

Board of Selectmen
November 6, 2017

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECMTEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Llodra, Selectman Herbert C. Rosenthal.

ABSENT: Selectman William F.L. Rodgers

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait, Conservation Commission Vice Chairman Holly Kocet and member Cindy Joyce, Deputy Director for Economic and Community Development Christal Preszler, Fairfield Hills Authority Chairman Ross Carley, Cultural Arts Chairman Laura Lerman and member Rob Kaiser, Town Attorney David Grogins (8:00pm), five members of the public and two members of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Rosenthal moved to accept the minutes of the 10/16/17 meeting. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

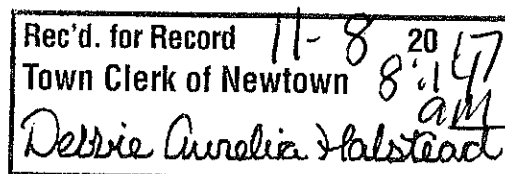
COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Llodra shared the attached communications with Selectman Rosenthal. (att.)

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Tait presented a budget update (att.). First Selectman Llodra recommended the Legislative Council initiate a special appropriation request to restore the Board of Education budget for the special education grant (att.). Nothing will be done with the other items cut during the budget process, including pension for both Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen, roads and Board of Education maintenance/repairs until there is a better sense of what the municipality will be facing. Mr. Tait stated the Employee Medical Benefits fund is doing well to date. Selectman Rosenthal didn't agree with the actions, at the time, of the Legislative Council. Voters decide on expenditures; restoring items later does not allow the voters to vote. Selectman Rosenthal agrees with First Selectman Llodra's recommendations to the Legislative Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Request from Cultural Arts:** Ms. Lerman and Mr. Kaiser were present to discuss options relative to the naming of the art gallery at the Municipal Center. Mr. Kaiser went through several ideas and reported the decision chosen was Municipal Gallery at Fairfield Hills. First Selectman Llodra asked Ms. Lerman and Mr. Kaiser to come back in January with the final design for the signs and to have a public conversation with the newly elected Board of Selectmen about the relationship Cultural Arts has with the Municipal Center.
- 2. Invasive Plant Ban:** Ms. Kocet and Ms. Joyce were present to request action on an invasive plant ban (att.). First Selectman Llodra said she had spoken to Land Use and Parks & Recreation and they are in agreement with the list. Selectman Rosenthal moved that the Town of Newtown endorses the ban of all plants on the Connecticut Invasive Plant List on town-owned properties. The List includes both Invasive and Potentially Invasive Plants as determined by the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes §22a-381a through §22a-381d. As this List is reviewed and revised annually by the CT Invasive Plants Council, any updates will be immediately incorporated into the Town of Newtown's Invasive Plant Ban. All town departments are directed to consult the List before considering any new plantings on town-owned land. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.



NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Ten year update on Fairfield Hills (2007-2017):** Ms. Preszler and Mr. Carley presented the ten year update on Fairfield Hills (att.). Selectman Rosenthal stated although the bonding was approved in 2001, the purchase was completed in 2004, after environmental remediation. Remediation and demolition numbers do not indicate an intent to demolish, they are listed only as possible future costs. Ms. Preszler continues to work with the state for funding relative to the roof on Stratford Hall. Mr. Hurley is the point person on the Municipal Center roof. The lead paint at Shelton has been loose scraped and sealed. First Selectman Llodra spoke about the brightness of the campus now that there are more lights and suggested a conversation with the Sustainable Energy Commission.
2. **Retainer Agreement between Town of Newtown and Drubner, Hartley & Hellman, LLC and Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC:** Each town that chooses to partner with Waterbury in action against the manufacturers of prescription opiates has to have their own retainer agreement. There is no cost associated. Selectman Rosenthal moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the retainer agreement with Simmons, Hanly Conroy, LLC and Drubner, Hartley & Hellman, LLC. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
3. **Transfer:** Selectman Rosenthal moved to transfer \$17, 500 from Contingency to Fees & Professional Services as per transfer request dated 10/23/17 (att.). First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
4. **Parks & Recreation Contract:** Selectman Rosenthal moved the Parks & Recreation contract as presented from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
5. **Newtown Police Contract:** Selectman Rosenthal moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Police contract as presented from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
6. **Appointments/Reappointments/vacancies/openings:** none.
7. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Rosenthal moved the release of a driveway bond for Mastroni Development, 3 Anthony Ridge, M25, B1, L6, in the amount of \$2,000. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
8. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rosenthal moved the November 2017 Tax Refunds, No. 7 in the amount of \$13,690.50 and No. 7A in the amount of \$38.08. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Rodgers moved to add to the agenda, for discussion and possible action, the use of 2, 3 and 4 wheel vehicles on public land. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

9. **Use of 2, 3 and 4 Wheel Vehicles on Public Land:** First Selectman Llodra stated that Newtown Babe Ruth has purchased a utility vehicle to use to transport things across the field and to help with field conditions. The Board of Selectman and the Legislative Council have to approve use of a motorized vehicle on campus. Mr. Marks explained the vehicle would remain under the control of Newtown Babe Ruth Baseball, they are responsible for the maintenance and the training the operators on the safe operation of the vehicle. Operators are designated by the league. Selectman Rosenthal moved to approve the request as specified in document by Mr. Via, President of Newtown Babe Ruth League, dated Oct. 18, 2017 for the use of utility vehicle at Fairfield Hills Baseball field only (att). First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Rosenthal moved to enter executive session for discussion on legal matters relative to Irma Richards v. Town of Newtown and strategy concerning potential claim regarding the owner's rep contract, and invited Town Attorney Grogins to attend. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor. Executive session was entered into at 8:34pm and returned to regular session at 8:44pm with the following motion:

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Selectman Rosenthal moved to authorize the Town Attorney to appear on behalf of town to monitor the lawsuit involving Irma Richards v. Town of Newtown. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Susan Marcinek, clerk

Attachments: Communications (6 pages); Budget update (4 pages); E.P.L memo to LC 11/2/17; Invasive Plant Ban request (4 pages); Fairfield Hills ten yr. update (19 pages); Transfer (3 pages); Utility vehicle use, Oct. 18, 2017.

October 2017

*BOS
Communications*

The Honorable E. Patricia Llodra
First Selectman of Newtown
Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT, 06470

Subject: LOF Continued Operations at Walnut Tree Hill Field

Dear Selectman Llodra,

It has come to my attention that the town of Newtown has revoked LOF Adaptive Skiers' future license to use the public beach area at [town-owned] Walnut Tree Hill Field. I understand this decision was made based on complaints from neighbors, whose justification has since been proven invalid. **I respectfully request that this decision is overturned and use of the Walnut Tree Hill Field is once again made available to LOF Adaptive Skiers.**

The first time I experienced one of LOF's waterski clinics, I assisted a 9-year-old visually impaired boy as he waterskied for the first time. When he returned to shore he told me that he had found his calling, and I instantly knew that LOF was providing life-changing experiences for the disabled community, which is constantly denied opportunities. Throughout my 4 years of involvement with LOF, I have witnessed countless individuals discover their potential and experience freedom through waterskiing, and this newfound freedom means the entire world to them. I strongly urge you to consider the licensing issue from their perspective. Currently, there are no alternatives for access to the [public] lake for people with disabilities and therefore nowhere else for LOF to operate from. Revoking LOF's access to the lake exacerbates the disparities which the disabled community experiences far too often. I feel very strongly that LOF participants deserve the opportunity to waterski on Lake Zoar and continue to experience the unparalleled joy that waterskiing provides.

