

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020**

MOTIONS ONLY. FULL MINUTES TO FOLLOW.

PRESENT: Jordana Bloom, Alison Plante, Chris Smith, Phil Carroll, Ryan Knapp, Judit DeStefano, Paul Lundquist, Chris Eide, Dan Wiedemann, Cathy Reiss, Dan Honan.

ABSENT: Andrew Clure

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, Board of Finance Chair Sandy Roussas, Board of Finance Vice-Chair Keith Alexander, Superintendent Dr. Lorie Rodrigue; S.H.O.P. Chair Mike Burton; 6 public, 0 press.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lundquist called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

VOTER COMMENT: None

Minutes: Mr. Honan moved to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2020 Legislative Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion passes. (11-0)

Discussion and Possible Action

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 for the planning, design, engineering, reconstruction and construction of town roads as authorized in the capital improvement plan (2020-21) and authorizing the issuance of \$750,000 bonds of the town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. Mr. Wiedemann seconded. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Ms. DeStefano further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Mr. Eide. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,829,963 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FAIRFIELD HILLS SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,829,963 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$1,829,963 for the planning, design, engineering, reconstruction and construction of Fairfield Hills sewer infrastructure improvements as authorized in the capital improvement plan (2020-21) and authorizing the issuance of \$1,829,963 bonds of the town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. Seconded by

Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Ms. DeStefano further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Ms.Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,541,933 FOR EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS (2020-21 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,541, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE933 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$7,541,933 for emergency radio system upgrades as authorized in the capital improvement plans (2020-21 to 2021-22) and authorizing the issuance of \$7,541, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose933 bonds of the town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Ms. DeStefano further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Ms. Reiss seconded. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF VENTILATION AND HVAC RENOVATIONS TO HAWLEY SCHOOL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 for the planning, design and engineering of ventilation and HVAC renovations to Hawley School as authorized in the capital improvement plan (2020-21) and authorizing the issuance of \$300,000 bonds of the town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. Seconded by Mr. Eide. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

Ms. DeStefano further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- Motion to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Referendum to be held on April 28, 2020, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) for the purpose of a vote by the electors and qualified voters of the Town

Ms. DeStefano moved to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Referendum to be held on April 28, 2020, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) for the purpose of a vote by the electors and qualified voters of the Town makes motion. Seconded by Mr. Eide. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO CAPITAL ROAD PROGRAM REFERENDUM QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, 2020. SUCH MATERIALS TO INCLUDE MAILINGS, FLIERS, AND POSTERS AS WELL AS EXPLANATORY TEXT ON THE BALLOT. CONTENT OF THESE MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO CGS 9-369B (A).

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution to authorize the preparation and printing of non-advocacy materials related to capital road program referendum question scheduled for April 28, 2020. Such materials to include mailings, fliers, and posters as well as explanatory text on the ballot. Content of

these materials to be approved by the town attorney, subject to CGS 9-369B (A). Seconded by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO FAIRFIELD HILLS SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS REFERENDUM QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, 2020. SUCH MATERIALS TO INCLUDE MAILINGS, FLIERS, AND POSTERS AS WELL AS EXPLANATORY TEXT ON THE BALLOT. CONTENT OF THESE MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO CGS 9-369B (A).

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution to authorize the preparation and printing of non-advocacy materials related to Fairfield Hills sewer infrastructure improvements referendum question scheduled for April 28, 2020. Such materials to include mailings, fliers, and posters as well as explanatory text on the ballot. Content of these materials to be approved by the town attorney, subject to CGS 9-369B (A). Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES REFERENDUM QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, 2020. SUCH MATERIALS TO INCLUDE MAILINGS, FLIERS, AND POSTERS AS WELL AS EXPLANATORY TEXT ON THE BALLOT. CONTENT OF THESE MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO CGS 9-369B (A).

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution to authorize the preparation and printing of non-advocacy materials related to emergency radio system upgrades referendum question scheduled for April 28, 2020. Such materials to include mailings, fliers, and posters as well as explanatory text on the ballot. Content of these materials to be approved by the town attorney, subject to CGS 9-369B (A). Seconded by Mr. Eide. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO VENTILATION AND HVAC RENOVATIONS TO HAWLEY SCHOOL REFERENDUM QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, 2020. SUCH MATERIALS TO INCLUDE MAILINGS, FLIERS, AND POSTERS AS WELL AS EXPLANATORY TEXT ON THE BALLOT. CONTENT OF THESE MATERIALS TO BE APPROVED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, SUBJECT TO CGS 9-369B (A).

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution to authorize the preparation and printing of non-advocacy materials related to ventilation and HVAC renovations to Hawley School referendum question scheduled for April 28, 2020. Such materials to include mailings, fliers, and posters as well as explanatory text on the ballot. Content of these materials to be approved by the town attorney, subject to CGS 9-369B (A). Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- **Lease of Property at 7 Glen Road to S.H.O.P.**

RESOLUTION THAT THE TOWN BE AND HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7 GLEN ROAD, SANDY HOOK, BY MEANS OF A 99-YEAR LEASE TO SANDY HOOK ORGANIZATION FOR PROSPERITY (SHOP), FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PARK AND PARKING LOT THEREON FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PART OF THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-10(D)(1) OF THE NEWTOWN TOWN CHARTER (“CHARTER”)(IT BEING THE INTENTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF 8-10 (C) (1) THROUGH (5) OF THE CHARTER).

Ms. Destefano moved that the Town be and hereby is authorized to lease real property located at 7 Glen

Road, Sandy Hook, by means of a 99-year lease to Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity (SHOP), for the purpose of establishing a park and parking lot thereon for the benefit of the people of the part of the Town of Newtown, in accordance with Section 8-10(d)(1) of the Newtown Town Charter (“Charter”)(it being the intention to waive the provisions of 8-10 (c) (1) through (5) of the Charter). Seconded by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

- Legislative Council Meeting Schedule: Meeting on April 8

Ms. DeStefano moved to add April 8th to the Legislative Council meeting schedule. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (11-0).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm. Seconded by Phil Carroll.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rina Quijano, Clerk*