

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

March 25, 2014

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:33 P.M. Father Walsh of Most Holy Trinity Church of Wallingford offered the opening prayer, and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor John Sullivan was unavailable for the meeting and was excused. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and James Bowes, Comptroller were also present at the meeting.

- 3.** Consent Agenda
- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$10,414.55 (#548-#577)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
 - 3b.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$851 *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Relay for Life* to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
 - 3c.** Acceptance and Appropriation in the Amount of \$5,000 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-WECARE* to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
 - 3d.** Consider and Approve the Re-Appointment of Tara Knapp on March 27, 2014 to the *Historic Properties Commission* for a term of five years expiring March 27, 2019 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
 - 3e.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,200 to Pumping Plant-Power Production Equipment Acct # 46300323 from Transmission/Collection/Distribution Mains Acct # 4630034 – Sewer Division
 - 3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 to Security Camera & Accessories Acct # TBD from O/T Acct # 100104051400 - Comptroller
 - 3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$49,602 to Various Wage Line Items from Contingency-Accrued Expenses Acct # 1001900-58821 - Comptroller
 - 3h.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 to Fuel Crisis Acct # 10040150-58220 from Contingency-General Purpose Acct # 10019000-58830-20- Mayor
 - 3i.** Consider and Approve Fair Housing Resolution endorsing the Town of Wallingford's commitment to Fair Housing laws – Mayor
 - 3j.** Consider and Approve ~~Fair Housing~~ a Resolution endorsing Regional Performance Incentive Program for Nutmeg Network high-speed internet access – Public Utilities

- 3k. Consider and Approve the Reappointment of Members of the *Public Celebrations Committee* for a two-year term effective immediately and expiring February 1, 2016 – Mayor
- 3l. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver for Applied Proactive Technologies through June 30, 2014 -- Public Utilities
- 3m. Consider and Approve utilization of the Qualifications-Based Selection Procedure for a Consultant to Provide Wholesale Power Procurement Management Services to the Electric Division – Public Utilities
- 3n. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of March 11, 2014

Councilor Laffin announced a correction for 3j., the deletion of words ‘Fair Housing’, and one for 3n., a vote change of Councilor Fishbein from ‘Yes’ to ‘No’ .

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED CONSENT AGENDA 3a.-3n.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECOND: PARISI

VOTE: AYE (9)

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda –None

The Town Clerk swore in Tara Knapp to the *Historic Properties Commission* for a term of five years expiring March 27, 2019

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, spoke about the DEEP meeting last December with regard to regulatory testing of the Covanta Plant.

Ben Martin, Ward Street, suggested replacement of the lights in the decorative street lamps to save the town money.

Larry Morgenstein, 177 South Main, cited the companies in town who cause pollution and offered his opinion with respect to the air quality in town.

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail, wished to speak about the subject of one of the Executive Sessions. He said that he would like to see the whole picture of the Center Street Cemetery Association from the time the backhoe was purchased to the present including the plans for the buildings and the cost of those plans.

Mr. Gross expressed his concern about the town’s environmental problems and the stack violation that has only one more annual test. He wants to see a legislative change for heavier restrictions for environmental violations.

Mr. Morgenstein, in relation to violating clean air laws, gave statistics of his research 39K people live within a three-mile radius of these industries.

The Addendum was taken up.

ADDENDUM

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Town Council's delegation of supervision of the Fire Marshal to the Department of Fire Services through the Mayor's office.

MOTION THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, HAVING APPOINTED THE FIRE MARSHAL, PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, DELEGATE SUPERVISION OF THE FIRE MARSHAL, THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE TOWN COUNCIL DEEMS A REVOCATION OF THIS DELEGATION TO BE APPROPRIATE.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECOND: PARISI

Councilor Cervoni reported that this change has been on his mind for several months the responsibility associated with supervising the Fire Marshal's Office. It is a very important position in town and public safety is of tremendous importance. The Town Council has no technical, fire service expertise in supervising the Fire Marshal and he thinks it would be better for someone with related expertise, such as the Acting Fire Chief, would be in a better position to do that. He continued that it can be done if the Mayor would accept our delegation and direct the Acting Fire Chief to do that.

