



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT**
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the U.S. Troops in Iraq.

Roll Call

Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - absent
Alderman John "Jack" Finn - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Joseph Lanzi - present
Alderman Diane M. Marangelo - present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - absent
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Corporation Counsel Thomas Welch

There was a quorum of 6 present, 2 absent.

Public Session

Mayor Lauretti asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Tom Harbinson, Shelton Conservation Commission

I'm pleased to report that the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has awarded us a grant for a proposed land acquisition project at the Indian Wells overlook.

This funding came from the State of Connecticut's Open Space and Land Acquisition Grant program – this amount is for \$72,000. This is an area about 10 acres on an overlook bluff along Route 110 opposite the entrance of

Indian Wells State Park. This will go further towards preserving that Housatonic River Greenway. The Blue Dot Trail will be able to connect through this parcel. It does abut other City open space parcels.

We're very pleased, we went to the Town of Waterbury this week, Harriet Wilbur and myself, to receive this grant from Art Rocque, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and Lieutenant Governor Jodi Rell.

This was part of a number of grants that were distributed throughout the State, and we're very happy to continue this success with the grant applications that the City of Shelton has persevered on.

Mayor Laretti stated, Tom, I hope you took the opportunity to remember me to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Lieutenant Governor. I always attend these functions, but as you know I was out of town, and I don't want them to think ill of us.

Mr. Harbinson continued, I don't think that will happen. Actually, Art Rocque did send his greetings to you, specifically. We had a good contingent other than Harriet and myself, we also had Representative Dick Belden and Larry Miller were there, so Shelton had a good contingent. Some of the other communities – they didn't even have anybody show up. We were able to get a few words in with the Department of Environmental Protection and we all know that the State of Connecticut is facing some financial hurdles, but this, we think, is a worthy program and we hope they will continue to fund it in the future.

Terry Jones, Conservation Commission

Just a little follow up on that – I wasn't there - I believe Lieutenant Governor Rell indicated this would be the caboose for the next couple of years – a little hiatus as she said.

It has been a wonderful program. The City of Shelton and many other municipalities have, on a twice a year basis, been able to count on these matching funds. I would urge anyone here, because ultimately the legislature decides – I would submit that they would at least consider continuing the program albeit, perhaps, at a diminished level for a couple of years, but at least to keep the momentum going.

I couldn't make it because; I just want to share with you an experience I had. The American Farmland Trust had a conference that they had asked

me to speak at in Northampton, Massachusetts. There were close to 100 people from throughout New York State and all six New England states there, concerned with open space and farmland preservation. They wanted to hear what we had been doing in Shelton. It was a lot of fun to be able to pass along the good news of what we've accomplished here. They represented many towns, large and small, throughout this Northeast region. They were absolutely amazed, and many of them asked me, how we were able to get everybody to work together. I said well, I don't know. We've have a wonderful commitment in this City from the Mayor on down through the City boards – the Board of Aldermen – had on a continuous basis for many years. That, in large part, has made us successful.

I know as we apply for these grants – and there is a bright spot because there are some farmland preservation funds from the federal government, and in the future we may be attempting to get more of those. We've already secured for the Shelton Family Farm – that was a U.S.D.A. program. One of the things that really sets us apart consistently when we put these grants together, it starts with the motions from the Board of Aldermen, and invariably, they've been unanimous votes. These people that look at the grants and grade them, when they see that a community is, in their Boards and leadership is unanimous, I can't tell you how much that helps and gives us extra quality points.

We appreciate it and look forward to keeping at these projects. Thank you.

Chris Panek, 19 Meghan Lane

I would like to get the Board of Aldermen and Mayor's official opinion on issues I have recently raised regarding the process the City is using to physically inspect residential properties. I brought this up back at the February Board meeting, and I received a response from Board President Anglace, Tax Assessor Kovac and I still, however, believe that the process being used is unfair.

Connecticut General Statute 12-62 changed the revaluation guidelines for all municipalities to assure uniformity of property assessments. The state has imposed mandatory four-year revaluation of all real estate. My personal calls to numerous tax assessor's offices in municipalities throughout our area and around the entire state found that most had hired an outside firm to complete their revaluation, market analysis, and physical inspections at the same time and within the same year.

My understanding based on information I was provided is that Shelton hired a firm to complete only the assessments of commercial and industrial properties physically, and not residential properties. The Shelton Tax Assessor's Office would complete the residential physical inspections section by section in the City, to be completed by the year 2009 as required by statute.

