BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, November 23, 2015
Council Chambers – 7:30 p.m.

Joan Gamble, Mayor
Sydney T. Schulman, 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 Certificate to Ciaran Carr (Toys for Tots Tournament)

B. Presentation by the Board of Education - CAPT

IV. Citizens' Statements and Petitions
Statements by members of the public may be oral or written and shall start with the speaker's name and address and shall continue for no longer than five (5) minutes, unless permitted by the Mayor or councilor presiding.

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:

FY 15/16-26: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Council Subcommittees Meeting Schedules

FY 15/16-27: Considering and Take Action Regarding Cancellation of December 28, 2015 Town Council Meeting

FY 15-16-28: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

VII. Report from Mayor and Town Manager

VIII. Approval of Minutes

a. November 9, 2015

IX. Council Comments

X. Adjournment

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: November 23, 2015

RE: FY 15/16-26: ADOPTION OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULES

We have enclosed schedules for the six Council subcommittees and would like to have the schedules approved so they can be properly filed with the Town Clerk's office. In order to make certain we cover all of them, I would suggest the following motions:

Move that the schedule for the Administration & Education Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

Move that the schedule for the Community Services Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

Move that the schedule for the Economic Development and Land Use Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

Move that the schedule for the Finance Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

Move that the schedule for Golf Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

Move that the schedule for the Public Safety Subcommittee, as presented at the Town Council meeting on November 23, 2015, be approved.

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Administration & Education Subcommittee

Chair: Councilor Leon Rivers
Members: S. Schulman, W. Hypolite, P. DeLorenzo

(1st Monday of each month except where noted)
6:30 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield,
CT 06002

January 4

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 5 (July 4, Independence Day)

August 1

September 6 *(Sept. 5, Labor Day)*

October 3

November 7

December 5

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Committee on Committees Subcommittee

Chair: Councilor Joseph Washington
Members: S. Schulman and J. Neuwirth

(3rd Monday of each month except where noted)
6:30 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield,
CT 06002

January 19 ***(January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)***

February 16 ***(February 15, President's Day)***

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Community Services Subcommittee

Chair: Councilor Derrick Seldon
Members: J. Neuwirth, J. Washington, J. Merritt

(1st Tuesday quarterly except where noted)
6:00 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

March 1

June 7

September 6

December 6

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Economic Development and Land Use Subcommittee

Chair: Deputy Mayor Sydney Schulman
Members: L. Rivers, J. Washington, J. Neuwirth, W. Hypolite, P. DeLorenzo

(3rd Tuesday of each month except where noted)
7:00 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield,CT 06002

January 19 (January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

February 16 (February 15 – President's Day)

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Finance Subcommittee

Chair: Councilor Wayne Hypolite
Members: P. DeLorenzo, J. Merritt, S. Schulman, D. Seldon

(3rd Monday of each month except where noted)
5:45 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield,
CT 06002

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February 16 ***(February 15, President's Day)***

March 21

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September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council

Golf Subcommittee

Chair: Councilor Leon Rivers
Members: J. Merritt, D. Seldon
Ad Hoc: B. Klein, J. Colman, B. Lester, A. Ford

(4th Monday of each month except where noted)
6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield,
CT 06002

January 25

February 22

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

December 26

2016 Meeting Schedule of the Bloomfield Town Council Public Safety Subcommittee

Chair: J. Washington
Members: D. Seldon, J. Merritt, J. Neuwirth, L. Rivers

(2nd Monday of each month except where noted)
6:30 p.m., Conference Room #5

Bloomfield Town Hall
800 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

January 11

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10 ***(October 11, Columbus Day)***

November 14

December 12

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: November 23, 2015

RE: FY 15/16-27: CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 28, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Traditionally Council cancels the second meeting in December with the understanding that a special meeting can be called should there be a need. If you wish to do this, the following motion would be in order.

> *Move that the regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council scheduled for December 28, 2015 be cancelled*

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: November 23, 2015

RE: FY 15/16-28: APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On Wednesday, November 18, 2015, the Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee unanimously voted to approve Joan Geeter to fill the Democratic vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees (created by a resignation).

At this time, Councilor Washington would like to bring this nomination to the Town Council.

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

Move to make the following appointment to the Library Board of Trustees:

Ms. Joan Geeter

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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, November 9, 2015 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

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

Absent were: Councilor Derrick Seldon and Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager

Also present were: Sharron Howe, Acting Town Manager and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was moved by Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to nominate the Election of Mayor to Joan Gamble.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councilor Rivers, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to nominate the Election of Deputy Mayor to Sydney Schulman.

APPOINTMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER

Mayor Gamble appointed Councilor Joseph Washington as the Majority Leader. She also recognized Councilor Joseph Merritt as the Minority Leader.

ANNOUCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Recognition Certificates to Blue Hills Fire Interns

Mayor Gamble presented a recognition certificate to the interns, Emmanuel Foster, Jayden Gentre and Jaquan Dawkins at Blue Hills Fire for their hard work and dedication to the department as well as to the community.

Chief Robert Farmer also extended congratulations to these interns and stated that they have been instrumental in providing support and overall commitment to the department as a whole.