This summer I returned to LOF for several waterski events and witnessed firsthand how the organization operates at the Walnut Tree Hill Field. LOF staff and participants were both extremely grateful to be operating at a fully accessible location for individuals with disabilities and fully considerate of the surrounding neighbors and boaters. Despite complaints from the surrounding community, I did not perceive any inconvenience to them while attending LOF's clinics.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint on this matter. I believe it is a critical issue, and would like that LOF's license for use of Walnut Tree Hill Field be renewed to ensure that adaptive sports remain accessible for people with disabilities. As a proud volunteer and supporter of LOF Adaptive Skiers, this issue is of paramount interest to me.

Sincerely,

Sarina Moghadam
October 18, 2017
37 Kent Lane
Trumbull, CT, 06611

From: Donna Randle <ndrandle@charter.net>

To: Pat Llodra - Office <first.selectman@newtown-ct.gov>

Cc: Mike Kellett - Dist 3 Cdr <admin@sheltonpost16.org>

Subject: Selectmen Meeting and American Legion

Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 6:54 pm

Attachments: American Legion Post 202 Revitalization Flyer.doc (52K), post 202 vision.png (373K),
Press Release Am Legion Post 202 Final.doc (56K)

Dear Pat

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today about the re-vitalization of Newtown American Legion Post 202.

Legion State and District officers will be at the meeting next Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm in the Council Chambers. The key to bringing the Newtown post back to it's former glory is to bring in new members. Veterans who have served ONE DAY of active duty during the times of conflict listed on the attached flyer are eligible to join. They do not need to have served overseas.

The American Legion stands on four pillars. They are:

- I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- II. National Security
- III. Americanism and
- IV Children and Youth

Please help us get the word out to veterans who live in Newtown and surrounding towns about our meeting next Wednesday. If veterans cannot attend the meeting, please have them reach out to Commander Kellett at admin@sheltonpost16.org or to me

I hope that you will speak about the upcoming Selectmens meeting and encourage veterans to join us. Thank you as always for all that you do!

*Donna Monteleone
Randle*

American Legion



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DIRECTOR OF NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: This position has primary responsibility for the leadership and management of the Newtown Community Center. The Director will be accountable for staff development, fiscal management, generation of revenue including fundraising activities, implementation of the business plan, and ensuring customer satisfaction. The Director will be responsible for the successful start-up of a 36,000 square foot facility comprising a six lane pool, an activity pool, and dry space consisting of approximately 17,500 square feet.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: This position will report to Newtown's First Selectman and will work closely with the Community Center Commission to ensure the Center goals, business plan, policies and procedures are being met.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: The Director will supervise all Community Center personnel.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serves as the primary spokesperson for the community center.
- Responsible for the successful start-up of the new community center.
- Works with Community Center Commission to develop and implement a business plan.
- Creates policies and procedures for center operations.
- Responsible for hiring, training and supervising staff members; manages staff scheduling.
- Collaborates and coordinates with the directors of Parks and Recreation and Senior Center as well as other town departments.
- Coordinates with Parks and Recreation department on activities offered so as not to duplicate programs.
- Builds and strengthens relationships with community partners.
- Oversees all daily operations of the community center.
- Provides a focus on customer satisfaction.
- Develops and monitors annual budget, prepares reports and maintains records.
- Responsible for developing and implementing fundraising programs.
- Analyzes and evaluates programs to generate interest in the mission of the center.
- Accountable for continuous improvement in memberships and programs. Seeks out new opportunities for program development.
- Seeks out grants for the operation of the facility or programs.
- Ensures compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Develops and executes on marketing plan.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

The primary qualification for this position is demonstrated leadership capabilities shown by mature judgement, strong initiative and positive action. A bachelor's degree (Masters preferred) in Management/Business, Public Administration, Social Policy, Community Planning, Social Work/Behavioral Sciences preferred. Recreational/Community Center facility management of at least 5+ years is also required. Applicant should have a positive history of leadership in the areas of staff development, membership and program planning and innovation, budget development and management of fiscal control systems; financial development, strategic and community development.

EXPERIENCE:

- Leadership experience in the areas of fiscal management, membership and innovative program development, marketing, business planning, fundraising, and facility management.
- Project management and organizational skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to problem solve effectively and efficiently.
- Must have a self-directed positive attitude.
- Experience in grant writing a plus.

Mr. George Benson
Director of Planning
Town of Newtown
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

October 21, 2017

Re: Blight Ordinance

Dear Mr. Benson:

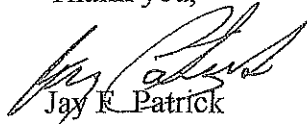
The vast majority of the property owners on Saw Mill Road take great pride in maintaining their properties, however, I must bring to your attention two properties that fall under the town's Blight Ordinance. The first being No. 11 Saw Mill Road. The house is an utter disgrace. Gutters have fallen off, vines grow up the sides, and the lawn hasn't been mowed in many years. There is an abandoned motor vehicle on the front lawn and the weeds are higher than the car.

The second property is located across the street at No. 10 Saw Mill Road. The property owner has a number of abandoned cars on the front lawn.

I brought these issues to the attention of Zoning Enforcement Office Gary Frenette a couple of years ago and he told me he would look into it, but alas, nothing has been done and I understand he is no longer employed by the town.

I would appreciate your attention to these issues as soon as possible.

Thank you,


Jay F. Patrick
21 Saw Mill Road
Newtown, CT 06470

encls.

cc: Mrs. Pat Lodra

Dear Board of Selectman,

10-20-2017

JUST IMAGINE

JUST IMAGINE the birth of a magnificent baby boy in the spring of 1993.

JUST IMAGINE being his parent, creating an environment for this boy to be happy and to encourage him to be all that he can be.

JUST IMAGINE a young boy playing on a soccer field.

JUST IMAGINE a teenager playing on a soccer field.

JUST IMAGINE a 19-year-old paraplegic.

JUST IMAGINE a life changed forever.

JUST IMAGINE being his parent, creating an environment for this boy to be happy and to encourage him to be all that he can be.

JUST IMAGINE the excitement of finding the *LOF Adaptive Skiers*, a program that has a mission to assist you with your goals for his young man.

JUST IMAGINE watching your son acquiring a recreational activity and rediscovering the feeling of the freedom of his wheelchair.

JUST IMAGINE finding friends who can support your son with their similar disabilities and issues.

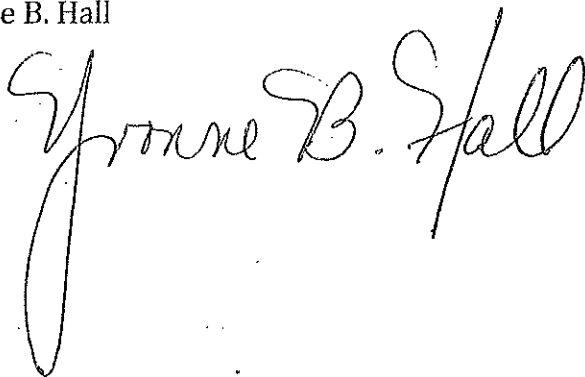
JUST IMAGINE the warmth of tears rolling down your face as you watch your son with pride waterskiing with a smile on his face.

Let's NOT IMAGINE a group of people wanting to destroy such a wonderful, positive program. My pain of dealing with my son's accident was never my choice, but you have a choice to assist many people with various disabilities. Let's help to create dreams and not to destroy the dreams for these fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters.

Please see the value in the *LOF Adaptive Skiers* program and continue to add your support to Joel Zeisler and his amazing group of fabulous volunteers. Please reconsider a future license for LOF's permanent use of Walnut Tree Hill Field.

