

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Cressotti on Monday, February 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

**ROLL-CALL** – Present were Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Despard, Finger, Ludwick, Mangini, Nelson, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steven Bielenda; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

**MOTION #6484** by Councilor Nelson seconded by Councilor Mangini to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Real estate negotiations with Fast Track Realty, LLC concerning proposed development at the MassMutual Site and Brainerd Park
2. Hernandez v. Enfield BOE et al
3. Personnel Matters – Job Description and compensation for the position of Recreation Supervisor
4. Town of Enfield v. Stallings

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6484** adopted 10/0/0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Cressotti at 5:31pm.

Councilor Nelson recused himself and left the room at 5:32pm while Council addressed Item No. 1 and returned at 5:53pm.

Superintendent Christopher Drezek and BOE Chair Tina Leblanc joined the executive session at 5:53pm and left at 6:15pm to discuss Item No. 2.

Senior Operations Manager Karen Edelson joined the executive session at 6:25pm and left at 6:37pm to discuss Item No. 4.

Chairman Cressotti reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:53pm and stated that during executive session, the Council discussed personnel matters, real estate negotiations and ongoing litigation with no action or votes being taken.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Members of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) reviewed the methodology they used to review the fifty-four applications received for the ARPA Small Business Grant Program.

The Commission developed a matrix used to score each application based in part on the following:

- Were the projects beneficial to the entire town and not just a section of town
- Were the applications complete and the projects explained clearly
- Is the business a destination or can it draw people to the Town of Enfield
- Is it a unique or iconic business

Some applications received were missing information. An example of items that negatively influenced the approvals were:

- Missing project explanations
- Missing quotes or supporting documentation
- The business was not a legal entity
- Projects would result in zoning violations
- No positive impact to the community, such as new window blinds or paint
- Cost of the project was prohibitive as compared to the grant dollars

EDC Chair Mary Ann Turner explained that the Commission learned where they could improve the application process and provide better direction to make certain requirements more understandable should the Council decide to provide funds for another round of grants. Ms. Turner believes that the town charged the right team for this job.

Council members thanked the Commission for their exemplary work reviewing and recommending the small business grants in a fair, thoughtful, and nonpartisan process.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #6485** by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6485** adopted and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council