

**Special Organizational Meeting Agenda
Borough/HDC Consolidation Study Committee
September 8, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.
In Person at Litchfield Firehouse, 258 West St. and
Remote by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone**

Call to Order by First Selectman: First Selectman Denise Raap called the special hybrid organizational meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Introduction of New Members: All members of the Borough/HDC Consolidation Study Committee introduced themselves including Jon Tarrant, Leo Paul, Pat Iannuzzi, Chuck Conn, Mike Castelli, Daniel Parsons, Cleve Fuessenich, and Ron Leal. Leslie Caron, Ty Williams and Bruce Schniter were absent. M. Castelli and L. Paul, both alternates, were seated as regular voting members.

Election of Officers

Chairman: Motion: L. Paul moved to nominate J. Tarrant as Chairman, and C. Fuessenich seconded. Motion: L Paul moved that nominations be closed, and C. Conn seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. Voting on J. Tarrant as Chairman, all voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Tarrant then took over chairmanship of the meeting.

Vice Chairman: Motion: L. Paul moved to nominate R. Leal as Vice Chairman of the committee. M. Castelli seconded. Motion: D. Parsons moved that nomination be closed, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Secure Recording Secretary: Motion: L. Paul moved to nominate Pat Iannuzzi as Recording Secretary, and C. Conn seconded. Motion: M. Castelli moved to close nominations, and L. Paul seconded. Voting on P. Iannuzzi as Recording Secretary, all voted in favor and the motion passed.

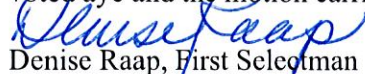
Reading of the Charge of the Committee by Chairman: J. Tarrant read from the Resolution establishing the committee, Section 4. Mission, to be sure members understood their charge. There were four parts to the mission, plus he also said it would include the financial aspects, both to Borough taxpayers and Town taxpayers.

Discussion of Charge to Establish Goals: J. Tarrant would like to lay out a plan at the next meeting for goals and the desired process and legal process to follow. J. Tarrant said that in consolidation Town taxes will go up minimally, perhaps .15 mills, but administrative duplications will be eliminated from the budget. One of the first items for discussion should be showing the financial ramifications of consolidation for both the Town and the Borough. D. Parsons asked if there has been any movement on determining who owns the green. D. Raap said there is an historic title searcher hired by Mike Rybak who has been working on this, and so far studies are finding that there are hundreds of descendants who own the green. J. Tarrant said the Town will continue to fund the study to see where the ownership lies.

Discussion of Budget: J. Tarrant did not think a budget was needed, but if that changes, they will address it.

Future Meeting Schedule: J. Tarrant proposed a Thursday night meeting, and the group settled on the second Thursday of the month at Litchfield Firehouse at 6:00 p.m. **Motion:** R. Leal moved to set the regular meeting schedule for the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Firehouse. C. Fuessenich seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion: L. Paul moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. and M. Castelli seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.


Denise Raap, First Selectman