

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER ROOM 111

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

August 9, 2023

PRESENT Rich Kehoe, Chair; Councillors Sebrina Wilson and John Morrison

ALSO

PRESENT Sean Dwyer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 13, 2023

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 3/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

No resident came forward to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Process for Naming Town Facilities

The chair explained that the original draft from December 2022 was circulated to the Board of Education and the mayor for feedback. The Board preferred to handle the naming of educational facilities on their own as they are an elected board. The August 6 draft exempts the Board facilities from the ordinance. Further the December draft was changed to allow a unanimous vote by the Town Council to override any of the criteria since it is difficult to anticipate all the possibilities of naming of facilities in the future.

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson  
seconded by John Morrison

to send the August 6, 2023 draft of the Naming of Town Facilities Ordinance to the Town Council for the purposes of setting a public hearing date.

Motion carried 3/0

## NEW BUSINESS

### Establishment of Tree Board

The chair explained that in order for East Hartford to maintain their Tree City designation, they need to comply with the requirement set out by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Town has been in discussions with representatives from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on the draft. Subject to their advice, the August 6 draft will be amended to add a reference to CGS section 23-59 regarding the powers of the Tree Warden. If the Arbor Day Foundation provides further input, the Town Council can change the draft prior to final adoption. The additional language on the statutory reference is incorporated into what is now designated the August 9<sup>th</sup> draft.

MOTION        By Sebrina Wilson  
                     seconded by John Morrison

to send the August 6, 2023 draft of the Tree Board Ordinance to the Town Council for the purposes of setting a public hearing date.

Motion carried 3/0

### Adjournment

MOTION        By Sebrina Wilson  
                     seconded by John Morrison  
                     to **adjourn** (6:42 p.m.)

Motion carried 3/0

cc:        Mayor Walsh