

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**  
( Or immediately following Blight Committee Meeting)

**JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Alderman Ron Sill called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Ron Sill, Charles Sampson, Evelyn Browning, Rob Hyder

Also Present: Andrew Baklik, Chief of Staff  
Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer  
Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools  
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Sampson to adopt the agenda as posted. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Sill asked if anyone wished to speak during the public portion.

**Andrew Baklik, 501 Roosevelt Drive, Derby, CT**

Mr. Baklik informed the committee that the City of Derby was awarded a \$1 million dollar grant today from the Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities Program for improvements to Cicia Manor and thanked Patty Finn, Peter Testa, and the Derby Housing Authority for their hard work writing the grant.

Ms. Finn thanked Mr. Baklik for his kind words.

Mr. Sill asked three more times if anyone wished to address the committee. Hearing no requests, the public portion was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2019 COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING**

**A MOTION** was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Sampson to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Hyder abstained as he was not at the meeting **Motion carried.**

## **VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS TRAINING SCHOOL RESOLUTION**

Mr. Sill stated that this is a very hot topic for all Valley towns during the last election and it has been promised for years. It was noted that at the last election season the money was in place for this to finally happen.

### **CITY OF DERBY BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN**

#### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS REGIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, fire training for our volunteer fire fighters is necessary for them to safely and properly respond to calls under all conditions in order to protect members of the public experiencing danger, distress and tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School is a worthy, necessary and important investment for the safety of the residents of the City of Derby and for the safety of the public living in the entire southwestern Connecticut region; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a permanent location for the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School is necessary to provide professional, technical, affordable, convenient and varied courses for our volunteer fire fighters; and

**WHEREAS**, a fire training school is necessary to maintain, train and draw new volunteers to not only protect the public but to keep the essential service of volunteer fire fighting in place for the City of Derby and the entire southwestern Connecticut region; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut has invested over two million dollars for the purchase of land, geologic and soil testing and architectural renderings for a new Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School in Beacon Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid process for construction of the School has been completed for a second time; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the School is required through approval by the State of Connecticut Bonding Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Derby Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen supports the construction and permanent establishment of the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School at the proposed location in the Town of Beacon Falls in order to ensure the proper emergency response training for our volunteer fire fighters to protect the public safety for not only the people of the City of Derby but for the entire southwestern Connecticut region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Derby Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen support the placing of the funding for the School on the next State of Connecticut Bond Commission's agenda and recommends that the Bonding Commission approve the funding as soon as possible so that the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School may be permanently located in the Town of Beacon Falls in the immediate future.

Dated at Derby, Connecticut and adopted by the Derby Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen on this tenth day of October 2019.

BY: Richard Dziekan, Mayor

ATTEST: Marc J. Garofalo, MPA, CCTC, Town/City Clerk

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to move to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to adopt a resolution entitled "Resolution Supporting the Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School." **Motion carried.**

**APPRAISAL OF PARCEL 12-5 3 ON DERBY ASSESSOR'S MAP**

Mr. Sill stated this item was discussed at the last full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meeting. It is a parcel of land that is not buildable. We need to have an appraisal done in order to sell this parcel and have it placed on the City's tax rolls.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sampson with a second by Ms. Browning to move to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to authorize an appraisal of the City owned Parcel 12-5 3 on Derby Assessor's Map located on Roosevelt Drive. **Motion carried.**

**DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE COMPUTERS AT DERBY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Mr. Garofalo said there is a letter from Nicole Cignoli in everyone's packet. She is seeking permission to dispose of ten obsolete computers. The committee discussed if these were used by staff at the library or by the public with Mr. Sampson stating that if there is employee information then the hard drives should be removed and smashed. Mr. Garofalo said that is already in place as standard protocol. Ms. Cignoli asked if Public Works would be able to dispose of the computers. Mr. Sampson said we'll vote on this at the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meeting and recommend that they dispose of them.

**A MOTION** was made by Ms. Browning with a second by Mr. Hyder to move to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to approve the decommissioning and disposal of ten obsolete desktop computers at the Derby Public Library pursuant to a letter dated August 23, 2019. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Ms. Browning to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn

Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**