

**MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Caryn Diller, Town Clerk.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 12 members present, 4 absent.
From District II, there were 13 members present, 4 absent.
From District III, there were 10 members present, 6 absent.
From District IV, there were 14 members present, 3 absent.
From District V, there were 13 members present, 4 absent.
From District VI, there were 12 members present, 4 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Baldwin, Conologue, Haverstick, Keane.
The absentees from District II were: Bacon, Bohnsack, Russell, Tie.
The absentees from District III were: Giordano, Kazim-Bailey, Mitchell, Washecka, Woodbury, Zimmerman.
The absentees from District IV were: Hardison, Miceli, Terhune.
The absentees from District V were: Boulton, Kelly, McLachlin, Smith.
The absentees from District VI were: Baldwin, Chickles, Silsby, Werner.

The Moderator, Seth Morton, Assumed the Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2019 STATE OF THE TOWN MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEW MEMBERS

It was noted that all new members had been sworn in. The new members are Lucy Fiore, District IV; Werner Domittner, District IV; Jan Raymond, District IV and Michael Casolo, District II.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS FROM NORWALK AND STAMFORD

THOMAS MADDEN – DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF STAMFORD

Mr. Madden made a power point presentation and answered questions.

Jan Raymond, District IV, asked about the status of the Mall. Mr. Madden said it is up for sale. Stamford owns the parking structure. They have had many companies take a tour, and there are pending offers. The Mall is currently 83% occupied. Other areas of town have very small vacancy rates. Stamford has a very healthy retail market. In response to a question about the Glenbrook train station, Mr. Madden said there was no new information.

JESSICA CASEY – CHIEF OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF NORWALK

Ms. Casey reviewed her role, which she said was to do the following:

1. Identify where they want to grow.
2. Creating zoning.
3. Establish investment.
4. Marketing.

She gave a presentation and answered questions.

James Cameron, District IV, said he was sad to see the Garden Cinema close and asked about the Tyvek tower and a Wall Street train station. Ms. Casey said that the Garden Cinema was closed because its owner, Joel Friedman, wanted to sell it. The community wanted an artist component for Wall Street Place. THE Common Council asked that this be looked into, but that will take time. The City is committed to finishing this complex project.

Regarding the train station, Ms. Casey said that the state received a \$259,999 bond to look at establishing a train station at Wall Street. The DOT is working with a consultant in order to do a feasibility study.

NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BLIGHT COMMISSION

- ** CLARA SARTORI, DISTRICT II, NOMINATED MICHAEL CASOLO, DISTRICT II, TO THE BLIGHT COMMISSION.
- ** JAMES CAMERON, DISTRICT IV, SECONDED THE MOTION.

The Moderator asked if there were any other nominations; there were none.

- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE NEWLY NEGOTIATED CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DARIEN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023

**** CLARA SARTORI, DISTRICT II, CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Contract between the Darien Board of Education and the Darien Education Association has been filed with the Darien Town Clerk as required by law on January 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §10-153d of the Connecticut General Statutes calls for a review of said Contract by the local legislative body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §10-153d(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the terms of said Contract shall be binding on the legislative body of the local school district unless said body rejects said contract at a regular or special meeting called and convened for said purpose within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, said terms and conditions are more specifically set out in the Contract on file with the Darien Town Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby rejects the Contract between the Darien Board of Education and the Darien Education Association for 2020 - 2023 covering work load, salaries, health insurance, language changes and other conditions of employment for the three-year term beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

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

Clara Sartori read the report of the Education Committee (attached).

Town Counsel Fox explained that approving this contract required a no vote; rejecting it required a yes vote.

Jack Davis, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the Committee report (attached).

James Cameron, District IV, asked Mr. Davis to speak about tutoring. If a football coach offered private classes over the summer, would that no longer be allowed? Mr. Davis asked for a response from the Board of Education. Tara Ochman, Chairman of the Board of Education, said this did not apply to coaches, but conversation will continue on this topic.

Jan Raymond, District IV, asked what a person with a B.S. degree makes. Tara Ochman, Chairman of the Board of Education, said this person makes \$47,068.

**** ITEM 20-1 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 0 IN FAVOR, 74 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**** UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois
Telesco Secretarial Services

APPENDIX

<u>DISTRICT 1</u>	<u>(20-1)</u>
Baldwin, S.	absent
Barsanti	no
Brakman	no
Bumgardner	no
Butler	no
Conologue	absent
Haverstick	absent
Keane	absent
Kelly, C.	no
Lublin	no
McNicoll	no
Mecsery	no
Pattelli	no
Schneider	no
Schwartz	no
Von Stuelpnagel	no

<u>DISTRICT II</u>	
Arguimbau	no
Bacon	absent
Bohnsack	absent
Casolo	no
Cusack	no
Handler, M.	no
Handler, S.	no
Howe	no
Lyons	no
McNally	no
Mix	no
Russell	absent
Sartori	no
Thorne	no
Tie	absent
Wheeler	no
Wilson	no

<u>DISTRICT III</u>	<u>(20-1)</u>
Conniff	no
Davis, Jack	no
Giordano	absent
Golus	no
Kazim-Bailey	absent
Lane	no
Marousek	no
McGoey	no
Minnick	no
Mitchell	absent
Moore	no
Morton	Does Not Vote
Washecka	absent
Woodbury	no
Yarnell	no
Zimmerman	absent

<u>DISTRICT IV</u>	<u>(20-1)</u>
Banks	no
Cameron	no
Castles	no
Davis, Joan	no
Domittner	no
Fiore	no
Hardison	absent
Hauser	no
Heitz	no
Kemp	no
Miceli	absent
Millar	no
Obin	no
Rayhill	no
Raymond	no
Savage	no
Terhune	absent

<u>DISTRICT V</u>	<u>(20-1)</u>
Adiletta	no
Bayne, C.	no
Bayne, D.	no
Boulton	absent
Duffy	no
Fiveson	no
Grogan	no
Kelly	absent
McLachlin	absent
Moller	no
Mosher	no
Parent	no
Patrick	no
Reed	no
Sherwood	no
Smith	absent
Wade	no

<u>DISTRICT VI</u>	<u>(20-1)</u>
Adelman	no
Baldwin	absent
Cantavero	no
Chickles	absent
Hawkins	no
Jijon-Caamano	no
Lauritzen	no
Lucas	no
Luz	no
McDermott	no
Orphanos	no
Poli	no
Silsby	absent
Van Loan	no
Vogt	no
Werner	absent