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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

JANUARY 27, 2020

PRESENT Don Bell, Temporary Chair and Councillor Angie Parkinson

ABSENT Councillor Pat Harmon

CALL TO ORDER

Temporary Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Chair

MOTION By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **appoint Don Bell as Chair**  
of the Community Engagement Committee.  
Motion carried 2/0.

Secretary

MOTION By Don Bell  
seconded by Angie Parkinson  
to **appoint Angie Parkinson as Secretary**  
of the Community Engagement Committee.  
Motion carried 2/0.

ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING MEETINGS

MOTION By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **adopt** Robert's Rules of Order as the rules that shall govern  
parliamentary procedure at all subcommittee meetings, with the exception  
that (1) the Chair shall not be required to restate the motion of any  
Council member unless requested by another Councillor, or when in the  
discretion of the Chair, such restatement is necessary to avoid any  
confusion as to the motion; and (2) where such rules are in conflict with  
the provisions of the State Statutes, the Town Charter, or Town  
Ordinances.  
Motion carried 2/0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

MOTION By Angie Parkinson  
seconded by Don Bell  
to **hold** meetings at the **call** of the Chair.  
Motion carried 2/0.

## STORAGE OF RECORDS

MOTION        By Angie Parkinson  
                  seconded by Don Bell  
                  to **store** records in the Town Council office.  
                  Motion carried 2/0.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### Structure and Goals of the Community Engagement Committee

Don Bell, the newly appointed Chair, shared his vision for the future of this Committee. He employs the concept that "an effective government is a responsive government" to the diverse community that East Hartford is and envisions a new civic culture of awareness between the Town Council and its residents. Chair Bell explained that he would like this Committee to accomplish three things: (1) mentoring a full representation of the town's Boards and Commissions; (2) establishing new methods of listening to the concerns of residents in all the different areas of town; and (3) developing a comprehensive report of methods of communication with the residents. He plans to start a schedule of meetings with residents at local eateries and to begin community walks that will induce residents to interact with the Council.

Angie Parkinson, the newly appointed Secretary, suggested the Committee formulate an on-line survey, which would give residents a more active role in the meeting locations with the Council, as well as providing them with an opportunity to invite Councillors to events that are of importance to them.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hold a workshop in February to discuss these ideas with the full Council.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Angie Parkinson  
                  seconded by Don Bell  
                  to **adjourn** at 6:30 p.m.  
                  Motion carried 2/0.

C: Town Council  
   Mayor Leclerc