

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
January 24, 2017

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 was called to order at 6:30 P.M. The opening Prayer was given by Deacon Eugene Riotte, Holy Trinity Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, Vincent F. Testa, Jr., and Jason Zandri. Councilor Christopher K. Shortell and Councilor John J. Sullivan were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present at the meeting.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,647.29 (#551-599)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
  - 3b. Approve three Merit Review Step Increases – Personnel
  - 3c. Acceptance of State Preservation Grant and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$9,500 – Town Clerk
    - \$5,000 To: State Grant Account #: 228100245114
    - \$4,500 To: Town Clerk Fees Account #: 228100242030
    - \$5,000 To: Program Expenses Account #2281065058830
    - \$4,500 To: Program Expenses Account #2281065058830
  - 3d. Acceptance of Donation and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3e. Acceptance of Donations and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,821 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Donations, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3f. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$275 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3g. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Grant “Click it or Ticket Campaign 2017” and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,039 to

Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

- 3h. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,812 to Public Safety - Fire, Acct. #1002001-46040 and to Overtime, Acct. #10020150-51400 – Fire Dept.
- 3i. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$158,099 from Contingency-Accrued Exp., Acct. #10019000-58821 to Various Regular Wage Lines, (See Attached Spreadsheet). - Comptroller
- 3j. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$42,000 - Electric
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| \$39,000 From: Transmission Maintenance –Station Equipment | Acct. #570 |
| \$ 3,000 From: Distribution Operations – Station Expense   | Acct. #583 |
| \$42,000 To: Transmission Operations-Station Expense       | Acct.#562  |
- 3k. Consider and Approve Reappointment of Thomas Vitali to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term effective immediately and expiring January 31, 2020 - Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Consider and Approve the Reappointment of Raymond Rys to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term effective immediately and expiring January 7, 2022 - Chairman Cervoni
- 3m. Consider and Approve Retroactively Town Council Designees Thomas Daly (4/15/15 through 4/15/18) and Joseph Mirra (4/15/16 through 4/15/19) to the Wallingford Committee on Aging - Chairman Cervoni
- 3n. Approve Town Council Minutes of January 10, 2017.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3n.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE: 7-AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question & Answer Period at 6:34 p.m.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, stated that he asked questions regarding CMEEC at the last meeting and now there's been two documents released. He then asks why a public statement hasn't been put out after the release of the first set of rulings.

Mayor Dickinson responded that there is no final ruling on any of these matters. He explained that this is an ongoing litigation and we will not be commenting on any of these things. He then went on to say that we must protect Wallingford's interest and stated there is a lot of money at stake.

James Hime, 3425 Elm Street, referred to the December 19, 2016 ruling by CMEEC's Arbitrator.

Mayor Dickinson stated the document stands as it is and clarified that we are not discussing it or interpreting it.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, questioned what the \$18 million cost to the town entails.

Mayor Dickinson replied past, current and future obligations that we have been a party to with CMEEC.

Closed Public Question & Answer Period at 6:50 pm.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**VOTE: ALL-AYE**  
**MOTION PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

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AT 4:00 AND RECEIVED BY  
Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date