

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

*REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING*

*Town Council Chambers*

**May 24, 2011**

**RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES**

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ATTENDANCE: Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also in attendance. Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes arrived at the meeting at 6:45 P.M. and 7:12 P.M. respectively.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M.

The Opening Prayer was offered by the Reverend Margaret Jay of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford.

**2.** Correspondence

Councilor Farrell read correspondence that announced that The Wallingford Police Department achieved and was awarded by the State of Connecticut the Police Officer Standards and Training Council's highest degree of professional accreditation.

**3.** Consent Agenda

**3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#721 - #735) totaling \$7,573.21 Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector

**3b.** Approval of Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial - Mayor

**3c.** Set a Public Hearing for June 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. regarding Neighborhood Assistance List Projects – Program Planning

**3d.** Consider and Approve Merit Review - Personnel

**3e.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$15,500 to Wage Differential Acct # 2030-101-1450 from Rescue 3, Year 2 of 3 Acct # 2030-999-9004 – Fire Chief

**3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$225 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct # 001-1303-570-5200 from Office Expenses & Supplies Acct # 001-1303-401-4000 – State and Federal Program Administrator

**3g.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$462 to Youth & Social Services Special Fund Operation Fuel Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000 – Youth and Social Services

**3h.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$1,320 to Youth & Social Services Special Fund Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000 – Youth and Social Services

**3i.** *Approve change in Schedule of Regular Town Council Meetings for June 2011*

*Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street*

- Chairman Robert F. Parisi - Removed

- 3j. Approve minutes of Special Town Council meeting of April 19, 2011
- 3k. Approve corrected minutes of Special Town Council meeting of April 25, 2011
- 3l. Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of May 10, 2011
- 3m. Approve minutes of Special Town Council (WHA) meeting of May 10, 2011

Councilor Farrell announced that item 3i. was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be taken up in Item 4.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. to 3h. and 3j. to 3m.**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9  
**MOTION PASSED**

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 3i. Approve change in Schedule of Regular Town Council Meetings for June 2011  
- Chairman Robert F. Parisi

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE change in Schedule of Regular Town Council Meetings for June 2011**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

Councilor LeTourneau removed this item to determine the reasoning of setting only one meeting in the month of June 2011, feeling that the regular schedule better addresses the Town's business. It was explained that after consultation with the Comptroller and department heads that one meeting was all that was necessary for the month of June with the proviso that special meetings could be called at any time

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

CERVONI-Aye                      PARISI-Aye  
ECONOMOPOULOS-Nay      RASCATI-Aye  
FARRELL, JR.-Aye              SULLIVAN, JOHN-Nay  
FISHBEIN-Aye                  TESTA-Nay  
LeTOURNEAU-Nay  
5 - Aye; 4 - Nay

**MOTION PASSED**

Former Superintendent of Schools, Dale Wilson, and his daughter Amy, came before the Town Council and the Town of Wallingford through Government Television to thank the community and several individuals for all of the love and care, flowers, meals, books, gift certificates, and many other things that were given to his family, following the auto accident five months ago in which he and his wife, Sharon, were involved. He and his daughter then personally greeted the Town Council and the Mayor.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER**

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle spoke about fundraisers held by the Fire Department that cause competition with local businesses.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill road, asked if anyone knew about the recent fire at Covanta. He inquired about the opening on the Pension Commission. He would also like specifics on how open space in residential areas is taxed. He thinks that it enhances the value of the property.

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail, commented on the recent meter reading opening that had 76 applications in one day and about the legal process concerning William Fischer.

**6. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver to utilize the Qualifications-based selection procedure to secure consulting services for development of a Wallingford Electric Division Wholesale Power Procurement Policy – Director of Utilities**

*In attendance: Richard Hendershot, Electric Division, General Manager*

The CMEEC contract is coming to an end so the decision is whether to stay with CMEEC or to purchase power elsewhere. Engaging consulting services will allow the opportunity to learn about buying power on the open market and to understand how to buy contracts. The consulting services will model power supply costs, assess risk management and provide an educational component for staff. Mr. Hendershot advised the Council that there are only five firms that can provide the specifications outlined by Public Utilities and that they hope to have a policy report by the chosen consulting firm by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a Bid Waiver to utilize the Qualifications-based selection procedure to secure consulting services for development of a Wallingford Electric Division Wholesale Power Procurement Policy.**

