

The June 14, 2016, Special Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Central Meeting by First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

Present: Ms. Heller, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Kayne, Ms. Scalettar, Mr. Anastasio and Mr. Dey.
Present for Staff: Mr. Genovese, Administrative Officer/Director of Finance; Mr. Weiner, Town Counsel; Ms. Yagla, Assistant Administrative Officer; and Mrs. Shaw, Clerk.

Explanation of Special Meeting designation: Ms. Scalettar explained that the meeting was designated a Special Meeting due to the reschedule from the original scheduled date of June 8, 2016.

Moment of Silence: Ms. Scalettar asked for a moment of silence to show our respect for the 49 lives lost in the Pulse Night Club massacre in Orlando, FLA and echoed the comments of Congressman Jim Himes: "At times like this silence is really not enough and hopefully our nation will take the appropriate action to prevent tragedies like this in the future".

WOODBIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Superintendent Dr. Stella and Board of Education Chair, Margaret Hamilton.

Ms. Hamilton announced that as of July 1st, the new superintendent is Robert Gilbert. He is currently the Director of Teaching and Talent Development for the Granby CT school system. Dr. Stella said that he is very pleased with the Board's choice.

Dr. Stella reported on the following events regarding Beecher Road School: May 31st was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the up-graded building; sixth grade graduation is June 16th; teachers will be participating in advance training over the summer; the students have been skyping with a fifth grade class in China and the principal may visit in the fall; Arts Week highlights the repurposing of recycled materials; participating in the Music Adjudication resulted in the jazz and string ensembles receiving the platinum award and the chorus and concert band receiving the Gold.

Dr. Stella reported that there was a 52% response to the Family-School-Relationships Survey. Response: high quality program 98% agree; would recommend Beecher to other parents – 97%; instructional content – 97%.

Dr. Stella said that the past ten and one-half years have been the high point of his career and he thanked the Board, parents, and students for the fulfilling experience.

Proclamation: Ms. Scalettar read a proclamation entitled: "Superintendent Dr. Gaeton F. Stella, A Proclamation Celebrating Ten Years of Stellar Achievements". A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes as part of the permanent record.

FIRST RESPONDERS' UPDATE – Police Chief Frank Cappiello and Fire Chief Sean Rowland

Chief Cappiello updated the Board regarding two motor vehicle accidents that occurred over the weekend. One was a fatality and the other involved injuries to six individuals who were transported to the hospital. Chief Cappiello thanked Chief Rowland for the Fire Department's participation at the scene of both accidents.

Chief Rowland complimented American Medical Response on quickly dispatching five ambulances to the scene of the second accident.

REVISIT OF FUNDING REQUEST 1516-14

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Dey – Heller) to remove from the Table and revisit funding request 1516-14 that was Tabled at the May 11, 2016 Selectmen's meeting.

1516-14 – Intradepartmental Transfer	Amount: \$4,000
To: Fire Commission Communications – Cellular (1230-00/54220)	
From: Fire Commission Rentals Equip. (1230-00/53610)	\$3,000
Fire Commission Gear Replacement (1230-00/53610)	\$1,000
For: To cover increased in cellular service costs due use of iPads in all fire trucks.	

(Anastasio – Heller) **Unanimously Approved**

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Chief Frank Cappiello

a) DOT Installation of Center Line Rumble Strips: Chief Cappiello reported that the Traffic Authority approved the Connecticut Department of Transportation's installation of center line rumble strips on Beecher Road from Rimmon Road (CT RT 313) to Center Road (CT RT 114) and on Johnson Road from the Orange town line to Pease Road.

b) Request for Ordinance "Do Not Block the Box": Merritt Avenue: Chief Cappiello reported that the Traffic Authority voted unanimously to comply with the State DOT's request that the Board of Selectmen amend the existing ordinance to include the intersection of Merritt Avenue and Route 69. The markings and signage will be included in the State's interim work on congestion relief at RT 15/exit 59.

During discussion it was noted that the "Do Not Block the Box" markings at Lucy Street are worn. Chief Cappiello said that he would ask the DOT to include repainting those markings.

