

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

PRAYER – The prayer was given by Chairman Ludwick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilor Cekala, Cressotti, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, and Unghire. Councilors Bosco and Szewczak were absent. 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; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell; Director of Development Services, Lauren Whitten

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5901 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5901** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Cressotti abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

There were no special guests this evening.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Scott Ryder, 4 Misty Meadow Road

Stated the Enfield Board of Education has some enormous shoes to fill with the passing of Joyce Hall on August 13th. He noted Joyce's work and commitment to Enfield's Board of Education formally began as a member of the Board of Education in 1999. He noted up until her passing last month, her goal has always been the same to insure the best educational opportunities for all within the Enfield Public School system. He stated Joyce was a reader and a researcher, and she was ambitious and determined. He noted she was specifically focused on assisting the youngest learners through her commitment to the First Readers Association of Enfield, to KITE,

to Head Start and to the EPS STEAM Academy. He noted Joyce always had something good to share or brag about during Board meetings regarding the efforts of Enfield Public Schools partners, i.e., ERFC, CABA and CREC, just to name a few.

Mr. Ryder stated this evening he is asking for the Council's support to fill Joyce's vacancy on the Board of Education, and he hopes the Board can get their nominee approved tonight with the Council's help.

He stated Joyce's memorial service has now been scheduled for Saturday, September 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Leete Stevens on South Road in Enfield. He asked anyone who does attend this service to bring an unused book as a donation, and those books will be donated in Joyce's honor to a local organization in Enfield.

Amanda Marquez, 8 Hoover Lane

Stated she recently attended a Board of Education meeting and addressed her concerns against the mask mandate in the schools. She noted on March 12, 2020, people were asked to keep children home for 14 days to flatten the curve and allow the health community to better understand the new virus they were dealing with. She stated a year and a half later, they've come to understand that children are not the spreaders of this virus, they're not severely effected by Covid and with a total death count of four children in Connecticut and the CDC reporting a .01% risk of death under the age of 19, they aren't in great danger of dying of the virus either, but yet they are being told to mask children for another school year under the Governor's orders. She questioned what data the School Board and Town officials is looking at when they're blindly enforcing these mandates at the schools. She noted there have not been any long-term safety trials or clinical studies regarding daily mask wearing in children showing that prolonged mask causes no harm to students mentally, emotionally, or physically. She stated they do have sufficient data to understand that masking children against Covid-19 is unnecessary and ineffective. She noted one study looked at six face masks worn by children an average of five and a half hours a day and analysis showed at least eleven dangerous pathogens were found, including, but not limited to pneumonia, tuberculosis, diphtheria, e coli, Legionnaires Disease, and multiple meningitis strains. She stated in addition, pathogens that can cause fever, ulcers, acne, yeast infections, strep throat and periodontal disease were also present. She stated they need to fully understand what they are forcing their children to inhale on a daily basis. She noted masks provide a warm, moist environment perfect for bacteria to grow. She stated the FDA website clearly states that masks become ineffective as soon as they become saturated with moisture from breath and also explicitly states that under emergency use authorization, surgical or cloth masks cannot state or imply that the masks are intended for use as infection prevention or reduction. She noted a country-wide study in Germany looked into the mental effects of masking and reported data from over 26,000 students. She stated 68% of parents reported negative impacts directly related to daily mask wearing. She noted these children were reported to have worn a mask an average of 270 minutes per day, and parents reported children had increased irritability, headaches, difficulty concentrating, depression and reluctance to even go to school because of mask wearing. She stated last year her first grader wore her mask approximately 450 minutes for a school day, which is almost double the amount of time as reported in this study.

Ms. Marquez stated to say children are resilient and unaffected by wearing a mask is irresponsible because they don't know the long-term effects that any of this will have on children.

She stated the Town Council is elected to uphold state and federal constitutional rights, not to determine medical interventions. She questioned if the Town Council is willing to take responsibility for all the children that they force these mandates upon. She stated as they quickly move towards a totalitarian state, and she believes this mandate surely does just that, she reminded the Council of the first sentence in the Enfield Board of Education mission statement, which says, "We believe public education is an essential component of a free and democratic society." She agreed this is a free country and free people do not need permission from their government, but rather the government needs permission from the people. She stated the people hold the power, not the elected officials who serve the people. She noted they must stand for the children, for the right to choose, and for the right to self-govern. She stated as concerns masks, there's a simple solution that doesn't mean tossing out individual civil rights, and it simply goes like this – those who choose to wear a mask can, and those who don't, are not mandated against their free will.

Shari Jackson, 119 Cottage Road

Stated she is a teacher who taught 31 years. She noted she also spoke at the Board of Education last week. She stated Dr. Fauci stated he is in support of vaccine mandates for schools when the vaccine is cleared for school-age children.

Ms. Jackson stated she has allergies to food, environmental factors, medications, and vaccines, as does her 16-year-old daughter. She noted they have both been hospitalized due to allergic reactions to such things as medications and vaccines. She stated the CDC recommends that people get vaccinated even if they have a history of severe allergic reactions. She questioned how many people would pull that trigger on that game of Russian Roulette for themselves or their families. She stated like many people and many mothers, she's really worried when being told to take a vaccine despite severe allergies. She stated there's a quote that states a worried mother does better research than the FBI. She noted a deep desire to protect children and families is why some people are present this evening. She stated her hope that the Council will do all its power to be sure that they will protect the Enfield residents and any vaccine mandates for the following reasons:

- The vaccines do not stop transmission of infection-they simply reduce symptoms.
- Big pharmacies are held harmless and are shielded from liability.
- There are testing gaps in the FDA approval.
- The vaccine has not been tested to rule out any impact on male sterility or for possible carcinogens.
- The adverse reactions and deaths from the vaccine are highly under-reported and the actual deaths from Covid are highly over-reported.
- Deaths due to comorbid conditions and suspected Covid deaths were reported as Covid deaths.
- A Covid vaccine death is not counted as a vaccine death until two weeks after it's been given.
- This vaccine was the fastest vaccine to receive approval, and with the mounting death tolls and vaccine injuries, the most dangerous.
- One death from Covid and one death from a Covid vaccine is far too many.

- There are many conflicts of interest regarding the government and the Covid vaccine, i.e., there are four scientists from the NIH (National Institute of Health) who have provisional patent applications involving this vaccine
- The benefits of natural immunity are being ignored and under-represented in the news media

Ms. Marquez stated segregation and coercion will not change where most people stand on their right to choose what is right for their families. She stated forcing vaccines is unconstitutional. She noted just to avoid this vaccine, many people are leaving their jobs, pulling their children out of schools and college, and devastating the American workforce. She feels giving away these rights is opening a Pandora's Box. She questioned what other medical mandates will be next.

She stated the vaccines are not free of toxins and detrimental ingredients and can have a serious effect on human beings. She noted some negative ingredients can be hidden and are hidden in this vaccine citing that they are proprietary.

Ms. Marquez questioned what if they are wrong about these vaccines being mandated, and who will pay the price for this mistake and who will be accountable.

She stated in the 1950's Thalidomide caused 800,000 children to be born with missing limbs and 200,000 died. She noted it took five years to make that connection.

Doug Finger, 44 Buchanan Road

Stated his belief the mask mandate will be tough on a lot of people.

Mr. Finger commended Sue Wilson in the Human Resource Department. He noted she is a benefits administrator, and she has already arranged a third biometrics screening for employees tomorrow. He noted this is very important because that is part of the insurance program for the town. He explained they need to be sure people get their biometric screening because they must get 200 points with Cigna, so they don't get a premium increase. He noted Sue Wilson does a fantastic job and is a benefits star for the town, and he hopes she stays for a long time.

Christina Tetreault, 42 Green Manor Road

She stated people are either for or against masks for children. She noted she's aware of someone who has an 18-month daughter, who is wearing a mask, and the child has no problem wearing a mask. She noted the attitude comes from the parents. She stated some people cannot be vaccinated, such as children under 12 or immune-compromised people, and she questioned who is protecting those people. She stated if a person is unvaccinated or unmasked in front of these people, they could be passing the virus along to them. She noted jobs and businesses are requiring masks to walk through the door, therefore, why wouldn't the school do the same.

Ms. Tetreault stated she has friends living in different countries, and they have no problem listening to their government and wearing masks because they can see that it is having an effect on the virus. She noted she does not understand why they have an issue with it here.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Mangini urged the public to be aware that school is back in session and that people should pay attention to school buses and the children out walking. She noted she did witness cars speeding today, and she will call the Police Department and report plate numbers.

As concerns masks, Councilor Mangini stated her belief it's not a choice when it comes to protecting children. She noted people should wear a mask when they enter a school building because it is not known if a person is a carrier or has Covid. She stated she does not want to see more children getting Covid. She pointed out down South many children are getting Covid, and in those states where they are not being required to wear masks.

Councilor Muller stated the 119th banquet and reunion of the Enfield Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers is Tuesday, October 19th. He noted the reception is at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:30 and will be held at St. Bernard's, 426 Hazard Avenue.

He noted ERFC will be having the Farm to Table event on the Town Green on Saturday, October 2nd from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Councilor Muller stated the Enfield Beautification Committee will be hosting the Enfield Clean Sweep on Saturday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m. He noted anyone interested in helping can show up on the Town Green and gloves and trash bags will be provided.

Councilor Cekala welcomed back all school children today.

She gave her condolences to the family and Board of Education members on the passing of Joyce Hall. She noted Joyce was a team player and mentor to many people. She noted she will be missed.

Councilor Riley welcomed all the children back to school. She noted she is wearing her mask this evening because her children must wear it to school all day.

She extended her condolences to Joyce Hall's family. She noted she is President of First Readers and she had the honor and privilege to work with Joyce for the past five years. She noted Joyce helped start First Readers, she was the Treasurer, and she always put the kids first. She stated Joyce was a wonderful person, always had a smile on her face, and she always had a witty remark.

Councilor Hemmeler stated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11th, there will be a prayer event on the Town Green, and all are welcome.

Councilor Cressotti welcomed back school students and staff, and he wished everyone a nice, safe, and productive school year. He commended Superintendent Chris Drezek and his staff for making very important decisions and standing firm on the State mandate for everyone to wear masks within the building. He acknowledged these are very difficult times, but he is telling everyone he's doing this for the safety of everyone. He noted it is adults' responsibility to share with the children that

their safety is of utmost importance. He stated they will see where they are on September 30 and reevaluate the situation and see how everything stands.

Councilor Cressotti congratulated Adam Behling for being Enfield's Teacher of the Year. He noted Adam is a math teacher at JFK, and he seeks out the very best of all his students, and he gets the most out of them.

He offered condolences to the family and friends of Joyce Hall. He noted she was passionate and always wanted the best for the students of Enfield and she will be dearly missed.

Councilor Cressotti stated he attended a meeting at the Opera House Players with Joe Courtney. He noted State Representative Joe Courtney was very instrumental in obtaining a Cultural Arts federal grant for the Opera House Players. He stated his understanding the Opera House Players wish to do a presentation before the Town Council. He stated his hope they can be a special guest at the next meeting. He noted their recent Shrek presentation was a huge success, and they want to have their first production at 100 High Street in November, and this will be great for the Thompsonville area.

MOTION #5902 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 A-1, B1-B4, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L and M.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5902** adopted 9-0-0.

MOTION #5903 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala to add Item N. to the agenda, which is a resolution concerning a settlement between the Town of Enfield and the water company.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5903** adopted 9-0-0.

Chairman Ludwick stated the Town is not in a deficit, and actually Enfield has a very healthy Fund Balance.

He questioned what recourse a parent has if a child becomes sick from wearing a mask. He noted athletes have difficulty wearing masks while playing sports. He stated there are two different arguments and both should be respected.

Chairman Ludwick stated Connecticut has been under one-person rule for almost two years, and if they are going to respect the Constitution, they need to get back to three legislative bodies – the Judicial, the Legislature and the Executive. He noted Connecticut is the Constitution State, and they should have three equal bodies of government. He stated his hope the Legislature does not extend the Governor's powers on September 30th.

He requested the Town look at the possibility of stop signs in the area of Coolidge and Hoover Streets due to the amount of speeding in that area. He noted they've had two major accidents in

that area in the last month and a half. Mr. Bromson stated he will refer this back to the Traffic Officers and the Police Department.

Chairman Ludwick stated his belief traffic calming needs to be re-looked at. He suggested looking at how Windsor has been successful with traffic calming.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson stated Town staff has been working with the Opera House Players to look at their building and the lease. He noted they will soon have the Opera House Players as a guest at a Town Council meeting.

He stated the Farmers Market has been very successful. He noted there has been a lot of interest in continuing the Farmers Market at the Enfield Square in October.

Mr. Bromson stated they had a ribbon cutting for the new playscape a week ago Sunday, and work on the splash pad and basketball courts are moving forward.

Chairman Ludwick requested an update on Water Pollution Control and all the water from recent storms. Mr. Bromson stated the upgraded Water Pollution Control facility normally processes about six million gallons per day, and at the height of the storm, it processed over 22 million gallons. He noted the Public Works Department was out cleaning debris and clearing roads during these storm events, and they do an extraordinary job for residents.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Tallberg stated they received a citizen complaint about a tax refund, so they reviewed the general statutes, specifically CT Gen Statute 12-129, which establishes a three-year limitation period for a return of a tax refund. He noted at some point they will need guidance from the Council on that policy question. Chairman Ludwick stated this will be brought up to the General Governance within the next few weeks and hopefully they will be able to act on this in October.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

There were no reports this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

All Old Business items remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items have been moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION #5904 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

TO:	Public Works – Buildings and Grounds		
	Athletic/Recreation Equipment	10300340-573500	\$10,000
FROM:	Unallocated Charges		
	Contingency	10800092-584000	\$10,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of August 31, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5904** adopted 9-0-0.

NOMINATION #5905 by Councilor Mangini to reappoint Richard Tatoian (D) to the Historic District Commission for a term which expires 08/31/2026.

MOTION #5906 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5906** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Richard Tatoian reappointed to the Historic District Commission by a 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5907 by Councilor Muller to appoint Michael DellaVolpe (I) to the North Central Health Department Board of Directors Enfield Representative for a term which expires 06/30/2023.

MOTION #5908 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Hemmeler to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5908** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Michael DellaVolpe appointed to the North Central Health Department Board of Directors Enfield Representative by a 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5909 by Councilor Muller to appoint Philip Kober to the Loan Review Committee for a term which expires 12/31/2021.

MOTION #5910 by Councilor Unghire, seconded by Councilor Muller to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5910** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Philip Kober appointed to the Loan Review Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #5911 by Councilor Cekala to appoint Amanda Pickett (D) to the Enfield Board of Education for a term which expires 11/16/2021.

MOTION #5912 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5912** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Amanda Pickett appointed to the Enfield Board of Education by a 9-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #5913 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:	Police Services		
	Other Equipment	10200500-573900	\$14,567
FROM:	General Fund Revenue		
	Miscellaneous Revenue	10040000-417000	\$14,567

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

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Chief Fox explained the Police Department was able to realize a cost savings of \$14,567 in regard to their mobile data terminal services. He noted the intention at that time was that the money would return to the Police Department to cover other expenses they had. He noted they are underfunded to some degree in the equipment account based on some additional expenses they've now

realized. He stated they are looking for the \$14,567, which was a cost savings, to simply return to the Police Department and be placed in that account.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5913** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5914 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:	Capital Non-Recurring Fund		
	School Recreation Facilities- Construction Services	31008139-545000	\$400,000
FROM:	Capital Non-Recurring Fund		
	CIP Fund Revenue FY20-21 Miscellaneous Revenue	31042021-417000	\$400,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of August 25, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson explained the Board of Education pledged to work with the Town regarding the replacement of the track and field at Enfield High School, and they are contributing \$400,000 toward the project. He stated they are planning to do the work in June, 2022.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5914** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5915 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:	Development Services – Community Development Other Professional Services	10606600-533900	\$222,000
FROM:	General Fund Revenues Miscellaneous State Revenue	10040000-413699	\$222,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of August 25,

2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated Nelson Tereso was successful in finding this state grant money to perform environmental assessments on 17 North Main Street and the Levitz North River Street Redevelopment Property, which will help with redevelopment. He noted this will help them get a better handle on what the cost of remediation will be.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5915** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5916 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: Drug Free Communities Grant-Youth Services

Professional Development	22046129-532200	\$2,000
Other Prof. Services	22046129-533900	\$3,500
Postage	22046129-553500	\$2,000
Printing & Reproduction	22046129-555000	\$2,500
Supplies & Materials	22046129-561900	\$8,865
Food & Food Related	22046129-563000	\$ 500
Furniture & Fixtures	22046129-573300	\$1,700
Technology Equipment	22046129-573400	\$ 300
Dues and Fees	22046129-581000	\$2,000

FROM: Drug Free Communities Grant 22046129-461210 \$23,365

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of August 31, 2021.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5916** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5917 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, Youth and Family Services received additional funds from the CDC in the amount of \$23,365 for the Drug Free Communities Grant for federal fiscal year 21-22.

WHEREAS, Federal fiscal year 21-22 ends on September 30, 2022 and encompasses parts of two town fiscal years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is authorized to appropriate unspent Drug Free Community Grant funds remaining at the end of the town's fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 to match the federal fiscal year.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5917** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5918 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, as part of FY 2018 BUDGET, THE Town Council identified the Top 10 Troubled Properties in town and approved a budget of \$350,000 in capital improvement account 31008877-589000 to improve these Properties; and

WHEREAS, some of the Properties on the 2018 list have been remediated and removed from the Top 10 Troubled Properties list; and

WHEREAS, additional properties have subsequently been identified and Town staff has recommended that they be added to the Top 10 Troubled Properties list, subject to the approval of the Town Manager or his designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby authorizes the use of funds in capital improvement account 31008877-589000 for remediation of properties on the Top 10 Troubled Properties list, as updated from time to time.

Mr. Bromson stated they've been doing a lot of work on blight. He stated they now have a full complement of blight officers. He noted there is a lot of work for them to do, and they're very busy. He noted they will do a full presentation this winter to show the progress they've made.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5918** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5919 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) has recommended that the Town opt out of the Public Act (PA) No. 21-29 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) provisions; and

WHEREAS, in order to opt out of the ADU provisions, the Town Council must hold a public hearing subsequent to the PZC public hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council set a public hearing to consider the opt out provision from PA 21-29 for the ADU provisions on September 20, 2021 at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Bromson stated Ms. Whitten has been working with the Planning & Zoning Commission with the assistance of the Town Attorney.

Ms. Whitten stated currently the Town allows accessory or in-law apartments by special permit. She noted any accessory dwelling unit would be essentially a second house on a single-family lot. She noted PZC voted to opt out of this because they believed it would overtax utilities, impact drainage, traffic and on street parking and lack of oversight. She explained this requires an opt out from both the PZC and Town Council.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5919** adopted 9-0-0

RESOLUTION #5920 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, the Town Council entered into a Letter of Intent with Connecticut Green Bank with regard to the installation of solar photovoltaic systems on Town-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the Town, as owner of the various project sites, was requested to execute an Affidavit of Owner of the Project Site's Notarized Signature, Commitment and Acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the affidavit was not signed prior to the deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council hereby terminates negotiations with Connecticut Green Bank, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, or his designee, is authorized to sign a notice of termination of the Letter of Intent, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Mr. Bromson stated they are seeking to nullify this particular grant cycle, and the Town will still be interested and eligible moving forward.

Ms. Purciello stated this termination is happening because the program doesn't exist anymore, but there will be new programs, and they're talking about a new cycle next year.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5920** adopted 9-0-0.

Mr. Ludwick read the following ordinance into the record:

TOWN OF ENFIELD
PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO THE ENFIELD TOWN Code
BANNING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

Prohibition on Cannabis (Marijuana) Establishments pursuant to Bill No 1201, Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Act (RERACA) Section 148(b)

All types of cannabis establishments, as defined in said Bill No. 1201, Section 1(4), and as may otherwise be defined by Connecticut law or regulation, to include, without limitation, all cannabis establishments, producers, dispensary facilities, cultivators, micro-cultivators, retailers, hybrid retailers, food and beverage manufacturers, product packagers, delivery services or transporters, any other types of licensed cannabis-related businesses, or the conducting of any such activity for commercial purposes by whichever name used, are and shall be prohibited within the Town of Enfield.

This prohibition shall not be construed to affect the medical use of cannabis as expressly authorized by Bill No. 1201, Section 83, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Before making his remarks on this topic, Councilor Sferrazza offered his condolences to the family of Joyce Hall, and he sent his best wishes to the Board of Education and the people who served with her.

Councilor Sferrazza thanked everyone who spoke this evening on this issue. He noted this past week, he was contacted by constituents telling him to uphold this ban or not ban cannabis. He stated he falls back on his life experiences as a police officer for 38 years. He noted he doesn't believe his role is to tell people whether they should smoke cigarettes, how many beers they have or even smoke marijuana, which is now legal. He stated the issue now is do they want to allow the sale in this community to facilitate and encourage the use. He noted in the final analysis, he can't vote to allow its sale in this community because he has a real issue with it being against federal law. He stated he subscribes to the fact this is a nation of laws, and if he doesn't like a law, he needs to find a candidate that agrees with him and work to get him/her elected. He stated he doesn't believe his number one role as Town Councilor is economic money growth. He stated his oath as a police officer was to keep people safe. He noted although he is no longer a police officer, he still believes in public safety. He stated if a person is driving under the influence of alcohol, there are well-established protocols and procedures that police follow. He noted Connecticut State statute defines intoxication as BAC (a blood alcohol content) of .08. He noted that's the standard that the Legislature has set. He stated with respect to marijuana, it's illegal to drive high, but what does that mean and what does it mean for the police. He noted they have no way to determine that. He pointed out alcohol impairs judgement, ability to react, and reflexes, which is what marijuana does as well. He feels this is a public safety issue.

He stated 39 years ago, he was a very young patrolman in Enfield, and he was sent to a home of a family who had a daughter who was going to college in Rhode Island on a Saturday afternoon, and a person who was not intoxicated with alcohol, but he was high as a kite on marijuana, went into her lane and killed her. He spoke about the difficulty of visiting parents who have lost a child. He acknowledged this doesn't happen every day, but he also does not believe it's fair to say that no one ever died from a pot-related incident.

Councilor Sferrazza stated his first responsibility as a Town Council person is to keep the community safe. He noted with the law that has been enacted, it is not probable cause to pull a car

over if a person is smoking marijuana while driving, and he finds that troubling. He stated to do anything other than this would mean to him that his 38 years was a lie, and he believes it was not.

He stated as the Chief of Police he worked with the Enfield Together Coalition, and the Coalition does great work to teach kids about substance abuse. He noted the Coalition page has a whole section on marijuana. He voiced concern that the wrong message is being sent to young people. He noted he is willing to give up tax revenue resulting from the sale of marijuana if it means law enforcement doesn't have the ability to hold people responsible who are smoking and driving at the same time.

Councilor Hemmeler read the following from the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021:

"Attorney Tallberg stated there are two opt out mechanisms in the law. He stated that if 10% of the electors sign a petition, it can be on the ballot to opt out. He went on to note that there is a provision in Section 148 that states, Any municipality may by amendment to such municipality's zoning regulations or by local ordinance prohibit the establishment of a cannabis establishment in town." He stated through the zoning procedure, the Town can opt out.

Councilor Hemmeler stated her impression that many people did not actually read the bill.

She stated her belief acceptance of recreational marijuana in Enfield sends the wrong message to children. She applauded everyone for standing up for what they believe and for stating what is more important to them, whether its additional tax dollars or maintaining a good quality of life for families. She noted tax dollars collected through recreational marijuana can be used for streetscapes in front of the dispensary or for programs that help people with addictions. She stated she finds this comical because its like making money by spreading a disease and then using that money to hand out the cure. She feels that makes no sense.

Councilor Hemmeler stated the recreational marijuana business is so legitimate that it is against federal law. She noted dispensaries use cash only because they are not allowed to use federal banks. She noted within the bill it can be seen that recreational marijuana is prohibited within state parks and beaches.

She stated it is disappointing that the State passed this bill because it essentially makes the state and local municipalities into drug dealers. She pointed out this is recreational marijuana and not medical marijuana, and that is totally different. She noted the bill itself handcuffs public safety because smelling it doesn't constitute as probable cause. She stated last week she was behind a car, and the driver was clearly smoking, and she could smell it. She noted that not only did the driver feel emboldened to smoke the drug openly, but they put everyone on the road at risk. She stated if a person saw someone driving down Elm Street drinking Captain Morgan out of a bottle, would it be expected they'd be stopped.

Councilor Hemmeler stated for those who insist that recreational marijuana is harmless, there are statistics showing otherwise. She noted since it was legalized in Colorado, there have been drivers involved in traffic deaths testing positive for marijuana, and these incidents increased 135% while all Colorado traffic deaths increased by 24%.

She stated supporters of recreational marijuana are only looking for a revenue stream, and they are not taking into account the cause and effect to a neighborhood, a community, or a town like Enfield. She acknowledged there will still be people using it, but they can buy it elsewhere. She noted Enfield does not need the tax dollars with all the other problems it comes with. She stated the small amount of revenue and job growth don't matter.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she has family members hopelessly addicted to drugs and alcohol. She noted they have no power over recreational marijuana being legal in Connecticut, but they do have the power to protect Enfield from selling it here.

Councilor Riley stated what people do in their own homes behind closed doors is their business. She noted she has no problem at all with any adult who wants to be in the comfort of their own home, a friend's home, a weekend getaway with no kids around and smoking pot and enjoying themselves. She stated she has no issues with medical marijuana.

She stated the revenue, according to the state, is 3% through the town's sales. She noted Enfield would need to do \$10 million dollars in sales itself alone to make \$300,000. She stated that will not pay for an entire school roof, or a reconstructed roadway. She noted they may get another social worker or EMT out of that amount of money, however, it certainly won't cover any of the overtime that the police have yearly.

Councilor Riley stated she heard Greenfield, Massachusetts got \$188,000 and Westfield, Massachusetts got \$45,000 last year. She noted Massachusetts does their taxes slightly different. She stated they had a 6.25% sales tax on it, and a 10.75% excise tax on it, and they get 3% local. She noted only 35% of local jurisdictions in Colorado allow for the retail or medical sale of marijuana and that public consumption of it there is actually still legal.

She noted she is a mother of two young children, a cub master, a den leader, and the President of First Readers. She stated a price cannot be placed on her kids or anyone's children's lives. She stated her number one concern with this issue is the edibles. She showed pictures illustrating the similar appearance of regular candy and candy containing THC. She noted the effects of edibles can last six to 12 hours from one little piece and some people do not have to eat a whole piece. She stated some people have found themselves in emergency rooms because of acute marijuana intoxication because they didn't eat just one because the effects didn't happen right away.

Councilor Riley stated last night she went on the website for the Children's Hospital in Colorado, and right on their website the Children's Hospital says, "Exposure of marijuana products to kids and teens in Colorado has increased since the increased availability of both medical and recreational marijuana in Colorado. The most common overdose incidence in children occurs when a drug has been combined with food in an edible form of marijuana. Many children who consume marijuana edibles require hospital admission due to the severity of their symptoms, which can range from being unbalanced, loss of coordination, to any degree of sleepiness from mild drowsiness to being unable to wake up to trouble breathing, and less commonly, children have developed coma and needed a breathing tube and ventilator."

She stated she went onto the website for the American Addiction Centers, and they speak about the real dangers of consuming marijuana edibles. She noted some of the more adverse effects associated with the consumption is hallucinations, paranoia, impaired motor ability and respiratory depression. She noted there have been several tragic incidents caused by unusual and risky behavior stemming from the consumption of edibles. She stated one man on a family ski trip shot himself in the head after eating marijuana-laced candies, and another man jumped from his death from a fourth-floor hotel room balcony mere hours after eating a marijuana cookie. She noted another man was recently sentenced to 30 years in prison for fatally shooting his wife, and prior to her death, the wife had called 911 because she was concerned for the erratic behavior and hallucinations that her husband was experiencing. She stated she has personally heard other stories from people who have used edibles and have had horrendous experiences with them.

Councilor Riley stated no amount of money is worth a life to be messed up by drugs. She noted as a mother and someone who helps kids in the community, she wants no part of this edible stuff, currently a categorized Schedule I drug. She questioned how she is going to support incredible parents that have been through extreme tragedy and have made it their mission like Alex's Army, who everyone supports, or taking federal grant money like they just did of \$175,000 for the Enfield Together Coalition. She questioned if anyone saw the "Talk to Your Kids About Pot" banner hanging up at Asnuntuck.

Councilor Riley stated marijuana-related traffic deaths increased in Colorado and over the past month marijuana use for ages 12 and older has Colorado third in the nation and 85% higher than the national average. She noted she did not even get to what it does to the developing brain of the child. She stated as a mother, she cannot be for this.

Councilor Mangini referred to the proposed ordinance to the Enfield Town Code banishing cannabis establishments and noted in reading this proposal, it is not a resolution, so she questioned if this is a votable document as presented because it simply says, "proposed by Council request". She stated she would like a legal answer.

Attorney Tallberg stated Section 148 of the legislation pursuant to the Governor's wish of having local control over things like masks, they had the opt out for the ADU's, and similarly Section 148 specifically allows any municipality to opt out by local ordinance. He stated the Council's packet contains a resolution adopting the proposed ordinance, which is the next page, which the Mayor read into the record, which is consistent with the Council rules to read a proposed ordinance in the record. He stated his opinion it does meet with the requirements for passing an ordinance. He noted it was publicly noticed and published through the Town Clerk.

Councilor Mangini stated all she received is the proposed ordinance. Attorney Tallberg stated there is a resolution in the packet.

Councilor Mangini stated she is not going to support this ban because this is not about giving drugs to children, but rather this is about commercial business, and its about revenue generating for Enfield. She stated her belief one of the main concerns is people's choice, and people do have rights to choose, especially when a law has been passed saying they do have the right to do this if they choose to. She stated she is an elected official by the people speaking on what she feels is

the right thing to do, and she wants to allow people to make their own choice on this matter. She stated she would never condone a child or a teenager or pre-teen getting involved in marijuana or any other kind of drug. She noted sometimes parents, guardians, and adults do need to take some control and responsibility over their household and children and maybe direct them not to go down certain roads with alcohol, marijuana, or drugs. She stated her belief it's extremely important that the message get out there that the people must be responsible for their own decisions. She stated she's not willing to support this proposed ordinance.

Councilor Unghire thanked everyone for expressing their opinions. She noted the difference between the marijuana of today and in the 1980's is the THC levels. She stated it's so much more potent today than it was back then. She stated her main concern is centered around the recreational use of marijuana in Enfield. She noted when the State legalized marijuana July 1st of this year, the thought of selling it in Enfield changed the perception of harm to young people. She stated the combination of a low perception of harm with a low disapproval rate because more adults are using and selling it will only serve to promote higher use among young people, and she does not believe this is a message that they need to send to young people.

She stated there are severe consequences of children between the ages of adolescence and 25 using marijuana because it causes physical and mental harm and actually causes brain damage. She noted they also must look at the unintended consequences. She stated it would be wise of people to learn of some of the significant consequences of legal marijuana used in other communities and other states. She stated she is not willing to gamble with the youth in Enfield. She noted she has worked with Youth Services and the Enfield Together Coalition for years, and she attended the CADCA Conference, which is the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America. She noted they provide science-based information along with data-driven information attesting to the fact that marijuana use is not a good idea for youth. She stated they need to protect their youth, and no monetary gain is worth that risk.

Councilor Unghire stated another concern she has is how aggressive the companies are with their marketing. She noted she objects to the kid-friendly approach because their edibles come in shapes and colors that are attractive to children. She noted CDB gummies look just like regular gummies. She stated she cannot in good conscience support the sale of recreational marijuana in Enfield. She pointed out if people need or want marijuana, they can buy it anywhere else, and they still have that choice, however, if a child has been injured and they suffer brain damage, that child doesn't have another choice because they are damaged for life. She stated she is an advocate for Enfield's youth, and she won't support selling it in Enfield.

Attorney Tallberg stated Section 24 of the Council rules, Page 8, has been followed. He noted it provides that any ordinance, which shall have had its public hearing, shall be taken up at the Council at its next session, shall be read and thereupon shall be open for debate and amendment, and that's taking place right now. He stated on the close of debate, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to place such ordinance on final passage. He recommended that once the Council finishes this debate, the Chair can close the debate, and then read the resolution, and then the vote on that will not be debatable.

Councilor Cekala stated over the last two months, she has talked a lot about marijuana use to a lot of people over text message, face-to-face conversations, on social media, via email, over the phone, and she talked to a ton of people about this. She stated she appreciates everybody's thoughts, and she appreciates everybody's insight, their passion, and the 30 people who spoke tonight. She stated she is a good parent, and she has two kids, and she is an advocate for the youth in Enfield. She stated her belief it's not mutually exclusive. She stated her belief voting against a universal ban that prohibits the sale or distribution or the growth of marijuana in Enfield makes her any less of a good mom, good advocate, or good voice for youth. She noted she does not believe that if this passes tonight that it will have any effect at all on the amount of marijuana that is used or distributed in Enfield because people can get it three miles north or three miles south. She stated she also doesn't believe this is all about money. She noted this ordinance just means that Enfield is not open for business, and this means that Enfield does not even want to hear out what there may be as far as benefits. She stated her understanding the licenses are going to be issued from the State, and Enfield does not issue the licenses. She noted there will be guidelines and regulations and prerequisites. She stated it is not going to be a free for all, and Enfield won't be inundated with storefronts or micro-cultivators, but as its written right now, they can have one retail storefront and one micro-cultivator. She stated her understanding people don't want Enfield looking like the Vegas strip, but it will not look like that. She explained she is against a universal ban of any ability to have someone come here because she wants this town able to make a choice on an individual basis. She noted she wants the town able to say that if the right opportunity comes along and the opportunity presents itself, and the prerequisites and licenses are met, and it is the right fit, then the town can consider it.

Councilor Cekala stated she takes a little offense when somebody implies you can't be a good parent and advocate for fiscal responsibility. She noted she has had conversations with her children about this, and they are not going to see these gummies in her house, and they are not going to be able to go into the store and buy them. She stated they may see them somewhere else, but they will see them whether they are in East Windsor or Springfield. She stated she does not support a ban when they have not even had the conversations with those people who may want to come to Enfield and have positives to bring. She noted this was done six years ago with the casino. She stated the casino wanted to have a conversation and possibly bring it to Enfield, and the majority of the Council said no, they don't even want to have a conversation. She stated her belief the same will happen with this issue. She feels this is wrong, and it is a missed opportunity. She feels they should have that opportunity.

Councilor Muller stated he will support this resolution tonight. He agreed with Councilor Sferrazza. He stated he does not feel that government should be in people's homes. He noted people should feel free to smoke, if necessary, within their home and property. He stated the issue for him is when a person leaves their property to go out and have an accident and/or kill someone. He noted there's no testing for this. He also questioned where this would fit in town, and would they want a booth at the Farmers Market. He feels it would take away from all the things the Town has done.

Councilor Cressotti referred to Governor Lamont's bill legalizing and safely regulating adult use cannabis and noted he has been hearing a lot about young children and the value and the morals and everything involved with all of this. He stated they are dealing with retail sales of cannabis

beginning in Connecticut by the end of 2022. He noted it is not even the end of 2021, and they have not even really discussed this amongst themselves behind closed doors. He stated last month this ordinance was written without much of "our" input, and he thinks in terms of being on a Council, something of this magnitude, the Council should have meetings behind closed doors to discuss this law of the proposed ordinance to the Enfield code banning cannabis establishments. He noted they didn't have any of those kinds of talks. He stated he would feel a lot better if they decided to go on a field trip together to go examine what these establishments are all about, instead of being against it. He stated he takes offense with somebody saying he's not a good parent. He noted he has four children, and all his children had their peaks and valleys in terms of growing up. He stated he did not allow his kids to drink, smoke pot or do drugs, but they did, and that's part of growing up. He noted this is about adult use, businesses coming into Enfield, dispensary facilities, cultivators, and job growth. He stated they haven't even had this discussion, and they're saying no to business. He noted when people find out that Enfield is banning this, what businessperson is going to want to come into town and set up shop. He stated it's bad enough a lot of businesses don't come into this town due to the nitpicking that goes on sometimes with a person's business. He stated it's the responsibility of adults to keep their alcohol, cigarettes, vapers, and cannabis away from minors. He noted this has nothing to do with that, but rather they're talking about business and fiscal responsibility. He stated he would like the Council to go to the dispensary in Northampton, Easthampton, and Springfield to see first-hand the type of clientele that go into these establishments. He noted they are middle-age professional people and not young kids. He stated a police officer asks for identification to enter these establishments. He noted upon entering, identification is again requested. He noted these places are immaculate, and sharp, professional people are working there. He stated Enfield is preventing professional people from coming to Enfield because they want to ban somebody who wants to cultivate. He noted what if a person wants to cultivate and set up medical cultivation. He questioned if they would say no to them too.

Councilor Cressotti stated the State will regulate this, and the Town needs to see firsthand the knowledge and what opportunities can be offered into this area. He noted reactionary decisions aren't always the best decisions or good decisions for the town. He stated this has not been well thought out. He pointed out he is involved with the Enfield Coalition, and he goes to package stores monthly and asks them how things are going and if their license readers are working out. He noted if some kids tried going to a dispensary, a police officer would stop them.

Councilor Cressotti stated his belief they have not thought this out correctly, and he feels this should be tabled. He noted this cannabis business is a money-making opportunity for Enfield. He stated if they're going to be looking to continue and try to develop this Town and find ways to grow the economy in a diverse way, why say no to this opportunity. He noted it is going to give the wrong impression to businesses wanting to come to Enfield. He stated Enfield will be financially impacted, and surrounding towns will benefit. He noted it wasn't too long ago that Enfield was asked if Enfield wanted to hop in with East Windsor with a casino, but Enfield didn't want that. He suggested looking at the total picture, rather than looking at it in a narrow, tunnel-vision view that he sees from the majority of the Council.

He stated 3% revenue coming to the municipality could go towards mental health and addiction services, streetscape improvements, neighborhood development, education programs, training

programs, youth employment, etc. He noted Social Services would love to have this revenue. He feels it would be a win-win.

Councilor Cressotti stated he was against this when it was first brought up. He noted he does not like the word, “prohibition”. He noted if they are going to prohibit cannabis, they should get rid of the booze because there’s no difference. He stated it is an adult’s responsibility as to how they use these products.

Chairman Ludwick clarified the East Windsor decision was a universal decision by both parties. He noted they asked Enfield to sign in, and no one wanted to sign in. He went on to note the Grand List grew by \$70 million last year, and Enfield is growing its economy. He stated there is a cost to all this, but no one wants to talk about it. He noted everyone wants to talk about revenue, but there’s a cost to services and families. He stated the State Lottery was supposed to totally fund education and there was the State income tax, which was supposed to be sunsetted when it balanced the budget, but Connecticut has one of the highest state income taxes in the nation, and that’s almost 50% of the State revenue. He noted casinos were given an exclusive deal so there would be no expansion of casinos into Bridgeport, New Haven and elsewhere, but 30 years later they can put them anywhere they want. He referred to tolls and noted the Transportation Fund has been in the surplus for years with Connecticut having one of the highest gas taxes in the nation.

Chairman Ludwick stated when the State says put money away for programs, the cost of government never goes down, and yet they keep looking for a new revenue source that will make everyone happy, but it never works. He does not believe government’s only role is to just go after tax dollars. He noted for him, quality of life is more important. He feels the cost will far exceed the revenue on this, especially when its starting at 3%. He noted they went through this with PILOT money because Enfield had to spend \$30 million dollars on a brand-new Water Pollution Control plant because back in the 1990’s Enfield could not get the money from the prison that was overusing Enfield’s sewer system, and they owed Enfield \$2.5 million dollars contractually, and they had to wait two years to get that money. He pointed out these are all facts over the last 40 years. He stated his belief the Public Hearing was great because people did a good job whether they were for or against. He stated his belief there is a cost to this, and people are being made dependent upon government, and that’s what this eventually will do. He noted when they break down the family, you break down the society. He stated he doesn’t care what the revenue is because they’ve seen it over the last 35 years. He noted he wants to try something different.

RESOLUTION #5921 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Riley.

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council sought public input on this proposed ordinance during a public hearing held on September 7, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council does hereby adopt the proposed ordinance to the Enfield Town Code Banning Cannabis Establishments.

Attorney Tallberg stated this is the motion to place the ordinance on final passage.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5921** adopted

6-3-0, with Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, and Mangini voting against the resolution.

RESOLUTION #5922 by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PENDING DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION CAPTIONED TOWN OF ENFIELD v. THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY, ET AL DOCKET NUMBER HHD-CV-206130874S

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council hereby provides its consent to and approval of Judge Matthew J. Budzik's recommended partial settlement of the above-referenced declaratory judgment action, by which the Town of Enfield hereby agrees to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the arrearage due the Connecticut Water Company and Hazardville Water Company for Public Fire Protection Charges, with the five defendant Fire Districts paying the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the arrearage, together with the other terms and conditions of that proposed partial settlement as discussed with the Town's legal counsel in executive session on September 7, 2021.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5922** adopted 9-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Davis, 201 North Maple Street

Thanked the Democrats. She stated the Republicans takes a voice from the constituents in this town.

Ms. Davis stated there is more to it than this. She stated everything is party line. She stated her belief Republicans sat behind a closed door and was told what to do, so they just did it. She stated her belief they are not looking at the best interest of this town. She feels way too many things have happened. She stated someone should not question her parenting ability because she agrees they should have a cannabis dispensary here. She noted she does everything with her child and she educates her child about drugs and hopes she wouldn't take that road because she educated her the right way. She stated voters at home need to honestly really think about who they put on the Council. She noted more and more votes are along party lines. She stated this town belongs to everybody, and it's time for people to stand up, show up and vote and get these people out of these seats because she doesn't believe they care about the residents.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Riley stated she did not once say that she questions anyone's parenting ability. She noted it is her child and her choice, and it is her body her choice. She stated she is not paid to do this job whatsoever. She noted she teaches her children what's right and what's wrong, and she hopes other parents do the same, but she never once said that she thought anyone was a bad parent or grandparent. She stated she is not a judge of people, and she hopes people do not judge who she is. She noted she is making a choice based on her family and the decision that she has made with her husband and her children.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5923 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5923** adopted 9-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council