12 months from the date of decision of the Building Board of Appeals.

Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the City to construct new sewers in an area where a sewer presently does not exist, nor shall this be construed as requiring the City to alter existing sewer facilities.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MR. BITETTO, Chairman, said a meeting of the Public Works Committee was held in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works and present were the following: Commissioner Ferrara, Deputy Commissioner Canavan and Representatives Dom Mosca, William Buchanan and Joseph Bitetto. Excused were Louis Casale, Steve Kelly, Edward Dombroski and Carmine Longo.

He said letters from the Zoning Board, Representative Thomas Morris, William Buchanan, Paul Kuczo and George Connors were read, but due to the pressure of their progress report on the Cloonan School, these matters were postponed to the next Committee meeting.

He said later in the evening the Committee met with the Chairman of the Health and Protection Committee, Howard Kaplan and Peter Chirimbes, to discuss the report on towing rates during snow emergencies. He said the Committee decided to stay with their original decision as reported at the March Board meeting.

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) -- (To bring in a report at the next Board meeting)

MR. BITETTO said at this time they have set up a meeting with the Mayor and brought forth all of the questions that were put to the Committee by members of this Board and have followed step-by-step a very complete course of action, and have a report which is not quite complete and are awaiting a couple of replies to letters of question. He said if it is in order, his Committee would like to request an extension of time to bring in their report, to next month.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED to recommend that the Board extend one month courtesy to this Committee in order that they may complete the full report and present it at the June Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. KUCZO said he hopes that one of the questions that will be answered is why the City has neglected this building.

THE CHAIRMAN said it appears that in order to answer his question would require Mr. Bitetto to present his report, because that is what his report is all about. He said what Mr. Kuczo is asking for is that Mr. Bitetto give a report and does not think this is fair.

THE CHAIRMAN said he would ask Mr. Kuczo to speak on the motion.

MR. KUCZO said he is speaking on the motion as his question is germane to the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if he is speaking against the motion.

MR. KUCZO said he is asking for information.

MR. RYBNICK said all that Mr. Kuczo is asking is will this information be included in the report next month and thinks he should be allowed to do so.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Kuczo if that is his question, to which he replied "Yes".

MR. BITETTO said he believes his Committee will cover all phases of that and if he would like to, at the time his Committee has their final meeting on this prior to making their report to the Board, that he may be included in their meeting and they would like to have him there, or any other Board member if he wishes to attend.

MR. KUCZO said he has some information for Mr. Bitetto and would like to give it to him.

THE CHAIRMAN asked him to please speak on the motion that is on the floor - to give Mr. Bitetto's committee another month before he comes out with his report. He said if he has information for Mr. Bitetto, he is sure that he can pass it along without doing it on the floor of the Board.

MR. KUCZO said he is still speaking on the motion and wants to pass some information on to Mr. Bitetto's Committee because he thinks it is of concern to the public.

After further discussion, the Chairman declared Mr. Kuczo out of order and asked him to sit down.

MR. KUCZO said he would speak later on.

MR. KAPLAN MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded and CARRIED with one no vote. (Mr. Kuczo)

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion as offered by Mr. Lindstrom to allow Mr. Bitetto's Committee another month. CARRIED with one "no" vote. (Mr. Kuczo)

Re: Alternate side of the street parking during snowstorms

MR. CONNORS asked what happened to the Ordinance that was submitted by Mr. Ferrara concerning the above matter.

MR. BITETTO said during their meeting with Commissioner Ferrara, they went through this and as of the present time, the Corporation Counsel is in the process of checking and putting it into proper form.

HEALTH & PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

MR. KAPLAN presented his committee report. He said a meeting was held on April 27, 1966 and present were: Howard Kaplan, Chairman, Patsy Arruzza, William Caporizzo and Peter Chirimbes.

- (1) 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 - Deferred 4/1/66) (Also referred to Public Works Committee)

MR. CHIRIMBES said he was NOT present at the meeting.

MR. KAPLAN said that Mr. Chirimbes appeared later in the evening and they went over everything that had occurred during the meeting with him.

MR. CAPORIZZO said he did not attend the meeting, either.

MR. KAPLAN said unfortunately they never had the presence of more than two members of his Committee at any one time, as they came and went during the meeting. He said everything that was referred to his Committee was voted upon and discussed with each member of the committee.

MR. KAPLAN said his committee unanimously disagreed with the Public Works Committee insofar as the proposed snow removal Ordinance is concerned. He said they feel that provision should be made for posting of snow removal signs whenever time makes this possible and the Committee also felt that a maximum charge of \$10 should be provided for by law, rather than leaving the matter of fees open.

He said no action was taken on the complaint by Representative Kuczo concerning overcharges, because on April 1, 1966 he was asked to supply the Committee with evidence substantiating his complaint and copies of letters of complaint, but has failed to do so as of this date. He said because of this the Committee could not investigate his charges as there was nothing specific.

- (2) Widening and lights at COLONIAL ROAD and STRAWBERRY HILL (See Minutes of 4/1/66, page 4652)

MR. KAPLAN said the Chief of Police was asked concerning traffic improvements at COLONIAL ROAD and STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE; STILLWATER ROAD and BRIDGE STREET, and STILLWATER ROAD and COLD SPRING ROAD and that he replied that the Colonial Road improvements are under construction and that both Stillwater projects are awaiting State approval in about one week before bids can go out. He said the new signals at LOCKWOOD AVENUE and COVE ROAD will have a contract awarded Thursday.

- (3) Concerning FIRE TRUCK (65 foot Maxim aerial replacement) damaged, and finally replaced by a new one, but not with the same specifications as original truck
(Letter dated 4/18/66 from Thomas Morris and William Caporizzo, 15th District Representatives - See Minutes of 4/6/64, page 3955, item #14)

MR. KAPLAN said the Committee has commenced an investigation concerning an alleged non-compliance with specifications of a new fire truck. He said his Committee did not intend to report this matter out tonight, but he has been informed by Mr. Morris that if no urging is made by the Board that the truck will automatically be accepted without our having an opportunity to properly investigate this and the members of his Committee are presently conducting an investigation into the alleged discrepancies. He said he would urge the applicable City authorities, including the Fire Department, not to accept this truck at this time until there can be made a study by the full Committee and a report to the Board. HE MOVED that this be urged upon the Fire Department - that no approval be given to accept the truck until after an investigation has been completed. Seconded by several members.

MR. BITETTO said he has been informed by the person who handled this matter for the City that this person has not been consulted by anyone other than himself, and the Fire Department and the Board of Public Safety on this item. He said it is highly irregular for any Committee to make a half report on the floor, with the strong allegations that were made. He said when allegations of this sort are made, in the interest of the City, these allegations should be brought forth to the persons involved and not on the floor of this Board. He said he considers this to be of a serious nature and this person is doing his job and has shown proof of what these allegations are about and welcomes anyone to attend a meeting in his office and would be glad to talk to anyone, but as of this time, he has not been contacted by anyone who has made these allegations.

THE CHAIRMAN said inasmuch as this matter was also referred to the Fiscal Committee, did they act on it.

MR. RICH replied that his Committee took no action.

MR. FUSARO said he thinks, in effect, that what Mr. Kaplan is asking is for another month to complete his investigation.

MR. KAPLAN said that is exactly what he is doing and that rather, as Mr. Bitetto stated, making a half report, are making no report at all, until his Committee has had a chance to investigate adequately these very serious charges. He said he considers it to be a very grave matter and two members of his Committee have been specially delegated to make a preliminary investigation and have spoken to him this evening that they have commenced this preliminary investigation. He said they intend to meet with the Fire Department and discuss this matter in great detail before making any report.

