

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Monday, June 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

PRAYER – The prayer was given by Councilor Bosco.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza and Unghire. Councilors Cressotti and Szewczak were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes; Facilities Manager, Mark Gahr; Director of Social Services, Cindy Guerreri

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5812 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5812** adopted. 8-0-1, with Councilor Cekala abstaining.

MOTION #5813 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5813** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Cekala abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mr. Bromson stated Mr. Nunes will do a presentation on the upcoming referendums for the fall, which will encompass roads, roofs, and recreation. He noted staff wants to provide an overview of the timeframe since deadlines are critical to have it successfully on the ballot in November.

Mr. Nunes stated the referendums are centered on infrastructure and leisure activities for the town. He stated they are proposing a \$30 million dollar road program. He noted they started with a road condition survey in 2018, and this methodology includes roads on the complaint list, which they

have maintained over the last five years. He stated they included roads with a PCI of 60 or lower, and a large portion of this is to continue the preventive road maintenance program on arterials and collectors. He noted they considered the most cost-effective design alternatives starting with reclamation first instead of digging up roads and doing more aggressive treatments. He stated they consider the Complete Streets Policy, which the Town Council passed several years ago, and they are looking at alternative designs based on their MS4 permit requirements where they will probably not be curbing areas this year, and they're reducing road widths to help them be in compliance with MS4. He noted they are also working with public utilities, including their own sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Nunes explained the road illustrations which he provided, and he noted at this time they have 49 street segments and one section of sidewalk on Abbey Road.

Mr. Nunes then spoke about the roof referendum which is a \$13.7 million dollar program. He stated they compiled a town-wide roofing survey, they used the Building Department data to verify roof ages, and they did site investigations with Town staff and a roofing expert. He noted the list was prioritized on overall condition. He stated without a referendum there are multiple CIP projects at pre-referendum levels.

He stated with the \$13.7 million dollar investment, approximately \$5.8 million dollars will be reimbursed by the State, and they will be replacing approximately 406,000 square feet of roof over Town and Board of Education properties over five years. He noted this will position the Town to also invest for future roof replacements as well. He stated the largest projects would be Parkman, the Public Safety Complex, Stowe, Alcorn, Crandall, Enfield Street, and the Annex.

Mr. Bromson spoke about the recreation referendum. He noted the Council previously funded a Higgins Park behind Town Hall, which will include a walking trail with training stations. He noted there will be an indoor, 9,000 square foot court for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and a climbing wall, along with a stage area. He stated behind Town Hall there will be a state-of-the-art playscape as well as an outdoor basketball court. He noted LaFayette Park will also have a basketball court and new playscape. He stated there will also be a new outdoor basketball court at Alcorn where this is also a playscape. He noted there will also be a splashpad at Parkman School, which they hope will be done in August.

Mr. Nunes then spoke about other recreation goals. He noted Higgins Park is projected to be the central hub for active and passive recreation, which will include a band shell, pool and splashpad. He stated the recreation referendum recognizes the need for more recreational opportunities in Enfield. He noted the Lamagna swimming pool would be replaced with a state-of-the-art zero entry, 25-meter pool, separate splash pad and bathrooms at Higgins Park. He added splashpads are proposed at three other locations throughout Enfield. He stated the lion's share is the swimming pool, which will be about \$4.25 million dollars. He noted the three splashpads amount to about \$125,000. He noted the parking and the bandshell makes up the \$5.25 million dollar referendum.

Mr. Bromson stated it will be exciting to have a 25-meter pool, splashpad and bathrooms behind Town Hall.

Mr. Bromson stated the Town Council leased, with an option to buy, the Enfield Express building near Town Hall. He noted this will allow them to triple the parking behind Town Hall.

Chairman Ludwick stated there will be a detailed presentation of all three referendums at the next meeting.

Mr. Bromson stated there is a constant demand for fields in Enfield in all of the sporting events. He noted last year there wasn't any demand because they were not able to play. He stated this year everything is open, and there is now a demand for fields. He noted unfortunately, they have a larger demand than they have for availability and supply of fields.

He stated his belief they need a Field Subcommittee of the Council, so they can look at the inventory and have an equitable distribution of the fields. He noted the Town is looking to expand and have a field complex system for the Town of Enfield that would allow them to expand in all the different sporting events. He stated they have an area in mind, so that will be pursued. He noted they will also look at the non-profit status of the policy and the insurance provisions.

Mr. Gahr spoke about the two soccer organizations. He noted there are two fields at Mark Twain, and those fields are not in the best shape, and they do not have irrigation. He stated all Enfield fields are run from April, and often March, all the way to the third week of November. He noted they can't grow grass in November and December, so some fields need attention. He stated the Soccer Association has the Mark Twain field complex.

Mr. Nunes stated Mark Twain is used seven days a week from April through November and is dedicated to the Enfield Soccer Association and the same holds true for the two fields at Nathan Hale.

He stated from June through August one field at Enfield High School is striped differently for soccer, and they also give them access to the turf field with those fields dedicated to the Soccer Association. Mr. Gahr used an illustration to show those fields that become available for Board of Education teams in the fall. Mr. Nunes stated they need a transition time for converting fields.

Mr. Nunes referred to an illustration of the Shaker Recreation Facility. He noted through working with the Town Manager and both associations, it was decided the Enfield Soccer Association would have the 11/11 field on Mondays and Fridays only to help with their field allotments, and the Enfield Soccer Club has this field Tuesday through Thursday and on Saturdays and Sundays, along with all their other fields.

He stated in Hazardville, both fields are dedicated to the Enfield Soccer Club from April through November, seven days per week.

Councilor Cekala clarified two fields, two days per week at Shaker for ESA and the Enfield Soccer Club gets the rest of the fields. She questioned the total number of fields. Mr. Gahr stated it changes all the time with the events they have. He stated his belief there are four or five at Shaker.

Chairman Ludwick stated his understanding they lost a decent sized field with JFK fields being offline. Mr. Gahr indicated that's correct.

Mr. Bromson stated there have been meetings, and it's his understanding one group is not satisfied. He stated because the Town has a first-come/first-serve fields policy, there's no provision in the policy to knock people out and take it away on a non-voluntary basis. He noted he does not have that authority, so he wants the Town Council to look at the policy because he feels going forward it needs to be revised. He believes there really has to be a field advisory policy to look at all the fields for all the sports, and in a more equitable manner, distribute them for use during the season. He stated it is difficult to do that now because the season is underway, and people get very frustrated. He noted he wants it known they are working on this, and they are trying to find more fields and locations to have a complex.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Jeffrey Rousseau, 12 Bellawood Drive

Stated he's the President of the Enfield Soccer Association. He feels he made a good faith effort in order to obtain needed field space for his organization, and he believes the Town has been unwilling to find solutions in the last year, and the Town has been unable to accommodate their actual needs. As concerns first come/first serve, he put in his request on January 1st at 4:34 a.m. He stated if someone got in ahead of him, he will have to FOI those records regarding that.

Mr. Rousseau stated meeting requests haven't been acknowledged, and he offered his own solutions, but he has been ignored. He noted they have teams that don't have fields to practice on right now. He stated smaller fields with kids stumbling over each other takes away from the experience these children deserve. He noted it is hard to find an actual blade of grass on the Nathan Hale fields because they are all dirt and weeds. He stated there is a lot of unused field space at the Shaker Field Complex. He noted there are seven soccer fields in that area, and they are the best soccer fields in town with real grass. He stated he has driven by these fields several times and saw only a couple fields in use, with the majority of fields not being used. He noted his observations have also been affirmed by many others. He noted he was not given an answer as to why the Enfield Soccer Association could not be given any space at Shaker. He questioned who is giving this order.

Mr. Rousseau stated recently after going up the chain and begging for more space, the Town gave his organization one of seven fields at the Shaker complex for only Mondays and Fridays.

Jeffrey Gentes, 37 Cottage Road

Questioned whether the appearance of the field at Beech Road is what the Town wants area towns to see. He noted this area is a dust bowl.

Mr. Gentes stated he is a coach in the UA Girls' Team, and he is one of the teams that has been looking for space. He noted they are on a quarter of the Mark Twain field for the first part of the year, and then they got onto Fermi in a space not lined or well maintained.

He stated as a resident of Shaker Pines, he can attest to the fact that the Shaker fields are simply not being used anywhere near their availability or capacity.

Mr. Bromson stated under his report, he will have Mr. Nunes and Mr. Gahr to address the issue of the non-use of Shaker. He pointed out the only person that can overrule Mr. Nunes or Mr. Gahr is himself, and no one else in Town government has been involved.

Trish Larese, 128 Willard Drive

Stated her son has been part of Enfield Soccer for about ten years. She noted she used to be involved with ESC, but they decided to transfer over to ESA because ESC was not meeting their needs. She stated three-quarters of the ESC walked because they didn't do what they needed to do for the children. She stated ESA has done an amazing job and have provided a positive atmosphere. She noted ESA deserves the fields.

Paul Coffey, 16 Montano Road

Stated he's the Vice Chairman of the Loan Review Committee and he works with the Office of Community Development. He noted it's important for the Town of Enfield to recognize the whole Community Development staff for the work they do because they're very dedicated and diligent, and they secure a lot of federal and state funding for CDBG, which is used for some of the great programs the Town of Enfield runs, including the First Time Homebuyer Program and the Housing Rehab Program..

Mr. Coffey stated he is the former Treasurer of the Enfield Soccer Association, and he also handled the applications for both the field use and the exemptions for the field use, so he's very aware of the process in trying to secure the fields, and this has been very difficult for the last year. He noted it has been very trying to get the kids on playing surfaces. He stated the lack of fields and green space has obviously been an issue in the Town of Enfield for over 20 years. He noted it's great to see the referendums coming up, and he believes these are positive steps in the right direction, however, he feels the Department of Buildings & Grounds has not provided adequate quantity or quality of soccer fields for this organization. He stated the Mark Twain field is deplorable and needs to be fixed.

He stated he is not sure that DPW and Buildings & Grounds have the necessary resources to adequately provide fields for ESA. He stated his understanding the JFK fields being offline does not help. He stated his belief there are other areas that can be looked at. He noted they will need some fields for the fall. He stated there are fields available at Shaker because that facility is not being fully utilized. He noted for the fall season, the ESA would like a reasonable allocation of the fields.

Mr. Coffey stated per the Town's website, it states, "Quality of life includes enhancing recreational opportunities", and he feels that has not been done. He noted for the 520 Enfield households that belong to the ESA, this recreational opportunity is not being enhanced by any means. He noted these 520 families contribute to the Town about \$3.1 million dollars in property taxes, motor vehicles, and sewer use fees. He pointed out that is significant, and all they are looking for is a field to play soccer on.

Timothy Griskus, 46 Varno Lane

Stated he is the Registrar for the Enfield Soccer Association, so he has first-hand knowledge of their numbers, he often gets emails, and he probably does more work for this non-profit than he does for his normal job. He noted the Enfield Soccer Club feels they own Shaker Field, and they are promoting it as the Enfield Soccer Club's Shaker Field Complex. He noted the other hashtag of the ESC is "one town/one club". He questioned why would that be promoted to the townspeople. He noted the feeling of the Enfield Soccer Association is that the more kids playing soccer, the better. He pointed out Enfield has 40,000 residents, and ESA had almost 700 kids signed up at ESA in less than a year. He questioned what that says about the type of services these kids have been provided previously. He noted ESA has all the boys' competitive teams. He stated they were with ESC, but they came to ESA. He stated he gets constant emails thanking ESA for their quick reply. He noted he does not have a problem with the ESC, but the problem is that ESA does not believe they're getting proper or adequate space for the numbers of kids that they have.

Mr. Griskus stated as he drives by the Shaker Complex, there is no one playing on weeknights. He noted he does not believe the ESC is aware that the ESA was given the 11/11 field. He noted they practiced there tonight, and one of the ESC board members asked him what they were doing there, and he noted he told him they have an email from Donald Nunes allocating this field on Mondays and Fridays. He stated this board member told him they had an event there tonight, and he responded there is plenty of other field space. He noted the ESC was not aware that the ESA was given that field space.

He stated ESA is requesting the Town put ESA kids on the Shaker fields since they are the best fields in town. He noted ESA wants to be given their fair share.

Mr. Griskus pointed out ESA is working with the middle and high school coaches to feed high school programs, and ESC never did that.

Marie Pyznar, 25 Roy Street

Voiced her support for the referendum. She stated the importance of maintaining school buildings and roofs. She noted the most important asset is to maintain education.

Ms. Pyznar spoke about the importance of enhancing recreation. She encouraged people to understand what the referendums will do for Enfield.

Dave Moreau, 57 Spruceland Road

Stated his children play soccer, and he feels all they are asking for is a fair share for the kids because this is all about the kids. He noted he did coach for ESC as well, and he has nothing bad to say. He stated field space should be equal. He noted he would not call Mark Twain a soccer field. He agreed that is not a good look for out of town teams to see because it looks like a dust bowl. He stated he has also heard Nathan Hale's field is basically unusable.

Mr. Moreau stated he lives near the Shaker Complex, and he can attest to the fact that he doesn't see many teams on those fields. He noted if Fermi becomes available, that would be key because

those are beautiful fields, and they give a good impression of Enfield if other teams are coming from out of town.

Stacy Volk, 69 Willard Drive

Stated she is the parent of an ESA player, who formally played for ESC. She noted she is also a team manager, and it is her perspective that ESA is not getting a fair share of what they need. She stated they started their season at Mark Twain, and there were six teams trying to share one field. She noted they went over to the Annex, and they love that field, but that is also being taken away from them. She questioned where they can play on the weekends.

Jeffrey Rousseau, 12 Bellawood Drive

Stated for the fall, the Town gave ESA one soccer field at the Shaker Complex for Mondays and Fridays only, which amounts to about 5% of the whole complex. He noted in the fall, there will be less time to play because it will be getting dark earlier, and that will not be enough time to play. He stated they need about 50% of the Shaker fields to accommodate all 700 kids. He noted at this time what they have for the field allotment is enough for about 350 kids, and they are growing and have more programs and teams coming. He stated they've done free programs, they've recruited sponsors, and they are getting more kids playing soccer in Enfield than ever before. He stated he doesn't know who is doing the homework, or where the numbers are coming from, but a lot of ESA members feel it is a slap in the face. He noted it is a symbolic gesture to give them 5% on Monday through Friday. He pointed out the one day of the week that teams take off is Fridays. He noted they went to their one field at Shaker this past Friday, and they were the only team there with six fields empty. He stated his impression the Town would be allocating fields based on actual needs. He noted ESA has approximately triple the amount than the other soccer club, and yet they have less space. He questioned why they have less space.

Mr. Rousseau stated there is definitely not an equitable allotment and distribution of fields. He noted he will continue to advocate for the kids and their Enfield families.

Timothy Griskus, 46 Varno Lane

Stated the entire time, since they started this organization, they have taken the high road. He noted they could have shared all the reasoning why they left ESC. He noted his first hashtag on all of their posts is that it is always about the kids. He stated he will never disparage the other club, and he has never said a bad word about the other club. He noted ESA is continually beat down on social media by another club that is not happy that there is another organization in town. He stated he is aware of other towns that have three or four non-profit clubs, and they work together. He pointed out they have sent kids to ESC when they don't have a program for them.

Mr. Griskus stated ESA has a free program for kids that are three to five years old. He noted those kids get a tee shirt, they play soccer on Saturday mornings, and this is a good chance for parents that don't have a lot of money to come out to see if their child enjoys soccer.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Bosco stated the staff works hard to keep fields in as good condition as possible. He noted fields are used so much that they really don't have time to rejuvenate. As concerns the comments about having equal use of fields, he noted they will be looking at this at the next DPW subcommittee meeting. He noted for that meeting, he would like to know why the other organization isn't using fields.

He stated the Town Farm Road bike path needs some sealing of cracks.

Councilor Bosco stated his understanding the Town is having trouble finding drivers for Dial-A-Ride, and someone shared an idea that perhaps the Town should look at posting this job on ZipRecruiter.

Councilor Hemmeler agreed sports is the best thing for kids, and she noted she wasn't aware of the field shortage. She stated her belief they'll figure something out.

She noted the Veterans Council expressed appreciation to the Town staff for all their support, even though the Memorial Day Parade didn't happen.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she and Councilor Muller attended the Blue Line Training at the Police Department. She noted it is very valuable training and well worth the money spent on this training.

She stated the first Farmer's Market was a lot of fun and a great activity for families.

Councilor Hemmeler stated because the Memorial Day Parade was cancelled, she asked the Fourth of July Celebration Committee if there could be a Fourth of July Parade, and they responded yes. She noted the details for the parade are being worked out.

Councilor Muller stated the Fourth of July Parade will be Saturday, July 3rd.

He stated Friday night, several Council members attended the Toast of the Town fundraising event for ERFC. He noted it was a good time with excellent food at Twin Hills Country Club. He noted it was great to see Chris Drezek emcee the event.

Councilor Mangini stated she experienced the Blue Line Training, and it was very educational, and it showed how quick police officers must respond in life and death situations.

She noted Councilor Cressotti is not present this evening because his team is at a championship game.

Councilor Mangini stated it is very important that a community works together and brings clubs together. She noted she would like to see that communication, and she would like to see the Town do what can be done. She noted there should not be adversarial positions between the clubs. She stated the adults need to work together to make this right for the kids.

Councilor Mangini stated the Enfield Food Shelf is having a vaccine clinic tomorrow from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at their facility and all are welcome.

She stated the ERFC was a phenomenal event. She congratulated the ERFC. She explained ERFC depends on this fundraising to help offset the costs or in some cases pay for some children who are unable to attend summer camp or get after school services.

Councilor Riley stated she would like the email sent to the Town Council from the Enfield Soccer Association be included in the public record.

She stated her impression that both soccer clubs have the same amount of fields, but it appears one club isn't getting the same quality of fields. She noted she would like to see the fields split evenly with half of the Shaker fields given to each club and half of the Mark Twain fields given to each club, rather than one club having the majority of the fields at the Shaker Complex.

Councilor Riley stated she was at the Blue Line Training, and she expressed her appreciation for this experience. She stated her belief the Enfield Police Department is doing a phenomenal job.

She stated the First Readers ceremony was on May 24th at Asnuntuck, and it was awesome. She noted they certified 291 new first readers, and 161 people drove their cars through Asnuntuck to pick up their certificates. She thanked everyone who attended.

Councilor Riley stated she received an email from the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission asking if she would like to receive a grant for \$500 for books for the children involved with the First Readers Program. She expressed her appreciation to the Enfield Culture and Arts Commission for this grant.

Councilor Unghire acknowledged how important sports are, and she is hoping by giving this topic future light, they can reschedule things and be fair to everyone.

She congratulated all the First Readers, and she commended Councilor Riley for all her hard work with this event.

Councilor Unghire stated she attended the Adult Education graduation, and there were 18 graduates this year. She congratulated those graduates.

She noted she also attended the Blue Line Training, and she found it very eye opening. She stated she also toured the police department. She noted Enfield has a great Police Department.

Councilor Unghire stated she also attended the ERFC banquet, and she congratulated Claire Hall for all of her years of giving to the Town of Enfield.

Councilor Cekala thanked everyone for their comments. She noted she is a sports parent and spends a lot of time on the fields with her children. She stated her belief most people on the Council did not have any idea that there was more than one soccer association or club until the last week or two. She stated now that the Council knows this, they will try to do what they can. She

noted while the Council does what it can, she encouraged people to keep the lines of communication open with the other association to see what can be done internally. She stated she does not envy the job of Buildings & Grounds because they have so many fields to do, high school sports, not having the middle school, and they have to deal with Covid and deal with unauthorized out-of-town people coming in and using Enfield's fields. She noted everyone has to understand that there are a lot of working parts. She stated her belief the Council, including Town staff, wants the clubs to have an equitable share.

MOTION #5814 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items A1 to A5, B1-B2, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5814** adopted 9-0-0.

Chairman Ludwick stated he and Councilors Hemmeler, Muller and Mangini attended a Memorial Day ceremony, even though there was not a Memorial Day Parade. He noted the Veterans Council does a great job in Enfield honoring veterans. He expressed his appreciation to a singer, the musicians, and music directors who volunteered to perform at this ceremony.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson stated the Farmers Market opened yesterday, and they had reservations from almost 100 vendors, crafts and produce. He noted they have free music and ice cream.

He stated for the Fourth of July, they will have the Farmers Market on July 3rd from 10:00 to 1:00 with the Parade starting at 11:00, and it will culminate at the Town Green. He noted they are also trying to plan a proclamation by the Council to those who stepped up and offered vaccination clinics to residents in town and all the volunteers who staffed that every day through the pandemic.

Mr. Bromson thanked speakers this evening for their civility and cordiality because it is important to be able to talk about these issues. He noted children present should be impressed by what parents said, and that is what government should be.

He noted when he learned of these competing interests, he asked Public Works what the issue is. He stated he asked Mr. Nunes and Mr. Gahr last week to meet with the groups to see if there was some division. He noted they will look at a solution. He noted they did have a problem with the fields because Enfield was not charging outside groups or for-profit groups to use Enfield fields, therefore, they implemented a policy for non-profits and local. He stated they will look at this because he's not sure that is occurring. He noted they are looking at other fields for soccer for the next budget season. He stated this Council is committed to sports in Enfield. He noted they put in three-quarters of a million dollars for a new softball field for Brainard Park because they are displacing a field behind Town Hall. He stated they are upgrading Powder Hollow for men's and youth baseball at \$750,000. He noted \$750,000 was also allocated for a new turf track field at the high school, therefore, there has been a commitment by this Council for sports. He noted soccer voices have been heard, and if there is a lot bigger need, the Town will put in for more fields.

Mr. Bromson stated he has been working with the Superintendent of Schools in the hope of using some of the Covid money to get kids out of the house and playing sports and using that money for fields. He noted there is a drainage issue at the high school, which will cost about \$500,000 to fix. He noted this Council has had a commitment and will continue to do that moving forward.

He invited Mr. Nunes and Mr. Gahr to come forward to address this issue.

Mr. Nunes referred to the communication between ESA and ESC and stated when he was working with Mr. Ketchale concerning available fields, he missed a line in the email where he requested confirmation that ESA accepted the two fields at Shaker. He noted he did not respond back to Mr. Ketchale, and he took responsibility for that.

He stated he asked Mr. Ketchale for his schedule, and he submitted Monday through Friday and what fields he was using. He noted he asked Mr. Ketchale if coaches have their own executive freedom to cancel a practice, and he said their coaches can cancel without Mr. Ketchale knowing. He stated he does not know how often the fields are used because they don't have the resources to be field police, and they are going by ESC's word that this is their schedule.

As concerns field conditions, the difference between Mark Twain, Nathan Hale, EHS, the Annex and the Shaker Complex is irrigation. He noted there is no irrigation on Twain or Hale. He noted without water, they cannot grow grass.

Mr. Bromson stated he understands now that they are basing it upon representation, therefore, they will dig a little deeper to find out the actual use of these fields to see if there is availability currently at the fields, and if there is, they will share it equitably.

Chairman Ludwick stated he has heard good things about the Farmers Market, and Mr. Bromson stated they had a vendor waiting list.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Tallberg stated he had no report this evening.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Muller stated the JFK project is moving along, and there will be a future presentation by the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Item A remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items have been moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION #5815 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the Consent Agenda.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5815** adopted 8-0-8-0-0, with Councilor Bosco absent at the vote.

- Copies of resolutions appended -

NOMINATION #5816 by Councilor Hemmeler to appoint Emily Clifford (I) to the Enfield Culture and Arts Committee for a term which expires 5/31/2023.

MOTION #5817 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5817** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Emily Clifford appointed to the Enfield Culture and Arts Committee by an 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5818 by Councilor Mangini to reappoint Virginia Higley (D) to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency for a term which expires 6/30/25.

MOTION #5819 by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5819** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Virginia Higley reappointed to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency by a 9-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #5820 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Neighborhood Services		
	Other Professional Services	22040460-533900	\$25,000
FROM:	Neighborhood Services		
	Salaries	22040460-511000	\$25,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of June 7, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated they have not had a strategic plan since 2012, so Ms. Guerreri came up with money within her budget in Professional Development to fund \$25,000 for a consultant to work with the new Grants Manager and provide a strategic plan going forward. He thanked Ms. Guerreri for her forward thinking.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5820** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5821 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Police Services		
	Salaries	10200500-511000	\$344,969
	Overtime	10200500-514000	\$ 50,000
	Health/Medical Insurance	10200500-521000	\$122,784
	Medicare	10200500-522100	\$ 5,727
FROM:	General Fund		
	Appropriated Fund Balance	10040000-499000	\$523,480

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of June 2, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated this is a crucial and vital resolution about quality of life. He noted they recently moved a substation into the Enfield Express at 800 Enfield Street because they wanted a presence downtown, but also into Thompsonville. He stated they realized they needed committed resources and a constant presence in the substation day and night to address Thompsonville and to make sure they had officers going there and actually meeting the business and the residents and becoming part of the fabric, and that can't be done if they rotate officers through. He stated the Council previously appropriated monies so they could start doing four-hour shifts, and police have been going into the community. He noted he has had calls from businesses impressed that officers have introduced themselves. He stated this resident officer program will allow them to hire four officers to specifically staff the substation.

He noted one thing identified, given the size of the JFK Middle School, was the need for an additional committed SRO at that school, therefore, they hired another police officer, which brings the police force from 95 sworn officers to 100.

Chairman Ludwick stated this is keeping their promise to the Board of Education that they would do this. He noted this Council deserves a lot of credit for acting quickly and proactively.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5821** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5822 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the interests of the Town that a splashpad be installed at the Edgar H. Parkman School, and that such splashpad be opened for use during the summer of 2021; and

WHEREAS, conducting a competitive bidding process would add significant delays to the project which would delay opening until the summer of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter V, Section 8, Paragraph (d) of the Enfield Town Charter, the Enfield Town Council does hereby determine that it is against the best interests of the Town to require competitive bidding for the construction of a splashpad at the Parkman School.

Chairman Ludwick stated the Council is waiving the bid, so the kids can have something to look forward to this summer.

Mr. Bromson thanked Mr. Nunes and Mr. Wilcox for acting upon this, so they could order this and hopefully get it in by the end of July or early August. He noted if they had not acted, they would have missed out on this season.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5822** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5823 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield has received or will receive funding from various programs to provide relief for the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many of these programs require reporting on the use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield wishes to create a special revenue fund for the purpose of accounting for all funds received for COVID-19 relief; and

WHEREAS, the special revenue fund will accumulate the pandemic relief funds and will allow expenditures of such funds as permitted pursuant to such programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby establish the COVID-19 Special Revenue Fund effective immediately.

Mr. Bromson stated Enfield will be the recipient of federal money under the COVID relief—the CARES and also the American Rescue Plan. He noted Mr. Wilcox is recommending this be placed clearly in a separate fund, so they know where the money is and how much is there. He stated they are still going to seminars and learning from the State and Federal government as to how they will be able to spend that money. He noted it will be in the millions of dollars, but it will be highly regulated, and they may have to make application for particular projects under the program. He noted this keeps things very transparent.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5823** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5824 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021 Enfield Town Council modified the Advisory Committee membership provisions of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy, Town Council Resolution No 5739.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Resolution No. 5739 the Enfield Town Council hereby appoints the following individuals to the TIF Advisory Committee:

Kelly Hemmeler	Town Council
Cynthia Mangini	Town Council
Richard Stroiney	Economic Development Commission
William Cote	Conservation Commission
Francis Alaimo	Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Bromson stated they need to have these members in place, so they can assess how to expend the funds from TIF and make recommendations to the Council going forward.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5824** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5825 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designee, is authorized to withdraw the application made by the Town of Enfield Department of Social Services on May 22, 2020 for the Shelter Diversion Program.

Ms. Guerreri stated the program that was originally funded ended in December of 2020, and the Town has been waiting to hear from the State on the application that was made last May. She noted in the interim, they continue to serve anyone that comes through their doors, is referred to her department, and/or walking out in the woods, along the river, talking with people in

encampments and offering assistance and service. She noted nothing has changed concerning that service delivery and it will not change. She explained what does change is that they don't have the responsibility to serve outside of Enfield and some close-by neighbors. She noted in the original grant it was often spent with the Greater Hartford CAN Network, so it really took away time to be able to serve Enfield people. She explained the other part of that grant was provided to a non-profit organization for direct service, therefore, they're not losing the direct service, but rather they're losing the responsibility to administer the grant. She noted this is actually a win-win for the Town, so they can focus more on the needs that are being presented.

Chairman Ludwick and Mr. Bromson commended Ms. Guerreri and Social Services staff for the fantastic work they do.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5825** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5826 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council previously authorized the creation of a Revenue Account for the Thompsonville Community Garden which allows residents and businesses to submit plot fees and donations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has recently expanded its Community Garden locations; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently purchases tools, materials, and equipment for the Thompsonville Community Garden location from Revenue Account 23406116.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council authorizes that any community garden revenues received by the Town can be committed to the purchase of tools, materials, and equipment to be used at all the Town-wide Community Garden locations and may be paid from Account 23406116.

Mr. Bromson stated the Council put in a lot of additional funding to have additional gardens and expand the program.

Ms. Purciello stated this year they are up to 200 community gardens. She noted at this time they have four gardens that are completely full – Chapel Street, Thompsonville, Alcorn, and the Library. She noted they are still working on Green Manor and LaFayette. She stated they are still working on getting some fencing and sheds. She explained the purpose of this resolution is to designate a fund for all the community gardens throughout the town and not just one specific garden. She noted there is no closing date for when a person can reserve a garden.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5826** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5827 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Enfield values the opinions and comments of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard regarding the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5827** adopted 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Unghire stated the Commission on Aging just printed some informational cards, which contain important phone numbers for seniors, and these cards will be available at numerous places in town.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5828 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5828** adopted 9-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

Consent Agenda Item 1
Appended to the minutes of the
June 7, 2021 Regular Town
Council meeting. See page 12

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Family Resource Center

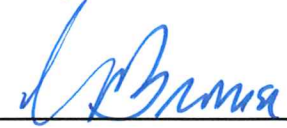
Other Supplies and Materials	22040470 561900	\$1,000
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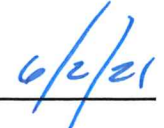
FROM: Family Resource Center

Miscellaneous Contributions/Donations	22044470 417050	\$1,000
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of May 27, 2021


John Wilcox, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY:  _____ Town Manager

Date:  6/2/21

Consent Agenda Item 2
Appended to the minutes of the
June 7, 2021 Regular Town
Council meeting. See page 12

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter,
the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology Services	24012100-553400	\$65,000
Technology Equipment	24012100-573400	\$85,000

FROM: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

Misc. State Revenue	24040000-413699	\$150,000
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of
May 22, 2021.



John Wilcox, Director of Finance



Date:

APPROVED BY: 

Christopher Bromson, Town Manager



Date:

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**Resolution Authorizing Town Manager to Sign an Application
and Execute the Assistance Agreement with
State of Connecticut Department of Housing for the 2021 Community
Development Block Grant Small Cities Program**

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-383, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Enfield make application to the State for \$1,500,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Enfield in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 Public Housing Modernization is hereby approved, and that the Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Enfield.

Date Prepared: May 25, 2021
Prepared By: Office of Community Development

Consent Agenda Item 4
Appended to the minutes of the
June 7, 2021 Regular Town
Council meeting. See page 12

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**Resolution Authorizing the Board of Education to Apply to the
State of Connecticut Department of Homeland Security for Round 5 of the
School Security Competitive Grant Program**

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council authorizes the Enfield Board of Education to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut Department of Homeland Security as part of the School Security Competitive Grant Program.

Prepared by: Gary W. Harrison, Director of Safety & Security
Enfield Public School

Date Prepared: May 28, 2021

Consent Agenda Item 5

Appended to the minutes of the

June 7, 2021 Regular Town

Council meeting. See page 12

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**Resolution Authorizing the Board of Education to Apply to the
State of Connecticut Department of Homeland Security for the
Multi-Media Interoperable Communications Systems
School Security Grant**

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council authorizes the Enfield Board of Education to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut Department of Homeland Security as part of the School Security Competitive Grant Program.

Prepared by: Gary W. Harrison, Director of Safety & Security
Enfield Public Schools

Date Prepared: May 28, 2021