I found this definition of revaluation and I think it further proves my belief. A revaluation is a mass appraisal of all property within a town's jurisdiction to update and equalize tax assessments. A revaluation program includes a complete inventory of all real estate within a community and establishes new assessments for all properties at 70 percent of current fair market value. This is done to insure all property is valued by the same standards at the same point in time and insures property owners that they are paying their fair share of municipal service costs.

I do understand that people in town have installed decks, finished basements and put in central air, and don't pull a building permit when making these improvements, and I have no disagreement that these items should be taxed. But due to the fact that we did a complete revaluation in 2001, every property owner and taxpayer should be taxed for these items at the same time to insure everyone is paying their fair share of municipal service costs. If the new assessments for White Hills property owners go into effect this year, we will be paying higher taxes than other areas of the City, until their properties are physically inspected over the next six years. So I propose the question - is this fair? I looked at all of the properties on my street - they were all inspected physically in 2002 and all but one had their assessments increased, meaning nearly every house on my street had items not listed on their field card in the Assessor's Office.

The improvements that were found on my house were already existent when I purchased the home in 2000, so I was not aware that these items were not listed on my assessment, as I am sure many property owners in the City have items not listed on their assessments, unbeknownst to them. If the City of Shelton is going to inspect every residential property, they all should be done at the same time to insure equality in assessments and taxes. Section 12-62(i) also states that no municipality should be required to revalue the real estate in their community for assessment purposes prior to the year of next revaluation.

So I would propose to you, Mayor Lauretti and the Board of Aldermen, to investigate the possibility of deferring the current increased assessments until the majority is physically inspected, or at least until the revaluation of 2005. This, I feel, would be fair to all taxpayers and property owners within the City, to insure we're all taxed on a fair and even basis.

Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked if any other member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

Mayor Lauretti stated, Mr. Panek, if you'd like to set up a meeting with the Assessor and myself to discuss your comments and to listen to her side of how she interprets the statute, and maybe give you some insight as to the number of properties that get assessed every year, and to tell you that the last time that we hired an outside firm, it cost the City \$1 million; this time it cost us \$75,000 to \$90,000. I understand your point about everybody getting assessed at the same time. I'm not going to be too specific, because I don't have all of the facts in front of me, but I will tell you that even when we hired the company to do the City back in 1992, they had done this before I was elected, and it was already cast in stone. I think that process took them a year and a half to two years to do everybody. There are 13,000 assessments that they have to do, and I know that when the Assessor came to me this time to use the different approach, which I agreed with, and still agree with unless there is something there that I haven't seen, and that's why I want to get all of us in the room to have this discussion. So some time before the first of May I'll have Gloria get hold of you or my secretary get hold of you to set up that meeting.

Agenda Items

Minutes For Approval

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the reading of and accept the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular meeting of March 13, 2003
2. Public hearing on final water main assessments for Matilda Lane & Princess Terrace
3. Special meeting of March 27, 2003

SECONDED by Alderman Marangelo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5-1 Finance Committee**5.1.1 - Regular Meeting of March 25, 2003**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to waive the reading of and accept the March 25, 2003 minutes; SECONDED by Alderman Marangelo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.1.2 - Refund of Taxes

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$53,933.95 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector. Funds to come from the Tax Refunds account; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

March 2003 REFUND OF TAXES			
ACCOUNT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
01-03-7	The 2000 Simonetti Descendants Trust	\$ 30.00	Paid Wrong Amount
01-01-166	Adams, Joann P.	\$ 80.25	Sold
01-02-397	Bedard, Claude Y	\$ 98.59	Wrong tax Town
01-02534	BLC Corp	\$ 15.96	Paid Wrong Amount
00-01-2958	BMW Financial Services	\$ 2,420.22	Sold
01-03-8631	Comandini/Haniph	\$ 1,561.74	Paid Twice
01-03-2199	Chagnon	\$ 1,672.14	Paid Twice
01-03-2824	Cuomo	\$ 1,370.18	Paid Twice
01-02-2194	Fortier, Dorothy A.	\$ 25.46	Paid Twice
01-03-5249	Grasso	\$ 1,840.41	Paid Twice
01-03-5413	Gunzy, Gail	\$ 2,012.13	Paid Twice
01-03-11379	Bergers/Murray	\$ 5,493.35	Paid Twice
01-01-14957	Honda Lease Trust	\$ 282.88	Sold
01-03-6111	Illidge	\$ 1,843.96	Paid Twice
01-03-7076	Kozlowsky, Michael & Christa	\$ 2,625.56	Paid Twice
01-03-2725	Kumar	\$ 1,212.25	Paid Twice
01-03-7380	Iaskowski	\$ 504.50	Paid Twice
01-03-7800	Ludwig, Carole E. & Kenneth J.	\$ 2,775.45	Paid Twice
00-01-20943	Mercedes Benz Credit Corp	\$ 4,381.50	Sold
01-03-8992	Montanaro, Nicholas J. & Patricia Y.	\$ 1,435.25	Paid Twice
01-03-9591	Oleynik, Joseph W. & Beatrice	\$ 810.25	Paid Twice
01-03-10483	Porter, Clint & Minda	\$ 426.24	Veteran's exemption
01-03-11046	Robert/Saja	\$ 3,675.60	Paid Twice
01-03-10973	Richards	\$ 2,311.17	Paid Twice
99-01-26641	Rodrigues, Jennifer	\$ 1,106.00	Wrong tax Town
01-01-29199	Scinto, Vincent J.	\$ 110.46	Sold
01-03-11921	Semonick	\$ 1,935.36	Paid Twice
01-03-12091	Sherman, Susan & Kevin	\$ 1,082.10	Paid Twice
01-03-90083	Sonty, Vijay & Guntur, Lata	\$ 2,223.85	Paid Twice
01-03-12567	Toth, Thomas	\$ 2,439.85	Paid Twice
01-03-13434	Turiano	\$ 713.60	Paid Twice
01-01-33285	U B Vehicle Leasing Inc.	\$ 49.57	Sold
01-03-6236	janczewski	\$ 4,432.98	Paid Twice
01-03-14388	Wyka	\$ 935.14	Paid Twice
Total		\$ 53,933.95	

