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**~AD HOC REPORT~**  
***Point Driftwood — Name Change***  
***Tuesday, June 28, 2007***

Hon. Mark D. Boughton, Mayor  
Common Council Members

Chairman Gregg Seabury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007, in Room 3C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee members Bob Riley and Benjamin Chianese. Ex Officio members: Michael Calandrino (Petitioner), Paul Rotello, Mary Teicholz, Pauline Basso. Also present were Corporation Counsel Laszlo L. Pinter, Mayor's Office Representative Mike McLaughlin, Planning Assistant JoAnne Read, Planning Director Dennis Elpern, 911 Coordinator of the Fire Department Pat Sniffin, Post Office Representative Joe Veola and interested citizens/residents.

Chairman Seabury introduced everyone in the room. Chairman Seabury explained the purpose of the evening's meeting was to consider the proposal for a name change of Point Driftwood.

Background: There have been ongoing problems with mail deliveries and receiving mail. There are serious problems with 911 calls as the drivers are unable to locate residences quickly and efficiently. Mailboxes and houses were not numbered. The 911 system indicates where the call is coming from but some of the addresses are not accurate. Mr. Calandrino's address is 16 Lake Road, Point Driftwood. Records indicate the road's name as being Driftwood Point. Other residents have used Old Neversink, Middle Passway and East Passway. At the first Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on April 11, 2006, Councilman 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 Councilman Seabury. Motion carried unanimously. At the second Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2006, Councilman Chianese moved to change the name to Point Driftwood and re-number the houses accordingly. Seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried unanimously. At the third Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on February 21, 2007, Councilman Chianese moved to re-name the lower section of the road (to the left) to Driftwood Road and the upper section of the road (to the right) to Middle Passway; have the house numbers changed accordingly; have the Planning Department send letters to homeowners on Old Neversink, Lake Road, Crossway and By-Way confirming addresses and house numbers; have the Planning Department arrange for a representative from the Post Office be available at the next meeting; and continue this meeting for 30 days to get the report from the Planning Department. Seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Seabury informed everyone that Councilman Calandrino and Michael Romano had a discussion prior to the evening's meeting and asked Councilman Calandrino to provide an update. Councilman Calandrino explained that Mr. Romano was representing the residents on one end of Old Neversink and Councilman Calandrino was representing the residents on the other end of Old Neversink. A decision was made that Mr. Romano's section of Old Neversink would be changed to Driftwood Road and Councilman Calandrino's section of Old Neversink would be changed to Driftwood Point. At the beginning of the road, erect a sign post with each name and directional arrows. Ms. Read said that she confirmed that each lot had an address and prepared a 5-page report which she reviewed with Mr. Veola. She reviewed a map she prepared with the Committee and the residents.

Councilman Calandrino explained that the residents would continue to use the mailing addresses as they have but to help locate the physical houses, a request is being made to erect the sign. A man later identified as Walt asked what people would see as the road sign once they entered either Driftwood Road or Driftwood Point. Councilman Calandrino explained that they would see the actual name of the road, i.e. Lake Road. Mr. Veola pointed out that Driftwood Point is the name of a neighborhood, not a road. While Councilman Calandrino agreed, he explained that out of necessity, the residents have had to include it in their mailing address for accuracy. Mr. Veola felt it would confuse people as to what the actual mailing address was. Councilman Calandrino said that the sign they are requesting would help to alleviate the confusion of which direction to take for Driftwood Road or Driftwood Point. However, with regard to the mail situation,

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Councilman Calandrino has found that by adding Driftwood Point to his mailing address, he has had no problems. Wait pointed out the need to clarify the street names because of the ongoing problems with 911 more so than mail deliveries.

Chairman Seabury suggested erecting all the mailboxes at the beginning of the community to help alleviate the mail problems. Mr. Veola said the problem lies with the residents as they are not using the proper mailing addresses. Councilman Chianese recommended assigning physical addresses to each Lot Number which could then be coordinated with the 911 system. Mr. Sniffin agreed that would help with dispatching properly. Ms. Read will distribute the report to the Fire Department, the Post Office, and the Tax Assessor. Councilman Riley made note that the homeowners will need to work in conjunction with the Planning Department and the Post Office to ensure they are using the correct mailing addresses. Ms. Read will send a letter to each homeowner notifying them of their proper mailing address and instruct them to post it on their house and mailbox and use it on all their mailings.

A motion was made by Councilman Riley and seconded by Councilman Chianese that the Committee recommend to the Common Council to change Point Driftwood to Driftwood Road; authorize the Planning Department to number the addresses in conjunction with the homeowners in the area; work with the Post Office in order to be in compliance with the changes; and, have the City of Danbury erect signs where appropriate with regard to any changes being made.

A motion to amend was made by Councilman Chianese to include notifying 911 personnel and the Tax Assessor as well as the City erecting a sign which reads Point Driftwood Association and lists each individual road within the Association which includes directional arrows.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

*Chairman Seabury asked Mr. Veola and Mr. Sniffin if they were in agreement with the recommendations. Both gentlemen said yes.*

The motion as amended carried unanimously.

Councilman Chianese thanked Councilman Calandrino for his persistence in bringing the matter to a favorable conclusion for the benefit of the neighborhood. In addition, he thanked Ms. Read for all her hard work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Riley and seconded by Councilman Chianese. The motion carried unanimously at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregg Seabury, Chairman

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Bob Riley

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Benjamin Chianese