Agenda Item No. 🔪 Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 26, 2020

SUBJECT:

Accept Library Donations

SUMMARY:

Accept donations to the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library

Category	Amount	Description	Purpose	Donor
Cash	428.99	FOL Misc.	programs, supplies, museum pass	Friends of the Library
	589.00	FOL Credit Card	summer reading gift card prizes	Friends of the Library
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^{*}Unless a name is mentioned, donors have requested anonymity.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to accept monetary donations totaling \$1,017.99 for the Berlin Peck Memorial Library and deposit \$428.99 into the friends of the library miscellaneous account to be used for programs, supplies and a museum pass renewal and deposit \$589.00 into the friends of the library credit card account to be used to purchase gift cards used as summer reading prizes and move to accept a \$25.00 gift card to be used as a summer reading prize.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PREPARED BY:

Helen Malinka, Library Director

Consent

Agenda Item No. 🕄 **Request for Town Council Action**

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 19, 2020

SUBJECT:

Donation for the Youth Fishing Derbies

SUMMARY:

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 recommended acceptance of the donation of \$1,000 from the Berlin Lions Club towards the Berlin Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing Derbies. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fishing derbies were cancelled but donation funds were used to stock the Sage Park Pond for use by the community.

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission is requesting Berlin Town Council approval of this recommendation.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to approve acceptance of the donation of \$1,000 from the Berlin Lions Club towards the Berlin Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing Derbies. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fishing derbies were cancelled but donation funds were used to stock the Sage Park Pond for use by the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PREPARED BY:

Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation /)/



Agenda Item No. <u>3</u> Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 19, 2020

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of Berlin Lions Club donation for Berlin Dolphin Swim Team

SUMMARY:

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 recommended approval for the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department to accept a check for \$400.00 from the Berlin Lions Club on behalf of the Berlin Dolphin Swim Team.

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Department will accept the check and it will be deposited into the donation account for the purchase of equipment/supplies for the Dolphin Swim Team.

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission is requesting Berlin Town Council approval of this recommendation.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to approve the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department to accept a \$400.00 donation from the Berlin Lions Club on behalf of the Berlin Dolphin Swim Team and to deposit the check into the donation account.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

PREPARED BY:

Debbie Dennis, Superintendent of Recreation

Consent

Agenda Item No. 4/2 Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

June 2, 2020

SUBJECT:

Suspense List

Summary of Agenda Item:

Pursuant to C.G.S. §12-165, tax collectors must annually deliver a list of those taxes deemed uncollectible. That list is called a Suspense List. The taxes may be uncollectible for several reasons: deceased, bankruptcy, cannot locate, constable is unable to collect, out of business, etc. Even though these accounts are transferred to the Suspense List, the tax office can still attempt to collect and will receive payment on some of the accounts.

Action Needed:

Accept Suspense List as presented.

Attachments:

Suspense List

Prepared By:

Debbie Swan, Revenue Collector

LIST OF TAXES TRANSFERRED TO SUSPENSE LIST FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Grand Total	\$173,905.77
Personal Property List of October 1, 2017 due July 1, 2018	\$105,661.14
Supplemental Motor Vehicle List of October 1, 2017 due January 1, 2018	\$12,616.58
Motor Vehicle List of October 1, 2017 due July 1, 2018	\$55,628.05

The Personal Property suspense figure is higher this year due to the audits being processed from October 2019-March 2020. These audits amounted to \$32,574.51.

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Agenda Item No. <u>5</u> Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

State Matching Grant Program SFY 2021 for Elderly and Disabled Demand

Responsive Transportation.

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Senior Center has received the SFY 21/22 Management Plan for our State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation. This application is for our 16th year of funding in the amount of \$30,495. This amount has stayed the same from the previous years. This figure is based on 2010 Census figures for Berlin. The funds are used to expand our Municipal Funded Senior Center transportation services.

Action Needed:

Move to authorize and accept the Senior Center Director to apply for the 16th year of funding for the State Matching Grant Program SFY 21/22 for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation.

Attachments:

None

Prepared by:

Christine Doyle, Berlin Senior Center Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Berlin will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via conference call at 1.563-999-2090; pin # 269573 to discuss the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input.

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to business firms that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies. The community programs must be approved by both the municipality in which the programs are conducted and by the Department of Revenue Services (DRS). A tax credit equal to 100% of the cash invested is available to business firms that invest in energy conservation projects. Tax exempt entities desiring to obtain benefits under the NAA must complete an application and submit it to the municipal agency overseeing the implementation of the proposal. The overseeing municipal agency then completes their portion of the application and submits it to DRS on or before July 1 of each year. Prior to submitting the application to DRS, each municipality must hold a public hearing on all program applications. The governing body of the municipality must vote to approve the programs.

This year, The Prudence Crandall Center submitted two proposals. Prudence Crandall provides a comprehensive array of services in the Berlin community to victims of domestic violence. The first proposal is for energy efficiency. The funds would go towards conservation repairs and improvements which would ultimately save money on operating costs associated with the facility. The second one is to support their Annual Appeal. Funds from the Annual Appeal go towards aiding programs that serve low income people. It would help to provide for emergency housing, counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence as well as support community education and prevention services.

The public hearing will also give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed project. If you are unable to participate in the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037, or you may telephone 860-828-7003. Additional information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday.

All are encouraged to participate. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Jen Ochoa, ADA Coordinator, at 860-828-7010 at least five days prior to the hearing.

The Town of Berlin promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

Will be published on the Town of Berlin Website at www.town.berlin.ct.us as per Governor's Executive Order 7I.

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Fund Transfers & Contract Amendment for Police Station Interview Rooms

Summary of Agenda Item:

As part of on-going discussions for building renovations at the Police Department, number of immediate needs were identified. Amongst them were air conditioning in the men's locker room, replacement of the doors on our jail cells, and the construction of two interview rooms, one off the lobby and another inside the building. The air conditioning and jail cell projects have been completed leaving the interview rooms as the remaining open item. Improvements to the current facility have and will address the police department's operational needs, reduce liability, and will ensure the safety & confidentiality of citizens and staff at police headquarters. The current jail cell contractor Bismark Construction, has provided an estimate to complete the two interview rooms per the design developed with the Police Department. Funding for the two interview rooms is proposed to come from three current sources. First, \$22,981.85 unused contingency funds for the completed Jail Cell Replacement (538.00.0000.0.10002.00000). Second, \$14,834.31 from the remaining balance in the Griswold Portable Classroom Fund (556.45.4567.0.59623.00000). Third, \$16,183.84 from the In Lieu of Sick (retiree) account (001.15.1532.0.51811.00000) in the General Fund. These funds are available because sick balance payouts to retiring officers during fiscal year 2020 were lower than projected. All of these funds will be transferred into the Police Station Construction Fund and appropriated to the Buildings & Renovations account (538.15.1532.0.54000.00300) within the Police Station Construction Fund.

Action Needed:

Move to approve the transfer of \$22,981.85 from the Jail Cells account in the Police Station Construction Fund, \$14,834.31 from the Transfer to Other Funds account in the Griswold Portable Classroom Fund and \$16,183.84 from the In Lieu of Sick (retiree) account in the General Fund to the Police Station Construction Fund and appropriate to the Buildings & Renovations account within the Police Station Construction Fund, pending approval of the Board of Finance. Move to authorize a contract amendment with Bismark Construction of Milford, CT for an amount not to exceed \$54,000 which includes a 15% contingency, as this is in the best interest of the Town.