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Anastasio) to hold a Public Hearing on July 13, 2016 to receive comments about the proposal to amend Ordinance 397-7 Do Not Block the Box - to include the intersection of Merritt Avenue and Litchfield Turnpike (CT Route 69).

Other – Chief Cappiello informed the Board that as the new Chief he will be reviewing general orders, staffing and duties, and begin cross training. He plans to have a community presence and be highly visible.

CASEY'S VICTORY CRUSADE FUND RAISER

The Board received a request from Richard Wylie for approval to hold a motorcycle bike run through Woodbridge on July 30, 2016. The run is to raise awareness and funds for Childhood Cancer. Chief Cappiello reported that the Traffic Authority approved a permit to Mr. Wylie for the event.

The Board of Selectman **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Jacobs – Heller) to approve Richard Wylie's request for a motorcycle bike run on State roads through Woodbridge on July 7th as a fundraiser for Casey's Victory Crusade. It was noted that the Woodbridge Police Department has issued a permit for the event.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Following the Personnel Committee's report, the Board approved the following:

a) Adult Services Librarian – Pursuant to the recommendation of the Library Commission and the Personnel Committee the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Jacobs – Heller) to hire Jennifer Sullivan to fill the position of Adult Services Librarian at the annual salary of \$40,895.

b) Senior Center Director – Pursuant to the recommendation of the Human Services Commission and the Personnel Committee, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Jacobs) to hire Jeanette Glicksman to fill the position of Senior Center Director beginning June 27, 2016 at the annual salary of \$47,619.

TOWN OF SEYMOUR – ANIMAL CONTROL

Mr. Genovese said that Derby has not agreed to increase its proportionate share to reflect the Animal Control calls and use of the facility. He said that the Town of Seymour has proposed joining the Woodbridge facility for a proportionate share of \$70,000 per year, but is not interested in contributing towards Capital Improvement. Mr. Genovese said that there would be no increase in the staff at the Woodbridge facility.

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Anastasio – Dey) to accept the proposal that the Town of Seymour join the Woodbridge Animal Control for a proportionate share of \$70,000 per year.

RECESS – at 5:50 p.m. the Board recessed for 10 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Scalettar announced that the Board meeting was designated as a special meeting and items could not be taken out of order. She said that there is a half-hour for public

comments and asked that commenters be respectful of the others in the length of their comments.

Marilyn (Sue) Schatz, 35 Country Club Drive – said that several houses on Country Club are not maintaining their property. She asked the Board to revisit the Blight Ordinance to address how high lawn grass can grow before it is considered a blight issue.

Amey Marrella, 184 Rimmon Road – referred to Chapter 6 of the Town's 2015 Plan of Open Space and Development which refers to the State's Green Plan issued by the Departmental of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") that sets a goal of 21% protected State land as open space, broken down to 10% protected by the State and 11% collectively by municipalities, water authorities and environmental organizations. This is a total of 11% throughout the State, not each local municipality. She said that the open space statement in the 2015 POCD indicates that there is an 11% goal for each individual town. Ms. Marrella corresponded with DEEP Commissioner Klee to clarify the POCD statement and handed into the record the response.

Jeff Block, "One Innocent Life" - invited the Board members and those in attendance to attend the "Beat the Heat" charity run on June 18th to benefit fire safety awareness.

Adrian Micci Smith, 17 Ansonia Road and Cathy Wick, 181 Rimmon Road – both questioned item 10 on the agenda re a possible executive session about the Country Club.

David Lober, 35 Wepawaug Road – urged the Board to maintain control of the Country Club property; that development could lead to activating the state statute regarding affordable housing.

Roger Sherman, 5 Fairview Road – said he likes the Town as it is; that residents' concerns should be considered and the Village District property on Bradley Road should be developed for over age 55. He urged the Town to promote the Country Club of Woodbridge to make it successful.

COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE UPDATE/DISCUSSION

Executive Session - Ms. Scalettar said the executive session on the agenda would be delayed to another time as the citing of the subject on the agenda was incomplete.

Remediation at the Country Club of Woodbridge - Mr. Genovese provided a brief update on the remediation work at the Country Club. The excavation of the significant environmental hazard was done on June 8th. The sidewall samples indicated there was no significant environmental hazard remaining in the soil in the area and the information, along with all data, was reported to DEEP on June 10th. DEEP is reviewing the data, and if correct, will draft a letter to close out that hazard notification. There is currently a lined roll-off dumpster on the site which is waiting for testing. The report may be ready on June 15th and that testing will determine where the soil will be taken for disposal and the cost. Monitoring wells were installed in the area of the half-way house.

Other – In response to Mr. Anastasio's and Ms. Kayne's inquiry about other proposals Ms. Scalettar that the Town has followed up with everyone who has expressed interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORT

Monthly Report – Mr. Genovese reported that as of May 31, 2016, he projects a budgetary surplus of approximately \$527,964 at end of the fiscal year resulting in a project fund balance at June 30, 2016 of \$4.72 million or 10.27% of the annual projected expenses at the end of the year. He said that the Town is scheduled to receive \$137,000 in Special Education excess cost grant money against a budgeted receipt amount of \$40,000. The Board of Education has had over-runs every month in special education budget costs so the unexpected revenue is aiding in the fund balance.

The Woodbridge Board of Education is reporting a deficit of approximately \$120,000. It is anticipated that the Amity surplus funds will cover the deficit.

Senior Center Handicapped Lavatory – Mr. Genovese said the Town hopes to resolve the issue shortly.

Tax Refunds - Pursuant to Section 12-124 to 129 of the Connecticut Statutes and the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Jacobs) to refund property taxes in the amount of \$1,769.33.

Funding Requests – The Board of Selectmen VOTED to forward the following funding request to the Board of Finance:

1516-22 – Allocation Amount: \$110,143.00
To: CNR – Fire Commission (302-2300/574/AIRPK)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-056800)
For: Fund the Airpack Capital Project requested in FY17 budget with FY16
Contingency (this project was removed from FY17 Capital Budget)
(Scalettar – Heller) Unanimously Approved

6:30 p.m. – The Board of Selectmen recessed to convene the Noticed Public Hearing to receive comments on the 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act Applications.

The minutes of the public hearing are filed separately from these minutes.

6:35 p.m. – Ms. Scalettar declared the Public Hearing closed.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT APPLICATIONS – ACTION THEREON

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Kayne – Jacobs) to send the following 2016 Neighborhood Assistance Act applications to the State Department of Revenue Services for processing.

Amity Teen Center – Energy Efficient Siding and Windows ----- \$24,900
Amity Teen Center – Lighting and HVAC Renovations ----- \$24,950

The Board returned to item 11, Administrative Officer/Director of Finance's, sub-item d.

Award of Bid - Wayfinding Signs – Mr. Genovese explained that the Town issued an RFP for the grant-funded wayfinding sign project to help reduce the sign clutter in the business district. Seven proposals were received. Following careful review, the committee comprised of Jamison Scott, Betsy Yagla, and Tony Genovese, recommends the Town accept the Connecticut based CR3's proposal that includes three phases, and the total proposed cost (excluding manufacturing and installation of signs) is \$39,900. Phase I – site review @ \$27,050; Phase II – refine design work @ \$7,750; Phase III - shop drawings @ \$5,100.

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Jacobs) to approve the contract with CR3 for Phase I only with the understanding that the Town will go ahead with Phase II if there is agreement and consensus to proceed.

Other – Regarding the 1999 petroleum contamination of soil at the public works garage, Mr. Genovese reported to the Board that the Town has received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection a Certification that the Abatement of Significant Environmental Hazard pursuant to C.G.S. 22a-6u at 15 Meetinghouse Lane (address of the public works garage) has been satisfactorily abated.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ms. Yagla reported that Quinnipiack Valley Health District is conducting a Community Health Assessment to determine the health of the member communities, not just as related to illness, but recreational, environmental, cultural, spiritual, etc. Survey forms are available at the Library. Staff has met with the new website provider, Civic Plus to give input regarding design; e-news now has 1,000 subscribers; the PTO is hosting a community party for Dr. Stella on June 21 on the Town Green; Parks Supervisor Adam Parsons has installed several native plantings on the Fitzgerald Property as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Best Organic/Outdoor Maintenance & Management Practices.

TOWN COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Weiner said the next item is a tax assessment appeal by a resident of Woodbridge that has been pending for a year. The proposed settlement is to be discussed in executive session under the Freedom of Information Act regarding pending litigation.

At 6:50 p.m. the Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Jacobs) to move into executive session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) to discuss a proposed settlement in the tax assessment appeal brought by Irit Perkins of 19 October Hill and to invite Mr. Weiner and Mr. Genovese to attend.

At 6:55 p.m. the Board returned to the regular session. No motions were made or votes taken in executive session.

Ms. Scalettar noted that though the name of the appealing party was correct the

incorrect property address was listed on the agenda. The correct address of the property under appeal is 19 October Hill.

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Dey – Jacobs) to approve the terms of the stipulation and accept a revised property assessment of \$637,500 for 19 October Hill.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Heller) to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk's Report for the Month ending May 31, 2016.

PREFERENCE SURVEY UPDATE

Jeffrey Kaufman, Chair of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission introduced Town Planning Consultant, Leslie Creane, who is assisting the Town in the update of Zoning Regulations for the Village and Business District. This project focuses on the business district - the main entry point to Woodbridge - and addresses an action agenda item in the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Ms. Creane said that to begin the process three preference surveys will be online for residents and business owners to participate in. The responses are anonymous. Each survey will run for two weeks. The first survey is posted, the second will be posted on June 20th and the third on July 5th. The surveys can be reached on the Town's website (www.woodbridgect.org) through "Important Links". For those without a computer, access to website is available at the Library and the Senior Center.

APPOINTMENTS

Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors – Alternate

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Heller) to accept the Human Services Commission recommendation and appoint Susan Davidson as Woodbridge Representative Alternate to the Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors.

Regional Mental Health Board – Catchment Area Council 7

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Scalettar – Heller) to reappoint Juan Hernandez as the Woodbridge Representative to the Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. Region II, Catchment Area Council 7.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Scalettar report on her activities since the last meeting.

Appreciation

- Ms. Scalettar again commended and thanked the first responders for their extraordinary efforts over the last week – certainly a very difficult time for them, and they acted as they always do in an exemplary fashion.
- The most recent Person of the Month was Nate Case. Many people from different walks of life in Woodbridge recommended Nate. He is a volunteer firefighter, Boy Scout Leader, totally committed to maintaining Alice Newton Street Park; he is an extraordinary volunteer

Town Projects

- Information Technology – A town resident volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to examine the different systems in place in town and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Scalettar appointed an Ad Hoc Information Technology Committee, but if the Board knows of other qualified individuals they could be appointed.

- Members: Jason Morrill, Chair; Paul Kuriakos
- Staff: Anthony Genovese, Administrative Officer/Director of Finance
- Charge: 1) Identify all Town information technology hardware and software and related services, policies and procedures; 2) Review information identified under first charge, including budget histories of purchases, consultants, communication services, and the like; 3) Prepare a summary of findings and draft a recommended five (5) year Town Information Technology Plan for consideration by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.
- Timing: The Committee shall make its report no later than October 15, 2016, unless further time is requested.
- Attended a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing first responder radio needs, Mr. Dey and Ms. Jacobs are members of the Committee
- The Town expects that the State funds for the Senior Center Lavatory will be released soon
- Attended an update meeting re the solar project at the landfill. The State has resolved the cap on the credits. The Town is reviewing the cost of connection as it is higher than anticipated.

Community Events

- First time partnership with New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas is the June 22nd performance of Air Play, discount for Woodbridge residents and special reception with artists following the show
- Attended the swearing-in ceremony for Police Chief Frank Cappiello. The event was very well attended and marks the enthusiasm with which the community has welcomed his appointment
- Attended the Woodbridge Rotary Wine Tasting held at the Woodbridge Club. The event was a great success.
- Attended the Garden Club of Woodbridge Annual Luncheon at Birchwoods. Thanked the Club for the beautiful plantings they maintain in Town.
- Attended Dr. Stella's Retirement Dinner at Birchwoods

- Attended the Memorial Ceremony at the Fire House where a bell is rung for deceased firefighters
- Attended the Memorial Day Ceremony held in The Center gym; thanked Dr. Barry Josephs for being the Master of Ceremony
- Attended the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for Anthony Luciani – His project was to construct raised garden beds and a hexagonal table at Marrakech, Inc.
- Attended Darling House Tavern Night with many people wearing authentic looking colonial garb.

School Events

- Attended the DARE Graduation – thanked Officer Vinny Lynch for his leadership
- Attended the Beecher Road School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – the culmination of a far-reaching environmental and security project
- Attended the Eighth Grade promotion at Bethany Middle School

Economic Development

- Attended Retail and Restaurant Business Sector meeting held at Town Hall organized by Betsy Yagla
- Attended DOT follow up meeting re exit 59. Ms. Scalettar commended the DOT Team for their follow-up and responsiveness to the public, often in writing.
- Continues to attend the monthly SCRCOG meeting

Miscellaneous

- Continues to meet monthly with Mayor Harp of New Haven which has been very beneficial for regional cooperation and in advancing projects and garnering more attention to those projects at the State level

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Scalettar: Government Access T.V. – reminded the Board that Cablevision is now charging the Town for the connection. The fee was negotiated down from \$40.00 per month to \$20+ per month, but the charge will probably cause a slight budget over run.

Amity Board of Education – the Board approved new district goals for 2016/17; new hires to fill vacant positions; Superintendent's contract has been extended; adding social and emotional health of students to their goals; congratulated the Amity Baseball team on winning the State Championship for the fourth year in a row.

Ms. Jacobs: Economic Development Commission has not met. Commission on the Use of Publicly Owned Properties said that CUPOP activities were already reported during the meeting.

Ms. Heller: Fire Commission – Budget will be tight due to work needed on Engine #3. The department hosted a pump operator class, attended by other fire departments. The duly elected officers were ratified by the Commission: Assistant Chief Ted Pocwierz; Capt. Adam O'Hara; Lt. Chris Bahner; Lt. Chris Rish; Lt. Anthony Baradeska; and Sgt.

Marcarelli. The Fire Marshal performed 34 inspections and gave fire extinguisher classes to Town employees.

Human Services Commission/Youth Services – Jeanette Glicksman and Nancy Pfund presented a career readiness program to 16 high school students from the alternative school and the business math class; another four day course will be offered in July. The Red Cross baby-sitting course is July 12th and 13th. The First week in May was Awareness Week at Amity High School. The focus was on several themes including cancer awareness, cultural awareness, and stick to your dreams. Eighth grade graduation party was well attended. The seventh grade picnic is scheduled for Thursday August 25th. The fair will be held November 5th. The Heartwalk raised \$1,029.

Mr. Anastasio: Library Commission – The Friends of the Library Book Sale raised \$2,000. New signs are planned for the interior of the Library.

Town Plan & Zoning Commission –the June 6th public hearing re the proposed changes to the Woodbridge Village zoning permit was continued to June 27th and will be held in the Senior Café on June 27th. A large attendance is anticipated. The original permit was for mixed use and housing for age 55 and over. The developer is seeking a change to non-age restricted rental housing. Also continued to June 27th is the consideration of the Jewish Community Center's outdoor pool permit for extended hours.

Ms. Scalettar noted that resident meetings facilitated by Cathy Wick, Michael Broderick, and Jim Urban have been held re the Woodbridge Village District developer's revised proposal.

Mr. Anastasio mentioned that today, June 14th, is the 5th anniversary of Eric Soufrine's death in Afghanistan.

