

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

September 19, 2013

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. The following Councilors were in attendance: Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Rosemary Rascati, John LeTourneau and John Sullivan. Councilors absent included Vincent Cervoni, Robert Parisi and Jason Zandri. Corporation Counsel, Janis Small attended.

Other Town Staff and Commissioners who attended included the following: John Gawlak, Ellen Deutsch, Jim Vitali, Jim Seichter, Kacie Costello, Mary Heffernon, Erin O'Hare and Dianne Saunders.

Member of the public: Gene DeLaurentis

3. Discussion and possible action on an ordinance regarding bamboo.

The group addressed the problem with comments and updates of running bamboo on town property.

Councilor LeTourneau suggested that perhaps we ban the possession of and planting of running bamboo within the town's limits.

It was decided by consensus to ask Corporation Counsel, Janis Small, for an analysis of the possibility of banning the possession of and/or sale of running bamboo.

4. Discussion and possible action on allowing the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Environmental Planner to issue fines for violations.

John Sullivan suggested that the Commission have oversight. Janis Small stated some of her concerns. Kacie Costello, Town Planner, explained that she has a list of what she would like to the citations to apply to. Other Councilors discussed the problems with a large list of possible items subject to citations. Jim Seichter, Chairman, Planning & Zoning made remarks with respect to the subject at hand. Jim Vitali, Chairman, IWWC and Ellen Deutsch, Commissioner also commented. Mr. Vitali advocated taking a step back.

It was agreed by consensus that Janis Small have an opportunity to review the language that had been contemplated before for Planning & Zoning and that Councilors review the list submitted by Ms. Costello for the best items to address. As to IWWC it is understood that that Commission will discuss it amongst themselves and look at how it works with P&Z and perhaps look for something like this in the future for its Commission.

5. Discussion & Possible Action with regard to a Welcome Packet for Appointees to the Town's Boards, Commissions and Committees.

After discussions with the Town Clerk and the Mayor, Attorney Small will report back to the Ordinance Committee with regard to the procedure for a 'Welcome Packet' for the Town's Boards, Commissions and Committees.

6. Discussion & Possible Action with regard to the October Meeting

MOTION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT ORDINANCE COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 2013.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

UNANIMOUS VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU

SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN

UNANIMOUS VOTE: ALL AYES .

MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandra Weekes, Secretary to the Town Council from notes submitted
by Co-Chairman Craig Fishbein.