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Christopher J. Pia

Council Chairman Pro Tempore
Ken T. Poisson



Council Members

Christopher J. Pia - District 1
Kaitlyn Shake - District 2
Lesette Franceshi - District 3
Kimberly Rice - District 4
Gregory R. Cann - District 5
Ken T. Poisson - District 6
Jean Marie Sutton - District 7
James J. Connor - District 8
William O'Brien, Jr. - District 9
Laura J. Dancho - District 10

STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Room 212
2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615
(203) 385-4035

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Stratford Town Council conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2022 pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Chairman Pia

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Shake, Ms. Rice,
Mr. Cann, Mr. Poisson (arrived 7:02), Ms. Sutton, Mr. Connor, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Dancho

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Franceshi

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Hoydick, CAO Tymniak,
Public Works Director Serra, Finance Director Savo,

Town Attorney Hodgson, Assistant Town Attorneys LeClerc and Florek

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
by Ms. Rice, District 4

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regular meeting May 9, 2022 and special meeting May 11, 2022

RESOLVED: that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2022 and special meeting May 11, 2022 be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 1; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- Debra LaRoche-Walls – Ms. Connecticut Senior America 2022 – Stratford resident Debra LaRoche Walls, winner of the Ms. Connecticut Senior America 2022 competition, was introduced and June 13th recognized as Ms. Connecticut Senior America Day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

3.1 Letters of resignation (for information only)

- Letter dated May 3, 2022 from Rita Scacchia – Beautification Committee of the Stratford Town Council
- Email dated June 7, 2022 from Joe Koripsky – Inland Wetlands Commission

3.2 Council Chairman appointment (for information only)

- John Waite reappointed as an alternate member of the Inlands Wetlands Commission with a term that expires May 31, 2026

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT included:

- National Police Week
- Police Officer's Memorial Day
- National EMS Week
- National Public Works Week
- Pride Month
- Armed Forces Day
- D Day
- Baldwin Center Breakfast Club
- South End Community Center Camp
- Vaccination Clinics
- YMCA Walk & Talk
- Senior Health and Wellness Expo
- COVID Survey
- SAEP update
- Center School property
- Plan of Conservation and Development
- Complete Streets Final Design approval
- Ribbon Cutting - Reader's Block, CT Window and Film Company
- Jermaine Atkinson appointed as Fire Chief effective July 1
- Exit 33 I95 fully open
- Boothe Park Opening Day
- SECC Grant
- Haitian Flag Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Veterans Breakfast
- Memorial Day
- Pride Flag Raising
- nOURish Farms Fundraiser
- Raymark Project
- Main Street Festival
- Celebrate Stratford
- Stratford Museum Day, Hidden Gems Day, CT Open House Day
- Hats Off to the Roses Fundraiser
- Stratford Farmers Market
- Juneteenth Ceremony
- Shakespeare Market
- Make Music Day
- Plein Air Painting at Boothe Memorial Park
- Fireworks
- Blues on the Beach
- Retirement of Fire Chief Lampart
- Appointment of David Wright – Town Historian

4.2 QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

- Mr. Cann re: tax abatements, mixed use, and Center School Property

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT – provided by Town Attorney Hodgson

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS

6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6.1 ORDINANCES

6.1.1 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,033,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (#22-04)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. The sum of \$12,033,000 is hereby appropriated to meet the estimated costs of the public improvements and equipment set forth below, as more fully described in the narrative description of such public improvements and equipment in the capital improvement program of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, said appropriation to be inclusive of administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Public Works

Parks – Misc. Tree Removal, Disposal and Stump Grinding Program Town-wide	\$150,000.00
Parks – Beach Restoration	5,000.00
Parks – LED Lighting Upgrade and Associated Site Restoration at Ballfields	200,000.00
Parks – Longbrook Park Improvements	130,000.00
Parks – Replace Benches/Bleachers/Picnic Tables	10,000.00
Parks – Playground Renovation	150,000.00
Parks – Tennis/Handball Court Repainting/Renovations	25,000.00
Parks – Ballfield Repair Program	75,000.00
Parks – Repairs to Various Town Parks	150,000.00

