

TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hicks Municipal Center
Council Chambers
Tolland, CT 06084

REGULAR MEETING

7:30 – 10:00 P.M.

AGENDA
September 28, 2016

VISION STATEMENT

To represent education at its best, preparing each student for an ever-changing society, and becoming a full community of learning where excellence is achieved through each individual's success.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting – September 14, 2016
Regular Meeting – September 14, 2016

C. POINTS OF INFORMATION

D. BREAKOUT SESSION – Group discussions and Share Out on Open Choice Program

- a. Organize into working groups
 1. Review information provided
 2. Share out with group perspectives on program
 - a. Advantages
 - b. Obstacles
 3. What I Know / What I Need to Know / share out

E. POINTS OF INFORMATION

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2 minute limit)

The members of the Tolland Board of Education welcome members of the public to share their thoughts and ideas at this time. When appropriate to do so, members of the Board and the administration may respond to comments during "Points of Information". However, in consideration of those in attendance and in an effort to proceed in a timely manner, follow-up discussion may need to take place outside of the meeting setting.

G. POINTS OF INFORMATION

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – Charles Perosino and Andrew Harger

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

F.1 Policy 1090 - Volunteers

J. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

K. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

L. BOARD ACTION

M. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2 minute limit)
Comments must be limited to items on this agenda.

N. POINTS OF INFORMATION

O. CORRESPONDENCE

- Special Town Council Meeting – September 13, 2016

P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON TOLLAND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

R. ADJOURNMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING – September 14, 2016

Members Present: Mr. Sam Adlerstein, Chair; Ms. Karen Moran, Ms. Colleen Yudichak, Mr. Bob Pagoni, and Ms. Susan Seaver.

Administrators Present: Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: Terri Scheidel - First Student Bus Company; Deborah Eheander, First Student Bus Company; Mr. & Mrs. LaForte; Ms. Santiago, Attorney, Shipman & Goodwin

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Adlerstein called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

B. ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF A TRANSPORTATION HEARING

Ms. Moran motioned to enter Executive Session for the purpose of a transportation hearing at 5:10PM. Ms. Yudichak seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15PM

Ms. Seaver moved, based on the evidence introduced during the transportation hearing conducted on September 14, 2016 by the Board, that the Board affirm the Administration's determination that the transportation and bus stop provided to the Student complies with the Board's transportation policy, and moved further that the Board Chair be authorized to issue a written decision setting forth the basis for the Board's decision. Ms. Moran seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pagoni motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17PM. Ms. Yudichak seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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REGULAR MEETING – September 14, 2016

Members Present: Mr. Sam Adlerstein, Chair; Mr. Patrick Doyle, Vice Chair; Ms. Karen Moran, Ms. Colleen Yudichak, Ms. Susan Seaver, Mr. Jeffrey Schroeder, and Ms. Michelle Harrold.

Administrators Present: Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent of Schools

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Adlerstein called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting – August 16, 2016

Special Meeting – August 24, 2016

Regular Meeting – August 24, 2016

Edits to the minutes: Special Meeting, August 16 – correct meeting location from 1 Eagle Hill Road to 21 Tolland Green; Special Meeting, August 24 – correct meeting location from 1 Eagle Hill Road to 21 Tolland Green; Regular Meeting, August 24 – item G, Finance and Facilities, 6th sentence, delete “removed” and replace with “moved”.

Mr. Doyle motioned to accept the special meeting minutes of August 16th and the special and regular meeting minutes of August 24th as amended. Ms. Yudichak seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

D. POINTS OF INFORMATION - none

E. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Perosino noted that school started on August 31st and the Welcome Back Dance was held last Friday. It was a fundraiser for the senior class and was a great success. The Student Council is planning a Homecoming Dance for October 22nd and the theme is City Nights. Mr. Perosino added that the music department will travel to Virginia Beach in April for a festival and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

F.1. Recognition Teacher of the Year

Dr. Willett introduced Ms. Stephanie Cassidy, the Teacher of the Year. He has observed her many times and believes she is one of the best teachers he has ever seen. Her students are cognitively engaged and emotionally energized and she is relentless in her pursuit of services and support for the students she serves. Ms. Cassidy is now in the competition for the Connecticut Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Adlerstein commented that the Board is inspired by wonderful teachers like Ms. Cassidy and thanked her for what she does every day.

Ms. Cassidy thanked the Board. The rewards of teaching are immeasurable and she is doing what she loves to do.

F.2. Recognition Paraprofessional of the Year

Dr. Willett introduced Ms. Linda Palmer, the Paraprofessional of the Year. She has worked in many roles and has been exceptionally wonderful with the children. She brought the school district to places it would not have been without her leadership as a Union Representative.

Mr. Adlerstein commented that the Board thanks Ms. Palmer for all she does and this recognition is just a small token for what she does every day.

Ms. Palmer commented that she enjoys her job and loves working with the kids. Every day is an adventure and every year brings a new group of students. She is always learning.

F.3. Monthly Financial Report – August 2016

Dr. Willett reviewed the August financial report. The available balance is \$8,685,530 (22.08% of the BOE's current budget). The ED001 and associated reports have been successfully filed online and the Superintendent has recommended that the end of year balance of \$13,903 be added to the 1% educational reserve fund. Dr. Willett added that a new report is being drafted which is graphical in nature to provide a better visual representation. Additionally, information on the referendum for the bond issue is available on the website.

F.4. Obsolete and Surplus Equipment

Dr. Willett reviewed attachment F4.

Ms. Moran motioned to move item F.4 to item I.1 for action. Ms. Gorsky seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F.5. Update on the Constables

Dr. Willett reviewed attachment F.5 which includes the three issues which have arisen, and the three possible courses of action. He is currently working with legal resources on this item and submitted this information to the Board for discussion.

A discussion took place. Mr. Adlerstein noted that these issues have come up at the last minute and Mr. Doyle inquired if it would be possible to have a hybrid of the Possible Courses of Action numbers 1 & 2. He recommended hiring individuals as TPS Security Officers and continuing to work toward having Constables. Dr. Willett responded that this is possible and reviewed the differences between security officers and constables in regard to their responsibilities and what each is capable of doing. Security officers would be able to run outreach programs, be a presence in the schools, and would be liaisons with the police but do not have arresting powers. He added that they would not be able to serve in place of troopers in some circumstances.

Additional discussion focused on issue #3 (attachment F.5) in regard to if the constables could be town employees. This is something that would need to be presented to the

Town Manager and the Town Council. If acceptable, the district would transfer the funds needed for the constables.

Members of the Board including Ms. Moran and Ms. Seaver expressed frustration and disappointment. Mr. Doyle commented that the Board made the decision in March of this year to have constables and had the support of the state trooper. Everyone was on the same page that constables would be present at the start of this academic year. A lot of work went into this and there is some frustration.

A straw poll was taken regarding if Dr. Willett should continue to work toward having constables and if not successful by October 1st the individuals should be hired as security officers. All were in support.

Mr. Doyle motioned to move item F.5 to item I.2 for action. Ms. Harrold seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F.6. Open Choice Review for possible Board Action

Dr. Willett reviewed attachment F.6 which summarized the information presented at the last meeting in regard to Open Choice. He requested that this be moved to Board action this evening and explained that if it is not moved, the process will end.

Ms. Gorsky motioned to move item F.6 to item I.3 for action. Ms. Moran seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Communications – The committee met this week and discussed items including Celebrate Tolland and the bond referendum. The schedule of the budget workshops was set: 10/5, 11/16, 1/9, 1/18, 2/15.

Website task force – The site is under construction.

Policy – The next meeting will be held September 28th at 2:30PM.

Negotiations – The Committee has completed negotiations with the teachers.

Town Council – Mr. Doyle attended last night's meeting. He noted that the focus was on the draft blight ordinance.

H. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - none

I. BOARD ACTION

I.1. Obsolete and Surplus Equipment

Ms. Gorsky motioned to declare the items listed as obsolete and turn them over to the Town Council in accordance with Policy 3040. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I.2. Update on the Constables

Mr. Doyle motioned to direct the Superintendent to continue the conversation toward entering into an agreement that would allow for constables in the schools but to offer the positions of security officers on October 1, 2016 if those discussions have not born any resolution and to continue to work toward having constables. Ms. Harrold seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

I.3. Open Choice Review for possible Board Action

Ms. Moran motioned to request the participation of the Tolland Public Schools in the Open Choice Program as described by Mr. Glen Peterson and to begin that involvement effective in the 2017-2018 year, including all actions this requires. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

K. POINTS OF INFORMATION

Ms. Harrold commented that someone approached her concerned that there are still forms that reference "mother" and "father". The person explained that there are many mixed families and it is inaccurate and offensive. It was discussed that the language could be changed to "guardian".

Ms. Yudichak requested follow up regarding the 2nd grade added classroom. Dr. Willett commented that it seems that things are going well at this point and he received some feedback on how to best approach it in the future.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

- Town Council Meeting – August 23, 2016
- Special Town Council Meeting – September 6, 2016

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review budget schedule

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON TOLLAND ADMINISTRATIVE SOCIETY AND PARAPROFESSIONALS CONTRACT

Ms. Gorsky motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and the vote on Tolland Administrative Society and the Paraprofessionals Contract at 9:03PM and invited Dr. Willett to attend. Ms. Yudichak seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:49PM.

Mr. Pagoni motioned to ratify and accept the Paraprofessional contract presented by Superintendent Willett. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pagoni motioned to ratify and accept the Administrators contract presented by Superintendent Willett. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pagoni motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:51PM. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Pascuzzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Pascuzzi
Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND

ITEM: Policy 1090 - Volunteers

ITEM SUBMITTED BY: Walter Willett, Ph.D., Superintendent

For BOE meeting: September 28, 2016

ITEM SUMMARY:

The district has Volunteer Procedures in place, but no Volunteer Policy. This policy will formalize the procedures of background checks and supervisory responsibilities. The policy also sets expectations for standards of conduct.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

N/A

BOARD ATTORNEY REVIEW:

Legal review of policy occurred. Policy reflects recommended language from Shipman and Goodwin.

BOE ACTION DESIRED:

First reading of Volunteer Policy. If BOE feels so included, a move to action and motion.

Proposed motion: *Motion to approve and accept the proposed Volunteer Policy 1090 and put such policy into force.*

SUPPORTING MATERIALS ATTACHED:

Proposed Volunteer Policy 1090

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: [Community/Board Operations]

NUMBER: [1090]

[VOLUNTEER]

APPROVED [PENDING]

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of school volunteers at all levels of schooling. Volunteers can enhance collaboration between the school and community, broaden the school's educational environment and ultimately enrich students' school experience. The Board further acknowledges that it may, from time to time, be asked to provide learning experiences for student interns within the school environments. In recognition of the benefit of having volunteers, interns and other such non-employees providing services within the schools, the Board supports the involvement of these individuals in accordance with suitable regulations and safeguards to be developed by the Administration.

Volunteers, interns and other such non-employees working within the schools ("volunteers") must work under the supervision of Tolland Public Schools staff. Volunteers are held to the same standards of conduct as school staff and must observe all Board of Education policies, including applicable policies on the confidentiality of student information.

Volunteers may be required to submit to state and federal criminal record checks and a record check of the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. No person who is required to register as a sex offender under state or federal law, or whose name is currently listed on the DCF registry, may volunteer in the Tolland Public Schools.

No employee of the Tolland Public Schools shall serve as a volunteer in any capacity, except as may be approved by the Superintendent or her/his designee based on the specific situation.

Persons interested in volunteering their services should contact the school central office.

MEETING MINUTES

TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER 6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Field, Chair; William Eccles, Vice-Chair; Robert Green; Paul Krasusky; Kristen Morgan and David Skoczulek

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Sce

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Werbner, Town Manager; Heidi Samokar, Director of Planning and Development; James Paquin, Building Official

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Rick Field called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Observed.
4. **PROCLAMATIONS:** None.
5. **PUBLIC PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (*on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Town Council*) (2 minute limit):

Dennis Deegan of 689 Tolland Stage Road: With regard to the TVA – He believes if individuals thought they were being spoken to and treated with respect, a lot of what occurred at the meeting held at TMS last week would not have happened. He commented that the Council doesn't have the easiest job right now, but he believes in terms of a resolution, everyone would feel better if they thought there was clear transparency in what was being communicated. He also commented that if Mark De Pecol believes someone said he would get the land, then the Council needs to see if that occurred. If it did occur, whoever made that statement should be dealt with appropriately.

Deb Goetz of 176 Kate Lane: She thanked them for having the meeting last week, and asked that they remember the good from that night. She mentioned that she spoke to someone regarding the different avenues that residents have to get information. What can be done for those without computers? She asked if there was a way to include an update in the quarterly newsletter. Other suggestions from people on-line included using the journalism class, the civics class, or the graphics arts class at THS. Maybe they could conduct interviews to put something together.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:** None.

7a. **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE TO THE COUNCIL:** None.

7b. **REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISONS:** **Dave Skoczulek, PZC:** There was an application to amend the zoning regulations to allow for brew pubs, breweries, distillers and wineries. It was approved with an amendment related to controlling noise. There were a number of sign applications approved. There was a site plan application for 55 North River Road, which was a modification to a multi-family development that was already approved. They were changing from 6-2 family to 4-3 family units. There was discussion on having an affordable / fair housing forum in the future. Discussion on C.G.S. §8-30g Affordable Housing Moratorium occurred. **Paul Krasusky, BOE:** They discussed the Open Choice Program with the City of Hartford, a YTD financial summary

was provided and they are on target to date, they will be naming the teacher and para of the year, and they are considering the constables and providing an update on the status of that process. There are some legal issues that have been raised regarding the due process rights of the employees. **Parks & Rec Advisory Board:** Summer camp was strong, the life guards worked out this year, and swimming lessons were not well attended this year. He reminded that this Saturday, September 17th, is Celebrate Tolland. **Patrick Doyle, BOE** spoke on the Open Choice topic. He said the constable situation has some frustration given that this is the eleventh hour. They would appreciate any help from the Council on this. **Bill Eccles, EDC:** He spoke about a possible location of a brewery in the Industrial Park. There is a vacant spot on the EDC for an Alternate. There was discussion on the Connecticut Next Innovations Places, which is currently regional with other towns. Tolland is interested in joining. He suggested people google Connecticut Next Innovations to get an understanding of it. It involves all aspects of economic, technological, community, etc. It is an all-encompassing idea. Pet-Valu is moving in where Olympia Sports was.

8. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

8.1 Discussion of Draft Tolland Blight Ordinance.

Mr. Field said the Blight Review Committee worked together and come up with a draft ordinance.

Heidi Samokar spoke on behalf of the Blight Review Committee, which included Rick Field, April Teveris, Kenneth Baker, Jacqueline Middleton, Resident, David Skoczulek, Town Council Alternate, James Paquin, Building Official and herself. They looked at the results from the public workshop held, Blight Ordinances that other communities had adopted, photos of Tolland properties that have had complaints against them, and they invited in a couple of people who handled blight enforcement in their communities to speak with them. Their goal is not be the esthetic police. The issues should be based on very real concerns on properties that are creating or are on the verge of creating a public safety issue.