Attachments:

Proposed interview rooms design Bismark Construction Estimate Budget Transfer Forms

Prepared By:

Deputy Chief Chris Ciuci



BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Section 1: To be completed by Department: 5/15/20 Fiscal Year: FY2020 Date: **Police** Department: Requested by: To Acct #: Description: Amount: \$16,183.84 C. Ciuci Transfer to Other Funds 001,45.4567.0.59622.00000 Don't Know Partially Yes X No Are there funds from another account which can be requested: Approved by: From Acct #: Description: Amount: \$16,183.84 001,15,1532.0.51811.00000 In lieu of Sick (retiree) Contingency Balance (If applicable): Explanation of request, include reason why funds are available for transfer if applicable (use additional pages if necessary): Building renovations to the Police Station are proposed that would add a soft interview room off the lobby and a proper hard interview room near the new jail cells. These modifications were proposed to take place once the jail cells were replaced. Funds are available in the In Lieu of Sick (retiree) account because sick time payouts to retiring officers were lower than projected during fiscal year 2020. Section 2: To be completed by Town Manager: Partially Approved Date: # Request approved Disapproved Comments: Section 3a: Town Council action: N/A Referred to Town Mtg. Disapproved Partially Approved Request approved Comments: Section 3b: Board of Finance action: Referred to Town Mtg. N/A Request approved Disapproved Partially Approved Comments: Section 4: To be completed by Finance Department: Approved by Town Meeting Date approved: Budget Change #:



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Agenda Item No. 🗠 **Request for Town Council Action**

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council &

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

Non-Budgeted Appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance

for Defined Benefit Pension Payout

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Town has effectively implemented a pay-as-you-go funding strategy for the closed defined benefit pension plan. This method has utilized General Fund unassigned fund balance (either through a budgeted appropriation or a mid-year, non-budgeted appropriation) to fund payouts since FY2017. This method has allowed the Town to fund 6 payouts in the last three fiscal years. The Town Charter requires a public hearing for any non-budgeted appropriation over \$25,000; however, the Governor's Executive Order 7S, amended by 7CC, eliminated the public hearing requirement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In June 2020, a seventh retirement payout will be greater than the pension fund balance at Prudential. In order to honor the Town's obligation to the retiree and maintain the required \$300,000 balance at Prudential, a \$255,000 non-budgeted appropriation is necessary during FY20.

With this transfer, the Town's projected pension fund balance at the end of July will be \$400,464. It should be noted that during FY21, an additional non-budgeted appropriation will be made to honor future payouts. However, the cash demand is not expected until April 2021, so the FY21 non-budgeted appropriation will be requested in January 2021, unless additional participants retire.

Action Needed:

Move to approve a non-budgeted appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$255,000 to the Pension/Actuarial Funding account in the General Fund.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:
Kevin Delaney, Finance Director



Agenda Item No. Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

Budget Transfers to Clear Overbudget Accounts

Summary of Agenda Item:

Over the course of the fiscal year some accounts exceed budget for different reasons. All the higher than budgeted costs are being funded with savings in other areas or contingency. No new money is being appropriated with this request. These items are summarized on the Budget Adjustments spreadsheet submitted with this action item.

Action Needed:

Move to transfer \$34,500, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, to cover higher than budgeted expenditures in identified accounts.

Attachments:

Budget Adjustments spreadsheet **Budget Change forms**

Prepared By:
Kevin Delaney, Finance Director

Explanation	The Town is in the process of replacing desktop computers with laptops in support of the Stay Home order from the Governor and to enhance the opportunity to work from home in the future. To accommodate this initialitive, additional funds are needed in the Computer Equipment account. Funds are available in the Town Manager Health Insurance account due to a different benefits election than was included in the FY20 budget.		The international refuse and recycling issues were addressed in the FY20 budget submission. However, the tonage of waste has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town's actual refuse disposal costs will be very close to the budgeted amount and may exceed the budget. This transfer provides a small direct to the hisk of exceeding the original budget.		The Town has been engaged in several legal matters during FY20. As yearend approaches, the legal bills are projected to exceed the budget. This transfer mitigates the risk of exceeding the budget and allows for the timely payment of various legal bills.			Payroll currently stores all files in a standard, locked filling cabinet. In the event of a fire, critical payroll files will likely be lost. The Finance Department made adjustments during FY20 to generate savings in training, part-time help and health insurance to purchase two fireproof/waterproof filing cabinets to store oritical payroll files.					
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	Computer Equipment	Health Insurance	Refuse	Contingency	Outside Legal/Expert	Contingency	Supplies	Training	Part-time/Summer Help	Health Insurance	GENERAL FUND TOTAL		WATER CONTROL TOTAL GRAND TOTAL
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BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Section 1: To be completed by Department: 5/21/20 Date: IT/Townwide Fiscal Year: FY2020 Department: Requested by: Description: Amount: To Acct #: Computer Equipment K. Delaney \$8,500.00 001.05.0503.0.53208.00000 No Partially Don't Know Yes X Are there funds from another account which can be requested: Approved by: Amount: From Acct #: Description: \$8,500.00 001.05.0501.0.52235.00000 **Health Insurance** Contingency Balance (If applicable): Explanation of request, include reason why funds are available for transfer if applicable (use additional pages if necessary): The Town is in the process of replacing desktop computers with laptops in support of the Stay Home order from the Governor and to enhance the opportunity to work from home in the future. To accommodate this initiaitive, additional funds are needed in the Computer Equipment account. Funds are available in the Town Manager Health Insurance account due to a different benefits election than was included in the FY20 budget. Section 2: To be completed by Town Manager: Date: Disapproved Partially Approved Request approved Comments: Section 3a: Town Council action: N/A Referred to Town Mtg. Partially Approved Disapproved Request approved Comments: Section 3b: Board of Finance action: Referred to Town Mtg. Partially Approved Disapproved Request approved Comments: Section 4: To be completed by Finance Department: Approved by Town Meeting Date approved: Budget Change # : JE#



BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Section 1: To be completed by Department: 5/21/20 Department: **Public Works** Fiscal Year: FY2020 Date: Requested by: To Acct #: Description: Amount: Refuse Disposal \$10,000.00 M. Ahern 001,20,2036.0.53823.00000 Don't Know Are there funds from another account which can be requested: Yes No X Partially Approved by: From Acct #: Description: Amount: \$10,000.00 001.05.0507.0.53927.00000 Contingency \$56,594.76 Contingency Balance (If applicable): Explanation of request, include reason why funds are available for transfer if applicable (use additional pages if necessary): The international refuse and recycling issues were addressed in the FY20 budget submission. However, the tonage of waste has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town's actual refuse disposal costs will be very close to the budgeted amount and may exceed the budget. This transfer provides a small offset to the risk of exceeding the original budget. Section 2: To be completed by Town Manager: Date: Request approved Disapproved Partially Approved Comments: Section 3a: Town Council action: N/A Disapproved Partially Approved Referred to Town Mtg. Request approved Comments: Section 3b: Board of Finance action: Disapproved Referred to Town Mtg. N/A Request approved Partially Approved Comments: Section 4: To be completed by Finance Department: Approved by Town Meeting JE# Date approved: Budget Change #:



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BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Section 1: To be completed by Department: Fiscal Year: FY2020 Date: 5/21/20 Department: **Finance** Description: Requested by: To Acct #: Amount: \$6,000.00 K. Delaney **Supplies** 001.05.0502.0.53201.00000 Don't Know Are there funds from another account which can be requested: Yes X No Partially Amount: Approved by: From Acct #: Description: 001.05.0502.0.53945.00000 Training \$2,000 Part-time/Summer Help \$2,500 001.05.0502.0.51510.00000 001.05.0502.0.52235.00000 \$1,500 Health Insurance Contingency Balance (If applicable): Explanation of request, include reason why funds are available for transfer if applicable (use additional pages if necessary): Payroll currently stores all files in a standard, locked filling cabinet. In the event of a fire, critical payroll files will likely be lost. The Finance Department made adjustments during FY20 to generate savings in training, part-time help and health insurance to purchase two fireproof/waterproof filing cabinets to store critical payroll files. Section 2: To be completed by Town Manager: Disapproved Date: Request approved Partially Approved Comments: rosko Section 3a: Town Council action: Referred to Town Mtg. N/A Disapproved Partially Approved Request approved Comments: Section 3b: Board of Finance action: N/A Partially Approved Referred to Town Mtg. Request approved Disapproved Comments: Section 4: To be completed by Finance Department: Approved by Town Meeting Date approved: Budget Change #: JE#

Agenda Item No. 4 Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 21, 2020

SUBJECT:

Donation of 5 Scoreboards from Berlin Little League

SUMMARY:

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020, recommended the acceptance of five scoreboards to the Town of Berlin from Berlin Little League. The scoreboards would replace the current scoreboards at the following fields; Petit Field 1, Petit Field 2, Garrity Field, Pulcini Field and Centurelli Field. The scoreboards will be purchased by Berlin Little League from Nevco at a cost not to exceed \$18,349.11. Little League will work with Town of Berlin Facilities Department and the Parks and Grounds Department for installation.