5.1.3 - New Position – Senior Custodian

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the job grade for the new position of Senior Custodian be established as 6% above the salary of the Custodian; SECONDED by Alderman Marangelo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.1.4 Suspense List

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the Grand List, for a total of \$146,741.87, be transferred from the grand lists into suspense, per State Statute Section 12-165.

<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Tax</u>
1992	\$109.90
1993	\$116.88
1994	\$131.46
1995	\$106.80
1996	\$1,148.31
1997	\$4,157.84
1998	\$15,066.41
1999	\$37,827.28
2000	\$87,178.71
2001	\$898.28

SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.1.5 Transfer of Funds for Part-Time Employees

Alderman Marangelo MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Board of A&T to a transfer of \$5,000 from Contingency General account #001-9900-900-99-00 to Inland Wetlands Part-Time Employees account #0600-414.10-02; and

FURTHER MOVED to transfer \$5,000 from Contingency General account #001-9900-900.99-00 to Planning and Zoning Part-Time Employees account 0900-414.10-02; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5-2 Public Health & Safety Committee**5.2.1 - Regular Meeting of March 5, 2003**

Alderman Papa MOVED per the recommendation of the Public Health & Safety Committee to waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes of the March 5, 2003 meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.2.2 - Street Light Purchase – United Illuminating

Alderman Papa MOVED TO TABLE Item 5.2.2 – Street Light Purchase – United Illuminating; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.2.3 - Riverview Avenue/Geissler Drive Streetlight

Alderman Papa MOVED per the recommendation of the Public Health & Safety Committee to move a light from pole #1119 on Geissler Drive to pole #4076 on Riverview Avenue; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Papa stated, we called U.I. and there is no cost to transfer one light to that new location. There are more than enough lights on Geissler Drive – there are too many lights on Geissler Drive. There was a request to put a light on Riverview Avenue. We sent a letter to the Chief of Police, and the Chief supports relocating that light, and there would be no cost at all to the City.

Mayor Laretti asked, I wonder when, Mr. Papa, the United Illuminating Company is going to give us a rebate on some of these lights. Maybe that is the next question we ought to be asking.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.2.4 - Stonewall and Sawmill City Road Streetlight

Alderman Papa MOVED per the recommendation of the Public Health & Safety Committee and Chief Voccola to deny the streetlight request at Stonewall and Sawmill City Road; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5-3 Street Committee**5.3.1 - Regular Meeting of March 4, 2003**

Alderman Simonetti MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee to waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes of the March 4, 2003; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Finn).

5.3.2 - Footbridge – Huntington Center

Alderman Simonetti MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee to do the following:

1. Authorize Corporation Counsel to investigate temporary and permanent construction easements to install bridge abutments and sidewalks on Webster Bank property at 506 Shelton Avenue and Huntington Plaza Associates LLC, 2 Huntington Plaza.
2. Authorize the City Engineer to obtain CONNDOT encroachment permit, obtain site plan approval from Planning & Zoning Commission and obtain Inland Wetlands permit for construction.
3. Refer to Planning & Zoning for 8-24 referral

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Laretti explained, we're still assessing whether it is feasible or not to go forward with this. If we find we cannot get an approval from CONNDOT or that we're going to get some opposition from the property owners for the footings and the easement, or if we don't get approval from Wetlands – I know it's in Wetlands tonight, as we speak. I am going to assume that the Board agrees in concept that this is where they want to put the bridge.

Alderman Finn stated, as you'll remember, Mr. Mayor, years ago I did oppose the bridge, because of the location of it. This is the ideal location, right up against Route 108 itself. It would provide a safe passageway for the pedestrian traffic that we have now. It has increased twofold over the years since it was first proposed.

Alderman Finn continued, with Shelton Avenue and Huntington Street being main areas for traffic, and with the school there, the church, the green, the community center, the shopping centers and the residential areas, plus the golf course, this is something we should be moving on at this location.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

5.3.3 - Soundview Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation

Alderman Simonetti MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee that the RFP/RFQ process be waived for Professional Engineering Services, funding to come from Road Repairs account #001-330-712.65-04; and

FURTHER MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark Lauretti to sign any necessary documents to execute the agreement with Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc.; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

Note: The City Engineer should not proceed until he has spoken with the Mayor about this.

Alderman Finn asked if the City Engineer could look into putting a catch basin on the curve at Soundview Drive and Soundview Avenue. We've received letters in the past from Mr. Claudette on Soundview Avenue as to the water crossing the street and bringing about ice conditions on that corner.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I'm not necessarily sure that there is going to be a catch basin that is going to be in place, but when the road is redone it will have a crown in it. If you notice, on the other two roads that we did, both Long Hill Avenue and Ripton Road, any water that has crossed the road before doesn't do that any more, just because of the crown that gets put in the road. It stays in the gutter line. It's working perfectly. I'm not going to say that we're going to commit to doing drainage and a catch basin that may not be necessary.

Alderman Simonetti stated, on the drawing, Mr. Mayor, it calls for two new catch basins, and at that particular corner it says it will be level grade shoulder area to improve intersection sightline at Soundview Drive. I would imagine that they're going to do something to keep that water. Just by doing that the water would be disbursed to some degree.

Alderman Finn stated, it would be an improvement coming out of Soundview Avenue, as well as traveling on Soundview itself, but again if only

the road leveling itself, and regarding of it is going to take care of the drainage problem, so be it. But if not, they should explore the possibility of putting in a catch basin. They can tie into the new subdivision just down the street at Brae Loch Way.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Mayor's Correspondence/Communications

President's Report

Legal Report

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$ 2,104.00 to Corporation Counsel Winnick, Vine, Welch, & Teodosio, LLC for services rendered per statement dated April 3, 2003 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Legal Fees	001-1900-411.30-03	\$ 2,104.00
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SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

7 – Legislative – Old**7.1.1 - Water Main Assessments for Matilda Lane and Princess Terrace**

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the proposed water main assessments for twenty-five (25) property owners on Matilda Lane and Princess Terrace. Assessments dated January 17, 2003 were prepared by the Office of the City Engineer and a public hearing was held on March 27, 2003. Said assessments shall be due and payable June 1, 2003 provided that any such assessments may be paid in annual installments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. If said assessment is not paid by June 1, 2003, an interest rate of 2.5 % (percent) per annum shall accrue on the unpaid balance. If the taxpayer fails to pay the assessment in a timely fashion delinquent interest shall accrue at the same rate provided for delinquent taxes; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Financial Business – Old**8.1 - City Hall Improvements**

Alderman Papa MOVED to add City Hall Improvements to Administrative Offices at City Hall the Capital Improvements Projects with funding not to exceed \$8,000 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

Mayor Lauretti stated, some months back we committed to making some improvements in the bathroom facilities on the first floor and we were going to do that over the winter months - and it never occurred. I don't want anybody to think that it's not going to happen. That will be the next item that gets taken care of.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

8.2 – Nells Rock Road – Lease

Mayor Lauretti requested that this item and Item 8.3 be tabled because the tenants have not yet had an opportunity to review the final changes that have been made. It would be wrong to approve these items without the concurrence of the tenants.

Alderman Papa MOVED TO TABLE Item 8.2 – Nells Rock Road - Lease; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

8.3 - Extend Lease – Happy Day

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Alderman Papa MOVED TO TABLE Item 8.3 – Extend Lease – Happy Day; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

8.4 - Amendments to 58 Perry Hill Road Lease

Alderman Papa MOVED to amend the lease for 58 Perry Hill Road approved at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on March 13, 2003 to change the

name of the lessee and to increase the amount of the rental per the attached revised lease; SECONDED by Alderman Marangelo.

Alderman Finn asked, on item 2, I noticed that the lease has only been extended by a couple of months. But item 3 is the rent. The original information we were given was the rent would be \$11,196 and what we have in front of us tonight is \$10,800. Why is there a reduction in the rent?

Mayor Lauretti replied, no, this is an increase.

Alderman Finn stated, just the opposite – why the increase from \$10,800 up to \$11,196? And also the security – the security was \$1,800 and now it's been reduced to \$900.

Mayor Lauretti replied that the person had requested to have a pet that has been with her for several years, and in the interest to accommodate that there was an extra fee that went along with that to protect the City's interests in the protection of the property.

Alderman Finn stated, there is still a reduction in the security from \$1,800 down to \$900.

Corporation Counsel Welch replied, by statute, from the original lease that you had, when the tenant is over a certain age you can only collect one month. The \$1,800 was collecting two months security. By statute you can't collect more than one month's security deposit when the tenant is over 62 years old.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the other reason is that all of the names of the occupants appear on the lease, as opposed to just one.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Financial Business – New**9.1 - Architectural Services Old Intermediate School**

Alderman Papa MOVED per the Ad Hoc Committee for Architectural Services to recommend to the Board of Apportionment and Taxation Finance Committee the services of Dewberry-Goodkind for the architectural services detailed in RFQ #23-28; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

9.2 - Pine Rock Park Improvement Fund

Alderman Papa MOVED to release \$15,000 from Pine Rock Park Improvement Fund to upgrade the playground activities and make improvements to the baseball field. This is per the recommendation of the Aldermen from this Ward pursuant to Ordinance #650. The \$15,000 will be replaced in the Pine Rock Park Improvement Fund if and when the CRRA Landfill settlement is approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; SECONDED by Alderman Marangelo.

Alderman Papa stated, although absent, Alderman Anglace supports this motion.

Alderman Finn asked, where does the suit stand with DEP – how much longer do you anticipate until we finally do come to an agreement?

Mayor Laretti replied, as you may recall, over the last year the CRRA has come under hard times. You would also probably know that back in June of 2002 I was appointed to the CRRA Board as part of the new legislation. The Board has been inundated with not only a learning curve associated with the municipal garbage removal, but the problems associated with the ENRON lawsuit and the collapse of ENRON that has cost the taxpayers of the state in excess of \$220 million. There has been a lot of reshuffling and reprioritizing of things at the CRRA, and this was a low priority for them.

Alderman Finn stated, the CRRA, after the last incident down at the landfill, made a commitment to the Pine Rock Fire Department as to where they would provide them with a pickup truck for their facility. A 4 x 4. When are they going to make good on their commitment?

Mayor Laretti replied, it's all wrapped into this one settlement. Quite honestly, the agreement between myself and the former president of CRRA was struck almost a year and a half ago. We are just waiting for the Commissioner of DEP to sign it. Everything, as I said, went on hold a little over a year ago because of the ENRON suit and some of the other legal issues surrounding CRRA. I did have an opportunity to speak with the deputy commissioner, who has been handling this situation for the CRRA and the City. About three weeks ago I was in Hartford at a legislative hearing for CRRA and we had a discussion and we agreed to revive this issue and get it back on the table sometime at the end of May. I don't think that anybody is intending to renege on the deal, at least if they do you can count on me making an awful lot of noise, if and when that should occur. My senses tell me that we're probably a good three or four months away from finalizing this.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

9.3 - Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

Alderman Papa MOVED to disapprove the City of Shelton's participation in the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Amicus Curae intervention to the State Supreme Court in Board of Education of Naugatuck v. Town and Borough of Naugatuck; and further, to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any necessary documents; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

10 – Legislative – New**10.1 - Fire Vehicle Replacement Fund**

Alderman Papa MOVED to be forwarded to Public Hearing on Ordinances date of April 24, 2003 to rescind Ordinances #556 and 450, Fire Vehicle Replacement Fund; funding for future vehicle purchase will be through financial bonds; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Public Session

Mayor Lauretti stated, at this time I will reopen the Public Session and give Mr. Bures the opportunity to address the Board of Aldermen, as he came in a little bit late.

Mr. Bures declined Mayor Lauretti's offer.

Chris Panek, 19 Meghan Lane

Is it possible for somebody in Maintenance to replace these two light bulbs here? The other night at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting for three and a half hours, the lights go on and off. Mr. Pagliaro and Mr. Sylvester and Oraziotti - lights on, off, on, off. Thanks.

Mayor Lauretti asked, did you wonder if Mr. Pagliaro was doing that by design? He did put the request in today, and I do know that it needs to be taken care of.

Adjournment

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Regan Sullivan
Temporary Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton