



Town Council

Town of South Windsor

Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2022
7:00 pm

TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN HALL

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pendleton called the regular meeting to order at 7:00

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members present:

- Mayor Pendleton
- Deputy Mayor Steven King Jr.
- Councilor Erica Evans
- Councilor Jamie Gamble (arrived at 7:10)
- Councilor Koboski
- Councilor Kozikowski
- Councilor Lopez
- Councilor Lydecker
- Councilor Paterna

Others Present:

- Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager
- Vanessa Perry, Assistant Town Manager/ Director of H.R.
- Scott Roberts, Assistant Town Manager/ CIO/ Emergency Mgmt.

4. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Pendleton presented Fire Chief Kevin Cooney with a Proclamation for "Business Person of the Year". The Mayor begins by recognizing the chiefs' wife along with the rest of his family for the sacrifices they make. Chief Cooney thanks the Fire Department for their hard work and dedication to the Town of South Windsor.

5. Adoption of Agenda

- Councilor Koboski made a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.
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- Deputy Mayor King made a motion to suspend the rules to adopt the October 17, 2022 agenda, add item #13 J, a discussion about the addition of two portables to Philip R. Smith Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lydecker, the motion carries with a unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**
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- Councilor Paterna made a motion to suspend the rules and move agenda item #13-J to immediately follow public input. The motion was seconded by Councilor Koboski, **MOTION CARRIES** with a unanimous voice vote.
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- Councilor Evans makes a motion to add the word “none” following item #17 Executive Session, Councilor Paterna seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIES.**
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- Councilor Kozikowski seconded the corrected version of the agenda. The **MOTION CARRIES** by a unanimous vote.

6. Communications and Reports from the Town Manager

Town Manager. Michael Maniscalco reports that as the end of the first quarter is approaching, the Finance Department has put together a forecast of where the expenditures are estimated to end. Due to inflation and the increase of cost, the expense will be very close to the original budget. As winter approaches, being that it is the most expensive part of the year, they have begun taking measures to minimize spending. In the past week Mr. Maniscalco has met with each department head to review budgets. Mr. Maniscalco emphasizes that it is not an issue of revenue, collection rates are up and grants have been received along with other forms of revenue. Some of which have exceeded their previous estimates. This is an authorized expenditure issue, which is being addressed.

The Town Hall parking lot project is scheduled to start October 24. There will be some temporary changes in traffic patterns and parking alterations.

The Police Department women’s locker room project has begun, third phase of demo has started, being on time and on budget.

The COVID Memorial is waiting on final touches, opening date to come.

Parks and Recreation will be hosting a grand opening event on October 24, 2022 to celebrate the new Pickle Ball courts.

Mr. Maniscalco also highlights the first responders that have been working diligently to address some emergencies over the past few weeks.

7. Public Input for Items on the Agenda

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13. New Business

Deputy Mayor King

J Discussion of the addition of two Portables to be added to Philip R. Smith (Craig Zimmerman from the Board of Education to be present)

Mr. Zimmerman thanks the council for the opportunity to speak, then welcomes Chris Chemerka. Mayor Pendleton asks that there be a brief history and background as to why there is a need for two additional portables.

Ms. Chemerka goes on to explain that construction of the school is to be built for the largest enrollment projection of an 8-year period. When Philip R. Smith was under construction the 8-year projection in 2017 was a capacity of 399 students. During the time of construction and after enrollment, the number of students at PRS had increased. Even though the school did include additional classrooms that were not a part of the original construction plan, they need more space. The next highest projection for this building is in the school year 2025-2026, which estimates 505 students.

In the meantime, PRS has been using their given resources to accommodate the need for extra space. However, it is still not enough. The school Capital Project for the High School has a remaining capital of almost \$750,000. At the last Capital meeting, the Board of Education asked if they could close that project. Meaning those funds then would go back to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. These funds would then be moved back to the Capital Fund to be used for the additional portables. The matter is brought to the attention of the Town Council for a public hearing to get the funds moving again.

Councilor Gamble goes on to ask how many portables are now included in the planning for all of the elementary schools. How are the projections expected to carry on through the years as the students phase into different schools?

Just at Pleasant Valley there are 8 portables, and an additional 6 portables at the Old Orchard Hill building. At this time, they are not anticipating the need to move said portables. The Board of Education is not expecting to see these same enrollment projections when the students move on to the middle school. Right now, the Board of Education is also looking to expand the middle school cafeteria. The need for more space does not currently present an issue for the high school. Moving forward Wapping School will be used as an annex building to house more classrooms for the high school.

Deputy Mayor King asks Ms. Chemerka to clarify if Philip R. Smith was projected to enroll 426 students, why was the building made to hold 390 students? During the time of construction project, the building was only designed and allowed for the highest enrollment in an 8-year projection. The original projection was done in 2017, at which the highest projection was 399 students. Therefore, they were only permitted to build a school to accommodate 399 students.