The Berlin Parks and Recreation Commission is requesting Berlin Town Council approval of this recommendation.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to approve acceptance of the donation of five scoreboards from Berlin Little League valued at \$18,349.11 to be installed at the following fields; Petit Field 1, Petit Field 2, Garrity Field, Pulcini Field and Centurelli Field.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quote from Nevco

PREPARED BY:

Jennifer Ochoa, Director of Community, Recreation and Parks Services



Account Name Quote Number	Berlin Little League 00109630	Created Date Expiration Date	4/29/2020 6/21/2020
Confact Name	Bill Petit	Prepared By	Michael Spiezio
Title	President	Title	Display and Scoring Consultant
: Phone	(860) 543-9906	Phone	(618) 659-7507
Email Address	beautifiecabinets@secglobal.net	Fax	(618) 659-1821
•		Email Address	mspiezio@nevco.com

Ouantity	Model/Pad≇	(Product Description)	Dimensions L x H x W/D:
	1612-PC	Baseball/Softball LED Scoreboard with Pitch Counters (uses 1 MPCW-7 or 2 MPCX's not included)	10'x5'x8"
3,00	1650.	Baseball/Softball LED Scoreboard	81x31x81
5.00	802-0300 - MPCX2 Baseball/Softball	Wireless Handheld Control	0.3'x0.5'x0.1'
4.00		Wireless Handheld Control	
	MPCX/MPCX2 Case	MPCX/MPCX2 Control Carrying Case (holds 2 controls)	12.4'x8"x4"
5.5.00	MPCX2/Rec-Outdoorx6xX	Jn-board Wireless Receiver kit	

Tti Shipping Wt (ibs)
County

1,395

Subtotal

Hartford

Freight Total USD 17,208.84 USD 1,140.27

USD 18,349.11

Additional Notes

installation is not included 6-9 week turnaround time

Customers who purchased tems in this quote also purchased the following

Stadicm Pro Sound Senes



- Stadium Pro 1000 series and Stadium Pro 2000 series available
- Custom designed for the athletic market to provide complete coverage
- Single-point sound source system located at scoreboard
- Speakers and subwoofers will deliver clear, intelligible voice and concert quality music at high decibel levels throughout your facility
- 5 Year Warranty on loudspeakers and custom designed speaker cabinet

Agenda Item No. 5 Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 19, 2020

SUBJECT:

Aera-Vator

SUMMARY:

The Berlin Parks and Grounds Department has obtained three written quotes and is requesting the Berlin Town Council to approve the waiving of the sealed bid requirements and award the contract for the purchasing of an Aera-Vator. The Aera-Vator will be used for aerating, slicing and seeding athletic fields and other areas as needed throughout town. This will help us start moving towards a sustainable turf program. The current over seeder and aerator the Grounds Department owns was purchased in 1970 and parts are not readily available.

We currently have funds available in the Equipment account 001.25.2545.0.53208.00000 to purchase this piece of equipment.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to approve waiving the sealed bid requirements and awarding of contract to the lowest bidder Turf Products, for the purchase of an Aera-Vator not to exceed \$17,708.27. This is in the best interest of the Town.

ATTACHMENTS:

3 written quotes

PREPARED BY:

Steve Wood, Superintendent of Parks and Grounds SQ



DE turf products QUOTE

157 Moody Road ● PO Box 1200 ● Enfield, CT 06083 Main Office: (800) 243-4355 • FAX (860) 763-5550

Prepared For: Steve Woods

Town of Berlin

Ship To: Buildings & Grounds

Quote Number: 4720

Quoted Date: 04/07/20

Prepared By: Brian Pope

bpope@turfproductscorp.com 860-395-6936

Sourcewell Member ID # 129829

Qty	Description	Model #	Unit Pric	e	Extended
1	UA80 Frame W/ Rake & Standard Roller	UA82-022	\$ 7,887	.94 \$	7,887.94
2	UA80 AE Shaft (requires 2)	UA82-018	\$ 2,588	.94 \$.98 \$	5,177.96
1	UA80 SEED BOX Attachment	SB82-002	\$ 4,642	.37 \$	4,642.37
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Count on it.

315 Commerce Blvd. Liverpool, New York Phone: 1-315-457-0181 Parts Fax: 1-800-950-4342 Office Fax: 1-315-457-0312

892-898 Troy Schenectady Rd Latham, New York Phone: 1-518-785-5841 Parts Fax: 1-800-950-4342 Office Fax: 1-518-785-5740

Town of Berlin Customer Name:

Address:

City State Zip

Attn:

Phone:

In Response to your inquiry, we submit the following Quotation Sugg. Retail **Unit Price Extension** Qty **Model Number** Description Quoted Price \$7,632.00 \$7,632.00 FRAME, RAKE, ROLLER UA82-222 1 \$5,100.00 \$2,550.00 SHAFTS 2 UA82-018 \$4,550.00 \$4,550.00 SB82-002 SEED BOX 1

QMS Quote # Quote Date:

Inquiry Date:

Height of Cut: Purchase Order # If

Ship to Zip Code

Terms:

F.O.B. Shipped Via:

Needed

Quoted By:

Salesman

Cell Phone

Email

Prices Good Until: Estimated Delivery: 29-Apr-20

28-Jul-20

Delivered

Truck

1,

13346

Roger Lind

315-374-8441

rlind@grasslandcorp.com

	NOTES		TOTALS		
Delivery Contact Name			Total		\$17,282.00
Delivery Contact					
Phone Number			Discount_		
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			Delivery Charges		650.00
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			Subtotal	•	\$18,482.00
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164 Oakridge CH RD

Tifton, GA 31794

Wats: 800-363-8780 Phone: 229-382-4768 Fax: 229-382-0506

Quote

Ship To:

DATE 5/13/2020

Sold to:

Name Company Steve Woods Town of Berlin

Address

City, State Zip

Phone Fax Email

SHIP DATE PRO NUMBER	SHIPVIA	FORE,	TERMS
	LTL Truck	Tifton, GA.	Pre-Pay

DESCRIPTION		WEIGHT	QTY	PART#	r Company	TOTAL
UA80 AERA-VATOR FRAME W/ RAKE &	ROLLER	990	1	UA82-022	\$7,131.96	\$7,131.96
UA80 AERA-VATOR SHAFT (requires 2)		160	2	UA82-018	\$2,340.85	\$4,681.70
UA80 SEED BOX		380	1	SB82-002	\$4,197.44	\$4,197.44
	Total Weight	1,530			Subtotal	\$16,011.10
Comments or special instructions:			,			\$0.00
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					Setup	\$250.00
					Parts	\$0.00
					Total Cost	\$16,261.10
					EST Freight	\$1,825.00
	:		1	Sir	igle Shipment	\$200.00
		Quotation v	valid until:	6/12/2020	TOTAL	\$18,536.10

Agenda Item No. 6 Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

Request to Waive the Bidding Process for Creative Recreation

Summary of Agenda Item:

The Town of Berlin has 13 playgrounds. Throughout each year, funds are spent on maintaining these playgrounds, repairing equipment and/or adding more fiber to meet safety standards.

Currently, when an apparatus breaks it is either removed completely or deemed out of order and securely marked off until time the Parks and Grounds Department can obtain 3 written quotes to replace the broken equipment. For the past 25 years, the majority of playground equipment that has been purchased has been through Creative Recreation after coming in with the lowest quote.

