

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

January 5, 2016
4:30 P.M. Town Hall

Present: Bruce Adams, Jeff Parkin and Mike VanValkenburg.

Also present: John Baker, Jim Blackketter, Darlene Brady, Kevin Brady, Gary Davis, Debbie Devaux, Rocky Epstein, Chris Garrity, John Genovese, Donna Hayes, Merle Koblenz, Tom McGowan, Lynn Mellis Worthington, Donna Miller, Rick Osborne.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Add to agenda/approve agenda: Mr. Adams added approval of minutes of the December 28 and December 30, 2015 special meetings as items 4b and 4c to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 regular meeting as submitted. Mr. Van Valkenburg seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Parkin made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2015 and December 30, 2015 special meetings as submitted. Mr. Van Valkenburg seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Communication

Oral: There was no oral communication.

Written: Mr. Adams stated there are three written correspondences (attached):

- November 30, 2015 letter from William Whynott of Duggan Road regarding dead trees on town property on Duggan Road.
- December 9, 2015 memo from Lesly Ferris regarding Park and Recreation Commission recommendation for appointment of alternate at the Annual Town Meeting.
- January 4, 2016 memo from Lesly Ferris listing the senior activities during the month of December 2015.

Report of the First Selectman:

Mr. Adams reported on the following things he did during the month of December:

- Ewaste pickup at Transfer Station
- Friday Senior Lunch
- Town Tree Lighting
- Numerous trips to monitor progress on covered bridge
- COG - Emergency Management
- 3 pistol permit interviews
- Attended meetings of restroom committee
- Reader at KCS

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- Met with Kent Emergency Mgmt. Director

Meetings covered by the BOS – group or individual

- BOS – 12/1, 12/28 – full BOS
- BOS – 12/30 – Full BOS to tour KCS
- Chamber – 12/7 Bruce
- BOF – 12/15 Bruce
- COG – Monthly meeting – Bruce

Police Report – Phone at Town Hall is 860-972-3134. Email is residenttrooper@townofkentct.org

- Trooper Fisher continues to do an exemplary job. He is proactive and is really getting to know the town.
- A number of residents and business owners have commented on his demeanor and visibility.
- Even a lawyer commented on what a good fit he is.

Report of Selectmen: There were no reports.

Report of Treasurer: The treasurer did not attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

Tax Refunds: Tax Collector Debbie Devaux presented two tax refunds. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve two tax refunds to Christian J. Bouchard in the amount of \$1499.55 and \$1451.12 as submitted by the Tax Collector. Mr. Van Valkenburg seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Employee(s) report(s) on Seminar/workshops: Donna Hayes reported she attended the following:

- Dec. 2, 2015 Certified Association of ZEO's luncheon
- Dec. 4, 2015 training session at First Light for land use administrators

New Business: Appointments: Mr. Adams made a motion to re-appoint Bruce Whipple to a five-year term on the Historic District Commission that expires January 31, 2021. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Adams made a motion to appoint Jeff Morgan to a three-year term on the Historic District Commission that expires January 31, 2019. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution – Carter Road Bridge: No action was taken.

Five-Year Capital Plan: Mr. Adams said the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan would be on the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting for discussion. Mr. Adams, working with the capital plan dated January 5, 2016 (attached), made the following recommendations regarding the Board of Education capital requests:

- Remove from FY2017 \$40,000 for pick-up truck
- Reduce FY2018 \$317,300 for windows to \$100,000

Mr. Adams suggested the funding for the truck could come out of the school board's operating budget. He also proposed the school board could use money left in the roof project and in security upgrades toward the window project, adding he doesn't believe all the windows need to be replaced immediately. Mr. Parkin commented he believes this would be a great compromise. There was discussion about who is responsible for oversight of the school physical plant: Board of Selectmen, Board of Education or KCS building committee. Mr. Adams said he would look into this issue.

Mr. Adams noted other changes to the capital plan:

- FY2021 Highway trucks – increased to \$140,000
- FY2023 Highway line \$180,00 increased to \$185,000 and \$225,000 increased to \$230,000
- KVFD labeling has changed from apparatus to Engine 1 and is funded over five years
- FY2022 Zoning Regulations has increased by \$10,000

The selectmen discussed the proposed \$850,000 for KCS renovation project and agreed to leave it in the capital plan while noting they do have real concerns about the cost.

Mr. Adams shared a request from the Kent Memorial Library to become part of the town's capital plan. KML submitted a request for \$97,500 in FY2021 for Phase 1 renovation of the old firehouse building (attached). Librarian Donna Miller noted the library does plan to submit a STEAP Grant application and state grant application for funding for this project. The selectmen discussed options, including adding funds to the library's annual grant. Mr. Adams said he would present the library's proposal to the Board of Finance for its input.

Mr. Adams made a motion to bring to the Board of Finance the Five-Year Capital Plan, dated January 5, 2016, without the \$40,000 in FY2017 for BOE pick-up truck; BOE window project in FY2018 restored to \$100,000; increases in the Highway lines, reflected in the Capital Plan of January 5, 2016; \$10,000 increase in the FY2022 Zoning Regulations line; and change of labeling for KVFD apparatus to Engine 1. Mr. Van Valkenburg seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Legal Review of New Regulations: Donna Hayes reported the final draft of the new zoning regulations is being presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The next step would be a legal review. Mrs. Hayes shared with the selectmen that the commission is proposing to have only the specific chapters that have been changed reviewed by the attorney due to the cost and time of a full review. There would be a public hearing in March.

Public restroom committee report – John Baker: Mr. Adams noted the town closed on the Manasse lot today. The committee presented a proposed building, floor plan and lot placement drawing (attached). Mr. Adams highlighted the features of the proposal: open porch with kiosk

area, men's and women's restrooms, coin-operated shower behind the building and parking area. Mr. Adams said the committee is prepared to make a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Parkin made a motion to bring the Public Restroom Committee's proposed Kent Welcome Center as submitted to the Annual Town Meeting on January 21, 2016. Mr. Van Valkenburg seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal to ban seaplanes from Lake Waramaug: Mr. Adams read letter he received from Mark Lyon, Washington First Selectman, regarding a proposed ordinance to prohibit seaplanes from landing on Lake Waramaug (attached). Mr. Parkin, who identified himself as a seaplane pilot, read a letter from the Sea Pilots Association (attached). Mr. Parkin said he feels the proposed ordinance is an opportunity to regulate a problem that isn't a problem. Mr. Parkin made a motion to oppose the proposed ordinance to prohibit seaplanes from landing on Lake Waramaug. Mr. VanValkenburg seconded the motion. Tom McGowan spoke on the merits of the proposal, noting the potential for a threat from invasive species and animals. Gary Davis, Donna Hayes and Chris Garrity voice support for the proposal. Mr. Parkin withdrew his motion. No other action was taken.

"Faster Saves Lives" program: Mr. Parkin shared a proposal for "Faster Saves Lives" program, a two-part school safety program that is self-funded and shared a copy of an op-ed piece he wrote (attached). Mr. Parkin asked that the Board of Selectmen request the Board of Education review this program. Mr. Adams said he would put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

Old Business: Review of Job Descriptions: Ms. Devaux said she emailed to the selectmen the Tax Collector Assistant Job Description. Mr. Adams said he would place this on the next meeting agenda.

Status of F.O.I. Complaint dated June 3, 2015: Mr. Adams said there is no new report.

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.



Lesly Ferris
Acting Clerk

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.

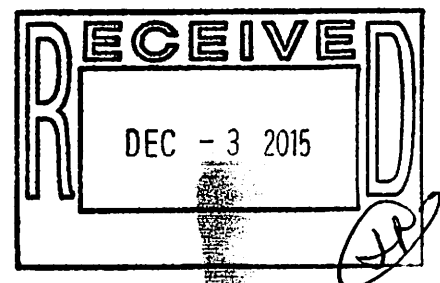
To: Board of Selectmen

November 30, 2015

My neighbors and myself have asked the town to address a problem of several dead trees on Duggan Rd. on town property. A letter was written to Mrs. Miller of 60-B Duggan Rd. on this issue from the First Selectman. This letter was a response to her concern about these trees. My name was used in this letter concerning my conversation with the Town Highway Foreman about dead trees.

First I want to state that Duggan Rd. is owned in title by the Town of Kent since 1793. Refer to Vol. 8 / Pg. 356 in the town records. This deed conveys a 33 foot strip of land to the Town of Kent for a highway, not a right of way. I also wish to note that all residential properties from Carter Rd. to the northeast corner of my property have property surveys filed in the town records showing all property lines along this road.

William Whynott
William Whynott
60-A Duggan Rd.



Kent Park and Recreation

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Lesly Ferris



Date: Jan. 4, 2016

Re: Senior activities

The following special activities took place at the Kent Senior Center during December 2015:

- 2 – New Milford VNA blood pressure clinic
- 3, 1, 17, 31 – senior art group
- 9 – holiday luncheon with entertainment by Kent Center School student council members
- 11 – Friday Senior lunch holiday party with grab bag
- 16 – Salisbury VNA wellness clinic

Thank you.

