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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PENALTY  
STRUCTURE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE WEST HARTFORD ZONING ORDINANCES**

**JUNE 12, 2001**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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President Rob Bouvier called the hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present were Councilors Rob Bouvier, Kevin Connors, Carl Donatelli, Liz Gillette, Jonathan Harris, Jim O'Brien, Andrew Schoolnik, John Shulansky and AJ Turco.

President Bouvier: Mr. Feldman.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor the ordinance that is before you this evening is a change in the penalty section, as indicated by the underlined section. Various fines are levied against the type of infraction. These infractions relate back to our zoning ordinance such as somebody violates an SDD requirement, somebody has a side yard problem, drainage problem with a neighbor, and somebody installs a fence that may not be in accord with the Town's zoning requirements. It is that type of offense that we are talking and it is a graduated penalty as you might see. Also there is a \$2.00 per \$10.00 charge for administrative cost as well. That also is indicated in paragraph (d) in the ordinance before you. Outside of that those are the only changes and it is in keeping with some of the changes that have already been adopted by this Council I think at the last meeting.

President Bouvier: Thank you Mr. Feldman. Mrs. Gillette.

Councilor Gillette: Are these fines determined somehow by State law in terms of how much and is there a certain perimeter there that we are working with?

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor I don't believe so, Mrs. Gillette. These are strictly at your discretion.

President Bouvier: Thank you Mr. Feldman. This is an issue we have say with Home Depot and West Hartford.

Mr. Feldman: Yes, good example.

President Bouvier: That we have to continually go back to them and have them clean up and so forth.

Mr. Feldman: Yes. That is a good example.

President Bouvier: That would apply to them.

Mr. Feldman: It would, sure would.

President Bouvier: Any other thoughts from our audience? Is there a sign up sheet?

Mrs. Cronin: There was but there is no one on it.

President Bouvier: If there are no other questions we will close the public hearing.

The hearing adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin  
Town Clerk/Council Clerk