

**MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

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DARIEN CT.**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 7 members present, 8 absent.

From District II, there were 11 members present, 5 absent.

From District III, there were 11 members present, 5 absent.

From District IV, there were 11 members present, 4 absent.

From District V, there were 13 members present, 4 absent.

From District VI, there were 13 members present, 2 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Buchesky, Butler, DuPont, Dweck, Hayes, C. Kelly, P. Kelly, Pattelli.

The absentees from District II were: Conroy, Hoffman, Keith, Marston, Mundt.

The absentees from District III were: Camuti, Coyle Downs, Hageney, Hegarty, Schulz-Amatruda.

The absentees from District IV were: Domittner, Haidinger, Morrison, Peters.

The absentees from District V were: Bates, Boulton, Fiveson, LeHan.

The absentees from District VI were: McDermott, Young.

The Moderator, Sarah Seelye, assumed the Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

**** THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator said that tomorrow, Mrs. Rajczewski will send out an e-mail from Pam Gery regarding the Weed Beach Expansion Project. That committee needs input, and requests that people fill out the survey.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

**** THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

SPEAKERS

SUSAN CAMERON, CHAIR, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Mrs. Cameron updated everyone on the Plan of Conservation & Development. On December 8th, they will begin reviewing the first draft. On January 12th, they will have the final first draft, and they will hold a Public Information Meeting on February 9th. On April 5th or April 12th, they will finalize the Plan. Everything is on line, and there are no surprises. They hope to do an implementation phase. Mrs. Cameron asked RTM members to reach out to their constituents.

CRAIG FLAHERTY, CHAIR, RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Flaherty presented a slide show of the operation of the recycling center and explained why recycling matters.

15-20

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE NEWLY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE DARIEN POLICE ASSOCIATION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

**** MAC PATRICK, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, contract negotiations between the Town of Darien and the Darien Police Association have been ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Town recently came to terms on a new collective bargaining agreement with the Darien Police Association; and

WHEREAS, the Association ratified the terms of the successor Agreement on Wednesday, September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the new contract runs for four (4) years from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the new contract calls for 2.00% wage increase in first year and a 2.50% increase in the second, third and four year; and

WHEREAS, the new contract moves all members of the bargaining unit into a high deductible plan and other, more expensive plan options will be closed.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has previously approved this four-year agreement with the Darien Police Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby approves said four (4) year agreement with the Darien Police Association as summarized on the memoranda attached hereto and made part hereof which is more specifically described in the contract on file with the Darien Town Clerk.

To: Representative Town Meeting
From: W. Lee Palmer, Director of Human Resources
Date: October 1, 2015
Re: Darien Police Association Settlement Agreement Summary

The Town recently came to terms with the Darien Police Association on a new collective bargaining agreement. The Association ratified the terms of a successor Agreement on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. The new Agreement would run from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. This bargaining unit contains forty-eight (48) members. The highlights of the Agreement include:

Salaries:

Contract Year	General Wage Increase
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015	2.00%
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016	2.50%
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017	2.50%
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018	2.50%

By way of comparison, the wage rate for the retro year of the contract (2014-2015) is consistent with the statewide average for arbitration awards and negotiated settlements for that year (2.18% and 2.36% respectively). The three (3) remaining years of the contract (2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018) are consistent within the range of statewide negotiated settlements which have seen settlements topping out at 2.66%.

The cost of the wage settlement for FY 14-15 and FY15-16 are well within the amount reserved in the budget for contract settlements. It should also be noted that this is an essentially mature bargaining unit with the majority of employees at the top step.

Additional Benefits:

To provide more flexibility with regard to staffing, the “Ideal Squad” will be eliminated. A patrol shift can be supervised by one supervisor at the rank of Sergeant or Lieutenant. Hiring back to provide shift supervision will be performed per the “bucket list” with Sergeants and Lieutenants making up one list.

While employees hired on or before the execution of this Agreement will continue be permitted to accumulate unused sick leave days beyond one hundred fifty (150) days and at retirement receive one day's pay for every three (3) days of unused sick leave above one hundred fifty (150) days, employees hired after ratification of this agreement will not be eligible for payout of any unused accrued sick time.

Further, an employee, who calls in sick, excluding family sick, will be ineligible for any overtime, special detail, or extra-duty job assignments for a minimum of sixteen (16) hours from the end of the shift that the employee called in sick.

Health Insurance:

The new contract moves all members of the bargaining unit into a high deductible plan and other, more expensive plan options will be closed. Effective July 1, 2016, the only medical/prescription plan offered by the Town will be the HDHP with a single person deductible of \$2,000 and a two person/family deductible of \$4,000.

Based on current rates of enrollment, the savings to the Town exceeds \$25,000. Savings will continue into FY16-17 for the Town. The high deductible plan bends the cost curve to curb the rate of future premium growth.

Summary:

The proposed settlement is considered fair and equitable to bargaining unit employees and, at the same time, consistent with the fiscal and operating goals of the Town.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Mac Patrick, District V, Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee, read the Committee report (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the Committee report (attached).

Clara Sartori, District II, regarding unused sick day payments, said this was unusual and asked how many people would receive this benefit. Kate Buch, Town Administrator, said she did not have the exact figure with her, but it is probably no more than half of the force. New hires do not get this benefit.

Seth Morton, District III, said as a philosophy, they were going to try to avoid a hightail. Ms. Buch said she was not involved in negotiations, but they did get away from that.

**** ITEM 15-20 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 64 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-21

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE GIFT OF A VEHICLE FROM DARIEN FOUNDATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNITY TO AT HOME IN DARIEN

**** MAC PATRICK, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-33 of the Code of the Town of Darien, the Board of Selectmen is empowered on behalf of the Town of Darien to accept gifts provided gifts do not have a value in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-33 of the Code of the Town of Darien, said gifts in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) may be accepted with action by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Foundation for Technology and Community wishes to donate a new vehicle to At Home in Darien; and

WHEREAS, At Home in Darien provides transportation for Darien senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles used by At Home in Darien are registered to and insured by the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, the value of the donated vehicle has been determined to be Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has previously approved this gift;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby accepts with thanks this gift from the Darien Foundation for Technology and Community.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Mac Patrick, District V, read the report of the Public Health & Safety Committee (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read that committee's report (attached).

James Cameron, District IV, asked what happens to the old vehicle, and if sold, where does the money go. Kate Buch, Town Administrator, said there is the possibility that the old vehicle will stay with the fleet - it is not worth a lot. If they sell vehicles, it becomes miscellaneous income.

**** ITEM 15-21 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 64 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTION.**

15-22

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE TRANSFER OF THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF 19,000 SQUARE FEET OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35 LEROY AVENUE TO THE DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

**** DENNIS MARONEY, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, READ THE RESOLUTION AND MOVED:**

WHEREAS, property located at 35 Leroy Avenue is owned by the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, Nineteen Thousand (19,000) square feet of said property is currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the property is being and will continue to be dedicated by the Darien Board of Education for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Darien to transfer the care, custody and control of a portion of the property at 35 Leroy Avenue to the Darien Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby transfers the care, custody and control of the nineteen thousand (19,000) square feet of the building known as 35 Leroy Avenue, currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education, together with the adjacent land and parking area to said Board for school purposes.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Dennis Maroney, District III, read the report of the Education Committee (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Joanne Hennessy, District V, Chairman of the Planning, Zoning & Housing Committee, read that committee's report (attached).

Adele Conniff, District III, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, said that this committee had no report.

Mark Adiletta, District V, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, read the committee report (attached).

The Moderator read a letter from Dr. Dan Brenner, Superintendent of the Board of Education (attached).

Martha Banks, District IV, said the RTM should not support this transfer. Additional heat still needs to be installed, and window replacement studies are underway. This work is associated with the Shuffle Project and that is who should pay for it.

Fred Conze, District I, said his history on this project goes back quite a number of years. What is missing is a Facilities Usage Plan, which he suggested be prepared by the Board of Education. What does "control" mean, and what conditions are attached to it? Town Attorney Fox said that State Statute 10-240 talks about requirements each town should follow. It talks about what a Board of Education should do, and it **shall** have charge of the schools, land, etc. The third rationale is it is important that there be an understanding that the Board of Education has oversight and control. Mr. Conze asked about control of the basement. Attorney Fox said the town would be within its rights to use that. He asked if control could be transferred with conditions. Mr. Conze again suggested there be a Space Utilization Plan. There should be a Memorandum of Understanding to specify how certain spaces would be used. First Selectman

Jayne Stevenson said they have that documentation. As part of the building project, there are educational specifications on September 15th that outlines the 19,000 square feet: 13,300 - first level; 4,050 - mezzanine; 1,040 - portion of basement. The rest of the space is in the control of the town.

James Howe, District II, asked why control of the parking area needs to be included, and Town Attorney Fox said it is so they know who is responsible for taking care of the parking lot.

The Moderator read a letter from Shipmen & Goodwin, attorneys for the Board of Education, noting that an affirmative vote of the RTM is not needed.

James Cameron, District IV, asked if there was anything else the Moderator would like to surprise them with. It would have been fair to pass the letter along to RTM members. The 19,000 square feet in the study is not referred to in the resolution. He will vote against this item. The Moderator said there were no more surprises, and she had just received this letter.

Clara Sartori, District II, said she thought this item was going to be a formality. She was surprised to find out that this was such a muddy issue. She was also surprised to find out about the need for a new roof. The Board of Education budget should be used for students rather than being diverted.

Frank Adelman, District VI, said he looks forward to supporting this resolution when the project is done. Until then, it should be under Town control and in the Town budget.

Elisabeth Bacon, District II, said that PZ&H Committee members felt strongly that this is a unique piece of property because of its location. It should not be under the Board of Education. She will vote against this resolution.

Liz Mao, Chairman of the Board of Finance, said they received \$586,000 from the State to pay down debt used for the purchase of this building. This Town has just spent \$3,500,000 repurposing this building for the Board of Education. This vote tonight should be housekeeping. Every Capital expense comes back to the Board of Finance. This is a distinction without a difference and is a fight over the Shuffle.

Ted Hawkins, District VI, asked if the Board of Education had care, custody and control over the space when they were located in town hall. Town Attorney Fox said that was the case. The issue should be cleaner and clearer. Mr. Hawkins said he was lost when it referred to administrative offices. Would they have to move out if they don't have care, custody and control. Town Counsel Fox said there would be a question as to liability. The statute references care, custody and control over space used for public school properties, and the argument can be made that this is public school property.

Jack Davis, District III, said many people are trying to re-live an event that they also had voted on. Speaking as a legislator, anyone can come and have knowledge of the school budget. Capital will always be looked at separately and have no impact on the school budget. This is not the first Capital project that has been passed over to the Board of Education without everything having been done. They should just pass this for the legal reasons and stop this silliness.

Lois Schneider, District I, said she supports this resolution. The Board of Education has wonderful staff, as does the Town.

- ** JOSEPH MICELI, DISTRICT IV, MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE JANUARY 2016 MEETING (15-22A).
- ** ITEM 15-22A CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 48 IN FAVOR, 14 OPPOSED, 2 ABSTENTIONS.

15-23

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON TRANSFER OF \$300,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR INTERVALE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- ** MARK ADILETTA, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MOVED:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recently completed the design for the Intervale Road Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, said project was recently put out to bid; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid received was in excess of the existing funds allowed for this project; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that an additional three hundred thousand dollars is needed to move ahead with this project; and

WHEREAS, the shortfall is believed to be a result in the change in design, increase in labor costs and an increase in material costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby approves the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars 00/100 (\$300,000.00) from the fund balance for the completion of the Intervale Road Drainage Project.

- ** **THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Mark Adiletta, District V, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, read the committee report (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Joseph Hardison, District IV, said he was on the Public Works Committee and looked at the site. He asked if they had ever looked into eminent domain; this is what it is for. This place is a mess. He also questioned the overall cost. Mr. Gentile, DPW Director, said eminent domain is always a consideration, but this is not an avenue they will support. He then reviewed the specifics of this project with Mr. Hardison.

**** ITEM 15-23 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 57 IN FAVOR, 6 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

James Cameron, District IV, credited Liz Mao for serving on the Board of Finance for many years and said she deserved a lot of credit.

**** UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 10:05 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois
Telesco Secretarial Services

APPENDIX

<u>DISTRICT I</u>	<u>(15-20)</u>	<u>(15-21)</u>	to postpone <u>(15-22)</u>	<u>(15-23)</u>
Buchesky	absent	absent	absent	absent
Bumgardner	yes	yes	yes	yes
Butler	absent	absent	absent	absent
Conologue	yes	yes	yes	yes
Conze	yes	yes	yes	yes
Dupont	absent	absent	absent	absent
Dweck	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hayes, B.	absent	absent	absent	absent
Keane	yes	yes	yes	yes
Kelly, C.	absent	absent	absent	absent
Kelly, P.	absent	absent	absent	absent
Pattelli	absent	absent	absent	absent
Schneider	yes	yes	no	yes
van der Kieft	yes	yes	yes	yes
von Stuelpnagel	yes	yes	no	yes

DISTRICT II

Bacon	yes	yes	yes	abstain
Conroy	absent	absent	absent	absent
Finn	yes	yes	abstain	abstain
Hoffman	absent	absent	absent	absent
Howe	yes	yes	yes	yes
Keith	absent	absent	absent	absent
Marston	absent	absent	absent	absent
McIlmurray	yes	yes	abstain	yes
McNally	yes	yes	yes	yes
Miller	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mundt	absent	absent	absent	absent
Sartori	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sawitsky	yes	yes	yes	yes
Seelye		DOES NOT VOTE		
Thorne, B.	yes	yes	yes	yes
Thorne, M.	yes	yes	yes	yes

