

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

PRAYER – The prayer was given by Chairman Ludwick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell and Deputy Director of Economic & Community Development, Nelson Tereso.

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5683 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5683** adopted 11-0-0

MOTION #5684 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Councilor Szewczak referred to Page 6 and stated the date for the appointments for Virginia Higley and Frank Alaimo should be 12/31/2021. She referred to Page 9, Motions #5667, 5668 and 5670 and noted they should have votes of 11-0-0.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5684** adopted 11-0-0, as amended.

SPECIAL GUESTS

There were no special guests this evening.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Councilor Cressotti recognized and commended the Enfield Food Shelf and staff for denying an attempted donation of food from the Proud Boys organization, which is an extremist organization. He noted the Food Shelf stated that group did not align with the charity's values.

He stated later this evening the Council will be voting on a resolution condemning the unlawful attack and insurrection that occurred January 6th, and this resolution promotes the state and federal law enforcement officers in the Enfield Police Department in protecting the community. He noted the resolution was amended, and he hopes everyone comes together this evening to show residents that they have conviction, conscience, and courage to support this resolution.

MOTION #5685 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to suspend the rules to move Items 14 B1, B4, E, F, G, H, I, J and K to Miscellaneous this evening.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5685** adopted 11-0-0.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson welcomed Sheila Bailey, the new Town Clerk. He noted she was above and beyond all other candidates. He stated she previously worked in the towns of Ellington, East Granby, and Tolland.

He stated staff is working on the Town budget, and tomorrow he will be circulating a proposed schedule of meetings for the Council.

Mr. Bromson stated there will be a request to include a discussion item on the March agenda to discuss whether they will do referendums in the fall.

He noted information has been received from State legislators about potential funds that Enfield might receive under the Federal Stimulus Act. He noted the Town will proceed on the same course as they always do by being conservative and fiscally responsible. He noted if there is a benefit and there are funds available that can be used to spur the local economy and invest in the community for the future, that would be good, but they will not rely on that. He stated hopefully they will know more before the Council starts deliberations.

Mr. Bromson stated Patrice Sulik, the Director of North Central District Health, was at a Special Meeting earlier this evening, and this presentation will be put on the Town's website. He noted Ms. Sulik provided much information about the Covid vaccine, and he expressed his appreciation for all the support of the North Central District Health. He stated the Town works very hard with many partners to bring Enfield the services and resources that residents want and deserve.

Ms. Purciello stated the recent vaccine clinic at the Senior Center administered 150 vaccines to eligible people, who will receive their second dose in a month. She stated she witnessed a well-run operation, and she recognized everyone involved in this successful undertaking. She then provided an update on the expansion of the community gardens and noted a walking path will be constructed from the parking lot to Webster Street at the Green Manor Park, and that work will be done by Public Works.

Councilor Riley questioned when they might have another Water Pollution Control meeting. Mr. Bromson stated that meeting can probably be scheduled sometime in March.

Mr. Bromson stated the Department of Transportation will be at the March 15th meeting to provide the final plan and design for the Enfield train platform.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Tallberg stated he and Attorney Maria Elsdon, Director of Development Services, Laurie Whitten, and Assistant Town Planner, Jennifer Pacacha conducted two land use workshops for the volunteers who serve on the Town's land use boards. He noted on Monday they did a workshop with the entire ZBA regarding legal developments on two topics – non-conforming uses and the abandonment doctrine. He stated they did a modified version of that workshop with the Chairs of the Planning & Zoning Commission, the ZBA and the Inland/Wetlands Commission. He stated this was well received, and they are trying to make sure that the volunteers who serve on those land use boards have the tools they need to discharge their duties. He stated there will be a seminar on Saturday, March 6th, and this is sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association and put on by land use professionals and lawyers for a nominal cost. He noted nine land use volunteers and some staff have signed up for that seminar.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Szewczak stated Facilities has asked to be on the agenda to bring forward the roofing referendum, which will be \$13.5 million dollars with possibly \$6 million dollars reimbursed by the State. She noted this would be a blend of school and town buildings. She stated window replacements at a cost of \$8 million dollars would require a referendum, but this is not something they considered for this fall. She noted there is some reimbursement from the State for the cost of the windows.