She reviewed the Draft Ordinance. Some highlights include: The ordinance would only apply to residential properties. The document contains definitions, and outlines what should not be construed as blight. The way they envision this working is by having complaints filed with the Planning & Building Department. Then the Blight Enforcement Officer would review the complaint, and then meet with a Blight Committee. It would be up to the Blight Committee to vote on each property to determine whether it meets the definition. If it is determined that it is blight, the owner would have 60 days to start work. If they need an extension, they can make their case. If the owner fails to do anything, punitive citations would take place. She mentioned that there is a provision in the Ordinance for disabled, elderly or low income residents. There is a special process that would be confidential for those circumstances. Tolland's town attorney has reviewed the draft and provided some input, which has been incorporated.

Mr. Field said the Committee consisted of dedicated members, that all worked together. He thanked the members for getting them through all this and believes they came up with a decent product. Ms. Teveris commented on the need to keep the personal information (financial, health) of someone confidential if they were to apply for an excuse in terms of being low-income, etc. Mr. Eccles asked how this would work in the case of a home that burned down, but is in legal limbo. Jim Paquin said that would need to be handled on a case by case basis. Mr. Green asked what the rationale was to not hold the town to the same standards. Heidi Samokar said most towns exempt themselves. It is not reasonable to expect a town, which may own a lot of older buildings, to have to meet those same standards. Ms. Morgan asked if the special consideration just provides extra time for the individual, or are they referred to an individual or contractor that may volunteer services. Would the Committee be responsible for keeping a list of folks or volunteers? Ms. Samokar said if this is adopted, there might be volunteer groups in town that form something like that. The Ordinance itself does not assume that. It just assumes they need more time, or maybe Social Services can help connect them with some type of support. Mr. Krasusky thanked and commended the Committee for doing an excellent job. He is very pleased with the product as presented thus far. Mr. Eccles asked how many properties fall within the blighted category right now. Mr. Paquin said 10-12 properties. Mr.

Paquin added that they are allowed to make an informal initial contact if they receive a complaint. Letters are not sent instantly.

Mr. Werbner said he agrees with keeping things confidential in terms of an unfortunate situation, but in his reading he doesn't see how that would be confidential in that Article. He does not want to leave an expectation of an individual who applies under that, that it is confidential, if it's not. If a letter goes to the building official, it is a public record and could be subject to a FOIA request. He suggested that the town attorney give this area of the draft another review. Ms. Teveris said the complaints would be public, but if someone were to come in and ask for special consideration, that would be confidential. It was determined that the town attorney would review this Article again.

Ms. Morgan asked if the current Committee will stay in place. Mr. Field said at this point, they will wait to hear from the town attorney about the confidential issue, and then there will need to be a public hearing. Mr. Werbner said a Blight Committee will be appointed by the Council, and will include three residents, one Council member, the Blight Enforcement Officer and the Director of Human Services. The work of the Blight Review Committee will have been completed at that point. The setting of a public hearing will be on their next agenda.

The draft Ordinance will be posted to the town's website.

8.2 Appointments to vacancies on various municipal boards/commissions.

8.2.a. Appointment to Tolland Public Library Foundation

David Skoczulek moved to appoint **Alison Haigis of 13 Elna Drive** to the Tolland Public Library Foundation, term 10/31/15 – 10/31/17; Seconded by Paul Krasusky. All in favor. None opposed.

9. **OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):** None.

10. **REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER (A WRITTEN REPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED THE 1ST MEETING OF THE MONTH ONLY):** Mr. Werbner reminded about Celebrate Tolland on Saturday.

11. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

11.1 August 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes: Bill Eccles moved to adopt the minutes; Seconded by Robert Green. All in favor. None opposed. William Eccles abstained.

11.2 September 6, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes: Bill Eccles moved to adopt the minutes; Seconded by Robert Green. All in favor. None opposed.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL**

12.1 Letter from the PCC re purchase of sound system for town use

12.2 Email from Deb Goetz re example of similar development (TVA)

12.3 Email from Deb Goetz re questions regarding TVA

12.4 Email from Brian & Marjorie Vagell re opposition to the proposed village idea.

12.5 Email from Deb Goetz re the TVA

12.6 Email from Deb Goetz re the TVA

12.7 Email from Deb Goetz re possible sale of town owned land in TVA

12.8 Email from Alona Croteau re town land for TVA

12.9 Email from Lynda Byam re resignation of Mary Jo Leahy from the TPLF Board of Directors

12.10 Email from Pat and Gene Curylo re TVA

12.11 Email from Deb Goetz re Letter of Intent

12.12 Email from Tammy Nuccio re proposed questions for 09.06.2016 meeting

- 12.13 Email from Deb Goetz re questions regarding the possible transfer of 63 Cider Mill Road town land
- 12.14 Email from David Raccagni re input for 09.06.2016 special Town Council meeting re TVA
- 12.15 Email from Ted Dobieski re comments / questions for 09.06.2016 meeting re TVA
- 12.16 Email from MaryAnn Delaney Tuttle re the way the 09.06.2016 TC meeting was ran, and background information on the TVA w/ response
- 12.17 Email from Deb Goetz re 63 Cider Mill Road
- 12.18 Email from Tammy Nuccio re questions from last night's presentation w/ response
- 12.19 Email from Mary Schrign re Mark De Pecol

Mr. Krasusky added that all members of the Council received a typed anonymous correspondence, which was hand placed into all of their federal mailboxes. Obviously, that is a federal offense, and he asked that if you have something to say in town, put your name to it. He asked that the person not do that anymore. He also advised that they received a handwritten note from Dr. Willett after last Tuesday's special Council meeting telling them although it was a tough meeting, cheer up and stick with it.

13. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Field reported the following:

- ~Reminded that Celebrate Tolland is on the field behind the Tolland Rec. Building;
- ~The last Chair Hour was well attended and there was very good discussion;
- ~The September 20th POCD meeting is being rescheduled; and
- ~The PCC will be having a meeting on September 22nd.

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM COUNCILPERSONS

Mr. Eccles reminded everyone that there are computers available in the Library for public use. He is saying this as a general note to the town, and not to excuse them from trying to get information out there.

Mr. Krasusky advised that the new section of the Library expansion is complete and open. The old section is currently being renovated and should be done by the end of the year.

Mr. Field added that they will look at different ways to communicate with the residents.

15. **PUBLIC LISTED PARTICIPATION** (*on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Town Council*)
(3 minute limit):

Dennis Deegan of 689 Tolland Stage Road: He asked who he would work with to get people to slow down and stop speeding through the Historic District / TVA / Tolland Stage Road. He said it has gotten out of control over the years.

Mr. Krasusky referred him to the Resident State Troopers' office.

Mr. Deegan would like to work with someone to get a speed limit change, and do other things to post speed limits so that people know how fast they are going.

Mr. Werbner said a study of the speed on the Green / Historic District has been ongoing on for 6-7 years. There is an approved reconstruction plan for the area. That is the next stage to try to make the speed a better situation. The State has been approached about the reposting of the speed limit, although the reposting of the speed limit has been proven overtime to not change the habits of drivers, in terms of slowing them down. He advised Mr. Deegan that he can submit a request to the Council about this issue, but reducing the speed limit has already been reviewed, and it was determined to not be feasible.

Mr. Field did agree that this road has been worked on and has been on the radar.

Mr. Eccles said more is to come. They are working in conjunction with the State.

Dave Geissler of 238 Anderson Road: He suggested a state trooper parked at certain areas near the Green may slow the traffic down. Just having a presence and handing out speeding tickets may get people to slow down.

Mr. Krasusky said a state trooper does sit on the Green occasionally.

Mr. Geissler would like to see it more often.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill Eccles motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m., thus ending the Regular Meeting of the Town Council to discuss the Town Manager's evaluation. Seconded by Robert Green. All in favor. None opposed. Executive Session ended at 8:52 p.m.

16.1 Discuss Town Manager Evaluation.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Bill Eccles moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Robert Green at 8:52 p.m. All were in favor.

Richard J. Field, Council Chair

Michelle A. Finnegan
Town Council Clerk