

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Monday, May 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL-CALL** – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Town Attorney, James Tallberg

**MOTION #5763** by Councilor Mangini seconded by Councilor Muller to go into Executive Session to discuss Security and Real Estate Negotiations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5763** adopted 11-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick at 5:31 p.m.

**ROLL-CALL** - Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Cressotti, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Chief of Police, Alaric Fox

Chairman Ludwick reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and stated during Executive Session the Council discussed Real Estate Negotiations and Pending Litigation with no action or votes being taken.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee**

Present for this item were Scott Kaupin, Chairman and Michael Emmons, Vice Chairman of the Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee.

Mr. Kaupin stated the first celebration took place in 1985 on the Town Green, and the partnership between the Celebration Committee and the Town of Enfield has been in existence for 37 years. He noted the purpose of this celebration is to provide the residents of Enfield and the surrounding communities the opportunity to attend this celebration at no cost. He stated the Town of Enfield has been the title sponsor by providing Public Works, Police, EMS and fire services. He noted the

committee, as the organizer, is responsible for all fundraising, planning, operations and basically the running of the event. He pointed out Covid 19 has impacted all community-based events, such as this event. He noted as a free to attend event, the committee relies on the generous support of its sponsors, and that amounts to a little over \$400,000 in both cash and in-kind service sponsorships. He pointed out they also need large crowds to attend, to purchase food and beverages, to participate in the road race, for vendors to come in and sell their wares, and when all of that is added up, it amounts to another \$130,000. He stated this Fourth of July Town Celebration is well over a half-million-dollar event to run.

Mr. Kaupin stated in early February, the committee decided they could not hold an in-person celebration for the 2021 calendar year. He noted because of on-going changes to restrictions regarding large capacity public events, they did not feel that it was socially responsible, nor financially possible, to hold this event. He stated they did feel very strongly that the Enfield community needs and deserves something big, beautiful, and bright. He pointed out in 2019 this celebration was recognized by Readers Digest as having the best fireworks in Connecticut. He noted the committee is working with their fireworks vendor, Zambelli Fireworks, to celebrate our country's independence, but also all faithful healthcare workers, first responders and frontline workers, who have served everyone throughout a very trying time in this country's history.

He stated an even bigger, better, and brighter fireworks display will be launched from the Higgins ballfield at the Enfield Town Green on Saturday, July 3 at 9:30 p.m. He explained to make this all happen, the committee decided they needed to make sure they stayed financially neutral so that they had the reserves to come back next year and be able to plan the event that everyone is used to.

Mr. Kaupin stated they launched an aggressive fundraising campaign, and he listed the many sponsors who have contributed. He noted this is truly the community coming together to support the event.

He stated the firework display will be 25% bigger than the usual firework display. He noted if anyone wishes to donate, they can send checks to the Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee at PO Box 3203 in Enfield or go online to their website where there is a donate page at [www.enfieldcelebration.org](http://www.enfieldcelebration.org)

Mr. Kaupin stated the committee will continue to work with the Town, and they have a meeting at the end of June at which time they will plan out the Public Works, Police, Fire and EMS aspects to be sure they deliver a safe firework display for everyone to enjoy.

Mr. Emmons stated they are happy to be able to do something this year.

Councilor Mangini thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Councilor Muller stated this is a great committee, and he hears people are excited about Enfield having fireworks.

Councilor Cressotti thanked the committee for doing this. He noted this gives people something to look forward to, and the theme behind healthcare workers and frontline workers is a good thing.

Councilor Unghire thanked the committee for safely cancelling last year's event and trying to move ahead with the fireworks. She stated she is astounded at the amount of work that goes into planning this. She commended the committee for all their hard work.

Chairman Ludwick stated the good news is that they will be having a Memorial Day Parade this year with fireworks in July. He questioned how they could make the firework display even bigger, and Mr. Kaupin stated there is a limitation of how big a display can be. He noted in the State of Connecticut, they must maintain a 300-foot zone around the launch site, and no people or occupied buildings can be within that 300-foot zone. He pointed out the display at 25% more basically takes up all that usable space. He noted any donations for fireworks that exceed this year's expenses will be put in a fireworks fund, so that they can continue to use that money and continue to budget a larger display for future celebrations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #5764** by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Muller to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5764** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey  
Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne  
Secretary to the Council