Thanks for a moment of your imagination,

Yvonne B. Hall



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE:

	<u>2017-18 budget</u>	<u>State Adopted</u>	<u>variance</u>
2-101-02-140-4205-0000 INTERGOV - ELDERLY TAX RELIEF	107,000	-	(107,000)
2-101-02-140-4210-0000 INTERGOV - IN LIEU OF TAX, STATE	547,350	456,363	(90,987)
2-101-02-140-4215-0000 INTERGOV - VETERANS ADDITIONAL	19,000	19,000	-
2-101-02-140-4220-0000 INTERGOV - TOTALLY DISABLED	1,947	-	(1,947)
2-101-02-140-4225-0000 INTERGOV - GRANTS FOR	-	235,371	235,371
2-101-02-200-4235-0000 INTERGOV - STATE REVENUE	824,747	331,081	(493,666)
2-101-02-200-4240-0000 INTERGOV - MASHANTUCKET,	903,200	903,200	-
2-101-02-500-4230-0000 INTERGOV - TOWN AID FOR ROADS	470,708	470,708	-
2-101-02-500-4250-0000 INTERGOV - LOCAL CAPITAL	380,724	380,724	-
2-101-02-900-4255-0000 INTERGOV - EDUCATION COST	2,138,725	4,649,247	2,510,522
Location INTERGOVERNMENTAL	5,555,045	7,445,694	2,052,293

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
POSSIBLE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BE FUNDED BY AN INCREASE IN STATE GRANT REVENUE ESTIMATES
2017-18

	(rounded)
CT state grant excess over budgeted amount	2,052,000
Less - Motor vehicle tax loss due to 32.00 mill cap	<u>(447,000) (a)</u>
Amount available for special appropriations	1,605,000
Special appropriations (to be funded by an increase in state grant revenue estimates):	
BOE line item - special education - due to expectation of additional state grants that did not come thru	1,032,000
BOE line item - pension	55,000
BOS - pension	133,000
BOS - roads	250,000
BOE line item - maintenance repairs	<u>135,000</u>
	<u>1,605,000</u>

	<u>M.V. loss:</u>	
(a) M.V. assessment		239,343,366
tax on:		
32.00 mill		7,658,988
33.87 mill		<u>8,106,560</u>
difference		<u>(447,572)</u>

Town of Newtown
2017-18 (year one) CIP Project Approvals and Still to be Approved

2017 - 2018 (YEAR ONE)				
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Approved at Referendum</u>	<u>Still to be Approved</u>
Capital Road Program	PW	1,000,000	✓	
Bridge Replacement Program	PW	525,000		525,000
New Senior Center - Design & Construction	Sr Svs	3,000,000	✓	
Treadwell Pool Deck Replacement	P & R	400,000		400,000
Edmond Town Hall Air Conditioning Project	ETH	571,000		571,000
Library Renovations	LIB	273,000		273,000
Police Facility Design	POLICE	300,000	✓	
Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV	200,000		200,000 *
Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE	250,000		250,000 *
<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>				
Hawley School - Roof Replacement	BOE	850,000	✓	
Middle School Improvements	BOE	1,800,000	✓	
High School - Phase II Auditorium	BOE	750,000	✓	
TOTALS		9,919,000		2,219,000

10/1/2016 GRAND LIST 3,165,000,000

ONE MIL. 3,165,000

* - No project at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN STANDS TO LOSE \$3,814,563 IN REVENUE. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REDUCE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT REVENUE (PAGE 58 OF BOS BUDGET BOOK) BY \$1,500,000. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REDUCE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET LINE ITEM (PAGE 270 OF THE BOS BUDGET BOOK) BY \$1,031,481. THE \$1,031,481 REPRESENTS THE NET AMOUNT OF AN INCREASE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT OF \$2,408,508 AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE EXCESS COST SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT OF \$1,377,027. IF THE FINAL ADOPTED STATE BUDGET DOES NOT INCREASE NEWTOWN'S SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT BY \$1,031,481 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHOLE BY USING ANY RESULTING INCREASE IN THE (LC ADOPTED) ESTIMATED REVENUE – COST SHARING GRANT (ECS) LINE ITEM AND/OR OTHER BUDGETARY MEANS. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. Ms. Jacob asked Mr. Tait to show page 58 of the Board of Selectmen budget book and reviewed the Revenue Budget Detail and discussed possibilities in response to a reduction. Mr. Knapp said that the impetus of this resolution is the state proposed budget. He explained how revenue is realized, in the form of revenue or in the form of a grant. This resolution is a plan to anticipate both scenarios. Dr. Erardi said that in the worst-case scenario the Board of Ed stays flush. Ms. DeStefano said this is over and above cuts from the education sub- committee. Ms. DeStefano would have liked to see this resolution ahead of time, advance notice would be appreciated. Mr. Tait reviewed the what if scenarios, as requested by Ms. Jacob. Mr. Tait talked about what if scenario estimated intergovernmental revenues fall short after the budget has been approved by referendum and the what if scenario estimated intergovernmental revenues are greater after the budget has been approved by referendum. The whole point of this discussion is to be prepared with what if scenarios since the outcome of state's decisions will not be known until after the referendum. Mr. Chaudhary commented said that this works as long as we are able to fund the shortfall, referred to bond timing. Mr. Lundquist expressed concern over this resolution and sending a confusing message to the state and voters. Mr. Eide brought up the cap cut on motor vehicle tax, fund balance. RESOLUTION PASSES 9-3 (Opposed: Mr. Eide, Ms. DeStefano, Mr. Lundquist)

Budget Recommendations from Finance/Admin, Education and Municipal Operations Committees: (ATTACHMENT C)

MR. FILIATO MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$133,030 IN THE PENSION FUND, \$63,630 IN THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND, \$188,406 FROM THE DEBT SERVICE LINE ITEM, AND \$10,000 FROM THE OUTSIDE AGENCY EDMOND TOWN HALL FOR A TOTAL OF \$395,066. SECOND BY DAN WIEDEMANN. Mr. Filiato led the discussion regarding the pension fund reduction and medical self-insurance fund reduction. Mr. Eide questioned the risks involved. Mr. Ferguson commented on the backing off of prudent financial practices in recent years which may cause a need to reduce expenditures or increase revenues, possibly facing budget challenges for a few more years. MR. EIDE MOVED TO AMEND AND DIVIDE THE MOTION INTO TWO MOTIONS, ONE TO INCLUDE THE PENSION FUND AND MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND, AND THE OTHER MOTION TO INCLUDE THE DEBT SERVICE LINE ITEM AND OUTSIDE AGENCY EDMOND TOWN HALL. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. FILIATO MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET BE REDUCED BY \$133,030 IN THE PENSION FUND AND \$63,630 IN THE MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$196,660. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. MOTION PASSES 10-2 (Opposed:

Memo re Newtown state aid from the approved 2017-2018 state budget.

The State of Connecticut has an approved budget for fiscal 2018. We now have knowledge of the amount of state aid which will come through various state grants, including ECS and Excess Cost, as well as other grant programs. As promised during our budget deliberations in March/April of this year, once the amount of state aid is known, decisions made during the budget development process are to be reviewed and modified as needed. Please consider the following.

- 1) The anticipated 'new' grant program for special ed which would have provided funds to Newtown BoE did not materialize. Spec Ed funding approach remains as was done in the past. The LC agreed to restore the \$1,032,000 to the BoE budget should there be no separate grant funding.
- 2) The LC developed a schedule of other areas for partial to whole restitution should the state budget provide more aid funds for Newtown than what was anticipated in the approved local budget (LC minutes April 5, 2017)*.

The approved state budget provides for \$2,052,293 more in aid than what was anticipated in the local budget.

Local Budget state aid = \$5,555,045; CT State Budget aid for Newtown = \$7,445,694

\$2,052,293

The \$2,052,293 to be reduced by \$1,032,000 (BoE special ed) and \$447,572 (m.v. assessment cap)

\$572,721 remains for action

Proposal: LC initiate a Special Appropriation request for \$1,032,000 for BoE special ed.

LC hold off on any further special appropriations from this aid until later in this fiscal year in order to provide flexibility in needing to address some unanticipated education expenses.

* LC resolved schedule of areas for reinvestment includes pension (\$188,000), roads (\$250,000), and repairs/maintenance for school facilities (\$135,000). (Total = \$573,000)

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 6, 2017

To the Board of Selectmen:

Attached is the revised invasive plant ban which clarifies how changes to the Connecticut Invasive Plant List will affect the ban. The CT Invasive Plants Council reviews the Connecticut Invasive Plant List annually. As Invasive or Potentially Invasive Plants are added to the CT Invasive Plant List, they will be incorporated into the Town of Newtown's Invasive Plant Ban. It is my recommendation as Chairman of the Conservation Commission that the Town of Newtown enact the Invasive Plant Ban as amended.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Holly Kocet
Chairman
Conservation Commission

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Newtown Ban on Invasive Plants As Recommended and Amended by the Conservation Commission on 10/24/17

*The Town of Newtown endorses the ban of all plants on the Connecticut Invasive Plant List on town-owned properties. The List includes both Invasive and Potentially Invasive Plants as determined by the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §22a-381a through §22a-381d. As this List is reviewed and revised annually by the CT Invasive Plants Council, any updates will be immediately incorporated into the Town of Newtown's Invasive Plant Ban. All town departments are directed to consult the List before considering any new plantings on town-owned land.**

What are invasive plants?

Invasive plants are defined as having:

- a high reproductive rate,
- the ability to establish new plants and grow rapidly under a wide variety of site conditions,
- the ability to disperse wide distances, often by the spreading of vegetative fragments as well as seeds,
- the lack of the natural controls on growth and reproduction that would be found where the invader is native.

Why is a ban on all invasive and potentially invasive plants necessary?

Invasive plants are non-native plants that are disruptive in a way that causes environmental or economic harm, or harm to human health.

In minimally-managed areas, invasive plants crowd out native plants. The presence of invasive plants alters the way plants, animals, soil, and water interact within native ecosystems, often causing harm to other species in addition to the plants that have been crowded out.

Invasive plants deny food and shelter to native insects, pollinators, birds and wildlife which have a symbiotic relationship with native plants developed over centuries.

Invasive, non-native species are considered one of the greatest threats to our environment. The damage they have already caused to natural ecosystems and the economy has cost governments, private land trusts, and landowners billions of dollars each year. Reducing their presence on all town properties is just one step in the larger effort to reversing this very critical and costly problem.

Some nurseries and garden centers in Connecticut continue to sell cultivars of potentially invasive plants. In addition, banned and potentially invasive plants can be purchased from out of state nurseries.

*See attached Connecticut Invasive Plant List, revised November 2014.

CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT LIST

November 2014

Connecticut Invasive Plants Council

Ordered by Scientific Name

Statement to accompany list -- January 2004: This is a list of species that have been determined by floristic analysis to be invasive or potentially invasive in the state of Connecticut, in accordance with PA 03-136. The Invasive Plants Council will generate a second list recommending restrictions on some of these plants. In developing the second list and particular restrictions, the Council will recognize the need to balance the detrimental effects of invasive plants with the agricultural and horticultural value of some of these plants, while still protecting the state's minimally managed habitats.

In May 2004, Public Act 04-203 restricted a subset of the January 2004 list making it illegal to move, sell, purchase, transplant, cultivate or distribute prohibited plants. Effective July 1, 2009, Public Act 09-52 removed the prohibition on *Pistia stratiotes*.

@ column indicates growth form or habitat: A = Aquatic & Wetland; G = Grass & Grass-like; H = Herbaceous; S = Shrub; T = Tree; V = Woody Vine

Explanation of symbols after Common Name:

(P) indicates Potentially Invasive (all other plants listed are considered Invasive in Connecticut)

* denotes that the species, although shown by scientific evaluation to be invasive, has cultivars that have not been evaluated for invasive characteristics. Further research may determine whether or not individual cultivars are potentially invasive. Cultivars are commercially available selections of a plant species that have been bred or selected for predictable, desirable attributes of horticultural value such as form (dwarf or weeping forms), foliage (variegated or colorful leaves), or flowering attributes (enhanced flower color or size).

"PROHIBITED BY STATUTE?" column indicates prohibited status: Y= prohibited from importation, movement, sale, purchase, transplanting, cultivation and distribution under CT Gen. Stat. §22a-381d; N/A= not prohibited

^ indicates species that are not currently known to be naturalized in Connecticut but would likely become invasive here if they are found to persist in the state without cultivation

The taxonomic names used by the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council on the Invasive Plant List are consistent with the names used by the United States Department of Agriculture PLANTS database, accessible online at www.plants.usda.gov. The Council also maintains a list of scientific name synonyms for reference purposes.

COMMON NAME	@	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SYNONYMS	PROHIBITED BY STATUTE?
Amur maple (P)	T	<i>Acer ginnala</i> Maxim.		N/A
Norway maple*	T	<i>Acer platanoides</i> L.		N/A
Sycamore maple (P)	T	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> L.		Y
Goutweed	H	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> L.	Bishop's weed	Y
Tree of heaven	T	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle		Y
Garlic mustard	H	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande		Y
False indigo (P)	S	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> L.		Y
Porcelainberry*	V	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i> (Maxim.) Trautv.	Amur peppervine	N/A
Mugwort	H	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> L.	Common wormwood	N/A
Hairy jointgrass (P)	G	<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i> (Thunb.) Makino	Small carpgrass	Y
Common kochia (P)	H	<i>Bassia scoparia</i> (L.) A.J. Scott	<i>Kochia scoparia</i> ; Fireweed; Summer cypress	Y
Japanese barberry*	S	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.		N/A
Common barberry	S	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L.		Y
Drooping brome-grass (P)	G	<i>Bromus tectorum</i> L.	Cheatgrass	Y
Flowering rush (P)	A	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i> L.		Y
Fanwort	A	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i> A. Gray	Carolina fanwort	Y
Pond water-starwort (P)	A	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> Scop.		Y
Narrowleaf bittercress	H	<i>Cardamine impatiens</i> L.		Y
Japanese sedge^ (P)	G	<i>Carex kobomugi</i> Ohwi		Y
Oriental bittersweet	V	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.	Asiatic bittersweet	Y
Spotted knapweed	H	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> L.	<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i> ; <i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	Y
Canada thistle (P)	H	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.		Y
Black swallow-wort	H	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i> Kartesz & Gandhi	<i>Cynanchum nigrum</i> ; <i>Vincetoxicum nigrum</i>	Y
Pale swallow-wort	H	<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i> (Kleoc.) Borhidi	<i>Vincetoxicum rossicum</i>	Y
Jimsonweed (P)	H	<i>Datura stramonium</i> L.		Y
Brazilian water-weed (P)	A	<i>Egeria densa</i> Planchon	Anacharis; Egeria	Y
Common water-hyacinth^ (P)	A	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> (Mart.) Solms		N/A
Russian olive (P)	S	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.		Y
Autumn olive	S	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> Thunb.		Y
Crested late-summer mint (P)	H	<i>Elsholtzia ciliata</i> (Thunb.) Hylander	Elsholtzia	Y
Winged euonymus*	S	<i>Euonymus alatus</i> (Thunb.) Sieb.	Burning bush	N/A
Cypress spurge (P)	H	<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i> L.		Y
Leafy spurge	H	<i>Euphorbia esula</i> L.		Y
Glossy buckthorn	S	<i>Frangula alnus</i> Mill.	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> ; European buckthorn	N/A
Slender snake cotton	H	<i>Froelichia gracilis</i> (Hook.) Moq.	Cottonweed	Y
Ground ivy (P)	H	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i> L.	Gill-over-the-ground; Run-away robin	Y
Reed mannagrass^ (P)	G	<i>Glyceria maxima</i> (Hartm.) Holmb.	Tall mannagrass	Y
Giant hogweed (P)	H	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i> (Sommier & Levier)		Y