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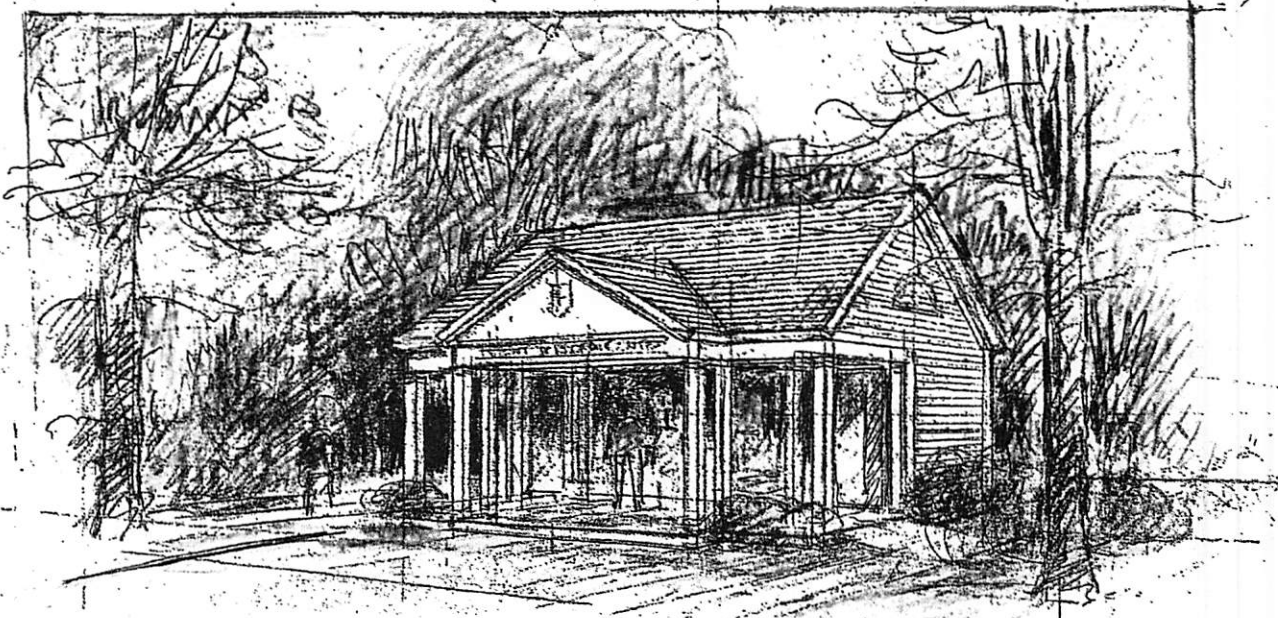
Date: Dec. 9, 2015


Re: Park and Recreation Commission appointments

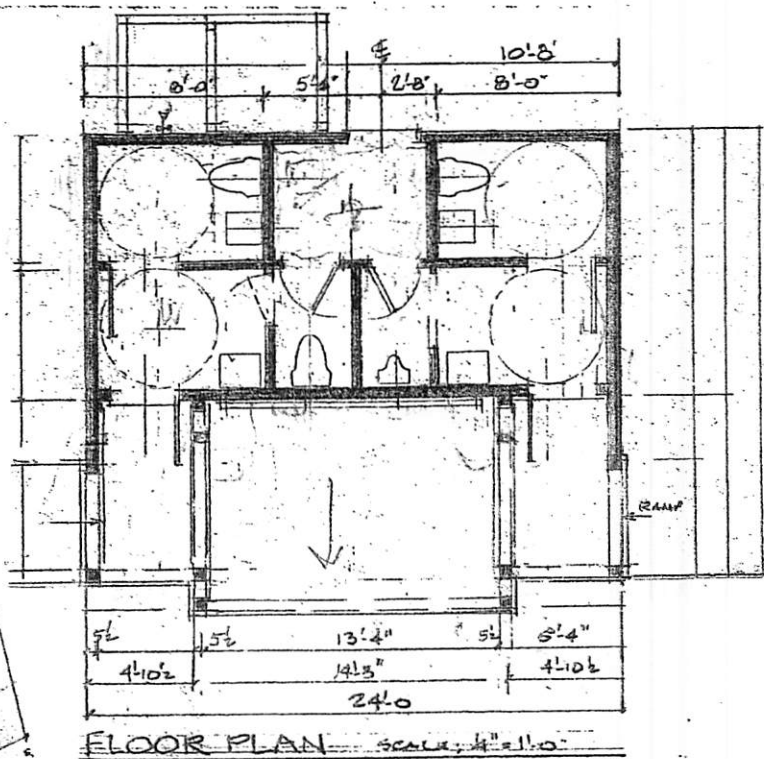
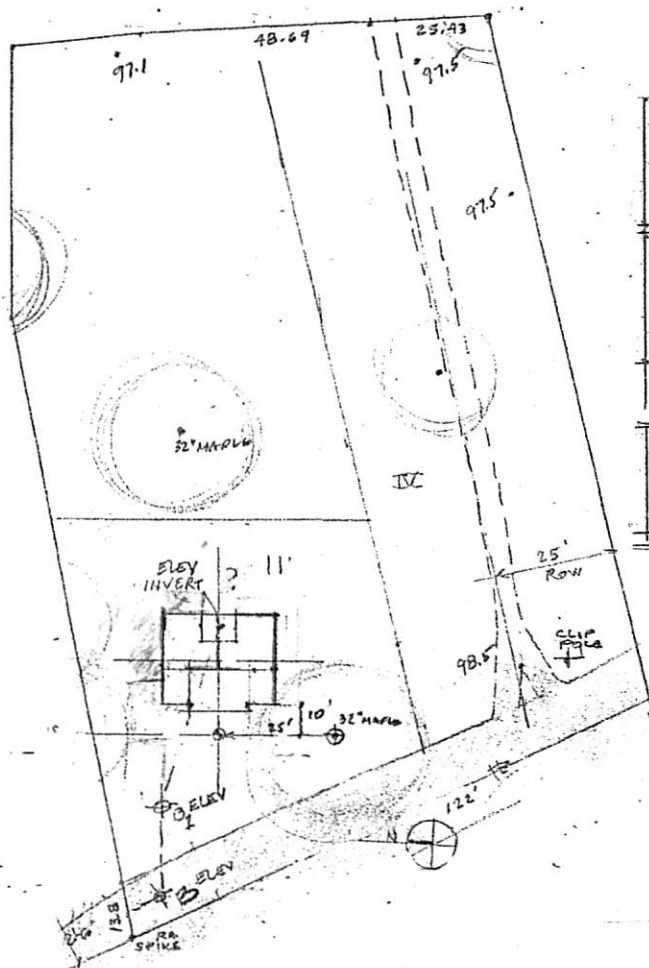
The Kent Park and Recreation Commission at a special meeting Dec. 7, 2015 voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment at the Annual Town Meeting of Katie Nordland as a Park and Recreation Commission alternate for a one-year term until Jan. 19, 2017.

Thank you.

FIVE YEAR TOTALS	PROPOSED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN						INFORMATIONAL USE				
		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	BOE PLAN						Bldg Imp	Roof			
	KCS BLDG IMPROVEMENTS						850,000	300,000			
	(see \$100,000) WINDOWS		317,300								
	(new) Vehicle	40,000									
357,300	BOE SUBTOTAL	40,000	317,300	0	0	0	850,000	300,000	0	0	0
	BOS PLAN										
		HWY Trk # 5	HWY Trk # 6	HWY Trk # 7	HWY Trk # 2 & Mow	Payloader Zero Turn Salt Brine Maker	Truck #1 Compactor	HWY Trk # 12 and Kubota	HWY Trk # 9	HWY Trk # 4	HWY Trk # 8
	HIGHWAY TRUCKS	180,000	50,000	180,000	100,000	0	60,000	185,000	230,000	130,000	200,000
	(see 130,000)					140,000					
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT				20,000	35,000	40,000	35,000			
720,000	TOTAL TOWN FLEET	180,000	50,000	180,000	120,000	190,000	100,000	220,000	230,000	130,000	200,000
	KVFD APPARATUS		Eng 1	Eng 1	Eng 1	Eng 1	Eng 1	200,000			
	Replace Utility 4		187,500	187,500	150,000	150,000					
675,000	TOTAL KVFD FLEET	0	187,500	187,500	150,000	150,000	200,000	0	0	0	0
	ANDERSON ROAD (REBUILD)								350,000		
	BOTSFORD ROAD										0
	FULLER MTN ROAD	290,000									
	KENICO ROAD	200,000	190,000	85,000							
	STUDIO HILL ROAD					200,000		0			
965,000	TOTAL ROADS	490,000	190,000	85,000	0	200,000	0	0	345,000	350,000	0
	BRIDGE 06153										
	BRIDGES 17-20 & 22						200,000				
	BRIDGE #16 (Anderson Acres)			100,000	100,000						
	BRIDGE # 05519 (Macedonia)					250,000					
450,000	TOTAL BRIDGES	0	0	100,000	100,000	250,000	200,000	0	0	0	0
0	TOTAL LAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Roof	Siding	Doors			Parking Lot				
	TOWN GARAGE	125,000	75,000	24,000			70,000				
	STREETSCAPE (sidewalk replacement)				100,000						
						Appliances					
	NUTRITION SITE					25,000					
	COMMUNITY HOUSE					Bathrooms 25,000				Roof 50,000	
		AC / Pkng Lot	Generator/Bolter			Oil Tank Removal	Carpot / Paint				
	TOWN HALL	77,000	65,000		25,000		40,000				
541,000	TOTAL BUILDINGS	202,000	140,000	24,000	150,000	25,000	110,000	0	0	50,000	0
	ZONING REG						35,000 +	0			
	TOWN PLAN POCD			15,000	15,000	15,000					
	REVALUATION		25,000	40,000							
110,000	TOTAL NON RECURRING	0	25,000	55,000	15,000	15,000	35,000	0	0	0	0
3,461,000	BOS SUBTOTAL	872,000	592,500	631,500	835,000	830,000	645,000	220,000	575,000	530,000	200,000
FIVE YEAR TOTALS		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
3,818,300	BOE & BOS PROJECTED CAPITAL	912,000	909,800	631,500	535,000	830,000	1,495,000	520,000	575,000	530,000	200,000
	BOE & BOS CAPITAL SPEN	912,000	909,800	631,500	535,000	830,000	1,495,000	520,000	575,000	530,000	200,000
	1/5TH OF ANNUAL CAPITAL	182,400	181,960	126,300	107,000	166,000	299,000	104,000	115,000	106,000	40,000
	APPROPRIATION FY 2016-2017	763,660									
	APPROPRIATION FY 2017-2018		880,260								
	APPROPRIATION FY 2018-2019			802,300							
	APPROPRIATION FY 2019-2020				791,000						
	APPROPRIATION FY 2020-2021					790,000					
	APPROPRIATION FY 2021-2022						664,000				
	Approved by the BoS										
	Accepted by the BoF										
	Approved by P/Z										
	Modified and accepted by BoF		Approved at Town Meeting								



 PROPOSED RENT WELCOME CENTER



John Melius Baker, AIA
ARCHITECT
SOUTH RENT, CT 06785

TOWN OF KENT

2017- 2021 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANNING

Department: **Kent Memorial Library (Kent Library Association, Inc.)**

Date Prepared:

1/4/2016

Contact Person: Donna Miller, Library Director

Purpose of Project:

Add a new item to program Add a new item to program
Modify item already part of program
Included in prior plan

1. Project title: Renovate Library Space: Old Firehouse
2. Location: Kent Memorial Library and old firehouse, #32 & #30 N. Main St., Kent
3. Description of Project: Renovate and upgrade the existing old firehouse, vacated in 2009, and make it a safe, accessible and code-conforming space to accommodate the Library's programs and for meeting space and book sale use. The Library currently has no program room or private meeting space of any kind. The old firehouse has been sitting vacant, except for book sale storage, since 2009 when the firemen moved to a new firehouse. The building has deteriorated significantly, but with funds to renovate it, it can be made into useable space that the library desperately needs to help with programs and fundraising efforts.
4. Justification: The Library Association already fundraises for 70% of the library's annual operating budget. There are no funds for renovation. Library administration will continue to apply each year for a STEAP grant to do phase 1 of the renovation, but the long term goal (Phase 2) in the future is to physically connect the library building to the old firehouse. We are requesting funds for phase 1 at this time.
5. Department Priority: _____

6. Year Proposed for Purchase/Construction	Anticipated cost
2016/2017	_____
2017/2018	_____
2018/2019	_____
2019/2020	_____
2020/2021	_____ \$97,500 _____
2021/2022	_____

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Kent Library Association

APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN CAPITAL BUDGET, January 5, 2016

RENOVATE LIBRARY SPACE: OLD FIREHOUSE

The Kent Memorial Library (KML) is requesting to be included in the Town of Kent Capital Budget.

The Library is proposing to redevelop and upgrade the usage of existing spaces in Library owned properties.

Due to the many and ever-growing programs and activities provided to all people in the town of Kent, free of charge, KML has found that it is outgrowing and has outgrown the existing spaces. The demographics of Kent seem to indicate a growing aging population as well as the need for increased technology access for all residents.

The building committee consisting of Board Members Janet Rivkin (former quality control building inspector, building manager and project construction manager), Jim Blackketter, town business man and volunteer, and volunteer and general contractor, Rick Vizzari, have spent the past year or two looking for the highest and best use of the existing structures. The committee has consulted with a structural engineer, other surrounding libraries and several local contractors to determine what would be the best use of funds for a fiscally conservative and meaningful maximization of space.

Donna Miller, KML library director, has brought years of experience, both in facility growth and program development to the town of Kent.

Comparison with surrounding libraries, with similar populations has led to the realization that the highly used KML has no true meeting space, program or lecture room as well as adequate space for existing staff.

The basic criteria in our request includes:

- 1 Safety for all use.
2. Refurbishing and improving the basic structure of the former Firehouse to conform to code.
- 3 Allowing for multiple programs to occur without conflicting with the regular use of the library and the highly used reading room.

Phase 1 of the reuse of existing space at the old Firehouse would include:

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kentmemoriallibrary.org

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1. Repair and replacement of parts of the roof, gutters and flashing.
2. Reinforce the existing fire escape.
3. Secure the existing stairs to the second floor and make safe with proper bannisters, etc.
4. Replace existing windows with energy efficient windows.
5. Upgrade wiring to accommodate technology.
6. Install a proper ADA bathroom on the second floor.
7. If possible replace existing flooring on the second floor with proper, easy use and maintenance materials.

The estimated cost for these focal points is \$97,500.

It is the long range plan to make the Firehouse a viable building to accommodate more of the Library's programs and to keep it in context with the essence and profile of the Town of Kent.

The lower part of the Firehouse will continue to house the ever popular summer book sale which not only provides the library with a large part of it's funding for the operating budget, but also has become a large draw to our town and its retail establishments. The Library budget has in fact been taxed heavily in order to upgrade deteriorating or emergency replacement of existing technology and mechanical systems.

Our Library serves the town of Kent through its programs, technology and the special safe place for all ages. The Committee, Board of Directors and Staff of the Library all see this as a responsible way to improve our facilities to accommodate the ever growing programs and the base that they serve.

Lake Waramaug Authority
Bryan Town Hall
Washington, CT 06794

December 23, 2015

Mark Lyon, First Selectman
Town of Washington
Bryan Town Hall
Washington Depot, CT 06794

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Lake Waramaug Authority, I am pleased to enclose a proposed ordinance which would, except in emergencies, prohibit landings of Aircraft, as defined therein, on Lake Waramaug. The Lake Waramaug Authority respectfully requests that this ordinance be submitted to a vote of the citizens of the Town of Washington at the next town meeting to be scheduled during January 2016.

Pursuant to its enabling legislation passed by the Towns of Washington, Kent and Warren in whose jurisdiction Lake Waramaug falls, this Authority, which is made up of representatives of the three towns, has the responsibility, among other things, of providing for the regulation of the operation of Aircraft on the Lake.

In the exercise of this responsibility, the Authority has determined that the landing of Aircraft on the Lake would endanger the public safety and risk contaminating the waters of the Lake by invasive organisms, as well as creating a public disturbance. The Authority therefore recommends that the enclosed ordinance be adopted by the citizens of the Towns of Washington, Warren and Kent in whose jurisdiction the waters of the lake falls.

The enclosed draft was prepared in consultation with Peter Ebersol, the attorney for the Town of Warren. His letter approving of the draft is also attached. If you believe it would be helpful, Mr. Ebersol is prepared to attend your coming meeting of the selectmen to answer any questions that may arise.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lake Waramaug Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edgar Berner', written over a horizontal line.

Edgar Berner,
Chairman

Cc: Peter Ebersol, Esq.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

REGARDING PROHIBITION OF AIRCRAFT LANDINGS ON LAKE WARAMAUG

FOR ADOPTION BY THE TOWNS OF KENT, WARREN AND WASHINGTON

MINDFUL that the operation of Aircraft (as hereinafter defined) on the waters of Lake Waramaug would pose serious risks to other concurrent users of Lake Waramaug; and

COGNIZANT of the unavoidable danger of contamination of the Lake by Aircraft from other water bodies which would compromise the many year undertaking to preserve the quality of the water of Lake Waramaug from invasive species and other pollutants; and

CONCERNED that the operation of Aircraft on Lake Waramaug would create unduly noisy and congestive conditions inconsistent with the scenic beauty and tranquility of Lake Waramaug that are enjoyed by the general public;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. No person shall land any aircraft of any type, including but not limited to planes and helicopters ("Aircraft"), on Lake Waramaug, nor shall any Aircraft take off from Lake Waramaug, unless an unforeseeable emergency arises and the operator of such Aircraft cannot safely land the Aircraft at any alternative location.**
- 2. The landing of an Aircraft on Lake Waramaug shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this ordinance and the violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be an infraction.**
- 3. Whenever a violation of this ordinance occurs, proof of the registration number of any Aircraft concerned shall be prima facie evidence that the owner was the operator thereof.**

4. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined two hundred and fifty dollars for each landing and each takeoff. Such fines shall be levied by law enforcement by citations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes See Section 7-148 as the same may be amended from time to time.
5. In addition to any fines or penalties imposed in this section, this ordinance may be enforced by injunctive procedure in the Superior Court. The town may further recover from any violator any and all costs and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, expended by the town in enforcing the provisions of this article.
6. This ordinance shall not preclude any additional enforcement action taken by any appropriate town, state or federal official conducted pursuant to any applicable ordinance, regulation or law of the town or state or the United States of America.
7. All remedies and penalties provided for in this ordinance shall be cumulative and independently available to the town, and the town shall be authorized to pursue any and all remedies set forth in this section to the fullest extent allowed by law.
8. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §7-148.
9. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b).
10. The First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to inform the Federal Aviation Authority and other competent Federal and State governmental authorities and all appropriate Aircraft pilots associations of the adoption of this ordinance and of any violations thereof that should occur in the future.
11. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the town that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unlawful by valid judgment or decree of the court of competent jurisdiction, such unlawfulness shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance.

EBERSOL, McCORMICK & STECK, LLC

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December 22, 2015

Mark Lyon, First Selectman
Town of Washington
2 Bryan Plaza
Washington Depot, CT 06794

Re: Proposed Ordinance – Prohibition of Aircraft Landings – Lake Waramaug

Dear Mr. Lyon:

I represent The Lake Waramaug Authority with respect to its request to have aircraft landings prohibited on Lake Waramaug. Enclosed is a draft of a proposed ordinance that I have reviewed, find to be in proper form and is in accordance with Connecticut law.

The Lake Waramaug Authority respectfully requests that the Selectman place this proposed ordinance on the agenda for consideration and approval at the next town meeting scheduled for January. Please call me if you wish to discuss the proposed ordinance.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Charles R. Ebersol, Jr.

CRE,Jr:srd
Enc.



Seaplane Pilots Association

4315 Highland Park Blvd • Suite C • Lakeland, Florida 33813 1639 • Phone (863) 701-7979 • Fax (863) 701-7588

April 15, 2003

Dear Member:

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has designated Lake Waramaug, located 20 miles north of Danbury, as the first Heritage Lake pursuant to the Connecticut Heritage Lake Program Law.

One of the most significant aspects of this program is the preservation of Lake Waramaug as the only major lake in Connecticut free of invasive aquatic weeds, such as Eurasian Milfoil. These weeds grow from great depths and mat over a major portion of the surface of affected lakes, substantially curtailing public recreational uses.

Small fragments of these weeds, which may be carried from lake to lake by visiting motorboats and seaplanes, are sufficient to begin the process of invading the lake. Once in the lake, the weeds cannot be removed and may be controlled only temporarily and at exorbitant cost.

All motorboats entering Lake Waramaug at the existing town launch are inspected for such weeds and are prohibited from launching if weeds are found. Obviously, seaplanes, which may carry small fragments of aquatic weeds, particularly in the water rudder and amphibious gear mechanisms, cannot be inspected before landing in Lake Waramaug.

Considering these circumstances, the availability of suitable alternate landing areas, and the potential impact on seaplane regulations should seaplanes be implicated in the transmission of invasive species to this sensitive lake, please do not land on Lake Waramaug.

I appreciate your help in this matter, and encourage you to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Michael Volk
President



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NEW PRESTON, CONNECTICUT 06777

December 18, 2015

Bruce K. Adams
First Selectman, Kent CT
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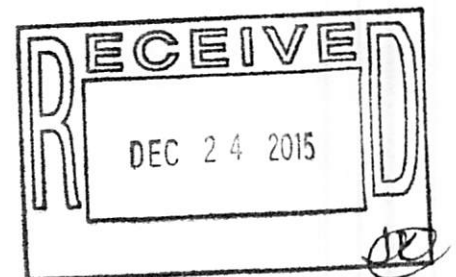
Dear Mr. Adams,

Lake Waramaug Association is in full support of the proposed ordinance written and presented by Lake Waramaug Authority prohibiting the landing of aircraft on Lake Waramaug. We agree that aircraft landing on the Lake would present a danger to residents, boater and a possible avenue of contamination. Baring emergency situations as outlined in the Lake Waramaug Authority proposed ordinance, we whole heartedly agree that permission not be granted to land aircraft on the lake.

Sincerely,

Peter Bonachea,
President
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FASTER stands for
**Faculty / Administrator Safety
Training & Emergency Response.**

Created by concerned parents, law enforcement, and nationally-recognized safety and medical experts, FASTER is a groundbreaking, nonprofit program that gives educators practical violence response training. *Funded by donations, classes are provided at NO COST to your school district!*

The program offers a carefully-structured curriculum offering over 26 hours of hands-on training over a 3-day class that exceeds the requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

The purpose is not to replace police and EMT, but to allow teachers, administrators, and other personnel on-site to **stop school violence rapidly and render medical aid immediately.**

When violence strikes and students' lives are on the line, every second matters. Faster response is better response. **FASTER saves lives!**

Educators Agree
**FASTER is the
Most Effective Violence
Response Training Available**

"This class provided the mental preparation to allow me to handle any crisis situation. The children who are entrusted to me need me to have this type of leadership skill."
Lisa – 3rd Grade Teacher

"I used to think it was acceptable to say it would never happen here. Then I realized every school where this has happened probably would have said the same thing right up until that last moment."
Scott – Vice Principal

"If anyone has doubts about this program, take the class or just observe. I am a different person after this training."
Sandy – Guidance Counselor

"In my 17 years of education, this was one of the best prepared classes I have been to... a great wealth of knowledge on how to safely protect our students."
Mark – Varsity Coach

"Time is of the essence. Standing by and waiting to be rescued will only cost lives."
Mason – Librarian

"FASTER isn't just about firearms, it is about being prepared before, during and after a violent event. I feel confident I am better prepared to save lives before, during and after. I am changed thanks to this training."
Julie – Secretary

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Strikes at School,*
**You CAN
Be Prepared!**



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You know schools are "soft" targets for violence. And you know you need to take steps to respond to violent events and emergencies. But what should you do? How will you do it? Who can help you with planning, training, and implementation?

HOW IT WORKS:

Each school selects staff members who are willing, competent, and capable. Nationally recognized experts on school violence provide training in armed response, crisis management, and emergency medical aid. The FASTER program pays for tuition and lodging and local school boards authorize these trained staff members to carry firearms in school.

- — This is a nonprofit program sponsored by Buckeye Firearms Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity. There is no cost to your school district. Since 2013, thousands of educators have applied for this specialized training.
- — It's about more than armed response to active killer scenarios. Training also includes crisis management and hands-on emergency medical training for life-threatening injury.
- — Program experts can meet with school board members at no cost to answer questions and provide assistance for policies and procedures, insurance issues, legal and union concerns, and local police / EMT drills and coordination.



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You don't have to be a doctor or EMT to save a life. A medical "trauma" kit enables you to stabilize an injured student or faculty member long enough for professionals to arrive.

