

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 27, 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 D&D Travel Services, LLC
 - B. Presentation by Bob Cave regarding Senior Job Bank
 - C. Presentation by Barbara Heller, Heller & Heller; and Francisco Gomes, Fitzgerald & Halliday regarding Master Parks Plan
- 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:**
 - 13/14-85: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution – Year-End Transfers
 - 13/14-86: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution – State Grant for Sidewalks and Streetscape Improvements
 - 13/14-87: Consider and Take Action Regarding Entering Into Tax Assessment Agreement for S&T Holdings
 - 13/14-88: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Bloomfield Housing Authority

13/14-89: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the
Conservation, Energy and Environment Committee

13/14-90: Consider and Take Action Regarding Eminent Domain Proceedings

- VII. Report from Mayor and Town Manager
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 12, 2014
- IX. Council Comments
- X. Executive Session
 - A. Discussion Concerning Pending Claims and Litigation
- XI. Adjournment

TO: Town Councilors
 FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
 DATE: May 23, 2014
 RE: FY 13/14-85 – 2013-2014 YEAR END TRANSFER RESOLUTION #2

At the Finance Subcommittee meeting on Monday, May 19th, the Committee recommended that the attached resolution be forwarded to Council for adoption. I am enclosing the May 20th memorandum from Finance Director, William Hogan, for your review.

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

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 908 of the Town of Bloomfield Charter, that the below transfers of appropriations be approved:

The amounts below are free from encumbrances in the 2013-14 General Fund budget:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-110	Town Council	\$10,000
1-160	Town Attorney	25,000
1-301	Planning and Development	10,000
1-750	Senior Center	10,000
1-311	Police	40,000
1-230	Board of Tax Review	3,000
1-905	Insurances	2,000
1-950	Contingency	<u>25,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$125,000

The above amounts are to be transferred to the following departments in the 2013-14 General Fund budget:

<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-180	Operating Transfers Out	<u>\$125,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$125,000

And be it further Resolved, that an appropriation in the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund be established in the amount of \$125,000, funded from the above transfer, for the project "**Hubbard Street Wall.**"

Department of Finance
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Philip Schenck, Town Manager
From: William J. Hogan,  Director of Finance
Date: May 20th, 2014
Re: 2013-14 Year-End Transfer Resolution #2

As you aware, the retaining wall on 25 Hubbard Street requires immediate repair which is currently estimated at \$125,000 and contingent on funding approval, the engineering services phase of the project will be engaged shortly. This transfer is solely for the purpose of financing the repair which will be accounted for in the Town's Capital Non-Recurring Fund (CNRE). Tentatively, the project is estimated to be completed by late fall 2014.

I have prepared the following resolution to authorize the Town Council to transfer \$125,000 in appropriations within the 2013-2014 budget from the departments below to *Operating Transfer Out* where it will then be transferred to the CNRE Fund. The total adopted budget of \$80,830,120 remains the same. Previously, the Town Council on April 7th transferred \$150,000 from the Town Contingency to Public Works to fund snow and ice removal costs.

This item was discussed at the Finance sub-committee meeting of May 19th and was unanimously recommended for approval at the Council's May 27th meeting.

The following amounts are free from encumbrances in the 2013-14 General Fund:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-0110	<u>Town Council</u> Savings in various accounts	\$10,000
1-160	<u>Town Attorney</u> Savings in professional services.	\$25,000
1-230	<u>Board of Tax Review</u>	\$3,000
1-241	<u>Engineering</u> Savings in professional services accounts.	\$10,000
1-311	<u>Police</u> Savings in Police Overtime and related salary accounts	\$40,000
1-910	<u>Insurance</u> Small savings exist in workers comp coverage	\$2,000
1-750	<u>Senior Center</u> Savings in part-time salary account	\$10,000
1-950	<u>Contingency</u> This will leave a balance of \$25,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year for any unanticipated expenses.	\$25,000
	TOTAL	\$125,000

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<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-180	<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>	\$125,000
	To cover major repairs (\$125,000) on Town owned stone wall located on Hubbard Street.	
	TOTAL	\$ 125,000

A Council resolution authoring approval of these transfers is attached.