Dame's rocket	H	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> L.		Y
Japanese hops (P)	H	<i>Humulus japonicus</i> Sieb. & Zucc.	Japanese hop	Y
Hydrilla	A	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> (L.f.) Royle	Water thyme	Y
Ornamental jewelweed (P)	H	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i> Royle	Tall impatiens	Y
Yellow iris	A	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> L.	Yellow flag iris; Pale yellow iris	Y
Perennial pepperweed	H	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i> L.	Tall pepperwort	Y
Border privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> Sieb. & Zucc.		Y
California privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> Hassk.		N/A
European privet (P)	S	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> L.		N/A
Japanese honeysuckle*	V	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.		Y
Amur honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Herder		Y
Morrow's honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> A. Gray		Y
Tatarian honeysuckle (P)	S	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L.		Y
Belle honeysuckle	S	<i>Lonicera x bella</i> Zabel	Bell's honeysuckle (<i>misapplied</i>)	Y
Dwarf honeysuckle^ (P)	S	<i>Lonicera xylostemon</i> L.	European fly-honeysuckle	Y
Ragged robin (P)	H	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> L.		Y
Moneywort* (P)	H	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i> L.	Creeping jenny	N/A
Garden loosestrife* (P)	H	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i> L.	Garden yellow loosestrife	Y
Purple loosestrife	A	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> L.		Y
European waterclover (P)	A	<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i> L.	Water shamrock	Y
Japanese stilt grass	G	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i> (Trin.) A. Camus		Y
Eulalia* (P)	G	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Andersson	Chinese or Japanese silvergrass	N/A
Forget-me-not	A	<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i> L.	True forget-me-not; Water scorpion-grass	Y
Parrotfeather (P)	A	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> (Vell.) Verdc.		Y
Variable-leaf watermilfoil	A	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> Michx.		Y
Eurasian watermilfoil	A	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> L.		Y
Brittle water-nymph (P)	A	<i>Najas minor</i> All.	Eutrophic water-nymph	Y
Onerow yellowcress (P)	A	<i>Nasturtium microphyllum</i> Boenn. ex. Rchb.	<i>Rorippa microphylla</i>	Y
Watercress (P)	A	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i> W.T. Aiton	<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Y
American water lotus (P)	A	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i> Willd.	American water lotus	Y
Yellow floating heart (P)	A	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i> (S.G. Gmel.) Kuntze		Y
Scotch thistle (P)	H	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i> L.		Y
Star-of-Bethlehem (P)	H	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i> L.		N/A
Princess tree (P)	T	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> (Thunb.) Siebold & Zucc. ex Steud.	Empress-tree	Y
Reed canary grass	G	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.		N/A
Common reed	G	<i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud.	Phragmites	Y
Water lettuce^ (P)	A	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i> L.		N/A
Canada bluegrass (P)	G	<i>Poa compressa</i> L.		Y
Bristled knotweed	H	<i>Polygonum caespitosum</i> Blume	<i>Persicaria longiseta</i> ; Oriental lady's thumb	Y
Japanese knotweed	H	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> Siebold & Zucc.	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Y
Mile-a-minute vine	H	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> L.	<i>Persicaria perfoliata</i>	Y
Giant knotweed (P)	H	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i> F. Schmidt ex. Maxim.	<i>Fallopia sachalinense</i>	Y
White poplar (P)	T	<i>Populus alba</i> L.		Y
Crispy-leaved pondweed	A	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> L.	Curly pondweed or Curly-leaved pondweed	Y
Kudzu (P)	V	<i>Pueraria montana</i> (Lour.) Merr.	<i>Pueraria lobata</i>	Y
Fig buttercup	H	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> L.	Lesser celandine; <i>Ficaria verna</i>	Y
Common buckthorn	S	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L.		Y
Black locust*	T	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.		N/A
Multiflora rose	S	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb.		Y
Rugosa rose* (P)	S	<i>Rosa rugosa</i> Thunb.*	Beach, Salt spray, Japanese, or Ramanas Rose	N/A
*Note: This plant is especially aggressive in coastal areas				
Wineberry	S	<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i> Maxim.		Y
Sheep sorrel (P)	H	<i>Rumex acetosella</i> L.		Y
Giant salvinia^ (P)	A	<i>Salvinia molesta</i> Mitchell		Y
Tansy ragwort^ (P)	H	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i> L.	Stinking Willie	Y
Cup plant (P)	H	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i> L.		Y
Bittersweet nightshade (P)	H	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i> L.	Climbing nightshade	Y
Water chestnut	A	<i>Trapa natans</i> L.		Y
Coltsfoot	H	<i>Tussilago farfara</i> L.		Y
Garden heliotrope (P)	H	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> L.	Garden Valerian	Y

Fairfield Hills Campus

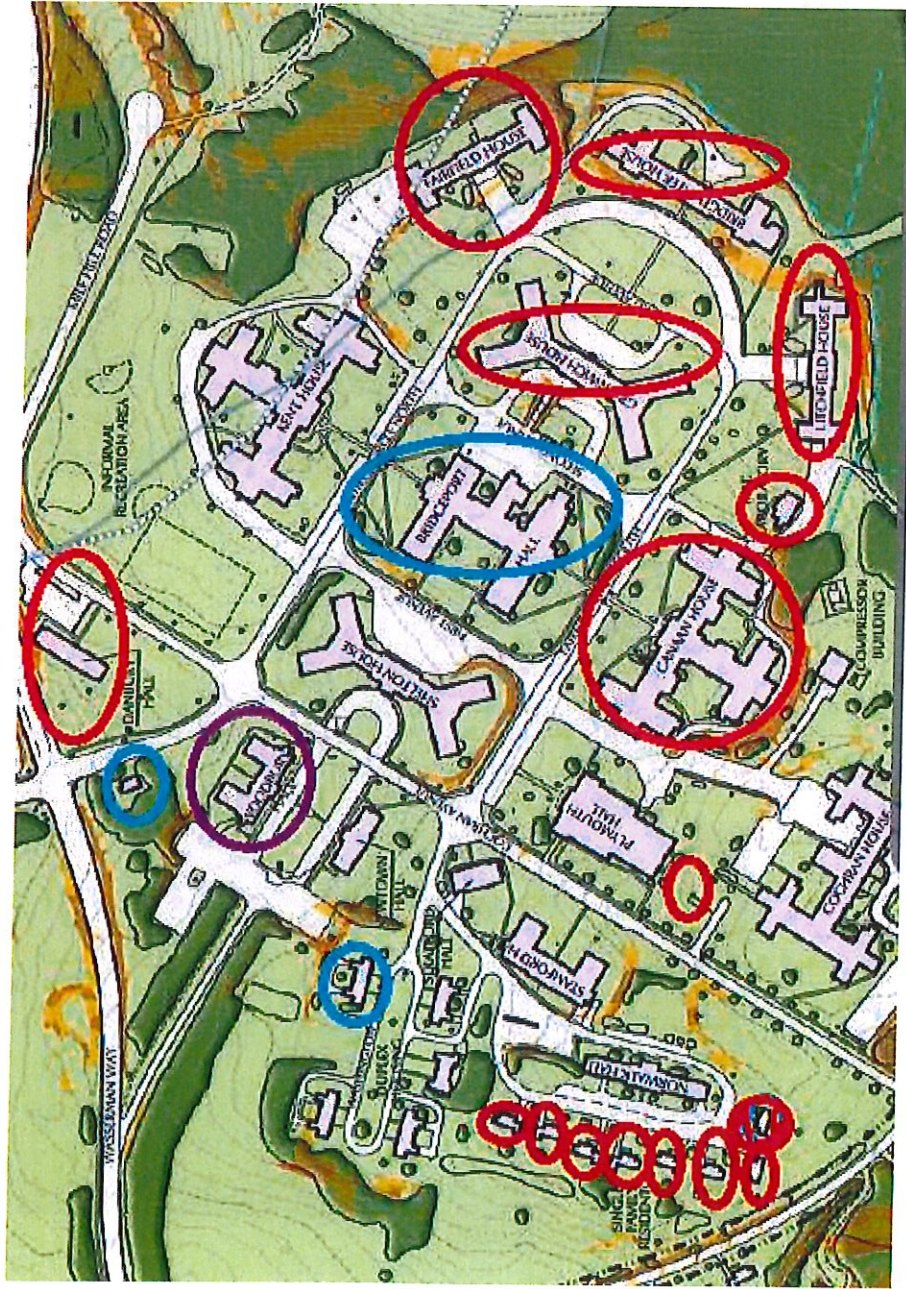
The Past Ten Years

Board of Selectmen

November 6, 2017

Brief history/timeline

- Most buildings were built in the 1930s
- Voters approved bonding for purchase - 2001
- Master Plan adopted in 2005
- Approximately 1.4 million square feet of buildings existed
- Partially located on Pootatuck River Aquifer