Roads & Sewers

Conservation – Storm Water Permit Compliance Disconnect	\$200,000.00
Engineering – Circle Drive Bridge	900,000.00
Engineering – MS4 Implement Infrastructure Repair/Rehab Program	200,000.00
Engineering – SE Drainage Mitigation Study	50,000.00
Engineering – Tanners Brook Widening & Erosion Protection	100,000.00
Engineering – Veterans Park Wetland	50,000.00

Highway – Sidewalk Replacement	250,000.00
Highway – Road Resurfacing	1,500,000.00
Highway – Stormwater Pump Station Repairs	200,000.00
Highway – Town Signage	75,000.00

School Improvements

Bldg Maint – General Repairs	\$200,000.00
Bldg Maint – Doors and Hardware	100,000.00
Bldg Maint – Painting Interior & Exterior Various Schools	100,000.00
Bldg Maint – Boiler Replacement in Various Schools	300,000.00
Bldg Maint – Safety & Security Improv	150,000.00
Bldg Maint – Johnson House – Floor Replacement	1,600,000.00
Bldg Maint – Lordship Repair/Replace Basketball Surfaces	120,000.00
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Highway – BOE & Schools Resurface Parking Lots	300,000.00
Parks – Playground Replacements	135,000.00

Town Facilities

Bldg Maint – Baldwin Center Renovations	\$500,000.00
Bldg Maint – Building Repairs & Maintenance	200,000.00
Bldg Maint – Roof Management	50,000.00
Bldg Maint – Renovations at Boothe Parke	200,000.00
Bldg Maint – Renovations at Firehouses	75,000.00
Bldg Maint – town Bldgs – Masonry	150,000.00
Bldg Maint – Public Works Bldgs – Renovations	300,000.00
Bldg Maint – Sterling Homestead – Renovations	100,000.00
Bldg Maint – Town Bldgs – Renovations	700,000.00
Conserv – Underground Tank Testing	20,000.00
Libr – Drop Ceiling, Ductwork, Air Handling Unit & Lighting Repl	100,000.00
Public Works Admin – Preliminary Design/Specs for Var Projects	150,000.00

CAPITAL EQUIPMENTPublic Safety

Fire – Safety Gear and Equipment	\$150,000.00
Police – Equipment, Installation and Safety Gear	218,000.00

Public Works

Public Works – Equipment	\$770,000.00
Town Garage – Public Works Equip. Replacement & Installation	500,000.00
Roads & Sewers – Engineering – Electronic Info. Mgmt.	25,000.00

School Facilities

BOE – Various School Equipment	\$300,000.00

Town Facilities

Bldg. Maint. – Controls/BMS/Laptops	\$50,000.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL IMPROVEMENT/EQUIPMENT PROJECTS: \$12,033,000

Section 2. Any of the estimated amounts for the public improvements set forth in Section 1 not required to meet the actual cost of such public improvements shall be allocated by the Mayor and Director of Finance as they deem necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town to other public improvements previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, so long as such allocation is consistent with applicable tax and other laws.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 6.1.1; SECONDED BY MR. O’BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.1.2 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,033,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET THE APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND PENDING ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (#22-05)

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

Section 1. To meet the appropriation of \$12,033,000 made in the ordinance enacted together herewith for various public improvements and equipment in the capital improvement program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (the “Projects”), \$12,033,000 bonds of the Town may be issued maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law (the “Bonds”) for the Project and in the amounts as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

Section 2. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance. The amount of Bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in the amount necessary to meet the Town’s share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amounts and timing of State and Federal grants-in-aid for the Projects, provided that the total amount of Bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the

name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Mayor and the Director of Finance, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such Bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The Town shall levy taxes in each year to meet principal and interest due and payable on the Bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 3. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to determine the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, date, maturity, prices, interest rates whether fixed or floating, form, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying registrar and transfer agent, the manner of sale or other terms and conditions of the Bonds, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, and whether any of the Bonds issued will be issued as taxable bonds, all in such a manner as the Mayor and Director of Finance shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), and to take such actions and to execute such documents, or designate other officials or employees of the Town to take such actions and to execute such documents, as deemed to be necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance in order to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be sold by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in a competitive offering or by negotiation in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the Bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. If the Bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of the bond purchase agreement shall be approved by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 5. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the Director of Finance pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or the Bonds, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid prior to and any time after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for each Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or her designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized, if they determine it is in the Town's

best interests, to acquire, on behalf of the Town, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Bonds on such terms as the Mayor and Director of Finance determine to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Mayor and Director of Finance, if they determine that it is appropriate, are authorized, on the Town's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the Town's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment of a reserve from proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 8. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the Bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 9. The Mayor and Director of Finance are hereby authorized to apply for and accept any available State or Federal grant in aid of the financing of the Projects, and to take all action necessary or proper in connection therewith.