MR. LINDSTROM said he takes exception to this report and said he thinks it has been very poorly handled and for a Chairman of a Committee, has done a very poor job and cannot see why any man should be mentioned and discussing this on the floor of this Board until they are finished with their investigation of the matter. He said Mr. Bitetto asked for a 30 days extension before any words were mentioned and thinks that Mr. Kaplan should have done the same thing right from the start.

MR. KAPLAN ROSE ON A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. He said he thinks the language that Mr. Lindstrom used was uncalled for and he greatly resents what he said and thinks it should be retracted. He said his Committee intends to make a serious investigation of these charges and has stated in his report that no conclusions whatsoever concerning this matter have been presented and they have no intention of making a report on this until they have all the facts. He said he considers this action to be very appropriate and not meriting the remarks that Mr. Lindstrom has made.

MR. BITETTO said he would like to say that when Mr. Kaplan comes out with a half report, with no authority except hearsay, that he should come out with some facts and not just things that he hears, and that as a responsible Board member and Committee Chairman, that he should.....

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Bitetto to please confine his remarks to the motion on the floor.

MR. BITETTO said the discussion that is now on the floor is certainly uncalled for.

MR. CONNORS said he did have information on this, but did not bring it with him, but all he can say is that the specifications have been changed and that's all he will say.

THE CHAIRMAN requested Mr. Kaplan to re-state his motion, which he did at this time.

MR. KAPLAN said his motion was that the Committee be given another month to report on this matter, and that in the meantime, the applicable City officials be urged not to accept this truck until we have a chance to discuss the matter further.

MR. CASALE asked what happens if "the applicable City officials, in the meantime, decide to accept this truck?"

THE CHAIRMAN said he would imagine it is accepted.

MR. CASALE asked if that happens, then we would be stuck with something that is "allegedly not up to specification?"

THE CHAIRMAN said he would decline answering that question, as it would take a better legal mind.

MR. LINDSTROM objected, saying this Board does not know what the specifications are.

THE CHAIRMAN asked the members to consider what they are doing very carefully.

MR. MORRIS said he is the one that put in the request and he knows what he is talking about - it went through the Steering Committee at which time he explained it and no one was implicated, nor was there any thought of wrong doing - he just wanted to have the matter looked into and at that time he spelled out what he thought was wrong. He said he sees no reason to blow this up into something big. He said all they wanted was to have this handled properly and there is a problem, because the motor is not what they expected it to be and there are other things that are wrong. He said he did not accuse anyone, but just wants to have the answers.

MR. BITETTO said he agrees with Mr. Morris and mention should not be made of decisions that have not, as yet, been made.

MR. LINDSTROM MOVED THE QUESTION. Seconded.

MR. CHIRIMBES said, being a member of the Health and Protection Committee, would like to clarify matters. He said the letter was sent to them on April 18th and they did not have enough time to come to a conclusion.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on moving the question. CARRIED.

THE CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the motion, which he asked Mr. Kaplan to once again repeat.

VOTE taken on Mr. Kaplan's motion that the Committee be given another month and that the truck not be accepted in the meantime. CARRIED.

- (5) Request for SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON PRESSPRICH STREET (Letter from John Boccuzzi, dated 4/1/66, 2nd District Representative)

MR. KAPLAN said the above matter has been called to the attention of the Chief of Police.

- (6) Request to have TIMING ON TRAFFIC LIGHT AT FAIRFIELD AVENUE and SELLECK STREET CORRECTED - (Requested in letter from John Boccuzzi, 2nd District Representative, dated 4/1/66)

MR. KAPLAN reported that this request has been conveyed to the Traffic Department.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

- (1) Concerning request that the proper Committee, or Committees, of the Board, meet with the Planning and Zoning Boards 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 - (Letter from Booth Hemingway, 19th District Representative, dated 3/21/66 - Deferred 4/1/66)

MR. MORRIS, Chairman, said he spoke to Chairman James Bingham of the Planning Board, and there will have to be several Committees get together on this and whether or not it is feasible, he knows it will be very expensive.

- (2) Concerning proposed resolution - 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)

MR. MORRIS said Mr. Bingham told him that the Community Renewal is having a survey made of the City of Stamford and are going to report sometime in September 1966 and then the Planning Board will probably come up with a new Master Plan.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Request for approval of a five 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 -
(Requested in letter from Edward Connell, Supt. Park Dept., dated 3/4/66 - Deferred 4/1/66)

MR. LINDSTROM said all members of his Committee were polled and all approved the above request. HE MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

MR. JOHN BOCCUZZI said there are a few questions he would like to ask, one being in regard to the five cent ride. He asked if this is for a round trip ride, or is it five cents to get in and another five cents to get out, and are there stops along the route where they will have to pay another nickel; also at what age limit do you have to pay the fare - if a person goes in with three or four children, will they have to pay for each child both ways? He said this seems to be a little high, especially if they do not state at what age a child must pay the fare. He said they tell him this is to control how many ride, but there seems to him there should be some way of controlling the ride after the people get in.

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MR. LINDSTROM, this is going into the mechanics of the matter. He said this Board has approved the appointment of each and every member of the Park Department, so they should have some confidence in those they appoint that they will do a good job. He said it is his feeling that we should leave the administration of this up to the Park Department, because this Board is not concerned with the mechanics of it, and for us to sit here and try and do it, is a very poor way of doing things. He said this is what we appointed the Park Commission to handle.

After considerable further discussion, a VOTE was taken on Mr. Lindstrom's motion. CARRIED, with several "no" votes, with a standing vote being taken (18 being in favor and 15 opposed).

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MR. RYBNICK, Chairman, said he does not have a report, but he does have some communications. He read the following at this time:

April 25, 1966

Mr. Gerald Rybnick
907 Cove Road
Stamford, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. Rybnick:

In accordance with your recent request, may we advise the City negotiating Committee, consisting of Mr. Eugene Gordan, Gerald Kolinsky, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and the writer, are now actively engaged in collective bargaining with the Stamford Police Association, the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO Local 786 and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 1083 - AFL-CIO comprising the custodians and mechanics in the Education System.

We trust this is the information desired.

Very truly yours,

(signed) John F. McCutcheon
Personnel Director

MR. RYBNICK said the above letter was the answer to a request he made, having been approached by various Board members for the information.

MR. RYBNICK said he also has the regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission which he would like to read. He then read the following:

The regular monthly meeting of the Personnel Commission was held Monday, April 18, 1966 in the office of the Personnel Director, 429 Atlantic Street.

Present: John J. Delany, Chairman; John L. De Forest; Charles E. Hoyt; John F. McCutcheon and William Walko.

Others Present: Mrs. Margaret Frieze, Public Health Nurse, Health Department.

Minutes of the last meeting were read as presented and were not unanimously approved, as Commissioner DeForest wished to insert the following amendment regarding the filling of Building Inspector and Zoning Law Enforcement Officer position by stating that at the time he inquired as to the wisdom of having an examination it would be to the best interest of the Commission by so doing.

This amendment was unanimously approved by the Commission. Commissioner DeForest moved, seconded by Commissioner Hoyt. Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted as amended.

Mrs. Frieze presented a verbal outline of her duties to substantiate her request for reclassification. Commissioner Delany asked Mr. McCutcheon as to whether or not a field check of her position was made. Mr. McCutcheon said no check had been made, since this request also represented one from Mrs. Johnson, Public Health Nurse 1, Health Department, who, at the time was ill and he thought it best to wait for her return so that both positions could be checked at one time. The commission therefore deferred action.

Reclassification request from Miss Alicia Panapada, from Administrative Assistant 1 to Administrative Assistant 11 was unanimously deferred, pending a field check to be made by Mr. Walko, with the report to be ready for the next meeting.

