

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD



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NEW MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2011

Present: Mayor Patricia Murphy
Walter Bayer
Cecilia Buck-Taylor
Thomas Esposito
Mary Jane Lundgren
Peter Mullen
Raymond O'Brien
Roger Szendy

Absent: Peter Bass
Robert Guendelsberger

Others Present: Tammy Reardon, Mayoral Aide
D. Randall DiBella, Town Attorney

GEORGE C. BUCKBEE
TOWN CLERK
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NEW MILFORD, CT

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mary Jane Lundgren led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Murphy opened the floor for comment. There was no public participation.

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Mr. O'Brien moved the Town Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 25, 2011 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bayer and carried with one abstention (Ms. Buck-Taylor).

4. **RE - APPOINTMENTS**

<i>Lake Lillinonah Authority</i>		<i>2011 Boating Season</i>
Tony Augustine	P.O. Box 771 Brookfield	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011
Kevin A. Brooks	160 Long Meadow Hill Brookfield	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011
John G. Puglisi	P.O. Box 119 Brookfield	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011
Christopher Rosado	14 Merritt Place Meriden	05/09/2011 - 10/31/2011
Kevin J. Seeley	57 Riverford Rd Brookfield	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011
Douglas N. Vane	P.O. Box 151 Brookfield	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011
Jameson A. Zaloski	63 Fordyce Rd New Milford	05/09/2011 – 10/31/2011

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the re-appointment by the Mayor of the seven citizens of the Town to the Lake Lillinonah Authority for the 2011 Boating Season. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buck-Taylor and carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien requested that a letter be sent to each appointee authored by Chief Boyne similar to the letters sent to the members historically, detailing the limitations of the positions. Mayor Murphy noted that she has reviewed the limitations with the Chief for both Lake Authorities.

5. **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE COMMITTEE**

- a) Discussion and possible action on the establishment of a temporary Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee and defining its purpose and mission by adoption of the following resolution:

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Town Council establish a temporary Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee in accordance with the following resolution; "Resolved, a temporary Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee is hereby established. The purpose and mission of the committee is to receive information and advice; and formulate recommendations to the Town Council on the purchase and installation of municipal emergency communications radio and dispatch equipment and the upgrade of the communications center. The committee shall periodically report to the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buck-Taylor and carried unanimously.

- b) Appointment of the following to the Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee:

Patricia A. Murphy, Mayor	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Jeffrey M. Emmons, Chief Water Witch Hose Co.#2	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Stark A. Weiner, Chief Northville Volunteer Fire Department	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Karl Fuchs, Captain Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
John G. Oxton, Treasurer NM Volunteer Community Ambulance Corps	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012

William R. Scribner, Lieutenant New Milford Police Department	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Brian R. Powers, Senior Dispatcher New Milford Police Department	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Marla J. Scribner, Emergency Management Director	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
Michael F. Zarba, Director New Milford Public Works Department	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the appointment by the Mayor of the 9 citizens of the Town to the Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee for the term 05/092011-05/08/2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buck-Taylor and carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien explained that Police Chief, Shawn Boyne was not added as a member of the Committee, as he is not an elector as required by the Town Charter.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Murphy updated the Council on the Bike Trail progress. She said the Housatonic Railroad had spoken in favor of the Railroad Crossing at Sega Meadow, at the meeting in Hartford. She added that Representative Chapin was successful at passing the legislation through the House, and that the legislation is now awaiting Senate approval.

7. VILLAGE CENTER ORGANIZATION

Discussion and possible action on request to close off the southern cross – over of the Green for the set up, duration and break down of the 16th Annual Outdoor Art Festival on the Green Saturday June 18 (10am-6pm) and Sunday June 19, 2011 (noon-5pm.)

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the request of the Village Center Organization to close off the southern cross – over of the Green for the set up, duration and break down of the 16th Annual Outdoor Art Festival on the Green Saturday June 18 (10am-6pm) and Sunday June 19, 2011 (noon-5pm.), subject to the usual conditions and requirements, satisfactory to the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buck-Taylor and carried unanimously.

8. PARKS AND RECREATION

Discussion and possible action on request to authorize the appropriation, as a loan, due to/from the General fund to the Parks gift fund in the amount of \$75, 217.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the GE Grant to be reimbursed to the General fund when the project is complete.