Section 10. The Mayor and Director of Finance in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, are hereby authorized to allocate any unused bond proceeds to public improvements and equipment previously authorized by the Town Council for bonding, consistent with the applicable tax and other laws, as deemed necessary or advisable and in the best interests of the Town by the Mayor and Director of Finance.

Section 11. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its passage pursuant to Section 2.2.9 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: that the first reading of the above entitled Ordinance be and is hereby dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously furnished to each member of the Town Council, and that the same be adopted as a first reading and referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 6.1.2; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Exhibit A**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**Public Works

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6.2 RESOLUTIONS

6.2.1 RESOLUTION REGARDING 2022 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS: Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et seq allows any municipality to submit to the State of CT Department of Revenue Services a list of programs eligible for investment, which programs provide neighborhood assistance, job training, education, community services, crime prevention, or energy conservation; and,

WHEREAS: business firms may engage in any approved program and receive a tax credit from the State of CT after approval from the local municipality; and,

WHEREAS: Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et seq. allows business firms to provide valuable public assistance while receiving tax credits and such would greatly benefit the Stratford community as local private concerns have expressed an interest in participating; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the Town of Stratford to approve the projects which applied for this program and recommend their approval to the CT Department of Revenue Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

That the Stratford Town Council hereby approves the following projects for submittal to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-632 et. seq.

- Sterling House Community Center – Energy and Efficiency Improvements – Exterior Envelope Program at Sterling House: \$100,000

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 6.2.1; SECONDED BY MR. O’BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.2 RESOLUTION REGARDING TAXES TRANSFER INTO TAX SUSPENSE

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS: The Code of the Town of Stratford, Chapter 14, Article VI specifies the tax collection policy of the Town for the collection of arrears taxes; and.

WHEREAS: The Tax Collector has followed the policy by providing required notices of taxes due and made several attempts to contact arrears taxpayers as required by local and state law; and

WHEREAS: Certain accounts have been in arrears since the years set forth below and all efforts to date to collect on these accounts have produced no response for at least the past two years; and

WHEREAS: Continued expenditure of public funds to collect these accounts is not a cost-effective use of public funds and; therefore, the Tax Collector recommends that Town Council approve the transfer of the accounts to suspense pending further collection action of said accounts.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Stratford authorizes the Tax Collector to transfer to the Tax Suspense Account these accounts totaling \$ 437,546.18 for the Grand List amounts shown (see attachment):

GRAND LIST YEAR	TYPE	AMOUNT
2014		
2015	Personal Property	93,375.77
	MOTOR VEHICLE REGS	295,995.16

MOTOR VEHICLE SUPPS	48,175.25
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2016

2017

2018

2019

TOTAL	437,546.18
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MR. O’BRIEN MOVED ITEM 6.2.2; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. Discussion followed with Finance Director Savo providing details and answering questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.3 RESOLUTION REGARDING SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS- FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for Security Improvements at Franklin Elementary School; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Building Needs Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Security Improvements at Franklin Elementary School; and

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Security Improvements at Franklin Elementary School.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 6.2.3; SECONDED BY MS. SUTTON. Discussion followed with Mayor Hoydick, CAO Tymniak and Public Works Director Serra providing details and answering questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.4 RESOLUTION REGARDING SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS- WILCOXSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for Security Improvements at Wilcoxson Elementary School; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Building Needs Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Security Improvements at Wilcoxson Elementary School; and

RESOLVED, that the Stratford Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Security Improvements at Wilcoxson Elementary School.

MS. SUTTON MOVED ITEM 6.2.4; SECONDED BY MR. O’BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.6 RESOLUTION REGARDING CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY SUB-GRANT FOR FLOOD PREVENTION PROJECT AT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY.

Executive Summary: This grant provides funds for a flood wall and flood gates at the Water Pollution Control Facility, a project being managed by the Engineering Dept. The project and grant have been approved by the WPCA.

