

**AVON TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Town Hall, in the Selectmen's Chamber by Chairman Zacchio. Members present: Mrs. Maguire and Messrs: Zacchio, Stokesbury, Pena, and Speich.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Zacchio.

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**IV. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING:** September 7, 2017

Two corrections to the September 7, 2017 Meeting minutes were made as follows:

On page 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, change "KC" to "Casey" and on page 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, change "State" to "estate."

On a motion made by Mr. Stokesbury, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council accept the minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting as amended.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Speich, and Stokesbury voted in favor.

**V. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE**

Mark Rinaldo, Chief of Police, reported that the stop signs for the Burnham and Country Club Road intersection should be installed next week with message boards on each side to alert motorists. Chairman Zacchio questioned if they will have "4-way" stop on each sign. Chief Rinaldo responded yes. Lt. Kelly Walsh commented on vehicle thefts and being a very frustrating situation for the public and the whole State; there is no pattern with occurrences except during the night; a complete crime of opportunity; individuals are coming in by the car load, going down a street looking for cars unlocked and/or keys in it, taking the car or items, or if key fob is close enough inside the house they can hit it and take off with the car. She noted that since May 2016, when there was a trend, we are up to 19 stolen vehicles and since January 2017 there have been 49 burglaries. She added that residents are not always home and either don't report it or call and don't want police to come out so those numbers can be low in comparison. She noted that a message was sent out in January through the Town's web site and has been there since then to remind people to lock their cars and don't leave belongings in eye sight. She added that they have rented cars, used extra patrols, hired extra officers, but do not have an area to target. She noted that they are doing the same thing around the State; most of them are juveniles. Mrs. Maguire questioned if any vehicles windows have been smashed. Lt. Walsh responded no. Chairman Zacchio questioned how we get that word out to the public. Mrs. Maguire responded that it is all over Facebook, sharing incidents with others. Lt. Walsh responded that it is on our

web site and she was interviewed for the news back in May. She noted that it is a crime of opportunity. Chief Rinaldo commented that these juveniles are age 18 and under; if you catch them you cannot interview them without a parent and you can give them a juvenile summons but they won't go to court and the prosecutors are not pursuing this; we had a DNA match and they would not sign a warrant. He added that it is being looked at as a property crime and the need to lock your doors. Mr. Stokesbury questioned if we are seeing secondary crimes of opportunity with garage door openers in vehicles. Chief Rinaldo responded not into the home, but we have had a few that went into a garage into another car. Mr. Stokesbury commented that we need to add into the focus locking the door from the garage into the house. Lt. Walsh offered to send out another community blast through the Town's web site. Council agreed. Chief Rinaldo commented there have been 49 burglaries and 19 stolen vehicles since January, a few vehicles have been involved in crashes. He noted that Newington and Wethersfield has been having a similar problem and they chase the cars and one car tried to run down an officer. Mr. Stokesbury commented that the Courant had an article on Wethersfield and mentioned that the Police Department asked homeowners who had surveillance equipment for their homes to look at them and voluntarily provide images to the Department. Lt. Walsh responded we have had a few give us their camera footage but the individuals wear hooded sweatshirts. Chief Rinaldo noted that we do have several programs out there so we are doing something. He added that Sgt. Gilbert goes to regional meetings and he attended a Task Force meeting a few months ago where prosecutors and detective supervisors came up with a strategy. He noted that West Hartford has been hit so hard that every night they hire a detective for the midnight shift which is also costly. Mr. Pena questioned if this is happening at certain times. Lt. Walsh responded the overnight hours. Chief Rinaldo added that they cannot pattern it. Chairman Zacchio commented that the real message is to make sure cars are locked and not leaving keys in the car. Mr. Pena asked if that is the information given on the Department's blast. Lt. Walsh responded yes. She noted a flyer that was also updated for Celebrate Avon. Mr. Pena questioned if we could add something to the Town newsletter. The Town Manager responded that it has already gone to print. Chairman Zacchio questioned if we can add something to the Town's web site, another e-mail blast, some press is in the room and could help get the word out; it is a statewide problem. Mr. Stokesbury questioned if we can get the notices to the places where we interact with the public: Town Clerk's Office, the Library, and Senior Center. Mrs. Maguire suggested the schools. Lt. Walsh responded that she would reach out to the Board of Education and see if will include it in the virtual backpack. Chairman Zacchio asked the Department to raise public awareness the best they can. Chief Rinaldo responded that is our goal. Chairman Zacchio thanked them for the update; get it out there as much as we can and hopefully people will catch on.

## **VI. COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Stokesbury reported that Celebrate Avon went well, we had great weather and looks forward to the report next month. He noted that a number of us attended the Department of Transportation Old Farms Road Bridge Public Information Session and we have more material on that tonight; it is great to see that moving forward. He commented about the budget issues, the State's budget crisis, and that the city of Hartford which is a debtor to the Town of Avon from Board of Education money that comes into us as general fund and it is another significant risk that we need to be focusing on. Chairman Zacchio responded that we really don't have a solution as we talked about our three-board meeting, the solution depends on the size of the problem and we don't know the size of the problem and continue to sit here in limbo. Mr.

Stokesbury noted that we may need another three-board meeting pretty quickly. Chairman Zacchio responded that is possible. He said before that we should be and the Boards should be cautious of spending into this fiscal year not knowing what the future holds because the longer we are in the fiscal year the more difficult it is to recover from whatever it is that comes of this budget process; us knowing sooner is probably better from a recovery standpoint but will be tough either way.

Mrs. Maguire appreciates that Huckleberry Hill Road is paved but asked when it was going to be lined. The Town Manager responded that he did not know. Mrs. Maguire noted that she hears comments about it being hard to drive the road at night because it is a dark road. She also noted that elections are coming up and she was at the high school the other night and the lights were out; maybe a timer issue; wants to make sure that we are prepared for the elections. She was approached by a coach in town about what happened in Las Vegas; look at Fisher Meadows or the Middle School during a beautiful weekend day and you say what if; you can never adequately prepare for a situation like that but coaches have asked if there is a training/protocol we can have for the area coaches. Lt. Walsh responded that Officers Lundell and Vess have gone through numerous training classes and view all of our assessments in town buildings and schools and have offered talks like that when other companies have called us in town. Mrs. Maguire asked if we could coordinate something. Lt. Walsh responded yes. Chairman Zacchio commented on the road line painting and that the Director of Public Works has previously shared that they wait at least 4-6 weeks to get the oil out of the pavement so the lines stick better and will last much longer.

Mr. Pena commented that the 9/11 ceremony was a nice event, likes that we continue to do it and remember what happened on that day, and complimented the Fire Department for organizing it.

Mr. Speich commented that he attended Celebrate Avon; it was nice, a great time as always and looks forward to hearing the stats next month.

Chairman Zacchio reported that this afternoon he volunteered at Foodshare in Bloomfield, the distribution center for seventy-three food pantries throughout Hartford and Tolland Counties, including Avon's food pantry. He noted that Diane Goode was here for a decade with Gifts of Love and is now at Foodshare and doing a fabulous job and enjoying that role. He added that they are always looking for volunteers to help; he volunteered with a group of forty from work and in under four hours they sorted 12,500 pounds of cucumbers, bell peppers, and apples which would have gone bad and were picked up yesterday, sorted today, and will be shipped to the food pantries tomorrow. He noted that they used to do just vegetables, they now do meats; Big Y, Stop and Shop and other organizations donate meats when they are a day before expiration; they distribute 1.2 million pounds of meat through the seventy-three food banks with 200-300 people lined up for the food.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **14/15-20      Old Farms Road and Old Farms Road Bridge and Intersection** **(State Projects # 04-129, 04-116 & 118)**

Chairman Zacchio reported that a few of us were at the Public Information Session last month

and received a lot of information. The Town Manager noted the Session held on September 21<sup>st</sup> had a pretty good turnout, good comments from the public; at this point, based on the feedback received we are going to move forward with design and development and for the bridge project we are looking at construction in the spring of 2019 with bidding in the fall of 2018. He is very pleased with the Department of Transportation (DOT) who has been a great partner on this project; the drawings and aesthetics were largely driven by the Town and DOT was amenable to make sure we got a product that we were happy with in the end; they are working closely with us to limit the disruption and will work with the residents that will be affected in the area, and minimize impact on traffic flow. Mr. Pena commented that at the Information Session DOT very much wanted to hear from the audience. Mr. Stokesbury noted the abutters particularly. The Town Manager commented that it is a difficult site; there are a lot of environmental concerns in a small area; a lot of coordination between agencies which seems to be on good cadence. The Town Manager reported that in terms of the road project we continue to work with Avon Old Farms School; the LOTCIP application is tied up in the State budget process, allowing us more time; he would not be surprised if we don't see a budget resolved until February 2018. He noted that one of the issues we are working through with the School is the north/south section of Old Farms Road between Thompson and Scoville they have a real interest in seeing if we can take the section and move it slightly to the west which is problematic as agencies' feedback over the years, primarily Army Corps of Engineers, has been opposed to alignment change; we are working through that with the School, be accommodating, and also talking about the area north of the intersection with Scoville and trying to move it further to the west and away from the School a bit. He hopes to have something more substantive for Council in November.

The Town Manager commented that the lines on Huckleberry Hill Road would be painted next week. He noted the same issue as in the past and having to switch vendors to get it done.

**17/18-13      Review, Discuss, and Possibly Set a Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 53 of the Town Code of Ordinances entitled Streets and Sidewalks**  
**a. Article IV "Removal of Ice and Snow in the Public Way"**  
**b. Article VII "Fire Hydrants" (NEW)**

Chairman Zacchio reported that this item was tabled from Council's last meeting and included recommendations to change two articles of Chapter 53 in the Code of Ordinances, one around the removal of ice and snow into a public way which we had a bit of discussion about and the second around fire hydrants and clearing of snow/debris around them of which we had a lot of questions and concerns were raised that the Town Manager brought back to his team. He added that tonight the recommendation is to set a public hearing for Article IV "Removal of Ice and Snow in the Public Way" only and table the fire hydrants item until a later date when the Town Manager has had a chance to vet it a little further.

Mr. Stokesbury commented on the snow removal, the fine is \$250 and seem to be quite aggressive compared to the chart of other towns and to confirm where the fines end up. Chief Rinaldo responded that the ordinance itself is needed and would be careful on enforcing; the \$250 fine is after someone has been given a warning. Lt. Schmalberger commented that a warning is given for the first incident and then the maximum fine is \$250. He noted that if we go out to enforce we like to be reasonable and handle things at the lowest level; if we can give a warning and the issue is resolved we can move on, but if there are multiple complaints with a

problem then the \$250 while seems expensive it is the contractor being fined and wouldn't make sense for them to the driveway at that point so make sure they do their job correctly. Mr. Speich commented that the homeowner is not responsible if they hired a contractor and the contractor would pay the fine. Mr. Pena commented that he understands going after the contractor but if they see that is how Avon is going to handle they may vacate Avon and leave the homeowner with finding another contractor during the middle of the winter. Chief Rinaldo responded that they will be given a warning first and the ordinance is not such that they have to write the ticket right away; there are options available and can work with the homeowners and the important thing is to stop the activity from occurring and the deterrent effect is a \$250 fine. He noted that is how they enforce most of the ordinances; there is another option by writing a \$99 ticket as a state infraction and would not have to issue a \$250 fine. He does not think this issue will come to a punitive thing or contractors are going to leave because we will be reasonable but need something to make sure that we can stop them from damaging Town property and property across the street; it creates a hazard for travel by the public. Mr. Pena understands but personally having to find a new snow removal contractor for last winter it is not easy and they are expensive. Mr. Speich questioned the Department's experience with this over the last few years. Lt. Schmalberger responded over the last two winters we have fined eight instances where residents or Public Works complain of damaged property or roads and nobody is held responsible and the Town fixes it; it has been an ongoing problem for many years. Mr. Speich questioned if there are repeat offenders. Lt. Schmalberger responded that has not been investigated. Chief Rinaldo commented that letters will be sent out raising awareness of the new ordinance, if passed. He noted that some contractors push snow into a wooded area but it is more where they are damaging Town property, stone walls, curbing, fencing on adjacent property owners. Mr. Speich commented as long as they don't leave the snow on the road. Chief Rinaldo responded that the existing ordinance calls for that but it also allows them to clean it up and they don't do it; it creates a mess. Chairman Zacchio commented that this ordinance will allow you to have the conversation, something to back it up, and people will generally accept it and fall in line; contractors want to do business here and not lose business, just need to know the rules which may have consequences. Chief Rinaldo commented that he spoke to one contractor who asked where they should put the snow; they are in business, get in, push the snow out, and get to the next house.

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Pena, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council set a public hearing date to be held at their November 2, 2017 meeting to consider and permit all interested persons to speak on the plan of the Town Council to amend and restate Town Ordinance Chapter 53 – Streets and Sidewalks. The recommended changes will be to Article IV - Deposit of Snow and Ice in Public Way.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

Chairman Zacchio commented that there was a lot of question around the fire hydrants and the removal of snow; we have 800+ fire hydrants in Town; the Town Manager's recommendation is to not set a public hearing at this point and he will work through the logistics of what that ordinance should look like and how it would be rolled to the public if we move in that direction.

Adam Lazinsk, 88 Deepwood Drive, commented that he arrived late to last month's meeting when this item was being discussed. He understands that there has been discussion about creating an ordinance that stipulates the abutting owner maintains the snow removal around the

hydrant if it is on their property. He noted that in his neighborhood he maintains two hydrants, both are six hundred feet away from his house, because the abutters do not. He commented that it comes down to a matter of civic responsibility and he does it because it is the responsible thing to do and needs to be done in case the Fire Department needs it; for those homeowners that are not going to do it how do you enforce that and is it proper to enforce that by fining them and what if the hydrant is in a dicey location like the corner of Country Club at Stagecoach or there is a lot of traffic where the hydrant is. He commented to impose a law that cannot be enforced or should not be enforced then why have the ordinance? Chairman Zacchio responded those were a lot of the same comments we had last month, particularly those residents where the hydrant is remote, is it in a right of way, are there liabilities that go with that if they are injured, and why we had a lot of questions and the Town Manager is recommending we let this one percolate a little longer in terms of how we do that. He noted that there is a need to make sure the fire hydrants are cleared that the Fire Department has identified that makes sense and now we need to determine how that is best executed. Mr. Lazinsk responded that could be as simple as contacting the property owner where the hydrant is located and ask them to help in keeping these hydrants clean and maybe make it a neighbor project. Chairman Zacchio commented that we have done that in the Town newsletter before and asked people to do it; he does not have a response rate. He noted that we will leave it to the Town Manager and his staff to come up with a suitable solution to fix the Fire Department's concern and find a way to do it. Mr. Speich commented that it is a valid concern and since we may not do anything before the winter, could we make sure all fire hydrants have the flags on them and for Public Works snowplowing is a difficult job but remind them about not pushing snow towards the hydrants.

#### **17/18-21     Appointment: Youth Services Advisory Board**

On a motion made Mr. Zacchio, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council appoint Dr. Ann Perrault to the Youth Services Advisory Board to fill a vacancy with a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **17/18-22     Contract Recommendation: Snow Removal & Ice Control Services**

The Assistant to the Town Manager reported that we received two bids; the low bidder was CRS Landscape & Excavation and it is for a 3-year contract period totaling over \$480,000; this is for snow removal at most of our Town properties. Mr. Stokesbury clarified that they picked and chose where they want to provide these services. Mr. Stokesbury questioned how this contract compares to the current year. Jeremy, owner of CRS, was in the audience as he knew there were two properties in question that were very close and was beat by a couple hundred dollars. He noted that there is an approximate 3% increase from last year and next year and the third year would be 3% increases; the other guy was 5%. Mr. Stokesbury commented that when he looks at a bid report he looks for the magic language, the lowest responsible bidder; we have talked about it and in this case we have a situation where one bidder happens to be present who was low overall and wasn't the only one bidding the job; we have seen other cases where we have not contracted out after background checks. He would like us to tighten up the language in these reports to us to really make that evaluation and in this case Alex Trujillo be telling us that CRS is

the lowest responsible bidder and gives us a clear indication that it has been vetted. Mr. Speich questioned the length of the contract. The Assistant to the Town Manager responded that is typically what we have done, gives more of an economy of scale for the vendor and more of a commitment from us. Jeremy with CRS added that three years or more is best; a fourth and fifth year extension per negotiations is great because the longer we secure the contract the better the investment; last year he made a very large investment upgrading trucks to plow here and the Fire Departments and it helps him know he can pay those bills for the next three years; he took over Secret Lake in 2008, made initial investments then; in 2011, G&S had defaulted at the beginning of the season at Town Hall and he took it over mid-season because he was next in line; in 2014, same thing, all the Fire Departments, Library, Senior Center, that contractor defaulted early in the season and since he got it he went out and made the investments. He knows that the Town tries to save a buck but in his experience in the past picking apart the contract hasn't been in the best interest for the Town. Council thanked him and for coming to the meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Stokesbury, seconded by Mr. Pena, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council award the contract to CRS Landscape & Excavation, LLC of Simsbury, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$480,685 (FY18 \$155,595, FY19 \$160,115 and FY20 \$164,975) for snow removal and ice control services.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

#### **17/18-23 Supplemental Appropriation: Avon Police Department, \$500.00**

Chairman Zacchio reported that this is from the sale of the remains of David Wilcox's truck from the accident at the base of Avon Mountain and by the ruling that took place in that case that \$500 would be used for the Police Department who is recommending use for some equipment with their truck inspections and perfectly aligned with the spirit of that judgment.

On a motion made by Mr. Stokesbury, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council hereby recommends that the Board of Finance amend the FY 17/18 Budget by increasing:

#### **REVENUES**

General Fund, Other Local Revenue, Miscellaneous Funds, Account #01-0360-43912 in the amount of \$500.00 and increasing

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

General Fund, Patrol Services, Materials-Other, Account #01-2107-52239 in the amount of \$500.00 for the purpose of purchasing Police equipment for truck inspections for the Avon Police Department, by order of Hon. David Gold, Superior Court Judge.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

#### **17/18-24 FY 18/19 Budget: Approve Capital Budget Review Schedule**

Mr. Speich noted that he is unable to attend the November 15<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

On a motion made by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Pena, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council approve the following FY 18/19 Capital Improvement Program Budget Review Schedule as provided:

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Regular Town Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)**

	7:00 p.m.	Board of Education
	7:30 p.m.	General Government
<b>Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Special Town Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Engineering
	7:30 p.m.	Public Works
	8:00 p.m.	Recreation and Parks
<b>Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Regular Town Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Police Department
	7:30 p.m.	Fire Department

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Pena, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

### **17/18-25     Approve 2018 Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Zacchio noted that we had some discussion at one time about starting meetings at 7:00 p.m. but landed on 7:30 p.m. because of concern members may not have enough time to get home from work and come. Mr. Stokesbury commented that people are used to us at 7:30 p.m. but he would prefer an earlier meeting; perhaps change the summer meetings to 7:00 p.m. Chairman Zacchio noted that we have made those decisions on the fly during the summer months. Mr. Pena commented that he is flexible with it either way.

On a motion made by Mr. Stokesbury, seconded by Mr. Pena, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council adopt the following schedule of meetings in accordance with P.A. 723 of the 1967 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly, the following list of scheduled meetings for 2018 and January 2019:

Thursday, January 4, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, February 1, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, March 1, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, April 5, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, May 3, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, June 7, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, July 26, 2018*	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, September 6, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, October 4, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, November 1, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, December 6, 2018	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall
Thursday, January 3, 2019	7:30 p.m. – Town Hall

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Zacchio, Speich, Pena, and Stokesbury voted in favor.

### **IX.     TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/MISCELLANEOUS**

**Misc. A: Purchasing Update:** The Assistant to the Town Manager reported that we had a bid for fertilization services and the award went to Distinguished Lawns. Mrs. Maguire questioned why there is such a big difference between the two bids. The Assistant to the Town Manager responded that they all responded to the same specs. She reported that we put out a bid for our revaluation for 2018, advertised on Wednesday and come back on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Assessor is looking to have a contract by the new year. She reported that with our radio system project we had a conference call with our consultant last week to discuss proposals and a



preliminary recommendation and are working to determine next steps on how we will proceed towards a more formal recommendation for Council and should be ready in the next few months. She reported that with the microgrid RFP, we had interviews in August and we have an informal decision with who we would like to move forward with and are working on some modeling and cost analysis before we come back before Council. The Town Manager noted that the partner at Murtha Cullina that we had been working with has left the firm and a new partner assigned who seems will fit right in and we are scheduling a meeting with Bernie Zahren, another member of the Avon Clean Energy Commission (ACEC ), and the vendor to talk further about design. He added that there is going to be a time crunch as we get towards the end of the calendar year as the grant applications are due to the State by the end of December; he anticipates that in November he will have something more substantive and have Bruce McDermott, Murtha partner, here as a reference and talk more about this. He noted that the important concept is that the Town is a customer; we do not own anything and much like the solar panels we are buying the energy from whatever generation source they decide to install which would most likely be a fuel cell; we would not own it or maintain it, no responsibility for it, just pay a rate that we negotiate through another long-term Power Purchase Agreement. He added that it has worked well with the solar panels. The Assistant to the Town Manager reported that with the telephone system upgrade the Board of Education is completely finished; it went very well with some minor glitches but overall a smooth transition; on the Town side we are doing preliminary work to switch over to a new provider so we can use digital lines and save money on an ongoing basis; our vendor anticipates being ready for installation in early November. She reported that we are developing a bid for irrigation at Fisher Meadows, grounds services, and our fencing along the rail trail. She noted that we looked at different fencing colors and price differential; brown was about 70% more expensive than white and equated to about \$70,000 difference from Farmington line to Simsbury line so white fencing will be installed.

**Misc. B: Construction Update:** The Town Manager reported that Carpiionato Group has been working with staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Avon Village Center development and one of the arrangements that the Commission has made with the developer is to move the rail trail out of the parking lot behind Building 5/6/7 and re-route up onto the hill and something that has been talked about for a long time; this will be 100% funded by the developer, the Commission approved at their meeting last week; there are a number of trees that will have to come down and have been marked by the tree warden, new trees that will go up, fencing and also going to have to take off a good portion of the bank and get additional parking spaces and swing space so if the microgrid project goes forward we will have a platform for whatever the generator is. He noted that one of the thoughts with this and he credited Hiram Peck, is to talk to the Arts Center and see if they have any ideas for what to do with the large boulders on the site or another idea that the developer reacted very favorably was to shave chunks off the boulders and use them as the face for the retaining wall and go along nice with the brownstone in the Town offices. He noted that it has not been a good situation to have pedestrian and bike traffic going through the parking lots and this takes care of that and expect it to be underway in the next few weeks. He reported that with the Fisher Meadows Project we had to go through the Natural Diversity Database and found some box turtles on the site and have dealt with those; we submitted our request for a general storm water permit through DEEP, it has been approved. He referred to a map showing Phase 1 through 3; this fall, late October, we will mobilize and work on the parking, and weather permitting get to Phases 2 and 3 in the spring; we have been coordinating closely with the Middle School, for example, with track meets and make sure they are taken care

of and it is safe. Mr. Speich questioned if they will be multi-purpose fields. The Town Manager responded yes. He noted that we had some comments about the tree in the bend of the trail which will be saved. He reported with the Police Department improvements the storage shed is complete on the inside with finish work on the interior; we are working with a consultant to get the antenna moved on the exterior of the Police Department building so we can get the bump out done for the Emergency Operations Center and thereafter move into the patrol building. He reported that improvements continue on Company #4. He reported that road improvements are completed for the season. He noted that the little driveway into the Transfer Station will be paved by the end of the season. He noted that we will take care of the replacement of the fencing around the pool at Sycamore Hills this season. Mr. Stokesbury questioned if this will be privacy fencing. The Assistant to the Town Manager responded that it is a vinyl coated chain link fence.

**Misc. C: Country Club Road Intersection with West Avon and Burnham Roads:** The Town Manager noted that the Chief of Police talked about this item earlier in the meeting.

**Misc. D: FY 17/18 Budget:** The Town Manager reported that a brief overview was given to the Board of Finance at their last meeting. He noted that he was at a Farmington Valley Collaborative Meeting earlier today, Senator Witkos was there and is keeping us up to speed on the negotiations.

**Misc. E: Fire Facility Assessment Committee:** The Town Manager reported that the Committee met last week; completed its work in accordance with the charge from Council and will have a report for Council at your next meeting.

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A. Real Estate
- B. Pending Claim Litigation
- C. Collective Bargaining

On a motion made by Mr. Pena, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council go into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.  
Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Pena, Zacchio, Stokesbury, and Speich voted in favor.

The Town Manager, Assistant to the Town Manager, and Town Clerk attended the session.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

On a motion made by Mr. Pena, seconded by Mrs. Maguire, it was voted:

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.  
Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Stokesbury, Zacchio, Pena, and Speich voted in favor.

**Attest:**

**Ann L. Dearstyne, Town Clerk**