Deputy Mayor King asks if there is a way to ensure that the extra portables do not end up outside of Pleasant Valley as they are not visually appealing.

As of right now, even though the projections did predict that there was a significant rise in student enrollment the Board of Education is expecting the numbers to plateau.

Councilor Evans asks what is going to happen to the portables that are already in place. Majority of the portables that are in place are very old and no longer suitable or able to sustain a classroom. The high costs of portables are related to relocating the portables, not obtaining them.

Councilor Kozikowski asks what the life expectancy of the portables are. Ms. Chemerka estimates that the portables have a 9-year life. However, with maintenance and proper care they could last longer. Some portables at Old Orchard Hill are over 20 years old. If the portables are no longer needed, the Board of Ed. has considered leasing them.

Overall, the costs of the portables would be much more economic versus building additional classrooms.

8. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Councilor Lopez made a motion for the following:

Approval of October 3, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of October 3, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Paterna, which passes with a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Mayor Pendleton, Deputy Mayor King, Councilors Evans, Koboski, Paterna, Kozikowski, and Gamble). 0 nays, and 2 abstentions (Councilors Lopez and Lydecker). **MOTION CARRIES.**

9. **Communication from Liaisons, Officers, and Boards Directly Responsible to Council**

Councilor Evans reports on the Parks and Recs Commission. They plan to look at the master plan and make updates, also to send out surveys asking the members of the community what they would like incorporated in the Parks and Recs Department.

Councilor Koboski reports from the Public Building Commission. As of this moment the Pleasant Valley School is currently the correct size for the enrollment projects as they stand. This is after the building of a new classroom, with plans to support a possible second classroom above it, need be. There are some obstacles with erosion due to the rain fall, those issues have been addressed to combat future rain.

Councilor Kozikowski, reports the Planning and Zoning had a special meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2022. They held interviews for consulting firms that are willing to work with the Town to draft the newest update of the plan for conservation development. The Planning and Zoning Commission plans to have an executive session for the week of October 25, 2022 to deliberate and possibly decide on a consultant.

Mr. Maniscalco follows up, the issue with the Pleasant Valley site. The water table is high in this area. There have been a number of “springs” in areas that contain drainage. There is not as much capacity to collect the storm water. As a result, they brought in some specialists to make some premeditative efforts to ensure what water is on site, remains on site. The drainage structure happens in phases, this phase is not large enough to hold the capacity of what the site is developing. Once the project is complete, based on plans, it should be able to hold the capacity making for more permanent solutions.

10. **Reports from Committees**

Councilor Paterna reports on the Energy Committee. He notes that the committee is looking into electric vehicle charging stations. It is his belief that by the next virtual meeting on January 23, 2023 South Windsor will be the first town in the state to have all town buildings including schools, use electricity generated by renewable energy sources. There will be a new member appointed to the committee, there are still two vacancies that need to be filled.

Public Meetings are the time and place at which the Town Council conducts official business of the Town. The Council reserves the time and invites the public to be heard during **Public Input** of each Public Meeting, as follows:

Item #7: Public Input on Agenda Items Only

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Item #15: Second Public Input - on any matter over which the Council has Jurisdiction

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11. Consent Agenda

[All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.]

A. First Reading

Councilor Gamble made a motion to approve the following resolution:

Motion to approve items 11.A 1 through 11.A 3 as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda

Councilor Gamble made a motion to approve items 11.A 1 through 11.A 3 as a First Reading on the Consent Agenda, the motion was seconded by Councilor Kozikowski.
MOTION CARRIES.

1) Resolution appointing Kathy Daugherty (R) as a member of the Public Building Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby appoints Kathy Daugherty (R) as a member of the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2024, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

2) Resolution appointing Stephanie Dexter (R) as a member of the Blighted Properties Appeals Board and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby appoints Stephanie Dexter (R) as a member of the Public Building Commission for a term ending November 30, 2024, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

3) Resolution appointing James Mitchell (R) as a member of the Economic Development Commission and Postponing Consideration of this Motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor hereby appoints James Mitchell (R) as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a term ending November 30, 2025, and postpones consideration of this motion until the Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

B. Second Reading

None

C. Miscellaneous

None

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

Councilor Lopez made a motion for the following resolution:

A. Resolution Approving a Refund of Taxes to twenty-four (24) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$12,780.44

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a refund of taxes to twenty-four (24) South Windsor Taxpayers, the total of said refunds being \$12,780.44 and as more fully described on attached **Exhibit A**.