The Commission discussed the lateness of William Hynd's dismissal appeal form having reached the Commission April 15th, while he had been advised of a hearing date set for March 28, 1966, to which he showed no acknowledgement. Since Mr. Hynd had been offered the opportunity to present his case and failed to do so, the Commission unanimously voted to uphold the dismissal. Motion by Commissioner DeForest, seconded by Commissioner Delaney.

With reference to a letter (dated 4/15/66) from Welfare Director George Laturney re Social Workers, the Commission unanimously agreed to defer action, pending a field check by Mr. Walko.

A request from John Ballo, Chairman, Hubbard Heights Golf Commission, to increase hourly rates for seasonal employees was unanimously approved by the Commission, and Mr. Ballo was advised that it was incumbent upon him to secure the necessary funds through the usual channels to implement these increases. Motion by Commissioner Hoyt, seconded by Commissioner Delaney.

Commissioner DeForest informed the Commission that mention was made to him by Mr. Lyons re Miss Brown's new classification - Assistant to Controller, S-18. According to Mr. Lyons, Miss Brown is displeased with the new grade S-18 and he suggested she appear before the Commission to discuss her case. Action deferred. Commissioner DeForest questioned her case with the Commission re our policy wherein a request cannot be re-opened before a six-month period. Her original date was January 17, 1966 (approved by Commission) which means six months would be up July 17.

Adjourned 10 p.m.

John F. McCutcheon,
Personnel Director

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

MR. KEGGI, Chairman, said his Committee met on April 20, 1966 at 8 P.M. in the Democratic Caucus Room of the Board of Representatives. Present were: Messrs. Casale, Lockhart, Longo, Murphy and Keggi of the Committee and Messrs. Carey, McCulloch, Rose and Toth of the Commission and Staff. Details of the financing of the Southeast Quadrant were discussed. At the next meeting of the Committee, tentatively scheduled for May 25th, a discussion of the problems of business relocation will be held. Since this aspect of Urban Renewal has been the cause of some discussion on the floor of this Board at previous meetings, all members are urged to attend and ask questions. He said he would be glad to notify all who indicate an interest of the final time and place of the meeting.

He said to date, the Urban Redevelopment Commission has acquired almost one-third (32%) of the properties in the downtown renewal area, at a cost of \$5,315,892. Twenty-one buildings on 15 sites have been demolished and five sites have been made available for temporary parking by the URC. The URC's architectural consultants, Sherwood, Mills & Smith, have designed signs which will be erected shortly, designating the temporary parking areas. One site, at 24 Willow Street, is being made available as a neighborhood playground.

He reported that plans are being prepared by the coordinating engineers, Frederic R. Harris Associates, for the demolition of the Strand Theater Building on Atlantic Square, and approval given to plans for widening of Broad Street between Summer Street and River Street. Planning is going forward on the extension of Broad Street, east to Glenbrook Road, at Clark's Hill.

He said a revised brochure has been prepared for distribution to owners and tenants of commercial buildings, which are to be acquired, providing them with information on the new provisions for assistance in business relocation. Additional relocation assistance payments, totaling \$118,381.00 were made to displaced businesses during the past month. The United House of Prayer moved during the month, from Pacific Street to Canal Street; Jessup's Pharmacy on Main Street closed when the owner retired, and the owner of the Italian-American Poultry Market on Pacific Street, closed his store, because of lack of business.

He said family relocation has relocated 129 households and 81 roomers, to date. Seventy percent of the properties in the Bell-Willow Street area have been acquired. He said this is the area where the first new construction - the 352 unit relocation housing project, sponsored by the Diocese of Bridgeport and St. John's Catholic Church, will be located.

He reported that work is proceeding on the surveying of new street alignments and plans for drainage improvements, and studies are under way to assist in business relocation and in the development of a small Mall and Park in the Park in the Bank Street area.

