

**MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

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CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 12 members present, 2 absent.
From District II, there were 14 members present, 2 absent.
From District III, there were 13 members present, 2 absent.
From District IV, there were 12 members present, 3 absent.
From District V, there were 15 members present, 2 absent.
From District VI, there were 12 members present, 3 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Ezbiansky, Lublin.
The absentees from District II were: Handler, McNally.
The absentees from District III were: Anderson, Moore.
The absentees from District IV were: McKay, Montanaro, Peters.
The absentees from District V were: Haueisen, Hayes.
The absentees from District VI were: Cantavero, Lauritzen, McDermott.

The Moderator, Seth Morton, assumed the Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rajczewski provided the following update on the upcoming election:

District I - 9 candidates for 11 seats
District II - 9 candidates for 8 seats
District III - 13 candidates for 13 seats

District IV - 7 candidates for 11 seats
District V - 9 candidates for 12 seats
District VI - 11 candidates for 11 seats

Mrs. Rajczewski said that write-ins have until noon on November 6th to register in the Town Clerk's Office. Regarding District II, there was a change in the number of seats because of the number of electors by October 1st.

The Moderator said that the League of Women Voters will hold its Candidates Night tomorrow at 7 p.m., and he invited everyone to attend and participate.

SPEAKERS

The Moderator introduced Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development in Stamford, Ct. and Elizabeth L. Stocker, Economic Developer in Norwalk, Ct., who both spoke about economic development in their respective cities and the impact on Darien.

James Cameron, District IV, asked what workforce housing is. Ms. Stocker said that is affordable housing based on 80% of the median income. Mr. Cameron then asked about the area in Norwalk where the Garden Cinema was located. He asked if the developer had lost funding. Ms. Stocker said that this development is currently stalled. The bank took the property back from the developer. They are hopeful that this will be worked out soon.

Arpita Muchhal, District VI, said she was concerned about rents being too high, which could lead to businesses being shuttered in both Stamford and Norwalk. Mr. Madden said that retail in Stamford has a 42% vacancy rate. Stamford requires that 10% of the units have affordable rents. BLT is the only developer in the South End that is meeting the 10%. Regarding retail, they are going to impose deed restrictions on the amount of rent that can be charged. Ms. Stocker said that in Norwalk, they have a very low vacancy rate in apartments; approximately 90% are occupied. Norwalk also requires that 10% of any development with over 20 units must be affordable units. They are also looking at adopting TOD around the train station. There are retail issues in SONO and Wall Street, and they are looking into ways to counter those issues. They have a program on Wall Street where they help with rents until a business takes hold. Some communities do tax property owners at a higher rate if their properties are vacant, which she likes.

Jack Davis, District III, asked what was being done about UConn, where people cannot get certain degrees unless they go to Storrs. What actions are being taken to insure that the work force is skilled for what they are trying to do? Mr. Madden said there are new dorms in Stamford which means that people can get four year degrees in Stamford. UConn is out of space. Re the degrees, they have been meeting for six months with professionals in Stamford as to the types of degrees needed. . They do have limits because of their size, but they are starting to show UConn that they need to offer more in Stamford. He said that Mr. Davis' idea regarding community colleges had merit. They are meeting with 65 Human Relations Managers of businesses, colleges & universities so that they hear what is needed by these companies.

The Moderator thanked Ms. Stocker & Mr. Madden.

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CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING A QUIT-CLAIM DEED OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS HAZEL STREET TO THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS

**** JOANNE HENNESSY, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF PZ&H, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the property commonly known as Hazel Street, which is located off West Avenue, and abuts Woodland Park has always been considered a private street; and

WHEREAS, the Town had been contacted by Eversource Energy Services Company proposing a plan to replace a failing gas main located on Hazel Street; and

WHEREAS, Eversource Energy Services Company had previously performed a title search of said property; and

WHEREAS, the Eversource Energy Services Company as part of the title search determined the street was owned by the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS transfer of title to the street in question was conveyed to the Town of Darien on August 4, 1959 as part of a larger transfer; and

WHEREAS, a deed allegedly conveying title to the street to the abutting property owners on July 29, 1994 was ineffective; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has neither accepted said road nor maintained it; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has satisfied itself that it is the owner of said property; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to move the repair work forward the Representative Town Meeting adopted a resolution on October 24, 2016 authorizing the First Selectman to execute an easement to Eversource Energy Services Company over the property and allow it to conduct necessary repairs.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Darien to transfer said property back to abutting property owners and in return obtain a release to the Town of Darien for any claims relating to said property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the abutting property owners to have said property conveyed to them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting hereby authorizes the First Selectman to execute a Quitclaim Deed to the property owners as tenants in common of any and all interest the Town may have in Hazel Street as more particularly described in the attached Schedule A attached hereto and made part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said transfer is conditional upon the property owners releasing any claim they may have against the Town in conjunction with said property.

