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# TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 740 MAIN STREET

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

# EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT DECEMBER 10, 2013

7:00 P.M. Executive Session

REVISED 12-09-13

Announcement of Exit Locations (C.G.S. § 29-381)

Pledge of Allegiance

7:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
- 3. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS
- 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. Other Elected Officials
  - B. Other Residents
  - C. Mayor
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. November 26, 2013 Executive Session as corrected
  - B. November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting as corrected
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
  - A. Update from the Metropolitan District Commission
  - B. Disposition of Furniture/Desks from the Library
  - C. Resignation of Anita Morrison from the Insurance Commission
  - D. Certificate of Appreciation: CT Veterans' Day Parade
- 7. OLD BUSINESS
- 8. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Tentative Agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union, Local 818, AFSCM, Council 4:
    - 1. Approval of Agreement
    - 2. Supplement Budget Appropriation
  - B. Hockanum River Linear Park Trail Phase III
  - C. Refund of Taxes
- 9. OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION
- 10. COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS
  - A. Merchant Founders Lodging, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHB-CV-10-6006974S
  - B. 860 Main, LLC v. Town of East Hartford Docket No. HHB-CV-13-6020158S
  - C. Miriam Garnes-v. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and the Town of East Hartford Docket No. HHB-CV-12-6031797S
  - D. Brenda Rose v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-11-6023968S

- 11. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK
  - A. Other Elected Officials
  - B. Other Residents
  - C. Mayor
- 12. ADJOURNMENT (next meeting: January 7, 2014)

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#### TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

**NOVEMBER 26, 2013** 

#### FOWN CLERK EAST HARTFORD

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Corrected 12-04-13

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Barbara-

Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A.

Russo, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

ABSENT Councillor Ram Aberasturia

ALSO Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel

PRESENT Brian Smith, Assessor

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke

to go into Executive Session to discuss the following cases:

- 1. Automobile damage claim of Board of Education employee Christine Reddington, Claim #0100896.
- 2. Tax Appeal 430 Burnside Avenue, Rafael Zeligzon
- 3. Tax Appeal 265 Ellington Road, School Street Plaza, LLC
- Mia Vasquez, ppa Damaris Lao v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6037699S
- Rahiem Robinson, et al. v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-11-6019677S

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke to go back to Regular Session.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke to adjourn (7:51 p.m.) Motion carried 8/0.

Attest\_\_\_\_\_

Richard F. Kehoe Town Council Chair

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#### EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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#### WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM

TOWN CLERK EAST HARTFORD

NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Corrected 12-04-13

PRESENT

Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr., Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Esther B. Clarke, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Patricia Harmon and Anita D. Morrison

**ABSENT** 

Councillor Ram Aberasturia

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) spoke against the rate increase imposed by the Metropolitan District Corporation; (2) asked that the Republican caucus add the MDC rate hike to the next Town Council agenda; (3) believes that the Council should hold a public hearing on the changes that are made to the Mayor's budget prior to approval of that budget; and (5) is against the appointment of Robert Keating to the East Hartford Housing Authority.

<u>Patricia Sirois</u>, 45 Jefferson Lane, Chair of the Beautification Commission, asked that the Council approve the Holiday Fest amusement permit. Ms. Sirois stated that, this year, all proceeds from Holiday Fest will go to East Hartford's Food Banks.

Mayor Leclerc commented on the following issues: (1) the Holiday Fest 2014 brochure is on the town's website; (2) the East Hartford Library – relocated to the East Hartford Community Cultural Center – is up and running. The Wickham Library has extended hours to accommodate the needs of their patrons; (3) Pratt & Whitney transferred the J-57 engine, on display at the Raymond Library, into storage until the building is renovated; (4) at the Prescription Take Back Day, held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the town discarded 33 gallon bags of drugs; (5) bagged leaf collection will continue through December 4<sup>th</sup>; (6) the senior food clinic will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the south end Senior Center from 1PM to 3PM; and (7) Social Services will hold their toy drive on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### October 29, 2013 Executive Session/MDM Golf

MOTION

By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 Executive Session/MDM

Golf.

Motion carried 7/0. Abstain: Morrison

#### October 29, 2013 Executive Session/Various Tax Appeals

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 Executive

Session/Various Tax Appeals.

Motion carried 7/0. Abstain: Morrison

#### October 29, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Pat Harmon

to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion carried 7/0. Abstain: Morrison

#### November 12, 2013 Organizational Meeting

MOTION I

By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke

to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Organizational Meeting.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Responses to Questions Asked of Administration - Road Repairs 755-763 Brewer Street

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> reported that the Mayor indicated the road repairs in front of 755-763 Brewer Street have been temporarily patched; a permanent fix will occur in the spring.

#### Disposition of Furniture/Desks from the Library

<u>Chair Kehoe</u> stated that pursuant to Section 10-3 (c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, Library Director Susan Hansen has reported the disbursement of various furniture items through public auction. A copy of the list is on file in the Town Council office.

#### 2013-2015 Town Council Subcommittee Assignments

Chair Kehoe announced the following assignments:

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

#### 2013-2015

**Economic Development** 

Barbara Rossi Pat Harmon Personnel & Pensions
Marc Weinberg, Temp Chair
Ram Aberasturia

Ram Aberasturia Anita Morrison

**Public Building Commission** 

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Rich Kehoe Anita Morrison

Education, Board of (Liaison)

Rich Kehoe Anita Morrison EMS Linda Russo Pat Harmon

<u>Fees Committee</u> Marc Weinberg, Temp Chair Ram Aberasturia Pat Harmon

Housing Authority (Liaison) Linda Russo Esther Clarke

Investigation & Audit Com. Bill Horan, Temp Chair Barbara Rossi Esther Clarke

M.D.C. (Liaison) Bill Horan

Ordinance Committee Rich Kehoe, Temp Chair Bill Horan Esther Clarke

Budget Committee Ram Aberasturia, Temp Chair Barbara Rossi Anita Morrison Real Estate Acq. & Disp. Com. Linda Russo, Temp Chair Bill Horan Anita Morrison

<u>Pension & Retiree Benefit Board</u> Esther Clarke

Riverfront Recapture (Liaison)

Marc Weinberg

Tax Policy Committee
Bill Horan, Temp Chair
Marc Weinberg
Pat Harmon

Town Owned Property Other Than RE Marc Weinberg, Temp Chair Rich Kehoe Pat Harmon

Inspections/Permits Committee
Barbara Rossi, Temp Chair
Linda Russo
Anita Morrison

#### Development Department Update

<u>Eileen Buckheit</u>, Director of Development, presented the Town Council with a PowerPoint review of the structure and progress of the Development Department. The three branches of the department are (1) Development; (2) Planning; and (3) Grants. Ms. Buckheit indicated that while the residential sector needs some improvement, there is positive growth in the industrial and business areas of town. Ms. Buckheit listed numerous companies – including manufacturers – that have relocated to East Hartford.

#### East Hartford Golf Course Update

<u>Mayor Leclerc</u> stated that she signed the new contract with Billy Casper Golf LLC (BCG) on November 6, 2013. BCG has already begun some interior mold remediation and exterior landscaping and will continue to work throughout the winter in preparation of the start of golf season next spring. Also, the Mayor indicated that BCG is planning on opening the restaurant March 2014.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Referrals to Ordinance Committee:

#### East Hartford Veterans Affairs Commission

MOTION

By Bill Horan

seconded by Esther Clarke

to refer to the Ordinance Committee the issue of possibly creating an ordinance that would establish a Veterans Advisory Committee, and to

report back to the Town Council with its recommendations.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Pension and Retiree Benefits Board Jurisdiction

MOTION

By Bill Horan

seconded by Esther Clarke

to refer to the Ordinance Committee the issue of determining the authority of the Pension and Retiree Benefit Board in light of a recent change to the Pension and Retiree Benefit Board's procedures and presumed authority under the Charter, with instructions to notify the Town Council of its

recommendations and findings.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Referral to Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee re: 355 Maple Street

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Barbara Rossi

to refer to the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee the possible acquisition of the property at 355 Maple Street, offered to the town by the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, with instructions to review the possible conveyance of this property to the town

and to report back to the Town Council with its recommendations.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Appointment of Robert Keating to the East Hartford Housing Authority

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Barbara Rossi

to approve the appointment of Robert N. Keating, 15 Knollwood Road, to the East Hartford Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners, whose

term shall expire July 2018.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Youth Services Department: Local Prevention Council Grant

MOTION By Bill Horan

seconded by Marc Weinberg to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Marcia A. Leclerc Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this municipality a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$5,675 with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support the activities of a local alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse Prevention Council, and to file any amendments or reports as may be required to successfully complete the terms of the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marcia A. Leclerc was elected Mayor. Her term of office began on November 8, 2013 and will continue until November 9, 2015. As Mayor, Marcia A. Leclerc serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Hartford, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Hartford.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0,

#### CRCOG and OPM Regional Performance Incentive Grants

MOTION

By Bill Horan

seconded by Barbara Rossi to adopt the following resolution:

# CRCOG Support Resolution OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program

Whereas Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

Whereas the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

Whereas on October 23, 2013 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

Whereas, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

Whereas the Town of East Hartford has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal(s) entitled

- 1. Regional Nutmeg Network Connections
- 2. Regional Data / Disaster Recovery Center
- 3. Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
- 4. Human Resources On-line Clearinghouse and Templates

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposal and authorizes Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town's participation in this program.

On call of the vote, motion carried 8/0.

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Application: Holiday Fest 2013

#### MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Barbara Rossi

to approve the outdoor amusement permit application entitled Holiday Fest 2013, as submitted by Patricia Sirois, Chair of the East Hartford Beautification Commission, to conduct the Annual Holiday Fest from December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup> with activities as follows:

- Tree-lighting ceremony with music and singing to be held on the lawn of the Town Green on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 6:30PM and 7:30PM:
- Miscellaneous activities including an outdoor petting zoo, horse drawn wagon and a snowman building contest to be held on the Town Green on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 12:00PM and 3:00PM; and
- Tree of Lights ceremony with music to be held on the lawn of the Town Hall on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:30PM

subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Refund of Taxes

MOTION

By Marc Weinberg

seconded by Linda Russo

to refund taxes in the amount of \$5,899.12

pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried 8/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2012-03-0050837	ALLEN MARISSA L	2000//JF1GF4854YG804427	\$ (123.62)
2011-03-0064284	ALLY BANK	2008//1GYFK63868R228773	\$ (865.53)
2012-03-0086671	ALLY BANK	2010//1J4PN2GK3AW109435	\$ (371.58)
2012-03-0086693	ALLY BANK	2010//3D4PG4FB1AT140799	\$ (281.80)
2012-03-0052184	BAKER HANSEL U	1998//1HGCG5656WA231031	\$ (12.07)
2011-03-0053201	BEZARES MARY J	2002//1GCHG35R421160483	\$ (172.27)
2012-01-0001961	BURNHAM BROTHERS INC	1907 MAIN ST	\$ (267.35)
2011-03-0055021	CAB EAST LLC	2008//3LNHM28T38R605672	\$ (323.08)
2011-03-0055023	CAB EAST LLC	2010//2FMDK4JC3ABA16569	\$ (335.98)
2012-03-0055338	CAO PHOI	2004//2T1BR32E24C304760	\$ (19.80)
2012-03-0056331	CHASE AUTO FINANCE CORP	2010//JF2SH6CC5AH703544	\$ (565.22)
2012-03-0057400	CONNORS MARIA	2001//KMHDN45D71U094308	\$ (100.62)

2012-03-0058513 2011-04-0081888	DAIMLER TRUST DAVIS SAKIYA M	2009/WDDGF81X69R083617 2003//1HGCM56663A094489	\$ (592.30) \$ (244.32)
2012-03-0063297 2011-03-0065059	GARNER DIANE M GREEN SARAHJO D	2002//1FTNX21L42EA78650 2010//JTDBU4EE2AJ080535	\$ (23.49) \$ (39.58)
2012-03-0065597	HAWKINS LOIS L	1998//1GKDT13W7W2535049	\$ (6.98)
2012-03-0067794	JOHNSON LORI J	2009//2T1BU40E89C057789	\$ (35.03)
2012-03-0070549	LEWIS KARAYAHN T	2004//1N4BA41EX4C867682	\$ (23.89)
2012-03-0074507	MUDDARLA BHARATH	2005//KMHDN56D45U142910	\$ (33.37)
2012-03-0075273	NISSAN INFINITI LT	2011//3N1AB6AP6BL726077	\$ (347.35)
2012-03-0078282	PORSCHE LEASING LTD	2008/WP0CB29958S775530	\$ (581.22)
2011-03-0082593	SANTINI RAMON L	1995//1FTCR14A1STA32842	\$ (152.51)
2012-03-0085713	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	2010//JTDKN3DU5A0193465	\$ (50.84)
2011-03-0087926	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2008//WVWLK73C88E224511	\$ (329.32)
		TOTAL	\$(5,899.12)

#### 2014 Town Council Meeting Schedule

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to approve the 2014 Town Council meeting schedule as follows:

Please note the start time for all regular Town Council meetings is 7:30PM on the first and third Tuesdays of the month:

January 7	July 15
January 21	August 5
February 4	August 19
February 18	September 2
March 4	September 16
March 18	October 7
April 1	October 21
April 15	Wednesday, November 5
May 6	November 18
May 20	December 9
June 3	

#### Motion carried 8/0.

June 17

#### 2014 Budget Workshop Schedule

MOTION

By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Esther Clarke

to approve the 2014 Budget Workshop Schedule as follows:

#### TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### Monday, February 24, 2014

#### Mayor's Summary of Budget

6:30 p.m.

Fire Department

Administration

Chief Oates

6:45 p.m.

Suppression Fire Marshal

Apparatus Maintenance Alarm Maintenance

Emergency Medical Service Emergency Management Fire Capital Improvements

Public Safety Complex

Public Safety Communications

Police Department

Police Administration

Operations

Criminal Investigation

Police Capital Improvements

#### Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools

Nathan Quesnel

6:30 p.m.

Inspections and Permits

Administration

Gregg Grew

7:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, March 1, 2014

Town Treasurer Town Council

Town Counc

Registrars of Voters

Selectmen Probate Court Joseph Carlson Rich Kehoe Robert Pasek

Mary Mourey & Judi Shanahan

Allan Driscoll

<u>Finance</u>

Administration

Accounts and Control Information Technology

Purchasing Assessor

Revenue and Collections

Employee Benefits

Mike Walsh

Risk Management **Debt Services** Contingency Capital Improvements

Revenues

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Summary

Project Narratives

Finance

Public Works

Parks and Recreation

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Library

Other Departments

#### Boards and Commissions

Beautification Commission

Inland/ Wetlands/Environment Commission

Personnel Board of Appeals Historic District Commission

Library Commission

Public Building Commission

Retirement Board

Commission on Services for Persons w/Disabilities

The Hockanum River Commission

Board of Ethics

Patriotic Commission

Board of Assessment Appeals **Human Rights Commission Emergency Medical Commission** Zoning Board of Appeals

Fine Arts Commission Commission on Aging

Veterans' Affairs Commission

12:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

**Executive** 

Office of the Mayor Marcia Leclerc Channel 5 Irene Cone Corporation Counsel Scott Chadwick **Human Resources** Santiago Malave Public Library Susan Hansen

Youth Services

Development Administration

Redevelopment Agency

Economic Development Commission Planning & Zoning Commission

Eileen Buckheit

Cephus Nolen

#### Monday, March 3, 2014

**Grants Administration** 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Administration

Engineering

Highway Services Waste Services

Fleet Services

**Building Maintenance** 

Metropolitan District Commission Public Works Capital Improvements Public Safety Complex Maintenance Tim Bockus

Parks and Recreation

Administration Maintenance Other Facilities Ted Fravel

Park Special Program

Parks & Recreation Capital Improvements

Health and Social Services

Administration

Jim Cordier

Community Health & Nursing Services

Environmental Control Social Services

Services for the Elderly

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Public Hearing - Budget

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Special Meeting - Budget

7:00 p.m.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Barbara Rossi

to approve the appointment of Luz Torres, 86 Stanley Street, to

the Beautification Commission, whose term shall expire December 2016;

to approve the appointment of Adrian Spence, 153 Shadycrest Drive, to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, whose term shall expire December 2018;

to approve the following appointments to the Historic District Commission:

Joshua Quintana, as an Alternate, 22 Milwood Road, whose term shall expire December 2018; and

Adrian Spence, 153 Shadycrest Drive, whose term shall expire December 2018.

Motion carried 8/0.

Town Council - acting as the Committee of the Whole for the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee re: Sidewalk and Drainage Easements for the Connecticut River Academy/Riverside Drive

MOTION

By Linda Russo

seconded by Barbara Rossi

that the Town Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole for the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee, accept a drainage easement, and a sidewalk easement, between Goodwin College Inc. as Grantor and the Town of East Hartford, as Grantee, which easements run on, across and under a portion of the property owned by Goodwin College Inc. and known as No. 1-5 Riverside Drive, which easements are necessary for the reconstruction of Riverside Drive, a town road, and which easements will be memorialized by easement agreements to be negotiated between the Town of East Hartford and Goodwin College Inc. and recorded on the town's land records, and which easements are more particularly shown on a map entitled "Proposed Easement Map, Drawing No. EMT-1, Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin College, 1-5 Riverside Drive, East Hartford Connecticut prepared by Zuvic Carr and Associates, scale 1"=20', Date 11/03/13, Job Number 1576, Check by EEM". Motion carried 8/0.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Esther Clarke (1) stated that, in light of the Library's relocation to the East Hartford Community Cultural Center, the front area of that building needs some attention, i.e., collection of leaves and debris, etc.; (2) indicated that some of the interior furnishings at the Wickham Library are worn and need updating; (3) inquired on town bid no. 14-14, legal services for the town's levee system. The Mayor and Tim Bockus, Public Works Director indicated that this bid is part of phase II of the toe drain project. (4) asked if the Administration was aware that the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities are buying supermarket gift cards for residents of Hutt Heights. The Mayor indicated that the Council could review this issue at budget time. (5) indicated in the minutes from the Commission on Aging is a reference to the purchase of a new stove for the south end Senior Center. The Mayor stated that a new stove is not being purchased for the south end Senior Center. (6) still has issues with the lack of progress on the properties contained on the N.E.A.T. list. The Mayor indicated that this document is an internal memo for the same chronic properties that are ongoing issues for a long time. Chair Kehoe suggested a change to the format of the list, which could include actions taken on the individual properties, and the expected time in which the next action will be taken.

#### COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

#### Christine Reddington v Town of East Hartford - Auto Damage Claim

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Anita Morrison

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the personal property damage claim of current Board of Education employee, Christine

Reddington, for up to the total sum of \$3,000.00.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Tax Appeal - 430 Burnside Avenue, Rafael Zeligzon

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Linda Russo

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Rafael Zeligzon v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-13-5015816S, involving 430 Burnside Avenue from the fair market value of \$166,590 to the fair market value of \$97,530 which shall generate a reduction of

\$2,122.13 in property taxes.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Tax Appeal - 265 Ellington Road, School Street Plaza, LLC

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Linda Russo

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as School Street Plaza, LLC v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-13-6020284S, involving 265 Ellington Road, from the fair market value of \$12,228,150 to the fair market value of \$10,050,000 which shall generate

a reduction of \$66,934.56 in property taxes.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Mia Vasquez, ppa Damaris Lao v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6037699S

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Linda Russo

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending

Superior Court action known as Mia Vasquez, ppa Damaris Lao v

Town of East Hartford, Docket No. HHD-CV-12-6037699S, for the total sum of

\$27,500,00 as a full and final settlement.

Motion carried 8/0.

#### Rahiem Robinson, et al. v Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-11-6019677S

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Marc Weinberg

to accept the recommendation of Corporation Counsel to settle the pending Superior Court action known as Rahiem Robinson, et al v Town of East Hartford,

Docket No. HHD-CV-11-6020284S, for the total sum of \$60,000.00.

Motion carried 7/0. Abstain: Morrison

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

<u>Mayor Leclerc</u> indicated that bagged leaf collection will continue through December 13<sup>th</sup> – not December 4<sup>th</sup> as she had stated earlier in the meeting.

Barbara Rossi wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION

By Pat Harmon

seconded by Bill Horan to adjourn (10:30 p.m.). Motion carried 8/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be December 10, 2013.

Attest

Angela M. Attenello

TOWN COUNCIL CLERK

# TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**DATE:** November 13, 2013

TO: Richard Kehoe, Chairman

FROM: Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

RE: COMMUNICATION - DISPOSITION OF FURNITURE/MISC.

In accordance with the Section 10-3(c) of the Code of Ordinances I forward the following communication regarding the disposition of items from the library outlined in the attached memorandum from Tim Bockus, Director of Public Works. The listed items are of no use to the library or any other town department. The items will be disposed of through the public auction.

C: M. Walsh, Director Finance

- T. Bockus, Director Public Works
- S. Hansen, Library Director

#### Francis, Nancy

#### Subject:

FW: Disposition of Town-Owned Property Other Than Real- Raymond Library

#### Mayor,

The following items have been identified by Director of Libraries Susan Hansen to be either obsolete or no longer of use to the Library. In accordance with sec. 10-3(c) of the Code of Ordinances, authorization to dispose of the items is requested if no other Director is interested or has a use for them.

- 6 Computer Desks w/ Privacy Panels
- 1 Wire Media Rack
- 1 Canon Microfilm Reader
- · Approximately 50 molded plastic chairs
- 6 4-drawer file cabinets
- 12'x5' wood conference table (well worn)
- 4 Gaylord Book Machines
- 6 Wood Card Catalogs
- 1 Metal Card Catalog
- 1 Hari Floor Freezer
- 2 Plastic Child Chairs
- · Tappen electric self-cleaning oven/stove

A quick turn-around from each Director indicating their interest is requested due to a rapidly approaching deadline to ready the building for construction.

Thank you,

Tim Bockus
Director of Public Works
Town of East Hartford
740 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
Phone (860) 291-7361
Fax (860) 291-7370
TBockus@easthartfordct.gov

# TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE:

11/26/2013

TO:

RICHARD F. KEHOE, TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

FROM:

MAYOR MARCIA A. LECLERC

RE:

**COMMUNICATON** - RESIGNATION

Attached is the resignation letter from Anita D. Morrison who has resigned from the Insurance Commission.

Please place this resignation on the December 10, 2013 agenda.

Thank You.

#### Anita D. Morrison

#### 47 Woodbridge Avenue East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

Telephone & Facsimile: 860-289-8327 Cell: 860-995-8651

November 25, 2013

Robert Pasek, Town Clerk Town of East Hartford 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

I hereby resign as a committee member on the Insurauce Commission effective November 25, 2013.

Anita D. Morrison

cc: Jack W. Jacobs, Chair EHRTC

Mary J. Mourey, Vice-Chair EHRTC

Paul Sousa, Chairperson Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

Michael, Walsh, Finance & Benefits Director

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Cindy Bennett, Risk Manager Esther B. Clarke, Minority Leader



NEXT YEAR:
Coordinated by The Ferris Group
Sunday - November 2, 2014
Step Off 12:30 P.M.
Downtown Hartford
Parade Info Line: 860,986,7254

#### www.ctveteransparade.org

November - 2013

East Hartford Town Council Rich Kehoe 740 Main St East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear East Hartford Town Council:

On behalf of the Executive and Planning Committees, we "THANK YOU" for supporting the Connecticut Veterans Parade by honoring all Veterans who have served or are serving to keep America free.

We are incredibly proud of all the Veterans who represented their military unit in the "Largest Veterans Parade in New England", and one of the "Largest in the Country" on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hartford – Connecticut's State Capitol! It was a great day for all. The Veterans Parade included close to 3,000 participants. Applications were received from 114 Military Units/Groups. The parade consisted of over 20 middle school, high school, college, university, fife & drum, pipe & drum corps. The parade had representation from fifty towns and cities in Connecticut!

A moment of silence was held at 1:30 PM as church bells tolled and the National Anthem was sung, paying tribute to all the men and women of the United States Military. Spectators lined the streets to view the parade to pay tribute to the Veterans who have served our country.

Mark your calendar for November 2nd, 2014 and plan on attending the CT Veterans Parade. Plans are already underway!

Once again, "THANK YOU" - We salute you for the tribute you bestowed on all veterans.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and we look forward to seeing you next year on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

Sincerely,

Kristin Beth Ferris

Laura Soll

Kristin Beth Ferris CT Veterans Fund Parade Coordinator Laura Soll CT Veterans Fund Parade Communications Coordinator Honoring those who serve

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This Certificate is awarded to

# East Hartford Town Council

For "Honoring Those Who Serve"

Thank you for your participation in

The Annual Connecticut Veterans Parade

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Kristin Beth Ferris

Kristin Beth Ferris, Parade Coordinator

Laura Soll

Laura Soll, Parade Communications Coordinator

# TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE:

December 2, 2013

TO:

Richard Kehoe, Chairman

FROM:

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

SUBJECT:

Tentative Agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East

Hartford Supervisors' Union, Local 818, AFSCM, Council 4

On October 28, 2013 the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union Local 818, AFSCME Council 4 (hereinafter "Local 818 Supervisors' Union") entered a tentative agreement for a new collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016. The tentative agreement was ratified by the bargaining unit members on November 25, 2013.

The impetus for the tentative agreement centered on more effectively controlling health insurance costs for active employees and retirees. During the contract negotiation process, the Town's primary objectives were as follows:

- 1. Restructure the delivery of health insurance benefits for active Local 818 Supervisors through a High Deductible Health Plan ("HDHP Plan") paired with a Health Savings Account ("HSA")
- 2. Introduce a voluntary health screening program
- 3. Increase the premium cost share for health insurance coverage
- Initiate through payroll deductions employee contributions into the Town's Other Post Employment Benefit Trust.

You'll find that the tentative agreement with the Local 818 Supervisors' Union regarding these items have achieved the objectives of the Town, while staying within the Town Council's spending directive from the March 2012 joint Town and Board of Education meeting.

Attached to this memo is a letter from the Town's Director of Finance, Mike Walsh, with a financial analysis of the four-year Local 818 Union's tentative agreement. Also attached for your review is a copy of the tentative agreement between the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union Local 818, AFSCME.

Since this matter involves a need to fund the successor collective bargaining, the Town's Finance and Human Resources Directors will be present at the meeting scheduled for Tnesday, December 10, 2013 should there be any questions or concerns, or a need to go into executive session.

According to Section 7-473 c (10) and (12) of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Town Council may reject the agreement with a two-thirds majority vote within twenty-five days of receipt of the Tentative Agreement. I respectfully recommend that the Council approve the tentative contract agreement for the reasons noted above. Please place on the agenda for December 10, 2013 meeting.