In order to have the availability to maintain, repair and replace playground equipment in an efficient and swift manner, the Parks and Grounds Department is requesting to waive the bidding process for Creative Recreation for a total not to exceed \$20,000 from account number 001.25.2545.0.53222.00000 for the fiscal year 2020/2021.

Action Needed:

Move to waive the bidding requirement for maintenance and replacement of playground equipment and approve hiring Creative Recreation for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 for fiscal year 2020/2021, since this is in the best interest of the town.

Attachments:

None

Prepared By:

Steven Wood, Parks and Grounds Superintendent 50

Agenda Item Request for Town Council Action

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 22, 2020

SUBJECT:

Bid Waiver for Bigelow Electric Services at Water and Sewer Pumping Stations

SUMMARY:

The water and sewer pumping stations are in constant need of repairs and maintenance and Bigelow Electric Services knows the history and records better than any other local vendor. This year alone there have been several electrical emergencies which have caused the department to exceed the purchase order threshold of \$10,000 to one vendor.

An increase of \$2,000 from account 844.55.5583.0.56712.00000 (sewer electrical) and an equal increase of \$2,000 from account 843.50.5083.56712.00000 (water electrical) is requested to complete the fiscal year.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to waive the bidding requirements for Bigelow Electric, Inc. to allow an additional \$4,000.00 for emergency electrical services for the water and sewer pump stations, as this is in the best interest of the Town.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sufficiency of Funds

PREPARED BY:

Ray Jarema, P.E., Water Control Manager





TOWN OF BERLIN

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS

(Sec. 6-10-2 of the Town Charter)

DATE

Finance Director or Assist.Finance Director

						DATE	15-May-20
Purchase Item or	Contract:	Electrical services at pum	ping station	s Rec	quested by:	Ray Jarema	
QUANTITY		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	DESCRIPT			PRICE PER UNIT	\$ AMOUNT
1.00					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
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Account No.		0.56712.00000 Electrici 0.56712.00000 Electrici				TOTAL	\$4,000.00
Budgeted Amou	nt	\$15,000.00		Available balance		\$6,00	00.00
Encumbrances to Date		\$5,229.50		Amount Needed for This Pa	ckage	\$4,000.00	
Expenditures to Date		\$3,770.50		Available Balance After Purchase		\$2,000.00	
Is a budget char	nge needed?	Yes	X No				
If so, has a budg	get change be	en prepared?	Yes	☐ No			
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Agenda Item No. 8 Request for Town Council Action

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: May 26, 2020

SUBJECT: BRRFOC- Bristol Facility Municipalities Partnership

Restated Inter-Community Agreement

SUMMARY:

The Town of Berlin has been a participating community of the Bristol Resources Recovery Facilities Operating Committee (BRRFOC) since 1985. Established in 1985 under the initial Inter-Community Agreement, BRRFOC administers an integrated solid waste disposal program for fourteen (14) Connecticut cities and towns with an estimated population of 310,000. The BRRFOC Executive Committee revised the original 1985 agreement to update portions that were obsolete. The final draft of this restated agreement is attached, along with a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute the agreement. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the Restated Agreement which runs through December 31, 2034 unless terminated pursuant to its terms or extended in accordance with an amendment approved by the Conn. Gen Stat. Sections 7-339a-7-3391 or other enabling legislation adopted by the General Assembly.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to adopt the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement entitled "Inter-Community Agreement Between the Cities and Towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott".

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Restated Inter-Community Agreement Restated Inter-Community Agreement (Final Draft)

PREPARED BY:

Michael S. Ahern, P.E., Public Works Director / Town Engineer

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BERLIN TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO RESTATED INTER-COMMUNITY AGREEMENT REGARDING THE BRRFOC

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 22a-221 grants all municipalities of the State of Connecticut with the authority to enter into inter-community agreements to manage municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that statutory authority, the Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (the "BRRFOC") was formed pursuant to the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement between the municipalities of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott (the "Municipalities"),

WHEREAS, the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement has been amended from time to time,

WHEREAS, the Municipalities are currently jointly engaged in the disposing of solid waste and managing recyclables pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement ("MSW & Recycling Agreements") and dated December 21, 2012 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities desire to continue contractual relationships to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC by way of a newly restated inter-community agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Berlin having complied with all of its municipal and other applicable requirements to enter into the newly restated inter-community agreement, authorizes its Town Manager to execute the agreement and to do such other lawful things as are necessary to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Town of Berlin.

day of June, 2020.

Dated in Berlin, CT thisda	y of June, 2020.
	Mark H. Kaczynski,
	Mayor

INTER-COMMUNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF BERLIN, BRANFORD, BRISTOL, BURLINGTON, HARTLAND, NEW BRITAIN, PLAINVILLE, PLYMOUTH, PROSPECT, SEYMOUR, SOUTHINGTON, WARREN, WASHINGTON, AND WOLCOTT, each a municipality and political subdivision of the State of Connecticut ("Municipality" and, together, the "Municipalities")

This INTER-COMMUNITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), is a successor to, and replacement of the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement as amended, which established the Resource Recovery Operating Committee (a/k/a BRRFOC), and by and between the Municipalities after execution on behalf of the Municipality on or before _______, 2020.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-l et. seq. grant to BERLIN, BRANFORD, BRISTOL, BURLINGTON, HARTLAND, NEW BRITAIN, PLAINVILLE, PLYMOUTH, PROSPECT, SEYMOUR, SOUTHINGTON, WARREN, WASHINGTON, and WOLCOTT, the "Municipalities" the power and authority to establish by ordinance and regulation the means to carry out the duties, responsibilities and legal obligations of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 22a-221 grants municipalities the authority to enter into inter-community agreements for purposes of establishing an Operating Committee; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that statutory authority, the Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee (the "BRRFOC") was formed pursuant to the 1985 Inter-Community Agreement, as subsequently amended from time to time and binding the respective Municipalities with respect to constructing and operating the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility under a service agreement which expired in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities desire to continue their participation in an inter-community agreement as members of the BRRFOC tasked by the State with the responsibility for managing solid waste generated within their respective Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities are jointly engaged in the disposing of solid waste and managing recyclables pursuant to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement ("MSW & Recycling Agreements") and dated December 21, 2012 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities now comprise the Bristol Facility Policy Board pursuant to Section 1.7 of the MSW & Recycling Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities desire to continue contractual relationships to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC.

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the terms and conditions printed below, the Municipalities agree:

ARTICLE I: Authority for Agreement; Effective Date; Duration; Withdrawal

- 1-1. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-7-3391 inclusive, as amended.
- 1-2. The effective date of this Agreement shall coincide with that date on which the Agreement is ratified by five or more Municipalities pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-339c.
- 1-3. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date to December 31, 2034, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms of this agreement or extended in accordance with an amendment to this Agreement approved by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7-339a-7-339l or such other enabling legislation adopted by the General Assembly after the effective date of this Agreement.
- 1-4. Any municipality that is a party to the Agreement may, by vote of its legislative body prior to June thirtieth in any year, elect to withdraw from this Agreement. The effective date of the withdrawal ("Effective Date") shall be the first day of the fiscal year (July first) that immediately follows the lapse of one year (365 days) from date of receipt of a notice of withdrawal from the withdrawing municipality. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing municipality from any liability or obligation it incurred up to and through the Effective Date.
- 1-5. Unless two or more Municipalities opt to continue this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this section, the withdrawal of five or more of the Municipalities shall terminate this Agreement as of the Effective Date of withdrawal, as defined in Section 1-4 above. Upon termination of this Agreement, any operating assets shall be distributed among the constituent municipalities in accordance with their proportionate shares for the year in which the agreement is terminated, as established by Article V hereof and any capital assets shall be distributed between the constituent municipalities in the same ratio in which they were purchased. If one or more of the Municipalities wishes to continue operations of the BRRFOC, it will compensate the other municipality for its share of the assets based on the depreciated values as determined by the most recent audit. The amount may be paid over the remaining years of the agreement, or as determined by a duly called vote approved by a majority of the Municipalities that are parties to the Agreement at the time of the of the termination, whichever occurs sooner. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect obligations of any Municipality established under the MSW & Recycling Agreements, including participation in the Bristol Facility Policy Board.

