

Regular Meeting Minutes
Town of Litchfield
Borough/HDC Consolidation Study Committee
April 13, 2023, 6:00 PM
Litchfield Firehouse; 258 West St., Litchfield, CT

Call to Order – Committee Chairman: Chairman Jonathan Tarrant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other members present were Cleve Fuessenich, Pat Iannuzzi, Dan Parsons, Leo Paul (alternate member), Michael Castelli (alternate member)

Absent: Ty Williams, Ron Leal, Bruce Schnitzer, Chuck Conn, Leslie Caron

Seating of Alternate Members as Regular Members if appropriate: Chairman Tarrant seated both Michael Castelli and Leo Paul as regular voting members.

Approval of 3/16/2023 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion: L. Paul moved to approve the 3/16/23 meeting minutes and C. Fuessenich seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Discuss Historically Appropriate Documents: No discussion

Discuss Financial Documents/Info: J. Tarrant referenced the Borough budget audit that was passed out at the last meeting. The fund balance shown on page 4d was a different amount than the fund balance shown on page 10.

**Discuss Next Step(s) in the Consolidation Study Process:
Roadmap and Timetable for Committee Proposal**

J. Tarrant said P. Iannuzzi sent him an email offering to draft a proposal to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, but he questioned if it would be wise to have a formal vote of the Study Committee to determine if they are in favor of consolidation before proceeding with the recommendation. J. Tarrant felt it is not necessary as the Committee was formed with a mission by the Board of Selectmen for an expected proposal for consolidation. It was suggested by J. Tarrant and agreed upon by those in attendance that the proposal would be reviewed by the Committee and voted on before it is submitted to the Board of Selectmen. J. Tarrant will meet with P. Iannuzzi next week to begin working on the outline of the proposal. The group working on the draft is J. Tarrant, P. Iannuzzi, Leslie Caron, and Bruce Schnitzer.

P. Iannuzzi asked if it would be a good idea to send a letter to the Borough Board to invite them to discuss perhaps just the Green and offered to draft the letter. **Motion:** L. Paul moved that a letter be sent to the Borough inviting them to attend a meeting so they can provide input for potential recommendations. P. Iannuzzi seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Open Discussion: L. Paul mentioned the proposal that came up during the tenure of the Main Street Initiative Committee of making West Street a one-way road and expanding the sidewalk that could open it up for outdoor dining. C. Fuessenich suggested speaking with Ed Fabbri and the Traffic Safety Study Group. This may be one of the few opportunities for economic development in Litchfield. J. Tarrant also mentioned his idea for a gazebo on the Green.

Adjournment: Motion: L. Paul moved and M. Castelli seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jonathan Tarrant, Chairman