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to protect the Water Pollution Control Facility; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security in the amount of \$2,729,770.90 requiring \$4,827,029.10 in Town Match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security for funds to design and construct additional flood protection at the perimeter of the Water Pollution Control Facility, and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 6.2.6; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. Brief discussion followed with CAO Tymniak providing details and answering questions. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2.7 RESOLUTION REGARDING CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT SUPPORTING SOUTH END COMMUNITY CENTER'S SUMMER SOIREE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2022

Executive Summary: For the South End Community Center's Summer Soiree Summer Enrichment Program. This grant, about 20% of the entire program cost, would be applied toward the costs of one teacher, three enrichment programs and three field trips.

Sponsored by: Stratford Town Council

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Education is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the Connecticut Department of Education 2022 Summer Enrichment Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to operate the South End Community Center's Summer Enrichment Program; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Education in the amount of \$11,030 requiring zero in Town Match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the Connecticut Department of Education for funds to support the South End Community Center's Summer Enrichment Program, and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the Connecticut Department of Education, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

MS. SUTTON MOVED ITEM 6.2.7; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NEW BUSINESS**7.1 Appointment of Independent Auditor**

RESOLVED: that the selection Clifton Larsen Allen to conduct the annual audit of accounts be and is hereby approved in form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 7.1; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 Renewal - African American Museum Lease

RESOLVED: that the African American History Museum Lease be renewed for an additional term of one year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing Lease, and that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a memorandum for such renewal in form acceptable to the Town Attorney.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 7.2; SECONDED BY MS. RICE. Brief discussion followed with Mayor Hoydick providing details. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3 Referred by the Building Needs Committee with favorable recommendations:

7.3.1 Approval of the final Project Manual as prepared for bidding and dated May 27, 2022, and the associated Professional Cost Estimate, for State Office of School Construction & Grants Review Project #138-0112 PV, for a rooftop solar photovoltaic project at Stratford HS and authorization for the Chair of the Building Needs Committee of the Stratford Town Council to sign State Form #SCG-042: REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FINAL PLANS for the Stratford HS solar Project.

RESOLVED: that the Approval of the final Project Manual as prepared for bidding and dated May 27, 2022, and the associated Professional Cost Estimate, for State Office of School Construction & Grants Review Project #138-0112 PV, for a rooftop solar photovoltaic project at Stratford HS and authorization for the Chair of the Building Needs Committee of the Stratford Town Council to sign State Form #SCG-042: REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FINAL PLANS for the Stratford HS solar Project be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 7.3.1; SECONDED BY MS. RICE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3.2 Approval of Town Bid #2022-39 Town Hall Site Lighting to Pro-Electric Inc. of Bethel CT in the amount of \$360,000

RESOLVED: that Approval of Town Bid #2022-39 Town Hall Site Lighting to Pro-Electric Inc. of Bethel CT in the amount of \$360,000 be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 7.3.2; SECONDED BY MS. DANCHO. Brief discussion followed with Public Works Director Serra providing details. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.3.3 Approval of Fire Headquarters Window Repairs & Refurbishment to Window Service, Inc. of Holliston MA in the amount of \$14, 212.51 per MHEC (Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium) Contract Pricing #MC13—C04

RESOLVED: that Approval of Fire Headquarters Window Repairs & Refurbishment to Window Service, Inc. of Holliston MA in the amount of \$14, 212.51 per MHEC (Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium) Contract Pricing #MC13—C04 be and is hereby approved.

MR. POISSON MOVED ITEM 7.3.3; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.4 APPOINTMENTS

7.4.1 Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission – 5 year term

- A. RESOLVED: that REESE MITCHELL of MARGHERITA LAWN be and is hereby reappointed to the Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2027.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 7.4.1A; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. RESOLVED that BRIAN YARMOSH of HOUSATONIC AVENUE be and is hereby reappointed to the Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission with a term expiring May 31, 2027.

MS. DANCHO MOVED ITEM 7.4.1B; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.5 CONFIRMATION OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

7.5.1 Town Historian

RESOLVED: that the Mayor's appointment of David Wright as the Town Historian be and is hereby confirmed.

MR. O'BRIEN MOVED ITEM 7.5.1; SECONDED BY MS. SHAKE. Brief discussion followed. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MR. POISSON MOVED TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY MR. O'BRIEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST: Margo Paquette
Margo Paquette, Council Clerk