ARTICLE II: Powers of the BRRFOC

- 2-1. In order to furnish or provide for the joint use or benefit of the Municipalities services, personnel, facilities, equipment, or any other property or resources associated with management and disposal of solid waste generated by the municipalities, with the pledge of the full faith and credit of the Municipalities, the BRRFOC shall have the following powers and obligations:
 - a. To provide for the residents and businesses of the Municipalities management and other services including but not limited to personnel, facilities, equipment

and any other property or resources needed to carry out collection and disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and Municipal Solid Waste, Household Hazardous Waste and recyclables subject to available appropriations authorized in the BRRFOC's annual operating budget.

- b. Ensure accurate reporting of deliveries of Acceptable Solid Waste, Acceptable Recyclables, Household Hazardous Waste, or other materials and provided by one of more of the Municipalities, a facility, or a contractor to the BRRFOC, subject to the reasonable accuracy of such information and in the possession of the BRRFOC in a timely fashion.
- c. In conjunction with reporting of deliveries noted above, confirm the proper amounts allocated to the Municipalities as the "Electrical Revenue Share" (Section 3.1 (d) of the MSW & Recycling Agreements as amended) conform with waste delivery receipts at one or more of the Designated Facilities utilized by Covanta Bristol, Inc. or its assignee.
- d. To perform calculations to establish the "Annual Reserved Capacity", the "Monthly Capacity Limit", and similar contractual parameters established within the MSW & Recycling Agreements.
- e. To act as agent on behalf of the Municipalities with respect to prescribed responsibilities of the Bristol Facility Policy Board, as stipulated in the Section 1.7 of the MSW & Recycling Agreements to the extent such activity conforms with applicable laws of the State of Connecticut.
- f. To undertake such obligations on its behalf or as agent on behalf of the Municipalities pursuant to any subsequent contract regarding the provision of solid waste disposal and recycling services when and if the Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Agreement expires or is terminated.
- g. Adhere to and administer outstanding obligations of the BRRFOC, including but not limited to retaining staff employed as of the date of this Agreement, commitments for employee benefits, vacation, holiday and sick leave, and severance payments.
- h. Manage reserve funds, prepare and distribute financial reports as required by statute including those required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 4-230 through 4-236 and Sections 7-391 through 7-397, and manage retention of documents in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 11-8(a).
- i. To employ staff, fix their duties and determine their compensation within appropriations established in the annual operating budget.
- j. To retain by contract or employ counsel, auditors, engineers, private consultants, and advisers.
- k. To engage legal counsel for purposes of preserving contractual services and advocating for and defending the interests of the BRRFOC Municipalities.

- 1. To purchase, lease or rent and hold in its name such real and personal property as it may deem necessary, convenient, or desirable.
- m. To contract with municipalities, municipal, state, and regional authorities, and state and federal agencies to provide and/or receive waste management services in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- n. To accept gifts or grants of funds, property, or services from any source, public or private, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, with the terms and conditions thereof.
- o. To exercise any authority expressly granted to an operating committee by statute including those granted by Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-339l.

ARTICLE III: BRRFOC Governance

- 3-1. The policy-making legislative body of BRRFOC shall be its Policy Board.
- 3-2. Composition of the Policy Board. The Policy Board shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the Contracting Communities, which representative shall be, in the case of each Contracting Community, the chief executive officer or designee of the chief executive officer.
- 3-3. Term of Policy Board Members. Each member of the Policy Board shall serve until a successor is chosen by the legislative body the Municipality, and in the case of a member who is the designee of any chief executive officer, by the chief executive officer of the Municipality
- 3-4. Policy Board Meetings.
 - a. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held during the month of November, or at the earliest time thereafter when a quorum is convened at a duly called meeting at which time it shall elect officers, adopt or ratify bylaws of the Policy Board, adopt a schedule of regular meetings until the next annual meeting and conduct such other business put before the Policy Board. The bylaws attached hereto and incorporated herein shall be the bylaws of the Policy Board and shall remain effective until the next annual meeting following the Effective Date of the Agreement.
 - b. Regular meetings shall be held in accordance with the schedule of meetings adopted at the Annual Meeting.
 - c. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by written petition signed by seven members of the Policy Board and filed with the Secretary.
 - d. Notice of meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Title 1, Chapter 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("FOIA"). Unless prohibited by the FOIA, in addition to any requirement of notice imposed by the FOIA, the Secretary shall notify members of meetings by mail or electronic mail notice thereof pursuant containing the date, time, and place thereof and a proposed agenda therefor. Except in the case of an emergency, the notice should be sent not more than twenty (20) nor less than seven (7) days before the meeting date. In the case of an emergency, notice of a meeting Policy Board shall be deemed adequate if given to each

- member either orally or by electronic mail or physical delivery at least forty-eight (48) hours before said meeting.
- e. To the extent permitted by the law, the members of the Policy Board may participate in a meeting thereof by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment.
- f. Minutes of all meetings of the shall be taken and mailed by the Secretary or the Executive Director to all members not later than two (2) weeks after each meeting and filed in accordance with any requirements of the FOIA.
- 3-5. Quorum. At any meeting of the Policy Board a majority of the members will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event of a quorum not being present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to some future time.
- 3-6. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws, the vote of a majority of the members present is required to approve any motion.

ARTICLE IV: BRRFOC Executive Officer

- 4-1. Executive Director. The Executive Director engaged by the Policy Board shall be the chief executive officer of BRRFOC, and in his or her absence, the acting President shall fulfill that position.
- 4-2. The Executive Director shall represent the interests of the Participating Municipalities with regard to the Agreement. The Executive Director shall be responsible for preparing executing the day to day management of BRRFOC including the preparation of agendas and minutes of Policy Board meetings and related administrative duties, preparation and presentation of a proposed budget to the Policy Board, providing quarterly financial statements to the Policy Board, serving as liaison for the Municipalities and assist with matters of environmental compliance, solid waste management, advocacy, and related tasks supporting the efforts of chief executive officers of the Municipalities.

Article V: Budget, Revenues and Expenditures

- 5-1. The Policy Board shall adopt an annual operating budget prior to the start of the Fiscal Year which shall contain estimated expenditures and income for the next fiscal year and may include estimated surpluses and reserves for capital and nonrecurring expenditures.
- 5-2. The Municipalities shall pay their proportionate share of costs and current expenses necessary for the operation and management of the BRRFOC as delineated in the adopted Fiscal Year operating budget. The costs and expenses of furnishing and providing the services, personnel, facilities, equipment, other property or resources shall be prorated based upon the proportion of each town's residential municipal solid waste delivered in the immediately preceding calendar year for the subsequent Fiscal Year Annual Budget, or prorated as otherwise determined by the Policy Board, which shall fix the date or dates of payment of such costs and expenses during each fiscal year. The Policy Board may provide special, out of the ordinary services as requested by a constituent municipality, provided the cost of such services is borne entirely by said municipality.

- 5-3. Expenditures of the BRRFOC shall not exceed the funds allocated by the approved budget. The BRRFOC may receive funds from the Municipalities for necessary expenditures. The BRRFOC may transfer any unexpended balance of any line item or items included in the budget to any other line item or items.
- 5-4. The fiscal year of the BRRFOC shall begin on July 1, and end on June 30 of the following calendar year.

ARTICLE VI: Miscellaneous

- 6-1. Arbitration: All disputes between the parties to this Agreement shall be first mediated and if not resolved, arbitrated. Either party can ask for mediation in which case arbitration of the dispute shall be deferred until the mediator determines an impasse has been reached. Arbitration may be done under the auspices of a private alternative dispute resolution organization located within Middlesex or Hartford Counties and all costs and expenses of the arbitration shall be awarded by the arbitrator. All decisions of the arbitrator shall be binding and final and not subject to appeal to the courts of Connecticut. All expenses of mediation shall be borne equally by the parties.
- 6-2. Indemnification: Each constituent municipality shall obtain indemnification of itself and the officials, including any designee as defined by Section 3-2 of this Agreement, officers or employees hereunder, to the extent required by Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 7-101a by means of insurance or otherwise against any losses, damages, or liabilities arising out of the receiving, obtaining, furnishing, or providing of services, personnel, facilities, equipment, or any other property, or resources, pursuant to this Agreement.
- 6-3. Separability: If any provision, Section, Article or clause of this Agreement, or the application of any such provisions, Section, Article or clause, to any person, or circumstances, shall for any reason be held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the application of such provision, Section, Article, or clause to persons, or circumstances, other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Article VII: Definitions

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall be given the meanings as defined herein:

"Acceptable Recyclables" means items designated as items required to be recycled under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat §22a-241b or as otherwise required to be recycled by statute.

"Acceptable Solid Waste" means mixed household solid waste and commercial solid waste generated within the boundaries of one or more of the Municipalities (including trash, refuse and garbage), other than Recyclable Materials, which has the characteristics of Solid Waste and which is (i) normally collected or disposed of by householders or other residents and by churches, schools and other municipal buildings (which for purposes of this Agreement shall be deemed to be household waste) or by commercial businesses, and (ii) permitted under then Applicable Law

to be accepted at the Delivery Point, processed at the Designated Facility and/or disposed of at a Landfill, and which is not Unacceptable Waste or Recyclable Materials or Acceptable Bulky Waste.

"Agreement" means this restated inter-community agreement between the Municipalities.

"Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee" or "BRRFOC" shall mean the political subdivision of the state of Connecticut formed by the Municipalities pursuant to this Agreement and Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 7- 339a-l and 22a-221a.

"Conn. Gen. Stat." shall mean the Connecticut General Statutes.

"Costs" shall mean all costs, or expenses, which are, or shall be incurred by the BRRFOC, or its employees and agents, under this Agreement, in connection with the receiving, obtaining, providing, or furnishing of services, personnel, facilities, equipment, other property or resources, or the performance of any of the functions or activities contemplated by this Agreement.

"Inter-community agreement" means the agreement dated as of August 1, 1985, by and among the towns and cities of Bristol and New Britain and the towns of Berlin, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Washington, as such agreement has been amended to include the towns of Wolcott, Warren, Hartland, Branford, Seymour, and Prospect and subsequently amended from time to time.

"Hazardous Waste" means any waste which by reason of its quality, concentration, composition or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics is deemed to be a hazardous waste pursuant to Conn. G.S. § 22a-115 and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 22a 449(c)-101. With regard to materials or substances which are not Hazardous Waste as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, if any law shall subsequently declare, or if any governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction shall thereafter determine, that such materials or substances are hazardous, then such materials or substances shall be considered Hazardous Waste for the purposes of this Agreement as of the effective date of such governmental determination.

"Mixed Municipal Solid Waste" means municipal solid waste that consists of mixtures of solid waste which have not been separated at the source of generation or processed into discrete homogeneous waste streams such as glass, paper, plastic, aluminum or tire waste streams provided such wastes shall not include any material required to be recycled pursuant to section 22a-241b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

"Municipalities" shall mean the Cities and Towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott.

"Municipality" shall mean any single one of the Municipalities.

"Municipal Solid Waste" means solid waste from residential, commercial, and industrial sources.

"Policy Board" means the legislative body of the BRRFOC constituted by the Municipalities to consider matters relating to this Agreement.

"Recycling" means the processing of solid waste to reclaim materials there from.

"Recycling facility" means land and appurtenances thereon and structures where recycling is conducted, including but not limited to, an intermediate processing center as defined in section 22a-260 Connecticut General Statues.

"Solid Waste" means unwanted or discarded solid, liquid, or semisolid or contained gaseous material excluding solid waste consisting of incidental amounts of recyclable solid waste, significant quantities of hazardous waste as defined in section 22a-115 of the Connecticut General Statues, land clearing debris, demolition debris, biomedical waste, sewage sludge and scrap metal.

[signature lines to be included]

TO:

The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE:

May 27, 2020

SUBJECT:

Exemption of Property from Taxation

Summary of Agenda Item:

Mooreland Hill School, Inc. closed its doors officially in August of 2020. The YMCA is interested in leasing some or all of the property from the former Moorland Hill School, Inc. State Statutes allows a town to adopt an ordinance to extend the tax exemption to a charitable, religious, or non-profit organization that is leasing property. The town must adopt an Ordinance for the exemption to be applied to a property. Richard H. Pentore, attorney for Mooreland Hill School, Inc. is requesting that the Town Council consider an Ordinance that would allow a tax exemption to a charitable, religious, or non-profit organization that is leasing property.

The Ordinance Committee held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 26th and voted in support of extending the tax exemption to a charitable, religious, or non-profit organization that is leasing property.

In order to move forward with this, the Town Council should set a Public Hearing for June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

The following is the proposed ordinance:

TAXATION AND FINANCE

Exemption of Property Leased to Charitable, Religious or Nonprofit Organizations (a) Pursuant to and subject to the requirements and terms of Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81(58), any real or personal property leased to a charitable, religious or nonprofit organization, exempt from taxation for federal income tax purposes, provided such property is used exclusively for the purposes of such charitable, religious or nonprofit organization, shall be exempt from taxation by the municipality. (b) The exemption set forth in (a) hereof shall apply to the Grand List of October 1, 2019, and each Grand List thereafter. (c) Upon the cessation of any factor serving as a basis for the exemption, as determined by the Tax Assessor, the property owner shall be liable for the payment of municipal taxes on that portion of the property that was exempt from the date of such cessation, including a prorated share of the taxes for the tax year in which such cessation took place. Such liability shall attach to the property as a charge thereon.

Action Needed:

Move to authorize the Town Manager to schedule and advertise for a Public Hearing to be held June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM on an Ordinance extending a tax exemption to charitable, religious, or non-profit organization that is leasing property.

Attachments:

Prepared By: Kate Wall, Town Clerk



Please return application to:

Town Manager's Office • 240 Kensington Road • Berlin, CT 06037

TOWN OF BERLIN

Application for Appointment to Boards and Commissions

I, the undersigned am interested in community service and provide this information for the use of the Town Council in considering my qualifications for appointment to a Town board or commission.

Please list your Board/Commission preference below:	
1. Contract Ct. Herseth Disprict	2
Name: RAY JANEMA	Telephone No.:
Home Address: 56 Wilden Mene Rl (Note: To apply, you must be a resident of Berlin)	Number of years in Berlin:
Are you a Registered Voter? Ve S (Note: To apply, you must be a Registered Voter in Berlin)	Party Affiliation: Un Affiliated
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Present Employment (company/position)	
Business Address	
Current and Past Civic/Community Involvement:	
Wetlands - Comme.	
Compred Ct. Health District	
Tell us why you feel qualified for this appointment:	families w/ Health 155 era
worked in the Ct. Dept. or Reblic 12	-
Can you think of any reason that a conflict of interest could arise	• /
Signature: Tay Janeau	Date: 5/12/2020

- 1. We encourage you to attend meetings of any board or commission you are interested in joining and request information about the specific duties and responsibilities involved.
- 2. The information that you provide will be used by the Town Council in making appointments and may be used in news releases if you are appointed.
- 3. If you have additional information that you want to provide, please attach extra pages.
- 4. If appointed, please remember the importance of attending the meetings. By Charter, the Town Council may remove a board member if three consecutive meetings are missed without justifiable cause. The Council shall make final determination as to what constitutes justifiable cause in considering such removal.