Councilor Unghire stated she toured JFK Middle School recently, and they are doing a great job, and the blue wing is almost done and looks great.

Councilor Cekala stated she is a liaison for the JFK Committee. She noted they took a tour, and the students should be able to move into blue wing on Thursday. She stated construction will be starting on the white wing.

Councilor Cressotti stated this month is Black History Month, and the Enfield Cultural Arts Commission has on their site a program called, "The Roots of Black Music in America". He noted this program will be available on their site for the month of February.

Councilor Cressotti stated the Enfield Cultural Arts Commission is sponsoring virtual mini concerts. He noted Abbott's Cross, an Irish Celtic group, will be performing virtually and Karen Lynn, an electric violinist, will be performing during the month of April. He commended this Commission for the things they offer. He pointed out there is a partnership between the Commission and the public schools, and they are in discussion at this time about the possibility of drawing murals on town buildings.

He stated the Commission on Aging has a subcommittee called the Triad Group headed up by Marlene Hoginski, and she mentioned she has been getting a positive response from the Police Department and EMT's with the Files of Life cards that are distributed to people. He explained if there is an emergency, and EMT's go to a house, they will see these cards posted on people's refrigerators with all the information about the person, i.e., existing condition, insurance information, etc. He noted in their upcoming budget, they will be purchasing another thousand cards, which they will distribute to residents. He commended this Commission for their work.

Councilor Cressotti stated the Blight Committee did meet. He noted Councilor Hemmeler is also on this Committee. He stated they discussed a property, and they made a recommendation that will be voted upon later this evening.

Councilor Bosco stated the DPW Committee is supposed to meet next Wednesday, and they hope to finalize the trash ordinance, so it can come back to the Council. He noted the Journal Inquirer did a good article about what the cost of trash could go to, which was \$185 per ton. He noted this shows the importance of the recycling program, education and one trash barrel. He pointed out trash is very expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL & TOWN MANAGER)

All appointments remained tabled.

Item D. remained tabled.

MOTION #5686 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to remove Item E. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5686** adopted 10-0-0. One Councilor stepped out.

RESOLUTION #5687 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield owns a building lot located at 92 Post Office Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 8-24, the Planning and Zoning Commission, at its December 1, 2016 meeting, made a favorable recommendation regarding the proposed conveyance of the property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 7-163e, the Town Council held a public hearing on December 5, 2016 regarding the proposed sale of this property; and

WHEREAS, the Town listed the property for sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Christopher W. Bromson, Town Manager, or his designee, is authorized to sign the Real Estate Purchase Contract, on behalf of the Town of Enfield, for the sale of 92 Post office Road to Windbrook Homes LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Christopher W. Bromson, Town Manager, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents, including the deed, on behalf of the Town of Enfield, pertaining to the sale of the property to Windbrook Homes LLC, subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Tereso stated the builder is out of West Hartford, and they were involved in the construction of a couple residential developments in Enfield. He noted the builder presented an offer, the town countered, and they accepted.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5687** adopted 10-0-1, with Councilor Mangini abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items on this evening's agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Item B2 remained on the agenda.

All other items have been moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOMINATION #5688 by Councilor Muller to appoint Pauline Devino (I) to the Commission on Aging for a term which expires 01/01/2024.

MOTION #5689 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Riley to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5689** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Pauline Devino appointed to the Commission on Aging by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5690 by Councilor Unghire to appoint Janet Cushman (R) to the Board of Education for a term which expires 11/16/2021.