These are not typical "first aid" kits. Trauma kits include specialized components to provide immediate aid for severe bleeding and chest or abdominal punctures, the injuries most likely to result in death if not treated immediately.

Whether it's a violent attack, serious playground injury, parking lot accident, weather catastrophe, or life-threatening kitchen or lab incident, these simple, affordable kits help you start saving lives immediately.



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Sec. 53a-217b. Possession of a weapon on school grounds: Class D felony. (a) A person is guilty of possession of a weapon on school grounds when, knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so, such person possesses a firearm or deadly weapon, as defined in section 53a-3, (1) in or on the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, or (2) at a school-sponsored activity as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm (1) by a person for use in a program approved by school officials in or on such school property or at such school-sponsored activity, (2) by a person in accordance with an agreement entered into between school officials and such person or such person's employer, (3) by a peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 53a-3, while engaged in the performance of such peace officer's official duties, or (4) by a person while traversing such school property for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting or for other lawful purposes, provided such firearm is not loaded and the entry on such school property is permitted by the local or regional board of education.

Do we really want safer schools?

BY JEFFREY R. PARKIN

With schools opening all around the country at this time of year, we again are discussing school safety, and we should. There are few greater fears to a parent than the thought of a madman attacking innocent children. Reflecting on school safety, we must acknowledge there is no means and no possible law that absolutely could prevent a determined madman from committing a massacre.

Nothing in this year's hastily enacted gun laws would have or could have prevented the Dec. 14 Newtown shooting. The sad truth is criminals do not obey laws, so additional layers of laws on top of laws do not prevent these types of incidents. One might suggest that if the schools were put in a hardened lockdown state like a penitentiary, "safety" might be achieved, but at what cost? Who in his right mind would advocate such an environment for our children?

With the goal of a freer learning environment for our children, we must look to rational means to obtain the best reasonably achievable level of safety, again recognizing "perfect safety" comes at an onerous and unbearable cost.

The best practical and rational means to limit the damage and carnage some depraved individual might attempt is to have some level

of armed defense on site at every school. The only way to defeat a madman with a weapon is to bring to bear an equivalent level of firepower. For the sake of this discussion, it can be proposed that some level of armed defense at schools is a necessity. Now, let's look at the nature of the criticisms.

Here are some of the key objections I have heard: 1) Who wants police presence at our schools, which should be quiet, enjoyable places of learning? 2) The raw cost of creating a new branch of law enforcement, the "school police," would be enormous. 3) The armed guard is now a primary target. He will be taken out first, leaving the school defenseless. 4) When the guard is taken out, the criminal now has access to the officer's weapon.

The most practical and effective response to these criticisms is to allow teachers and administrative personnel to be armed.

On Oct. 8, 2001, I wrote a similarly positioned opinion piece supporting armed pilots on airplanes ("Armed pilots: the best defense"). The security case in schools is as similar to the matter of airplane security as one could imagine: easy, defenseless targets; a controlled class of potential "defenders."

The armed-pilot program has been successful. From a layman's perspective, the key elements of the armed pilot program are: 1) Participation is purely voluntary. 2) All

volunteers take a law-enforcement training program. 3) The direct cost of the entire program is minimal because the primary activity is undertaken by volunteers. 4) The deterrent effect is substantial because a would-be perpetrator has no way of knowing whether a particular pilot is armed.

These principles apply directly to the prospect of armed teachers or administrators in schools. The deterrent effect is even greater than a visible police presence because a would-be attacker would have no way of knowing if any staff members in the school are armed or where they might be. In addition, with an armed individual on site, the response time for armed intervention would be much quicker than any 911 call to local police could be.

What are the possible negative aspects of arming teachers and administrators?

Some candidates might be "loose cannons" or otherwise considered unworthy of armed defense. Answer: The volunteers would be screened and trained. The minimally trained volunteer could be "taken out" and the attacker thereby has access to another weapon. Answer: We are considering what is already a dreadfully bad situation. If that happens, at least the volunteer has bought some time to facilitate local police response. Seconds matter, and the volunteer would buy valuable time. It might be alleged no one

wants guns in school. Answer: It's reality-check time. Attackers choose defenseless establishments where they can do the most harm. The firearms the teachers and administrators would have would not be visible; these would be silent, invisible deterrents.

I encourage school personnel to examine the armed-pilot program and see how it could be adapted to a particular school. One size won't fill all, but each school should evaluate how a similar program could enhance safety. Furthermore, in all likelihood, many schools would have former military or law-enforcement members on their staffs already. What a great source of experience to call upon, and a great way to introduce the program gradually by using people who have directly relevant experience.

So, to answer my own question: Do we want safer schools? Emphatically, yes. But let's face the reality of our times and look at practical programs that will get results. The controlled arming of teachers and administrators would be an invisible deterrent that would be unknown and unseen until and unless it is needed, with very manageable costs. The unnecessary, ominous presence and extraordinary expense of armed guards would be avoided. Schools would be safer.

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