RESOLUTION

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TO: Town Councilors
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
DATE: May 23, 2014
RE: FY 13/14-86 – RESOLUTION – STATE GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS
AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

At the Land Use & Economic Development Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, the Committee voted to approve and recommend to the Town Council a resolution concerning a grant application to the State of Connecticut for sidewalks and streetscape improvements to be located in the center of Town. This grant would be coordinated with the future multifamily development which is starting to make its way through the approval process. The grant is due by the end of the month.

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

Move to adopt the following resolution.

Resolution

Certified Resolution of the Legislative Body

(To be completed by the City or Town Clerk)

The Legislative Body of the Town/City of Bloomfield, Connecticut, met on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 9 to 9 which:

- (1) authorizes submission of the funding application -
_____ under the Main
(project title)
Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1; and
- (2) identifies, Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment fund application and administer the grant and the project. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

Attested to by:

Name: _____
Title: _____ (City/Town
Clerk)

Date: _____

Memorandum

To: Philip Schenck Jr., Town Manager
From: Thomas Hooper, Director of Planning
Date: 5/22/2014
Re: Main Street Investment Fund Resolution

The Economic Development and Land Use Subcommittee voted to refer the above-mentioned Resolution to the full Town Council for their endorsement. The grant will provide for a sidewalk system along the Bloomfield Avenue and Jerome Avenue street frontages in the area south of Town Hall.

The grant is associated with a new development proposal looking to substantially increase the residential development in the Center of Bloomfield. While details of the plan have not been submitted at this time, the applicant has been working with staff for over one year to move forward with the project. Increasing the residential units in the Center of Bloomfield has been a goal of the 2012 Plan of Conservation and Development and the Bloomfield Center Study adopted by the Economic Development Commission. Leveraging private development investment with a grant to improve the sidewalk network is beneficial for the Town.

With the adoption of this Resolution, the applicant associated with the residential project will take the lead with the development of a plan to accompany the grant application. There will be no cost to the Town associated with the submission of the grant and the applicant will assume the responsibility of preparing the grant. In addition, there be no cost to the town associated with the construction of the improvements should the grant be secured.

This action is time sensitive as the grant needs to be submitted by the end of May.

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Name: _____

Title: _____

(City/Town Clerk)

Date: _____

TO: Town Councilors
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
DATE: May 23, 2014
RE: FY 13/14-87 – TAX ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT FOR S&T
HOLDINGS

Please see the attached memorandum dated May 22nd from Town Planner Thom Hooper regarding a tax assessment agreement with S&T Holdings.

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

Move to authorize Town Manager Philip K. Schenck, Jr., to enter into the Tax Assessment Agreement with S&T Holdings, LLC.

Memorandum

To: Philip Schenck Jr., Town Manager
From: Thomas Hooper, Director of Planning
Date: 5/22/2014
Re: Tax Assessment Agreement S & T Holdings - 7 Old Windsor Road

For the past year we have been working with an existing Bloomfield company, S & S Centerless Grinding, located at 7 Old Windsor Road on a possible expansion of their manufacturing plant. The company has been located at this site for approximately 14 years and has outgrown the building. When the owner first contact staff, he was in the middle of his decision making process as to whether to add on to the existing building or possibly relocate out of town.

The existing building was 8,625 square feet in area and the plan was to construct an addition of 6,308 square feet. After reviewing the project and given the possible loss of the business, staff made an offer to only tax 50% of the increased assessment associated with the addition over a three year period. This offer was in line with the previously approved Town Council policy concerning such matters. Based upon our offer, the firm moved ahead with the project and the addition is presently under construction.

S & S Centerless Grinding was founded in 1985 and now has approximately 15 employees. With the addition, the owner Salvatore Sala, plans to increase his workforce by up to 10 employees over the next five years. The Company provides centerless grinding services for the aerospace, defense, hardware automotive and medical industries.

These smaller manufacturing firms are the backbone of Bloomfield's industrial base. As a subcontractor to many suppliers, firms like this are extremely important to our tax base. Having a manufacturer locate in Bloomfield and grow over the past 14 years despite the economy should be considered a real success story.

