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February 25, 2021

Raymond Vergati Homeland Towers, LLC 9 Harmony Street, 2nd floor Danbury CT 06810

Dear Mr. Vergati,

At the Town Council meeting of February 16, 2021, the members reconfirmed their earlier decision of October 6, 2020 indicating that the Town is not interested in having a tower on Town owned land. A copy of the October 6, 2020 minutes are enclosed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Michael T. Paulhus Town Manager

enclosed



North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority and Town Council October 6, 2020 to the area where a tower exists or a tower could be placed in the Communications area where the Police Department is being built as was done in North Haven. He asks that this tower be turned down. He thinks it is unconscionable that the Board of Education has not reached out to the parents of students at TVES. His letter is entered into the record.

Robert Constantinople of 85 West Pond Road indicated that he wrote a letter to the Town Manager for the Town Council, however, he does not believe that this letter has not been received.

The Town Manager is not able to locate this letter. It is a great story and would like Mr. Constantinople to share.

Mr. Constantinople read his letter dated September 8, 2020. He contacted the town for help Tom Hogarty went out of his way to help him resolve this issue. He wants the Town Council to know what a wonderful person that they have in him, Behind him is property that is supposed to be owned by an entity in Pennsylvania, however it is owned by a company in Connecticut and wards of the State live there. It was impossible to find information and with Mr. Hogarty's help, he was able to locate the owner and resolve the issue.

- 11. Resignations and Appointments:
- 12. Unfinished Business: Discussion and Action
 - Discussion & Action §8-24 Referral for Cell Tower Lease at TVES 1388 Middletown Avenue (Tabled) (September 1, 2020)

Councilor Diamond thanked the Town Council for tabling this on two occasions. She is a strong advocate of safety. The Town Council is elected to preserve and protect the citizens. A consultant was to study the communications of the town. This study hasn't had the opportunity to provide a report yet. However, a company was allowed to survey, stake, and run a balloon test on this [1388 Middletown Avenue] property, which is in a rural location and near a school. She indicated that she brought up another company for consideration and was told by the Town Manager that it was too late. Too late for what?

She asked that Chair of the Police Commission, Victor Pietrandrea have the opportunity to discuss this. Chairman Pietrandrea explained that they had no idea about this until Friday, Town Attorney Marino helped get him in touch with the person responsible for this deal. There are other areas in Town that are suitable and could be developed at no charge to the Town. The BOE wasn't notified until September 3. The Commissioners, who are in charge of Communications, were not made aware of this. He provided one of the leases proposed.

Deputy Mayor Zampano asked how this developed.

Chairman Pietrandrea has no idea and if not for the Town Attorney, he would not know anything, even though the Commission is charged with Communications.

Town Manager Paulhus explained that letters for opportunities are brought forth, The September 1st referral was the beginning. He wanted the Council to have the opportunity to review options on how to resolve issues.

Deputy Mayor Zampano asked if the Commissioners were the ones to be doing this. He asked if these items are linked together.

Manager Paulhus indicated that it is a small part.

Councilor Pelliccia indicated that the topography in Town can be tricky. This should be considered in conjunction with the Commission as to save money and solve problems. He is concerned that the first letter was sent July 2 but it was not mentioned until August 27.

Chairman Pietrandrea explained that he spoke with Keith Pollins, Wireless Infrastructures LLC, has a good reputation and has been doing this in other towns. Chairman Pietrandrea wishes that he had the opportunity to review this with the Commission. There is a great deal of land to be utilized and if he was made aware of this, he would have been able to make this happen more quickly and save money for the Town.

Town Attorney Marino indicated that there are two scenarios for the development of cell towers. The first is through the carriers who have needs in addition to the municipal needs. Verizon has a need to fill a gap. The Town was approached. The other way is when the Communications needs to be considered by the Police Commission. There is an argument if the first step should be going to Council prior to doing due diligence. This tower became a conversation due to the needs of Verizon and the Town Manager doing his due diligence to bring information to the Council. This is a process question, which can be discussed. In hindsight, this could have been differently so that the Police Commission was involved in this. The goal is to locate all on municipal land so as to receive the full benefit while protecting rural areas.