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the request to authorize the appropriation, as a loan, due to/from the General fund to the Parks gift fund in the amount of \$75, 217.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the GE Grant to be reimbursed to the General fund when the project is

complete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mullen and passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien asked why the money was being placed in the gift fund. Mayor Murphy explained that is the line that Parks and Recreation uses for donations and grant money for projects. Mr. O'Brien said going forward he would like feedback from Finance Director regarding whether grant monies should be kept in a separate account. He noted the same would apply for the next item on the agenda as well. Ms. Buck-Taylor asked what the anticipated completion date was for the project. Mayor Murphy noted the completion is slated for this year; the exact timing will however depend on weather conditions.

Discussion and possible action on request to authorize the appropriation, as a loan, due to/from the General fund to the Parks gift fund in the amount of \$1,600.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the DEP Equipment Grant to be reimbursed at 80% to the General fund when the project is complete.

Mayor Murphy explained that the grant for this item is \$2000.00. The reimbursement however is \$1600.00. She said this was the verbiage requested by Finance Director, Ray Jankowski, per the auditor's recommendation.

Attorney DiBella questioned why the Town is looking to make a loan unto itself. He noted that the Charter does not allow for that. He said that he did not understand where the authority is for authorizing the appropriation for a loan to ourselves. Mayor Murphy responded that it is an accounting transaction. The Council discussed that the item is essentially a temporary transfer. Attorney DiBella noted that it should be written as a temporary transfer to be reimbursed and replenished by way of grant. He said the Town has no authority to loan money without a bond. Mr. Mullen asked if Attorney DiBella was recommending that the monies be associated with the contingency account or another account. Attorney DiBella said he wouldn't make a recommendation about a particular account as he does not have the authority or understanding to. He said he however cannot authorize a loan. Mayor Murphy said that she would explain to Mr. Jankowski that the verbiage should read "temporary transfer". Mr. O'Brien asked that the language be added per the recommendation of the Town Attorney to the motions and minutes for the Council's review at the next meeting.

Mr. O'Brien moved to amend his motion as the approval of the request to authorize the appropriation, as a temporary transfer, due to/from the General fund to the Parks gift fund in the amount of \$75, 217.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the GE Grant to be reimbursed to the General fund by way of grant when the project is complete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mullen and carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC WORKS

Discussion and possible action on the request to authorize Mayor Patricia A. Murphy to sign the "First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement between the Town of New

Milford, Connecticut and Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc. (DTC) for Consulting Engineering Inspection Services for Rehabilitation of Lovers Leap Bridge over Housatonic River” State Project No. 95-222, Federal Project No. STPE-2761(12).

Mr. O’Brien moved to authorize Mayor Patricia A. Murphy to sign the “First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement between the Town of New Milford, Connecticut and Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc. (DTC) for Consulting Engineering Inspection Services for Rehabilitation of Lovers Leap Bridge over Housatonic River” State Project No. 95-222, Federal Project No. STPE-2761(12). The motion was seconded by Mr. Szendy and carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on request to authorize the appropriation, as a loan, \$27,123.00 to the Bridge Fund to pay the remaining bills for engineering services on Project 95-222 (Lovers Leap Bridge Rehabilitation.) Per contract with the State of CT, New Milford is required to pay the bill prior to receiving reimbursement. To be replenished upon reimbursement from the State.

Mr. O’Brien moved to approve the appropriation, as a temporary transfer, \$27,123.00 to the Bridge Fund to pay the remaining bills for engineering services on Project 95-222 (Lovers Leap Bridge Rehabilitation.) Per contract with the State of CT, New Milford is required to pay the bill prior to receiving reimbursement. To be replenished upon reimbursement from the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mullen and carried unanimously.

Mr. O’Brien asked if the State currently has the money or are promising the money. Mayor Murphy said they are promising the money, however she said she believes they have it because it has to do with closing out the Lovers Leap Bridge project. Mike Zarba, Public Works Director said the State has the money because it has been authorized to go to the engineering side from the construction side, and will allow for the use of the monies for this purpose.

10. MAYOR’S OFFICE

Discussion and possible action on, “A Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of New Milford Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial.” [see attached resolution]

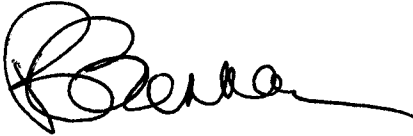
Mayor Murphy noted that per the information forwarded to the Town there were ten African American soldiers from New Milford who fought in the Revolutionary War. The Town Council would like to recognize the soldiers for their service.

Ms. Buck-Taylor moved to authorize Mayor Patricia A. Murphy to sign "A Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of New Milford Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial." The motion was seconded by Mr. Esposito and carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Szendy moved to adjourn the May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting at 7:46p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Esposito and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Roel Brennan
Recording Secretary

submitted by:
Sam Stenton

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

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Establishment of a Temporary Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee

The purpose and mission of the committee is to receive information and advice; and formulate recommendations to the Town Council on the purchase and installation of municipal emergency communications radio and dispatch equipment and the upgrade of the communications center. The committee shall periodically report to the Town Council.

Members of the Temporary Emergency Communications Upgrade Committee shall be:

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Jeffrey M. Emmons, Chief Water Witch Hose Co.#2	05/09/2011 – 05/08/2012
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Village Center Organization

of

New Milford

P.O. Box 2105

New Milford CT 06776

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May 3, 2011

Mayor Patricia Murphy
Members of the Town Council
Town Hall, 10 Main Street
New Milford, CT 06776

Re: Road Closure Request – June 18 & 19, 2011
Village Center Organization Outdoor Art Festival on The Green

Dear Mayor Murphy & Members of the Town Council:

The Village Center Organization is in preparation for our second year of sponsoring the annual New Milford Outdoor Art Festival on The Green. Last year's event was quite successful and we are pleased to continue our association with the local artists who originated this event many years ago. It provides an interesting two-day event in our Village Center over the Father's Day weekend and gives great exposure to many of our local businesses.

With your continued cooperation and permission, this year's show will be on Saturday, June 18th from 10:00am to 6:00pm & Sunday, June 19th from Noon until 5:00pm. Both the South portion of The Green and the central portion of The Green are used for this event. In order to maintain a safe environment for participants, we request that you allow closure of the southern crossover of the green and parking restricted from 7:00am to 7:00pm on the 18th and from 11:00am to 6:00pm on the 19th.

Thank you for your continued support of the Village Center Organization, as well as our local arts community.

Respectfully,



Jayson Roberts, President
Village Center Organization of New Milford

cc: Shawn Boyne, Chief of Police
Mona Tito, New Milford Traffic Authority

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Parks & Recreation Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Patricia Murphy
FROM: Daniel Calhoun, Director of Parks & Recreation *D.C.*
DATE: May 4, 2011
SUBJECT: Town Council Agenda Item

The New Milford Parks & Recreation Commission requests that the following items be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting being held on May 9, 2011:

1. Discussion & possible action on request to authorize the appropriation, as a loan, due to/from the General fund to the Parks gift fund in the amount of \$75,217.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the GE Grant to be reimbursed to the General fund when the project is complete.
2. Discussion and possible action on request to authorize the appropriation, as a lone, due to/from the General fund to the park gift fund in the amount of \$1,600.00 for costs associated with fulfilling the DEP Equipment Grant to be reimbursed at 80% to the General fund when the project is complete.



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Town of New Milford
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Director
Michael F. Zarba, P.E.

To: Mayor Patricia Murphy
From: Michael F. Zarba, P.E., Public Works Director
Date: May 4, 2011
Re: **TC Agenda item for May 9, 2011**
CC: File
Encl: Copy of Supplemental Agreement (4 pages)

Please find the text below for an item I would like to appear on the next TC meeting agenda.

Public Works –
Discussion and possible action on:

Authorization for Mayor Patricia A. Murphy to sign the “First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement between the Town of New Milford, Connecticut and Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc. (DTC) for Consulting Engineering Inspection Services for Rehabilitation of Lovers Leap Bridge over Housatonic River” State Project No. 95-222, Federal Project No. STPE-2761(12).

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If you have any questions or need additional information please let me know. Thank You.

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT
AND DIVERSIFIED TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS, INC. (DTC)
FOR
CONSULTING ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES
FOR REHABILITATION OF
LOVER'S LEAP BRIDGE OVER HOUSATONIC RIVER**

STATE PROJECT NO. 95-222, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STPE-2761(12)

THIS AGREEMENT, concluded at New Milford, Connecticut this ____ day of _____, 2011 by and between the Town of New Milford, acting herein by Patricia A. Murphy, Mayor, 10 Main Street, New Milford, Connecticut, duly authorized, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality, and Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc. (DTC) acting herein by A. Graham Curtis, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer duly authorized with an office and place of business at 2321 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, duly authorized to practice professional engineering in Connecticut under the provisions of Chapter 391 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Engineer.

WITNESSETH, THAT,

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the Contracting Engineer executed an Agreement entitled "Agreement Between the Town of New Milford and Diversified Technology Consultants for Consultant Engineering Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Lover's Leap Bridge over Housatonic River" dated July 17, 2003 hereinafter referred to as the Original Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has retained the Consultant to perform certain consulting engineering inspection services related to rehabilitation of Lover's Leap Bridge over the Housatonic River, New Milford, Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, a 95-day time extension has been granted to the Municipality's construction contractor to complete construction of the project, and

WHEREAS, additional consulting engineering inspection services by the Contracting Engineer have been determined to be required in conjunction with said time extension, and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount which the Municipality shall pay to the Contracting Engineer under the terms of the Original Agreement, which amount is One Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Nine Dollars (\$176,009) has been found to be insufficient and needs to be increased, and

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE THAT, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE TO AS FOLLOWS:

I.) That Article (37) of the Original Agreement is hereby deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(37) That subject to the limitations stipulated in paragraph (38), the Contracting Engineer shall be paid in the following manner for all work performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement with exceptions of those services for which a different method of payment is stipulated: (a) the Contracting Engineer's actual costs, including the actual costs of approved subcontractors, plus (b) a fixed fee for profit of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Six dollars (\$13,206) plus (c) direct non-salary costs directly allocable to the Project of Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Two dollars (\$25,192).

The Contracting Engineer may bill direct cost for transportation and subsistence (if applicable) in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations-State Managers limiting amounts and transportation (mileage) will conform to OPM's General Letter 97-1 dated November 21, 1996.

The Contracting Engineer hereby acknowledges and agrees to comply with policy enumerated in Administrative Memorandum No. 104 dated August 28, 1984 Re: "Procurement and Property Management of Equipment Purchased by Construction Inspection Consultant Engineers".

Actual costs shall be: (1) salaries of employees directly chargeable to the Project at rates not to exceed those shown in paragraph (50); and (2) burden, fringe and overhead costs properly allocable to the Project. For 2003, the percentage for field office operations will be no higher than 109.38. For 2004, the percentage for field office operations will be no higher than 104.78. For 2005, the percentage for field office operations will be no higher than 111.88. For 2006, the percentage for field office operations will be no higher than 109.82. This percentage will be revised annually based on a State approved audit of burden, fringe and overhead costs of the previous year's experience. In no case will the total of burden, fringe, overhead and profit exceed 125% of payroll. The term "Salaries" as used in this Agreement shall mean the gross wage or payment made to employees before deductions for employee paid taxes and fringe benefits. The final determination of the sum to be paid for actual costs will be made following an audit of the Contracting Engineer's records. The certified payroll shall cover salaries computed at straight-time rates. The certified percentage for burden, fringe, and overhead shall be applied only to the "straight-time" portion of overtime pay. No payment shall be made to partners or officials of the firm for those services unless they are engaged in production work in which case compensation will be made at production rates.

II.) That Article (38) of the Original Agreement is hereby deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(38) That the maximum amount which the Municipality shall pay to the Contracting Engineer for all work performed under the terms of this Agreement, excepting work for which payment is provided in paragraphs (42) and (48) shall not exceed Two Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two dollars (\$203,132) unless revised under the terms of Article (49) of this Agreement. The maximum amount will not be revised unless there is a substantial change in the scope or character of the work to be performed by the Contracting Engineer which would justify a revision of this figure; or if, for any reason, the Contracting Engineer does not or cannot start his work prior to or in sufficient time to meet the construction contractor's schedule of operations, and the Municipality finds it necessary to provide certain inspection and survey services, the limiting amount and fixed fee shall be reduced an equitable amount to reflect the Municipality's expense in connection therewith.

III.) That Article (50) of the Original Agreement is hereby deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(50) That the maximum hourly rate for each classification of employee to be used on the Project shall be as follows and additional classifications if required must be submitted to the Municipality's Project Engineer for prior approval by the Negotiations Committee. The Project Manager classification is Federal Aid non-participating.

<u>Classifications</u>	<u>Maximum Hourly Rates</u>
Supervisor	\$45.58
Chief Inspector	\$30.00
Inspector	\$24.51
Secretary	\$16.73

The above maximum hourly rates of pay shall be subject to renegotiation should the work required under this Agreement not be completed by September 22, 2006. Any adjustment to the maximum hourly rates stated above shall apply only to such services as may be rendered subsequent to the date of renegotiation. Overtime work, when authorized by the Municipality, shall be paid for by the Municipality at "straight-time" rates except when otherwise required by law or regulation or when otherwise approved by the Municipality. The surcharge for burden, fringe and overhead shall be applied only to the "straight-time" portion of any overtime pay.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hand and seals on the day and year indicated.

WITNESSES:

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

Signature: _____
Printed Name:

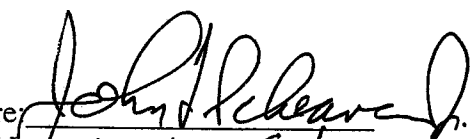
By: _____ (Seal)
Patricia A. Murphy
Mayor

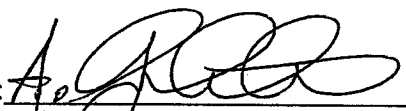
Signature: _____
Printed Name:


Date: _____

WITNESSES

DIVERSIFIED TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTANTS (DTC)

Signature: 
Printed Name: John F. Schearer, Jr.

By:  (Seal)
A Graham Curtis, P.E.,
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Signature: 
Printed Name: BRIAN M SKONIECZNY

Date: 4-14-2011

CONNECTICUT CORPORATE ENGINEERING
PRACTICE - CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORIZATION NO. 234

From: Maurice Barboza [mailto:mbarboza@malldc.org]

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 12:59 AM

Subject: Proposed Resolution of Litchfield County Towns to Honor LOCAL African American Revolutionary War Soldiers and Support a National Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Dear Litchfield County Town Officials:

Liberty Fund D.C. invites your town to honor more than 820 African American soldiers, sailors and patriots of the American Revolution from Connecticut. We are asking all towns with patriot ancestors to consider a resolution acknowledging these trailblazers and voicing support for an entirely citizen-funded national memorial in Washington.

The National Liberty Memorial will honor between 5,000 and 10,000 patriots of the American Revolution. Connecticut was home to 16 percent of the 5,000 known African American patriots who served in official capacities. Senators Joe Lieberman and Charles Grassley will introduce legislation in Congress later this week to honor these forgotten American heroes.

Five hundred sixty-two (562) of the 820 patriots from Connecticut are connected by birth, enlistment or residence to 80 towns, including 52 patriots from 13 towns in Litchfield County. Seventeen (17) are from Woodbury – the highest number in Litchfield County. Yours, or any of the remaining 89 towns, could prove a connection to the 258 listed as “no residence given.” As extensive as the list is, many more could be unaccounted for and awaiting discovery in Litchfield County and the nation.

The recent inauguration of new tools to explore Connecticut’s Freedom Trail makes this timely. Governor Dannel P. Malloy was recently quoted saying, “the state’s history is too often overlooked, whether it’s Connecticut’s role in the American Revolution or Industrial Revolution.” Future research will lead to discoveries of complex connections between people, places, events and generations. These discoveries could add numerous new sites to the Trail. History, tourism and unity will be promoted through the recognition of shared principles and a common destiny.

A draft resolution and fact sheet are attached. The latter includes a list of local patriots, a tabulation of patriots by town, and a state map showing the 80 hometowns. An article from the Hartford Courant explains the origins of the project in Plainville, Connecticut where I grew up. Years later, the clues I finally comprehended led me to discover my own family’s diverse heritage and connection to the African Americans of the Revolutionary War.

Already 18 counties in my adopted state of Virginia, the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) and the city of New Orleans have approved resolutions. In the weeks ahead, other cities and counties will participate. However, it is appropriate that the actual campaign begin in earnest in Connecticut.

Connecticut has been laying the groundwork since the state’s American Revolution Bicentennial Commission published *Connecticut’s Black Soldiers* by David O. White in 1973. Milford erected a memorial to six patriots in 1976. The Freedom Trail contains multiple Revolutionary War era sites and members of Connecticut’s congressional delegation have championed this cause for 26 years.

Throughout the Civil Rights Movement, I was unaware that slavery touched the soil where I played as a child. The Charles Norton House that concealed runaways from the south (now on the Freedom Trail) was just a block away. Children and adults of every color would benefit by knowing what I, and my contemporaries, did not know.

I did not know that thousands of the enslaved sought freedom 154 years before the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King. In the process, they helped to create the United States and the churches and self-help groups that have written the story of our nation.

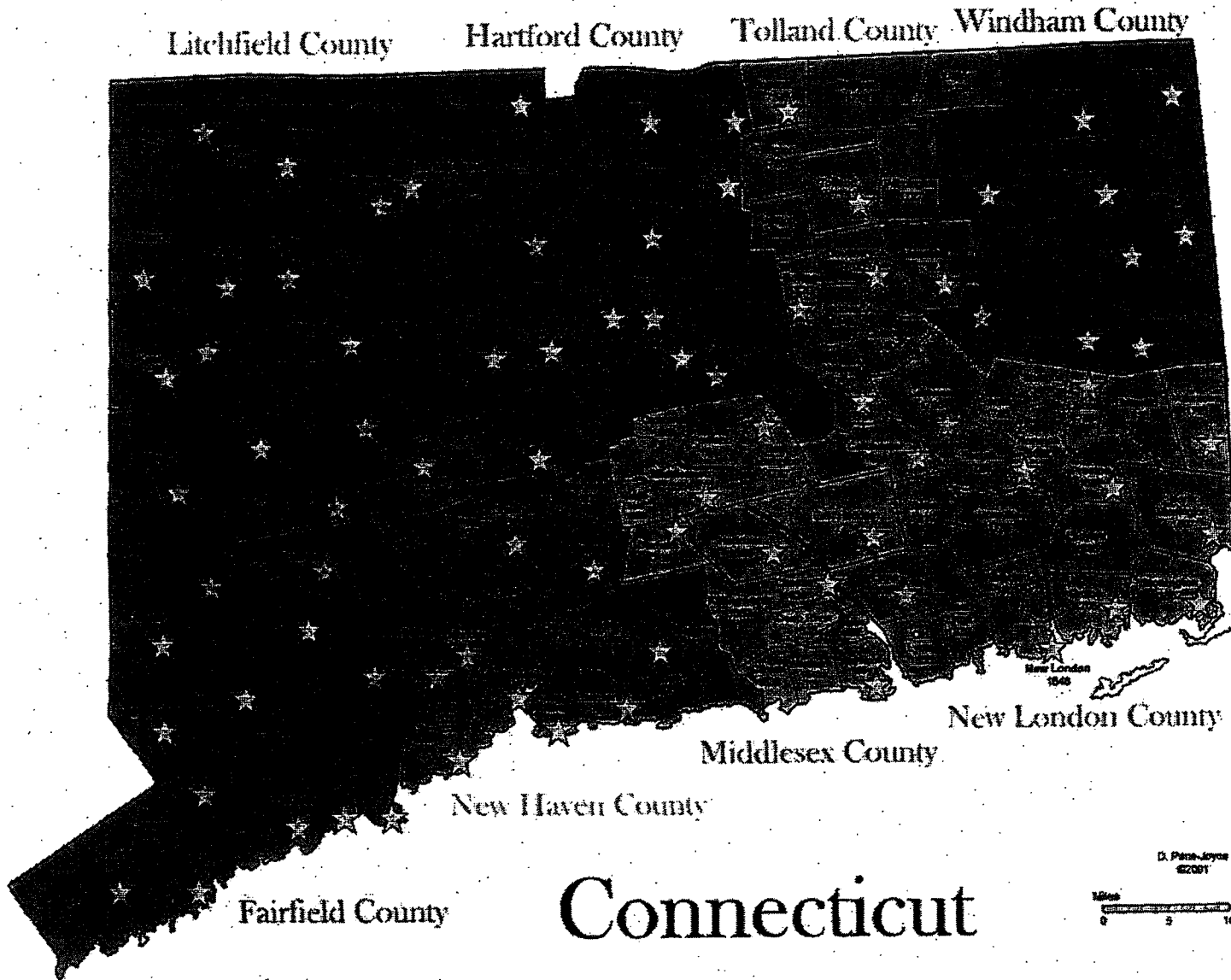
This resolution will suggest to your citizens ways to envision the history as a tool to perfect our democracy.