SCHEDULE A
Legal Description

The following is a legal description of the ownership interest that the Town of Darien has in Hazel Street, Darien, CT:

“Commencing at a point where the northeasterly line of West Avenue intersects the northwesterly line of Hazel Street;

Thence proceeding N 31° 21’ 26” W 264.52 feet along land now or formerly of the Town of Darien;

Thence continuing N 29° 46’ 26” W, 223.29 feet along land now or formerly of the Town of Darien;

Thence proceeding southeasterly along land now or formerly of the Town of Darien, 50.01 feet, more or less;

Thence proceeding southwesterly along land now or formerly of Samuel T. Wiley and Mary Ann Wiley, being land commonly known as 39 Hazel Street, 75 feet;

Thence continuing southwesterly along land now or formerly of Harry A. Graham and Craig L. Lyons, Trustees, being land commonly known as 37 Hazel Street, 75 feet;

Thence continuing southwesterly along land now or formerly of Julie Seguss and Simon Seguss, being land commonly known as 35 Hazel Street, 75 feet;

Thence continuing southwesterly along land now or formerly of Mayank Misra and Roopali Misra, being land commonly known as 31 Hazel Street, 75 feet;

Thence continuing southwesterly along land now or formerly of Richard Sanislo, being land commonly known as 29 Hazel Street, 60.45 feet;

Thence proceeding southwesterly along land now or formerly of Tracey A. Berry, being land commonly known as 374 West Avenue, 128.05 feet, to a point at which the southeasterly line of Hazel Street intersects the northeasterly line of Hazel Street;

Thence proceeding northwesterly along West Avenue 50.04 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning.”

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

Joanne Hennessy, District V, Chairman of PZ&H, read the committee report (attached).

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

**** ITEM 17-24 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 76 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

17-25

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO DARIEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING VETERANS

**** JACK DAVIS, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE & BUDGET, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has revised § 12-81f of the Connecticut General Statutes which permits municipalities to adopt an ordinance to provide a local option exemption from property taxation for qualified veterans and their surviving spouses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien finds it appropriate to provide such relief to veterans and surviving spouses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Darien hereby elects to provide an additional exemption for property tax for certain veterans and their surviving spouses in accordance with and to the extent permitted by said statute. A copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and made part hereof.

Additional exemption for veterans eligible under C.G.S. § 12-81(19)

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-81f(a), any veteran eligible for a property tax exemption in accordance with C.G.S. § 12-81(19) shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of property in the amount of ten percent of such assessed value, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed, by more than \$25,000, the applicable maximum amount as provided under C.G.S. § 12-81l, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Additional exemption for veterans eligible under C.G.S. § 12-81(20)

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-81f(b), any veteran eligible for a property tax exemption in accordance with C.G.S. § 12-81(20) shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of property in the amount of \$3,000, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed, by more than \$25,000, the applicable maximum amount as provided under C.G.S. § 12-81l, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Additional exemption for veterans' surviving spouses eligible under C.G.S. § 12-81(22)

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-81f(c), any veteran's surviving spouse eligible for a property tax exemption in accordance with C.G.S. § 12-81(22) shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of property in the amount of ten percent of such assessed value, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed, by more than \$25,000, the applicable maximum amount as provided under C.G.S. § 12-81l, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Application

Any veteran or veteran's spouse seeking an exemption pursuant to this division shall file an application with the assessor of the town as provided under 12-81f of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Notification; change in qualifying income

Any person who has submitted an application and been approved in any year for the additional exemption under this division shall, in the year immediately following approval, be presumed to be qualified for such exemption. During the year immediately following such approval, the assessor shall notify, in writing, each person presumed to be qualified pursuant to this subsection. If any such person has qualifying income in excess of the maximum amount allowed under this division, such person shall notify the assessor on or before the next filing date for such exemption and shall be denied such exemption for the assessment year immediately following and for any subsequent year until such person has reapplied and again qualified for such exemption. Any person who fails to notify the assessor of such disqualification shall make payment to the town in the amount of property tax loss related to the exemption improperly taken.

