Planning and Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

10:30AM in Room 2B of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:34AM by Chairwoman, Rep. McCarthy Vahey, C. 133.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cassano S. S04; Champagne D. S35; Cohen C. S12; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Arnone T. 058; Baker A. 124; Conley C. 040; D'Agostino M. 091; Delnicki T. 014; Dubitsky D. 047; France M. 042; Gucker K. 138; Haines I. 034; Hall J. 007; McCarthy Vahey C. 133; Michel D. 146; Rojas J. 009; Stafstrom S. 129; Zawistowski T. 061

Absent were:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Fonfara J. S01

Representatives: Kokoruda N. 101

Rep. McCarthy Vahey convened the meeting, greeted those in attendance, and commented that the weather related road conditions might make it difficult for some members to make it to the meeting on time that day, and therefore voting would be held open until the beginning of that day’s Session, scheduled for 12PM. She then invited Ranking Member Rep. Zawistowski to make comments.

After Rep. Zawistowski’s comments, Rep. McCarthy Vahey moved on to section III on the agenda, Bills for Change of Reference, and stated that they would vote on items being referred to different committees individually.
Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer item 1 Proposed H.B. No. 5436 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SATELLITE DISHES FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS to the Committee on Energy and Technology. The motion was made by Rep. Arnone, seconded by Rep. Gucker and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer item 2 Proposed H.B. No. 6360 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TOURISM INCENTIVE GRANT to the Committee on Commerce. The motion was made by Rep. Stafstrom, seconded by Rep. J. Hall and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer item 3 Proposed H.B. No. 6356 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES to the Committee on Housing. The motion was made by Rep. Stafstrom, seconded by Rep. J. Hall and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer item 4 Proposed H.B. No. 6350 AN ACT ESTABLISHING FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS to the Committee on Public Safety. The motion was made by Rep. Dubitsky, seconded by Rep. J. Hall and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer items 7 and 8, Proposed S.B. No. 529 AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO REDUCE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENTS and Proposed S.B. No. 528 AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL REPORTING BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, to the Committee on Education. The motion was made by Rep. Zawistowski, seconded by Rep. Gucker and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer items 9-11, Proposed S.B. No. 549 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS, Proposed H.B. No. 6346 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL ARBITRATION AWARDS, and Proposed H.B. No. 6359 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION, to the Committee on Labor. The motion was made by Rep. Delnicki, seconded by Rep. Gucker and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey said she would entertain a motion to refer items 12-17, Proposed H.B. No. 5228 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE ON JACKSON STREET IN THE TOWN OF THOMASTON, Proposed S.B. Nos. 555 AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN, Proposed S.B. No. 551 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ARTS DISTRICTS, Proposed H.B. No. 5739 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, Proposed H.B. No. 5891 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO AUTOMATE THE COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF SALES TAX, and Proposed H.B. No. 6354 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, to the Committee on Finance. The
motion was made by Rep. Arnone, seconded by Rep. Rojas and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey then moved on to section IV on the agenda, Bills to be Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing, and said she would entertain a motion to reserve for subject matter public hearing all items 1-20:

1. Proposed H.B. No. 5273 AN ACT CONCERNING AS OF RIGHT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ZONES.
2. Proposed H.B. No. 5642 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE A STATE FUNDING AND SERVICE DISPARITY IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.
3. Proposed H.B. No. 5643 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE OBSTACLES TO MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM MULTIPLE TOWNS.
4. Proposed H.B. No. 5740 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.
5. Proposed H.B. No. 5745 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICES.
6. Proposed H.B. No. 5899 AN ACT REQUIRING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES.
7. Proposed H.B. No. 6120 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR A CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTION.
8. Proposed H.B. No. 6347 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF WRITTEN WARNINGS PROVIDING NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES.
9. Proposed S.B. No. 140 AN ACT EXPANDING THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.
10. Proposed S.B. No. 361 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO PROMISE OR SIMILAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.
11. Proposed S.B. No. 522 AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSIONS.
12. Proposed S.B. No. 526 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL YEAR.
13. Proposed S.B. No. 527 AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO COMBINE THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS OF MULTIPLE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES.
15. Proposed S.B. No. 550 AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS.
16. Proposed S.B. No. 556 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.
17. Proposed S.B. No. 557 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN NEW HAVEN.
18. Proposed H.B. No. 5123 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.
19. Proposed H.B. No. 5229 AN ACT DEFINING "ADVERTISING SIGN" FOR THE PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL ZONING REGULATIONS.
20. Proposed H.B. No. 6349 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION ON CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.

The motion was made by Rep. Zawistowski, seconded by Rep. Arnone and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey then moved on to section V on the agenda, Concepts to be Raised, and said she would entertain a motion to raise item 1 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN FEES AND DAMAGES IN WRONGFUL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS
ACTIONS and item 2 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES BY MUNICIPALITIES. The motion was made by Rep. Zawistowski and seconded by Sen. Cassano and passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey then moved on to section VI on the agenda, Bills for Draft, and said she would entertain a motion to draft all items 1-9:

1. **Proposed H.B. No. 5538** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN RETIREES UPON SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT BY A BOARD OF EDUCATION.
2. **Proposed H.B. No. 5540** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LIVE IN THEIR HOMES.
3. **Proposed H.B. No. 5541** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN PENALTIES RELATED TO A GRAND LIST EXEMPTION.
4. **Proposed H.B. No. 5886** AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES.
5. **Proposed H.B. No. 6122** AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHED BY SPECIAL ACT.
6. **Proposed S.B. No. 514** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING OFFICIALS.
7. **Proposed S.B. No. 517** AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO FIRE DISTRICTS.
8. **Proposed S.B. No. 518** AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.
9. **Proposed H.B. No. 5127** AN ACT CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF FENCES AND THE PLANTING OF HEDGES AND TREES THAT OBSTRUCT WATER VIEWS.

The motion was made by Rep. Zawistowski, seconded by Rep. Rojas and was passed by voice vote.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey then asked the clerk to announce the time and date of the next meeting, which was scheduled to occur at 10:30AM the following Wednesday, February 6th, in room 2B of the LOB.

Rep. McCarthy Vahey then stated that votes would be held open outside of the House Chamber until the start of the Session scheduled to begin at 12PM. A motion was duly made and seconded at 10:38AM to recess the meeting until the beginning of the House Session, at which point it was promptly adjourned.

Edward Waters
Assistant Clerk

Camilo Lemos
Committee Clerk