**MADE BY: FARRELL**

**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9**

**MOTION PASSED**

**7. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver for CMEEC to conduct the procurement and management of lighting retrofit projects using the balance of \$25,287.70 ARRA Award Funds and change title of line item to Lighting Retrofit Projects – Don Roe, Grants Administrator**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a Bid Waiver for CMEEC to conduct the procurement and management of lighting retrofit projects using the balance of \$25,287.70 ARRA Award Funds and change title of line item to Lighting Retrofit Projects**

**MADE BY:**            **FARRELL**  
**SECONDED BY:**    **RASCATI**

*In attendance; Don Roe, Program Planning*

The end of funding for the \$25,287.70 is February 2012, which is the reason it is suggested not using the time to develop bid specs, but rather to do a field inspection walk-through to generate the scope of the project with firms and contractors invited by CMEEC. The walk-through would note what is needed in the locations that will be receive lighting retrofitting. With this streamlined approach, the system is expedited and the project can be completed and paid for before the funds expire.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**CERVONI-Aye**                    **PARISI-Aye**  
**ECONOMOPOULOS-Aye**    **RASCATI-Aye**  
**FARRELL, JR.-Aye**            **SULLIVAN, JOHN-Aye**  
**FISHBEIN-Aye**                **TESTA-Aye**  
**LeTOURNEAU-Aye**

**Unanimous; 9-aye**

**MOTION PASSED**

9. **Acceptance and Appropriation of Masonicare Donation and American Gift Fund -The Holden Family Charitable Fund Grant in the Amounts of \$1,800 each, and Approval of Appropriation of \$3,600 to Miscellaneous Revenue Acct # 001-1075-070-7040 and to Carbon Monoxide Blood Gas Device Acct # 001-2030-999-9018 – Fire Chief**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE Masonicare Donation and American Gift Fund -The Holden Family Charitable Fund Grant in the Amounts of \$1,800 each, and Approval of Appropriation of \$3,600 to Miscellaneous Revenue Acct # 001-1075-070-7040 and to Carbon Monoxide Blood Gas Device Acct # 001-2030-999-9018**

**MADE BY:**            **FARRELL**  
**SECONDED BY:**    **RASCATI**

*In attendance: Stephen Alsup, Deputy Fire Chief*

With the monitoring device in hand, Mr. Alsup explained the use of the device and how it is assigned for use within the department. He acknowledged the donors of the funds that allows the Fire Department to acquire this device.

**VOTE** - **Unanimous; 9-aye**

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install new roofs at:

**Lyman Hall High School**  
**Mark T. Sheehan High School**  
**Dag Hammerskjold Middle School**  
**James H. Moran Middle School**  
**Cook Hill Elementary School**  
**E. C. Stevens Elementary School**  
**Highland Elementary School**  
**Moses Y. Beach Elementary School**  
**Parker Farms Elementary School**  
**Pond Hill Elementary School**  
**Rock Hill Elementary School**

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools*  
*Mr. Gene Tyrone, SLAM Consultant*

Dr. Menzo and Mr. Tyrone discussed with the Council an overview of the project, the role of SLAM, new state regulations, roof ages, roof conditions, cost consequences of leaking roofs, safety, schools involved, individuality of school review and assessment, reimbursement at the state level, bonding necessary by the town, basic timetables, green materials, building committees and some technical aspects of the project.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE the following Resolutions authorizing the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install new roofs at:**

- 1) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
**Lyman Hall High School**
- 2) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
**Mark T. Sheehan High School**
- 3) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
**Dag Hammerskjold Middle School**
- 4) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
**James H. Moran Middle School**

- 5) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Cook Hill Elementary School
- 6) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
E. C. Stevens Elementary School
- 7) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Highland Elementary School
- 8) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Moses Y. Beach Elementary School
- 9) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Parker Farms Elementary School
- 10) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Pond Hill Elementary School
- 11) The Wallingford Town Council hereby authorizes the Wallingford Board of Education to file an application with the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Education for a grant for a non-priority project to design and install a new roof at:  
Rock Hill Elementary School

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

CERVONI-Aye                      PARISI-Aye  
ECONOMOPOULOS-Aye        RASCATI-Aye  
FARRELL, JR.-Aye              SULLIVAN, JOHN-Aye  
FISHBEIN-Aye                    TESTA-Aye  
LeTOURNEAU-Aye  
Unanimous; 9-aye

