City of Derby
Board of Aldermen

First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward
Barbara L. DeGennaro, President	Joseph DiMartino	Scott M. Boulton
Stephen Iacuone	Arthur T. Gerckens	Carmen T. DiCenso
Beverly Moran	Ronald M. Sill	Rich Dziekan

Board of Alderman Minutes
November 21, 2013- REVISED

1. Call to Order.
Mayor Staffieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call.
Present were Ms. DeGennaro, Mr. Iacuone, Mr. DiMartino, Mr. Gerckens, Mr. Sill, and Mr. DiCenso. Ms. Moran, Mr. Boulton, and Mr. Dziekan were absent.

4. Additions, Deletions, Corrections to the Agenda as presented.
Ms. DeGennaro requested that a new number 7A - Boy Scout Troop 3 are requesting permission to place a time capsule on Derby Green. Discussion and Action. She also requested the addition of a new 7B – St. Mary St. Michael request to hang a banner on the fence across from City Hall announcing their Festival of trees.

Mr. Sill motioned to accept the additions, Mr. DiCenso seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

5. Public Portion.
Mayor Staffieri – Good evening members of the Board of Aldermen and the citizens of Derby. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as Mayor of the City of Derby for the past eight years. I wish to congratulate Mayor elect Anita Dulgatto and her slate on her election to office. I wish to thank the member of the board for their service to the citizens of Derby and to congratulate new members of the Board of Aldermen. I would especially like to thank the members of the Board of Aldermen who served during my term for their tireless efforts on behalf of the City of Derby. I can leave my position as Mayor of the City of Derby with my head held high. My team and I have done much improve the quality of life of our residents and financial outlook during the very financially trying times. I believe I have left the City of Derby in better shape than when I began my tenure that is something that I am very proud of. I love Derby. It will always be my home. Thank you.

Kelly Curtis – I would like to take this time to thank the outgoing, continuing, and the next administration for all the support to the Derby Fire Department for the 8 years that he has been commissioner. I don't know what the future will bring for myself but I do want to say there has always been support for the Fire Department for the eight years by Tony and the plus or minus eight years from the Board. There has never been a time you have said no to the Fire Department. It took me a long time to understand that we were just a little piece of the pie. It probably took 7 of the 8 years to realize that. Again I just want to thank you for all your support and hopefully you continue to support the Fire Department. Thank you Tony.

Joe DiMartino – I wanted to say thank you to the people of the 2nd ward for allowing him to serve and represent them for the past 3 ½ years. It has been an honor. To the 9 members on this board, you are all my friends and I s truly honored to serve with you guys.

Mark Garofalo 95 Academy Hill Road – I've been here before the Board many times and it's not always the happiest time for you when I stood up to speak, but I know what it's like to having served for eight years so I would like to congratulate you on your eight years and wish you well on your future endeavors.

6. Approval of Board of Aldermen Minutes: Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2013 and October 24, 2013.

October 15, 2013: Mr. Sill motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. DiMartino and the motion carried. Ms. DeGennaro abstained.

October 24, 2013: Mr. Sill motioned to accept the minutes, Mr. DiCenso seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor

7. Boy Scout Troop 3 – Derby 100th Anniversary – Permission to Plant 20 Trees in Town.
Anthony Bartholomew was not available. Felicia Monico was in attendance to present the request. Derby Boy Scout Troop 3 is celebrating 100 years in 2014. In recognition of this, they would like to plant 100 trees throughout Derby, Shelton, Seymour, Ansonia, and Oxford (20 trees in each town.). They would like to plant 20 trees on Good Friday, April 2014 in two areas. The first area is on the Derby greenway and the second is at the Derby Dog Park.

Mr. Gerkins was concerned with the O'Sullivan Island location. There was a report about not disturbing the soil on O'Sullivan Island. An email he saw was clear that we could not go down 24". He has been asking for the report from the State regarding this contamination of this area from Ms. O'Malley, however, he has still not received it. Mayor Staffieri stated that based on the photographs, the trees would be planted on Hog Island and he definitively stated that there was no issue with the soil in that location. Mr. Gerkins still wanted to table to topic until he received the official report. Ms. DeGennaro also stated she wasn't clear on where they wanted the trees planted. Mr. Culmo stated he is aware of where the contamination was and the location they are requesting is nowhere near the contaminated area.