Presentation of Proclamation to Larry & Bainie Wild

Mayor Gamble and Deputy Mayor Schulman read and presented a proclamation to Mr. and Mrs. Larry & Bainie Wild for their dedication to the Town of Bloomfield. Mr. & Mrs. Wild have participated in numerous events and activities throughout town over the past 35 years. Mrs. Bainie Wild also worked as the Assistant to the Town Manager for 27 years, retiring in 2010. They are now relocating to Texas to enjoy their remaining retirement years.

On behalf of all Town Councilors and staff, November 9, 2015 was proclaimed as the Larry and Bainie Wild Day in the Town of Bloomfield.

CITIZEN STATEMENTS & PETITIONS

1. **David Baram,** 5 Woodward Circle also congratulated Bainie & Larry Wild on their continued support and dedication to the town. He also congratulated the entire Council on being re-elected as a united front. State Representative Baram offered his sincere congratulations to Mayor Joan Gamble and extended gratitude to the outgoing Mayor Sydney Schulman for his 13 years of service to the town.

2. **Hillary Green,** 9 Cliffmount Drive congratulated Mayor Gamble and Councilors on their re-election. She also indicated that the citizens of Bloomfield will continue to be advocates to ensure changes occur within the town.

Council Subcommittees

Announcement of Council Subcommittee Chairs for Election Term 2015-2017

Mayor Gamble announced the following individuals as Subcommittee Chairs for Election Term 2015-2017:

- **Administration & Education – Leon Rivers**
- **Golf – Leon Rivers**
- **Public Safety – Joseph Washington**
- **Finance – Wayne Hypolite**
- **Community Service – Derrick Seldon**
- **Land Use & Economic Development**
- **Committee on Committees – Joseph Washington**

COUNCIL BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FY 15/16-21: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment of Town Attorney

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to appoint Marc Needelman as the Town Attorney for term ending November 2017.

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FY 15/16-22: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment of Town Treasurer

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to appoint Byron Lester as the Town Treasurer for term ending November 2017.

FY 15/16-23: Consider and Take Action Regarding Appointment of Clerk of Council

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to appoint India Rodgers as the Clerk of Council for term ending November 2017.

FY 15/16-24: Consider and Take Action Regarding Approval of Council Schedule for 2016

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo and voted unanimously to approve Council Schedule for 2016.

FY 15/16-25: Consider and Take Action Regarding Pending Tax Appeals

This item was deferred to Executive Session for discussion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Councilor Hypolite, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to defer to this report to the upcoming Finance Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gamble did not have a report at this time.

Town Manager's Report

Mrs. Sharron Howe, Acting Town Manager reported the following updates to the Town Council:

- The town has awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) - Affirmative Action bid to HRC Consulting from New Haven, CT. There proposed contract is under review by the Town Attorney.
- The Public Works department is currently reviewing cost estimates for milling and patchwork needed for Woodland Avenue.

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- The RFP for 330 Park Avenue has been drafted and submitted for bid review.

- The RFP has also been submitted for the Blue Hills Avenue Streetscape project. There have been no updates regarding the bond request information from Representative David Baram.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth to approve the minutes of October 26, 2015.

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

The motion passes 7-0-1

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor DeLorenzo congratulated Mayor Gamble and all Councilors on being re-elected to office for the next two years. He also expressed excitement about events and things happening in town such as the new Bloomfield Apartments project, new owners for Wintonbury Mall and progress with Filley Park.

Councilor Neuwirth thanked residents for voting and expressed commitment to continuing to serve the town.

Councilor Merritt thanked Bainie and Larry Wild for their service to the town and congratulated all Councilors on being re-elected.

Deputy Mayor Schulman expressed gratitude to Bainie and Larry for their overall dedication and passion for the town. He also congratulated all colleagues and is looking forward to growth in the town.

Councilor Hypolite underscored comments of fellow colleagues and informed residents about discussions regarding upcoming capital projects for the town such as the Library, Public Works garage and Senior Center. He also expressed excitement to work with colleagues and wished Bainie and Larry the best in their future endeavors.

Councilor Washington congratulated Bainie and Larry for their service and dedication to the town. He also stated that he has received complaints about accidents occurring on Glendale and Rockwell Avenue. In addition, Councilor Washington expressed concerns about residents having difficulty to get to polling places to vote due to lack of parking and road closures.

Councilor Rivers attended the Bloomfield High School ribbon cutting ceremony for new football/track field. He also extended congrats to Bainie and Larry and wished them well in their retirement.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Schulman, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo and voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session B. – Discussion Concerning Pending Claims and Litigation to the Town Council, Town Attorney and Acting Town Manager.

At 8:21 p.m., Attorney Needelman went directly into Executive Session A. – Pending Tax Appeals.

At 8:26 p.m., it was Councilor Hypolite, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to exit Executive Session and enter into regular session.

It was moved by Councilor Hypolite, seconded by Councilor Rivers and voted unanimously to authorize the Town Attorney to enter into settlement negotiations of Witt (Northcliff Drive) v. Town of Bloomfield.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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