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Please list your Board/Commission preference below:	
. Central CT Heatth District	2. R 860-828-8445
Name: Patricia J. Chesho	Telephone No.: <u>C 860-221-8888</u>
Home Address: 1276 Worthington Ridge (Note: To apply, you must be a resident of Befin)	Number of years in Berlin: 40 +
Are you a Registered Voter? Olore: To apply you must be a Registered Voter in Berlin)	Party Affiliation: <u>Lemontal</u>
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Signature: Detrin J. Clacks	Date: 5/12/20
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Please list your Board/Commission preference below:

Commission for Persons with Disabilities	2		
Name: Salvatore Calafiore	Telephone No.: 860-604-6718		
Home Address: 151 Warner Rd (Note: To apply, you must be a resident of Berlin)	Number of years in Berlin: 5		
Email Address: sal@salcal.com	_		
Are you a Registered Voter? Yes (Note: To apply, you must be a Registered Voter in Berlin)	Party Affiliation: Republican		
Educational Background (optional)			
SalCal Real Estate Connections Broker/Owner			
Present Employment (company/position)			
488 New Britain Rd. Berlin CT 185 West Main St. New Britain, (CT.		
Business Address	01		
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Current and Past Civic/Community Involvement: Former	board member of midstate association of Realtors		
Tell us why you feel qualified for this appointment: Being	g a parent of a child with disabilities i feel that i have made		
some good contacts and gained experiance that would benefit th			
Can you think of any reason that a conflict of interest coul			
Signature:	Date: 5/14/2020		

- 1. We encourage you to attend meetings of any board or commission you are interested in joining and request information about the specific duties and responsibilities involved.
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The public can call into this meeting by calling 1-563-999-2090 you will be asked to punch in the access code followed by the pound sign -269573%. The public portion of the meeting will be limited since the main item is for Executive Session.

TOWN OF BERLIN
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Remote Meeting
6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kaczynski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were:

Councilor JoAnn Angelico-Stetson

Mayor Mark Kaczynski Councilor Brenden Luddy Councilor Charles Paonessa Councilor Peter Rosso Councilor Mike Urrunaga Councilor Donna Veach

Also in attendance:

Town Manager Arosha Jayawickrema Corporation Counsel Jeffrey Donofrio

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Pending Litigations – C.G.S.S. Sec. 1-200 (6) (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation – Coccomo Brothers Assoc LLC

Councilor Luddy moved to go into Executive Session: Pending Litigations – C.G.S.S. Sec. 1-200 (6) (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation – Coccomo Brothers Assoc LLC at 6:32 p.m. Invited in: Town Manager Jayawickrema, Corporation Counsel Donofrio, Attorney Jennifer Coppola, Economic Development Director Chris Edge, Economic Development Coordinator Jim Mahoney.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Town Council Special Meeting 2020-05-19

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Luddy moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0. (MOTION CARRIED)

Submitted by,

Kathryn J. Wall Clerk of the Meeting The public can call into this meeting and will be allowed to address the Town Council during "Audience of Citizens" or during the "Public Hearing" portion of the meeting. If you would like to listen in on the meeting or would like to address the Town Council please call 1-563-999-2090 at 7:00 p.m., you will be asked to punch in the access code followed by the pound sign – 269573#. The Mayor will ask for public comment. Once recognized by the Mayor, you will need to clearly state your name and address before speaking and may only speak during the audience of citizens and public hearing.

TOWN OF BERLIN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Remote Meeting
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kaczynski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were:

Councilor JoAnn Angelico-Stetson

Mayor Mark Kaczynski Councilor Brenden Luddy Councilor Charles Paonessa Councilor Peter Rosso Councilor Mike Urrunaga

Councilor Donna Veach

Also in attendance:

Town Manager Arosha Jayawickrema Corporation Counsel Jeffrey Donofrio

D. <u>AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS</u>

None

E. <u>MEETING AGENDA</u> – Immediately Following the Audience of Citizens

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Topic re: Approve the request of the St Paul Church to waive all fees associated with renovations to the school bathrooms. The total amount of the fees to be waived is estimated between \$3795-\$3920. - Building

- 2. Topic re: Accept monetary donations totaling \$522.47 for the Berlin Peck Memorial Library and deposit \$50.00 into the library agency account for the purchase of adult books and deposit \$472.47 into the children's donation account for the purchase of items for summer reading. Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
- 3. Topic re: Accept the donation of \$25.00 and appropriate the funds to the Police Peer Support Program Expenditure Account. Police Department
- 4. Topic re: Accept the donation of \$500.00 and appropriate the funds to the Supplies Expenditure Account. Police Department
- 5. Topic re: Accept donations to the Berlin Animal Control donation account for \$130.00 and items valued at \$93.00. Animal Control
- 6. Topic re: Accept donations totaling \$5,350.00 for the Timberlin 50th Anniversary Celebration and appropriate funds to the Tee Sign Expenditure account. Golf Course

Councilor Luddy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Topic re: Authorize the Town Manager to enter into Contract Agreement #2020-20 with AI Engineers, of Middletown, CT as the lowest responsive bidder for bridge engineering services for the Edgewood Road Bridge for the amount of \$21,445.50, and to increase the contract value through change orders to an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00. – Public Works

Public Works Director Mike Ahern stated that the most recent inspection of this bridge found it to be in poor condition and the bridge engineer recommended replacement with a concrete box culvert. The project will be done in-house with some specialty contractors. Engineering drawings are needed for permitting so that was put out to bid with five bids submitted and AI Engineers being the lowest bidder.

The base fee is \$18,481.50 plus \$1,944.00 for two easement maps and a \$1,020.00 allowance for oncall inspections for a total of \$21,445.50.

Councilor Luddy moved to authorize the Town Manager to enter into Contract Agreement #2020-20 with AI Engineers, of Middletown, CT as the lowest responsive bidder for bridge engineering services for the Edgewood Road Bridge for the amount of \$21,445.50, and to increase the contract value through change orders to an amount not to exceed \$26,000.00.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

2. Topic re: Waive the purchasing requirements and allow the Fleet Department to explore possible savings in the fuel futures for Gasoline and Diesel for 2021. If this is agreed upon, (between the Town Manager and the Finance Director) this can be obtained and will allow the town to lock into future agreements for the 2021 contracts, this is in the best interest of the town. — Municipal Garage

Fleet Manager Jim Simons stated that due to current economic conditions, the price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia, and the lack of consumption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a possibility for the Town to lock into favorable pricing on gasoline and diesel for 2021. Exact savings are not known at this time, but Mr. Simons recommends that the Town explore those savings and possibly purchase futures if research reveals a favorable savings.

Councilor Luddy moved to waive the purchasing requirements and allow the Fleet Department to explore possible savings in the fuel futures for Gasoline and Diesel for 2021. If this is agreed upon, (between the Town Manager and the Finance Director) this can be obtained and will allow the town to lock into future agreements for the 2021 contracts, this is in the best interest of the town.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

3. Topic re: Information on a Tax Increment Financing District - Economic Development

Economic Development Director Chris Edge stated that the Tax Increment Financing District or "TIF" is an economic development policy created by State Statute in early 2016 to help spur economic growth. It does not require State approval and the structures and details are put into place by the individual towns. This program does not cover the entire town, but a certain section or sections of town. One benefit is that it allows for a tax-fixing agreement for developers that want to move into town but need to know what their taxes will be for several years down the road. TIF will enable the town to set a tax rate on the property. The second benefit is the program allows a town to invest in a project which would in turn provide tax revenue when completed. Another piece is a credit-enhancement agreement where 100% of the taxes are paid and then the Town would refund a portion to the developer. An additional benefit is the Town can take a portion of taxes from this district and set them aside for economic development programs.

The area currently being considered is from Rowley Street to Middletown Road and the Berlin Turnpike as this program would give the Town the tools to make projects happen in this underdeveloped area.

Mr. Edge stated the program would need approval from Town Council with the opportunity for public feedback and input from Economic Development.

NO ACTION NEEDED

4. Topic re: Approve a grant of \$60,000 to MRP Realty LLC through the Town of Berlin Façade and Landscape Matching Grant Program for the project at 806 Farmington Avenue which has a projected project cost of \$159,000. — Economic Development

Economic Development Director Edge explained that MRP Realty LLC, owned by a local family, purchased the Dairy Queen on Farmington Avenue and is planning a renovation of the exterior as well as potentially creating an overhang for the window service area.