Effective Date

This section shall be applicable with respect to the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016 and each assessment year thereafter.

Reporting

By October 15th of each year, the Tax Assessor shall notify the Board of Selectman of the number of veterans who have applied for such exemption, the total eligible exemptions requested, and based upon the number and incomes of eligible applicants, the amount of the Total Eligible Grand List Exemption.

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

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

Joanne Hennessy, District V, Chairman of PZ&H, read the committee report (attached).

James Patrick, District V, Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Martha Banks, District IV, said that she had voted against this in the Finance & Budget Committee, but she did it more on principle. There are programs in effect already, and there are other groups that are deserving - when do you stop?

**** ITEM 17-25 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 73 IN FAVOR, 3 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

17-26

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON OPTING OUT OF RECENT LEGISLATION
(PUBLIC ACT 17-155 REGARDING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE
STRUCTURES)**

**** JOANNE HENNESSY, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF PZ&H, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Legislature has adopted Public Act 17-155 concerning “temporary health care structures” that was approved on July 6, 2017 and went into effect on October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 17-155 approves “temporary health care structures” as allowable accessory units in single-family residential zones, unless a municipality opts out of the statute; and

WHEREAS, the applicable statute allows a municipality to opt out of such structures by vote of its legislative body; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing conducted by the Planning & Zoning Commission on the matter was properly noticed and held on October 3, 2017 to solicit public comment on the proposal pursuant to the subject act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Darien on the 3rd day of October, 2017, voted to recommend the Town opt out of Public Act 17-155 concerning temporary health care structures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby votes to opt out of the provision Public Act 17-155.

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

Joanne Hennessy, District V, Chairman of PZ&H, read the committee report (attached).

James Patrick, District V, Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Clara Sartori, District II. said she agreed with the concept of opting out. She asked if there was a timeline for doing something. Joanne Hennessy, District V, Chairman of PZ&H, said that they had discussed this in committee, but there is no timeframe or proposals. Jeremy Ginsberg, P&Z Director, said that the P&Z Commission discussed monitoring what other districts are doing. Many are opting out; they will continue to monitor any future plans.

**** ITEM 17-26 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 71 IN FAVOR, 4 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois
Telesco Secretarial Services

APPENDIX

<u>DISTRICT I</u>	<u>(17-24)</u>	<u>(17-25)</u>	<u>(17-26)</u>
Baldwin	yes	yes	no
Barsanti	yes	yes	yes
Bumgardner	yes	yes	yes
Butler	yes	yes	yes
Carter	yes	yes	yes
Conologue	yes	yes	yes
Ezbiansky	absent	absent	absent
Keane	yes	yes	yes
Kelly, C.	yes	yes	yes
Lee	yes	yes	yes
Lublin	absent	absent	absent
Pattelli	yes	yes	yes
Schneider	yes	yes	yes
von Stuelpnagel	yes	yes	yes

DISTRICT II

Bacon	yes	no	yes
Boulier	yes	yes	yes
Cusack	yes	yes	yes
Goertel	yes	yes	yes
Handler, S.	absent	absent	absent
Howe	yes	yes	yes
McNally	absent	absent	absent
Miller	yes	yes	abstain
Mix	yes	yes OK	no
Pommernelle	yes	yes	?
Russell	yes	yes	yes
Sartori	yes	yes	yes
Sawitsky	yes	yes	yes
Thorne, B.	yes	yes	yes
Tie	yes	yes	no
Wheeler	yes	no	yes

DISTRICT III

Anderson	absent	absent	absent
Cardone	yes	yes	yes
Conniff	yes	yes	yes
Jack Davis	yes	yes	yes
Feldman	yes	yes	yes
Giordano	yes	yes	yes
Maroney	yes	yes	yes
McGoey	yes	yes	yes
Mitchell	yes	yes	yes
Moore	absent	absent	absent
Morton	DOES NOT VOTE		
Riordan	yes	yes	yes
Vitale	yes	yes	yes
Washecka	yes	yes	yes
Yarnell	yes	yes	yes

<u>DISTRICT IV</u>	<u>(17-24)</u>	<u>(17-25)</u>	<u>(17-26)</u>
Banks	yes	no	yes
Cameron	yes	yes	yes
Joan Davis	yes	yes	yes
Fiore	yes	yes	yes
Hardison	yes	yes	yes
P. Hawkins	yes	yes	yes
Kemp	yes	yes	yes
McKay	absent	absent	absent
Miceli	yes	yes	yes
Millar	yes	yes	yes
Montanaro	absent	absent	absent
Morrison	yes	yes	yes
Peters	absent	absent	absent
Rayhill	yes	yes	yes
Savage	yes	yes	yes

<u>DISTRICT V</u>			
Adiletta	yes	yes	yes
Bayne, C.	yes	yes	yes
Bayne, D.	yes	yes	yes
Boulton	yes	yes	yes
Duffy	yes	yes	yes
Fiveson	yes	yes	yes
Hauelsen	absent	absent	absent
Hayes, M.	absent	absent	absent
Hennessy	yes	yes	yes
Martin	yes	yes	yes
McLachlin	yes	yes	yes
Mosher	yes	yes	yes
Patrick	yes	yes	yes
Reed	yes	yes	yes
Smith	yes	yes	yes
Sparkman	yes	yes	no
Ven	yes	yes	yes

<u>DISTRICT VI</u>			
Adelman	no	yes	yes
Cantavero	absent	absent	absent
Chickles	yes	yes	yes
Grogan	yes	yes	yes
Handler, M.	yes	yes	yes
Ted Hawkins	yes	yes	yes
Lauritzen	absent	absent	absent
Lewis	yes	yes	yes
Luz	yes	yes	yes
McDermott	absent	absent	absent
Muchhal	yes	yes	yes
Poli	yes	yes	yes
Silsby	yes	yes	yes
Swenson	yes	yes	yes
Van Loan	yes	abstain	yes

PZ & H Committee Report to the RTM

Hazel Street

October 23, 2017

The Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee met on October 17, 2017, with 7 of 12 members present, comprising a quorum. We discussed authorizing the QuitClaim deed of the Town of Darien's interest in the street to the abutting property owners. The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hennessy, Chair Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the RTM

RTM F&B Report

October 23, 2017

(17-24) RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED OF ITS INTEREST IN PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS HAZEL STREET TO THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS

The RTM Finance & Budget Committee met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 with 12 of 13 members present constituting a quorum.

The F&B committee discussed the financial impact of this resolution and the quitclaim. It was determined that essentially there was no financial cost. In fact, by not providing the quitclaim, the town could incur costs.

The RTM F&B committee voted unanimously (12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention) to approve this resolution to authorize a quitclaim deed in the property commonly known as Hazel Street to the abutting property owners and recommends the same to the full RTM.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Davis

Chairman, RTM F&B committee

RTM F&B Report

October 23, 2017

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(17-) RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS

I am Jack Davis, District 3, Chairman of the RTM Finance & Budget Committee.

I move RTM resolutions 17-²⁵ consideration and action on providing an ^{additional} exemption for veterans from the Town of Darien. _A

Do I have a second? If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the resolutions.

The RTM F&B Committee met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 with 11 of 12 members present. We discussed this resolution in detail.

A bit of background is offered. The state offers veterans or their surviving spouses an exemption. The state statutes have some limitations depending upon the exemption. Some of those limitations are whether a veteran served at time of war or income limitations or if the veteran is disabled. Darien has 417 veterans receiving regular local exemptions ranging from \$500 to \$1500 for Darien. There are 46 veterans (including disabled) receiving additional state exemptions based upon income requirements. Those requirements are \$35,200 for single and \$42,900 for married. The income state exemption has the state reimbursing Darien for the first \$1000 and the municipalities absorb the remaining \$500 real estate assessed value exemption – essentially an unfunded mandate for Darien. During the current fiscal year, the total real estate assessed exemption associated with veterans totaled \$867M with a calculated cost of \$14M in taxes. The real estate assessment reduction equates to 1bp of our town's total grand list assessment value.

There are 13 communities in Fairfield County that provide additional veterans real estate assessment exemptions. The towns vary on income levels and the amounts of the exemptions.

