

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING THE CITY RETAIN OWNERSHIP  
OF THE BROWNSTONE USED IN THE  
ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION OF THREE  
RAILROAD BRIDGES AT ATLANTIC, ELM AND MAIN STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, the brownstone used in the construction of the three original railroad bridges at Atlantic, Elm and Main Streets is historic, having been quarried at the Portland Brownstone Quarries in Portland, Connecticut, and is recognized as the most prestigious and sought after brownstone in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, quarrying on this site began in 1690 and commercial quarrying started in 1783 and continued until 1938 when a hurricane flooded the quarries; and

**WHEREAS**, the brownstone mined from Portland Brownstone Quarries was an important source for construction in the latter half of the 19th century and was used in a number of landmark buildings in Chicago, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, New Haven and Hartford; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of its significance, the Portland Brownstone Quarries is listed as a National Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places;

**WHEREAS**, a brownstone such as this one once “lost” is forever “gone” and brownstone has very real uses to beautify future sites and to remind us of the historic legacy of Connecticut brownstone; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should reuse the brownstone from the Portland Brownstone Quarries for city public projects and beautification around Stamford.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives requests that the City administration save and reuse the brownstone from the original railroad bridges at Atlantic, Elm and Main Streets

Submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives this 2nd day of April, 2013

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28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives

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28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives