



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
March 17, 2025
5:45 PM - Scitico Room**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, and John Santanella

Absent: Lori Unghire

Also Present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Interim Town Attorney, Tom Tyler; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #7164 by: Cynthia Mangini seconded: Robert Cressotti

to go into Executive Session to discuss the following item(s). Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #7164** adopted. Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, Jeff Rousseau, John Santanella, No: None Abstain: None.

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chair Nelson at 5:46 pm.

A. Pending Litigation

- Hernandez v. Enfield Board of Education, et al - *Attorney James Tallberg joined the meeting to discuss this item from 5:46pm to 6:05pm.*

B. Real Estate Negotiations

- 5 Taylor Road
- 33 North River Street - *Director of Economic and Community Development Aaron Marcavitch joined the meeting at 6:20pm to 6:25pm to discuss this item.*

C. Contract Negotiations

- Police

Chair Nelson reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:30pm and stated that during the Executive Session, no votes or actions were taken by the Council. The meeting recessed and was moved to the Council Chambers.

3. AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION'S DESIGN & PRESERVATION RAPID ASSISTANCE TEAM PRESENTATION - Kris Kreider & Shannon Cilento

Director of Economic and Community Development Aaron Marcavitch introduced members of the Design & Presentation Rapid Assistance Team (DPRAT) and stated that back in October, the planners did a two-day intensive study of short, medium, and long-term ideas for redevelopment planning in Thompsonville.

Kris Kreider, Chair of the Urban Development and Design Division of the American Planning Association, and Shannon Cilento, DPRAT Coordinator for the American Planning Association, presented some of the ideas developed as a result of the two-day intensive study of Thompsonville and stated that they had had a wonderful experience working with the Enfield Town Planning Department and Economic Development office and were excited to present their final plan to Enfield. She stated that they chose Enfield out of many applicants because of some of the issues in Thompsonville Mr. Marcavitch described in the application process. They are volunteer professionals who dedicate their time to find solutions to issues in urban design and planning and felt that they could help in Thompsonville..

The Town identified three key issues they would like the team to address.

- Waterfront & Transportation Hub Connections
- Main Street Corridor & Freshwater Brook Improvements
- Revitalization of Pearl Street and Historic Central Business Core

Some of the team's ideas included improving the walkability of the waterfront, the central corridor, and Pearl Street areas by:

- Installing public art & murals
- Creating pocket parks & playgrounds
- Creating outdoor dining
- Developing public access to the waterfront
- Building out intersections & curb extensions helping to calming traffic & increase pedestrian safety
- Re-building the pedestrian bridge
- Preservation of historic buildings and improving facades
- Food truck plaza

The team spoke with professionals, residents, and area youth to determine what they felt was missing in Thompsonville. Some of the responses were:

- Skate park
- Riverfront boardwalk and pier (Bridge of Flowers)
- Boat launch
- Pedestrian and shared-use paths
- Shared parking structures

Mr. Marcavitch stated that the planners had compiled a tremendous amount of information for the town to review. The comprehensive report will be posted on the town's website so that residents can visualize what the town would like to accomplish in Thompsonville through the use of grants. The Mayor thanked DPRAT for all the hard work they put into this comprehensive plan.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini seconded: Robert Cressotti to adjourn. The **MOTION** was adopted unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council