

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

June 11, 2013

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Following A Moment of Silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Councilor Laffin was not present with an excused absence. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

2. Correspondence

None

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$12,739.19 (#636-655) Acct #1001001-41020 - Tax Collector

3b. Consider and Approve authorization for Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., to enter into or amend contractual instruments between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Dept. of Education for a Child Day Care Program from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - Mayor

3c. *Consider and approve Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center Inc. and the Town of Wallingford which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care Center Inc. to carry out funding programs as provided in the contract between the Town of Wallingford and the State Dept. of Education for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - Mayor*

REMOVED

3d. *Consider and approve a Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operation expenses of said Day Care Center prior to the time its program is approved for funding from the State of CT – Mayor*

REMOVED

3e. Consider and approve Resolution approving the filing of an application by the Town of Wallingford for a Youth Service Bureau Enhancement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year and authorizing the Mayor to execute and file application with the State Dept. of Education effective from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 - Youth & Social Services

3f. Consider and approve Resolution approving the filing of an application for a Youth Service Bureau Grant by the Town of Wallingford in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 per year, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and file application with the State Dept. of Education, and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Dept., to execute a Grant Action Request with the State of CT for state financial assistance, if such agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford - Youth & Social Services

- 3g.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the amount of \$11,600 (Fireworks)
To: Revenue-Donations Acct. #1009052-47040 and \$11,600
To: Social Service Contribution Holidays & Celebrations Acct. # 1004015-58234/Fiscal Year 12-13 - Mayor
- 3h.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the amount of \$15,156 to Revenue-Donations Acct.# 1009052-47040 and \$3,300 to Recreation-P.S.-Entertainment, Acct.# 1005005-56746; \$8,000 to Police-Overtime, Acct. #1002005-51400; \$2,000 to Fire-Overtime, Acct. #1002015-51400; \$900 to Fire Marshal-Overtime, Acct. #1002020-51400; \$180 to Recreation Port-o-lets, Acct.# 1005005-56782; \$376 to Public Works-Overtime, Acct.#1003000-51400; and \$400 to Holiday & Celebrations (for BOE) Acct.# 1004015-58234 – Fiscal Year 13-14 – Mayor
- 3i.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 to Maintenance of Vehicles, Acct. # 10030000-54320
from Capital Acct. -12” Chainsaw, Acct. # 10030000-57000-00140 - \$226;
from Capital Acct. -12” Cut-off saw, Acct. # 10030000-57000-00141 -\$465;
from Capital Acct. -Ext. Repairs, Sr. Center, Acct. #10030000-57000-00142 - \$100;
from Capital Acct. -Ext. Repairs, Carriage, Acct. #10030000-57000-00143 - \$780;
from Capital Acct. -Door Replacement, Acct. #10030000-57000-00145 f- \$714;
from Capital Acct. -Oil Transfer Tank, Acct. #10030000-57000-00146 - \$264;
from Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds, Acct. #10030000-54315 for \$2,451
– Public Works
- 3j.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,050 to Office Expenses & Supplies, Acct. # 10020150-56100 from Utilities, Acct. # 10020150-53010 – Fire Chief
- 3k.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$26,732 to Replacement Pay Acct. #10020150-51500 from Overtime Acct. # 10020150-51400 for \$20,000, from Other Pay Acct. #10020150-51900 for \$3,732 and from Utilities Acct. #10020150-53010 for \$3,000 – Fire Chief
- 3l.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of CRRA Distribution Funds as follows:
a. \$20,000 to: CRRA Distribution Revenue, Acct. #200-1002045000 and \$20,000 to: Expenditures: Transfer Out to N. Farms Fire Station Project Acct. #200-80350-59220
b. \$20,000 To: Revenue-Transfer in from CRRA Distr., Acct.#306-9053-49015 and \$20,000 to: Exp.-Architect Design, etc. Acct. # 306-80350-57000-20080
– Fire Chief
- 3m.** Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Animal Control – Mayor
- 3n.** Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Board of Education – Mayor
- 3o.** Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Comptroller – Mayor
- 3p.** Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Fire Department – Mayor

- 3q. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Personnel – Mayor
- 3r. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Public Works – Mayor
- 3s. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Town Clerk - Mayor
- 3t. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Electric Division – Mayor
- 3u. Consider and Approve Bid waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Water/Sewer Division - Mayor
- 3v. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver Request for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Generic Hardware stores - Mayor
- 3w. *Consider and Approve Job Description for Battalion Chief (currently known as Captain) Fire Department – Personnel*

REMOVED
- 3x. *Consider and Approve revised Job Description for Fire Lieutenant – Personnel*

REMOVED
- 3y. Consider and Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of May 28, 2013

It was announced that 3c, 3d, 3w and 3x had been removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed under Item 4. Councilor Sullivan recused himself from 3n. for conflict of interest with his place of business.

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a & 3b, 3e-3v & 3y.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 6-AYE 3a, 3b, 3e to 3m and 3o to 3v.

5-AYE 3n; 1 RECUSE 3n. (Councilor Sullivan)

2-NAY (Economopoulos & Zandri);

1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

MOTION PASSED.