**MOTION PASSED**

11. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the establishment by the Town Council of a School Building Committee to represent the Town in the implementation of reroofing projects at the following schools:

Lyman Hall High School  
Mark T. Sheehan High School  
Dag Hammerskjold Middle School  
James H. Moran Middle School  
Cook Hill Elementary School  
E. C. Stevens Elementary School  
Highland Elementary School  
Moses Y. Beach Elementary School  
Parker Farms Elementary School  
Pond Hill Elementary School  
Rock Hill Elementary School

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Gene Tyrone, SLAM Consultant*

**MOTION WAS MADE that the Wallingford Town Council authorize the establishment of a School Building Committee to represent the town in the implementation of re-roofing projects at the following schools and adopt the resolution.**

**Lyman Hall High School**  
**Mark T. Sheehan High School**  
**Dag Hammerskjold Middle School**  
**James H. Moran Middle School**  
**Cook Hill Elementary School**  
**E. C. Stevens Elementary School**  
**Highland Elementary School**  
**Moses Y. Beach Elementary School**  
**Parker Farms Elementary School**  
**Pond Hill Elementary School**  
**Rock Hill Elementary School**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

Clarification was asked for with regard to the wording of the motion. The motion states that the Council is authorizing the establishment of a Building Committee. It was agreed upon that the establishment of this Building Committee would be by the Town Council and under the authority of the Town Council. They discussed how that the committee would be established by each Council Member and the Mayor naming possible members to the committee with an outcome of an odd number of people. After some further discussion, an amendment was made to the agenda as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION:**

**TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF A SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE ...**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

**AMENDMENT VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION**

CERVONI-Aye                      PARISI-Aye  
ECONOMOPOULOS-Aye      RASCATI-Aye  
FARRELL, JR.-Aye              SULLIVAN, JOHN-Aye  
FISHBEIN-Aye                      TESTA-Aye  
LeTOURNEAU-Aye  
Unanimous; 9-aye

**MOTION PASSED**

12. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the preparation of design documents (including schematic drawings, construction contract drawings and specifications) for the re-roofing at the following schools:

Lyman Hall High School  
Mark T. Sheehan High School  
Dag Hammerskjold Middle School  
James H. Moran Middle School  
Cook Hill Elementary School  
E. C. Stevens Elementary School  
Highland Elementary School  
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**Rock Hill Elementary School**



**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

CERVONI-Aye                      PARISI-Aye  
ECONOMOPOULOS-Absent from room during vote  
FARRELL, JR.-Aye                RASCATI-Aye  
FISHBEIN-Aye                    SULLIVAN, JOHN-Aye  
LeTOURNEAU-Aye                TESTA-Aye  
**8-Aye; Mr. Economopoulos absent**

**MOTION PASSED**

13. Town Council commits to funding of the school re-roofing projects upon receipt of public bids and adoption of an Ordinance in accordance with the attached preliminary budget as provided by S/L/A/M Collaborative.

*Withdrawn*

8. Consider and Approve agreement between Town of Wallingford and the Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative for the purpose of continuing for payment in lieu of municipal tax payments – Town Attorney

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE agreement between Town of Wallingford and the Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative for the purpose of continuing for payment in lieu of municipal tax payments**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9

**ADDENDUM AGENDA**

**Update on the Simpson Court Rear Parking Project – Councilor Vincent Testa**

Councilor Testa asked about progress with the lease program for the Simpson Court Rear Parking Project and about parking limitations. Mayor Dickinson reported that there is no lease agreement to date. There was discussion with regard to increasing parking times to three or four hours; employee and renter tags; monitoring and enforcing parking; no parking space increase; some opposition to using funds for this project; arguments for and against this location to spend these funds to improve private parking to enticing more people to the downtown with safe, well-lit parking spaces.

14. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

**MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property.**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9  
**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9  
**MOTION PASSED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE:** Cervoni, Economopoulos, Farrell, Fishbein, LeTourneau, Rascati, Sullivan, Testa, Chairman Parisi, Mayor Dickinson and Town Attorney Janis Small.

**TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:00 P.M. –10:10 P.M.**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9  
**MOTION PASSED**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date