

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016
PUBLIC HEARING
GOVERNMENT CENTER - 4TH FLOOR CAFETERIA
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Claire Fishman, Jennifer Godzeno, Jay Tepper and Michael Totilo. Alternate: William Levin. Present for staff was David W. Woods, Ph.D., AICP, Principal Planner.

PUBLIC HEARING - CAPITAL BUDGET FY2016/2023:
CAPITAL BUDGET 2016-2017 & CAPITAL PLAN 2017-2023

Ms. Dell, Chair, opened the Public Hearing on the Capital Budget 2016-2017 at 7:05p.m., and explained to the audience how the process of speaking was to take place. Ms. Dell called upon Ms. Fishman to read into the record the legal notice of this meeting, as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE
PLANNING BOARD
OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD

In accordance with Section C8-20-5 of the Stamford Charter, the STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., 4th Floor Cafeteria, Government Center Building, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT to hear public comments on the recommended CAPITAL BUDGET for 2016-2017 and the CAPITAL PLAN for 2017-2023 [Note: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., 4th Floor Cafeteria, Government Center Building, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT has been reserved as a Snow Date]. Copies of the budget document are available in the Land Use Bureau Office, 7th Floor, Government Center Building, during regular business hours; on the City's website at www.stamfordct.gov, "City Departments drop down menu / Planning / Planning Board Draft Recommended Capital Budget 2016-2017 & Capital Plan 2017-2023;" at the Ferguson Library and at the Public Hearing.

Ms. Dell called the names for speakers from the original sign in sheet (*Attachment #1*) as follows:

James Grunberger
Jane Von Trapp - Bartlett Arboretum
Steve Kolenberg - Board of Representatives (District #16)
Heinz Hubli
Susan Nabel - Board of Representatives (District #20)
Alicia Knapp - President, Ferguson Library
Michael Human
Patrick Sasser - Submitted letter
Cataline Horck
Gretchen Lorde - Scofieldtown Neighborhood Association

Among the key issues spoken about was to support full funding of the Stamford Urban Transitway. Bartlett Arboretum reiterated the importance of funding to continue providing public programs. Representative Steven Kolenberg spoke in favor the Traffic Calming funding including speed bumps on Stanford Lane as well as opposition to another traffic light on High Ridge Road near Donata Lane; other citizens came in support of Stanford Lane. A number of speakers, including Board of Representative, Susan Nabel (District 20), spoke passionately about the need to fully fund the Scofieldtown Park Plan,

which the Planning Board recommended allocating those funds over a 3-year period as opposed to providing a lump sum. Two other speakers spoke in support of the park as well. Ferguson Library President, Alice Knapp, first thanked the Board for its allocation to pay for Digitization & Preservation of Local Documents and reiterated the importance of replacing the Book Mobile, which is currently a Planning Board Tier #2 project, under Short Term Capital; two other speakers spoke about the need and service to their neighborhoods that the Book Mobile provides. The Board received a letter from Patrick Sasser, who is a Stamford resident living on Skyline Lane and was not able to attend the Public Hearing, requesting support and full funding for Engineering Project #CP1075 (Pg. 70) - Skymeadow Drive Drainage Improvement project. (*Attachment #2*)

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting of 1/19/16: After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo moved to recommend approval of the Planning Board Minutes of January 19, 2016; Ms. Fishman seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Levin, Totilo, and Tepper).

Meeting of 1/26/16: After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo moved to recommend approval of the Planning Board Minutes of January 5, 2016; Ms. Godzeno seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Totilo, and Tepper).

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Dell consulted with Dr. Woods that there were no pressing agenda items that needed to be addressed at the present time and concurred that the meetings scheduled for February 9 and February 16 could be cancelled.

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings is:
2/23/16

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Fishman, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

NOTE: Due to a technical issue with the video recording equipment, these proceedings were recorded on audio tape only and are available for review in the Land Use Bureau located on the 7th Floor of the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, during regular business hours.