Thank you.

C: Michael P. Walsh, Director of Finance Santiago Malave, Director of Human Resources Al Syble, Union President

# OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Date: December 2, 2013

To: Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor

From : Santiago Malave, Human Resources Director

Re : Local 818 Supervisors' Union Tentative Agreemen

Attached for your review is (i) a suggested transmittal letter to the Council Chairman regarding the Tentative Agreement Between Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Supervisors' Union Local 818, AFSCME Council 4 Local (hereinafter "Local 818 Supervisors Union") for a successor collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016 and (ii) a copy of the tentative agreement.

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#### TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

#### FOR A SUCCESSOR

#### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

#### **BETWEEN**

#### THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

#### AND

# THE EAST HARTFORD SUPERVISORS' UNION LOCAL 818, AFSCME COUNCIL 4

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2016

The parties agree to recommend this tentative agreement for ratification to their respective governing bodies.

Language in "strikethrough" is to be deleted. Language in "bold" is to be added.

All other language is to remain unchanged from the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012 Agreement.

## WAGES AND DURATION

The parties agree to a four-year agreement (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016) with the following general wage increases:

Effective and Retroactive to July 1, 2012	2.0% general wage increase
Effective and Retroactive to July 1, 2013	2.0% general wage increase
Effective July 1, 2014	2.0% general wage increase
Effective July 1, 2015	2.0% general wage increase

The above wage increases will be reflected in Appendix B of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

#### Health Insurance

- Effective Upon Ratification by Both Parties The Employee Premium Share for Health Insurance will be 16%.
- Effective 7/1/2014 HDHP will be the only plan (\$1,500 Deductible Single, \$3,000 Deductible Family). After the Deductible is met, the Prescription co-pay will be 10/25/40, 10/50/80 for mail order 90-day supply.

Each year, on July 1, the Town will contribute 50% of the employee's deductible into an HSA. Employees may also contribute to the HSA. Employee contributions to the HSA will be on a pre-tax basis. For late enrollees, the Town contributions will be pro-rated. Employees ineligible for the HSA will be offered an alternative HRA/FSA.

- Effective 7/1/2014 The Employee Premium Share for Health Insurance will be 16.25%.
- Effective 7/1/2015 The Employee Premium Share for Health Insurance will be 16.5%.
- Upon Retirement, if eligible for retiree health insurance, the employee will revert back to the PPO.

Effective upon ratification by both parties, the Town shall implement a Wellness Program, which offers a financial incentive for employees to take a more active role in their health. The Wellness Program requires employees to annually: (a) have their physician complete the Preventative Health Attestation Form attached as Appendix G certifying that they have had medical screenings appropriate for their age; (b) have their physician provide them with biometrical results; and (c) complete an on-line health risk assessment utilizing the biometrical results. Effective July 1, 2014 Employees who fully comply with all of the Wellness Program requirements in a given year shall receive \$250 contribution towards their HDHP deductible for that plan year. Proof of compliance will be required.

#### Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Upon Ratification of this Agreement by both parties, employees eligible for a defined benefit pension (those hired prior to January 1, 2006) shall contribute one percent (1.0 %) of Step 1 of their pay grade (not including overtime) towards the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust. This employee contribution shall be on a pre-tax basis. It is understood that existing employee required contributions toward retiree insurance (e.g., contributions for spousal and dependent benefits) remain.

#### Perfect Attendance

Section 7.0 (F)

For every calendar quarter of perfect attendance, an employee shall earn one Personal Day, up to a maximum of four (4) days. If an employee has perfect attendance for four (4) consecutive quarters, the employee shall earn an additional Personal Day. Perfect attendance for the purpose of this article shall mean no time taken for tardiness, sick leave, unauthorized leave, authorized leave without pay, or disciplinary suspension. Personal Days shall be used at times mutually agreeable to the employee and department head. The Town will not provide payment to any employee who wishes to cash in unused personal days.

#### **SAFETY SHOES**

#### Section 10.2

The Town shall furnish safety helmets and safety glasses to any employee working in hazardous locations or with hazardous equipment. The Town will contribute up to \$125.00 (one hundred twenty five dollars) \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) toward the cost of safety shoes (steel toe) provided the employee's job requires them. Safety shoes and other equipment as required shall be worn at all times where hazardous conditions exist. Failure to do so will result in discipline which need not be preceded by a verbal or written warning.

The Town will provide 5 (five) sets of work uniforms per week for the waste services supervisor and foreman with cleaning services. The Town will provide either two (2) sweatshirts or five (5) T-shirts annually to all bargaining unit employees working in the Public Works and Parks Department, excluding the Town Engineer and the Assistant Director of Public Works.

## **Medical Appointments**

#### New Language

Section 7.0 (L) - An employee shall be able to take time off without loss of pay to attend appointments with medical providers. Such paid time off to attend appointments with medical providers shall not exceed two (2) hours in any given quarter.

## **Paving Operation Pay**

Section 8.8

The Town agrees to pay all employees required to work on a paving (blacktop) operation a rate of fifty (50) cents one dollar (1\$) per hour added to their regular rate for the periods that they are required to work on this job.

## Retiree Health Insurance

#### Section 9.4

The Town shall provide and pay for the insurance benefits listed in Section 9.1 a. and b. for all employees upon retirement. To be eligible for the retiree health and spousal insurance benefits set forth in this Section 9.4 the employee will have been hired prior to January 1, 2006 and must be actively employed by the Town of East Hartford until the commencement of retirement.

### **Medical Certificate**

Add the following language to Section 7.0 (D)

In addition, the Town shall have the right to require a medical certificate (Appendix C) to substantiate the employee's request for sick leave for the following reasons: (a) any period of absence consisting of more than five (5) consecutive working days; (b) leave of any duration if absence from duty recurs frequently or habitually; (c) or leave of any duration when evidence indicates that sick leave is being abused and reasonable cause may exist for requiring such a certificate.

## **FMLA**

The parties agree to the language changes proposed (Town #14) by the Town regarding the FMLA in Section 7.2

For the Union 10.28.13 For the Union For the Union 10/28/13

Tentative Agreement AFSCME Local 818-19 and the Town of East Hartford October 28, 2013

### TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE:

December 2, 2013

TO:

Richard Kehoe, Chairman

FROM:

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION: 818 SUPERVISOR'S CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

Attached is the Resolution and Financial Analysis from our Director of Finance concerning a supplemental budget appropriation and fund balance transfer for the current fiscal year.

Please place on the Town Council agenda for the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Thank you.

C: Michael P. Walsh Santiago Malave



### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 27, 2013

TO:

Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor

FROM:

Michael P. Walsh, Director of Finance

TELEPHONE:

(860) 291-7246

RE:

818 Supervisor's Contract Settlement - Supplemental Appropriation

and Fund Balance Transfer Resolution

By way of this memo, attached please find the financial analysis related to the 818 Supervisor's contract settlement.

To cover the costs related to the settlement, \$130,000 will need to be transferred into various accounts by way of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation and Fund Balance Transfer Resolution.

If approved, this funding will satisfy the contract settlement through June 30, 2014.

Please contact me if you have any questions or problems on any of the aforementioned information.

### RESOLUTION CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND FUND BALANCE TRANSFER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 TO FUND THE CONTRACT SETTLEMENT FOR THE 818 SUPERVISOR'S CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hartford and the 818 Supervisor's Union have successfully negotiated a successor collective bargaining agreement between the two parties, and

WHEREAS, with respect to the wage portion of the award, the Town must budget for a general wage increase of 2% per year for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Hartford Town Council does hereby approve this Supplemental Budget Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$130,000 from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance and to reflect the addition of the attached Supplemental Revenue Appropriation and Expenditure Appropriation.

G0320-55900	Fund Balance Appropriation	130,000
G2400-60110	Permanent Services - Library	4,402
G3200-60110	Permanent Services - Accounts and Controls	6,562
G3300-60110	Permanent Services - Information Technology	5,603
G3600-60110	Permanent Services - Assessor	5,952
G3700-60110	Permanent Services - Tax Office	5,677
G5203-60110	Permanent Services - Police Adminstration	4,442
G5400-60110	Permanent Services - Communications	17,356
G7200-60110	Permanent Services - Engineering	6,250
G7300-60110	Permanent Services - Public Works - Highway Services	18,299
G7400-60110	Permanent Services - Public Works - Waste Services	5,330
G7700-60110	Permanent Services - Public Works - Fleet	5,084
G7800-60110	Permanent Services - Building Maintenance	10,484
G8100-60110	Permanent Services - Parks - Administration	5,399
G8200-60110	Permanent Services - Parks - Maintenance	13,837

G9200-60110	Permanent Services - N	ursing Services		5,399
G9300-60110	Permanent Services - E	nvironmental Con	trol	4,527
G9400-60110	Permanent Services - So	ocial Services		5,397
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		Angela Attenello	, Clerk of the Town Co	ıncil
Funds certified as	unobligated and available.			
Signed: Marcia A.	Leclerc, Mayor	Dated:		
Signed: Michael P.	Walsh, Director of Finance	Dated:	ukn/13	

The Town of East Hartford Analysis of the 818 Contract	p tt	Actual	<b>Wages</b> 2, 2, 2, 2	Frem. Convert	Frem. Share Convert to HDHP								
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### TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE:

December 2, 2013

TO:

Richard Kehoe, Chairman

FROM:

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

**SUBJECT:** 

RESOLUTION: HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL- PHASE III

CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION EFFORT

Attached is a memo from our Director of Public Works, Tim Bockus regarding the resolution for the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail – Phase III, which was from the Hillside Road parking area to Olde Roberts Street. A summary of the public information effort is also attached.