Lengthy discussion covered whether this is a Charter violation; that the Connecticut General Statutes state that legislative bodies have this authority; discussion with regard to the Charter Revision Committee; delegation of authority for the Dog Pound Trust Fund comparison; the reading of a list of Fire marshal duties; it was understood that this is not in violation to the Charter of the Town of Wallingford and that at any time the Council sees that the delegation needs to be reversed that it can be. It is revocable. Town Attorney Farrell stated that yes you can change the delegation as long as the motion included revocation.

Robert Gross and Ben Martin spoke.

ROLL CALL VOTE::

Fishbein: NO

Mansfield: YES

Sullivan: ABSENT

Laffin: YES

Parisi: YES

Testa: YES

Letourneau: YES

Russo: YES

Chairman Cervoni: YES

7- YES ; 1-NAY; 1-ABSENT

THE MOTION PASSED.

6. Presentation regarding plans of the Center Street Cemetery Association
– President, Peter Gouveia

*In attendance: Peter Gouveia, President, Center Street Cemetery Association
Steven Lazarus, Architect and Vice Chairperson Building Committee
Leigh Barnes, Study/Building Committee Chairperson*

Mr. Gouveia spoke from his report (*part of the record of this meeting*) with regard to the need, Solution and Plan for the changes being proposed for the maintenance of the town's ancient cemetery. While the town owns the land, it is this group who provides the management of the cemetery and its plans for moving forward. The cost estimates for the construction of a building were held for discussion in Executive Session. The group reviewed the plans from drawings which depicted various uses for the interior of the building. These include a shop area, an office, a bathroom, and a conference area. Information was given on the type of

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exterior materials; on building measurements and that all equipment can be stored inside the building.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225 (f) and §1-210(b)(7) and 1-200(6)(E) to discuss feasibility estimates relating to a new building for the Center Street Cemetery - Mayor
8. 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

WITHDRAWN

9. Executive Session pursuant to §1-225 (f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation matter of William Coitrone, Board of Education employee – Personnel
10. Executive Session pursuant to §1-225 (f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation matter of Anthony Lorenti, Board of Education employee – Personnel

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO:

7. **Connecticut General Statutes §1-225 (f) and §1-210(b)(7) and 1-200(6)(E) to discuss feasibility estimates relating to a new building for the Center Street Cemetery**
9. **§1-225 (f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation matter of William Coitrone, Board of Education employee**
10. **§1-225 (f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation matter of Anthony Lorenti, Board of Education employee**

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: PARISI
VOTE: #7 7-AYE; 1 – NAY (FISHBEIN); 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)
#9 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)
#10 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)

MOTIONS PASSED.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)
MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: 8:04 P.M. TO 8:55 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE:

#7 EIGHT (8) TOWN COUNCILORS, COUNCILOR SULLIVAN ABSENT. MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR., PETER GOUVEIA, STEVEN LAZARUS AND LEIGH BARNES

#9 EIGHT (8) TOWN COUNCILORS, COUNCILOR SULLIVAN ABSENT. MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR., KURT TREIBER, RISK MANAGER, ATTORNEY BRIAN PRINDLE

#10 EIGHT (8) TOWN COUNCILORS, COUNCILOR SULLIVAN ABSENT. MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR., KURT TREIBER, RISK MANAGER, ATTORNEY BRIAN PRINDLE

- 11.** Motion to consider and approve the settlement of the pending Workers' Compensation matter of William Coitrone, as discussed in Executive Session – Personnel

MOTION TO SETTLE THE Workers' Compensation matter of William Coitrone, as discussed in Executive Session.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT
MOTION PASSED.**

- 12.** Motion to consider and approve the settlement of the pending Workers' Compensation matter of Anthony Lorenti, as discussed in Executive Session - Personnel

MOTION TO SETTLE THE Workers' Compensation matter of Anthony Lorenti, as discussed in Executive Session.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT
MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date