

South End NRZ Zoom Minutes  
Sept 10th, 2024

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Present: **11 Participants**

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Inquiries were made about the Yale & Towne building, mentioning the holes and the drilling being done around the building. According to the September 16<sup>th</sup> article in the CT Examiner the State Superior Court date is scheduled for March 2026.

**Francis Gerety** mentioned the damaged polls on Elmcroft Road that were wrapped with yellow tape by the Fire Department. It seems nothing has been done to show any coming action to remove the broken poll. Francis was advised by Terry Adams to send a complaint with the poll number to Fix-it-Stamford to get resolution.

**Elise Coleman & John Wooten** are collaborating to set up a Medicaid and Medicare information seminar for seniors in the community room at the Hazel Stamford located on 44 John Street. The Medicare and Medicaid sign up is said to be between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**John Wooten** mentioned that the City of Stamford received 29 million for housing choice vouchers and he has been trying to find out if the money is going to be site based. John suggested setting up a meeting at City Hall and bringing in someone from Charter Oak to give an update.

**Monika Twal** inquired about the widening of Garden Street

**Terry Adams** answered that the widening of Garden Street is pending in Land Use for review.

**Sue Halpern** stated people are using Woodland Cemetery as a dog park. The cemetery is contracted out, but the new management is not doing a good job. The dogs are in the cemetery all day long. **John Wooten** suggested extending patrols outside of their normal hours of 8-4 pm.

**Sue Halpern** mentioned the Blue Light Call system in which they are trying to decide which parks are going to get them.

**Monika Twal** stated the emergency blue polls are up, but they are not working. The polls have been shrink wrapped since they been installed. The emergency poll on Mill River also doesn't work.

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**Sue Halpern** suggested reaching out to Louis DeRubis of Public Safety. The polls are supposed to be used to charge up cell phones and to be able to push a button for an emergency. Monika emphasized it has been over a year and the polls haven't been working.

**John Wooten** asked, "Do we still have a police captain assigned to attend the NRZ meetings"?

**Terry Adams** answered Jerry June is assigned to the South End, but he seems to be extremely busy.

There was mention of a new grocery store that might be going into the Fairway location. The new store may not be big enough to fill up the entire space so there is a possibility there might be a food court with multiple vendors to share the rent.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm**