

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

August 6, 2024, 5:46 p.m.,

Legislative Chambers

**Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
EASEMENTS TO SUPPORT AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT ON 1800 ASYLUM AVENUE AND
1710 ASYLUM AVENUE**

Reporter: Lisa L. Warner, CSR #061

A p p e a r a n c e s :

Council Members:

MAYOR SHARI CANTOR

DEPUTY MAYOR BEN WENOGRAĐ

CAROL BLANKS

ALBERTO CORTES

TIFFANI MCGINNIS

DEBRA POLUN

BARRY WALTERS

Alternates:

ZONING ALTERNATE JUDY CASPERSON

(For Councilor Mark Zydanowicz)

ZONING ALTERNATE BURKE DOAR

(For Councilor Mary Fay)

Town Manager:

RICK LEDWITH

Corporation Counsel:

DALLAS DODGE, ESQ.

Town Clerk/Council Clerk:

LEON DAVIDOFF

1 (Commenced at 5:46 p.m.)

2 PRESIDENT CANTOR: All right. I am
3 calling the 5:45 public hearing to order. This is
4 a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of
5 Easements to Support an Infrastructure Improvement
6 Project on 1800 Asylum Avenue and 1710 Asylum
7 Avenue.

8 We'll begin with roll call.

9 Mr. Davidoff.

10 MR. DAVIDOFF: Good afternoon, Mayor.
11 Councilor Blanks.

12 COUNCILOR BLANKS: Present.

13 MR. DAVIDOFF: Mayor Cantor.

14 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Here.

15 MR. DAVIDOFF: Councilor Cortes.

16 COUNCILOR CORTES: Here.

17 MR. DAVIDOFF: Alternate Mr. Doar for
18 Ms. Fay.

19 ZONING ALTERNATE DOAR: Here.

20 MR. DAVIDOFF: Councilor McGinnis.

21 COUNCILOR MCGINNIS: Here.

22 MR. DAVIDOFF: Councilor Polun.

23 COUNCILOR POLUN: Here.

24 MR. DAVIDOFF: Councilor Walters.

25 COUNCILOR WALTERS: Here.

1 MR. DAVIDOFF: Deputy Mayor Wenograd.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR WENOGRAD: Here.

3 MR. DAVIDOFF: And Ms. Casperson for
4 Mr. Zydanowicz.

5 ZONING ALTERNATE CASPERSON: Here.

6 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Okay. Thank you so
7 much. And thank you to our alternates, who are
8 seasoned, at this table. Mr. Doar and
9 Ms. Casperson both have served honorably on the
10 Council, and we're so thrilled to have them back.
11 Thank you.

12 So we will begin with a presentation.
13 Mr. Ledwith.

14 MR. LEDWITH: Thank you. Good evening,
15 Mayor. Good evening, Town Council. For the
16 record, Rick Ledwith, town manager. The purpose
17 of tonight's public hearing is by way of
18 resolution to request two temporary and permanent
19 easements. The first, over the property located
20 at 1800 Asylum Avenue to remove the existing
21 culvert and install new twin 10-foot by 5-foot box
22 culverts; regrade the upstream and downstream
23 banks; install new headwalls and wingwalls; and
24 perform bank stabilization and restoration.

25 The temporary and permanent easement

1 areas are approximately 7,600 square feet and
2 29,697 square feet and run along the eastern side
3 of the property adjacent to Trout Brook Drive.

4 This easement would be between the Town
5 and the current owner of 1800 Asylum, West
6 Hartford LLC-1.

7 The second temporary and permanent
8 easement would be for the property located at 1710
9 Asylum Avenue where we would remove the existing
10 culvert and install new twin 12-foot by 5-foot box
11 culverts and wingwalls at the upstream end of the
12 culvert, and to install outlet erosion control
13 structures and perform bank stabilization and
14 restoration at the downstream end of the culvert.

15 This easement would be between the Town
16 and the State of Connecticut who owns that parcel
17 of land at the southwest corner of Trout Brook and
18 Asylum.

19 This resolution was reviewed and
20 approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission
21 with a 5-0 vote at their meeting last night. And
22 the temporary easement would allow us to go in and
23 do the construction, and the permanent easement
24 would allow us to do maintenance of the culverts
25 in the future.

1 So it's a fairly routine easement type
2 of request that we're making this evening, but
3 through you, Madam Mayor, would pause there. I
4 see no one is here to probably speak at the public
5 hearing, but happy to answer any questions that
6 the Council has.

7 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Thank you, Mr.
8 Ledwith. The temporary easement is for how -- is
9 there a certain time period or just when the work
10 is done?

11 MR. LEDWITH: It's just for the
12 construction period. So we're nearly done with
13 the design of both culverts, and the construction
14 would take place in 2025.

15 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Thank you. So we
16 are going to check with our clerk for written
17 comments. Have there been any?

18 MR. DAVIDOFF: No written comments.

19 PRESIDENT CANTOR: And we'll check the
20 sign-up sheet. No one has signed up to speak on
21 this, so if there's anyone in the audience that
22 would like to.

23 (No response.)

24 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Okay. Council
25 members, any questions?

1 (No response.)

2 PRESIDENT CANTOR: No. All right. I
3 will read into the record a letter dated August 6,
4 2024, from the Town Plan and Zoning Commission
5 recommending approval, as the town manager said,
6 5-0.

7 Are there any other comments, questions
8 before we close the public hearing?

9 (No response.)

10 PRESIDENT CANTOR: Okay. We've now
11 closed the public hearing.

12 (Whereupon, the public hearing
13 concluded at 5:51 p.m.)
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I hereby certify that the foregoing 7 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken of the WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING IN RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS TO SUPPORT AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON 1800 ASYLUM AVENUE AND 1710 ASYLUM AVENUE, which was held before THE WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chambers, Room 314, on August 6, 2024.



**Lisa L. Warner, CSR 061
Notary Public
My commission expires:
May 31, 2028**