Mr. Sill motioned to approve the Boy Scouts request to plant 20 trees in the locations as presented, Mr. DiMartino seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Gerkins was not in favor of this decision.

7A. Boy Scout Troop 3 request for permission to place a time capsule on Derby Green. Discussion and Action.

Felicia Monico said that the current Troop 3 members are going to place items in the time capsule and are requesting permission to bury it on the corner of Minerva and Fifth Street. This is the same location the previous one, which was back in 1975. It is a 10x18 box and a marble marker will be placed on top next to the existing one.

Mr. DiCenso motioned to accept the request, Ms. DeGennaro seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

7B. St. Mary St. Michael request for permission to hang a banner on the fence announcing their Festival of Trees.

St. Mary St. Michael requested display a banner across from City Hall for three days to announce their Festival of Trees event.

Mr. Gerkins motioned to accept the request, seconded by Mr. DiMartino, and the motion passed with all in favor.

8. Committee Reports:
Community Relations Committee:

a. **Recommendation for Blight Designation – 310 Sentinel Hill Road**
b. **Recommendation for Blight Designation – 196-208 Seymour Avenue**
c. **Recommendation for Blight Designation – 9-11 Hawthorne Avenue**
d. **Recommendation for Blight Designation – 298 Hawkins Street**
e. **Recommendation for Blight Designation – 125 Hawthorne Avenue**
f. **Recommendation for properties from the Blight Listing with designation under a separate category.**

Mr. DiCenso has an issue with the blight issue and stated the blight ordinance does not help the city. He motioned to table all items under section 8. The motion was seconded by Mr. Iacuone and passed with all in favor.

9. Road Bond Committee:

Recommendation to pay the following outstanding bills – Gilbert Street Project

a. **Derby Police - $447.30**
b. **IMCO - $71,720.00**
c. **Tilcon Connecticut - $2,531.97**
d. **Connecticut Precast - $3,950**

Mr. Sill motioned to table the items under section 9, Ms. DeGennaro seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

10. Department Reports:

a. **Board of Education**
   - **Resolution regarding Roof Replacement Project**

Dr. Conway requested approval of the three resolutions for the roof replacement project. He would like the grant submitted prior to December 15th as this is the date the priority list will be reviewed. If the approval is made, construction would begin in June when school dismisses. Ms. DeGennaro wanted to know if we could make changes to the wording. Mr. McLiverty stated that if the documents are altered they may not be accepted. Mr. Iacuone asked who chose the architect. Dr. Conway said that it's the same architect that did roof work for Ansonia which were similar to Derby's needs. This company has already been paid $30,000 by the city for the design specifications. Last winter the roofs were leaking and schools needed to be opened late several times. We would like to move forward and start this project in June. If it is not approved tonight they will have to wait another year. The administration would still need to elect a building committee who would approve the plans and cost. The request we are asking approval for tonight just allows for preparation of schematics of the roof.

Ms. DeGennaro made a motion to approve the resolution. She then read the resolution into record.

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen authorizes the Derby Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the proposed roof replacement projects at Bradley Elementary School, Irving School, and Derby High School.

Resolved, that the building committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the proposed roof replacement projects at Bradley Elementary School, Irving School, and Derby High School.

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed roof projects at Bradley Elementary School, Irving School, and Derby High School.

This motion was seconded by Mr. DiCenso and it passed with all were in favor.