I have included a map noting the parcel in question and Walter Topliff will be providing us with a spreadsheet to show the impact of this abatement. I would certainly hope the Town Council would support this Agreement.

TAX ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

This TAX ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2014 by and between the Town of Bloomfield (“Town”), a municipal corporation located in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, and S & T Holdings, LLC. Having its offices at 7 Old Windsor Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, S & T Holdings, LLC. proposes to construct an addition of 6,308 square feet located at 7 Old Windsor Road (Lot # 3002 (the “Property”) for \$272,000; and

WHEREAS, the Property currently contains one and seven hundredths (1.07) acres of land and is improved with one (1) building consisting of 8,625 square feet (the “Building”); and

WHEREAS, S & T Holdings, LLC. intends to invest \$272,000 into the Building, invest another \$300,000 into capital equipment and increase employment from 15 to 25 over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, S & T Holdings, LLC. agrees to continuously own the Property that is covered by this Agreement for uses which include office, manufacturing and warehouse uses; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-65b. of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that a municipality may enter into a written agreement with an owner of real property to fix the assessment to the extent of not more than fifty (50%) percent of such increased assessment, for a period of not more than three years, provided the cost of such improvements to be constructed is not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been approved by an affirmative vote of the legislative body of the Town of Bloomfield in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 12-65b. on _____, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was approved to commence effective October 1, 2014:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

Pursuant to action of the legislative body, real estate taxes paid by S & T Holdings, LLC. during the period of the Agreement shall be fixed at the level established for the October 1, 2014 Grand List, and the following assessment schedule shall be applied to the Property.

1. FIXED ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Year 1	(FY 14-15)	Grand List Year 2014	50% of increased assessment related to the improvement constructed
Year 2	(FY 15-16)	Grand List Year 2015	50% of increased assessment related to the improvement constructed
Year 3	(FY 16-17)	Grand List Year 2016	50% of increased assessment related to the improvement constructed

2. CONTINGENCIES

The Town shall not be bound by this Agreement unless:

- a. All municipal and fire district taxes are paid when due.
- b. All requirements of Connecticut General Statutes 12-65b have been satisfied.

3. REPRESENTATIONS

The Town has entered into this Agreement on the basis of representations by S & T Holdings, LLC. that they will continue to own the Property for the term of this Agreement.

Failure of S & T Holdings, LLC. to own and fully occupy and maintain full operations within the Improvements, and the Additional Building added thereto, at any time during the term of the Agreement will result in its termination. The Property and Improvements, including the Additional Building, then would be assessed, as provided for below in Section 4, on the basis of its fair market value in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 12-62.

4. PENALTY

In the event that S & T Holdings, LLC. ceases to fully occupy and maintain full operations, or sells all or a portion of the properties at 7 Old Windsor Road prior to the expiration of the Agreement period, all prior tax benefits granted herein shall become immediately due and payable, and S & T Holdings, LLC. and its successors and assigns shall be liable for full taxation, based upon full assessment, during the period of this Agreement. In addition, all tax amounts previously abated shall become due and payable with interest at the rate of eighteen (18%) percent, to be determined from the date said taxes would have been due and payable had this Agreement not been in effect. Such total amount shall constitute a tax lien upon 7 Old Windsor Road, or any other property owned by S & T Holdings, LLC.

5. VALUATIONS

As an inducement for the Town to enter into this Agreement, S & T Holdings, LLC. accepts as correct, the value placed on the Property and Improvements by the Town on the October 1, 2014 Grand List.

S & T Holdings, LLC. waives any right to appeal said valuation under Connecticut General Statutes 12-111, 12-117a, 12-118, 12-119, or 12-121bb, as revised, until the earlier of the next succeeding revaluation, or until this Agreement becomes null and void, as herein provided. The purpose of this clause is to assure the Town shall be entitled to collect all taxes levied on the assessments, as provided for above.

