

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Ludwick in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Councilors Bosco, Cressotti, Deni, Kiner, Ludwick, Muller, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Councilors Cekala and Davis were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes and Director of Finance, John Wilcox

Chairman Ludwick read the notice of Public Hearing, which was published in the Hartford Courant on Friday, May 24, 2019.

**TOWN OF ENFIELD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall, Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.

Chairman Ludwick announced the ground rules for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Bromson explained why the Town of Enfield has this rate structure. He stated the Town had several significant violations under DEEP, which could have resulted in fines of up to \$50,000 per day if the Town did not address those violations. He noted that is why the Town went to a referendum to have the new plant built, and it's now under construction and should be completed in October of 2020. He stated the Town adopted a rate program, which is comprised of two parts with one being a monthly base charge and the other a volumetric charge.

He stated the operating cost last year was \$4.3 million; the capital for this year is \$1.1 million, which is a drop from \$1.8 million last year. He noted the reason for this is that there's really \$500,000 additional that will be for road construction when new sewer lines are done, however, that can be deferred until the next budget.

Mr. Bromson stated the total cost of the upgrade is \$36 million dollars. The Clean Water Fund provided a very favorable loan at 2%, and that is \$23,169,235. The Town received an outright grant from the federal Clean Water Fund for doing this upgrade, which amounts to around \$6.5

million dollars. The State's contribution is \$2.5 million dollars, and that will be received shortly. The bond balance is about \$4.6 million dollars.

Mr. Bromson stated the repayment for the 20-year loan from the Clean Water Fund will start in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. He noted with principle and interest, the payment will be \$1.6 million dollars per year. He noted also in Fiscal Year 2021, the Town will begin repaying the bonded amount of \$4,672,206. The beginning principle and interest for the first year will be approximately \$327,000.

He stated in the past when they had co-mingled funds, the Town borrowed \$3.5 million dollars from the General Fund, and the Town has been paying that back and they still owe \$850,000.

Mr. Bromson stated the proposed rate will generate \$6.9 million dollars per year, and the future need by 2023 with those repayments in place will require \$8 million dollars per year to meet all their obligations. He pointed out this does not include the \$500,000 from the Novak Report for additional personnel. He noted they're in the process of hiring a new Superintendent for Water Pollution Control, and that Superintendent will review the Novak recommendations to learn exactly what personnel is needed to run and maintain the plant.

He stated the 2019 base rate recommended by Woodard & Curran was \$30 per quarter, and the volumetric was \$3.49 for lower gallonage and higher gallonage would go to \$5.24. He noted last year \$21.00 per quarter was adopted, which was \$9.00 less than the recommendation, and the volumetric adopted was \$3.43 and \$5.13. He noted the 2020 rate recommendation by Woodard & Curran was to go to \$36.00 per quarter for the base rate and the volumetric was \$3.60 and \$5.39 respectively. He stated the recommendation now is not to go that high, but rather go with the 2019 initial recommendation, which is \$30 per quarter for the base rate and \$3.49 and \$5.24 for the volumetric rate. He stated for the average household this results in an increase of \$41 per year, or \$10.28 per quarter.

Mr. Bromson referred to a chart that shows the rates in other towns and noted Enfield's current rate shows Enfield is just below the lowest rates of Manchester, New Britain and Somers. He noted with the proposed rate, the increase for 2020 puts Enfield in the top quarter.

He stated going forward, they can't change the funding needs. He noted if they go with the current system, they can continue to follow the recommendation of Woodard & Curran, add to the base rate and volumetric rate over time, or they could go with a flat rate, which would amount to approximately \$360 per year, however, that is no consideration for usage, and there were real equitable concerns about a flat rate.

Chairman Ludwick then invited comments from the public.

Johanne Dion, 23 Walnut Street

Stated she has owned a duplex at 23 Walnut Street for 15 years. She noted she's against paying this usage for other people. She stated this is a big problem because if an apartment is rented for three people and six people move in and they're already on the State, the landlord must pay for more usage. She feels this is wrong, and she feels this is socialism in the town of Enfield. She noted a lot of property owners feel this way. She stated property owners aren't even aware of these meetings. She noted people are leaving Enfield due to taxes.

Karen LaPlante, 166 North Maple Street

Stated in the minutes of the January 22nd meeting, Mr. Bromson stated they're going to address the budget of Water Pollution Control now that it's been separated out and they have separate charges, and during the budget session, there will be a separate budget report for the Water Pollution Control with actual budget deliberations before they do the Town budget so that things are transparent, and they can really look at all the numbers. She stated she was a little disappointed that no meetings discussed budget items.

Ms. LaPlante stated she heard the collection rate improved, therefore, the Town should have gotten more money than what was expected in this fiscal year.

She noted it's being said that the projected revenues are \$7.2 million dollars, which is shown on Page 74 of the annual budget, but it was just mentioned that \$5,490,000 is going to be spent. She questioned what happens to the collected excess revenue of \$1.75 million dollars.

Ms. LaPlante stated it's harder to tell how much extra was brought in for this fiscal year. She referred to Hazardville Water's revenue for the calendar year and noted they sold 7 million gallons more than the previous year, therefore, Enfield should get revenue in the sewer collections of an additional 7 million gallons times the cheapest rate, and this results in an additional \$24,000 in revenue.

She referred to the \$250,000 per year payback of the \$3.4 million borrowed from the Town and noted this is not shown anywhere in the budget. She questioned where this is shown as a payback. She added she can't find where that's included in the \$5.49 million.

Ms. LaPlante stated if the budget decreased by 10.7%, she questions why the rates are being raised because that means they'll have an extra 10.7% plus the increase in extra revenue than they really need, therefore, that means they'll have an even higher surplus than they've actually budgeted for.

She stated the revised budget of 2019 showed revenues of \$6.34 million, which shows at the current rates is still \$944,000 over what they're looking for this year. She feels they need to be more inquisitive as to where this money is going.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Referred to the \$2.5 million-dollar loan that the WPC struggles to pay back to the Town and questioned whether there's any way the balance can be considered as seed money to eliminate the debt and burden from the WPC and sewer bill. He noted he raised this question before.

Mr. Young stated when the Town decides to raise revenue of \$7.2 million dollars, what is the breakout between the ready-to-serve charge and the usage charge to get the total revenue. He noted he can't figure out how many customers are being billed.

He agreed with Karen LaPlante about the effort to raise \$7.2 million dollars and they only have \$5.1 million in expenditures. He questioned if this is because they're not putting down the capital expenditures in one of the sections.

