

The motion carried, 7-0-1.

**FY 18/19-28: Consider and Take Action Regarding Approval of Council Schedule for 2019**  
**FY 18/19-29: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Council Subcommittees Meeting Schedule for 2019**

It was moved by Councilor Waterhouse, seconded by Councilor Mann and voted unanimously to approve the 2019 Town Council Schedule and Council Subcommittee Schedules. (See Attached)

**FY 18/19-34: Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Abatement for Total Wall Systems**

It was moved by Councilor Gough, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to approve the reimbursement of abated taxes for Total Wall Systems under the Bloomfield Enterprise Zone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FY 18/19-35: Consider and Take Action Regarding the Metropolitan District Commission – Resolution – Long Term Control Plan**

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager asked the Council to seriously consider the recent presentation made by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) regarding their Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Schenck, Jr. noted the importance of recognizing that the State of Connecticut - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) interest are environmental issues, not financial.

The MDC will be negotiating with the State of Connecticut - DEEP over the current financing and construction of both provision of the consent decree between the MDC and the State of Connecticut; as well as the future sewer operational funds needed to maintain and replace aging infrastructure.

It was noted that the key phrase in most of the recommended resolutions presented to member towns is the word “concept”. The proposed resolution for Council consideration outlines if the Town of Bloomfield should be in discussions in concept concerning a different template with the funding of sewers and essentially the environmental commitments that have been made by the MDC and the State of Connecticut.

Councilor McClary inquired about how many other member towns have approved a resolution for the MDC Long Term Control Plan? He also asked if the towns support this Long Term Control Plan, does this resolution endorse the MDC to borrow more funds to improve the infrastructure.

It was noted that regardless of the town’s decision, MDC would be required to borrow funds to upgrade infrastructure.

Councilor Mann requested a friendly amendment to the original motion, to delete the phrase “and urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to approve the plan as submitted”. Deputy Mayor Kirton accepted this friendly amendment.

Councilor Marshall-Nealy asked if Council will consider review of the letter presented by Mr. Bradley Klein prior to voting on this agenda item.

Councilor Gough read the revised motion with the friendly amendment and explained that the DEEP strongly supports the notion of doing Integrated Planning, but it must be done within the context of the requirements of the consent decree.

Mr. Schenck, Jr. stated that the town’s support of the concept will be utilized by the MDC to negotiate with the DEEP over a resolution regarding the tunnel concept versus the infrastructure

concept. The tunnel concept will be more expensive than the Integrated Plan. There will be increases yearly in the ad valorem and water rates.

**It was moved by Deputy Mayor Kirton, seconded by Mayor DeBeatham-Brown to adopt the following resolution with a friendly amendment by Councilor David Mann (motioner-accepted):**

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Bloomfield, acting herein through its Town Council, expresses its support for the incorporation of an integrated planning concept into the next revised version of The Metropolitan District's Long Term Control Plan.**

**VOTE: AYE: S. DeBeatham-Brown, R. Kirton, D. Mann, K. Gough, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse**

**NAY: None**

**ABSTAIN: K. McClary, J. Marshall-Nealy**

**The motion carried, 6-0-2.**

### **FY 18/19-36: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Schedule – Budget Meetings**

**It was moved by Councilor McClary, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to approve the following schedule for the budget meetings for the FY 2019/2020 budget.**

### **FY 18/19-37: Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds**

**It was moved by Councilor Gough, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to approve the refunds be approved in accordance with the memorandum dated December 5, 2018. (See Attached)**

### **FY 18/19-38: Consider and Take Action Concerning Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation**

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

### **REPORT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER**

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr. gave a brief status update of the following:

- The town will be entering into the FY 2019-2020 budget season. The Capital Improvement Program budgets will also be due shortly. Thereafter, the departmental operational budgets will follow.
- The Public Hearing on the FY 2019-2020 Town Budget will be held in March and the Annual Budget Meeting will be held in May.
- The Town will be issuing bonds on January 17 to fund the Human Services and Public Works Facility projects.
- Tree cutting by the Eversource substation will begin, along with their approved re-planting plan.

### **REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

- The town has engaged Randi Frank Consulting, LLC for Executive Search for the next Town Manager for the Town of Bloomfield. There will be two public sessions held on:
  - December 18, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.