Motion: Councilor Diamond moved, seconded by Councilor Doody that the proposal be denied for Totoket Valley Elementary School and the jurisdiction of any other cell towers be reverted to the Police Commission who is responsible for Town Communications.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Zampano agrees that this is a procedural issue.

Councilor Faughnan is concerned with the lack of transparency, coupled with the sense of urgency with the TVES cell tower proposal. There was a push to have this referred to the Planning and Zoning, even after Councilor Diamond opposed it. Now, it is brought to the Council's attention that the body responsible for communications had commissioned a study paid for with Town money. The process involved with this cell tower makes him uncomfortable.

Town Manager Paulhus indicated that he discussed the call from Verizon with the Police and Fire Chiefs. He was advised that either a tower would be built or the State's system would be required. He spoke to the consultant regarding this small potential piece for the cell tower to be developed. This would help to fill in part of the gap, not the entire system.

Councilor Diamond takes exception because the Superintendent was told that this is a "done deal".

Chief Halloran indicated that he was notified after the fact. He found out through a correspondence three or four days before the Council.

Vote: 9-0-0

13. New Business Discussion and Action:

a. PZC Report on Town Council's C.G.S. §8-24 Referral on the North Branford Police Department Project

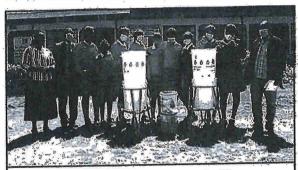
On October 1, 2020 the PZC voted favorably on the 8-24 referral for the NBPD Building Project at 305 Forest Road.

b. Update on Building Projects, Bond Process and Scheduled

There are four different options for consideration. Chairman Al Rose indicated that there was an aggressive schedule that the Ad Hoc Committee took on in order to provide good options for consideration. He thanked Clinton Schools for allowing visits and answering many questions. (see attachment for options)

Option 1: Maintain Existing Facility

- Pros
 - o \$15 \$20 million would be needed
 - This includes all new windows and doors
 - o This is "the best location" per soil testing
 - More square footage, as the additional square footage wouldn't be allowed.
 - o There is a new roof
 - o The structure is good
 - o There would be no skywalk needed
 - O Viable "fixes" can be provided to remedy the water in teh locker rooms
 - O Bathrooms are along the eastside, so more can be added and tie them into the sewer line on that side.
- Cons
 - o There will be limited reimbursement
 - o The school will still be "old"
 - There may be unforeseen issues when construction starts



Rotary Helping Schools in Kenya

The North Branford Rotary Club is proud to announce the recently completed Water Filter Project in Kenya. Our club partnered with Kenyan Health Care Initiatives and Rotary District 7980 to provide 42 water filters to 19 primary and secondary schools in the II Ngwesi Group Ranch - a very remote area of Kenya. This was made possible by a district managed matching grant provided by Rotary District 7980. This project will provide a sustainable way for these students to drink clean water in order to avoid water-bourne illness and disease and stay in school.

For more information about the North Branford Rotary Club and how you participate in these kinds of projects please contact President Melinda Fonda 203-988-0883. You may also email the Club at North-branfordrotary/demail.com

Above photo, Kenyon School receives Clean Water Filters from Rotary!

REMINDER: Don't Forget to Bring your Shredding to NB Town Hall Saturday October 2nd 9-12. \$10 per banker box to support NB Rotary Club.

Columbus continued

for their mistreatment of the Indians.

Bartolome de las Casas – Columbus' contemporary and renowned "Defender of the Indians" –defended both the explorer's motives and his character.

Recent scholarship has come to the same conclusion. His biographer and professor emerita of Stanford University Carol Delaney points out that Columbus' core motivation was religious. She laments that he is so often blamed for the actions of others. Delaney also notes that his relations with Native Americans tended to be "benign."

Columbus was a man ahead of his time. There were many who were not. Yet the latter get a pass, and Columbus, the proto-immigrant, gets blamed. Perhaps that is easier than discussing the complexities of America's historical and present circumstances.

What we lose in the rush to blame Columbus is perspective on how America has come to the present moment in its troubled relations with Native Americans.

Spain had outlawed almost all enslavement of indigenous people by 1500. Yet, two hundred years later, enslavement of Indians thrived in British Connecticut. Three hundred and fifty years later, California, would allow what can only be called Indian enslavement in 1850.

In Connecticut and California the wars of attrition against the Indians were Anglo-American, not Spanish.

Peter Hardeman Burnett, the Gold Rush governor of California, summed up the Anglo-American perspective when he said: "It is inevitable that the Indian must go."

By contrast, Columbus and the Spanish sought coexistence, however complicated that sometimes became.

The problematic reservation system was not Columbus' idea—nor was it the idea of the Spanish. It was an Anglo-American invention.

Columbus Day is a day for us to remember that bold and courageous voyage in 1492 that lead to the first sustained contact between two very different worlds. It is a day to remember the many good things that have come out of that contact, such as the founding of the United States, the first lasting democratic-republic.

It is also a day to remember our failings as a country, such as the trail of tears and the forced removal and re-education of native children in the twentieth century-episodes centuries after Columbus that the explorer neither caused nor condoned.

Each day, I see the continued hardships facing the first people of the Americas. I see the poverty, the alcoholism, the lack of quality education options, and the constant interference in Indian tribes' right to self-determination.

While activists are quick to unfairly blame Columbus for all of this, I have yet to see a group of protestors from the city get their boots dirty while trying to make a difference for those in need on the reservations. I do,

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE OF SEWER USER FEES AND SEWER ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT CHARGE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Property owners of the Town of North Branford are hereby notified that the first installment of Sewer User fees and Sewer Assessment charges are due on October 1, 2021. Payments not received or postmarked by November 1, 2021. will be considered delinquent and statutory delinquent interest charges will apply. Interest will accrue at the rate of 1 ½% permonth with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 for Sewer Use and \$5.00 for Sewer Assessment.

The annual Sewer User fee of \$475.00 was set by the North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority at its September 21, 2021, meeting.

Property owners that are on a <u>single payment schedule for Sewet Assessment</u> are hereby notified that payment is due on November 1, 2021, and statutory delinquent charges will apply if payment is not received or postmarked by November 1, 2021.

Bills may be paid at the North Branford Town Hall, Tax Collector's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. If you have lost or misplaced your bill, call the Tax office for a replacement at 203-484-6011. If remittance is made by mail and a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Tax Collector, Town of North Branford.

Dated this 21st Day of September 2021 Kenneth A. Delfini, CCMC Tax Collector

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE

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The wireless telecommunications facility described above is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-50g et seg. of the General Statutes and are subject to change. Technical information regarding the proposed wireless telecommunications facility is available for review at Town Manager's office, the Town Planning and Zoning Department and the office of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency at North Branford Town Hall. If you have any questions you can contact Raymond Vergati, Homeland Towers, LLC at 203-297-6345 (rv@homelandtowers.us) or Kenneth C. Baldwin Esq., Robinson & Cole LLP at 860-275-8345 (kbaldwin@rc.com).

however, see the constant presence of committed groups, like the Knights of Columbus, providing quality coats for children in winter, boxes upon boxes of food every fall, and love and friendship every day.

This Columbus Day, instead of spreading a hateful and misleading history from the comfort of our easy-chairs, I would call on all Americans to follow the example of groups like the Knights of Columbus.

Donate your time, effort and money to the hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico, Florida and Houston. Reach out to the peripheries in your own neighborhood, Bring companionship to your lonely elderly neighbor. Form friendships with those who are suffering.

Rather than dubiously assigning blame to one man, together we can truly help make the United States a better place for all of us, and achieve a harmony and understanding between native and immigrant peoples that has too often eluded us in our history.

Patrick T. Mason is past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico and a member of the organization's board of directors

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John Alfred and Kathleen P. Delfino 34 Pistapaug Road Northford, CT 06472-1628

Re: Homeland Towers, LLC - Notice of Public Information Meeting
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Road, Northford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Alfred and Ms. Delfino:

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Joseph D. Acampora III 8 Woodhouse Avenue Northford, CT 06472-1635

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Rene S. and Arthur M. Hausman, Jr. P.O. Box 143
Northford, CT 06472-0143

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