



MINUTES
ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 2, 2023
6:15 PM - Council Chambers
<https://youtube.com/live/aEFQLuFm2U4>

1. Roll Call

Mayor Cressotti called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Scitico Room at Town Hall.

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Matthew Despard, Douglas Finger, Nick Hopkins, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Lori Unghire

Absent: None

Also Present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Chief of Police, Alaric Fox; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. Discussion on Higgins Park

Town Manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu reviewed the status of various projects at Higgins Park. A list of Higgins Park improvements being funded by ARPA funds was distributed to the Council members. Slightly over \$426,000 was already funded through ARPA funds, and an additional \$613,000 in funds was identified through balances leftover from various other ARPA projects that are coming to a close. Additionally, two projects already funded including a boiler at Alcorn and a bulky waste compactor, will be deferred. Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that any additional projects will need to be funded through the normal budget process during the next fiscal year.

3. Human Trafficking Presentation - Sue Laiuppa

The meeting was moved to Council Chambers at 6:36 pm.

Chief Fox introduced Sue Laiuppa, investigator for the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection and active in the Human Anti-Trafficking Team and Taskforce, as well as the organization The Underground, whose purpose it is to fight and end child trafficking. Ms. Laiuppa presented a video highlighting the dangers and realities of human trafficking, along with tips for prevention and awareness.

4. Adjournment

MOTION #6722 by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Lori Unghire to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6722** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council