MOTION #5691 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5691** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Cekala stated the Council had the opportunity to interview the candidates, although she did not see Ms. Cushman's application prior to the agenda for this evening. She noted it is important to note that this applicant was put on the agenda and endorsed prior to anybody on the Council interviewing her. She stated the Democrats interviewed her on Friday, and the Republicans did afterwards. She noted she is not attacking her personally, and she knows very little about her. She stated she is probably a lovely person, and she appreciates anybody who wants to donate their time and energy to the town. She noted she will address credentials and qualifications only. She stated being on the Board of Education is an incredibly important position, especially now. She noted while she understands that most people do not have the information, knowledge, education, or experience prior to going on the Board of Education, they will develop it while becoming a member. She stated in discussing her qualifications only, she has never had a dealing with the Enfield Public School system, and she has never stepped foot in an Enfield Public School. She noted in the 25 years she has lived here, none of her five children attended Enfield Public Schools. She stated she does not care if a person chooses home schooling, private or public schools for their children. She noted as a member of the Board of Education, a person needs to understand Enfield's public schools and school system. She stated not knowing about Enfield's curriculum, student make-up, diversity, special education program, or Enfield's teachers is all concerning. She noted this individual taught for a few years 20 or 30 years ago. She stated she takes her position as a member of the Town Council very seriously. She noted she is elected by this Town to do what's right by the residents. She stated when it comes to the Board of Education, it is extremely important, and this should not be filled by someone because they did not have anybody else, which she knows is not true. She feels this position should be filled by a person who is qualified. She stated she will respect the process, but she wants people to understand her position and her reservations. She stated her hope this gives people food for thought and a little pause before they do what they are going to do.

Councilor Sferrazza stated he had the opportunity last night to virtually meet the candidate. He noted during the interview, she said she is a former teacher. He stated the question was posed to her as to what she taught, and she responded special education. He noted although that was many years ago, she was a certified teacher. He stated he is not aware of any specific qualifications spelled out to become a member of the Board of Education. He noted he would not hold it against this individual that it was a lot of years ago that she was a teacher. He stated he will support her appointment.

Councilor Mangini stated Councilor Cekala sums it up on her behalf. She stated she does not feel this individual is a good fit for the Board of Education at this time. She noted it is important that people step forward to do volunteer roles such as the Board of Education and Town Council. She stated this is an extremely important position to fill, so she will not be supporting this person.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Janet Cushman appointed to the Enfield Board of Education by an 8-0-3 vote, with Councilors Cekala, Cressotti and Mangini abstaining.

RESOLUTION #5692 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

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| TO: | Community Development | | |
| | CLG Historic Grant-Other Professional Services | 23306141-533900 | \$20,000 |
| FROM: | Community Development | | |
| | CLG Historic Grant-Revenue | 23306141-460332 | \$20,000 |

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of January 22, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Tereso stated this grant will help educate people living within a historic district as well as help the historic commission by providing guidelines relating to exterior surfaces such as windows, doors, roofs, chimneys, landscaping and fencing.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5692** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5693 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

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| TO: | Development Services | | |
| | Other Professional Services | 10600100-533900 | \$21,715 |
| FROM: | Non-Departmental Charges | | |
| | Contingency Account | 10800092-584000 | \$21,715 |

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of February 4, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated this was done in 2019, and the money was approved for the corridor study with CRCOG, but due to the constraints and distractions of Covid, it was not put into the last budget, so it is being requested it be reallocated at this time.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5693** adopted 11-0-0.

Item G. remained on the agenda.

RESOLUTION #5694 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town council does hereby authorize the Town Attorney, James N. Tallberg, or his designee, to settle the outstanding tax assessment appeal in the following action:

BALISE AUTOMOTIVE REALTY LP V. TOWN OF ENFIELD, Docket Number HHB-CV-20-6061055 S, the penalties assessed per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-63c(d) for the Grand List years 2018 and 2019 are hereby repealed.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5694** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5695 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, the Town Council expanded the membership of the Enfield Economic Development Commission by Resolution No. 4184 on June 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. 7-136 allows for total Commission membership of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15); and

WHEREAS, the Commission's current membership consists of fifteen (15) members and is unable to constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to reduce the Commission's membership to nine (9) members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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, March 1, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. to allow interested residents an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the amendment of Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26-35 of the Enfield Town Code.