I hope you will consider this request.

Maurice Barboza
Founder
Liberty Fund D.C.
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mbarboza@libertyfunddc.org 703-299-0408

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The Hometowns of Connecticut's African American Revolutionary War Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots



Connecticut

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Quick Facts about Connecticut's African American Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War

- ✓ At least 820 African American soldiers, and seamen (patriots) served in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut. (This does not include those who provided civilian assistance or demonstrated a personal desire to be liberated from enslavement. Many men, women and children ran away or filed freedom petitions with courts and the General Assembly.)
- ✓ Connecticut's 820 patriots represent 16 percent of the known 5,000 who served from the 13 colonies and territories.
- ✓ Some estimate that up to 10,000 African Americans served in the Revolutionary War.
- ✓ At least 562 African American patriots are connected by birth, enlistment or residence to a town.
- ✓ At least 258 African American patriots are not associated with a town.
- ✓ Of Connecticut's 169 towns, 80 are connected to an African American patriot.
- ✓ At the time of the Revolution, African Americans accounted for 2.6 percent of the population of Connecticut, not including American Indians.
- ✓ According to the Connecticut census of 1774, 2,883 African American males of all ages resided in six counties in the state. (Middlesex County and Tolland County were created in 1785.)
- ✓ If, for example, 50 percent of the African American male population under 20 was over 16 and 80 percent of those over 20 were under 40, the level of eligible African American male participation in the Revolutionary War would be nearly 43 percent.

County	# Towns with Blacks Serving	Black Male Pop. 1774 -20	Black Male Pop. 1774 +20	Est. Eligible 16-20	Est. Eligible 20-40	Total Est. Eligible Black Males	Total Serving	% Eligible Serving	Total White Population	Total Black Population	Black % Total Pop.
Hartford	13	274	370	137	296	433	63	15.47	50,666	1,093	2.17
New Haven	10	199	268	100	214	314	80	29.63	25,896	854	3.19
New London	11	328	335	164	268	432	153	37.77	31,542	1,194	3.65
Fairfield	12	286	358	143	286	429	92	20.49	28,936	1,153	3.83
Windham	9	127	147	64	118	181	67	35.89	27,494	476	1.70
Litchfield	13	92	99	46	79	125	52	49.52	26,844	331	1.22
Middlesex (1785)	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tolland (1785)	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
No residence given	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	258	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	80	1,306	1,577	653	1,282	1,915	820	42.83	191,378	5,101	2.60

* See Table 87, Population of the Colony of Connecticut: Census of 1774, *A Century of Population Growth*, pp. 166-169. This table lists the total black population at 6,464. The population subtotals of American Indians amounting to 1,363 are included erroneously.

**This chart was compiled by National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.

- ✓ 60 African Americans served in Col. Humphrey's Colored Troops.
- ✓ African Americans served in at least the 1st through 9th Connecticut Regiments and many other units, including the Continental Army and those associated with the names of captains and colonels.
- ✓ African Americans were privateers, marines, sailors and seamen, serving on the Brigantines Marshall, Minerva, Independence, Delight, and Defense, among others.
- ✓ At least 2 African Americans from Connecticut served in the all-black Rhode Island Regiment
- ✓ Slaves and free men served – some were substitutes for their masters.
- ✓ Some African American patriots were boys, including drummers, fifers and marines.
- ✓ Some slaves received their freedom in exchange for service.
- ✓ At least 90 African American patriots are known to have applied for pensions.

It is but little wonder that when the Revolutionary War began in 1775 Connecticut's blacks were optimistic. In times of upheaval conditions change, and the black American of that era must have believed that change for him had but one way to turn – for the better. – David O. White

Barkhamsted

QUAMINO, HUMPHREY, African American ("mixed blood, Spanish and negro"), Barkhamsted

HARRISON, CZAR [CAESAR?], African American, Canaan

Comwall

Goshen

YORK, African American ("Negro"), Goshen

FREEMAN, COLL, African American, Kent

FREEMAN/FREEMON/FREMAN, CUFF, African American, W19298 [wife Amelia; he d. July 12, 1800], Kent

HUBBELL, PRIME/PRIMUS/PRIPE, African American, Kent/New Milford

Litchfield

GEORGE, African American ("Negro"), Litchfield

MINOR, TITUS, African American, S36133, Litchfield Co.