DISTRICT III

Anderson	yes	yes	yes	yes
Camuti	absent	absent	absent	absent
Cardone	yes	yes	yes	no
Conniff	yes	yes	yes	yes
Coyle	yes	yes	yes	absent
Coyle Downs	absent	absent	absent	absent
Jack Davis	yes	yes	no	no
Hageney	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hegarty	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hite	yes	yes	no	yes
Jordan	yes	yes	yes	yes
Maroney	yes	yes	no	yes
Moore	yes	yes	yes	yes
Morton	yes	yes	?	yes
Schulz-Amatruda	absent	absent	absent	absent
Washecka	yes	yes	no	yes

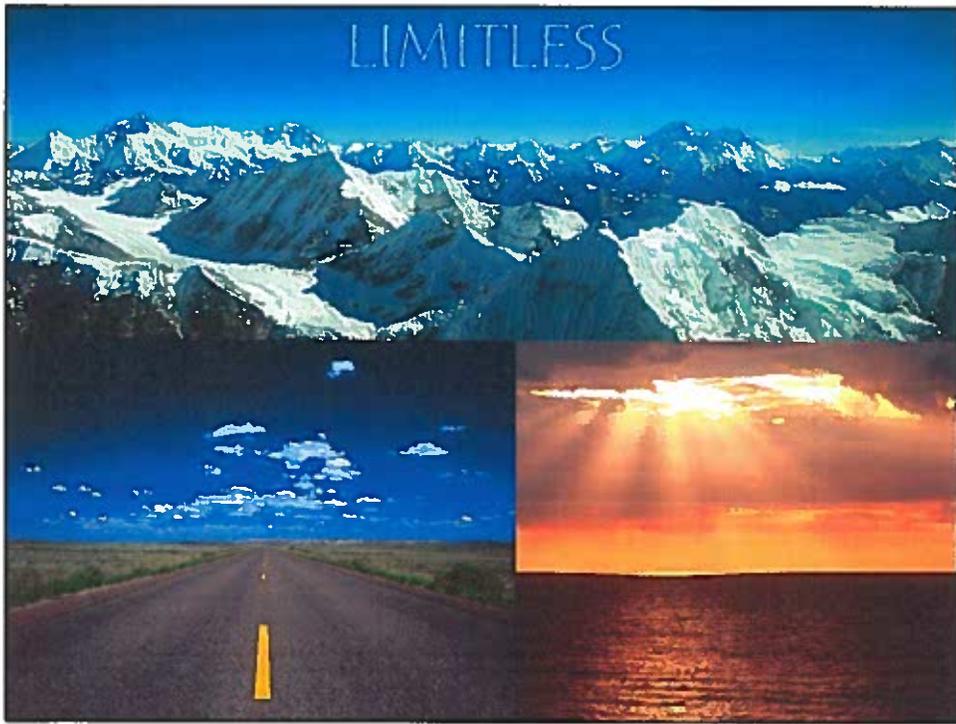
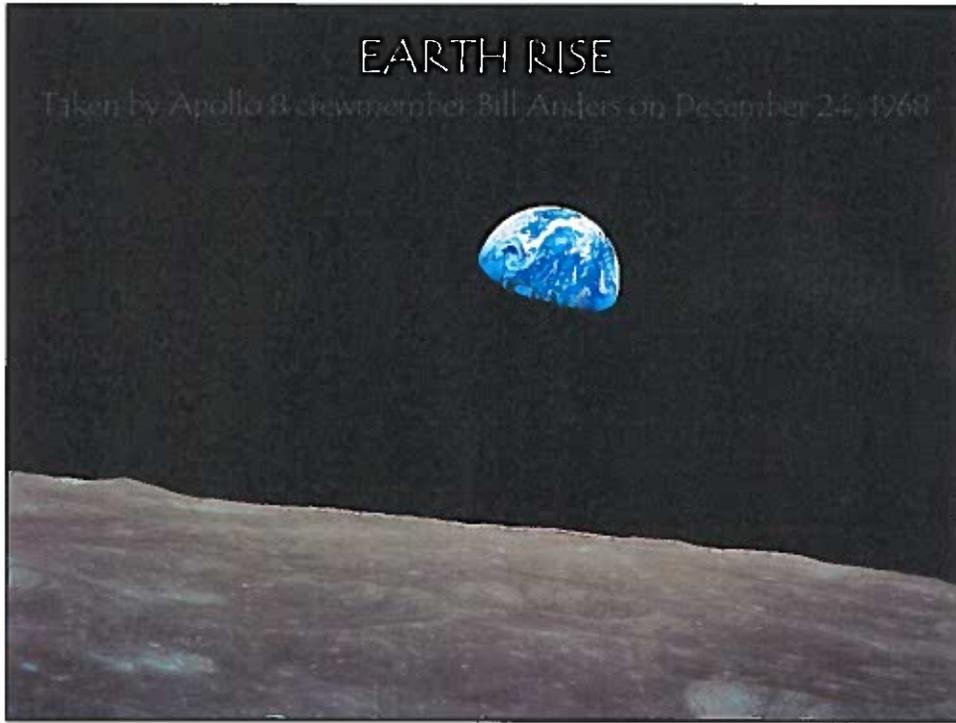
<u>DISTRICT IV</u>	<u>(15-18)</u>	<u>(15-19)</u>	<u>to postpone</u> <u>(15-22)</u>	<u>(15-23)</u>
Banks	yes	yes	no	yes
Cameron	yes	yes	yes	yes
Joan Davis	yes	yes	no	yes
Domittner	absent	absent	absent	absent
Fiore	yes	yes	yes	yes
Haidinger	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hardison	yes	yes	yes	no
P. Hawkins	yes	yes	?	yes
Kemp	yes	yes	yes	yes
Miceli	yes	yes	yes	yes
Millar	abstain	yes	yes	yes
Morrison	absent	absent	absent	absent
Peters	absent	absent	absent	absent
Rayhill	yes	yes	yes	yes
Savage	yes	yes	no	yes

DISTRICT V

Adiletta	yes	yes	yes	no
Bates	absent	absent	absent	absent
Bayne	yes	yes	yes	yes
Boulton	absent	absent	absent	absent
Duffy	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fead	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fiveson	absent	absent	absent	absent
M. Hayes	yes	yes	no	yes
Hennessy	yes	yes	yes	no
LeHan	absent	absent	absent	absent
Lublin	yes	yes	yes	yes
McLachlin	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mosher	yes	yes	yes	yes
Patrick	yes	yes	no	yes
Russell	yes	yes	yes	no
Stolar	yes	yes	yes	yes
Young, Rob	yes	yes	yes	yes

DISTRICT VI

Adelman	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cherico	yes	yes	no	yes
Grogan	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ted Hawkins	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lauritzen	yes	yes	yes	yes
Luz	yes	yes	yes	yes
McDermott	absent	absent	absent	absent
Palen	yes	yes	no	yes
Plehaty	yes	yes	yes	yes
Poli	yes	yes	yes	yes
Ritchie	yes	yes	no	yes
Swenson	yes	yes	yes	yes
Van Loan	yes	yes	yes	yes
Whitehead	yes	yes	yes	yes
Young, David	absent	absent	absent	absent



FINITE



December 1972, Apollo 17 took the first 'Blue Marble' image of the entire planet

Recycling Center Advisory Committee
Select Summary of Activities
2012-2015

With thanks and gratitude to:

Current Members: Carolyn Bayne, Dan Dolcetti, Craig Flaherty, Terry Gaffney, Christine Lajunie, & Allison Stolar

Former Members: Dot Kelly, Wendy Ward

Several cherished Honorary Members that dedicate time and passion and are always welcome
Support from the Administration & DPW leadership & staff

CREATED THE SINGLE STREAM LOGO



Graphic Design by Sophie Cirillo

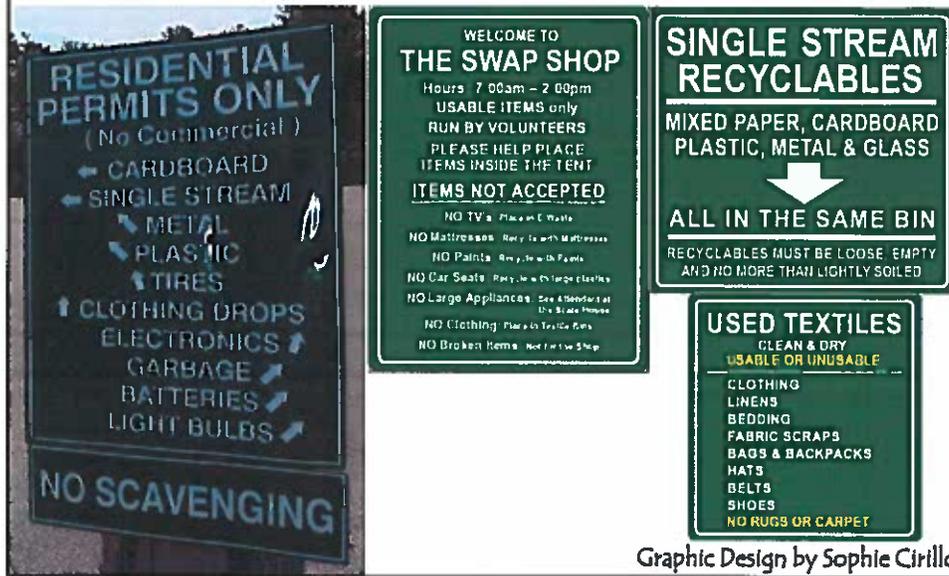
CREATED NEW RECYCLING CENTER MAP

And modernized the tri-fold brochure.



Graphic Design by Sophie Cirillo

Designed signs placed and to be placed at the Recycling Center



Graphic Design by Sophie Cirillo

Created the Single Stream Recycling Guide

Graphic Design by Sophie Cirillo

Worked with private haulers to convert their customers to single stream and separate day pick-up



Converted the second hopper in the transfer station to single stream



Created facebook and Twitter accounts with continual updates.

A screenshot of the Darien Recycling Center Facebook page. The page features a cover photo with a sign that reads "RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ONLY (No Commercial)" and lists accepted materials: "CARTONBOARD", "SINGLE STREAM", "METAL", "PLASTIC", "TIRES", "CLOTHING DROPS", "ELECTRONICS", and "BATTERIES". The page has 197 likes and 27 posts. A green call-to-action box is overlaid on the right side of the page.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
FIND THE DARIEN RECYCLING CENTER ON THE WEB
FACEBOOK: Darien Recycling Center
TWITTER: @DarienRecycles
SEARCH FOR: "Darien Recycling Center" (in any browser)

Managed by Carolyn Bayne



Hosted All Things Green Fair with the Darien Library with phenomenal support from Sally Ijams.

With the help of DPW, Improved Parking and Circulation at the Swap Shop



With the help of Channel 79 & Jim Cameron, Created the Darien Recycling Center video tour.

Converted Schools and several Institutions to Single Stream Recycling



IN SCHOOL SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	
PAPER, CARDBOARD, PLASTIC, METAL & GLASS	
ALL IN THE SAME BIN	
RECYCLABLES MUST BE LOOSE & EMPTY	
"NO FOOD"	
RECYCLE	TRASH

Special Thanks to: Allison Stolar for working with the Elementary Schools; Finley Wetmore for converting the High School; and Christine Lajaunie for taking on the Middle School.

Worked with the Darien Environmental Group to bolster recycling education in our Elementary Schools, including tours of the Recycling Center for all 3rd-Graders



Added Recycling Options

Turned textile recycling into a revenue generating activity



Added CFL recycling



Idea & Execution by Wendy Ward

Added More Recycling Options

Added Mattress and Box Spring Recycling
(Free Program)

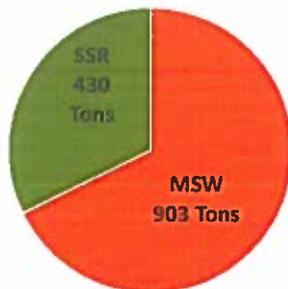


Added Paint Recycling
(Free Program)

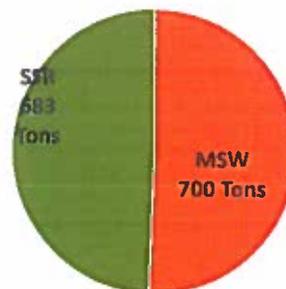


Impact on Recycling Rates

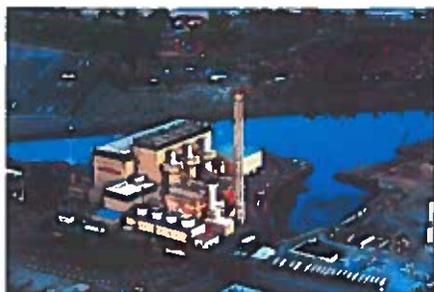
July - September 2012



July - September 2015



Where our trash goes:
(Costs taxpayers \$91/ton)



Where our recycling goes:
(Generates revenue of \$15/ton)



Cost Savings of Increased Recycling

	MSW "TRASH"	SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING	TOTAL ALL WEIGHED MATERIALS
Q1 FY 2013 (Jul-Sep 2012)	903 Tons	430 Tons	1,787 Tons
Q1 FY 2016 (Jul-Sep 2015)	<u>700 Tons</u>	<u>683 Tons</u>	<u>1,926 Tons</u>
	-22.5%	+58.8%	+7.8%
MSW COST SAVINGS = <small>Annualized (903-700) x 4 x \$91.10</small>	\$73,973		
RECYCLING REVENUE INCREASE = <small>Annualized (683-430) x 4 x \$15</small>		\$15,180	
TEXTILES REVENUE GENERATED = <small>FY16 Q1 Weight Annualized</small>		\$2,196	
MATTRESSES COST SAVINGS = <small>FY16 Q1 Weight Annualized</small>	\$3,440 (w/ MSW)		
PAINT COST SAVINGS = <small>FY16 Q1 Annualized to offset HHW charges</small>	\$13,720		
<u>NET ANNUAL COST SAVINGS = \$102,873</u>			

Next Charge: Clean Energy Task Force

energize CT
CONNECTICUT
Empowering you to make smart energy choices

RESIDENTS | BUSINESSES | NONPROFITS | GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPALITIES | **COMMUNITIES** | Smart Energy Resources | Choose Your Electric Supplier

Communities
You can make a difference in your community with 54 Clean Energy Communities. You can help your community take action on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and more.

Take Action!
Support clean energy projects in your community

Make A Difference in Your Community
Your energy choices make a difference in your community. With Energize Connecticut's help, you and your neighbors can create a clean energy future today and for generations to come. We offer a variety of nationally recognized programs, learning opportunities and funding resources to help community leaders, residents and businesses increase support for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Clean Energy Communities Newsletter
Sign-up now to see what communities in the state are doing.

esemarts
An energy education learning initiative

Qualify and Use Bright Idea Grants Wisely

Earn Energy Efficiency Points for "Bright Idea Grants"

Once qualified as a Clean Energy Community, your town or city can earn energy efficiency points that can be redeemed for "Bright Idea Grants" for energy-saving projects. To qualify for a Bright Idea Grant, your city or town must earn 100 energy efficiency points by participating in Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund programs. Find out how your town or city is doing at EnergizeCT.com.

\$15,000 Grants	\$10,000 Grants	\$5,000 Grants
Bridgeport	Ansonia	Newington
Bristol	Avon	Newtown
Danbury	Berlin	North Haven
East Hartford	Bethel	Plainfield
Enfield	Bloomfield	Plainville
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change



"We cannot afford to lose another decade. If we lose another decade, it becomes extremely costly to achieve climate stabilization." Ottmar Edenhofer, co-chairman of the committee that wrote the IPCC report

Without action, by 2100 global mean surface temperature will increase between 6.7 to 8.6°F over pre-industrial levels.

How does recycling help?

<u>RECYCLED PRODUCT</u>	<u>ENERGY SAVED VS NEW PRODUCT</u>
ALUMINUM	95%
PLASTIC	90%
PAPER	60%
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Fewer Bauxite Mines



Less Plastic Refining



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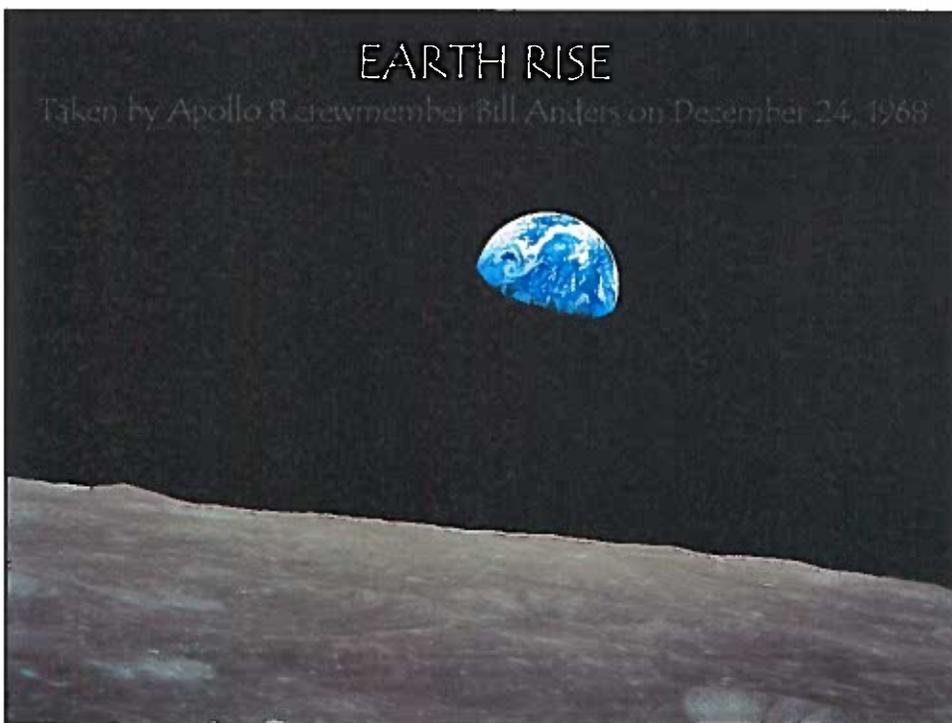


Fewer Landfills



EARTH RISE

Taken by Apollo 8 crewmember Bill Anders on December 24, 1968



RTM Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Monday October 26 2015
7:00 pm

The Committee met tonight with 8 of 11 members present. We discussed and voted on Resolution 15-20, "Consideration and action on the newly negotiated contract between the Town and the Darien Police Association effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018".

The following aspects of the contract were discussed:

1. The general wage increase is consistent with statewide averages for both the retro year of the contract and the remaining years of the contract. The cost of the negotiated contract is well within the amount reserved in the Town Budget.
2. The "Ideal Squad" staffing requirement is eliminated. A patrol shift can be supervised by ONE supervisor at the rank of Sergeant or Lieutenant, no longer needing both.
3. New hires will not be eligible for payout of any unused accrued sick time.
4. With regard to health insurance, the new contract removes expensive plan options and moves the membership into a high deductible plan.

The RTM PHS Committee voted 8 for 0 again to approve the contract and recommend the full RTM do as well.

James M. Patrick
Chairman



**Finance & Budget Committee
Report to RTM, October 26, 2015**

**(15-20) RTM Resolution Approving a Contract Between The Town of Darien
and the Darien Police Association**

The RTM F&B committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 19th for a joint meeting with the RTM Public Health & Safety committee to discuss, among other things, RTM Resolution 15-20. Unfortunately only 5 of 13 members were present and therefore the committee did not reach a quorum and could not take a formal vote on the resolution. The members that were present had a general discussion on the resolution and an informal 'sense of the meeting' poll was taken and all of those present were in favor of the resolution.

By way of background, the employment agreement being discussed and voted on this evening is a new 4-year contract that covers 48 Town of Darien Police Officer all of which are members of the Darien Police Associations collective bargaining unit. Two of the department's captains and the chief of police are not covered by this contract.

The union's current contract expired on June 30, 2014 and therefore the town and the employees have been operating under the pay metrics of the final year of that contract. The new contract will cover fiscal years ending 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and provide approximately 15 months of retroactive pay increases to the employees.

Wages (excluding overtime) account for 71% of the employee group's total compensation.

Employees will receive:

(i) a retroactive wage increase of 2% for the grade/step matrix for the period from July 2014 through June 2015 that totals \$80k across the entire employee group. This is in addition to the previously scheduled step increase that they were entitled to under the prior contract and is less than the amount assumed in the current budget that we are operating under.

(ii) a retroactive wage increase of 2.5% for the grade/step matrix from July 2015 through June 2016 which is also in addition to the step increase that they are entitled to under the contract.

(iii) a 2.5% increase wage increase for the grade/step matrix in each of the 2017 and 2018 fiscal year that will included in the next two year's budget.

Each of these wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5% and 2.5% are in addition to the grade or step wage increases that employees are entitled to in the contract.

Accordingly, holding the employee group count constant but adjusting for the movement through the matrix, the group will earn wages 2% higher for last year, 3.7% higher in the current year, 3.4% higher in 2017 and 2.9% higher in 2018. All-in-all, the group will earn 12.6% higher wages in FY 2018 than they did in FY 2013 after accounting for step increases.

That said, over 80% of the 35 officers in this group are already at the top grade of the contract and will therefore be limited to the 2% and 2.5% base increases that that are being granted.

These proposed increases are generally in the same range as other arbitrated and negotiated union contracts that have been awarded statewide.

Healthcare, Dental and Life Insurance account for 20% of the employee group's total compensation.

The new contract will move all 48 members of the employee group to a 'high deductible plan' in 2016 and other more expensive plan options will be closed out. This change will not be retroactive for the first two years of the contract because enrollment has already been closed, however it is expected to save the town \$25,000 next year.

To encourage employees to move into the new less expensive plan in the current year, the Town is offering to pay employees 1/3 of the savings it realizes.

Pension Contributions account for the remaining 9% of the employee group's total compensation.

This employee group participates under a defined benefit plan which means the Town needs to make increasing annual payments to the program each year as wages rise. There were no changes that were made to the pension plan as part of this contract negotiation and I should point out that although the contributions are expected to come down, it is the result of actuarial changes that were made to the way contributions are collected.

Other important changes to the contract include:

Longevity benefits remain in the contract for all employees, but only those employees serving 20 years or more saw their longevity benefit increase.

The concept of "Ideal Squad" has been eliminated so that going forward, a shift can be scheduled with only one supervisor who needs to be either a sergeant or lieutenant – no longer are both needed. Hiring back of a 'supervisor' will be done per a list that will include both sergeants and lieutenants.

At retirement the full payout of accrued and unused sick will be capped at 150 days for current officers – which only receive 1/3 payout for the days above 150. New officers hired after this agreement will not be eligible to be paid out on any accrued but unused sick days.

Because only 5 of 13 members were present, there was no formal vote taken, but an informal 'sense of the meeting' was unanimous in its support of the contract.

Thank you.

James Palen
Chair, Finance & Budget Committee
October 26, 2015

RTM Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Monday October 26 2015
7:00 pm

The Committee met tonight with 8 of 11 members present. We discussed and voted on Resolution 15-21, "Consideration and action on the acceptance of the gift (\$40,000) of a vehicle from the Darien Foundation for Technology and Community to At Home in Darien".

The following aspects of the gift were discussed:

1. The gift is to purchase a new sedan to replace an existing sedan. The new sedan is a Chrysler 300.
2. The vehicle is registered to and insured by the Town of Darien. At Home reimburses the town for other expenses, such as gasoline, maintenance etc. Any additional cost to the town is incidental.

The RTM PHS Committee voted 8 - 0 to approve the gift and recommend the full RTM do as well.

James M. Patrick
Chairman

(15-21) RTM Resolution Approving Acceptance of a Gift From the Darien Foundation for Technology and Community to 'At Home in Darien'

The RTM F&B committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 19th for a joint meeting with the RTM Public Health & Safety committee to discuss, among other things, RTM Resolution 15-21. Only 5 of 13 members were present and therefore the committee did not reach a quorum and could not take a formal vote on the resolution. The members that were present had a general discussion on the resolution and an informal 'sense of the meeting' poll was taken and all of those present were in favor of the resolution.

The gift involves the donation of a new \$40,000 Chrysler 300 to replace an existing vehicle.

- The vehicle is operated by Town of Darien employees which although paid by the town, are reimbursed by 'At Home in Darien' for all wages except for FICA and Medicare taxes.
- The operating and maintenance costs of the vehicle are covered by 'At Home in Darien'.
- The vehicle will have a standard new automobile warranty.
- The existing vehicle is already insured by the Town of Darien and the only incremental cost will be that of insuring a 'new vehicle' vs. 'a 7-year old vehicle'

Our committee discussed the gift and saw no substantive financial impact on the town and thanks the Darien Foundation for Technology and Community for such a great gift.

Good Evening, I am Dennis Maroney Chair of the RTM Education committee. I am here to move the resolution 15-22 Consideration and action on the transfer of the care, custody and control of 19,000 square feet of the property located at 35 Leroy Avenue to the Darien Board of Education.

I would like to move 15-22 and ask for a second.

On 17 October, 2015 the RTM education committee met with 10 of the 17 members of the committee present comprising a quorum. We met and discussed the resolution and have a few comments. The committee is disappointed that the town is looking to transfer the building to the Board of Education without having the building in working condition. Anyone who has been in the building during the winter knows how frigid the building can become. We feel that the building should have been in working order before the transfer. Having said this we believe the Board of Education has already taken on more responsibility from the Town to fix the problems with the building. The BOE last year put on its capital budget the replacement of the heating which this body approved along with resolution 15-11 to pave the parking lot with resolution 15-12. This body approved the so called Shuffle back in 2011 voting to approve the funding of 6,979,000 which part of the money was for the renovation and adaptive reuse of 19,000 square feet to "as new" for the primary use of the Board of Education central office and we are now in 2015 and we are unsure if the heat will work in the winter of 2016.

To be clear this vote is not to transfer the use of 35 Leroy to the Board of Education. That was done ^{A FORMALITY} when the RTM approved the monies of the resolution of November 1, 2011. This vote is simply to allow the Town of Darien to cede its responsibilities of 35 Leroy to the Board of Education.

The committee voted ⁹ in favor, one opposed and zero abstentions to support the resolution and recommends the RTM do the same.

Dennis Maroney

Chairman RTM Education committee.

(15-22) RTM Resolution Approving the Transfer of the Care, Custody and Control of 19,000 sq ft of the property located at 35 Leroy Avenue to the Darien Board of Education.

The RTM F&B committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 19th for a joint meeting with the RTM Public Health & Safety committee to discuss, among other things, RTM Resolution 15-22. Only 5 of 13 members were present and therefore the committee did not reach a quorum and could not take a formal vote on the resolution.

The members that were present had a general discussion on the resolution, including a grant in the amount of \$560k that had been received by the state in connection with the overhaul of the building.

An informal 'sense of the meeting' poll was taken and all of those present were in favor of the resolution.

Presentation to the Representative Town Meeting

by the Planning, Zoning, and Housing Committee

Regarding Resolution 15-22

October 26, 2015

The Planning, Zoning, and Housing Committee met on October 19 with 8 of 14 members present comprising a quorum. We discussed at length resolution 15-22 on transferring care, custody and control of 19,000 square feet of 35 Leroy along with adjacent land and parking to the Board of Education.

The Committee has three issues with this resolution.

First, which 19,000 square feet? There is no reference to which space is being transferred and which is not. There is a total of 24,218 in the building. There is also concern about the BOE expanding in to what was intended to be Town property maintained for Town use.

The second concern is budgeting. The Town budget is transparent where the BOE budget to most citizens is opaque. This is an administrative building and should be maintained in the Town budget.

Most concerning from a PZ & H perspective is that 35 Leroy was never intended to be Board of Education administrative space in perpetuity. If they "control" the building, then any future use would have to be approved by the BOE then in place. The Town is currently putting a massive effort into the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. A major downtown redevelopment project is being proposed. 35 Leroy will become much more valuable in the coming years if this development moves forward, which it is anticipated that it will. The Committee feels strongly that we should not tie the hands of future boards, and that flexibility should be maintained for a higher and better use for this property.

The Committee voted unanimously to vote no on this resolution and asks that the RTM do the same.

Joanne Hennessy

Chair

Good evening.

~~My name is~~ Mark Adiletta and I am Chair of the Public Works Committee to the RTM.

At a Special Session of the PWC held this evening, with 8 of 12 members present, the PWC considered and voted 6:2 to recommend approval of item 15-22 to the full RTM.

Background:

in part

Please bear in mind ~~The~~ PWC looked at this item *in part* from the perspective of the Town Charter which delegates to the PWC oversight of Town infrastructure administered by the Public Works Department.

At an information session for PWC members October 17th, Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works provided an overview of current PW activities at 35 Leroy.

Please note at this time the PWC is not aware of any PW services being provided to the site with the exception of maintenance of an on-site storm drain and related pump. It was determined it made no sense to transfer maintenance of the storm drain and related pump to the BOE given Public Works has the direct relevant expertise.

All other responsibilities for maintaining the property were shifted to the BOE back when the Mather Center opened.

~~Those supporting the transfer~~

Minority Report

Care Custody and Control

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Those not supporting the transfer focused on the core capabilities of the PWD as it relates to engineers, HVAC, maintenance and other personnel already on staff with the primary focus of maintaining Town building. Also and thought cited was concern with the BOE budget flexibility which allows \$ to be redistributed, in this case potentially away from building maintenance to other areas of the BOE budget.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: JAYME STEVENSON, SARAH SEELYE
FROM: DAN BRENNER, P.I.E.D.
SUBJECT: 35 LEROY
DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2015
CC: BETSY HAGERTY-ROSS

Knowing there is a RTM meeting on Monday, October 23, 2015 I wanted to share some information regarding 35 Leroy assuming that it will be a topic of conversation.

1. The building as used today, and as was designed to be utilized prior to it being renovated, has met all of our requirements. For that I want to thank you.
2. We currently house 31 employees in the building. They include staff in the business office, food service department, human resources department, technology department, facilities department, curriculum and instruction office, superintendent's office and a receptionist.
3. In addition to office space we also occupy three conference rooms that are continuously utilized for PPT meetings, parent meetings, space for new employees to fill out paperwork, and most importantly for professional development for our staff.
4. We utilize small conference space to house a home instruction program on a daily basis. On any given day we can have one to four students being tutored in that space for up to 3 hours at a time.
5. As you know we also use the Board Room for our Board meetings as well as for large group presentations. Professional development that can't be accommodated in the much smaller conference rooms is also housed in the Board Room.
 - a. It is always our intention to work collaboratively with the Town. In that spirit please know we will accommodate requests by the Town to use the room providing it does not interfere with previously scheduled BOE activities.
6. As we have spoken about in the past we have no defined need for the basement at this time. We do currently run our computer network in one of the closets and we obviously make use of the mechanical room which serves the rest of the building. If the Town wanted the BOE to take Care, Custody and Control of the basement in addition to the rest of the building we would certainly be willing to, but as stated previously we are in no need of the space at this time.
7. We have been in contact with our attorney regarding the practical implications for the discussion around Care, Custody and Control of 35 Leroy. Please find his opinion attached along with the RTM minutes he references in the opinion.

I trust this information will be helpful to you when you meet on Monday evening.

Best,

Dan Brenner, Ph.D.



SHIPMAN & GOODWIN LLP
COUNSELORS AT LAW

TO: Mrs. Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross, Chairperson, Darien Board of Education
Dr. Daniel Brenner, Superintendent

FROM: Thomas B. Mooney

RE: Town Action Dedicating 35 Leroy Avenue to Board of Education Use

DATE: October 25, 2015

Recently, you requested advice concerning the status of 35 Leroy Avenue, given that a resolution (copy attached) is pending before the RTM that will transfer “care, custody and control of the nineteen thousand (19,000) square feet of the building known as 35 Leroy Avenue, currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education, together with the adjacent land and parking area to said Board for school purposes.” Specifically, you asked whether this vote concerning the property currently occupied by the Board of Education at 35 Leroy Avenue is necessary to confer jurisdiction on the Board of Education over such property.

Such a vote is not to confer jurisdiction over such property on the Board of Education. This vote is a formality that appropriately marks the end of the Town’s direct involvement in the property following renovations that were overseen by the school building committee. However, given that the property is already dedicated to use for school purposes, an affirmative vote on the proposed resolution is not required for the Board’s continued use of that property. The basis for this conclusion follows.

A. The Board of Education Has Control Over Property Used for School Purposes.

The statutes do not prescribe a formula or specific method for dedicating property to use for school purposes. Rather, the applicable statutory provisions simply provide that property used for school purposes is under the jurisdiction of the board of education. Specifically, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-240 provides in relevant part:

Sec. 10-240. Control of schools. Each town shall *through its board of education* maintain the control of all the public schools within its limits . . .

(Emphasis added). Similarly, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-220(a) provides in relevant part:

Sec. 10-220. Duties of boards of education. (a) Each local or regional board of education shall . . . have charge of the schools of its respective school district; *shall have the care, maintenance and operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes*

(Emphasis added). Finally, the jurisdiction of school boards over property dedicated to use for school purposes is evident in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-239(a), which provides:

Sec. 10-239. Use of school facilities for other purposes. (a) Any local or regional board of education may provide for the use of any *room, hall, schoolhouse, school grounds or other school facility within its jurisdiction* for nonprofit educational or community purposes whether or not school is in session.

(Emphasis added). From the foregoing, we see that property used for school purposes is by operation of law under the jurisdiction of the board of education.

B. 35 Leroy is Under Board of Education Control.

Given that the statutory test for board of education control of municipal property is factual, it is clear that the designated space at 35 Leroy Avenue is already under Board of Education care, custody and control. On November 1, 2011, the Representative Town Meeting formally voted to approve bonding in the amount of \$6,979,000 “for the renovation of 35 Leroy Avenue . . . including but not limited to, the renovation and adaptive reuse of 19,000 square feet at 35 Leroy Avenue to “as new” standards to primarily house the Darien Board of Education Central Office and other public use.”

Those renovations were undertaken, and given the use for school purposes, the Board of Education sought and received a grant from the State Department of Education for reimbursement of a portion of the related expenses. In making that application, the school district included the entire value of the building at 35 Leroy Avenue in the site acquisition grant application (including the basement), but sought reimbursement for a portion of the renovation expenses only for space that was planned for Board of Education use.¹ Then, when the renovations were substantially complete about two years ago, the Board of Education moved its Central Office to the designated space at 35 Leroy Avenue. The Board of Education has actively used this property for school purposes ever since.

Various difficulties caused delays for the Town in completing the renovations, and only recently have the renovations been deemed sufficiently complete to conclude

¹ In reviewing this matter, school officials have identified a need to clarify whether return of any portion of the site acquisition grant is required. In its application for site acquisition reimbursement, the school district included the value of the entire building. However, from the beginning the plan has been that the Board would occupy 19,000 square feet, which is still the case. Since the Board occupies most of the building, we are not whether the difference between the 19,000 square feet and the entire building makes a difference in the reimbursement the school district should receive. However, given that difference, we recommend that the Board of Education seek clarification from the State Department of Education whether the amount of the grant awarded should be adjusted based on that difference.

the Town's responsibility for these renovations. A motion is pending before the RTM to grant care, custody and control of the designated 19,000 square feet to the Board of Education, which will end the Town's responsibility for maintenance of that property. Significantly, however, the motion itself provides that the subject property is "currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education." Thus, there is no question that this property is currently being used for school purposes. As such, the subject property is already under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.

The proposed motion appropriately signals the end of the Town's responsibility for the "care, custody and control" of the property. Upon the approval of this motion, the Board of Education will have sole control of the subject property (along with the concomitant responsibility for maintenance of the property), and clarity on this point will be helpful to both the Town and the Board of Education. However, a vote on the proposed motion does not put into question the jurisdiction and control by the Board of Education over this property. Such jurisdiction and control vested with the Board of Education when it moved its Central Offices and began using the subject property for that school purpose upon the substantial completion of the renovations, as authorized by the RTM vote on November 1, 2011.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and the entire Board of Education. Please let me know if we can be of any other assistance in this matter. Thank you.

Good evening.

My name is *Mark Adiletta* and I am Chair of the Public Works Committee to the RTM.

At this time I would like to move Item 15-23 Approving a special appropriation of \$300,000 for the Intervale Road Drainage Improvement Project.

Without objection I move to waive the reading of the Resolution.

At a Special Session of the PWC held this evening, with 8 of 12 members present, the PWC considered and voted 6-2 to recommend approval of item 15-23 to the full RTM.

Background:

At an information session for PWC members October 17th, Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works provided an overview of this Abbey Road project commenced in 2011.

In response to the extensive flooding experience in Town in 2007 resulting from unusually heavy rain events that year, the Town commissioned studies of the five major watersheds.

This project is located in the Noroton River Watershed, one of five watersheds in town.

In the past, including in 2007, frequent flooding had been reported at the intersection of Abbey Road and Intervale Road

The Malone and McBroom Noroton River Watershed Study cited the Abbey Road flooding as a priority.

It was determined undersized pipes in the existing storm drain system in the area contribute to the periodic flooding and led to this capital project being initiated and eventually approved by the RTM two budget cycles ago.

Due to the inability to obtain required easements on a couple properties between Devon Rd and Intervale Rd., the more direct route for running the new pipes, the original construction plan had to be abandoned, and the project redesigned.

The revised route calls for running the new line instead down Stanley Road, which is less desirable as it requires much deeper (and costly) digging.

In the intervening years that this project has been in the planning stage, a UCONN study citing greater intensity and frequency of storms in this area has gained widespread attention. As a result, the project redesign also incorporates a 50-year storm standard, vs. the 25-year storm standard of the original plan.

The additional cost of both redesigns is approximately \$300,000 above what is currently available in the Capital Account. The cost of each portion of the redesign was not broken out.

Those supporting the project cited it had previously been approved by this body, is well designed (or redesigned), and will bring welcomed relief to the affected homeowner~~s~~.

Minority Report
Those ~~Comments~~ not in support of the project centered on the \$1.5-1.8MM price tag to alleviate a decades-old problem and the flooding of only three households and backyard flooding of ~~only~~ a half-dozen more given the enormity of the flooding problem cited by the various watershed studies. Also cited was a concern the neighbors could not come together on the easement.

Hence aside All members were supportive of the public works departments' efforts on this project.

The Committee wishes to thank Darren Oustafine and Mr. Gentile for their assistance and transparency with our review.

Thank you.

(15-23) RTM Resolution Approving the Transfer of \$300,000 of additional funds for the Intervale Road Drainage Improvement Project.

The RTM F&B committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 19th for a joint meeting with the RTM Public Health & Safety committee to discuss, among other things, RTM Resolution 15-23. Only 5 of 13 members were present and therefore the committee did not reach a quorum and could not take a formal vote on the resolution.

My colleague on PW has already given an extensive report on this topic and I will add only a few comments on the financial aspect of the transfer.

The \$300k of additional funds covers 3 primary categories, all of which are generally equal.

- Increase in costs for project oversight, including assumptions for a 9-month long project
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- Increases in costs for running the drainage in the road rather than through personal properties and increasing the scope to that of handling a 50-year storm rather than a 25 years storm.
- Increases in costs associated with bids coming in higher than originally expected. The winning bid was \$1.58mm, compared to 4 other bids that ranged from \$1.7mm to \$2.2mm.

The \$300k of funds that will be transferred out of the General Fund and be added to the capital account will not have any substantial impact on the funds in the General Fund that is already comfortably above the Board of Finance's \$13 million target amount (10% of the annual budget).