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**AD HOC REPORT – CHANGE OF NAME FOR POINT DRIFTWOOD  
(second meeting)**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2006**

Chairman Gregg Seabury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The charge of this committee is to review a proposal for a name change on Point Driftwood.

In attendance were council members Robert Riley and Ben Chianese. Also in attendance was Acting Fire Chief Phil Curran; Terry Shanahan, Deputy Chief of Police; Dennis Elpern, Planning Director; Les Pinter, Corporation Counsel; Joe Cavo, ex officio; JoAnne Read, Planning Department; Pat Sniffin, Fire Department and Mike Calandrino, Petitioner.

At the first ad hoc committee meeting held on April 11, 2006, Mr. Chianese moved to recommend that the Planning Department be directed to conduct a survey to do away with the name Point Driftwood and change the name to Middle Passway and East Passway and renumber the area as recommended by the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Seabury. Motion carried unanimously.

At the second committee meeting held on November 27, 2006, Mr. Calandrino gave a brief history. In the spring 2006, Mr. Antous called him with problems from constituents about that end of the road. A majority of the field cards were pulled which showed Middle Passway and East Passway as addresses. The mailboxes weren't numbered and the houses weren't numbered creating a problem for any police and fire emergency. There are problems with both ends of the road. The results of the survey are in. There is a map.

Mr. Seabury asked Attorney Pinter to review the legality of name changes for roads. Attorney Pinter referred to state law 7-148 that provides that a municipality has the right and jurisdiction over city owned roads to make name changes.

Mr. Seabury asked Chief Curran his opinion on this issue. Chief Curran said from the fire departments standpoint, it is a "life or death" issue. The '911' system tells them where the call is coming from – but some of these addresses don't work. It makes no sense that the houses aren't numbered properly and the street is not named. Mr. Sniffin said the 911 system works with unique addresses. The goal is to have the exact address to avoid duplicate addressing or like sounding names. It is essential to have numbering on the homes and correct addresses.

Mr. Chianese asked Attorney Pinter about physical mailing addresses. Who assigns those and can it be changed at the discretion of the residents? Attorney Pinter said the same statute applies to re-numbering as well – but that is a little more intrusive than re-naming the road. The larger police purpose is safety. There are implications with the US Postal service that there is cordiality with respect to a common numbering system. Within the same police power law you can re-number as well.

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Mr. Chianese asked if a homeowner wants to change his number down the road – can that happen? Ms. Read stated the approval to change comes from the Common Council. She has a stack of requests on her desk for changes.

Mr. Seabury read the following into the record from Ms. Read:

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November 16, 2006

To: Common Council Members Gregg Seabury, Robert Riley, Benjamin Chianese

From: JoAnne Read, Planning Assistant

Re: Proposed Old Neversink Rd. Address Changes.

I sent out the attached letter with a list of proposed new addresses. I also included a map that I prepared with the addresses plotted on it. I spent an exorbitant amount of time researching all of this because I wanted to be sure of every detail. This was no easy feat as some of these parcels are not contiguous and it is extremely confusing. I actually visited the site twice, once with Mike Calandrino and once by myself. I also provided a sheet for their comments and a self-addressed envelope so they could return them to me. I offered the option to respond by e-mail. In total, I sent out 15 envelopes (less than number of actual parcels because of some people owned several parcels). I did not send the documentation to either Hartford or Fancher as their frontages are on Great Plain. They both access their properties by Great Plain Rd and have Great Plain Rd addresses. One of the major factors in assigning an address is the location of the driveway. Based on what I saw when I visited the area and the way it is shown on at least three different maps in City Hall, there was no reason to change them. Mr. Sauer has since informed me that they want to be included, but I did not hear from either of them. 2 were returned to me, 3 did not respond at all and 3 responded by email. The comments from the remaining 7 are listed below and the 3 e-mail responses are pasted in at the end of this document. Additionally, I have met with Joe Viola from the Post Office and he is willing to attend the committee meeting if you think his presence would be helpful. Mr. Viola said they do not care what we call the road; they just want everyone to have a street number. He also told me that the proposed location of the mailboxes is okay with them and they would be happy to see an organized line of mailboxes as that makes it much easier on the carrier.

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Chairman Seabury opened the floor to public discussion -

Mr. Seabury said if there can be less confusion on the safety issue it would make the Police and Fire jobs easier to find people in the event of an emergency and prevent the long waiting times. This is an issue of safety. We are charged with trying to resolve this.

Acting Fire Chief Curran said the road names need to be established and registered with City Hall and set up in the computer so that the dispatcher can get the crew right to the front door.

Mr. Sniffin said when the City changes a street name, the State updates their file so that the GPS systems can be updated.

Mr. Riley moved to change the name from Point Driftwood Road to Middle Passway and Passway. Mr. Chianese seconded.

Discussion followed. Mr. Chianese agrees that the houses need to be re-numbered, but the name doesn't need to be changed.

Mr. Calandrino said the name change would be to avoid confusion with the other end of the road.

Mr. Chianese amended the motion to keep the name Driftwood Point Road and re-number the houses accordingly. Mr. Riley seconded. Discussion followed about similar road names and confusion.

Mr. Chianese amended the motion to change the name to Point Driftwood and re-number the houses accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Riley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Riley accepted the amendment to his original motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Read will prepare a new list of everyone's house number and notify everyone.

Mr. Chianese moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Riley. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregg Seabury, Chairman

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Ben Chianese, Councilman

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Robert Riley, Councilman