

**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**Approved Minutes**

**MEETING DATE: December 21, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Chairman Slapikas called to order the Special meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 6:00 p.m. The meeting was a Virtual Meeting by videoconference via GoToMeeting as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizer of Virtual Meeting Present: J. Slapikas

A roll call for attendance was taken by Chairman Slapikas.

Via Online: J. Slapikas, P. Murray, R. Blanc, P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, L. Fitzgerald, S. Lusas Kolodziej T. Graveline

Council Members Absent: S. Pilat

Absent: Mayor Robert J. Chatfield

Also Attending: AnneMarie Burr, Tax Collector

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Pledge**

**Attendance**

**Chair's Report:**

**Re: Executive Order No. 9R**

A lengthy discussion was held on the Executive Order No. 9R, issued by Governor Lamont on 12/16/2020. Chairman Slapikas advised that the Executive Order is a deferral of taxes from January 1, 2021 to and including April 1, 2021. As of April 2, 2021, penalties and interest will accrue. Chairman Slapikas continued that he had spoken with Tax Collector, AnneMarie Burr and was advised by A. Burr that she would like to have a form that all residents could use for a tax extension. Chairman Slapikas asked Tax Collector, AnneMarie Burr to continue. A. Burr advised that the tax bills went out as of 12/11/2020, some residents began paying as of 12/14/2020 and the Executive Order No. 9 R was received as of 12/16/2020. A. Burr advised that she was concerned with reaching all residents and wanted to have the residents fill out a form for the tax deferment to give all residents an opportunity to pay their taxes in this way. The Chairman had also spoken with the Mayor regarding the extension of time for the January Taxes and he would like to continue the process as was done in July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020. The Mayor felt a form was not necessary. A. Burr advised that she would go along with whatever the Council wanted, but would like suggestions as to getting the word out to the public as to the timeframe of the tax deferment as many residents complained that they were not aware of the interest accrued as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. A. Burr continued that the tax bills that went out had the due date of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Chairman Slapikas commented that COVID had affected everyone in some way. Council members P. Geary, M. Patchkofsky, T. Graveline, P. Murray commented that they appreciated A. Burr's concerns but did not feel comfortable with a signed agreement and agreed with the process that was in place in July. A. Burr commented that she would like suggestions as to getting

the word out to the public. Council members suggested social media, Citizens News, Prospect Pages, the Waterbury Republican newspaper and the Town's website.

A discussion was held on using Code Red to get the word out to the citizens. T. Graveline commented that she felt this would be a good opportunity to use Code Red for reaching the Town citizens. Council members also suggested writing a notice on the cover of the Prospect Pages or sending a postcard to the Town residents.

**Public Participation:** Chairman Slapikas made a request 3 times for callers to press \*6 and state their name and number to speak with the Council. No callers made the request. Public Participation was closed.

Chairman Slapikas commented that Elio Gugliotti from the Waterbury Republic newspaper emailed him and would be speaking with the Chairman and have a notice in the newspaper. Chairman Slapikas will update the Council on 1/5/2021.

Chairman Slapikas wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** made by T. Graveline, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting @ 6:30 pm. **Unanimous.**

*Jeff Slapikas*  
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Town Council Chairman

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