Councilor Evans seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

Councilor Evans made a motion for the following resolution:

B. Review Resolution Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes Referring Proposed Improvements to Nevers Park for the addition of a Splash Pad to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission

WHEREAS, any plan to improve park lands owned by the Town must first be submitted to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby refers the proposed improvements of Nevers Park for the addition of a Splash Pad to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Mr. Maniscalco goes on to explain that in order to get the project moving forward it is necessary to address the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review. Later, the review is issued into a report. The commission is looking to see if changes were done in accordance with the Plan of Conservation Development. Without the review, work on the Splash Pad will be suspended. Only after plans are made and then later approved by Planning and Zoning, the work can continue.

Councilor Lydecker seconded the motion, all council members unanimously vote to pass the motion. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Councilor Kozikowski made a motion for the following resolution:

C. Resolution Authorizing Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to Enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2022 and per PA 22-118, the Town of South Windsor has been awarded \$100,000 in ARPA funds granted by DEEP to fund a South Windsor Riverfront Linear Park Study and Planning; and

WHEREAS, these funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to conduct a feasibility study on creating a new Linear Park that begins at 220 Scantic Road and ends at the current Vibert Road Linear Park to allow for residents to park their car and put a canoe or kayak into the Scantic River, allowing people to paddle to the Connecticut River and exit at the Vibert Road Linear Park; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of South Windsor may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for a grant of \$100,000 for the South Windsor Riverfront Linear Park Study and Planning at 220 Scantic Road and the Vibert Road Linear Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby authorizes Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager, to sign, execute, and deliver any and all agreements and documents necessary on behalf of the Town of South Windsor and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Councilor Evans seconded the motion which was passed by a unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

In accordance with the State of Connecticut, a study must be conducted. A grant process will follow the study.

Councilor Lydecker made a motion for the following resolution:

D. Resolution Accepting the Old Orchard Hill School to temporarily house the Parks and Recreation Department and formally start the process of moving the Parks and Recreation Department to Old Orchard Hill and pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes referring said plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review

WHEREAS, the Town had leased Wapping School from the Board of Education to house Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education needs Wapping School to house an increase in students at the High School; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an immediate need to temporarily relocate the Parks and Recreation and Facilities Department to the Old Orchard Hill School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes changes in use of a municipal facility require a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and a report; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves the Old Orchard Hill School to temporarily house the Parks and Recreation and Facilities Department and formally begin the process of relocating both departments to the Old Orchard Hill School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council directs Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, to submit a request to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Councilor Evans seconded the motion.

Councilor Paterna addresses concerns of the timeline. The Parks and Rec Department needs to start moving to accommodate the Board of Ed.

Councilor Kozikowski made a motion to amend the resolution, requesting that the Planning and Zoning Commission submit an 8-24 review before the council votes to approve the resolution. Following the review from the Planning and Zoning Commission, the council can then vote on a resolution to move the Parks and Recreation Department to Old Orchard Hill.

Mayor Pendleton requests the meeting be suspended in order to call the public hearing. Councilor Kozikowski withdraws his motion until the meeting is resumed after the public hearing.

The public hearing begins at 8:00pm. Only one person from the public gets up to speak about the portables at Philip R. Smith. Alan Cavagnaro of 83 Pine Knob Drive describes his experience at PRS, having classes in the portables. He is for the addition of the portables as he believes it did not detract from the education he received during his time at the elementary school.

There is a straw vote 3-0, three members of the public vote in favor of the portables at Philip R. Smith, none opposed. The public hearing ends at 8:02pm.

Councilor Lydecker asks the Town Manager if he can clarify the time constraint for this project. Mr. Maniscalco answers that there is still a considerable amount of work to be done including; internet, removal and replacement of equipment to name a few. The facilities department would be moving their own equipment, which would have to be planned around their schedules. In all there are many moving parts to make this come

together. There is \$200,000 in capital that has been set aside to help with the move, however he estimates that there will be additional costs.

Councilor Kozikowski asks Mr. Maniscalco to clarify the relationship between the town and the BOE in terms of the school buildings. It is the responsibility of the BOE to maintain to schools and the programs that are hosted at the schools. When the school building is released and no longer needed to be used as a school building, it is returned to the town. Planning and Zoning would be changing the use of the building for Parks and Recs.

For the sake of being thorough and learning from past mistakes Mr. Maniscalco does say that it is important for the 8-24 review to be done. There have been instances in the past where a review was not done and it caused legal issues.

Councilor Kozikowski made a motion to separate the resolution. First, receiving an 8-24 review from the Planning and Zoning Commission. At a later date, the council can vote on a resolution moving the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilor Paterna stressed his concern for the time line. He went on to add the amendment to prepare to relocate to Old Orchard Hill.

Mr. Maniscalco addresses the council. If the 8-24 review comes back from Planning and Zoning negative, that will then pose an issue for the relocation and housing of the Parks and Rec Department. A project of this size would ideally take more time, however that is not the case that has been presented to the council.

Councilor Kozikowski accepts Councilor Paterna's amendment to the resolution.