Mr. Young stated before they changed to this new way of collecting revenue in 2014, they use to pay about one mill in the regular tax rate, which amounts to about \$170 per year on a \$200,000 valued home. He noted it will now be about \$360 per year, and that bumps it up to \$2 million dollars. He stated his belief the taxpayers already paid off the loan that was advanced to Water Pollution Control, therefore, couldn't they get rid of that loan and reduce the burden to the taxpayers.

John Porcello, 30 Monroe Road

Stated he was shocked when he received his sewer use bill. He noted all the estimates are based on a 5/8" meter. He pointed out all the Birdland homes and Starr homes built in the 1960's have 3/4" meters. He noted they need to take that \$30 usage bill and make it \$45, which amounts to \$180 for him. He stated he went from a \$16.00 bill to a \$48.00 bill, which is a 65% increase. He noted he does not use a lot of water. He noted the study had nothing to do with the base rate and definitely not the meter sizes.

Christine Criscitelli, 57 First Avenue

Questioned how the Town arrived at what they are charging her. She questioned if it's fair that she, as a single person living two weeks per month in her home, is charged the same rate. She noted the Town does not monitor her water usage. She questioned how the Town can charge someone when they're not monitoring their water usage. She feels this is not fair, and this should be looked at. She went on to note that there should be a better way to come up with a figure for people who have wells. She noted she can't afford to live in Enfield anymore, and she's looking at selling her home.

Ms. Criscitelli stated she understands things must be fixed. She questioned why the Town isn't maintaining things, i.e., JFK and Fermi are examples of this. She went on to note St. James Avenue is being torn up, and she questioned why the Town doesn't coordinate with utility companies when road projects are being done.

James Morris, 69 Elm Street

Stated his belief the Town Council does a great job.

Mr. Morris referred to comments from the previous speaker and stated it appears things aren't planned out to its completion. He noted newly paved roads are falling apart the following year due to the water company doing its work.

He referred to the sewer use fee, which started low, but now it's become a bill. He noted a landlord is responsible for anyone who lives on their property, whether that tenant pays their bills or not. He stated the Town will go after the landlord, instead of the person that actually generated the bill.

Mr. Morris stated the Town needs to start looking out for the taxpayers.

As no others wished to speak, Chairman Ludwick closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 3, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Deni

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were Councilors Bosco, Cressotti, Deni, Kiner, Ludwick, Muller, Sferrazza, Szewczak, and Unghire. Councilors Cekala and Davis were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Attorney, Maria Elsdon; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes; Acting Director of Social Services, Damian Humphrey; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; Director of Development Services, Laurie Whitten; Deputy Director of Economic Development, Nelson Tereso; Director of Human Resources, Steve Bielenda

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5043 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Muller to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2019 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5043** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Szewczak abstaining.

MOTION #5044 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5044** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Bosco abstaining.

MOTION #5045 by Councilor Unghire, seconded by Councilor Muller to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5045** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Bosco abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Cox Communications – Sandra Zukowski

Mr. Bromson stated at the last meeting there was a resolution and presentation by a group that will be doing public service announcements. He noted the Town staff visited Cox Communications to see what they had to offer and learned they had great resources.

Ms. Zukowski spoke about the public access offered by Cox Communications. She noted Cox runs everything with volunteers, and they provide free training and free use of their studio and equipment to do any kind of public television shows. She stated anyone in Enfield is eligible to take workshops with Cox and produce their own show or existing shows. She noted shows can include things such as tourism and town events.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Recognized the Greater Enfield Golf League, which is one of the longest, continuous running golf leagues in the country. He noted it started its 56th consecutive year of play this year. He stated this is a group of 108 individuals who play on 12 business or club-sponsored teams. He noted members of these teams range in age 20 to 80 plus and play nine holes of golf each Thursday evening. He stated a couple teams have openings, and he encouraged anyone to consider joining.

Mr. Young requested an update on the Roads 2015 project. He noted he has not seen any work started on St. James Avenue. He questioned who the contractor is and when they will start work. He questioned if the area near 30 St. James Avenue has been looked at concerning the constant road water problem, and if so, what was the conclusion. He questioned if this is a Connecticut Water Company problem or a Town problem.

He questioned will the Finance Department summarize expenses by category before the final approved budget is published in September.

Mr. Young stated his understanding there will be an opportunity to speak on June 12, 2019 regarding the roadway reconfiguration on Route 5 between Grant Street and University Place. He questioned if more information can be provided tonight as to whether this is already a done deal and are people only there to learn about the project and will there be a discussion about safety when passing school buses. He noted he sees a long stretch of one-way Route 5 highway where buses make frequent stops to allow students to embark and disembark buses. He questioned whether people must register in advance to speak.

Jack Sheridan, 7 Buchanan Road

Stated he understands why people are frustrated about sewer use bills. He noted most Enfield taxpayers must live within a budget, but it seems the Town doesn't seem to realize that. Mr. Sheridan pointed out State grants are not free money, but rather that money comes from taxpayers. He noted the State wants tolls because the State has given out more money in grants than they can afford. He spoke about the grant money for the JFK Middle School project when that project could have been done for \$16 million dollars. He noted everyone would be better off without grants, because that would force people to live within their means.

He noted the sewer use fee is still a tax, and it's very frustrating to see these costs continually increasing.

Mr. Sheridan stated he still has not seen the hot patch machine being used.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Bosco referred to comments about the JFK Middle School not being maintained and noted unlike today, past Boards of Education didn't spend money on repairs.

He stated sewer rates were based on average usage.

Councilor Bosco stated the Town has been working hand-in-hand with utility companies encouraging them to do their repairs before the roads are paved, however, the Town cannot force utility companies to do this. He acknowledged that a brand-new road may be negatively impacted when the water company must repair a broken water main.

He stated the Town does not use the hot patch machine in summer months, but they do use it during the winter.

Councilor Bosco stated his belief the Town shouldn't be using meter size as concerns the sewer use fee, but ultimately they need a certain amount of money and it's all a balancing act.

He stated the curb has all washed out again in the area of Abbe and Monroe Roads. He noted he learned the road leading into the Thompsonville Cemetery is in bad condition, and this is a Town road. He stated the Town fixed the catch basin at 2 Ann Street, but it's all eroded again. He requested these areas be looked at.

Councilor Deni requested the Public Works Director provide information on road work, and Mr. Bromson stated Mr. Nunes will be giving a presentation on the Roads 2020 project at the August meeting.

Councilor Deni stated St. James Avenue will be done this year. He noted the water problem in this area is a water company issue.

Councilor Deni stated Pine Grove has a brand-new street, and as soon as they paved it, a gas leak occurred a week later, and Eversource dug up that street. He noted these kinds of things are unavoidable.

MOTION #5046 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 B-2 to B-4, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O and P.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5046** adopted 9-0-0.

Councilor Szewczak stated on Sunday, the Hazardville Institute is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and there will be a presentation at the Holy Trinity Church at 5:30. She noted they will be doing tours at the Institute from 3:00 to 5:00. She noted the Hazardville Institute is the historic anchor of the Hazardville Village.

Councilor Cressotti stated Councilor Davis is not present this evening because her daughter is receiving a state award as a scholar leader, which is put on by the Connecticut Association of Schools. He noted her daughter, Betsy Davis, and Madeline Bouchard from JFK Middle School are being recognized this evening for being scholar leaders from that school.

He stated the Connecticut State Special Olympics Summer Games Torch Run will be happening soon, and those state games will be held at Southern Connecticut State University this weekend. He noted the Enfield Stars Team will be competing in swimming, soccer and track.

Councilor Cressotti stated some residents brought to his attention the matter of the recent Memorial Day Parade and how the division line-ups have been taking place in people's front yards, and one portable toilet was set up in someone's front yard. He stated his understanding this won't happen again.

He stated there's a pothole at the intersection of Pearl Street and Orchard Hill. He requested DPW look at this area.

Councilor Cressotti stated the Senior Home Repairs Program is still accepting applications. He noted appointments can be made through Social Services.

Councilor Kiner thanked Mr. Bromson for addressing the clean-up of the garage at the corner of Route 190 and Broadbrook Road. He noted the property owners did clean up this area.

He stated he received calls from senior citizens, who said it was very difficult for them to get their tipper barrels down to the street and back again. He noted Mr. Nunes informed him there's a program through Social Services that helps these people when they need this help.

Chairman Ludwick suggested there be a breakout between the sewer usage fee and the base fee. He noted on April 15th, Mr. Bromson addressed Water Pollution Control along with the budget. He noted there was a press release and meetings concerning this topic.

He congratulated the Enfield High School baseball team for making it to the third round of the baseball tournament. He noted the softball team and Boys' volleyball team made it to the tournament as well.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson referred to Councilor Kiner's comments about senior citizens having difficulty with moving tipper barrels and noted this was identified as a need for some elderly residents for assistance with their tipper barrels. He noted this was to be put on the Town's website, and this is a great resource for people who need this assistance.

Mr. Bromson stated concerns about parades will be shared with parade organizers.

As concerns the sewer use fee, Mr. Bromson stated it would be beneficial for people with questions on the entire sewer use matter to go to the October presentation with Woodard & Curran and there are minutes for every Council meeting, Public Hearing and every subcommittee where this topic was discussed.

Mr. Bromson stated there's no perfect solution concerning the sewer use fee. He noted while they try to be fair and equitable to one group, there's always going to be someone else effected differently. He stated there's no way that one size fits all in these types of matters. He acknowledged the Council struggled with this as to whether it's a flat fee or a usage fee, and base rates. He noted the Council tried to make this as equitable as possible based on the input from the consultants. He stated it can always be adjusted in the future.

He stated they have looked at the issue of forgiving the loan that's owed the Town, but it's not workable because they have to then expend all of their Fund Balance first before they do that, and that's not something they want to do. He noted when they looked at the capital, it was reduced by a half million. He stated that \$500,000 they did not put in has to be spent because they must have new sewer lines. He noted all the pump stations at the cost of millions of dollars, which weren't in the referendum and aren't in the upgrade, must be funded.

Mr. Bromson stated the Town is involved in a lot of projects, and they do things well, i.e., the Water Pollution Control Project, the JFK Middle School project, Roads 2015 and the future Roads 2020.

He expressed his frustration when new roads are torn up for utility projects. He noted beforehand they've informed the water and gas companies about upcoming road projects. He pointed out utility companies are state entities that have all kinds of immunity and statutory rights that the Town can't fight against when they want to do a project at any time.

Mr. Bromson stated another big upcoming project involves moving the Head Start Program to the Stowe building. He noted they've been meeting with the Board of Education every Monday to be sure that Stowe can accommodate this new group of students and not diminish, but rather enhance the program for the Head Start and Stowe children. He noted areas they had concerns about and are addressing include parking, busing, air conditioning for the gymnasium, storage and bathrooms.

Mr. Nunes first shared with the Council that on May 19th, Public Works held a food drive and collected 181 pounds of food as well as \$689 in donations. \$250 went to the Enfield Food Shelf along with the 181 pounds of food. He noted with Enfield Food Shelf's buying power, they were able to buy about 1,200 pounds of food with that \$250 donation. He stated the other \$439 went to Loaves & Fishes, and with their buying power, they were able to purchase at least 2,500 pounds of extra food. He commended all the volunteers for this success.

Head Start/Stowe

Mr. Nunes: "We took an out of the box approach through Chris's guidance about actually converting parking spaces in that circle, so to utilize that circle to its advantage, there's 15 parking spaces through here, eleven on this side with two accessible stalls and 13 on this side, so on the south side we have 34 spaces that will be paved and two accessible stalls right here. There will be a new walkway to the flagpole through here, so again, we will be able to gain 38 spaces through there. Fortunately, we have catch basins that are already here, and we're able to pitch in and to use that to our advantage to drain the water off through there, so again these will be paved. Now, in the back, we'll have 25 spaces through here, another 25 here and nine and nine in the back, so all in all with the total of new parking spaces, we'll gain 102 new parking stalls with two accessibles in the front. We already have 30 spots on this side, 29 being regular stalls, one being accessible, and on the southeasterly side we have 44 parking stalls and three

accessibles on this side, so all in all, total for this whole property we're able to get in 175 parking stalls and have six accessibles. The area in back of the building is not going to be paved, they'll have to use millings through there. We have plenty at the transfer station, so I need to come up with some creative way for winter to insure that cars park in a straight line, that's easily removable for Building & Grounds to go back and plow and maintain it."

Mr. Bromson: "Obviously there's a cost associated with this. I know the Council is committed that we have to make it work. Mr. Drezek has been able to talk to the bus company. In our budget, we've allocated \$100,000 for the buses before and after school program. Mr. Drezek has met with the bus company. They will take on that responsibility, thus freeing \$100,000 in funding from our budget for next year, which we will put towards this expense. I don't think it will cover it completely, but it will be a lion's share, so that's the funding aspect. We'll keep you apprised when Mr. Nunes gets firmer figures."

Mr. Nunes: "We do have a probable cost right now. With a ten percent contingency, it's \$135,000."

Mr. Bromson: "So, we're close."

Councilman Cressotti: "How would you access the back parking lot considering the playscape? Are you blocking off where that playscape is?"

Mr. Nunes: "No, we're going to utilize the west entrance right here and just keep it the same and how people are parking right now."

Mr. Bromson: "We have some other options. Perhaps a separate entrance, and we'll have to be looking at wetlands depending on whether we keep the program there together, but this will accommodate all the needs for the upcoming year by the time we open, and we'll be looking at other solutions as well, but this will address the concerns for the short term when we open at the end of August."

Mr. Bromson: "So, if there are no further questions, we'll move onto air conditioning. We are required, and we haven't had air conditioning in the gymnasium, and so this actually is good because for the present program we should have had it and for the new program, we absolutely need it, so it's a two-prong approach, and Donald will tell you where we are for the short term, and again we have the long-term solution, and he can address that. Then I'll address the cost of that."

Mr. Nunes: "There are two different concepts we're going with. One is obviously to try and get a permanent chiller in there before August 15th just to make sure it's commissioned and things like that. We are working with several HVAC companies right now that are on the state bid to try and get this done. One of them is Carrier. We're trying to work with the School Department bids that they have, so we're actively working on it, and with what is existing right now, it does not look like we will get the permanent solution by August 15th just because of the sheer amount of characteristics in regards to the existing equipment to the space that needs to be chilled and the like. We are exploring design bid options right now. We could go with the possibility of the standard bidding project, but we'll know in the next week or two how we're going to proceed

with that and what's the quickest route for that. Our goal is to have this completed before the end of the year to utilize the Honeywell funds because they're available. It's going to take probably six to eight months to get this through design. If there has to be building modifications, we don't know yet, but it's going to take us some time. In the interim, we have developed an interim solution, and we could be using temporary chillers to ensure that the gym will be properly cooled, and they'll be by August 15, 2019. We solicited four quotes. We received two – American Spot Cooling – so, for one month from August 15 to September 14th, it's \$7,500. From August 15th to October 14th, which is two months, it's \$14,400 and Spot Coolers is a little less on the two months. Spot Coolers has a long list of demands requiring full replacement insurance, lifting of equipment, all electrical connections and the like, so American Spot Cooling is going to be. If this is the desired route to go, we will have this on board by August 15, 2019. Temporary chillers—these are examples that they provided for us. This is on a trailer mounted one. The generator that you see here will not be needed since we will have power there already. We're not going to need that. It will just be direct connected in, so you're not going to have that, so it could be on a trailer, or it could be on the ground, it could be on something similar to this. All they're going to be doing is providing a similar structure to this with some ducting going in and out, and that's how they will do it. And, there's another larger unit where again there's three coming in.”

Mr. Bromson: “In regard to the funding as Donald mentioned, we can use the Honeywell funds. We have about \$100,000 available. We'll see what this long-term cost is. We will encumber that. We have to use it by January 1st, so because we know bidders are on the state contract, Mr. Wilcox has been involved in the meetings, so that we can encumber that and sign the contract and have that properly submitted so we can utilize those funds. If it goes over, we will let you know. Currently, we need to adjust and do design work because it's about a 30-ton unit that's required to properly chill it, but we will have the air conditioning in place for the children by the time the school is opened and throughout the couple of months where it will be warm at the end of the summer/early fall, and then we'll do the long-term solution before the next summer or before the warmer weather comes.”

Mr. Bromson: “There was a concern for bathrooms for the faculty. We identified an area, and we already opened another adult bathroom that's up and running to assist the staff. We've identified an area in the school that would be appropriate for another bathroom for children. That wouldn't be a short term, but we're looking at getting cost estimates to see how we could do that during the year. It's not absolutely necessary, but I think it's something that we would be desirous of having with the additional students. We've talked this morning again about the kitchen, the food, all of that is on track. Whether or not we need to buy a freezer, or we have an existing we could use within the education system remains to be seen. Storage was a concern, there be some outdoor sheds for some of the items used seasonally, but there's adequate area inside that we've identified with our consultant, Mr. John Dague, who works for the School Department, with Mr. Gahr and the fire marshals that's appropriate. We have that available as well as partitioning from other parts of the school and school system, so I think we've had a very successful, holistic approach to addressing all of the logistical concerns. On Fridays, those in charge of the scholastic, the brains of the operation, are keeping updates in regard to the program

for Head Start and Stowe, and they'll continue to do that. We will be posting our information on the Manager's website. We're putting that newsletter as well, so people can go there, and we'll keep everybody updated as we proceed. In regard to Head Start, they submitted plans today, they talked to the head building inspector. There are minimal modifications that need to be done over at the Head Start building before those students come in. Donald has been working with Mark Gahr and their experts. We think that Building & Grounds will be able to do that work, and the School Board has the funding and has committed it for that purpose, so that will not come out of the Town side. So, we'll continue to update you, and any questions people have, continue to forward them to us. We're dedicated and committed to making this a successful program and transition for all of the students of the town."

Councilor Kiner: "Will you put to rest a rumor that I keep hearing that the Head Start building was put together with federal funds, and the rumor I'm hearing now is that the Federal Department of Education might be causing us problems because now this building is becoming a state or town controlled building. Is there any validity to these rumors."

Mr. Bromson: "That was one of the threshold questions months ago when Mr. Drezek proposed the program. He's inquired. That's part of his bailiwick in regard to his experts and people running Head Start. He's been assured that's not the case. There's no impediment. There was federal funding expended. There's a ten-year window, which has expired, and he's been given the green light. I welcome these questions. I welcome the opportunity to publicly state it, so people know that they are rumors. If that were true, we would stop. There would be no ability to do this program, so that would be pretty simple. It would make my life a lot easier if they would come out and say we can't do it."

Councilor Szewczak: "Chris is right, and also at the Building Committee, that was part of the referendum that the Town passed when we put all the additions on the elementary schools and JFK, so basically the Head Start was the Town builds the building, and they would fund the program, and that's always been kind of what we understood it to go forward when we were on the Building Committee, so it corresponds with what Chris says for information."

Mr. Bromson: "And, I did check again with Mr. Drezek Friday after we talked. I checked again this morning, and he reassured me that they have permission."

Councilor Cressotti: "Just one final comment. With all these questions that people have been coming up with and the rumors, and the majority of these questions and rumors that are coming up. It's one thing that when we started this program, everybody gave it their blessing, and just like with any new program, a lot of people are apprehensive about change, and the bottom line is nothing will change if you don't want a change, so we're doing things, we're being innovated, and if adjustments need to be made as time goes on, then we make them, but let's move forward with this and be positive."

Chairman Ludwick: "I know you guys are working very close with the Board. We've heard people comment that we're not working together. We don't plan things out. Here we are, two or three years ahead of the curve doing this between a joint Board and Council initiative. To Bob's point, everyone was briefed, every member of the Board, every member of the Council for six

months. This wasn't something that was just sprung out of the air. Three or four years from now, maybe not that long, when regionalization is forced upon some of our school systems, and maybe at some point we would have lost control of Head Start and lost control of providing quality special education, being a leader as opposed to someone who has to now send funds to other towns to fund our kids. Again, the check right now to CREC is \$1.6 million on average. That comes directly out of local taxes. The money doesn't follow the child. Here we are looking ahead, saying we need to start this. This is an innovative program. It's providing a great program for our kids. We're working together with the Council and the Board every single week. Years prior, I think Councilor Bosco made these points for many years when we didn't even really talk to each other in the past. We meet weekly. To Bob's point, there's bumps in the road. The hardest part about any plan is implementation. You heard that the parking came out of a joint meeting with the Board about two months ago, and here you are already addressing it. We do listen. In fact, we're very proactive about it, and yet it comes with the territory, you get the criticism. However, we are looking at three years down the road right now. If we don't do this, our local budget even more so will be under pressure to be able to maintain our services at a very reasonable tax rate. That's what this is about. It's about bringing kids home, who unfortunately are bussed all over the state, who deserve to have their education in this town. Every kid who goes to our school from when their born to the 12th grade is going to get STEAM, every child. Every child will have the same opportunity in this town. You can debate whether we spend too much, or we don't spend enough, but the bottom line is we're being very fair. I'm 100% behind this. I hope we continue looking forward. Yes, there are bumps in the road. I appreciate the fact you're willing to listen to those. Every Friday a newsletter goes out. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the individuals on that newsletter. I appreciate the update. I hope you'll continue to do this over the summer as we get closer to August. I get a rumor of \$750,000 for an air conditioning unit. That's some air conditioning unit. Let people know what we're doing, and we are listening, and we're trying to do it in a very cost effective way, working together with our partners on the Board of Education to provide every child the opportunity they deserve in this town. That's why this is important. I appreciate you're coming here and talking about this. I agree we should not fall to rumors. Here's the fact. You can debate it. If you don't like the facts, that's fine, but these are the facts, and I appreciate the fact that you're willing to come here and do this. Again, you're welcome at every single meeting if that's what we have to do, so people understand that we're working very closely with the Board of Education, and we're also listening to people who have concerns. So, this can be a standing meeting for Donald if he chooses to come for the rest of the summer. I don't want anyone to think we're afraid of answering these questions, because we are not afraid of it. In fact, we are on front foot because this is innovative and it's going to benefit not only the Town, but our children, and that's what matters here. So, you are welcome to come as a special guest for the rest of the summer until September."

Mr. Bromson: "We're going to be meeting right up until the time the program opens successfully in the fall. We meet every Monday on the logistics, the joint team, and every Friday they meet at Stowe and Head Start for the scholastic portion of it, and I have to tell you, there's enthusiasm, optimism. We really couldn't have done it if we started now. This was started almost a year ago when the Superintendent had this idea with his people and started to put the

wheels in motion, so to that degree, you're right, Mr. Mayor, we are ahead of it. We're working very hard. We'll continue to meet as often as it takes. We meet every week twice, but we talk almost everyday, and we'll continue to chase these down until we have good solutions and that we enhance the program. And, I just want to say, from the academic experts and people who are in early child development and in the school system, it was always a desire and a recommendation of the state to have all of these children under the same roof, so that's now what we're hopefully going to accomplish in the fall, so thank you for your attention."

Adult Day Center

Mr. Bromson stated they are taking a new approach to this, and they're advertising for a new director of the facility because the current director is retiring July 1st. He noted they do need a part-time recreation person. He stated he, Jason Neely and Damian Humphrey will be looking at the recommended idea of an integration of the Adult Day Center with the Senior Center. He noted anything they do will be done in consultation with the accreditation agency that oversees health care. He stated they're hoping to make the Adult Day Center a very attractive, warm and wonderful place that people would feel comfortable and excited to bring their seniors to.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Elsdon stated they completed FOI training for staff. She noted there were about 50 employees in total for two sessions. She stated if desired, there can be additional training in the fall.

Chairman Ludwick referred to Maple Road on the border of Enfield and Longmeadow. He requested a legal opinion be provided as to who should be maintaining that road.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Muller gave an update from the JFK Building Committee. He noted the RFQ for the Construction Manager at Risk is out, and the closing date is June 12th. He noted there will be a mandatory walk-thru on June 20th, and the interview and selection committee will meet July 13th. He stated they'll select the Construction Manager at Risk on July 17th.

Councilor Unghire stated there was a collaboration with the Enfield Rotary Club and Enfield High School. She noted students designed and constructed over a dozen Buddy Benches. She explained these benches are placed in parks at public and parochial schools for elementary aged students. She noted during recess, if a student has no one to play with, they can sit on the Buddy Bench, and students know to go and invite that student to play.

She stated the Rotary Club of Enfield honored six special students with a special luncheon at Enfield High School. Each student was given a \$50 gift card. She noted they had some little intros about what they're doing, and there are some wonderful students at Enfield High School.

Councilor Unghire stated First Readers had their awards ceremony today, and it was the largest group she's ever seen. She congratulated all the First Readers.

She stated Enfield High School will have its Kindness Carnival on June 6th from 4:30 to 7:30.

Mr. Bromson stated the June 17th meeting will have special guests between 6:00 and 7:00. He noted the special agent in charge of Connecticut FBI, local state attorney and representatives from the police department will be in attendance. He noted this will be a presentation on what the FBI, the State and local people are doing together to cohesively enforce the law. He noted there will be a press release about this presentation.

Chairman Ludwick stated Councilors Bosco and Deni came before the Public Safety Subcommittee concerning the issue of a road reconfiguration on Route 5 in the area of Grant and University Place. He noted the State will be holding a public hearing on this issue on June 12th. He stated it's important for people to attend this hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

All appointments remained tabled.

MOTION #5047 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to remove Item D. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5047** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #5048 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to remove Item D. from the agenda.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5048** adopted 9-0-0.

Item E. remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Items B1, B5, C1 and C2 remain on the agenda.

All other Items were moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOMINATION #5049 by Councilor Cressotti to reappoint Donna Corbin Sobinski (D) to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term which expires 6/30/2023.

MOTION #5050 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5050** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Donna Corbin Sobinski reappointed to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency by a 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5051 by Councilor Deni to reappoint Carrie Ann Wagner-Howe (D) to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term which expires 6/30/2023.

MOTION #5052 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5052** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Carrie Ann Wagner-Howe reappointed to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency by a 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5053 by Councilor Cressotti to reappoint Marcy Taliceo (D) to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term which expires 6/30/2023.

MOTION #5054 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5054** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Marcy Taliceo reappointed to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency by a 9-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #5055 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

WHEREAS, Ben Aleks devoted 11 years as Head Coach of the Enrico Fermi wrestling team and helped to shape the lives of many Enfield youth; and

WHEREAS, Ben compiled a Town record 70.5 winning percentage and guided the Fermi Falcons to a State Open runner-up finish in 1987, while producing an All-American along the way; and

WHEREAS, Ben was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ben Aleks has continued to provide support as a volunteer coach for the past 25 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby dedicate the Annex wrestling room as the “Ben Aleks Wrestling Center.”

Councilor Sferrazza voiced his support of the resolution. He questioned if the Town received a letter from the governing board of the Athletic Hall of Fame per Town policy. Mr. Bromson stated his belief they did receive the letter from the Hall of Fame.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5055** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5056 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

WHEREAS, Amplify, Inc. provides funding to the Youth Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Youth Services is in the process of submitting a grant application to Amplify, Inc. for funds that will be available to the Town in Fiscal year 2019-20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson is authorized to sign and submit the grant application with Amplify, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson, is authorized to sign an agreement subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with Amplify, Inc.

Mr. Humphrey explained this grant is to provide staff with the ability to inform the public on safe practices surrounding the negative effects of substance abuse. He noted this is a grant they’ve applied for before, and there’s no cost to the municipality.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5056** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5057 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Department of Education provides funding to the Youth Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Youth Services is in the process of submitting a grant application to the Connecticut State Department of Education for funds that will be available to the Town in Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Fiscal Year 2020-21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson, is authorized to sign and submit the grant application with the Connecticut State Department of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson, is authorized to enter into an agreement, subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Mr. Humphrey stated this is a similar grant that the Youth Services Department has continually received because of the great work they do with community partners and the stakeholders in the Board of Education to work with youth, their families and everyone involved to build capacity to really educate the community on the dangers of substance abuse.

Chairman Ludwick questioned how this is delivered. Mr. Humphrey stated it's delivered in partnership with Youth and Family Services, the Board of Education and other community partners, i.e., the Enfield Together Coalition.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if this is more of a pro-active type approach. Mr. Humphrey stated this is very hands-on, and there's a lot of information that's given by the Youth Services Department and the staff to the community. He noted as issues and needs arise, the staff is ready to be able to meet those needs with their community partners.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5057** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5058 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VII, Section II of the Town Charter the Enfield Town Council does hereby amend the job description for Solid Waste/Highway Division Refuse Collector.

Mr. Bromson stated this will increase the responsibilities of the position.

Councilor Kiner questioned if this position is subject to collective bargaining laws.

Mr. Nunes stated this is a pre-existing position, and they're trying to create more flexibility.

Mr. Bielenda stated this was negotiated with the union.

Councilor Sferrazza questioned if the union signed off on this, and Mr. Bielenda responded yes.

Councilor Sferrazza thanked employees for stepping up to help out.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5058** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5059 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VII, Section II of the Town Charter, the Enfield Town Council does hereby adopt the job description for Deputy Director-Operations.

Mr. Bielenda stated he and Mr. Nunes drafted this job description using information in the Novak Study and other sources. He noted they're getting applications for this position, and they're reviewing resumes.

Mr. Bromson stated his belief they are doing an incredible job of implementing recommendations in the Novak Study. He noted this was money well spent because they've implemented many of their recommendations, and this is one of the key ones. He noted with the commitment and dollars that are being spent on the high school, JFK Middle School and the Water Pollution Control facility, it is essential they have a person of this caliber and experience who has oversight over all Town buildings so they can be sure they're being maintained and repaired and that they have a schedule to do so.

Chairman Ludwick stated Councilors Bosco, Deni, Szewczak and Town staff spent multiple hours going over this report and making these recommendations that will maintain the Town's infrastructure. Mr. Bromson stated the Novak report recommended an additional five to six people to be hired for Water Pollution Control at a cost of \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year. He noted they delayed it in order that they bring on the new Superintendent, and he can make an assessment with the Director of Public Works.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5059** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5060 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

WHEREAS, Operation Fuel, Inc. provides energy assistance services to town residents in need; and

WHEREAS, Enfield Social Services partners with Operation Fuel, Inc. by processing fuel assistant applications; and

WHEREAS, Operation Fuel, Inc. will reimburse Enfield Social Services at a rate of \$25 per application for processing services;

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign contract subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with Operation Fuel, Inc. and to affix the Corporate Seal.

Mr. Humphrey stated this program helped 80 households, and they've been able to raise almost \$2,000. He noted this money is paid to them by Operation Fuel for helping town residents who need help with heating and cooling during summer and winter months. He stated this is revenue that the Town has been able to generate, and they're continuing to provide excellent service to community members that come to their offices, and they work in partnership with Operation Fuel to quickly provide these services to people when they need it.

Councilor Sferrazza questioned where Operation Fuel gets their funding. Mr. Humphrey stated they get their funding in part from the State and energy providers like Eversource and the town. He noted when people receive an energy bill, there's a question on the bill asking if people would like to donate a dollar.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if this is separate from the Circuit Breaker Program, and Mr. Humphrey responded that's correct.

Chairman Ludwick questioned how they might reach more people who need this help, and Mr. Humphrey responded through better communication and coming up with an outreach marketing plan within the department for Fiscal Year 2020. He indicated they could get the word out about this program by going out to the community through special events and being able to have flyers and different opportunities.

Chairman Ludwick stated his understanding this is income-based, but is it age based, and Mr. Humphrey responded no.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if they reach out through the schools, and Mr. Humphrey responded no.

Chairman Ludwick questioned the max for this grant, and Mr. Humphrey stated funds are limited through Operation Fuel. He added no one is ever rejected for applying through Operation Fuel.

Councilor Sferrazza questioned if they work with the Commission on Aging in Enfield, and Mr. Humphrey responded they do.

Chairman Ludwick stated another outreach might be through the Blight Committee because they know of people who are struggling to just mow a lawn and take care of their home. Mr. Humphrey agreed.

Councilor Cressotti stated the Commission on Aging will be sending out a booklet, and that booklet might be a perfect source to help with outreach for this program.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5060** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5061 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Deni.

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. 7-339cc-7-339kk, inclusive, authorize the municipalities in Connecticut to create tax increment financing (“TIF”) districts for the purpose of incentivizing economic development and infrastructure and supporting employment, housing, economic growth and other projects; and

WHEREAS, the proposed district, to be known as the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing District (the “District”), will be created pursuant to the Act and the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing District Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “District Master Plan”), which details the creation, structure, development, financing, operation and maintenance of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the District Master Plan, the Town of Enfield (the “Town”) will capture fifty percent (50%) of the future increased assessed property values within the District for an anticipated term of 20 years and utilize up to one hundred percent (100%) of the real property tax revenues generated from such increased property values, along with private funds, to fund infrastructure, improvements, economic development programs, traffic and road improvements, streetscaping, branding and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of economic development and infrastructure improvements in the Midtown Enfield area; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide continuing employment opportunities for the citizens of Enfield and the surrounding region; to improve and broaden the tax base in the Town; and to improve the economy of the Town and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the real property within the proposed District is (i) in a substandard, unsanitary, deteriorated, deteriorating or blighted area; (ii) in need of rehabilitation, redevelopment or conservation work; or (iii) suitable for industrial, commercial, residential, mixed-use or retail uses, downtown development or transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, as shown in Exhibit B of the District Master Plan, the original assessment value of the taxable property within the District does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total value of taxable property within the Town as of October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the District will help to provide continued employment for the citizens of the Town and the surrounding region; to improve and broaden the tax base in the Town; and to contribute to the economic growth and well-being of the Town and the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the District would not be in conflict with the Town's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the District Master Plan was transmitted to, and a study of the District Master Plan and a written advisory opinion as required by the Act was requested from, the Town Planning and Zoning Commission at least 90 days prior to the authorization and the establishment of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held a public hearing on the proposal to establish the District in accordance with the requirements of the Act with at least ten (10) days prior notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the comments provided at the public hearing, both for and against the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby authorizes the creation of the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing District, the boundaries of which are included in the District Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council adopts the Midtown Enfield Tax Increment Financing District Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby authorizes that fifty percent (50%) of the future increased assessed property values within the District shall be retained as captured assessed value in accordance with the District Master Plan and up to one hundred percent (100%) of the real property tax revenues generated from such captured assessed value may be used to fund the various costs and improvements set forth in the District Master Plan.

Councilor Kiner voiced his support of the resolution. He referred to Kelo in New London and noted that was in a TIF district. He questioned if there's anything within a TIF district that would allow for easier condemnation and taking homes by eminent domain. Mr. Bromson stated they have no intention of invoking eminent domain to utilize TIF. He noted Kelo was a unique circumstance. He stated they want developers to come in and to want to invest and enhance the district. He noted there's never been a discussion or a mention of condemnation in connection with Enfield's implementation of the TIF. He stated this has never been discussed, and it's not part of their plan or policy.

Ms. Whitten stated funds will be used through the use of the TIF Advisory Board, and they advise the Town Council.

Councilor Bosco stated if they were to condemn something or take it through eminent domain, the Council would have to say, "yes" or "no", just as was recently done, therefore, the Council is the protection.

Councilor Cressotti stated this is a good piece of work, and the Town could be very proud of this accomplishment.

Mr. Tereso acknowledged the Economic Development Commission because they did a great job reviewing the policy and this master plan.

Chairman Ludwick commended staff for their work on this.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5061** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5062 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby adopt the Town of Enfield Tax Increment Financing Policy dated June 2019.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5062** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5063 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

WHEREAS, the Hazardville Institute Conservancy Society, Inc. and the Town of Enfield fully executed an Agreement on May 2, 2017 regarding the Town's \$300,000 appropriation of funds for the Hazardville Institute Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 8, Subparagraph a. as of the Agreement provided that the Conservancy shall complete all work as set forth in the Plan no later than two years after the execution of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 8, Subparagraph d. of the Agreement provides that in the event of unforeseen events resulting in the delay of the Project, the parties hereto may, by written amendment to this Agreement, extend the time for the completion of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to sign the Amendment to Agreement with the Hazardville Institute Conservancy Society, Inc., subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Present for this discussion were Richard Szewczak and Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall from the Hazardville Conservancy.

Mr. Tereso stated he met with the Conservancy group about State programs to assist in the final phase of their project, which consists of electrical, mechanical, plumbing and finishing work. He noted they finished the addition to comply with ADA accessibility. He stated things are moving

forward, but they just need some more time to pursue additional funding in order to leverage the money the Town provided to them to finish this project.

Councilor Szewczak stated it would be nice to see a historic building reopen. She noted members have worked a long time on this endeavor

Councilor Cressotti stated his understanding \$142,000 is needed to finish the final phase of this project. Mr. Tereso stated out of the \$300,000 provided by the Town, the balance is \$142,000. He noted the remaining \$142,000 will be used toward the final phase.

Councilor Cressotti questioned whether any other money will be needed, and Mr. Tereso stated they're looking into obtaining State historic grant funding to match the Town money because there is a shortfall to finish the project. Councilor Cressotti questioned whether they applied for that money yet, and Mr. Tereso stated they met with the State and provided them with the plans, and they're ready to pursue an application.

Councilor Kiner stated his understanding they would be voting on granting a two-year extension, and Mr. Tereso responded that's correct.

Councilor Kiner questioned if there are any estimates as to how much it will cost beyond the \$300,000, and Mr. Tereso stated he'd have to defer to the Conservancy to answer that because he's not sure what the exact numbers of what the final amount will be until they get the bids in.

Mr. Szewczak stated he doesn't have the estimate with him, but they do have a shortfall of around \$100,000. He noted they did speak with the State, and the State indicated they could potentially get a matching grant for that \$100,000 as long as the Conservancy has the funds to pay for the entire renovation.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall pointed out it's a reimbursable grant. She noted they must have \$100,000 in hand. She stated if they qualify for the grant, and the project is completed, the State reviews the project to be sure things were done according to their criteria, and they would then be reimbursed.

Councilor Deni stated the \$300,000 was not really a grant, but this money was savings from doing away with guards in schools. He noted he has been on the Council six years, and the Conservancy still does not have a certificate of occupancy. He questioned what this building will be used for when it's completed.

Ms. Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall stated the building is intended to be used by the community, and it's intended to be an active place and will highlight the history of Hazardville.

Councilor Deni questioned whether the Conservancy considered merging with the Enfield Historical Society, and Ms. Pfeifer-Hall stated the Conservancy is a separate entity.

Councilor Deni expressed concern the Conservancy will ask the Council for more money to revitalize this building. He stated his belief this is a money pit. Ms. Pfeifer-Hall stated they've done all the structural work to stabilize the building and to a point where they can do the finish work. She noted they've had a lot people and businesses who have assisted them and donated services.

Mr. Szewczak stated everything takes time and money, and the Conservancy has been working very hard to try and get grants.

Councilor Kiner stated after the \$300,000 is used, how much money would they be asking for from this Town Council or the next Town Council. Mr. Szewczak stated the Conservancy has never actively come to the Council requesting money. He noted it was given to them.

Councilor Kiner commended the Conservancy for their hard work. He noted he is supporting this resolution, and he supports what they are doing. He thanked the Conservancy for their work. He questioned whether the Conservancy will be asking for any money from this Town Council or the next Town Council.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall stated she does not know. She stated the closer they get to completion of the building, the easier fundraising will be from the community. She stated her belief people will want to support something where they see an end game.

Councilor Bosco stated his understanding the Conservancy is sort of stuck because they can't spend the \$145,000 because they need that money in the bank so they can have a matching grant, and Ms. Pfeifer-Hall responded that's correct. He noted he will support the resolution.

Councilor Sferrazza stated his understanding this resolution is not asking for any money, and the resolution is only asking for a two-year extension.

Councilor Szewczak stated the Hazardville Institute is owned by the Town of Enfield, and the Conservancy is comprised of citizens that are dedicated to a Town building.

Councilor Deni stated he's supporting this because it's an extension. He went on to note that \$300,000 could have fixed every roof in Enfield.

Councilor Szewczak stated the cost of the actual roofs, according to the SBS report, is \$1.2 million dollars per school.

Chairman Ludwick voiced his support of the resolution. He noted the point of getting the matching grant is to finish the project.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall stated they are very grateful for the Council's support and for the original \$300,000, and they've worked very hard to make it go as far as possible.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5063** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5064 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Deni.

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 17 at 6:50 p.m. to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5064** adopted 8-0-0. Councilor Bosco absent at the vote.

RESOLUTION #5065 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

WHEREAS, the current lease with Education Resources for Children, Inc. (ERFC) began September 1, 2012 and expires June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, ERFC, Inc. has requested a new lease for a term of five (5) years for the purpose of operating a before and after school childcare program in various rooms in the following Town-owned school facilities:

1. Henry Barnard Elementary School
2. Prudence Crandall Elementary School
3. Enfield Street Elementary School
4. Hazardville Memorial Elementary School
5. Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School
6. Eli Whitney Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council supports the lease of specific rooms within these Town-owned school facilities for the aforementioned purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson, is empowered to execute the lease between the Town of Enfield and Educational Resources for Children, Inc., subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Councilor Deni stated his understanding the Town increased the fees, and Mr. Bromson stated there will be a 3% increase going forward each year. He noted ERFC has been a wonderful partner, and they've worked very hard with the Assistant Town Manager on this. He stated they offer a

wonderful service for the children of Enfield. He thanked ERFC for their cooperation during the negotiation for this lease renewal.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5065** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5066 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Unghire.

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby cancel the Regular Meetings of the Council scheduled for July 15, 2019 and August 18, 2019.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5066** adopted 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Regnier, 206 Abbe Road

Stated he was not in favor of moving the Head Start Program to Stowe because of the size of that building. He stated his belief the Eagle Academy is going to be a great program, and he believes there's another location in town where that program could be located.

He stated his belief \$750,000 to air condition the Stowe gymnasium is not out of touch considering Newington proposed to their Board of Education in 2017 a \$1.5 million-dollar expense to air condition four classrooms, and those are ductless air conditioners.

Mr. Regnier expressed concerns about safety regarding the parking expansion proposal for Stowe. He noted there is an active crossway between four playgrounds on each where cars would be moved in and out of, and there's an active basketball hoop in the back-left corner.

He also expressed concerns about there not being enough bathrooms for the very young children at Stowe. He noted at Head Start, six classrooms all had their own bathrooms, and this is necessary for children going through potty training.

Mr. Regnier stated he also does not know where children will be placed within the Stowe building.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Referred to the Conservancy group for the Hazardville Institute and stated he can't imagine the perseverance this group has because of what they're going through, what they've been through and having done what they've done over the past few years.

As concerns the pamphlet to be published by the Commission on Aging, Mr. Young noted any mention of the fuel assistance will only be seen by senior citizens, and it won't be going to other people who may become income eligible to get fuel assistance.

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road

Referred to a comment about \$300,000 for roof repairs and stated that amount would not even fix the Town Hall roof.

Mr. Kruzel stated the Conservancy has been doing a terrific job with the Hazardville Institute, and they're close to completion.

He thanked Mr. Bromson for his presentation on the Stowe building, and he thanked him for all his support. He noted Head Start at Stowe will become a model for the State. He stated they must have faith in their staff and let them do their work.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Sferrazza stated last Sunday he participated in the Veterans' Day Parade, and he thanked the veterans in Enfield that organized this parade. He noted he missed Mr. Plamondon not being there.

He stated V-Day on Thursday is the 75th anniversary, and he appreciates and understands the freedoms and liberties to have these types of meetings isn't because they were lucky, but because it was paid for by the blood of the people on V-Day and all the wars. He noted he will be thinking about what happened on the beaches of Normandy and grateful that God gave him the chance to live in this country.

Chairman Ludwick stated the Parkman Elementary school children sang at the Memorial Day ceremony, and they did a great job honoring veterans. He noted the JFK Middle School and Enfield High School bands also participated. He stated at the next meeting, JFK students will be doing a presentation honoring 39 civil war veterans who gave their lives in that war.

He requested an update at the next meeting on the RFQ for the real estate auction when they'll market Town buildings, which they are trying to sell. Mr. Bromson stated they've chosen a realtor, and Mr. Tereso is working on the next phase, which is to identify the different properties.

Councilor Unghire stated on Monday, June 13 there will be a Community Day of Prayer, and that will be held at the gazebo from 7:00 to 8:00.

Mr. Bromson stated Governor Lamont and Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, will be going to all the towns to recognize Vietnam War veterans, and they will be coming to Enfield anytime between August and October. He noted there will be an awards ceremony to recognize the

Vietnam veterans of the Town of Enfield. He invited people to inform the Town Manager's office of anyone they know to be an Enfield Vietnam veteran. He stated they will also do a press release.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5067 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Cressotti to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5067** adopted 9-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:50 p.m.