Darien's proposed real estate assessment exemption is based upon income. Those are \$60,200 for a single and \$67,900 for married – or \$25m over the state income threshold. Incomes are determined by Federal Adjusted Gross Income (commonly referred to as AGI); adding back tax exempt Social Security Income and other adjustments. Darien proposes to provide an additional 10% reduction of a home's assessed value as the exemption for those that qualify under the income guidelines. Surviving spouses of veterans are included in the proposal. Based upon the analysis performed by the tax assessor's office, it is anticipated that between 50 to 60 households in Darien will qualify for this new exemption. The reduction to the grand list assessed value will be approximately \$2.9MM corresponding to approximately \$4M. The impact of this proposal will not be effective until the 2018/2019 fiscal year as the exemption is effective for the subsequent fiscal year once approved.

For those that follow veteran's affairs, the state just recently passed an additional veteran's exemption for gold star parents and spouses. After much discussion, it was determined to wait until all is known about this new exemption. It is not due to take effect until after the next fiscal year and to the best of our knowledge, our town does not currently have any residents that would qualify.

The committee voted 10 in favor, one opposed and no abstentions and recommends the full RTM pass this exemption.

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The minority opinion is that there are numerous existing exemptions for veterans; the elderly; and those struggling to make tax payments. Based upon the state of the state finances and the unknowns with the state budget and how the final budget will impact our town, the individual voted against this resolution. It should be noted that this vote was not against veterans nor should it be interpreted as such – it was a financial decision.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Davis

RTM Finance & Budget Committee Chair

PZ & H Committee Report to the RTM

Tax Exemption for qualifying veterans

October 23, 2017

The Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee met on October 17, 2017, with 7 of 12 members present, comprising a quorum. We discussed the proposed tax exemption for Veterans and surviving spouses. The maximum cost of this exemption is forecast to be \$48,000. There are maximum income limits to be eligible.

The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hennessy, Chair Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the RTM

17-25

Minutes of the Public Health and Safety Committee Special Joint Meeting with RTM Planning, Zoning & Housing October 17, 2017

Members in attendance: Mac Patrick, Laura Mosher, Gary Swenson, Susannah Lewis, Susanne Handler, Mia Handler, Colin Kelly, Lois Schneider, Holly Giordano, M. Carolina McGoey.

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Members absent: Brian Rayhill, Nina Miller, Bill Peters, Kate Haueisen.

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We discussed the proposed tax exemption for Veterans. This revision to our tax code would allow for tax exemptions for veterans, disabled veterans and, in certain cases, surviving spouses of veterans. The PH&S Committee members in attendance voted all in favor of this resolution, and ask the RTM to do the same.

The next item on the agenda discussed was Route 1 corridor safety improvements. Some of the suggestions made during our discussion were:

- *Reduced speed limits around Hindley School
- *Timed crossing signals
- * Crosswalk at the library

We agreed to discuss this again at a future meeting. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:00.

PZ&H Committee and Jeremy Ginsberg, Director Planning and Zoning joined PH&S Committee to discuss the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted resolution to opt-out of Public Act

Taken from: Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

In 1863, Mr. Benjamin Fitch, a wealthy Connecticut businessman, promised soldiers recruited for Connecticut Regiments serving in the Civil War that he would care for them should they be injured during their military service and care for the families of soldiers killed in the war. This promise led to the establishment in Darien, CT of the Fitch Home for Veterans which was incorporated by the Connecticut Legislature in 1864. This "Home" was the first in the history of the United States to offer shelter and support for soldiers of war, their widows and orphans. This very compassionate and humanistic concept was soon adopted by other states and evolved into a national network of homes which were the forerunner of today's Department of Veterans Affairs known as the VA.

PZ & H Committee Report to the RTM

Temporary Health Structures

October 23, 2017

The Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee met on October 17, 2017, with 7 of 12 members present, comprising a quorum. We discussed the proposed resolution to opt out of the new State law allowing temporary health structures on single family property. While we agree the law to be well intentioned, there are too many vagueries in implementation and unintended consequences.

The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hennessy, Chair Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee of the RTM

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17-155 concerning temporary Health care structures. These housing units are defined by the Act as a transportable residential structure, not larger than 500 gross square feet. This type of structure would be installed in the backyard of a single-family home where the homeowner is the unpaid caregiver for a mentally or physically impaired person. Said impaired person would reside in the Health Care Structure. After much discussion, The Public Health and Safety Committee of the RTM all voted in favor of opting out of Public Act 17-155, and ask the Full RTM to do the same

Mac Patrick adjourned the meeting at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mosher

Our Committee all agreed that Davion could at a later date revisit this issue