Demolished Buildings

Bridgewater House

Canaan House

Danbury Hall

Fairfield House

Greenwich House

Litchfield House

Yale Laboratory

Eight single family houses

Greenhouse

In progress – Woodbury Hall

Renovated Buildings

Bridgeport Hall – Municipal Center

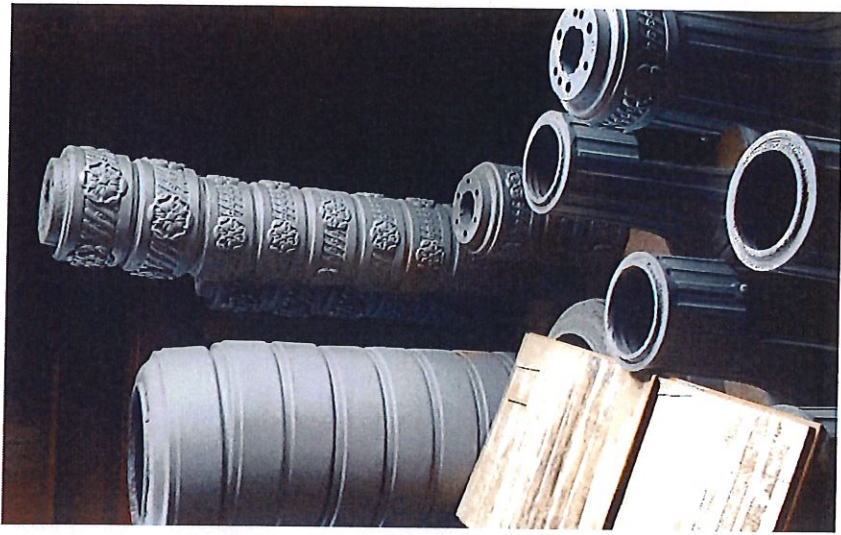
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Engineer's House – Center for Support and Wellness

Salvage -



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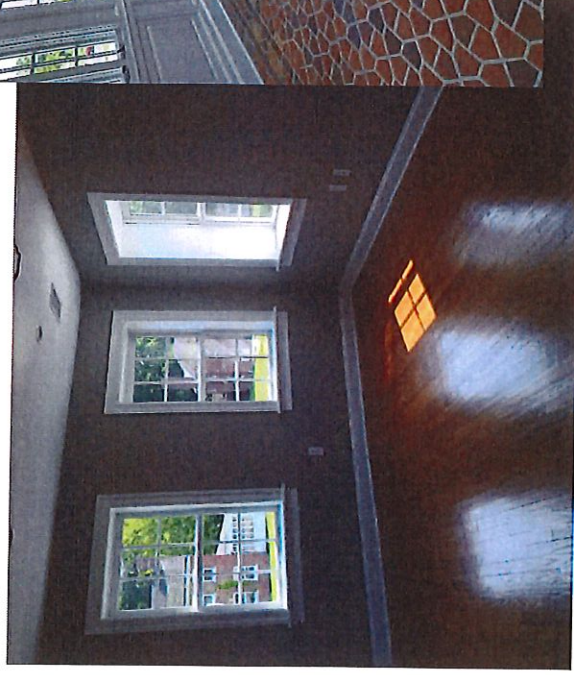
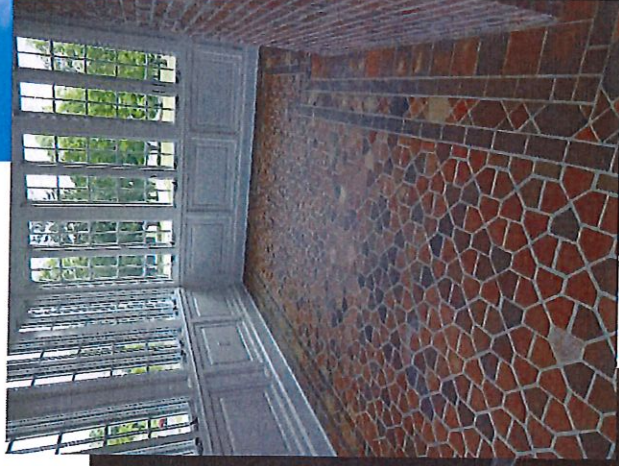
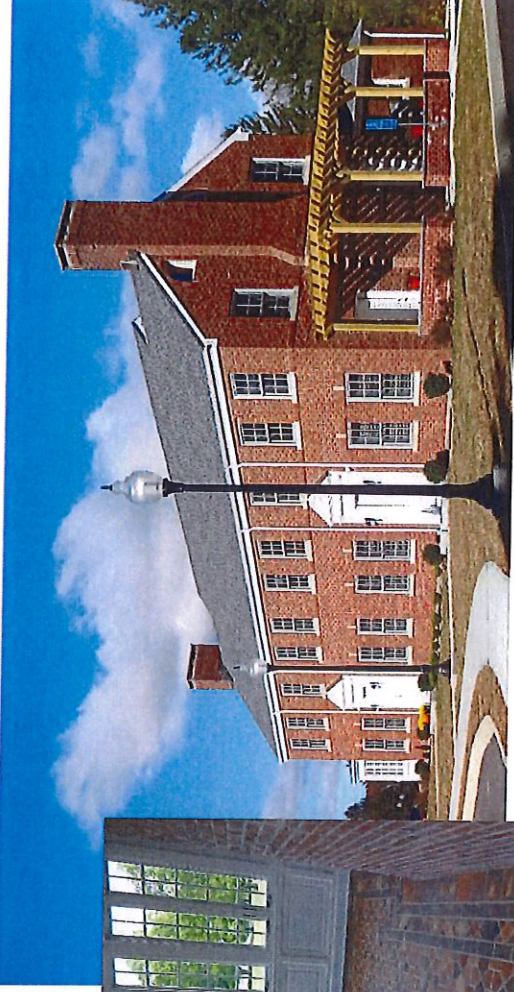
Building renovations -

