

MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING #3285
FEBRUARY 6, 2001
4th FLOOR CAFETERIA, GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Present for the Board were: Duane Hill, Chairman; Marggie Laurie; Donna Loglisci; Helene Rheingold; and Claire Fishman. Present for staff: Robin Stein, Land Use Bureau Chief; and Carol Davis, Senior Planner.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hill opened the hearing at 7:30 pm.

2001/2002 Capital Budget 2002-2008 Capital Plan

Mrs. Laurie read the legal notice and Mr. Hill explained the procedure for the meeting.

Board of Education Budget

Seventeen speakers asked for reinstatement of funds for an auditorium at the Middle School on Scofieldtown Road. Arguments in favor of an auditorium stressed the need for adequate facilities to continue the outstanding band and theater arts program at Rippowam. It was emphasized that without an auditorium it will be difficult to attract students to the magnet school.

There were seven speakers requesting full funding for Northeast Elementary School Renovations. Speakers cited overcrowding, inadequate handicapped facilities, and other unsatisfactory conditions at the school.

One speaker made a plea for more funds for all school needs and another requested a new high school now.

Library

Eight Springdale residents and one from Hubbard Avenue spoke in favor of the Weed Branch renovation. They said that the branch serves many children and elderly and that improvements will provide for the needs of these two groups. They explained that a study has been completed and funding is needed to go forward with the plans. Sue Greenwald from Friar Tuck Lane said she represents 62 neighbors in her request for Weed funding.

Operations – Water Pollution Control

Two residents of Sweet Briar Road spoke in favor of sewers in their neighborhood. They asked for planning funds in the 2001 budget so that construction can begin in 2002. Carmen Domonkos said she neglected to alert residents about the public hearing and that many others would have come to speak to this matter had they known.

There being no other speakers the hearing was closed at 9:15 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Stein said he received a request for a public hearing on a two lot subdivision on Highland Avenue. After discussion Mrs. Laurie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rheingold to hold a public hearing. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board asked staff to send out a tentative schedule of meetings with the Master Plan consultants.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2001. Mrs. Loglisci and Mr. Garnjost will be unable to attend. A public hearing was scheduled for February 27, 2001 and the meeting on February 20 was cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Duane Hill, Chairman
Stamford Planning Board

Note: These proceedings were recorded on tape and are available for review during regular business hours.