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CITY OF DANBURY

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DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

May 2, 2006

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: Change of Name for Point Driftwood

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the change of name of Point Driftwood met on April 11, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Seabury and Chianese. Also in attendance were Director of Planning Dennis Elpern, Fire Department 911 Coordinator Patrick Sniffen, Deputy Fire Chief Phil Curran and Council Member Michael Calandrino, ex-officio.

Mr. Calandrino stated that there have been ongoing problems in this area regarding mail and deliveries and serious problems with emergency calls. Mr. Calandrino's address is 16 Lake Road, Point Driftwood. If he only uses Lake Road his mail goes to the Aunt Hack Area. He went to Public Works and found out that the road in question is really named Driftwood Point. He pulled some field cards to see what addresses people are using. They are using Old Neversink, Middle Passway and East Passway. His solution is to take Point Driftwood and make that road Middle Passway and take the small road and make it East Passway 300 feet down and just number the properties.

Mr. Seabury read an opinion issued by Assistant Corporation Counsel Laszlo Pinter stating that the consideration to change a road name is within the purview and discretion of the Common Council, after advice and information from relevant City departments. This authority is granted, in part, by State law granting the local governing body jurisdiction over roads, their operation, maintenance, numbering and naming. Mr. Seabury said the Common Council does have the privilege of renaming roads so it would fall to it to present a recommendation to the full Common Council to rename or let it stand.

Mr. Chianese asked if a street is renamed does it have to be renumbered? Mr. Elpern said the process is for the Common Council to direct the Planning Office to do a survey of the abutting property owners and he will issue a

report to the Common Council. Chief Curran said the more pressing issue is the 911 problem. He suggested that renumbering be done as well.

Mr. Chianese made a motion 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.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGG W. SEABURY, Chairman

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BENJAMIN CHIANESE