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

- 3c. Consider and approve Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center Inc. and the Town of Wallingford which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care enter Inc. to carry out funding programs as provided in the contract between the Town of Wallingford and the State Dept. of Education for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - Mayor debt will be paid. He said that this is a bookkeeping effort to make sure that the Day Care

Center's operating expenses can be paid while at the same time leaving the Center in the black. With the Center in the black there is no need to increase the debt to the town. The Mayor added many variables with regard to the funding from the state.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY DAY CARE CENTER INC. AND THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD WHICH AUTHORIZES THE WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY DAY CARE CENTER INC. TO CARRY OUT FUNDING PROGRAMS AS PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WLALINGFORD AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

*In attendance: Kathy Queen, Executive Director
John Bruce, President, Board of Directors
Tamara Smith, Assistant Director*

Councilor Sullivan and the panel related many specific statistics about the nationally accredited Day Care Center that has been operating in Wallingford since 1969 with 30 full and part-time staff offering programs to every childhood age group. The Center has 124 children with 54 of those that are state funded due to economic status.

ROLL CALL VOTE

CERVONI:	YES	ECONOMOPOULOS:	YES	FISHBEIN:	YES
LAFFIN:	ABSENT	LETOURNEAU:	YES	RASCATI:	YES
SULLIVAN:	YES	ZANDRI:	YES		
CHAIRMAN PARISI:	YES				

8-AYE; 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

- 3d.** Consider and approve a Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operation expenses of said Day Care Center prior to the time its program is approved for funding from the State of CT – Mayor

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY DAY CARE CENTER, INC. TO BORROW FROM THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL OPERATION EXPENSES OF SAID DAY CARE CENTER PRIOR TO THE TIME ITS PROGRAM IS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

*In attendance: Kathy Queen, Executive Director
John Bruce, President, Board of Directors
Tamara Smith, Assistant Director*

There was no further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

CERVONI:	YES	ECONOMOPOULOS:	YES	FISHBEIN:	YES
LAFFIN:	ABSENT	LETOURNEAU:	YES	RASCATI:	YES
SULLIVAN:	YES	ZANDRI:	YES		
CHAIRMAN PARISI:	YES				

8-AYE; 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

- 3w.** Consider and Approve Job Description for Battalion Chief (currently known as Captain)
Fire Department – Personnel

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR BATTALION CHIEF
(CURRENTLY KNOWN AS CAPTAIN) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Personnel Director Terence Sullivan*

Councilor Fishbein had questions with regard to ‘equal training’.

Chief Struble handed out a graph to the Council. The graph depicts the progression of ‘Firefighter 1’ to ‘Firefighter 4’ and illustrates the importance of *education* and *training*. He explained there are different ways to achieve ‘competency’. He said that equal means measurable. Mayor Dickinson offered that this is not creating a new class, that it is just a job title change.

ROLL CALL VOTE

CERVONI:	YES	ECONOMOPOULOS:	YES	FISHBEIN:	YES
LAFFIN:	ABSENT	LETOURNEAU:	YES	RASCATI:	YES
SULLIVAN:	YES	ZANDRI:	YES		
CHAIRMAN PARISI:	YES				

8-AYE; 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

- 3x.** Consider and Approve revised Job Description for Fire Lieutenant – Personnel

**MOTION MADE TO APPROVE THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FIRE
LIEUTENANT.**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

ROLL CALL VOTE

CERVONI: YES

LAFFIN: ABSENT

SULLIVAN: YES

CHAIRMAN PARISI: YES

ECONOMOPOULOS: YES FISHBEIN: YES

LETOURNEAU: YES RASCATI: YES

ZANDRI: YES

8-AYE; 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

A GROUP OF THIRTEEN (13) STUDENTS FROM THE CIVICS CLASS AT LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL WERE CALLED FORWARD BY CHAIRMAN PARISI. EACH EACH, ONE BY ONE, INTRODUCED HIM/HERSELF TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, spoke about the lack of reporting of streetlamps that are out to the Electric Division. In his opinion, it is a safety issue that needs to be addressed. He also asked about the repair of a certain sidewalk.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked about the progress of the Wooding-Caplan Project. He also inquired about oil recycling. He stated that he thinks corporations should be contributing to the town financially.

6. Conduct a Public hearing for June 11, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. in connection with Neighborhood Assistance Program - Program Planning

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:45 P.M.

In attendance: Don Roe, Program Planning

Councilor Cervoni read the Resolution and the list of participants (These documents are part of the record of the meeting). Don Roe gave a brief explanation of the program. He said that there are forty-two (42) agencies in Wallingford. His department received seven (7) Responses from the town solicitation.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 P.M.

7. Consider and Approve a Resolution approving the Summary List of Neighborhood Assistance Programs and authorizing the Mayor to submit to the Dept. of Revenue Services the approved list of programs eligible for investment by business firms and to provide such additional information; to execute such other documents as may be required by the Department to accept on behalf of the Town any funds available for those municipal programs on the list; to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions therefore and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford – Program Planning

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUMMARY LIST OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES THE APPROVED LIST OF PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR INVESTMENT BY BUSINESS FIRMS AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION; TO EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED ABY THE DEPARTMENT, TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS ON THE LIST; TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RESCISSIONS AND REVISIONS THEREFORE AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN ON WALLINGFORD.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

ROLL CALL VOTE

CERVONI: YES ECONOMOPOULOS: YES FISHBEIN: YES

LAFFIN: ABSENT LETOURNEAU: YES RASCATI: YES

SULLIVAN: YES ZANDRI: YES

CHAIRMAN PARISI: YES

8-AYE; 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

THE MOTION PASSED.

8. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6) (D) of the CGS with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

MOTION 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: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 7 COUNCILORS; 1-RECUSAL (FISHBEIN); 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 7 COUNCILORS; 1-RECUSAL (FISHBEIN); 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:56 P.M. TO 8:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE:

7 COUNCILORS; 1-RECUSAL (FISHBEIN); 1 ABSENT (LAFFIN)

MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR.,

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (FISHBEIN)

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date