Councilor Luddy moved to approve a grant of \$60,000 to MRP Realty LLC through the Town of Berlin Façade and Landscape Matching Grant Program for the project at 806 Farmington Avenue which has a projected project cost of \$159,000.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

5. Topic re: Refer the granting of the easements on a portion of 889 Farmington Avenue to 861 and 873 Farmington Avenue for a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. – Economic Development

Economic Development Coordinator Jim Mahoney explained that parking and maintenance easements are proposed for a narrow strip of property along the south border of 889 Farmington Avenue. Granting these easements will allow perpendicular parking along the north side of 861 and 873 Farmington Avenue thus increasing the number of spaces that can be created and supporting enhanced development of these sites. Before Town Council can act on granting the easements the matter must be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an 8-24 review.

Councilor Luddy moved to refer the granting of the easements on a portion of 889 Farmington Avenue to 861 and 873 Farmington Avenue for a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

6. Topic re: Authorize the Town Manager to enter into a settlement agreement and stipulated judgment with Coccomo Brothers Associates LLC concerning its appeal of the Berlin PZC approval of the Newport Realty site plan and its claims of environmental damages to its property at 873 Farmington, consistent with the terms and conditions as discussed in executive session and subject to review and approval of Corporation Counsel. – Economic Development

Councilor Luddy moved to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a settlement agreement and stipulated judgment with Coccomo Brothers Associates LLC concerning its appeal of the Berlin PZC approval of the Newport Realty site plan and its claims of environmental damages to its property at 873 Farmington, consistent with the terms and conditions as discussed in executive session and subject to review and approval of Corporation Counsel.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

7. Topic re: Approve a tax abatement for Coccomo Brothers Associates LLC for the construction of a new 6,000 square foot addition of 50% in year 1, 40% in year 2, 30% in year 3, 20% in year 4, and 10% in year 5 per the town's tax abatement policy. – Economic Development

Economic Development Director Edge stated this request is in line with the Town's current tax abatement program. The 6,000 square foot addition would be to property located at 873 Farmington Avenue.

Councilor Luddy moved to approve a tax abatement for Coccomo Brothers Associates LLC for the construction of a new 6,000 square foot addition of 50% in year 1, 40% in year 2, 30% in year 3, 20% in year 4, and 10% in year 5 per the town's tax abatement policy.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

8. Topic re: Update on the Boulevard Project and the Transit Oriented Development Project at 861, 889, 903 and 913 Farmington Avenue. – Economic Development

Economic Development Coordinator Mahoney provided an update on the project. The settlement referred to in Item #6 will move the project forward. Bids for the Boulevard project are due on May 28th and award of the bid is expected in June. The cost estimate for the project has increase to \$1,645,000 from a previous estimate of \$1,400,000. The sale proceeds of 903 and 913 Farmington Avenue along with Newport's contribution toward off-site costs should provide adequate funding to cover the gap.

An easement must be obtained from Amtrak as they are the owners of Depot Road. If the easement is not granted by the time the Boulevard project is completed the Boulevard will be shortened and access will be provided through other areas until the easement is granted.

Easements for 883 and 921 Farmington Avenue are in the process of being finalized and as discussed this evening in Item #5, easements for 861 and 873 for a more efficient parking layout have been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NO ACTION NEEDED

9. Topic re: Waive the Town's bidding procedures to allow the Town Clerk's Office to continue to use Cott Systems, Inc. software for land records, increase the number of licenses for the dog program, provide maintenance, auditing services and supplies to the office for an amount not to exceed \$12,708 for fiscal year 2020. — Town Clerk

Town Clerk Kate Wall explained that Cott Systems, Inc software has been used by the Town Clerk's office for several years. The current land record auditor has had health issues which caused her to fall behind and Cott Systems was hired to provide this service. With dog licensing beginning on June 1st, and with about 1500 licenses issued during that month, the Town Clerk's office is requesting that licensing be done through the mail as Town Hall access is restricted. Currently the dog licensing software is not available on all staff members' computers and the Town Clerk feels it is important that each staff member have the dog program on their computer in order to spread out

the workload and prevent sharing of computers. A one-time fee of \$1,005.00 along with a \$75.00 per month increase for maintenance is required. The increased costs for auditing and the dog licensing program have brought the fees paid to Cott Systems, Inc to over the \$10,000 threshold.

Councilor Luddy moved to waive the Town's bidding procedures to allow the Town Clerk's Office to continue to use Cott Systems, Inc. software for land records, increase the number of licenses for the dog program, provide maintenance, auditing services and supplies to the office for an amount not to exceed \$12,708 for fiscal year 2020.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

10. Topic re: Support proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center for the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and approve the setting of a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center for the 2020 CT NAA Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input and designate Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, the liaison for the Town of Berlin to handle all Neighborhood Assistance matters. – Town Manager

Town Manager Arosha Jayawickrema explained that the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to business firms that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies. The community programs must be approved by the municipality and the Department of Revenue Services (DRS).

This year two proposals were submitted by the Prudence Crandall Center. The first proposal is for energy efficiency and the second proposal is for programs serving low-income people. As part of the process the municipality must hold a public hearing and the governing body of the town must vote to approve the programs and a liaison must be designated to handle all Neighborhood Assistance matters.

Councilor Angelico-Stetson expressed her support of the Prudence Crandall Center for the services they provide for the community.

Councilor Luddy moved to support proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center for the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and approve the setting of a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center for the 2020 CT NAA Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

Councilor Luddy moved to designate Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, the liaison for the Town of Berlin to handle all Neighborhood Assistance matters.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

H. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- State Reopening May 20, 2020 In anticipation of Phase I of the reopening of certain services in the State and Town the Interim Town Planner Maureen Giusti, Economic Development Director Chris Edge, the Building Department and Fire Marshall created a summary of what can and can't be done during this first phase. A simple application for businesses created by the State entitled "Temporary Certificate of Outdoor Activities" must be signed by the Fire Marshall, Zoning Officer and Building official.
- Town Services Reopening May 26, 2020 At that time customers will be allowed into Town Hall by appointment only, but they will be encouraged to continue to obtain services via phone, email or electronic services.
 - o The Berlin-Peck Memorial Library has been collecting, quarantining and sanitizing returned books. Beginning June 1^{st,} they will begin curbside drop off and pick up of materials.
 - O The Community Center will remain closed to the public, but the Parks and Recreation department is working with the Health District and neighboring towns to determine what will happen with summer programs. It may not be economically feasible to hire staff for programs that may be cut to 10-20% of their normal capacity.
 - The Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. The Director and her staff continue to work with area seniors to make sure their needs are being met.
 - Animal Control is closed to the public, but staff is working.
 - O Directional signs regarding entrances, face masks and appointments will be posted on Town Hall doors. Signs will also be posted to prevent unnecessary wandering throughout the building.
- Various video conferencing capabilities have been reviewed for the continuation of Town meetings. Web Ex was chosen for its' functionality, security features and price. The Town Manager would like to run a test of the program and Mac Books can be borrowed from the Board of Education for board members that do not have devices with a microphone and camera. An Ordinance Committee meeting is planned for next week and could be an opportunity to try the Web Ex program.
- Discussion was held between Mayor Kaczynski, Corporation Counsel and the Town
 Manager regarding which businesses were part of the Phase I reopening plan, as well the day
 to day changes to COVID-19 protocol issued by the Governor. The Council asked the Town
 Manager to encourage staff to promptly assist businesses applying for outside seating to ease
 the burden the virus has caused to their livelihood; and residents applying for pool permits as
 those permits have increased this year due to the cancellation of family vacations.

I. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

J. COUNCILORS' COMMUNICATION:

None

K. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

May 5, 2020

Councilor Luddy moved to accept the Town Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2020.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Luddy moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Seconded by Councilor Paonessa.

Vote being 7-0 (MOTION CARRIED)

Submitted by,

Kathryn J. Wall Clerk of the Meeting