

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

**MOTIONS ONLY**

**PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:** Jordana Bloom, Alison Plante, Chris Smith, Phil Carroll, Ryan Knapp, Judit DeStefano, Paul Lundquist, Chris Eide, Dan Wiedemann, Cathy Reiss, Andy Clure, Dan Honan

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Town Clerk Debbie Aurelia Halstead; Charter Revision Commission Appointees: Dennis Brestovansky, Andrew Buzzi, Scott Davidow, Tony Filiato, Jim Gaston, Elias Petersen and Prerna Rao; 0 public, 2 press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lundquist called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:33 pm.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Mr. Honan moved to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Legislative Council Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Honan moved to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Legislative Council Regular Meeting with the below amendment made. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Ms. Reiss pointed out that the Voter Comment made by Mr. Richard Fisher should have read as follows:

*Richard Fisher, 46 Turkey Hill Road – Mr. Fisher ~~proposes~~ opposes the ordinance.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Action*

- Acceptance of the Charter Revision Commission charge as recommended by the Charter Revision Charge Committee

Ms. DeStefano moved the Legislative Council adopt the Charter Revision Commission Charge unanimously approved by the Charter Revision Charge Committee on February 18, 2021 and said charge items should be given to the Charter Revision Commission upon its formation. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Acceptance of the Charter Revision Commission appointment recommendations by the Charter Revision Commission Interview Committee

Mr. Wiedemann moved the Legislative Council accept the Charter Revision Commission appointment recommendations unanimously approved by the Charter Revision Interview Committee and the following 7 members be appointed to said Commission upon formation: Dennis Brestovansky, Andrew Buzzi, Scott Davidow, Tony Filiato, Jim Gaston, Elias Petersen and Prerna Rao. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Constitute a Charter Revision Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of Newtown and appoint members

Ms. DeStefano moved the Legislative Council establish a Charter Revision Commission in accordance

with Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of Newtown consisting of 7 members: Dennis Brestovansky, Andrew Buzzi, Scott Davidow, Tony Filiato, Jim Gaston, Elias Petersen and Prerna Rao. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Charge the Charter Revision Commission

Ms. DeStefano moved that the Legislative Council, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, charge the newly formed Charter Revision Commission with considering the items listed in the approved schedule for inclusion in any amendments to the Charter. By Statute, the Commission may also consider other changes to the Charter as it deems desirable or necessary. The Charter Revision Commission will report to the Legislative Council, comment on each recommendation which it has been directed to consider, and on such other charges, if any and will do so following a provided schedule that allows completion of tasks in time for placing proposed amendments on the April 2022 ballot. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Newtown Debt Policy

Mr. Eide moved to approve the Newtown Debt Policy as amended by the Finance and Administration Committee. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Newtown Fund Balance Policy

Mr. Eide moved to approve the Newtown Fund Balance Policy as amended by the Finance and Administration Committee. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,041,933 FOR EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2021-22 TO 2025-26) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,041,933 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 \$5,041,933 for Emergency Radio System Upgrades as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2021-22 to 2025-26) and authorizing the issuance of \$5,041,933 bonds of the Town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose and further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,700,000 FOR THE ENGINEERING, PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANDY HOOK PERMANENT MEMORIAL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2021-22 TO 2025-26) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,700,000 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 \$3,700,000 for the engineering, planning, design and construction of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2021-22 to 2025-26) and authorizing the issuance of \$3,700,000 bonds of the Town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose and further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,539,894 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A GAS BOILER AND LED LIGHTING AT REED INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2021-22 TO 2025-26) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,539,894 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 \$1,539,894 for the Acquisition and Installation of a Gas Boiler and Led Lighting at Reed Intermediate School as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2021-22 to 2025-26) and authorizing the issuance of \$1,539,894 bonds of the Town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose and further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

- Motion to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Referendum to be held on April 27, 2021, 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

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- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO THE EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES REFERENDUM QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27, 2021. SUCH MATERIALS MAY 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 the Emergency Radio System Upgrades Referendum question scheduled for April 27, 2021. Such materials may 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 (12-0).

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- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND PRINTING OF NON-ADVOCACY MATERIALS RELATED TO THE GAS BOILER AND LED LIGHTING AT REED INTERMEDIATE

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Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution to authorize the preparation and printing of non-advocacy materials related to the Gas Boiler and Led Lighting at Reed Intermediate School referendum question scheduled for April 27, 2021. Such materials may 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 (12-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Honan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AT THE NEXT MEETING.**