- **Appointment of Committee to oversee Roof Replacement Project**
  This item was not discussed.

b. Cultural Commission Report
No one was in attendance.

c. Public Works Report
The Board did not have any questions or concerns.

d. Building Report
No one was in attendance.

e. Facilities Inspector Report
No one was in attendance.

f. Fire Marshall Report
Ms. DeGennaro asked if he had his new vehicle. He said yes. The vehicle is currently parked at Public Works.

g. Fire Department Report
Mr. Lenart thanked the mayor and board members for their support. He is looking forward to working with the new administration.

h. Office of Emergency Management
Mr. Sampson thanked the mayor. He advised the Board that FEMA provided funds for the generator project at the middle school. With regard to the regional shelter plan involving Shelton, Ansonia, Seymour, and Derby has been accepted for grant regional mobile trailer, 200 cots and 200 blankets and pillows.

He also stated that they had requested $130,000 from the Federal Government for their costs incurred during Blizzard Nemo. Their requested was accepted and they were reimbursed 75% which was just over $95,000.00.

i. Parking Authority Report
No one was in attendance.

j. Derby Police Department
Chief Narowski apologized for not providing a report this month. Ms. DeGennaro asked if there were any updates He stated that the police department is working on several capital projects. There are a couple of vehicles funded out of capital are being outfitted. The CCTV upgrade was completed and a couple building maintenance projects are being worked on as well. Additionally, the recall recorder is currently out to bid. They will be requesting capital funding next fiscal year for radio improvements.

k. WPCA
Mr. Saccu stated that they have completed all the planning concerning the upgrade of the facility and pump station. At this time, they are waiting for the new administration to get settled so they can move forward with the next steps.

l. Derby Redevelopment Agency Monthly Report
Ms. O'Malley stated there was no meeting.

m. Corporation Counsel's Monthly Update

Corporation Counsel was not in attendance.

n. Storm Ambulance Corps Monthly Update
The report was not discussed.

o. Parks and Rec.
No one was in attendance.

p. Economic Development Department

- **Revolving Loan Payment Update**

Ms. O'Malley stated that Benanto Real Estate has missed three payments. Certified letters were sent, but were returned. The last one sent was signed for. The next step is for legal action, but that would be presented to the board if needed.

Bella's Pizza is behind on their payments too. The owner is having trouble with the insurance adjustor. He has met with Ms. O'Malley today to ask for an extension until March. Ms. O'Malley stated that he has been making regular visits to update them on the issues they are having with the insurance company. Ms. DeGennaro asked if the City was named as a loss payee on the insurance. Ms. O'Malley said that the City is named on the insurance.

11. Refund of Excess Taxes paid through - $2,621.58 thru November 14, 2013
Mr. Sill motioned to accept the refund of excess taxes, Mr. DiMartino seconded, and the motion passed with all were in favor.

12. Capital Planning – Bid waiver HVAC Unit for Paugassett Hook & Ladder
Mr. Curtiss stated that Capital Planning approved $23,000.00 to put in a new HVAC system. The company that currently services the four fire stations provided a quote of $18,885.00. He is therefore asking for a bid waiver.

Mr. DiMartino motioned to approve the request, Mr. Sill seconded, and Ms. DeGennaro abstained.

All members need to vote unanimously for this motion to be carried. Ms. DeGennaro will contact the absent members for their vote.

13. Town Fair Tire Easement – 480 New Haven Avenue (Attorney Dominick Thomas)
Attorney Thomas was not in attendance, but Ms. DeGennaro forwarded his request. She was hoping to have input by Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Iacuone motioned to table it until Corporation Counsel could review the request. Mr. DiMartino seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

14. Old Business

a. Update on Foreclosure Litigation of Blighted Properties

1. **245 Francis Street**
2. **196 Derby Avenue**
3. **189 Derby Avenue**
4. **105 Hawkins Street**

Attorney Coppola was not in attendance therefore this item could not be discussed.

b. Update on Former DOT Site/BJ's. Discussion/Possible Action.
Ms. O'Malley stated that they are waiting on the corrections of the sub-division by the engineering firm. Once that is received it will be presented to Planning and Zoning.

c. Status on sale of East Derby Waterworks. Discussion/Possible Action

Mayor Staffieri stated that they are awaiting approval from the State. Ms. O'Malley said it is moving along and they are hoping to have approval in January.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Sill motioned to adjourn, Mr. DiMartino seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.