Councilor Gamble seconded the amended resolution in item 13 D, which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

The revised resolution is as follows:

Resolution referring the Old Orchard Hill School to temporarily house the Parks and Recreation Department pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes referring said plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review

WHEREAS, the Town had leased Wapping School from the Board of Education to house Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education needs Wapping School to house an increase in students at the High School; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an immediate need to temporarily relocate the Parks and Recreation and Facilities Department to the Old Orchard Hill School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes changes in use of a municipal facility require a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and a report;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council directs Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, to submit a request to the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Councilor Gamble made a motion for the following resolution:

E. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Stephanie Weintraub (R) from the Agricultural Commission effective October 6, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Stephanie Weintraub (R) from the Agricultural Commission effective October 6, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Stephanie Weintraub (R) for the time she has dedicated to serving her community by her membership on the Agricultural Commission.

Councilor Kozikowski seconded the motion, which passes by a unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

Councilor Gamble made a motion for the following resolution:

F. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Stephanie Weintraub (R) from the Human Relations Commission effective October 6, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Stephanie Weintraub (R) from the Human Relations Commission effective October 6, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council extends its thanks to Stephanie Weintraub (R) for the time she has dedicated to serving her community by her membership on the Human Relations Commission.

Councilor Koboski seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

Councilor Paterna made a motion for the following resolution:

G. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Athena Loukellis from the Energy Committee effective June 13, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Athena Loukellis from the Energy Committee effective June 13, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council would like to thank Athena Loukellis for the time she has dedicated to serving her community while on the Energy Committee.

Councilor Paterna extends his thanks to Athena, she was a part of the Energy Committee for 8 years and contributed valuable time and effort.

Councilor Evans seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

Councilor Evans made a motion for the following resolution:

H. Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Mary Justine Hockenberry from the Human Relations Committee effective September 9, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Mary Justine Hockenberry from the Human Relations Committee effective September 9, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council would like to thank Mary Justine Hockenberry for her dedication to serving the community while on the Human Relations Committee.

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor King and passes with a unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Mayor Pendleton made a motion for the following resolution:

I. Resolution Accepting the Mayoral Appointment of Steve Lewis as a member the Energy Committee to fill the unexpired term of Athena Loukellis.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of South Windsor hereby appoints Steve Lewis as a member of the Energy Committee to fill the unexpired term of Athena Loukellis.

Councilor Gamble invites Steve Lewis to share a few words. Mr. Lewis is very excited to serve on the Energy Committee. He has been a resident of South Windsor for 20 years and previously served as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Lewis spends a lot of his time as a scout leader, outside of his professional work in the insurance industry. He is very interested in energy efficiency and energy policy. In his personal life he has changed over to solar power, electric vehicles, and heat pumps. Mr. Lewis is also a member of the Sierra Club of Connecticut, serving on the Legislative Committee.

Councilor Paterna seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

14. Passage of Ordinance

Deputy Mayor King:

Resolution Adopting amendments to the Health Department Ordinance #218, Chapter 50, Articles 5-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Windsor Town Council hereby adopts an Amendment to Ordinance #218, Chapter 50, Articles 5-10 as shown in the attached **Exhibit B**.

Councilor Kozikowski went on to thank the Town Manager and the Health Department staff for presenting the council with these amendments. Councilor Kozikowski seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

15. Public Input for Any Matter

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The Mayor opens the floor to anyone that would like to come forward and address the council. Craig Zimmerman of 5 Amato Drive makes a few points. The first point he makes is that the student population estimates that are included in Dr. Carters presentation are available online. The program currently housed at Eli Terry will be moved to Pleasant Valley is addressing a problem at Eli Terry. He also clarifies that the location of the splash pad has not yet been disclosed.

Alan Cavagnaro of 83 Pine Knob Drive asks about the status of the drafting language for the Fair Rent Commission. He has inquired to several different people on the matter. Mr. Cavagnaro was part of the Housing Committee when this was under way. In the past, Councilor Kozikowski mentioned that it could be a Housing and Fair Rent Commission, there may be some overlapping with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Lewis comes forward to speak about his support for the study that is set to be done on the Scantic River Boat Launch and Linear Park. As a scout leader, it would provide more opportunity for his troop and it would be a great asset to the Town of South Windsor.

Dan Edwards of 131 Hilton Drive commends Councilors Lydecker and Kozikowski for being thorough and breaking down the resolution for the Parks and Recreation Department to move to Orchard Hill.

16. Communications from the Council

Town Manager Mr. Maniscalco explains that the splash pad is set to be placed next to the Boundless Playground.

17. Executive Session

(Please invite Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco, Assistant Town Manager, Mrs. Perry and Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Roberts and any other appropriate personnel deemed necessary).

None

18. Adjournment

Councilor Lydecker makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Paterna seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Meeting adjourns at 8:43pm.