

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

May 27, 2014

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:30P.M. The Opening Prayer was given by Reverend Margaret Jay of the First Congregational Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor John Sullivan arrived at 6:35 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James M. Bowes were also present at the meeting.

It was announced that 3aa. and 3bb. were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion under Item #4.

- 3.** Consent Agenda
- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$2,988.06 (#629-632)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
 - 3b.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$4,000 to Youth Projects
Acct # 10040100-58272 from Salaries & Wages Acct # 10040100-51000
-Youth & Social Services
 - 3c.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund Out to Pasture* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$194 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
 - 3d.** Acceptance of Donation from Super Stop & Shop and Appropriation for FY 2014-2015 in the Amount of \$2,500 to Professional Services-Entertainment Acct # 10050050-56746 and to Miscellaneous Revenue Acct # 1009052-47040 – Parks & Recreation
 - 3e.** Consider & Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,500 to Telephone Acct # 10022050-53000 from Utilities for \$3,000 Acct # 10020050-53010 and from Office Expenses & Supplies for \$2,000 Acct # 10020050-56100 - Police Department
 - 3f.** Acceptance of State Grant and Appropriation in the Amount of \$7,141 to State Grants Acct # 100-9051-45122 and to Air Conditioning System Acct # TBD and Transfer of \$7,141 to Air Conditioning System Acct # TBD from Gas & Oil Acct # 10020050-53100 - Police Department
 - 3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,795 to Telephone Acct # 10020150-53000 from Four (4) Various Accounts – Fire Department
 - 3h.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$26,883 to Replacement Pay Acct # 10020150-51500 from Four (4) Various Accounts – Fire Department
 - 3i.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 to Revenue-Donations Acct # 215-1001-47010 and to Expenses-Tyler Mill Plantings Acct # Fund 215 TBD – Environmental Planner

- 3j.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$19,150 to Operations-Underground Lines Expense Acct #924 from Operations-Overhead Lines Expense Acct # 583 – Electric Division
- 3k.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$61,500 to Seven (7) Various Accounts from Employee Pensions & Benefits Acct # 926 – Electric Division
- 3l.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 to Purchased Services-Accounting Acct # 10010400-56724 from Regular Wages Acct # 10010400-51000 - Comptroller
- 3m.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Town Clerk - Mayor
- 3n.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Board of Education- Mayor
- 3o.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Board of Education Food Services- Mayor
- 3p.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Animal Control - Mayor
- 3q.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Police Department - Mayor
- 3r.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Comptroller - Mayor
- 3s.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Personnel - Mayor
- 3t.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Fire Department- Mayor
- 3u.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Water/Sewer Divisions - Mayor
- 3v.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Electric Division - Mayor
- 3w.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Public Works - Mayor
- 3x.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Purchasing - Mayor
- 3y.** Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Generic Hardware Stores- Mayor
- 3z.** Consider and approve the Appointment of Nancy Miller to the Public Celebrations Committee for a two-year term effective immediately and expiring February 1, 2016 - Chairman Vincent Cervoni

3aa. Consider and Approve Authorization for the Director of Public Utilities to Execute Documents related to the possible siting in Wallingford of two additional Gas Turbine Generators by Wallingford Energy II, LLC.

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2. Appendix 2, Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement, among WED, ISO NE and Wallingford Energy, setting forth certain assumptions for use in the feasibility study.

3. Appendix Attachment for Project 8244, Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement between WED and ISO NE, defining the scope of work for WED.

- Public Utilities

REMOVED

3bb. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment from Retained Earnings \$1,910,000 to Purchased Power \$3,100,000 Acct #555 and to Sales Residential \$820,000 Acct # 440 and to Sales Commercial/Industrial \$370,000 Acct # 442 – Electric Division

REMOVED

3cc. Schedule a Public Hearing to be conducted on June 10, 2014 at 6:45 P.M. to be held in connection with Neighborhood Assistance Program – Program Planning

3dd. Approve Minutes of Special Town Council Public Hearing on the Budget Meeting of May 6, 2014

3ee. Approve Minutes of Special Town Council Meeting of May 8, 2014

3ff. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting of May 13, 2014

COUNCILOR SULLIVAN ABSTAINED WITH CONFLICT TO ITEMS 3n. & 3q.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. - 3z. and 3cc. – 3ff.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND: FISHBEIN

VOTE: 3a. to 3m.,
3o. & 3p. ,
3r. to 3z., and
3cc. to 3ff. ALL AYE (9)

3n. and 3q. 8-AYE; 1-ABSTAIN (SULLIVAN)

MOTION PASSED.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

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SECOND: FISHBEIN

*In attendance: Robert Beaumont, Chairman, PUC
David Gessert, Vice-Chairman, PUC
Thomas Sullivan, Business Manager, Electric Division*

Councilor Fishbein asked about several points within the Agreement documents themselves. He expressed concerns that some information seemed to be missing, especially with regard to reimbursement specifics and with the Appendixes mentioned in the Agreements. There was long explanation with respect to these agreements and what would be accomplished. Mayor Dickinson quelled some concerns the Council expressed by stating that unless the Town is satisfied with these agreements that nothing will go forward. He added that the Agreements are to allow for discussion. Mr. Beaumont reported that all attorneys have reviewed the documents, and that the Town is only one of many components. There is no approval for anything at this point, that this is exploratory. Mayor Dickinson indicated that a completion date cannot be represented and that if reimbursement is not at 100%, the town will not move forward.

Jack Winkleman spoke.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES	MANSFIELD: YES	SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES	PARISI: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	RUSSO: YES	CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES
VOTE: 9-AYE		

THE MOTION PASSED.

- 3bb.** Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment from Retained Earnings \$1,910,000 to Purchased Power \$3,100,000 Acct #555 and to Sales Residential \$820,000 Acct # 440 and to Sales Commercial/Industrial \$370,000 Acct # 442
– Electric Division

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MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND: PARISI

*In attendance: Robert Beaumont, Chairman, PUC
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Thomas Sullivan, Business Manager, Electric Division*

A long history of oil and gas was given. Discussion included an explanation of the hard winter and its effect on customer usage of power and the changing market and the availability of power supply; electric power hedging, which began in 1994, and how it works in the town's favor including the risk that hedging involves; there is no hedging for gas; that new pipelines were spoken for even before the lines was in place; use of retained earnings and an explanation of the financial accounts on the agenda; efforts to stabilize and that at least until the autumn customer rates would remain as they are.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES MANSFIELD: YES SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES PARISI: YES TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES RUSSO: YES CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES
VOTE: 9-AYE

THE MOTION PASSED.

8. Consider and Approve an Appropriation Request for Capital Items FY 2012-2013 totaling \$959,088 as in the following list:

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| 1. | \$112,121 | Generator | Civil Preparedness |
| 2. | \$ 41,242 | CCTV Security System | Police Department |
| 3. | \$ 15,725 | Card Key System | Police Department |
| 4. | \$150,000 | Living Quarters Addition | Fire Department |
| 5. | \$150,000 | Storage Building | Fire Department |
| 6. | \$114,000 | Road Side Mower | Public Works Department |
| 7. | \$191,000 | Plow Truck w/Accessories | Public Works Department |
| 8. | \$185,000 | Loader | Public Works Department |

- Comptroller

MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR CAPITAL ITEMS FY 2012-2013 TOTALING \$959,088 IN THE LIST AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECOND: PARISI

Discussion with regard to grant (FEMA) award; bid waivers and bids; questionable practice; and various viewpoints with regard to bonding.

MOTION TO AMEND FOR FY 2013-2014.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECOND: PARISI

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES MANSFIELD: YES SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES PARISI: YES TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES RUSSO: YES CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES
VOTE: 9-AYE

THE MOTION PASSED.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES MANSFIELD: YES SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES PARISI: YES TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES RUSSO: YES CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES
VOTE: 9-AYE

THE MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Board of Education request for potential Appropriation of Funds from 2013-2014 in the Amount of \$279,411 – Board of Education

*In attendance: Salvatore Menzo; Superintendent of Schools
Roxane McKay; Chairwoman, Board of Education
Linda Winters, Business manager*

Dr. Menzo explained the school system request and that these funds would replenish the Board of Education's unencumbered balance for capital purchases and that any funds not used would be allocated into the capital non-recurring account for the LHHS Athletic Complex. A discussion followed with regard to the process for allowing the Town Council to vote on this request and that it cannot be done at this meeting for lack of the financial form, which the Mayor must recommend. Absent the Mayor's recommendation, it would not come before the Town Council for a vote.

Mrs. McKay stated that they followed the format they were instructed to follow in order to make the current fiscal year whole. Mayor Dickinson explained that the Administration recommends appropriations and transfers. When it appeared to be "dead in the water". Councilor Sullivan and Councilor LeTourneau withdrew their motion and second.

No action taken.

AGENDA ADDENDUM

Discussion and Possible Action with regard to creating a Bi-Partisan Committee with the Board of Education and the Town Council to explore Board of Education Capital Projects eligible for bonding - Councilor Craig Fishbein

MOTION WAS MADE TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWN COUNCIL TO EXPLORE BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR BONDING.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: RUSSO

*In attendance: Salvatore Menzo; Superintendent of Schools
Roxane McKay; Chairwoman, Board of Education
Linda Winters, Business Manager*

This discussion was centered on a conversation with regard to bonding of the Board of Education capital projects and the best way to go about it. There were a variety of opinions with some Councilors asking how will you choose the people from both bodies when there is so much talent on both. Comments made about the impact of bonding on the budget; funding source is the taxpayer; party who has custody of the property has the responsibility; LHHS Athletic Complex; the distinction between Ordinances recommended by the Town Council and Appropriations and Transfers recommended by the Mayor; this is a community conversation that is bigger than the Board of Education; draw up a bonding plan for the community projects and that this must start with the prioritized list from the Board of Education.

After discussion, it was decided, with the Council's compliance, that the Board of Education could work directly with the Comptroller, presenting for review a prioritized list of Capital Purchases/ Capital Projects that goes out several years.

At 8:00 P.M. Councilor Mansfield left the meeting for the evening.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Councilor Fishbein withdrew his motion and Councilor Russo withdrew his second.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, commented on street lamps and whether residents should be paying for lights that are out. He reported a short period in the past where 200 lamps were out.

Jim Krupp commented on financial transactions.

Gina Morgenstein spoke about prescription drug dropboxes, the are now mandated by Connecticut.

Robert Gross made comments with respect to *Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)* grants that could help fund the LHHS project, or for sidewalks.

Paul Chiardullo asked how is the bonding question moved forward.

7. Report on 2014 Town Fireworks Celebration - Councilor John Sullivan

In attendance: Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive Extension

Steven Murray, Member Fundraising Team

Mr. Zandri reported on the expenses of the event and stated that they are about \$1,800 short of their goal. He asked the Mayor for an extension of time to allow for more fundraising.

He also asked the town to create some financial assistance for the 4th of July celebration as the town does for Celebrate Wallingford and other WCI events during the year. Mayor Dickinson said he would poll the departments involved in order to get the funds deadline changed.

9. 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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

VOTE: AYE-8; Absent-1

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date