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155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

December 6, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Request to Change Smoke Hill Road to Pondfield Drive**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request to change the name of Smoke Hill Road to Pondfield Drive met on November 22, 2005 at 8:05 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Nolan and Trombetta. Also in attendance were Deputy Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk, Director of Planning Dennis Elpern, Patrick Sniffen from the Fire Department, the petitioner Kim Carr, Mr. Doyle and Council Members Saracino, Stanley, McMahon, Nagarsheth and Teicholz, ex-officio.

Mr. Nolan said that Mr. Doyle was included because this decision may affect him. The change was made in 1995 unbeknownst to many of the residents of that area. It was reviewed by leadership under reports by the Planning Department and it appeared that this was just a case that Mrs. Carr did not know her street name had been changed. It had all been done properly and according to procedure.

Mr. Nolan made a site visit and discerned that a mistake had been made. The portion of Pondfield Drive where Mrs. Carr resides runs directly into Pondfield Drive and remains Pondfield Drive since New Fairfield never intended to change that portion. On October 19, 2005 the Planning Commission issued a negative recommendation regarding the name change. This was clarified by the Planning Director in a subsequent report after a site review determined that there was no need to make this particular change when the City did.

Mr. Elpern stated that he is not sure what happened but he feels that the name should revert back to Pondfield Drive. Street numbers would have to be assigned. Mr. Nolan stated that in discussions with Ms. Reed and Mr. Elpern, it was indicated that if we decided to change the name we should renumber the Carle property. The number assigned should be 35. Mr.

Elpern said he would take the numbering system coming down from New Fairfield. The Doyle situation is that he is on Bittersweet Drive. The name you receive is where the driveway comes out, not where your house faces. His driveway comes out on Pondfield. Mr. Trombetta said continuity would dictate keeping Mr. Doyle's address as Bittersweet because EMS would see the number one; three is empty and then five. It would be much easier than looking for a driveway on Pondfield.

Mr. Trombetta made a motion to rename that portion of Smoke Hill Road back to Pondfield Drive, to keep the continuity of 5 Bittersweet Drive and add the number 35 to Mr. Carle's Pondfield Drive address. Seconded by Mr. Nolan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT P. NOLAN, Chairman

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