

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Monday, March 10, 2014**  
**Council Chambers – 7:30 p.m.**

Sydney T. Schulman, Mayor  
Joan Gamble, Deputy Mayor  
Patrick A. DeLorenzo      Wayne Hypolite  
Joseph P. Merritt          Joel J. Neuwirth  
E. Leon Rivers              Derrick A. Seldon  
Joseph Washington

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Announcements and Presentations
  - A. Presentation of Recognition Certificate to Triumph Actuation Systems  
(Thomas Holzthum, President)
  - B. Martin Geitz, Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
- IV. Citizens' Statements and Petitions
- V. Report from Council Subcommittees
  - A. Community Services – Councilor Derrick Seldon
  - B. Administration & Education – Councilor Leon Rivers
  - C. Golf – Councilor Leon Rivers
  - D. Public Safety – Councilor Joe Washington
  - E. Committee on Committees – Councilor Joe Washington
  - F. Finance – Councilor Wayne Hypolite
  - G. Land Use & Economic Development – Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble
- VI. Council Business
  - NEW BUSINESS
  - 13/14-60: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution  
(Appropriating \$385,000 in the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund  
for Board of Education Capital Improvements)
  - 13/14-61: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Policy of Memorial  
Gifts/Donations
  - 13/14-62: Consider and Take Action Regarding Allocating \$8,000 to the Fiscal  
Year 2014/2015 Town Budget to Support the Back to School Fun Fair
  - 13/14-63: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Central  
Region Tourism District

13/14-64: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointments to the Advisory Committee on Services to People with Disabilities

13/14-65: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointments to the Emergency Medical Systems Committee

13/14-66: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission

VII. Report from Mayor and Town Manager

VIII. Approval of Minutes

A. February 24, 2014

IX. Council Comments

X. Executive Sessions

A. Discussion Concerning Pending Claims and Litigation

XI. Adjournment

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-60 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – APPROPRIATING  
\$385,000 FOR BOE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Please see the attached memorandum from Finance Director Bill Hogan dated March 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding appropriating \$385,000 in the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund for Board of Education capital improvements.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, The Town Council on June 25, 2012 passed a resolution establishing a 'non-lapsing' account in accordance with the C.G.S. 10-248a for Board of Education capital improvements; and*

*WHEREAS, The Bloomfield Board of Education has deposited \$385,000 into the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund from its 2012-2013 budget operations, which supplements a previous amount of \$385,000 which was approved in October 2012; now therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Bloomfield Town Council hereby appropriates the sum of \$385,000 within the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund to BOE Project 10-248a to fund capital improvements for board of education purposes; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Board of Education provide to the Town Manager on an annual basis, a report of those project(s) funded under this appropriation.*

**Department of Finance**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

To: Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager  
From: William J. Hogan, Director of Finance  
Date: March 3, 2014  
Re: Resolution appropriating \$385,000 in the Town's Capital Non-Recurring fund  
for Board of Education capital improvements

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Attached is a resolution appropriating \$385,000 within the Town's Capital Non-Recurring fund for Board of Education capital improvements. The funding source was from the Board of Education's 2012-13 operations. This is the second appropriation of this amount for a total of \$770,000. The initial \$385,000 was approved by the Town Council on October 2012.

By way of back ground, the Town Council on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 passed a resolution which established a 'non-lapsing' account in accordance with the C.G.S. 10-248a whereby a local Board of Education can set aside up to 1% of its appropriation for capital improvements. The amount (\$385,000) is equal to 1 (one) per cent of the 2012-13 total budgeted appropriation.

To date, the BOE has not spent any funds out of this account.

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**RESOLVED,** That the Bloomfield Town Council hereby appropriates the sum of \$385,000 within the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund to *BOE Project 10-248a* to fund capital improvements for board of education purposes and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Education provide to the Town Manager on an annual basis, a report of those project(s) funded under this appropriation.

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-61 – PROPOSED POLICY ON MEMORIAL  
GIFTS/DONATIONS

The Community Services Subcommittee met on March 4<sup>th</sup> at which time it was recommended to forward the attached draft policy on Memorial Gifts/Donations for your review and consideration.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to approve Policy 510.02 on Memorial Gifts/Donations.*



- A monument/memorial will not be considered if the Town feels it would be considered offensive to members of the Community.
- A monument/memorial will not be considered if the intended purpose is to promote a religious or political cause, issue or event.
- The final decision as to location will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Memorials shall not detract from or overpower the scenic or architectural values of the existing environment.
- All memorials will be constructed of materials that meet the design and maintenance considerations of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Memorial donations, which are large in scale, may be considered on a case-by-case basis, as they relate to park planning processes and the Capital Improvement Program process.
- Non-designated monetary memorial donations will be used to meet current needs of the Department as recommended by the Department Director.

### III. FORMS

Memorial Gift Donation and Gift Agreement Form

### IV. PROCEDURE

- A. The donor talks/meets with Department staff to share ideas then submits a completed Memorial Donation Agreement Form to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. Department staff will review and determine the appropriateness of the proposal as measured by approval criteria. Department staff will notify the donor, in writing, within 20 business days of the review decision, identifying any final conditions of approval.
- C. Memorial Donations that are part of a commemorative bench, table and living tree menu only require approval for exact location (species for trees) of the desired memorial donation.
- D. With a positive review decision, Department staff will finalize the Memorial Donation Agreement Form between the Town and donor and submit it to the Parks and Recreation Department Director for final approval.
- E. The Director's approval must be received before ordering and installation of the memorial may proceed. The Town shall be responsible for the installation, maintenance and protection of the work, within reason. Once installed, the memorial becomes Town property. The Town does not guarantee permanency of the memorial. If a memorial must be relocated, Department staff will attempt to notify the donor, in writing, at the address shown on the completed Memorial Donation Agreement Form.
- F. The Town takes no responsibility to replace stolen, vandalized plaques or for maintenance or replacement of trees that are not watered by automated irrigation system, and/or where a donor has agreed to accept responsibility for watering the tree.

**TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD  
LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEMORIAL DONATION AGREEMENT FORM**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Park for Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque, Bench, Table, Plant/Tree type, etc. (description): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Desired Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Other item description: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque:  YES  NO (benches and tables include plaque)

Inscription: 3 lines with 45 characters per line maximum, including spacing and punctuation.

Memorial gifts to the Town of Bloomfield are considered outright and unrestricted donations. The Town of Bloomfield does not guarantee permanency of the accepted donation. If a memorial must be relocated, Department staff will attempt to notify the donor in writing at the address shown on this form. Donations may be tax deductible (please consult an accountant). The donor declares to have read the Memorial Donation Acceptance and Management Guidelines. The donor understands and agrees with the conditions set forth in this policy and agrees to pay the Town any donation funds within one month of notification of Memorial Agreement approval.

I have read and understand the donation policy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail, fax or email completed form to:  
David Melesko, Town of Bloomfield, Leisure Services Dept., 330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002  
Phone: 860.243.2923 Fax: 860.242.4267 dmelesko@bloomfieldct.org

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Leisure Services Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Location verified \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription Proof reviewed by Donor \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-62 – ALLOCATING \$8,000 TO THE F/Y 2014-2015  
BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE BACK TO SCHOOL FUN FAIR

The Community Services Subcommittee met on March 4<sup>th</sup> at which time it was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to recommend to the full Town Council to allocate \$8,000 to the FY 2014/2015 Town Budget for purposes of supporting the Back to School Fun Fair.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to allocate \$8,000 to Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Town Budget for the purposes of supporting the Back to School Fun Fair.*

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-63 – APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRAL REGION  
TOURISM DISTRICT

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Hugh Freeney of 5 Spy Glass Circle to the Central Region Tourism District with a two-year term ending November, 2015.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to appoint Mr. Hugh Freeney to the Central Region Tourism District with a two-year term ending November, 2015.*

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-64 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to appoint the following members to the Advisory Committee on Services to People with Disabilities with a two year term ending, November 2015.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to appoint the following members to the Advisory Committee on Services to People with Disabilities with a two-year term ending, November 2015:*

1. Beatrice Llewellyn (D) – 7 Alexander Road
2. Trudy McDonough (U) – 10 Loeffler Road
3. Jamie Graham (D) – 205 Duncaster Road
4. Joshua Cohen (D) – 24 Wyndcliffe Park
5. Donald Connery (D) – 14-1 Regency Drive
6. CH/Sharon Dexler (D) – 195 Oliver Way
7. Alberta Adams (D) – 3 Cindy Lane
8. Beatrice Shea (U) – 4 Cyrus Lane
9. Estelle Perry (U) – 10 Reed Court
10. Linda Menyfield (U) – 7 Camelot Drive #5
11. Susan Odoms (R) – 24-B Dorothy Drive

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-65 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to appoint the following members to the Emergency Medical Systems Committee with a two-year term ending November 2015.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to appoint the following members to the Emergency Medical Systems Committee with a two-year term ending, November 2015:*

1. Mary Laiuppa (U) – 294 School Street
2. Louis B. Blumenfeld (D) – 10 Stuart Drive
3. Patrick J. Braun (D) – 21 Milburn Road
4. Phil Brown (D) – 24 Woods Road
5. David E. Olden (D) – 10 Jeffrey Lane
6. Anita Russo (R) – 66 Woodland Avenue
7. Susan Zetoff (D) – 50 Foothills Way
8. Margaret Ehrhardt (U) – 255 Tunxis Avenue

TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: March 7, 2014  
RE: FY 13/14-66 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE COMMISSION

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to appoint the following members to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission with a two-year term ending November 2015.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

*Move to appoint the following members to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission with a two-year term ending, November 2015:*

1. Alan Budkofsky (R) – 41 Burnwood Drive
2. Kenneth Bennett (R) – 86 Park Avenue
3. Wendell Duncan (R) – 297 Castlewood Drive
4. Joy Chance (D) – 88 Elizabeth Avenue
5. Terrance Durrant (D) – 26 Gilbert Avenue
6. David Mann (D) – 1 Adams Road
7. Howard Hunter (D) – 5 Longview Drive

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

**Present were:** Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble, Councilors Wayne Hypolite, Derrick Seldon, Joseph Washington, Joel Neuwirth, Joseph Merritt, Patrick DeLorenzo and Leon Rivers.

**Absent was:** Mayor Sydney Schulman

**Also present were:** Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Sharron Howe, Assistant to the Town Manager and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was started with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentation of Recognition Certificate to Milano's Salon & Day Spa (Sergio Gurciullo and Valerio Gurciullo)**

Deputy Mayor Gamble presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Sergio Gurciullo and Mr. Valerio Gurciullo, owners of Milano's Salon & Day Spa. This noteworthy business offers free services every second Monday of the month to women undergoing treatment for cancer with a program called "Mondays at Milano".

**CITIZENS STATEMENT & PETITIONS**

- 1. Pauline Davis, 15 Jerome Avenue**
- 2. Ashley Lyons, 3 Latimer Lane**

Both residents expressed concerns regarding their respective real estate taxes. Ms. Davis and Mr. Lyons complained of increased taxes comparable to their neighbors.

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager explained the revaluation and appeals processes. Mr. Schenck, Jr., also informed both parties about the Homeowner's Tax Relief program for the totally disabled and elderly populations. He will meet and follow up with the complainants.

## REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

Community Services – Councilor Seldon gave a brief update regarding upcoming community events. The next scheduled quarterly subcommittee meeting will be held on March 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Administration/Education – The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be held on March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Golf – This subcommittee meeting met on February 24, 2014 to discuss the status of property, the Tap Inn Restaurant and review of the 2014 Wintonbury Hills Golf Course budget.

Finance – Councilor Hypolite gave a brief update regarding the financial status of the town. The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be held on February 25, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the 2014 Revaluation process.

Public Safety – The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be held on March 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee on Committees – The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be held on March 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Land Use & Economic Development – There was a special meeting held of this subcommittee on February 20, 2014. Deputy Mayor Gamble reported that Gorman and York were selected as the Economic Development firm for the town. She also reported that the Economic Development Commission and the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a “Grub Crawl”, tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Gamble gave kudos to town administration for organizing the meeting for a potential commercial business, Niagara Bottling Co. interest in building a distribution center in town.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### FY 13/14-58: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution – Regional Performance Incentive Grant

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager stated that this grant to municipalities would provide the town an opportunity to connect to the State’s fiber optic Nutmeg Network.

*It was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to adopt the resolution of endorsement to the Nutmeg Network connection application by March 31, 2014.*

#### Resolution of Endorsement

*The Bloomfield Town Council met on Monday, February 24, 2014 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 9 to 9 which endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposal referenced in Connecticut General*

*Statutes Section 4-124s as amended by Section 251 and 253 of Public Act 13-247. Such proposal is attached to and made a part of this record.*

Councilor Neuwirth inquired about cost savings if this grant application is approved. It was noted that the savings would be approximately \$600.00 - \$700.00 per month.

Councilor Merritt applauded the town staff for seeking out grants to cover operational costs.

**FY 13/14-59: Consider and Take Action Regarding Using Fund (\$22,500) from the Town Council Contingency Account to Obtain Schematic Design and Cost Estimate to Expand Prosser Library Northward**

*It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Hypolite to refer this item to the Finance Subcommittee for further discussion and review.*

Councilor Neuwirth expressed concerns about the issues with flooding at the existing Prosser Library site.

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that the reasons(s) for consideration are to explore all possible options available for expansion of the library.

Councilor Hypolite explained the reasoning for Council subcommittee involvement and recommendations to Council. This item is being referred for further discussion to determine and identify a budget line for the appropriation of funds.

**VOTE:            AYE: J. Gamble, W. Hypolite, J. Washington, L. Rivers, D. Seldon, P.  
                     DeLorenzo, J. Merritt  
                     NAY: J. Neuwirth  
                     ABSTAIN: None**

**Motion passes.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilor Hypolite briefly updated the Council on the Financial Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of January 31, 2014. It is estimated that revenues will exceed expenditures by approximately \$927,000.

There is a Tax Sale that will be held on April 23, 2014 for 3 properties.

In regards to the outlook of revenues, accounts are trending above projection due to the following factors:

- Additional monies received from prior year taxes as result of the November Tax Sale of \$355,000
- Town Road Aid grant is up \$168,200 as a result of State budget adjustments and changes
- Final FEMA reimbursement received in the amount of \$165,556
- Income from CREC lease extension for J.P. Vincent received was \$252,000

- Income from building permit activity projected at \$65,000

In reference to expenditures, the harsh winter weather has had a direct impact on the snow removal budget (\$170,000) in Public Works. There may be possible interdepartmental transfers that may occur in the fourth quarter to cover materials and other expenses for the remaining snow season.

Overall, the town is doing exceptionally well financially at this time.

Councilor Washington inquired about the status in lowering the town's debt service obligations. It was noted that the status of the school renovation reimbursement percentage, may be impacted once the final audit is completed.

Councilor Hypolite stated that the school reimbursements to enrollment calculations are less than expected. He also indicated that the town is currently in a very stable position financially with a potential \$900,000 surplus, 18% fund balance and net proceeds of approximately \$6,000,000. Along with these projected finances, the town may also be in the position to possibly offer tax relief to residents, develop a long term plan for Capital Improvement projects over the next 5 years and improve the bond rating.

There will be a \$5,000,000 bond sale in the Spring 2014, which will have an effect on how the town's overall debt service levels.

Councilor Merritt stated that the town is in the most debt than it has ever been.

## **REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER**

Mr. Philip Schenck, Jr., Town Manager reported the following updates:

- The property located at 97 Granby Street received no inquiries from abutting property owners for purchase. The town will place a "For Sale" sign on the property to sell.
- On April 23, 2014, the town will have a Tax Sale on three properties to be sold.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. reported that the town does have an adequate supply of salt for roads acquisition. There is another delivery scheduled to be received in the next week. The town currently has a contract with Cargill Co. through the Capitol Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG). This company has not been compliant with the contract terms and obligations. The town was able to seek another vendor to assist with a procurement of materials through the International Salt Co. for the duration of this winter season.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. is asking residents to have patience in regards to the repair of potholes throughout town.
- The Alliance for Bloomfield Children (ABC) has a meeting scheduled for February 25, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church.
- Mrs. Roberta LaMonaca, Director of Library Services has procured postcards for the Town of Bloomfield through the Prosser Library.

- The second underground tank was removed by the library, which contained 4300 gallons of water and sediments. There were no signs of underground contamination. The town will regrade and repave a portion of the parking lot.
- The Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center welcomed a site visit for process of re-accreditation. There will be a status update in the next 60 days regarding re-accreditation.

Councilor Seldon expressed concern regarding salt quantities to last for the remaining winter season.

Mr. Schenck, Jr. stated that the Public Works department has been allowed to visit the state garage to replenish on salt shortages.

Councilor DeLorenzo asked about researching other alternatives in salts that would not contribute to road erosion.

Councilor Washington asked about the differences between asphalt and cement materials.

Mr. Schenck, Jr. gave a brief historical analysis on the physics and science of treating snowy roadways.

In lieu of Mayor Schulman's absence, Deputy Mayor Gamble reported that Habitat for Humanity will sponsor National Women Build Week, May 3, 2014 – May 11, 2014. On May 8, 2014 – May 10, 2014 at 11:30 a.m., Habitat volunteers are prepared to welcome all women interested in building on Marguerite Avenue. If anyone is interested, please contact Vera Smith-Winfree at 860-541-2208 x 107.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Councilor DeLorenzo, seconded by Councilor Washington to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014.*

**VOTE:**                    AYE: J. Gamble, J. Washington, L. Rivers, D. Seldon, J. Neuwirth, P.  
                                  DeLorenzo, J. Merritt  
                                  NAY: None  
                                  ABSTAIN: W. Hypolite

**Motion passes.**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Rivers commended all staff and volunteers for assisting the reaccreditation process for the Bloomfield Senior Center.

Councilor Washington highlighted a few important facts about Mr. Alexander Twilight in honor of Black History Month. Mr. Twilight was the first African American to receive a Bachelor's degree from an American college, Middlebury College in 1823. In 1836, Mr. Twilight also became the first African American elected to public office as a state legislator in the Vermont General Assembly.

Councilor Hypolite commended Deputy Mayor Gamble on conducting a very efficient meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.*