Landscape architectural consultants were engaged by the Commission during April and a Self-Help Center opened on April 5th at 48 Park Row, serving the Project area residents.

He said the Commission has continued its regular meetings with the Board's Urban Redevelopment Committee, and as previously stated, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25th, and will take up the subject of business relocation.

MR. KEGGI urged, once more, for all Board members to attend, as they are invited.

PETITIONS:

MR. LOCKHART, (D) 2nd District, presented two communications at this time, which were ordered held for the next Steering Committee for proper referral; one was from the residents of Warshaw Place and the other one from Mr. Durso, from the 5th District, being residents and merchants from West Main Street.

RESOLUTIONS:

MR. KUCZO said he had a resolution which he wished to bring up at this time.

MR. NATHANSON asked him if it was in writing. Mr. Kuczo replied it was not. Mr. Nathanson informed him that a resolution must be presented in writing.

MR. RYBNICK MOVED that this Board write a letter to the Mayor, asking that he lift the water conservation for one month. Seconded.

MR. KAPLAN spoke in opposition to the motion, as we do not know what the water situation is.

MR. RYBNICK said he is not urging the Mayor to do this, but is simply asking that a letter be written asking that the ban on water be lifted for one month, and if they see fit that it cannot be lifted for a month, they will let the Board know.

MR. KEGGI spoke in opposition, saying he feels it is very cruel to ask people to invest money in putting in lawns and a lot of labor, just to end up seeing it all wilt come July.

MR. CONNORS said the City has not been very strict on the enforcement, because he knows in many sections of the City they are washing cars. He asked if they are really attempting to enforce this Ordinance.

After considerable further discussion, the CHAIRMAN called for a vote. LOST, by a vote of 15 in favor and 18 opposed.

MR. KUCZO said he now has a resolution and in writing, which he presented to the Chairman who read the following:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that since the City of Stamford has the disposition of Cloonan on its hands, the City of Stamford should extend every effort to make the Old Cloonan School into a recreational institution.

MR. KUCZO MOVED for approval of the above resolution. Seconded by Mr. Connors.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Kuczo if this is not the same matter than is now in the hands of the Public Works Committee. He said he is sure this is part of what is presently before a Committee of this Board.

MR. BITETTO, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said he wants him to know that the Committee is definitely going to bring in a report on this matter at the next Board meeting.

VOTE taken on the resolution as presented by Mr. Kuczo. LOST.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER BOARDS AND INDIVIDUALS:

THE CHAIRMAN presented the following letters, which were ordered held for the next meeting of the Steering Committee for proper referral:

- (1) Letter (dated 4/26/66) from Rev. Donald F. Campbell, First Presbyterian Church, requesting WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE under terms of Building Code (Ordinance #80.6)
- (2) Letter (dated 4/27/66) from Clement L. Raiteri and Sophie K. Nolan, objecting to Master Plan Change on Cold Spring Road of 5 acre parcel, known as the Gumski Property, now in the hands of Fieber & Lampke, builders
- (3) APPEAL from decision of Planning Board on application of Norman A. Fieber and Alvan G. Lampke, filed with Planning Board on April 20, 1966, for a change in the Master Plan, approved by Planning Board on April 5, 1966

MR. RICH, Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, said he has learned from the Administrative Assistant that the above appeal was filed with the Board on Friday, April 29, 1966, which means that the matter must be heard by this Board at the June meeting. He said this being so, his Committee will rule on it this week, as to whether or not it is properly before the Board, and the Planning & Zoning Committee will have to take action within the next few weeks on the matter. He said if anybody on the Board has an interest in this, they are going to have to make their wishes known fairly promptly. He said the Legislative and Rules Committee will rule on it this week and the Planning and Zoning Committee will have to take action within several weeks on the matter.

- (4) Letter (dated April 30, 1966) from The Gravinese Mutual Aid Society of Stamford, consisting of 86 families, rejecting the Mayor's proposal to sell Cloonan Jr. High School, and asking that this school be kept for recreational programs

MR. WALDEN, (D), 3rd District, said he has several other pieces of correspondence which he would like to pass on to Mr. Bitetto, (Chairman of the Public Works Committee) relative to retaining Cloonan School.

- (5) Letter (dated 5/2/66) from Peter Chirimbis (R) 12th District, concerning GENERAL ORDER #986 ISSUED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT, ASKING REGULAR FIREMEN NOT TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

MR. CHIRIMBES read the General Order issued to the Fire Department and issued by Donald Zazima, Chairman, Board of Public Safety. He requested that the Board request a ruling from the Corporation Counsel on the legality of the above Order #986 issued to the Firemen. He said he feels that this order is discriminatory and infringes upon the civil rights of the Stamford Firemen. He said he wrote a letter to this Board (never received) and also to the Mayor some time ago, and has not received an answer from either.

MR. CHIRIMBES said he would like to present the above letter to the Board for their records.

MR. NATHANSON said this will be forwarded to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

- (6) Concerning request from Ralph R. Lockhart, (D) 2nd District Representative, for a letter to be written to Rev. Hamsley of the City Housing Authority

MR. LOCKHART asked what was being done about the above request.

MR. NATHANSON explained that Mr. Russell, the President of the Board, has been in the hospital and perhaps this is the reason the letter was not written. He said he will look into the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Concerning CLOONAN SCHOOL and disposition of same

MR. KUCZO said awhile back, he, Mr. Connors, Mr. Rybnick and Mr. Kelly, charged that this "Blue Ribbon" Committee which was appointed by the Mayor is a "white-wash" Committee and further, that the City is responsible for the neglect of this building. He said he would like at this time to submit to the Board, for custodial care of Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant of the Board, in order that all Board members may see pictures that have been taken of the Cloonan School, showing its dilapidated condition.

MR. NATHANSON informed Mr. Kuczo that he would have to RULE HIM OUT OF ORDER, for the reason that this is not "Old Business" but is currently in the hands of the Public Works Committee and that Committee has it under study at the present time. He said if he wishes to forward the pictures and thence to Mr. Bitetto, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, we will be more than glad to forward the pictures to his Committee.

MR. KUCZO said he is not forwarding these pictures to anyone except to Mrs. Farrell, the Administrative Assistant of this Board.

MR. NATHANSON said that he may do this if he wishes, but he will not allow discussion of this matter while it is in the hands of a Committee that currently has it in that Committee for study. He requested Mr. Kuczo to please sit down.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONCERNING THE DUMPING OF GARBAGE AND DISPOSABLE WASTE AT THE SCOFIELDTOWN DUMP

MR. BROMLEY (R) 20th District, presented the following report on the above matter and requested that it be entered in the Minutes. It follows:

We have a problem in the 20th District - or, perhaps I should say that all of Stamford has a problem. I am referring to the problem of disposable waste and the lack of facilities to handle the dumping of garbage and other waste materials.

The problem in its larger dimensions is one which involves land use. As the population of Stamford increases and the industrial base of the community expands, a progressively greater amount of disposable waste is continually generated. In relation to our existing facilities for waste disposition, we are reaching a critical stage in Stamford. Last week the Incinerator had to be closed down for repairs. Garbage consequently has to be directed to the Scofieldtown Dump.

Twenty or thirty years ago the land use pattern in Stamford was such that an open dump on Scofieldtown Road, although a nuisance, was something that could be borne by the surrounding area. Now, however, with the University of Connecticut branch next door to the dump and much of the surrounding land developed residentially, an open dump is an anachronism. With an ever increasing amount of waste material dumped there, together with the burning, smoke and general stench, the open dump is not only an anachronism, it is a dangerous and clumsy way of dealing with the problem.

The present administration has tried to take measures to cope with the situation. Public Works Commissioner Ferrara had asked for an appropriation this year for two new incinerators.

One would dispose of ordinary waste; the other, oversize burnable waste. If the second incinerator were constructed to handle oversize burnable waste, the Scofieldtown dump could be closed to combustible materials. This would solve the immediate and desperate situation concerning the open dump on Scofieldtown Road. The Planning Board recommended that action on these incinerators be deferred, the second incinerator, until 1970-1971. The Mayor, despite the Planning Board's deferral, requested \$415,000 to start with now, but the Fiscal Board provided only enough, together with a previous appropriation, to turn the Project over to the Engineers to draw up plans.

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Just this morning, Commissioner Ferrara announced new plans for an \$200,000 incinerator, which would enable the City to close the Scofieldtown Dump. Many plans are in the works and all this is to the good. Even so, plans are one thing, and results are another. The best intentions, planning and hard work of the Public Works Commissioner, and the Mayor, often run into trouble in this accomplishment.

This problem of a new incinerator is one of the biggest problems facing Stamford and Stamford, so far, has not faced up to it squarely. Stamford spends millions for schools and other good and necessary projects, but Stamford has lost its sense of perspective. A new incinerator is TOP PRIORITY and should be planned and constructed immediately.

Last fall, on October 30th and 31st, there was a fire at the Scofieldtown Dump. With flames shooting 30 feet into the sky, and the prolonged drought having dried up the surrounding woodland, it was miraculous that the area and homes adjacent to the dump did not catch on fire. I need not emphasize how nerve-wracking it was those nights for the poor people on Hannah's Road, some of whom were making a futile gesture to water down their lawns so that the live sparks which landed would not set their homes on fire.

We are now facing the prospect of another dry summer. Will it require the northern end of Scofieldtown and Hannah's Roads to burn to the ground before there is action? If the construction of an incinerator to burn the oversized burnable waste would removed this hazard from the Scofieldtown dump, then how can this project be deferred until 1970-1971?

I sincerely hope that either this project, or the new incinerator project, announced this morning by Commissioner Ferrara, will be acted upon immediately.

The administration has tried to alleviate the general situation. Commissioner Ferrara only recently closed the Scofieldtown dump to demolition lumber from the Urban Renewal Project. But, stop gaps do not go to the core of the problem - Stamford must make the construction of the new incinerators TOP PRIORITY.

I would, therefore, urge the Mayor, especially in view of the recent incinerator breakdown, and in view of Mr. Ferrara's new plans, to make a request for an emergency appropriation for the immediate construction of whatever incinerator will solve the general problem and, particularly, will make it possible to close down the Scofieldtown dump to combustible materials once and for all.

MR. NATHANSON asked Mr. Bromley if he is requesting this Board to take action on the above. He said all he thinks is that it should be called to the Mayor's attention, which he can either do personally or the Board can.

MR. NATHANSON told Mr. Bromley that a personal note would probably suffice.

Request that Mr. Russell be notified that the Board "misses him"

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MR. ARRUZZA (D) 9th District, suggested that we notify Mr. Russell, the Board President, who has been confined to the hospital and tell him that we miss him.

MRS. CLARKE reminded the members that we are sending a card to Mr. Russell and asked him to put that note on the card from all the Board members.

MR. KEGGI said being a Representative from the 20th District, he would like to go on record as being fully in agreement with Mr. Bromley's statement in regard to the Scofieldtown dump.

Announcement of Special Board meeting to adopt the 1966-1967 Budget

MR. NATHANSON said he wishes to announce that the meeting to adopt the Budget is definitely scheduled for May 9th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion, duly seconded and CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 P.M.

Velma Farrell
Velma Farrell
Administrative Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

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APPROVED:

Benjamin R. Nathanson
Benjamin R. Nathanson, Chairman Pro Tempore

Note: The above meeting was broadcast
over Radio Station WSTC until 11:00 P.M.
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