Ms. Kayne: Woodbridge Board of Education – said that she has a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly citing the a group of students known as Beecher Road Environmental Stewards because of what they have done for the environment. She said that she is planning to present the citation Wednesday, June 15th 9:00 a.m.

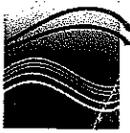
Recreation Commission – they are very well prepared for the summer with the plans for the summer camp and the July concerts. There has been a substantial increase in the membership for the CCW Pool.

Mr. Dey: He was not able to attend the commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Mr. Dey, seconded by Ms. Heller, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk



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February 19, 2016

Amey Marrella
184 Rimmon Road
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Re: State's Open Space Goals

Dear Mrs. Marrella:

Thank you for your January 14, 2015 letter regarding the State's goals for the protection of open space. As you know, protecting open space is vital for many reasons. Open space protects many species of flora and fauna from development impacts, safeguards and enhances water quality, and provides recreational benefits to the citizens of this State.

The State of Connecticut's goals for open space protection are divided between state-owned lands and lands held by our partners – municipalities, environmental conservation organizations, and water utilities. That division of the goal, however, is not further segmented by municipal boundaries. Collectively, the State of Connecticut and its partners should be protecting the most valuable open space that remains. There are certain municipalities that simply do not have sufficient open space land remaining. Further, open space priorities should take into consideration the ecosystem benefits of stitching together larger, continuous tracks of open space lands. While this does not lessen the importance of protecting land in our more urban centers, open space values increase when protection is achieved at a landscape scale.

The Department looks forward to working with you and the Town of Woodbridge to preserve open space for the beneficial use and enjoyment of the public.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

**SUPERINTENDENT DR. GAETON F. STELLA
A PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING TEN YEARS
of
STELLAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

Whereas, The Woodbridge Board of Selectmen wishes to document Dr. Stella's contributions to Beecher Road School and to the entire Woodbridge community; and

Whereas, In this Town where we are all on a first name basis, nearly everyone refers to Guy as Dr. Stella and this seeming formality is because we imagine not that we are saying "Dr. Stella", but rather "Dr. Stellar", because Guy Stella is stellar in so many ways.

Stellar achievement by Beecher Road School students: Under Dr. Stella's leadership, Beecher Road School has reached new heights of excellence in academics and in the arts.

Stellar teachers: Student achievements are made possible, of course, by the outstanding teachers at Beecher Road School who have felt respected, heard, included and highly valued under Dr. Stella's leadership.

Stellar advocate for Beecher Road School: Dr. Stella has been an unwavering advocate for the renovation project that made our school more energy efficient, more secure, healthier, more conducive to learning and more comfortable for our children and staff.

Stellar respect for others: Dr. Stella treats everyone with respect - from boys and girls in kindergarten to 6th grade, to parents, to school faculty and staff, to Board of Education members, and to all of us at Town Hall.

Stellar member of the community: There is rarely an event in Town where we don't see Dr. Stella, be it the Memorial Day observance, or the Town's major events, such as the Fire Department Fire Safety Day, Truck or Treat, Massaro Community Farm's Family Fun Day and the summer concerts.

Stellar relationship with the Town of Woodbridge: This is the stellar Dr. Stella that we have witnessed most personally; a trusting, cooperative, respectful working relationship that the Town enjoys as we work together for the same goals - the best for our children - without even a hint of friction or mistrust.

Stellar friend to our boys and girls: Dr. Stella greets each child and pauses for every one who has something to say to him. The delight on the children's faces when they see him - and always share a greeting with him - is a tribute to his positive influence and importance to them. Dr. Stella loves our children and they clearly love him.

Now, Therefore, we the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen thank Dr. Gaeton F. Stella for all he has done for our children, our school and our entire community. He will be missed, and we want him to know that Woodbridge will always be a place to call home, a Town that loves Dr. Stella and a Town wishes him well on his next life adventure.

Dated at Woodbridge Connecticut this 14th day of June 2016

Anthony Anastasio

Joseph S. Dey, III

Beth Heller

Susan Jacobs

Maria Kayne

Ellen Scalettar