6. CONDEMNATION

In the event 7 Old Windsor Road, or any part thereof, or any estate therein, is taken by condemnation or eminent domain during the said Fixed Assessment Period, the applicable fixed assessments specified in above shall be adjusted to reflect the diminution of value arising out of said taking, in the manner provided by state and local laws.

7. FIRE OR OTHER CASUALTY

In the event 7 Old Windsor Road or the Improvements thereon are damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty during the Fixed Assessment Period, the applicable fixed assessments shall be adjusted to reflect the diminution of value arising out of said fire or other casualty, in the manner provided by state and local laws.

S & T Holdings, LLC. shall provide the Town on the date hereof and annually thereafter, until the completion of the Fixed Assessment Period, a certificate of fire and casualty insurance for 7 Old Windsor Road and Improvements.

8. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

S & T Holdings, LLC. and the Town each agree to hold harmless and indemnify the other from any actions, claims or suits arising from the breach by the other party of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.

Any attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Town associated with the collection of any monies under this Agreement shall be paid by S & T Holdings, LLC., its successors and assigns.

9. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may only be amended by mutual consent of the parties and any amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and duly executed and dated by the respective parties.

10. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

This Agreement represents the entire and complete understanding of the parties and any and all prior written or oral agreements not otherwise contained in this Agreement shall be and are null and void and of no force or effect.

11. ASSIGNABILITY

This Agreement is made with S & T Holdings, LLC. and is not transferable or assignable to any other party. Any transfer shall render this Agreement void and the penalty provided for in Section 4 hereof shall be imposed.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall become effective upon signing, and shall apply to the Town's Grand List effective October 1, 2014 and thereafter.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

S & T Holdings, LLC.

By: _____

Philip Schenck, Jr.

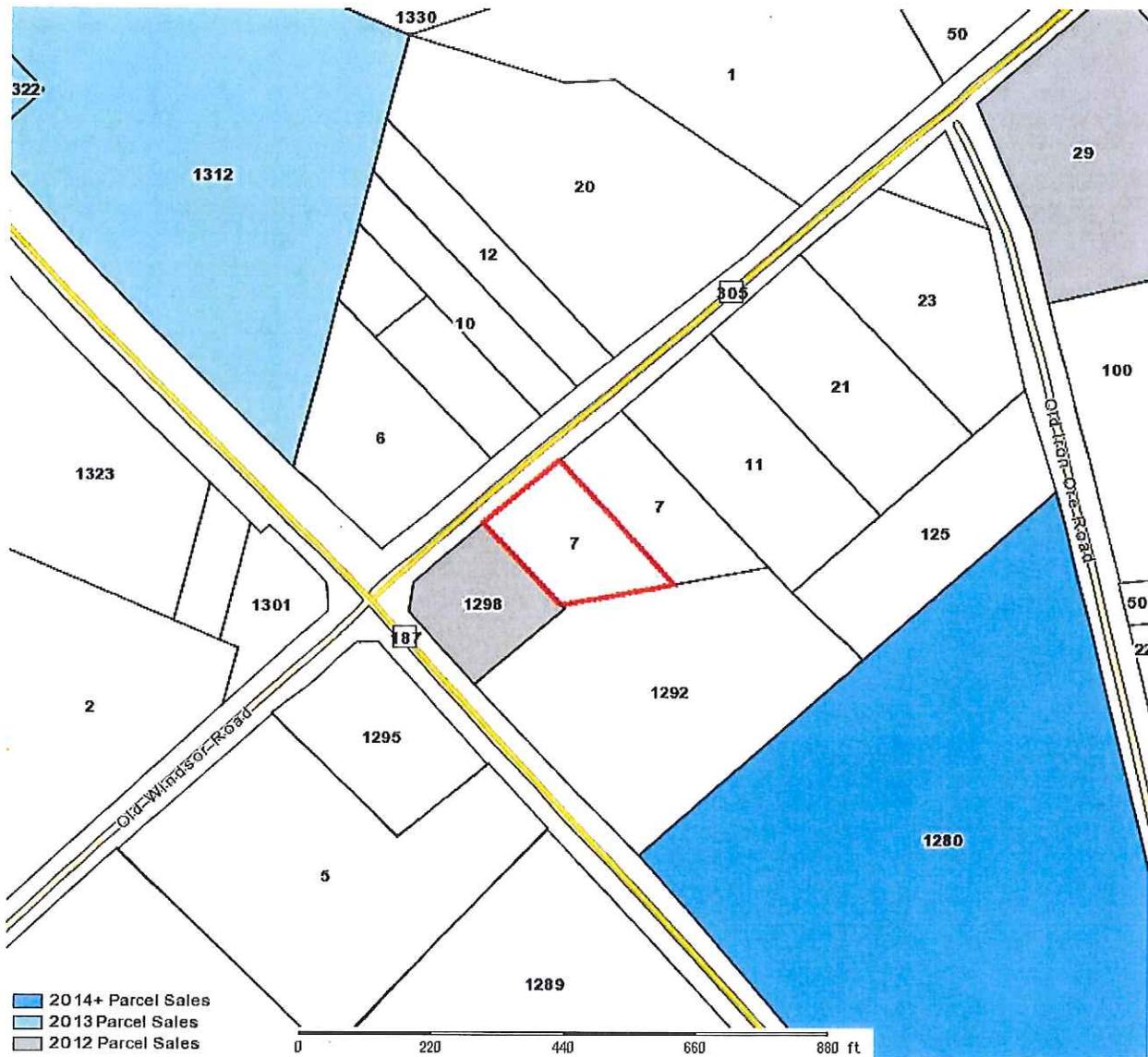
Town Manager

Date: _____

By: _____

Its:

Date: _____



Town of Bloomfield			
Parcel: 5892 Acres: 1.07			
Name:	S & T HOLDINGS LLC	Land Value	80000
Site:	7 OLD WINDSOR RD	Building Value	331500
Sale:	0 on 2000-06-28 Reason=U Qual=34	Misc Value	2000
Mail:	7 OLD WINDSOR ROAD BLOOMFIELD, CT 06002	Just Value	413500
		Assessed Value	0
		Exempt Value	0
		Taxable Value	0



Town of Bloomfield makes every effort to produce the most accurate information possible. No warranties, expressed or implied, are provided for the data herein, its use or interpretation. The assessment information is from the 2011 tax year. Property Tax Maps are for assessment purposes only. Neither the town nor its employees assume responsibility for errors or omissions. ---THIS IS NOT A SURVEY---
 Date printed: 05/22/14 : 11:46:09

TO: Town Councilors
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
DATE: May 23, 2014
RE: FY 13/14-88 – APPOINTMENT TO THE BLOOMFIELD HOUSING
AUTHORITY

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, May 19th at which time it was recommended to appoint Robert Berman to the Bloomfield Housing Authority for the term July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019.

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

Move to appoint Robert Berman to the Bloomfield Housing Authority for the term July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019.

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TO: Town Councilors
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
DATE: May 23, 2014
RE: FY 13/14-89 – APPOINTMENT TO THE CONSERVATION, ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee on Committees met on Monday, May 19th at which time it was recommended to appoint Alan Budkossky to the Conservation, Energy and Environment Committee with a term ending November 2015.

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

Move to appoint Alan Budkossky to the Conservation, Energy and Environment Committee with a term ending November 2015.

TO: Town Councilors
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager
DATE: May 23, 2014
RE: FY 13/14-90 – EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Town Attorney Marc Needelman.

DRAFT

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

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

Absent was: Councilor Wayne Hypolite

Also present were: State Representative David Baram, 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

Introduction of Police Explorers, Chief Paul Hammick

Chief Paul Hammick of the Bloomfield Police Department introduced the staff and Police Explorers 250. The Police Explorers program has been revitalized after 10 years of hiatus. This group will meet twice a month for training, drill activities with a focus on traffic control, community service projects and crime scene investigation techniques. The members presented were selected based on expressed interest, grades, positive discipline records and their attitude on public service. They have participated in several activities within the community such as the Lucas Walk Foundation and the Blue Hills Fire Safety and Education Day.