Please place on the Town Council agenda for the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Thank you.

C: Tim Bockus, Director of Public Works

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mayor Marcia: A. Leclere

FROM:

Tim Bockus, Public Works Director,

DATE:

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November 29, 2013

RE:

Referral to Town Council

Hockanum River Linear Park Trail - Phase III

Conclusion of Public Information Effort

The Town is completing a public information effort to gauge support for the project before the state-town agreement is drafted to fund the project. The DOT requires the Town to confirm that there is no opposition to the project. To date, the Town issued a press release, ran two newspaper advertisements, posted a notice along the trail, mailed a notice to abutters and officials, and held a public informational meeting. While some of the public comment questioned certain aspects of improving the trail in the Phase III section, the overwhelming majority of the comments were in support of the project. A summary of the public information effort is attached.

At this time, a Town Council resolution supporting the project is required as follows:

Resolved, that the Town of East Hartford, through its Town Council, does acknowledge that a Public Information Meeting was conducted on October 30, 2013, and after consideration of input received does support the advancement of design and subsequent construction of the Hockamin River Linear Park Trail (Phase III) for extension of the existing trail from 1,000 feet east of the Hillside Road parking area to Olde Roberts Street at an estimated construction cost of \$720,000 utilizing funding from the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 Division I, Title I, Section 125 Surface Transportation Priorities and other municipally-secured funding sources, otherwise identified as State Project 42-TBD5 be, and hereby is, approved.

Please request that the resolution is placed on the upcoming Town Council agenda. Thank you for your assistance.

### TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD STATE PROJECT # 42-TBD HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL - PHASE III

### REPORT OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EFFORTS TO INITIATE FUNDING UNDER THE OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009 DIVISION I, TITLE I, SECTION 125 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FUNDS

A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT 7:00 PM IN THE WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR OF TOWN HALL, 740 MAIN STREET, EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. RECORDS FROM THE TOWN'S EFFORTS TO INVOLVE THE PUBLIC ARE ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMARY REPORT, ALONG WITH COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC.

PRIOR TO THE PÜBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, THE TOWN PLACED DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE HARTFORD COURANT ON OCTOBER 19 AND OCTOBER 28. IN ADDITION, A PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AND NOTICE POSTED ON LOCAL CABLE TV (CHANNEL 5). ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND LISTED OFFICIALS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL. SIGNS WERE POSTED AT THE ENDS OF THE PHASE !!! TRAIL SECTION. THE HARTFORD COURANT RAN AN ARTICLE ON THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 25; THE JOURNAL INQUIRER RAN A STORY ON OCTOBER 29.

NINE (9) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (INCLUDING MAYOR MARCIA LECLERC, WHO SPOKE AS A RESIDENT) ATTENDED THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOWN ENGINEERING DIVISION, DOT LOCAL ROADS, CRCOG, AND CONGRESSMAN LARSON'S OFFICE WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED BEFORE AND AFTER THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING. THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 13.

FOR FUTURE USE: ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013, THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTED IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. A COPY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS SUMMARY REPORT.

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Everyone is invited to a:

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING State Project No. 42-TBD

### HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR TRAIL - PHASE III

FROM THE END OF THE CURRENT TRAIL EAST OF THE HILLSIDE STREET PARKING AREA TO OLDE ROBERTS STREET NEAR ROBERTS STREET EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To be held 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30): WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 in the

### WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, TOWN HALL,

740 MAIN STREET EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108

Residents, business owners, trail users, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn of and discuss the proposed work.

Written questions or comments should be directed to:

Ms. M. Denise Horan, P.E. Town Engineer 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108 or at e-mail address dhoran@easthartfordct.gov

### PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013

Location is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed, please contact the East Hartford Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at (860) 291-7380 at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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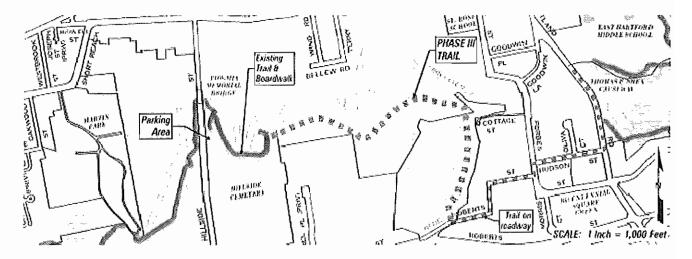
### Town of East Hartford Public Works Press Release

For Release 5 p.m. EDT Monday, October 21, 2013

### Hockanum River Linear Park Trail - Phase III

Project 42-TBD
Public Information Meeting

The Town of East Hartford is currently working to complete the third phase of the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. The overall trail extends from the south end of Great River Park, adjacent to the Charter Oak Bridge, to the Walnut Street bridge near Burnside Avenue. The portion of the trail currently under consideration will connect the existing trail terminus near Hillside Street (approximately 1,000 feet east of the trail parking area) with Olde Roberts Street near Roberts Street.



The project is currently being designed using remaining funds from a 1988 grant from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. If the project is supported by the community, the Town will be able to access funding for the construction of Phase III from Federal Section 125 funds.

Page 2

Phase III of the trail includes the construction of a stone dust walking surface and four (4) hridges

over watercourses along the 3,700± foot long trail. A seating/viewing area at the Hockanum River

near Cottage Street is proposed. From the seating area to Olde Roberts Street, the trail follows the

existing path on the berm uext to the Willow Brook hypass channel. At Olde Roberts Street, the trail

will terminate with a paved ramp for emergency access and a paved section of walkway that will

comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Town will hold an informational meeting on the project which will be held on Wednesday,

October 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30). The meeting will be held in the Welling Conference

Room, 2nd Floor of Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may

make arrangements by contacting M. Demise Horan, P.E., Town Engineer, at the East Hartford

Engineering Division at (860) 291-7380 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Based on a current estimate, the total project cost will be approximately \$720,800. It is anticipated

that the Federal Section 125 funds will provide \$475,000 of the total project cost, with the halance paid

by the DEEP grant.

Anyone luterested in obtaining further information, or providing input, may do so by contacting me at

the East Hartford Engineering Division at (860) 291-7380.

Distribution:

Mayor's Office

Director of Public Works

Chief -East Hartford Police

Chief-East Hartford Fire

**Town Council** 

**Hockanum River Commission** 

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The Reminder

MARCIA A. LECLERC MAYOR



Phone: 860 291-7380 Fax: 860 289-0831

ENGINEERING DIVISION

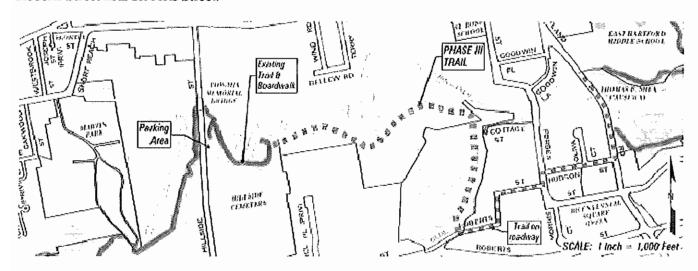
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RE: Phase III Hockanum River Linear Park Trail

East Hartford, Connecticut

The Town of East Hartford is currently working to complete the third phase of the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. The overall trail extends from the south end of Great River Park, adjacent to the Charter Oak Bridge, to the Walnut Street hridge near Burnside Avenue. The portion of the trail currently under consideration will connect the existing trail terminus near Hillside Street (approximately 1,000 feet east of the trail parking area) with Olde Roberts Street near Roberts Street.



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Phase III of the trail includes the construction of a stone dust walking surface and four (4) bridges over watercourses along the 3,700± foot long trail. A seating/viewing area at the Hockanum River near Cottage Street is proposed. From the seating area to Olde Roberts Street, the trail follows the existing path on the bern next to the Willow Brook bypass channel. At Olde Roberts Street, the trail will terminate with a paved ramp for emergency access and a paved section of walkway that will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is Town and State policy to keep the public informed and involved when this type of project is undertaken.

Phase III Hockanum River Linear Park Trail October 22, 2013 Page 2

The Town will hold an informational meeting on the project which will he held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30). The meeting will be held in the Welling Conference Room, 2nd Floor of Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting M. Denise Horan, P.E., Town Engineer, at the East Hartford Engineering Division at (860) 291-7380 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Based on a current estimate, the total project cost will be approximately \$720,800. It is anticipated that the Federal Section I25 funds will provide \$475,000 of the total project cost, with the balance paid by the DEEP grant.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information, or providing input, may do so by contacting me at the East Hartford Engineering Division at (860) 291-7380.

Yours truly,

M. Denise Horan, P.E.

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Town Engineer

C: Hugh H. Hayward, P.E., Principal Engineer - Highway Design, ConnDOT Robert W. Ike, Supervisor - Office of Rights of Way, ConnDOT

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October 22, 2013

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263 Duneaster Road

Bloomfield, CT 06002

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Property: 30 Hillside Street

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(75 units & 9 garages)

Total 215 Units

East Hartford Hillside Associates, LLC

34 Connecticut Boulevard East Hartford, CT 06108

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### HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL - PHASE III PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGNAGE - October 24, 2013



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PHOTOGRAPH 2 - LOOKING EAST
SIGN AT TRAIL ENTRANCE AT HILLSIDE PARKING AREA

### HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL - PHASE III PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGNAGE - OCTOBER 24, 2013



PHOTOGRAPH 3 - LOOKING EAST SIGN AT EXISTING TRAIL TERMINATION ~1,000 FT EAST OF HILLSIDE PARKING AREA



PHOTOGRAPH 4 - LOOKING NORTH
SIGN AT TRAIL ENTRANCE AT OLDE ROBERTS STREET

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## Town Plans Meeting On Trail Plans EAST HARTFORD

By SUZANNE CARLSON

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tional meeting is scheduled for Oct 30 on the third phase of the Hockanum EAST HARTFORD — An informa-River Linear Park trail

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### HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR TRAIL - PHASE III

FROM THE END OF THE CURRENT TRAIL EAST OF THE HILLSIDE STREET PARKING AREA TO OLDE ROBERTS STREET NEAR ROBERTS STREET EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To be held 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30): WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 in the

WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 740 MAIN STREET

EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108

Residents, business owners, trail users, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn of anddiscuss the proposed work.

Written questions or comments should be directed to:

Ms. M. Denise Horan, P.E. Town Engineer 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108 or at e-mail address dhoran@easthartfordct.gov

### PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013

Location is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed, please contact the East Hattford Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at (860) 291-7380 at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.



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# Residents' input sought in Hockanum trail extension

By Steven Crighton

Journal Inquirer

EAST HARTFORD — As the own gears up to begin work on the ong-awaited third phase of the Hockanum River Park Trail expansion, it is turning to the public for EAST HARTFORD — As

ions, town civil engineer Douglas The trail, which was created in he early 1990s, is split in two sec-Wilson said today.

Hockanum River, where it follows uns west from just east of Veterans Charter Oak Bridge east of the Hillside Cemetery. The other part One part runs from near the Memorial Park along Roberts Street to an open field about a mile from the river until it ends behind he cemetery. The third phase of the plan includes the construction of a stone dust walking surface and four bridges over watercourses along the 3,700-foot trail, Wilson said. A viewing and seating area at the Hockanum River near Cottage Street has been proposed as part of

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including rejection by the Inland Wetlands Commission in 2003. The decision was overturned in Hartford town contested that finding and the Superior Court.

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began, Wilson said, funding for the project stalled. With federal funding now available, the town is in a financial position to move forward When plans for construction next on the project.

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"It's been a long project in the making," Wilson said. "But the plans are already designed, they're already approved by wetlands and zoning and the Army Corps."

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Transportation Department gives its OK, construction likely would Wilson said that if begin in 2015. A meeting seeking residents' Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Welling Conference Room on the second floor of Town Hall, 740 Main St. opinions

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### AGENDA PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DOT PROJECT No. 42-TBD HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL - PHASE III

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013, 6:30 PM EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM 740 MAIN STREET, EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108

### I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Douglas R. Wilson, P.E. Civil Engineer Town of East Hartford Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

### II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

All comments and recommendations made at the public informational meeting will receive careful consideration by the Town of East Hartford and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Written statements or exhibits for the record may be made in place of (or in addition to) oral statements made at this meeting. Such additional statements should be received at the following address no later than November 13, 2013:

M. Denise Horan, P.E., Town Engineer Town of East Hartford Department of Public Works, Engineering Division 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS • ENGINEERING DIVISION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

PROJECT: Hockanum River Linear Park Trail - Phase III

State Project No. 42-TBD

Town Hall, 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor, Welling Conference Room, East Hartford MEETING LOCATION:

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 30, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

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### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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### I. Mr. Ken Sek, 285 Griffin Road, South Windsor, CT

- Trail is used quite extensively by people walking through Town now and it is a natural connection for people going from Martin Park to/from Chipper Drive
- This part of the trail is long overdue, the trail has lots of use
- Pratt & Whitney employees have been helping with cleanups in this area for the past several years (esp. for the source to sea cleanup)
- The area has abundant wildlife
- The trail is a benefit to East Hartford & is relatively unknown because you have to walk into the woods as opposed to the areas with boardwalks on either side
- He is sure more people will learn of and use the trail when it is improved
- The trail is worth doing, overdue and a benefit to the people of East Hartford
- Doesn't believe there is a security issue with houses on the other side of the Hockanum River or the Willow Brook outfall channel
- Noted that people would need to wade across water to reach the houses
- Asked if the federal funding has been allocated? Answer: no that is the purpose of this meeting, to initiate the funding

### II. Gentleman accompanying Mrs. Kniep

- Walkablity is an issue
- Is concerned about maintenance of the existing trail, for example the section behind Town Hall where the boardwalk is extremely warped (35 deg slant)
- Feels that repairs to that section should occur before building more trail
- Noted that overlooks are now missing behind Town Hall
- Wonders why more money is going into building when so much maintenance is needed?
- · Wants to know what the maintenance costs will be
- Goes along with the concept of a nature place, but believes that a simple (dirt) path is sufficient
- How do we keep the trail open?
- Existing section of trail behind Town Hall is not accessible
- Are the trails behind Town Hall an ADA violation? They should be fixed first

Hockanum River Linear Park Trail - Phase III Public Information Meeting October 30, 2013 Page 2

### III. Mr. Harry Gruss, Sr., 4 Cottage Street, East Hartford, CT

- Walks the path five days a week with his dog, has seen the trail erode at the river edge
- Where is maintenance coming from?
- Security for houses/private property along the trail who will indemnify against private property damage by trail users
- Doesn't want out-of-pocket expenses to fix damage from trail users nor his insurance rates to increase as a result of the trail
- Security on the trail is an issue; a family member had 2 incidents where they only felt safe because they had a dog with them
- What police controls/security patrols will protect persons using the trail?
- States that he has had dozens of people come down Cottage Street
- · Believes that trail users will come down Cottage Street
- Reports that four times this summer people have entered his property from across the drainage ditch - what will stop them when the trail is improved?
- Wants a copy of meeting minutes from this meeting

### IV. Mrs. Susan Kniep, 44, 46 & 50 Olde Roberts Street, East Hartford, CT

- Believes that there is a dollar and cents issue with the trail, wants to be clear about the source of funding
- Feels that the project would need to go before the bond commission; doubts that the bond was approved for this project
- If the federal funds do not come through, how much money will this cost the Town of East Hartford? Answer: No - once we go away from federal funding administered by the DOT, costs change.
- Suggests that the Rogo parking lot would be used for trail access by the public; naïve to think that
  people will only access the trail from the Hillside parking area
- Believes that security is extremely important; rear of her property will abut the trail; she doesn't want people coming up from the trail onto her property
- Since the Town has "some crime" she wants assurances that there will be patrols of the trail and continued Town funding for police to patrol these areas
- Feels that trail users will use Cottage Street, regardless if there is a right-of-way or not
- Stated it is irrelevant if people can or can't come onto private property from the trail and the
  conditions there... focus should be on the funding, stated that funding the project is an insult
- What has been built is there, it needs tending to and cleaning up by volunteers
- Wants to know why we are spending money on the trail?
- Really wants to know where the money is: is the state sitting on the cash or does this have to go to the bond commission?
- Requested a clearly delineated chart on the finances of the project by Monday {provided at the end of the meeting}

### V. Mr. David Heller, Rogo Distributors, 65 Roberts Street, East Hartford, CT

 Asked if signs would indicate the on-road extension from the proposed end of the trail at Olde Roberts Street to the eastern sections of the trail? Answer: No signs proposed on the road Hockanum River Linear Park Trail - Phase III Public Information Meeting October 30, 2013 Page 3

### VI. Mr. Joe Murdzek, 1648 Main Street, East Hartford, CT

- He is a 20 year resident, raised 3 children in Town, also a Boy Scout volunteer
- His family & the boy scout troop has made great use of the trails
- Before the boardwalks were so damaged, he organized a charity walk that used the trail, the boardwalk conditions now makes that impossible
- His general impression is that if finances are appropriate, believes that the trail sounds great, feels
  the trail is great for the quality of life in East Hartford, even though it is a difficult time in the
  country right now
- Believes it is important for our children to appreciate moments of nature
- On the trail, you cannot tell you are even in East Hartford, trail is really quite beautiful

### VII. Mayor Marcia Leclerc, Burnham Street, East Hartford, CT

- Stated she enjoys walking with her dog on the trails and does so on a regular basis
- She takes safety precautions and uses good judgment on the trails encourages all to do the same
- She has never felt unsafe on the trails
- Believes that this section is a natural extension of the existing trails
- Looks forward to walking this trail section, when complete
- She recalled the first time walking the trails and especially the bridge over the river at Martin Park, she finds the trails a peaceful place
- She passes a lot of people on the trails

### TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD STATE PROJECT # 42-TBD HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL - PHASE III

### PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

IN ADDITION TO THE COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, THE TOWN RECEIVED FOUR (4) LETTERS, SIX (6) EMAILS, AND THREE (3) PHONE CALLS RELATIVE TO THIS PROJECT. COMMENTS INCLUDED HEREIN:

10/23/13 CALL FROM ROGER LOEB

10/23/13 CALL FROM ANDREW CHAMBERS

10/27/13 LETTER FROM HARRY GRUSS

10/29/13 CALL FROM ANDREW CHAMBERS

10/30/13 EMAIL FROM SHAWN MURDZEK

11/1/13 EMAIL FROM KEN SEK

11/1/13 LETTER FROM HARRY GRUSS

11/7/13 LETTER FROM STATE SENATOR GARY LEBEAU

11/9/13 EMAIL FROM DOUG SMITH

11/9/13 EMAIL FROM BRUCE JOKUBAITIS

11/10/13 EMAIL FROM STACY SMITH

11/11/13 EMAIL FROM CHRISTINE DURRER, CHAIR OF THE HOCKANUM RIVER COMMISSION

11/13/13 LETTER FROM STATE SENATOR TIM LARSON

HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL PHASE III

### RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

3:26

returned call from Mr. Roger Loeb from Allan Goodman/Rogo Distributors

Mr. Loeb remembered that, at one point, the trail was

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supposed to go on Rogo property (along the south side of

Olde Roberts Street) - wanted to know if this project proposed trail on his property?

DW Answer: NO - trail is in the woods north of Olde Roberts Street and terminates at Olde Roberts Street, there is no extension to the east proposed at this time

Mr. Loeb had no opposition to the trail going in the woods

### RECORD OF PHONE CONVERSATION

HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK TRAIL PHASE III

3:52

call from Andrew Chambers - property owner on Cottage Street

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- wanted to know how close the trail would be to Cottage Street?

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DW Answer: 50 ft to the Willow Brook outfall; 80 ft to the trail

- has issues with the trail, what it will attract
- worried about noise
- no problems with the existing trail now; he does not see people on the trail now
- concerned about motorized access
- doesn't believe that the police department will patrol the trails
- he is not against the trail, but it is "too close for comfort"
- doesn't believe he will be able to attend the meeting (out of town)

DW offered that written comments will be accepted up to 2 weeks after the meeting and that DW would meet with Cottage Street owners at their convenience

4:16

call from Andrew Chambers

10/29/13

indicated that Cottage Street is private and the trail should have no access from
 Cottage Street as indicated in the Journal Inquirer article
 DW response: the article only mentions an overlook to the river in the vicinity of
 Cottage Street

- believes that the trail will bring undesirable individuals to the area
- believes that the trail needs to be re-routed away from Cottage Street, even though that area has wetlands and flood zone
- he is OK with the exit at Olde Roberts Street
   DW offered email access for any written comments

October 27, 2013

M. Denis Horan, P.E. 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Phase III Hockanum River Linear Park Trail

M. Horan,

My name is Harry Gruss and I am the property owner and resident of 4 Cottage Street. I would like to address some concerns about Phase III of the Hockamın River Linear Park Trail.

First, what steps have been or will be implemented to prevent users of the linear trail from crossing the Willow Brook bypass channel, either from curiosity or nefarious intent, and encroaching on the private properties that abut the public land on which the trail runs? What indemnification will be in place to compensate the owners of private property for any damage or vandalism that might be sustained?

Second, what steps will be implemented to ensure the safety of the individual who might utilize the trail for exercise and/or relaxation? Will there be security patrols or police patrols of the trail? Although I have not encountered any difficulties myself, I am aware of two incidents in which a young lady could have been harmed if her dog had not accompanied her on the walk. Both of these incidents were reported to the police department.

Finally, does this trail lie in the federal or state wetlands? If so, has the plan been reviewed by the appropriate wetlands committee for complete compliance with the federal or state guidelines for the use of wetlands in order to preserve this portion of the woodlands in East Hartford as well as the wildlife and/or protected species that inhabit the woodlands?

Although I believe that this project will continue despite the opinions of the citizenry of East Hartford, I hope that the above concerns have been or will be addressed during the final planning stages of the project.

Thank you for listening to and considering my concerus, I am

Sincerely,

Harry Gruss, Sr. 4 Cottage Street

East Hartford, CT 06108-3719

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From: Shawn Murdzek [shawnm9@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 9:56 PM

To: Wilson, Douglas

Subject: Höckanum Linear Trail

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am Shawn Murdzek and I would like to speak (or write I suppose) very briefly on behalf of the Hockanum Linear Trail. I have lived in East Hartford my entire life and I have used the trail very often for scout events, church walks, and even for cross country when I was at East Hartford Middle School. The trail has always been a magically place for me to easily escape the stressful outside world and relax in nature. I have seen many different types of wildlife while walking along that trail, including herons and deer. I fully support the plan of extending the trail past Hillside to Olde Roberts Street. I have personally walked through that area and I think that the scenery there is wonderful and that laying down some stone dust would help other East Hartford residents realize that that section exists, so that way they too can experience the beauty of the Hockanum River water shed.

Thanks for reading my opinions,

Shawn Murdzek Class of 2015 EHHS Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 1 East Hartford Junior Drum Major, East Hartford "Hornet" Marching Band Varsity Captain, East Hartford Cross Country Team

From: Ken Sek [kensek@cox.net]

Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 1:51 PM

To: Wilson, Douglas

Cc: Christine Durrer; Paula Saaf; gary.pitcock@po.state.ct.us

Subject: Information About Phase III Of The Hockanum River Linear Park Trail

Douglas,

At the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail Public Informational Meeting on 10/30/13 there were several questions raised by individuals concerning:

- Safety of homes in the vicinity of the trail.
- Safety of individuals using the trail.

Today I visited the Police Dept. Complex at the corner of Burnside Ave. and School St. I first talked to Police Officer Tarascio, who was manning the Information Area. While he could not give exact numbers on either of the above, he said that in his 28 years with the East Hartford Police Dept. he had never heard of any incidents concerning either of the topics above. He did say that a source of information regarding these topics might be Police Sgt. Demaine, who would be available next Monday.

I next went to the Records Dept. (also in the Complex) and talked to Katie (from Records). She had worked there for 7 years, and also had no memory of any incidents concerning either of the topics above. On checking the record history (which went back to the mid-1990's) she found one incident that occurred at the Hockanum Linear Park on Elm Street in 2000, but I did not get details. She also asked Diane (also from Records) who has worked there for 16 years, and Diane also had no memory of any incidents concerning either of the topics above.

Personally, I would say that there is nothing (based on my talks with the above individuals) to indicate that the safety of homes and/or individuals would be compromised by the completion of Phase III of the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail through East Hartford.

Thank you, Kenneth Sek

(860) 644-9405

November 1, 2013

Mr. Douglas R. Wilson, P.E. Civil Engineer 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Phase III Hockamm River Linear Park Trail

Mr. Wilson,

First I would like to commend for your patience at the Wednesday meeting concerning the linear trail. It is not an easy task to stand in front of such questioning and apparent lack of interest on the part of the citizenry of East Hartford.

Also I thank you for the historical summary of this linear park and land purchases, which began in 1990, continued in 1999 and now has been resurrected in 2013.

Upon returning home and discussing the meeting with my family I discovered that there were several items that should have been addressed by the public at this meeting. I would like to present them to you for consideration.

First, what is the projected date for the commencement of construction on the project? It seems to me that nothing has been decided, as there may be some minor hurdles to overcome before beginning work.

Second, what is the projected date for completion of the project? I realize that this date is subject to change as unexpected difficulties can arise and Mother Nature can throw many curves that will affect the work.

Third, how was the layout of the trail determined? Given the serpentine curves of the Hockamun River, the ups and downs of the topographic of the land and the random growth of trees, I wonder how the twists and turns of the trail will be or have been planned.

Lastly, as you mentioned a staging area near the Hillside Cemetery, I wonder what type of construction equipment will be utilized and how the stone dust will be conveyed to the linear trail. Will these methods disrupt the landscape?

Once again I thank you for taking time to review this letter and for you patience with my concerns and questions.

Sincerely

Harry Gruss, Sr. 4 Cottage Street

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### SENATOR GARY D. LEBEAU Third District

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Legislative Management Committee

November 7, 2013

M. Denise Horan, P.E. Town Engineer Town of East Hartford Engineering Division 740 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear Denise,

I am writing this letter to offer my support to the Town of East Hartford as it seeks to build the third phase of construction on the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. This addition will connect the existing trail and boardwalk to Olde Roberts Street. Specifically, we will begin construction on additional walking surfaces, bridges, seating, and handicap-accessible ramps.

Phase III has been designed using residual 1988 grant funds from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Construction would also be eligible for funding from Federal Section 125 funds, if approved by the community. As such, this proposal would benefit the Town of East Hartford without further burdening our taxpayers.

Although I was unable to attend the informational meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> due to previous commitments, I am strongly in favor of this project. This is a worthy plan and the Phase III design will help connect the project to larger greenways. Furthermore, the project at-large promotes environmental interests and outdoor activities in our community.

Please feel free to call my office at (860) 240-0511 if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary D. LeBeau

State Senator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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From: Hikethehockanum@aol.com

Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2013 2:47 PM

To: Horan, Denise; kensek@cox.net; ehhc@yahoo.com; hikethehockanum@aol.com

Subject: Supporting Hockanum New Trail Extension

Hi Denise, Ken and Paula,

As Chairman of the Manchester Hockanum River Linear Park Committee, and former Chairman of the Hockanum River Watershed Association, I strongly support the proposed Extension of the E.H. Trail upstream to Roberts Street, Phase III.

I have worked with the E.H. Committee in past years and am most anxious to see that trail continued out to the local streets with the needed trail improvements to make it much more hiker friendly.

I helped build the first footbridge across the first brook upstream from the boardwalk in from Woodland Street Parking Lot.

So I wish you well in this key work process upstream,

Doug Smith, 860-402-9908, hikethehockanum@aol.com

P.S. Having attended recent regional meetings, at Goowdin, with John Larson and the other Hockanum Town trail leaders to promote connecting all 4 Hockanum Town's Trails, I am working with Christine to get together with Harry James and Emil Downey, jr to try to get permission to extend our Manchester Laurel Marsh Trail downstream to East Hartford and to have Harry give us permission to allow extension of the E.H. Trail upstream to Manchester behind his Powder Mill Shopping center.

I will let Christine know when I make some progress with Emil on Fountain Village property.

Doug Smith

From: Bruce Jokubaitis [bjokubaitis@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2013 10:29 AM

To: Wilson, Douglas

Subject: Hockanum River Trail (New section)

Douglas R. Wilson, P.E.

Civil Engineer

Town of East Hartford

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am a lifetime East Hartford resident and and have served on the East Hartford Town of East HartfordHockanum River Comission for years. As such, I have been actively envolved in maintaining the trails and grounds surrounding the river. I also enjoy hiking and observing wildlife from the trails here in East Hartford.

I support the improvement or extension of the Hockanum River Trail to Olde Roberts St. I have used the current trail thru this section often for both recreation and non recreation purposes. It provides a necessary non-vehicle link between the east side of town and the East Hartford Business District and beyond to Hartford. One only need to notice the Ghost Bicycles along the alternate street routes to recognise the need for this vital connector. The existing trails in this section are incomplete and prone to flooding and erosion. The improved trails are not just used by people, wildlife also frequent the improved sections for easier travel and their scent gets mixed with peoples.

I believe improving and extending the Hockanum River Trail to Olde Roberts St. would benefit East Hartford.

Sincerely, Bruce Jokubaitis

From: stacy:

stacys1@juno.com

Sent:

Sunday, November 10, 2013 9:38 PM

To:

Wilson, Douglas

Subject: Hockanum River Trail Extension

Douglas R. Wilson, P.E.

Civil Engineer

Town of East Hartford

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have recently moved back to East Hartford, but have served on the East Hartford Hockanum River Commission for years. I have been involved in maintaining the trails and the land surrounding the river as well as helping clean the river itself. I have often enjoyed walking the trails in East Hartford, observing a wide variety of wildlife, the river, and enjoying the peace of nature. The trails have provided me a pleasant place to exercise, commune with nature and enjoy the company of friends. I have often walked the trail that connects Hillside and Olde Roberts Street. That area also provides access to little known scenic views that are assets to East Hartford. Improving the trail system would allow more people to discover and enjoy these vistas.

I support the improvement and extension of the Hockanum River Trail to Olde Roberts St. It provides a necessary and pleasant pedestrian link between the east side of town and the East Hartford Business District. Because the existing trails in this section are incomplete and prone to flooding and erosion they are not as accessible to less able bodied individuals or bicyclists. The improved trails would improve accessibility. In addition, wildlife would also frequent the improved sections for easier travel providing people more opportunities to observe local wildlife like deer and turkeys. Improving and defining the trail would also insure that the public would have a clear understanding of where it is and would be less likely to wonder onto private property bordering the park system.

I believe improving and extending the Hockanum River Trail to Olde Roberts St. would greatly benefit East Hartford.

Sincerely,

Stacy Smith

From: Christinedurrer@aol.com

**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 1:13 PM

To: Horan, Denise

Subject: Proposed Trail Extension

Dear Denise - I am very much in favor of having the East Hartford trail extended as proposed at the recent town hall meeting. Last summer (2012), fellow volunteers and I rolled out about 200 tires that had been sitting there for 50 years near where the trail will go thru. More recently we have been trying to work with the owner of A&B Salvage to get the bus and car out that have been there over 50 years. I understand that that will finally come out as part of this project.

I heard that a few people that live along where the trail will be built are not happy about it, that they think they will be in danger and have felt that way in the past. It seems that no police reports were filed and so they have nothing to validate that claim. The Hockanum River is a treasure for all people to appreciate and the trail will not be on those people's property. I live next to a town lot which abuts the dike of the Connecticut River and I cannot judge who is allowed to walk there. We must learn to live with our fellow citizens even when we are older. I think when the trail is finished she will appreciate that many of us care for the trails weekly like the retired fellows who are out there 3 times a week, or monthly like Ken Sek who does it out of the goodness of his heart or yearly thru the Source to Sea Cleanup which had over 50 volunteers cleaning the East Hartford portion of the river this year. We cleaned up a lot of really yucky stuff. I don't recall getting any help from the people opposing the trails since I have been organizing the cleanups for about 4 years now. I hope a few voices will not keep the many visitors that the Hockanum River and trails gets from enjoying it more fully. Also, I find that the way that part of the trail is currently set up is confusing, and I have lost my way a couple of times, so a more defined trail would be safer.

Thank you. Christine Durrer, East Hartford Hockanum River Commission Chairman

Ms. Denise Horan, PE
East Hartford Town Engineer
740 Main Street
East Hartford, CT 06108

November 13, 2013

Re: Hockanum New Trail Extension

Dear Denise,

As State Representative and member of the Banks, Finance, Revenue & Bonding and Transportation Committee, I am in strong favor of having the East Hartford trail extended as proposed at the recent town hall meeting.

The proposed extension of the East Hartford Trail upstream to Roberts Street is an improvement and enhancement of the trail. This extension will also provide more accessibility to the trail by people who frequent the area.

I use the trail personally three times a week and sincerely feel this is a great asset to the community.

I urge you to look favorably upon the extension of the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. Please contact me if I can provide you with more information

Sincerely,

Tim Larson

Cc: Christine Durrer Stacy Smith

Peter Klock Anthony Hollister David Cannell Fern Strong Bruce Jokubitis

### TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE:

December 3, 2013

TO:

Richard Kehoe, Chairman

FROM:

Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

SUBJECT:

REFUND OF TAXES

I recommend that the Town Council approve a total refund of taxes in the amount of \$1,129.48 as detailed in the attached listing from our Collector of Revenue.

Please place this item on the Town Council agenda for the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Thank you.

C: M. Walsh, Director of Finance I. Laurenza, Tax Collector

### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

MARCIA A LECLERC, MAYOR

MICHAEL WALSH, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

FROM:

IRIS LAURENZA, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

ANNIE KOHLER, ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR

**SUBJECT:** REFUND OF TAXES

DATE:

12/3/2013

Under the provisions of Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following persons are entitled to the refunds as requested. The total amount to be refunded is \$1,129.48 See attached list.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

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740 Main Street East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

DATE: December 6, 2013

TO: Town Council Members

REVISED 12-09-13

FROM: Rich Kehoe, Chair

RE: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Town Council Majority Office

In accordance with Section 3.3 (a) of the Town Charter, a Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held as follows:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6:45 p.m.

### Town Council Majority Office

The purpose of the meeting is to meet in executive session to discuss the following cases:

- Merchant Founders Lodging, LLC v. Town of East Hartford (Assessment Appeal) Docket No. HHB-CV-10-6006974S
- 860 Main, LLC v. Town of East Hartford (Assessment Appeal) Docket No. HHB-CV-13-6020158S
- 3. Miriam Garnes v. Gemmissioner of the DOT and Town of East Hartford Docket No. HHB-CV-12-6031797S
- 4. Brenda Rose v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-11-6023968S

cc: Mayor Leclerc Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel Brian Smith, Assessor