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**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
DRAFT 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,

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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.

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 PUBLIC HEARING - CAPITAL BUDGET - 7:00 P.M.
 4TH FLOOR CAFETERIA - GOVERNMENT CENTER
 888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

ATTACHMENT #1

	NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE
1.	James Grunberger	79 Hesh Ridge Rd	jamesgrunberger@lo.com	203534-1113
2.	Hans von Drago	Barth Arboretum 151 Brookdale Road	hansvondr@bartharboretum.org	2038834052
3.	Steve Kidenbach	97 Hurst Hill Lane	skiden@stanfordct.org	203-211-0063
4.	HEINZ HUBLI	173 SANFORD LANE	HHUBLI@HOTMAIL.COM	203-322-9396
5.	Annabel	39 Jordan Lane Stamford 06903	snabel09@gmail	203-273-5795
6.	Alia Lynn	61 SW Street	Stanford CT	203-323-0113
7.	Maureen Pollack	88 Sanford Lane	maureenpollack@gmail	619-277-01
8.	Michael Hyman	53 Carriage Drive. 06962	mhyman@domuskids.org	203-219-891
9.	Fat Jasser	(letter)		
10.	Catherine Hord	75 Selleck St.	catherine.hord@neighborslakstamford.org	203-674-8581
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12.	Gretchen Hord	St. Scofield Town Neighbors Assoc		
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Dear Board Members,

February 2, 2016

My name is Patrick Sasser, I live at 166 Skyline Lane off of Skymeadow drive in North Stamford. I come before you today to request that the full amount being requested on Page 37 CP# 1075 remain in the budget at the full amount. This portion of the budget refers to the drainage project on Skymeadow Drive, Skyline Lane and parts of Scofield Town Road.

The first phase of the drainage project has just begun this past fall on Skymeadow Drive. It has been a long awaited project and we the neighbors who travel this road are happy to see the work has begun. However those of us that live on Skyline are still waiting patiently for our drainage issue to be addressed and fixed. Our road suffers from a large amount of surface and underground water that finds it's way onto the street and causes tremendous damage to the roads surface. Huge pot holes appear every year and the City is forced to patch them yet it never lasts for more than a few months. In the winter I have measured close to 12 inches of ice form across the roadway making it almost unpassable by car let alone a person out for a walk. Every morning around 7am a large City sander passes up and down Skyline Lane to spread tons and tons of salt to knock down the ice that has formed overnight.

This salting effort is not only expensive for the taxpayers and a waste of material; it can potentially be harmful to our well water systems. I think we have learned over the years that the wells in this area are shallow and are easily contaminated. The salt is also damaging our cars since we are constantly driving over the huge amount that is dumped every day. People and pets who travel on this roadway, especially during the winter months, are forced to walk along icy conditions setting up the City for a lawsuit someday. The nuns and staff at the Villa Maria School including fellow neighbors use Skyline as a way to exercise by walking or biking in the warmer months, all are forced to dodge huge pot holes that form, again this is a huge safety issue.

I have had several discussions with Chief Engineer Lou Casolo who has informed me that much of the design work has been completed for this phase of the project that addresses Skyline lane. I am requesting that you all vote to keep funds in the budget to allow the Engineering Department to complete this project and finally fix this problem and make Skyline Lane a safe road to live on.

Please vote to fund Page 37 CP# 1075

Sincerely,



Patrick Sasser
166 Skyline Lane
203-912-2034







