



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 18, 2026

6:15 PM - Town Hall - Council Chambers

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1. Roll Call

Present: Linda Allegro, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni

Absent: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Town Attorney, Cindy Cieslak; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. Executive Session

MOTION #7502 by: Zach Zannoni seconded: Aaron Thomas

to go into Executive Session to discuss the following item(s).

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #7502** adopted.

Yes: Linda Allegro, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni No: None Abstain: None.

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chair Santanella at 6:15pm.

A. Pending Litigation

1. Deer Park Recycling

Chair Santanella reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:27pm. No votes or actions were taken by the Council during the Executive Session.

The Town Council moved to Council Chambers at 6:30pm to continue the Special Meeting.

3. Bus Patrol - Brad Macdowell

Brad Macdowell, Community Partnership Manager for BusPatrol, gave the Council a presentation on installing cameras on every school bus in Enfield to create a safer environment for Enfield school students. He stated that their mission is to make the journey from and to school safer for all children. The cameras take a picture of the license plates of drivers illegally passing school buses while the stop sign is deployed. Mr. Macdowell explained that in 2024, the State of Connecticut adopted Public Act 24-107 to combat stop-

sign infractions on school buses with automated enforcement should the municipality choose to pass an authorizing ordinance. There is a \$250 civil penalty per infraction.

Mr. Macdowell stated that BusPatrol provides 90% of all stop-arm cameras nationwide, encompassing over 45,000 buses. They use AI technology to differentiate between a car, a bicycle, or a bird, which saves administrative review time. The system compiles the images into an evidence package that is reviewed by two BusPatrol employees prior to being forwarded for review by Enfield PD employees. Enfield PD review involves confirming the infraction after watching a thirty to sixty-second video. The information then goes back to BusPatrol to process the infraction and collect the fine. The municipality may need to hold periodic administrative hearings on demand as well.

Assistant Town Manager Bielenda stated that they held a meeting which included the bus company owner, dispatcher, schools superintendent, and police chief and all the stakeholders were in support of the cameras. Mr. Macdowell confirmed that there would be no cost to the town. BusPatrol's fee is \$250 per bus, per month, plus \$65 per successfully collected infraction. The remaining revenue goes to the town. If the \$250 per bus per month fee is larger than that month's infractions, the town will not be held liable for the difference. BusPatrol conservatively estimates that initially, the fees being paid to BusPatrol will be a little over half of the revenue generated. Deputy Mayor Santanella asked how many infractions occur per bus per day, based upon their experience in other communities, and Mr. Macdowell responded that on average, there are two or three infractions per bus per day.

4. Adjournment

MOTION by: Marie Pyznar, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council