Sergeant Jose Martinez and Officer Steve Rona have been assigned as leaders for this new Police Explorer Post. The following youth have been chosen to participate in this program:

- Jovan Huff
- Maksim Yukhnavev
- Abraham Moise

- Essence Squirewell
- Kobey Smith
- Alan Davis

Presentation by the Bloomfield Town Council

Mayor Schulman and Deputy Mayor Gamble presented a proclamation to Mr. Ed Stockton. Mr. Stockton recently received the “Global Legacy Award” from the World Affairs Council of Connecticut – Illumineers Annual Award Ceremony. Mr. Stockton was a former Mayor of Bloomfield from 1969-1975. He was also a former State of Connecticut Commissioner of Economic Development.

State Representative David Baram expressed honor and gratitude for his years of service to the Bloomfield community and beyond. He also noted a town achievement acclaimed of an “All American City” during the tenure of his leadership as Mayor.

Mayor Schulman declared May 12, 2014 as “Ed Stockton Day” in the Town of Bloomfield.

CITIZENS STATEMENT & PETITIONS

Mayor Schulman informed all speakers that the Town Council is not able to respond to any questions due to pending litigation matters regarding the property located at 30 Southwood Road.

The following persons listed below have expressed concerns regarding the proposed Eminent Domain proceedings with the property located at 30 Southwood Road:

- **Amy Geigner, 62 Cranberry Hill Road, Granby, CT** presented and submitted for the record approximately 1300 petition signatures against the Eminent Domain proceedings at 30 Southwood Road.
- **Charlie Smith, 158 Merriam Road, Windsor, CT**
- **Robert Gaston**
- **Joe Brannigan, 8 Scott Drive, Bloomfield, CT**
- **Alphanso Myles, 531 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT** suggested that the issue regarding the Eminent Domain proceedings should go for a referendum vote and let town residents

decide on the best course of action. He also expressed concerns regarding the utilization of taxpayer funds to repair retaining walls on Prospect Street that are privately owned.

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager explained to Mr. Myles the town's responsibility for repair the collapsing walls. These walls were assessed by the Town Engineer report for replacement. In addition, the walls are on town property as they are a part of the right of way. There have been several discussions with the respective homeowners regarding repairing these walls. Mr. Schenck, Jr. also gave a brief history regarding materials, length of roadway and statistical analysis of the right of way for this area.

- **Harry Sawyer**
- **Charlie Smith, Jr., 158 Merriam Road, Windsor, CT**
- **Tina Lloyd, East Windsor, CT**
- **John Allen, 11 Fern Hollow Drive, Granby, CT**
- **Allison Romano, 23 Maple Street**
- **Thomas Connolly, 539 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT**
- **Sue Bresnahan, Florence, MA**
- **Scott Bethel, New Hartford, CT**
- **Amy Brunelle, 46 Glendale Circle, Windsor Locks, CT**
- **Deborah Cohen, 73 Church Street, Wethersfield, CT**
- **Shannon Watson, Suffield, CT**
- **Kevin Blake, 31 Filler Road, East Hartland, CT**
- **Freddie Burn**

REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

Community Services – Councilor Seldon gave a brief update of upcoming community events during the month of May. The following events were listed:

- On May 10, 2014, Social & Youth Services received food donations through the Annual Postal Food Drive. The food drive was very successful in assisting the department with the needs of residents in town.
- The Renter's Rebate Program applications are still being accepted in Social & Youth Services. The program application period is from April 1st – October 1st, 2014.
- On May 16, 2014, the Bloomfield Senior Center in conjunction with Leisure, Social & Youth Services departments will present a night of freelance art "Painting under the Stars" with seniors and families.
- On May 26, 2014 the Memorial Day Parade will be held in the Town Center.
- The Bloomfield Senior Center has been granted Re-Accreditation for another 5 years!!!
- On May 13, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., Attorney Cheryl Feuerman from CT Legal Services will be present at the Senior Center to discuss Medicare Fraud and Senior Medicare Patrol
- On May 30, 2014, a Blood Drive will be held at the Senior Center from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Leisure Services is now accepting camp registrations for the summer months. Contact Leisure Services at (860) 243-2923 or visit the town website for further information regarding camp session and fee schedules.

Administration/Education – Mayor Schulman suggested scheduling a Special Meeting of this subcommittee to discuss the Town Manager's Evaluation.

Golf – The next scheduled meeting of this subcommittee will be held on May 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety – Councilor Washington will give a detailed report of the last subcommittee meeting at the next scheduled Council meeting on May 27, 2014.

Committee on Committees – The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Land Use & Economic Development – The next meeting scheduled for this subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will begin discussions regarding the Blue Hills Avenue town line area improvements.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to add: **Item FY 13/14-84: Consider and Take Action Regarding Approval of Application for the School Readiness Grant Program.**

COUNCIL BUSINESS

FY 13/14-83: Consider and Take Action Regarding Town owned Lot 7729

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation, pursuant to Section 8-24 CGS.

FY 13/14-84: Consider and Take Action Regarding Approval of Application for the School Readiness Grant Program.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to approve the application for the School Readiness Grant Program.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER

Mayor's Report

On May 1, 2014, Mayor Schulman, Deputy Mayor Gamble, Councilor Neuwirth, Washington and Rivers attended the National Day of Prayer, which was very memorable and an important event.

On May 3, 2014, Deputy Mayor Gamble attended the Trinidad and Tobago – Day of Elections and Councilor Washington attended the West Indian Club Anniversary Celebration.

On May 5, 2014, the Annual Town Meeting was held at Bloomfield High School. Bloomfield was one if not the only town to decrease the mill rate by .01%.

On May 8, 2014, Solarize Bloomfield launched their solar energy program for Bloomfield residents.

On May 10, 2014, Mayor Schulman and Councilor Washington attended a presentation by Connecticut Natural Gas to residents residing on Banbury Lane & Wintonbury Avenue. CNG will continue to work diligently with residents about conversion to gas services.

On May 15, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., a reception will be held at Duncaster to celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

On May 21, 2014, Mayor Schulman along with Board of Education Administration will present Teacher Appreciation certificates.

On May 26, 2014, Mayor Schulman encouraged all residents come out and participate in Memorial Day festivities.

Town Manager's Report

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

On May 7, 2014, Solarize Bloomfield is sponsoring a contest between the towns of Farmington, Simsbury and Bloomfield residents. The winning results of the contest are based on participation sign up for solar energy services over the course of 20 weeks in the program.

On May 31, 2014, the 1st Annual Grub Crawl will be held in the Town Center. This event was co-sponsored by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission.

Also on May 31, 2014, Bloomfield Public Schools will host an Open House for town residents to tour all newly renovated schools.

Mr. Schenck, Jr., interviewed David Mann of the Conservation, Energy, and Environment Committee (CEEC) for the "Bloomfield Today" program on BATV.

The first town quarterly newsletter was published and distributed to town residents in the beginning of May. The newsletter included brief insight into additional resources offered by town departments and communications about vital town services.

The Town Manager's Office is currently in the process in hiring an intern for the summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth to approve the special Town Council minutes of May 5, 2014.

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

The motion passes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor DeLorenzo congratulated the Town Manager's Office on a job well done with the town quarterly newsletter.

Councilor Neuwirth also concurred with Councilor DeLorenzo's comments. He stated that this newsletter is an excellent resource of communication for town residents.

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that she was upset with some comments made in regards to the Eminent Domain concerns expressed during Citizen Statements and Petitions. She thanked all those who have served in the Armed Forces for their service to this country.

Councilor Washington agreed with comments of his colleagues thus far. He also congratulated the Bloomfield Police Department on the revitalization of the Bloomfield Police Explorers Post program.

Councilor Rivers is also in agreement with comments made regarding the Police Explorers Post and keeping youth interested in future public safety careers.

Councilor Seldon was excited to hear about plans to hire a summer intern. He also concurred with comments regarding the Police Explorers program. Councilor Seldon stated that he was

very impressed with the demands of educational achievement and character of those that have been selected to participate in this program.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.