Mr. Bromson stated this public hearing will allow the membership to be reduced from 15 to 9 because over time, it is difficult to keep a 15-member board and have enough people for a quorum.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5695** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5696 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, the property at 19 Welch Drive was cited between (1) June 18, 2018 to January 14, 2021 and (2) January 23, 2019 to February 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the cited violation (1) was for missing or boarded windows for a period of more than 90 days and severe structure damage, cracked, broken or missing siding and the cited violation (2) was for persistent garbage, refuse or trash on the property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Enfield Town Code, the property owners did not contest their liability for the violations before a duly appointed hearing officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-183 of the Enfield Town Code, property maintenance liens securing the fines were recorded in the Town's land records; and

WHEREAS, the foreclosure sale took place on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at the time of foreclosure, all evictions had been placed on hold due to the COVID-19 HUD moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the property was vacated on November 20, 2020, and the bank was able to address the violations and complete all outstanding work by January, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the property has been blight-free since January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, M&T Bank has agreed to pay the property maintenance liens from the time they were able to occupy the property (11/20/2020), totaling \$8,400; and

WHEREAS, the Blight Review committee has reviewed the request and are recommending the lien on the property be reduced by \$63,498 to \$8,400.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does authorize the reduction of the property maintenance liens on 19 Welch Drive and authorizes that the amounts set forth in Attachment A be accepted in lieu of the full payment of those liens.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5696** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5697 by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Cressotti.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council condemns the unlawful attack and insurrection that occurred on January 6, 2021 on the Federal Capital by the said insurgents.

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council proudly proclaims that our Law Enforcement officers have a long and consistent history of always working in cooperation and collaboratively with State and Federal Enforcement officers to protect the citizens of this community.

WHEREAS, that Enfield Town Council and its staff continue as they always have in the past to assist in any or all lawful requests made by Federal and State agencies in their investigations into participants of this incident.

WHEREAS, our Law Enforcement officials have diligently fulfilled and shown their commitment to carry out their solemn oath and obligation to protect and defend the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, and the Constitution of the United States of America, the Enfield Town Council publicly expresses their support of the members of the Enfield Police Department and proclaim that they should be a source of Pride for all Enfield Residents.

Councilor Unghire stated she will not support this resolution. She stated she is against all violence, and she supports all law enforcement. She stated the Council does not need a resolution to say that. She noted she is on the Public Safety Committee, and she supports the police. She questioned why this event is singled out and why not include all the violence that happened this past year, i.e., the riots, the looting, the burning of police cars. She noted there was recently a resolution against Connecticut tolls, and that effects Enfield, but this does not. She stated this is something that happened in the nation. She stated her belief this is a slippery slope, and she questioned if they are going to bring up everything that happens within the country and then produce a resolution against it. She feels this does not pertain to Enfield at all, and it is purely political, and she will not support it. She noted she sees no relevance to Enfield.

Councilor Bosco agreed with Councilor Unghire. He noted he does not believe in any violence, and it should not have happened there, and it should not have happened in Seattle or Minnesota. He noted he cannot just single out one instance of violence, but rather it would have to name all violence because no violence is right. He pointed out there were people murdered, injured and billions of dollars of damages in all the other cities, but they are going to single out one event. He stated they should put out a blanket statement that they condemn violence.

Councilor Mangini agreed no violence should be allowed or accepted, however, she will support this resolution. She noted an attack on the Capitol is an attack on sacred ground. She noted many people, law enforcement and others, lost their lives in this attack. She stated her belief this resolution should have been brought forward immediately after the attack. She noted she wants to send a message to Enfield residents, Connecticut residents and residents of this country and all over the world that they will not stand for this type of insurrection.