CROSLEY/CROSBEE, PRINCE, African American, W24833, (Served in Capt. David Humphrey's Company of Colored Troops), New Milford

GRATIS, PRINCE, African American, New Milford

JACKLIN, THADDEUS, African American, Private, 1790CT, New Milford

PHILLIPS/PHILIPS, SAMUEL, African American, W21965 [wife Lydia], New Milford

TREAT/TREEAT/TREET, MINGO, African American, New Milford

Norfolk

WRIGHT, FREEDOM, African American, Norfolk

NEGOR, African American ("Negro"), Sharon

ROSE, SIMON, African American, (Served in Capt. David Humphrey's Company of Colored Troops), Washington

Watertown

JOHN ALEXANDER, African American, (Served in Capt. David Humphrey's Company of Colored Troops), Watertown

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AFRICAN AMERICAN
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS OF NEW MILFORD,
CONNECTICUT AND THE PROPOSED
NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa will introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate in May 2011 to complete the unfinished business of two decades: the construction of an entirely citizen-funded National Liberty Memorial to African Americans of the Revolutionary War at a location in the monumental core of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, from 1775 to 1783, an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 slaves and free persons served as soldiers, sailors and patriots in the Revolutionary War, including Cato Mead of Norwich, Connecticut, and later of Montrose, Iowa, while tens of thousands of men, women and children provided civilian assistance, ran away from slavery and petitioned courts and the General Assembly for freedom; and

WHEREAS, more than 800 African Americans who resided in over 80 towns and cities, and all eight counties, in Connecticut served in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, 10 African American soldiers and patriots from New Milford, including **Prince Crosbee, Jess Gratis, Prince Gratis, Sip Hubbell, Thaddeus Jacklin, Jeruel Phillips, Samuel Phillips, Shem, Mingo Treet, and Javan Wilson**, participated in the struggle for independence; and

WHEREAS, although the original memorial was not constructed, and the authority to do so has lapsed, genealogical research and the publication of hundreds of books over more than two decades reaffirm the significant contributions made by African Americans of the post-colonial period and validates their influence on the patriotism of future generations and the movement for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the momentum to construct a national memorial, and to finally compile a comprehensive list of African American patriots, arose in 1984 out of the quest of Lena Santos Ferguson, deceased, of our sister town of Plainville, Connecticut to honor her heritage and expand the nation's understanding of the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1984, Rep. Nancy Johnson, Senator Lowell Weicker, and Senator Chris Dodd were leaders in the enactment and advocacy of landmark legislation, including Public Law 98-245 commemorating African American patriotism and Public Laws 99-558 and 100-265 that authorize a national memorial and declare the history of "preeminent historical and lasting significance to the nation."

WHEREAS, these combined efforts, reported by the Hartford Courant over 24 years, brought about the publication in 2008 of *Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War*, which contains the longest list so far of African Americans in the Revolutionary War, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW MILFORD join the National Mall Liberty Fund, D.C., (www.libertyfunddc.org) the congressional sponsors and original cosponsors of the National Liberty Memorial Act, including Rep. Donald Payne of New Jersey and Rep. Frank Wolf of Virginia, and those who applaud the decision of Congress and President Reagan in 1988 to authorize the predecessor memorial at a site between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council encourages volunteers to discover the names of still-unknown African American Revolutionary War soldiers, sailors and patriots, enlarge the body of knowledge about their lives and forward the information to National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. for inclusion in a database that will celebrate the trail blazers of New Milford together with those of hundreds of proud American communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MAYOR and TOWN COUNCIL urges the Connecticut Delegation to the United States Congress to work for the enactment of the National Liberty Memorial Act and to spread knowledge of the history to institutions in Litchfield County while promoting its potential for understanding and unity throughout the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of New Milford forward certified copies of this Resolution to the entire Connecticut Delegation to the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, the Speaker and President Pro Tem of the General Assembly and the local superintendent of schools, librarian and historical society.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED

In the town of New Milford, Connecticut
Signed and Sealed at the Town Hall
Of New Milford this 9th day of May 2011

Patricia Murphy, Mayor