- Bridgeport Hall – Newtown Municipal Center



Building renovations -

Duplex #63 / Newtown Parent Connection



Building renovations -

- Engineer's House



New Buildings -

- NYA
- NVAA
- EOC
- Community and senior center



Fairfield Hills Streetscape - 2017

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After

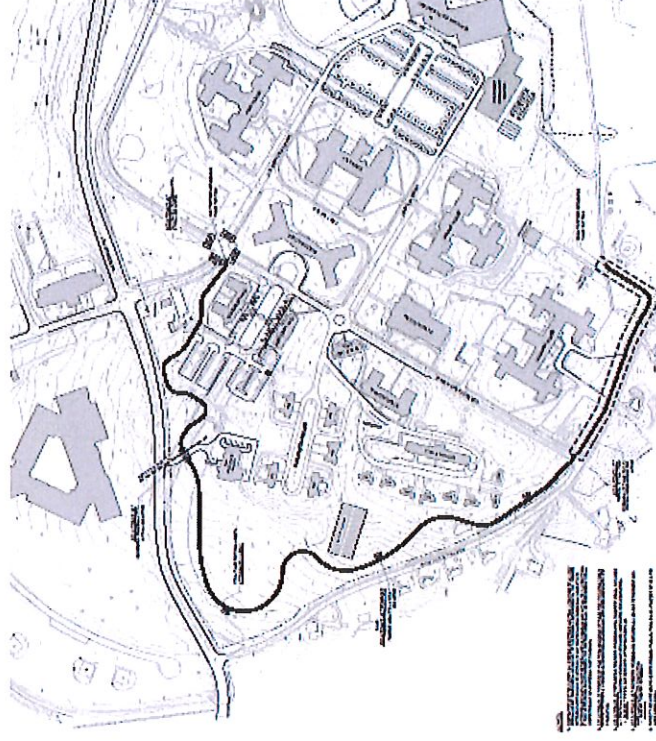


Fairfield Hills Streetscape - 2017



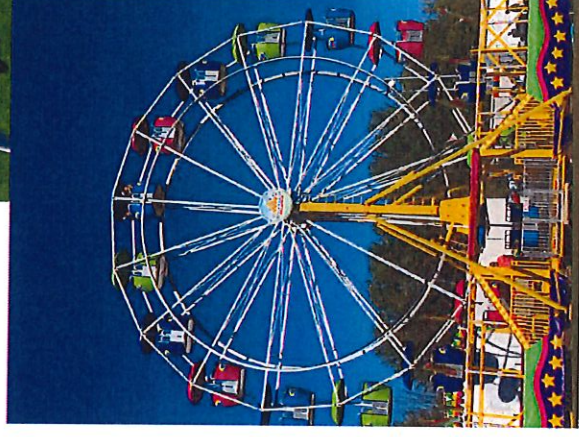
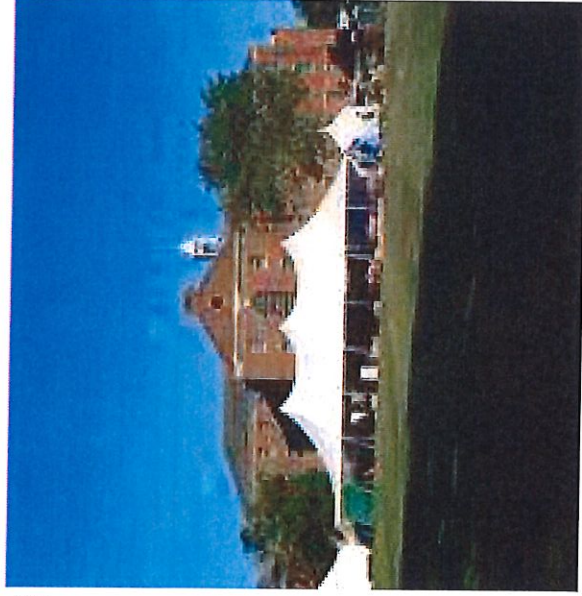
Infrastructure

- Trails
- Lighting/utility improvements



A day at Fairfield Hills

- Sports (soccer, baseball, softball, pickleball)
- Open space / passive recreation
- Farmers' Market
- Events
- Trails



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Possible future costs – building abatement and demo

Summary of Preliminary Reports Fuss O'Neill - FH Assessment Grant

Building	Estimated Abatement and Demolition Costs FINAL				
Shelton	\$1,808,304				
Canaan	\$3,204,832				
Greenhouses*	\$68,000				
Kent	\$3,980,898				
Stamford	\$1,031,040				
Woodbury	\$850,302				
Newtown	\$821,260				
Norwalk***	\$1,500,000				
Plymouth	\$971,264				
Cochran	\$3,749,500				
Total	\$17,985,400				

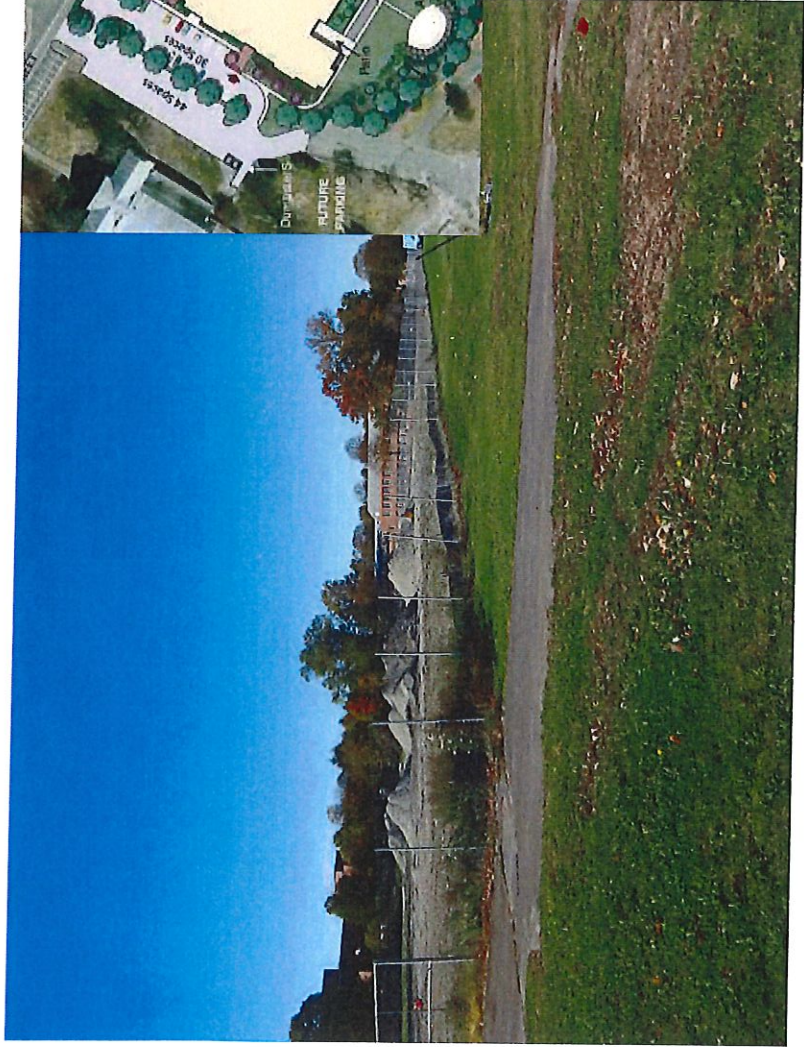
Additional utility and recreational infrastructure costs are not included in estimates.

- * Costs are based on two greenhouses. One on Plymouth property, one at P&R.
- ** Costs are not total costs. Oversight, fencing, electrical and other factors need to be taken into account.
- *** Estimated cost
- Additional campus costs would be duplexes, Stratford Hall.....

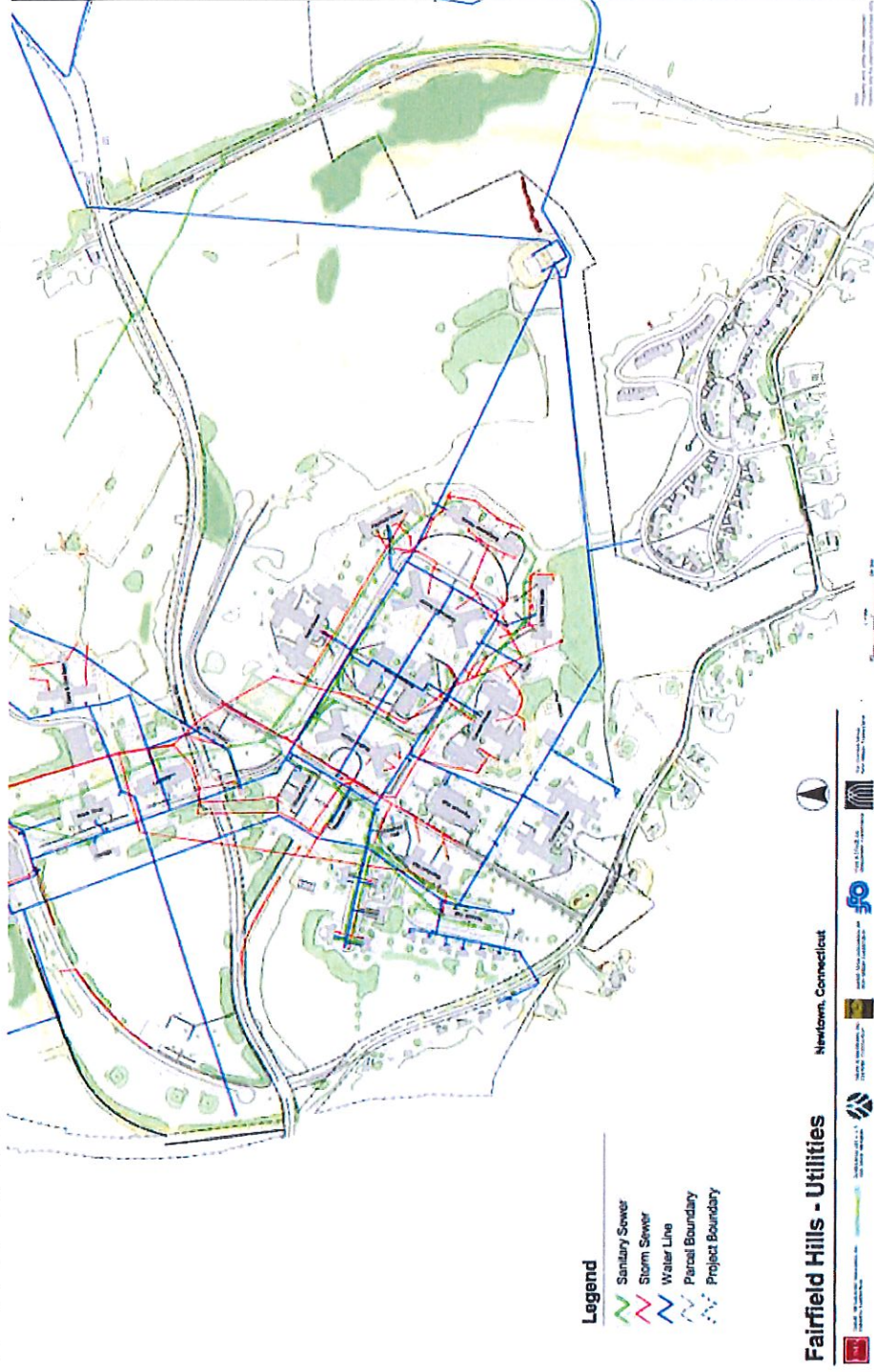
What is next?

- Community and senior centers
- Municipal development
- Private development – Stratford Hall and Duplexes
- Utility upgrades to support development





Utilities



Utilities

History:

- Some sewer, water lines are 18 feet below grade and were installed in the 1930s.

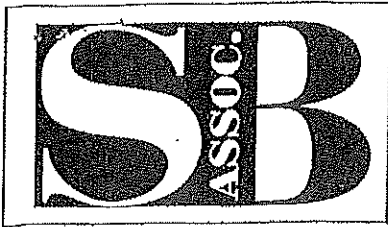
Accomplishments:

- WSA has invested \$2 million to upgrade pump station, wells and storage facility
- Fire protection system has been overhauled, replacing 12 hydrants
- Main gas line installed on Keating Farm and DG Beers
- Utility loop installed (cable, phone, power), replacing original utilities
- New laterals are installed at higher elevation

TOWN OF NEWTOWN APPROPRIATION (BUDGET) TRANSFER REQUEST
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10/23/17

AFTER 335 DAYS >>>>(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) ANY AMOUNT FROM CONTINGENCY>>>> ALL SIGN OFF



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October 5, 2017

Mr. George Benson
Town of Newtown
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06740

Re: Newtown Tech Park Addendum 5
Army Corps of Engineers and DEEP Permitting for Road Construction

Dear George:

Pursuant to your request, we have prepared a proposal to prepare the D.E.E.P. and Army Corps of Engineers Pre-Application to permit the road crossings and two buildings to be constructed at the above referenced site. This will be a joint effort between Davison Environmental L.L.C., successor to Environmental Planning Services, and our office. A brief outline of the procedures is attached. The agreement will be subject to the terms and conditions of our 6/11/09 Addendum 4A.

The Scope of Services will be to perform site review, application preparation, site planning, and meeting with D.E.E.P. and Army Corp of Engineers.

We look forward to providing your office with the most efficient and helpful service possible. Please indicate your acceptance of this agreement by signing the enclosed copy and returning to our office. We will begin work immediately.

Very truly yours,
SPATH-BJORKLUND ASSOCIATES, INC.

David S. Bjorklund, Jr., P.E.

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attachments

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

**SCOPE OF SERVICES
AND
OPINION OF PROBABLE COST**

CLIENT: Town of Newtown
PROJECT: Newtown Tech Park
DATE: September 22, 2017

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Prepare materials and studies required for an application for a General Permit including delineation of Inland Wetlands, vernal pools and watercourses utilizing the current "Federal Method"; preparation of Data Sheets. Plans will incorporate Low Impact Development and Best Management Practices to reduce impervious cover and manage Stormwater. The site will be surveyed for rare and endangered species as noted in ESA.

Plans will depict temporary fill (if required), erosion control, restoration measures, and an invasive species control plan.

The plans will comply with ACE design criteria for culvert designs and road construction at non-tidal stream crossings. See attached plan view.

The work will also include the completion of all required applications, reports and plans to file for the General Permit.

COMPENSATION: We will complete this work for a Lump Sum fee of **\$17,500.**

Note: This includes all work to be done by Davison Environmental and Spath-Bjorklund Associates Inc.

NOTE: This assumes that the Archeological Survey by Heritage Consultants is still valid and applicable to the General Permit Requirements.

October 18, 2017

Andrew Via, President
Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc.
P.O. Box 133
Newtown, CT 06470

Re: Use of Utility Vehicle at Fairfield Hills Baseball Fields

Dear Mr. Via:

It is my understanding that *Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc.* (NBRL) has requested permission to utilize a utility vehicle at the baseball fields located on the Fairfield Hills campus.

If I understand correctly, the purpose of the vehicle is to transport supplies from a storage shed to the various fields and to groom the clay portions of fields in accordance with approved Newtown Parks and Recreation procedures. The vehicle will be used to groom fields on weekends. The vehicle will not be driven on roads or trails, pursuant to Town Ordinance. Said vehicle will be purchased and owned by NBRL and the League will be responsible for the proper oversight, maintenance and security of the vehicle. Accordingly, NBRL accepts responsibility for any liability resulting from injury or damage associated with the storage and operation of said vehicle.

The vehicle will be stored in a secure (i.e., locked) shed located near the *Glander Field Complex*. Access to the vehicle will be restricted to ten or less individuals as authorized by the acting President of NBRL annually prior to the spring season. Prior to operation, each individual will sign an acknowledgement form (copy of form attached) indicating that he/she has been properly trained in the operation of said utility vehicle, instructed on the proper method of grooming fields and is familiar with the restrictions associated with the use of said vehicle. The acting President of Newtown Babe Ruth League, Inc. will also sign the form, acknowledge that he/she has read and understands the conditions of use and has approved each of the designated individuals to operate the vehicle. Upon the delivery of the original form to the offices of Newtown Parks & Recreation, the newly designated operators will be permitted to use the vehicle.

In accordance with the conditions and restrictions detailed above, I approve the use of said utility vehicle.

Attachment

Cc: Amy Mangold, Newtown Parks & Recreation Director
Sargeant Jeff Silver, Newtown Police Department