AMENDMENT #1 by Councilor Hemmeler, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to change the first paragraph as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council condemns all violence.”

Councilor Riley suggested that the first paragraph be changed to: **“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council condemns all violence including but not limited to the unlawful attack on our Capitol.”** Councilor Hemmeler withdrew her original amendment and restated Amendment #1 as follows: **“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council condemns all violence including but not limited to the unlawful attack on our Capitol.”**

AMENDMENT #2 by Councilor Hemmeler, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to remove the third paragraph of the resolution.

Councilor Hemmeler stated her belief the third paragraph is completely irrelevant. She feels they should stop kidding themselves. This is a political stunt. She agreed with Councilors Bosco and Unghire that any violence is wrong.

Councilor Sferrazza stated in 1980 he took an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the State of Connecticut, and for the next 38 years as a police officer, that is exactly what he did. He protected law, due process of law, peaceful transition of power, and he never supported mob mentality. If a person is not happy with an election, or if a person is not happy with a particular law, the Constitution provides a way to change that, and it is called going through political process. He noted that is not expedient or quick, but it is peaceful, and that is what this country was founded on. He stated in 2019, when he took an oath to be a member of this Town Council, he also took that oath to protect the Constitution of the State and of the United States. He noted he supports this because that was nothing but mob mentality. He agrees with Councilor Bosco that violence of any sort is not acceptable. He noted this resolution originated with Councilor Cressotti, and in its first draft, there was language that went against the Town Charter, and he discussed it with him. He noted he wrote the second and fourth paragraphs. He stated in 2016, while still Chief of Police, the State instructed all Police Chiefs to turn their backs on Homeland Security Officers and not assist them. He noted he was taken back by that because they work with their federal partners every day, whether it be the FBI, Secret Service, or DEA. He questioned if it was because the political winds of that time did not want immigration enforced. He pointed out he took an oath to the Constitution to enforce the law, and he did so anyways because he could. He stated unfortunately since he retired, the Legislature in Hartford has passed a law that now limits the ability of the Chief of Police and the Police Department to work in partnership with Homeland Security, who not only addresses illegal immigration, but also round up dangerous gang members. He stated he supports the second paragraph because they have always worked in partnership with federal and state partners.

Councilor Sferrazza referred to the fourth paragraph of the resolution and stated he could never vote against that paragraph because he is proud that they fulfill their roles. He stated even though he does not support the third paragraph, he believes the underlying tenant that goes through this resolution is to support law enforcement, and it supports the rule of law, not mob mentality.

Councilor Cekala stated she does not support the amendment to the first paragraph. She agreed with Councilor Hemmeler in that no one supports violence of any kind. She noted the third paragraph does have something to do with Enfield, as does the fourth paragraph. She stated she finds this disheartening that anyone would consider this a local political stunt. She noted this was

an attack on the Capitol and the nation. She stated no one should have issue with this resolution, and she will support it as written.

Councilor Cressotti stated he respects the process of the resolution. He noted he and Councilor Sferrazza discussed the resolution. He stated weeks have gone by, and now changes are now being suggested. He stated if someone thinks this is a political stunt on his part, they should not flatter themselves because it is not. He noted he had this discussion with a few other members of the Council. He stated this is a resolution that was thought of by himself, which he thought leadership might have taken control of, but did not. He stated he will support the resolution as is.

Councilor Mangini stated she does not support any amendments to the original resolution because she believes it is well crafted.

Councilor Szewczak stated her belief a resolution is not needed to actually understand that the Town Council is not in favor of any of these types of actions. She noted over the past years, there have been a substantial number of incidences that have occurred, and there have been no ramifications. She stated this is the problem when you do not draw the line in the sand with what happens first. She noted now they decide what they will pick and choose as concerns drawing a line in the sand. She stated she was upset with the first draft because she felt they were telling their police what they already do, and she does not understand why they must do that because the Town of Enfield always cooperates with everyone. She stated she does not understand why all of a sudden, they think they need resolutions telling people fundamental beliefs of this Council and the fundamental things that the police do.

Councilor Bosco stated no one tells him what to do because he is his own person, and he will make up his own mind. He noted leadership will never tell him what to do. He stated nobody's life is any more valuable than someone else's. He noted the people in Washington are not more important than the people in Seattle, Minnesota, or Enfield, and by doing this resolution, that is what they are saying. He pointed out there should be no violence anywhere. He stated he will support anything that says, "no violence", but if it is just the Capitol, he cannot support that. He pointed out in all those cities that had riots, people are hurting, they have lost homes, and cannot even go buy groceries, and yet the Vice President bails out violent rioters. He stated all lives are important, and everyone is entitled to the same rights of the Constitution of safety and protection as anybody else.

Councilor Riley agreed with Councilors Bosco and Szewczak and stated everyone should be treated equally, and she does not believe they should single out any particular act of violence. She noted it would be crazy to assume that the Town Council does not condemn violence. She noted violence is a horrible thing no matter how it happens, where it happens or who it happens to. She stated she supports the resolution because she supports the police officers and the work that they do. She stated she does not believe what happened at the Capitol was right, and she would be in favor of the resolution if it includes language that says, "but not limited to the violence at the Capitol".

Councilor Sferrazza stated he agrees with Councilor Bosco in that the lives of people in Washington are no more important than the people in the cities that were burned down. He noted

the Capitol, symbolically, represents everything that is American. He stated the United States Capitol represents the foundation of this country, and when people storm that building, smash windows, hurt the police, and have the indignation to sit in the chair where the president of the Senate sits, that needs to be addressed.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #1** adopted 8-3-0, with Councilors Cekala, Cressotti and Mangini voting against the amendment. Councilor Sferrazza stated his belief the spirit of this paragraph says that just like the police follows what the law provides, he's sure Town staff does too. He noted he would not vote this amendment down because of that, but he does understand people may have a problem with the way it is worded.

Chairman Ludwick stated he took an oath when he served, and he takes it very seriously and does not need a resolution to remind him how to uphold his oath. He noted he takes the Constitution very seriously, and he tries to always live by the law, and he does not need a resolution to remind him to do that.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #2** adopted 7-4-0, with Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Mangini and Sferrazza voting against the amendment.

Councilor Unghire stated if she cannot agree with the whole resolution, she will not be supporting it. She noted she did agree with much of what Councilor Sferrazza stated. She concluded stating her belief a resolution is not needed.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5697** adopted, as amended, by a 9-2-0 vote, with Councilors Mangini and Unghire voting against the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Walter Kruzel, 21 Charnley Road – Chairman of the Enfield Board of Education

Welcomed the new Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey. He noted she has done an excellent job so far. He thanked the Council for making his Board whole again with all nine members. He thanked all Town Council members for their service to the Town of Enfield.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Mangini stated she could not vote in favor of the resolution as amended because she stands firm behind the original resolution.

Chairman Ludwick commended all the town youth participating in sports.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5698 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5698** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

2021-02-16 Res 5692

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLUTION NO. 5692

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter,
the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Community Development

CLG Historic Grant-Other Professional Services 23306141-533900 \$20,000

FROM: Community Development

CLG Historic Grant-Revenue 23306141-460332 \$20,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of
January 22, 2021.



John Wilcox, Director of Finance

1/22/2021
Date: _____

APPROVED BY: 

Christopher Bromson, Town Manager

2/9/21
Date: _____

Appended to minutes of February
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**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLUTION NO. 5693

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter,
the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Development Services

Other Professional Services 10600100-533900 \$21,715

FROM: Non-Departmental Charges

Contingency Account 10800092-584000 \$21,715

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of
February 4, 2021.



John Wilcox, Director of Finance

2/4/21

Date:

APPROVED BY: 

Christopher Bromson, Town Manager

2/7/21

Date: