

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

**September 10, 2013**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:32 P.M. The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Dean Warburton, First Congregational Church of Wallingford and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were present at the meeting.

**2. Correspondence – *None***

Councilor Cervoni acknowledged the Chairman’s birthday and declared ‘Happy Birthday!’ as did other Councilors.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,678.29 (#62 - #112 )  
Acct. # # 1001001-41020 - Tax Collector

**3b.** Consider and Approve two Merit Review Increases – Personnel Director

**3c.** Consider and Approve a Transfer *FY 2012-2013* in the Amount of \$11,600 to Employee Pension/Benefits Acct # 46100926 from Miscellaneous Expense Acct # 46100643  
– Sewer Division

**3d.** Consider and Approve a Transfer *FY 2013-2014* in the Amount of \$1,870 to Property Insurance Acct # 924 from Injuries & Damages Acct # 925 – Electric Division

**3e.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$11,250 to Revenue-Police Billings Acct # 100-2001-46020 and to Police-Outside Contractor Wages Acct # 100-20050-51600  
- Personnel Director

**3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$168,938 to the following various accounts:

Police-Regular Wages	\$118,104	Acct # 10020050-51000
Police-Overtime	\$8,725	Acct # 10020050-51400
Police-Wage Differential	\$10,255	Acct # 10020050-51450
Police-Replacement Pay	\$3,288	Acct # 10020050-51500
Medicare	\$2,036	Acct # 10020050-52105
Pension Contribution	\$26,530	Acct # 10020050-52305

from Contingency-Accrued Acct # 10019000-58821- Personnel Director

**3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$550 to Comptroller-Typewriter Acct To Be Established from Comptroller-Maintenance of Equipment Acct #10010405-54325 - Comptroller

- 3h. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$TBD (approx. \$6,000) to Gov. Access Television –Camera Acct #10010250-*to be assigned* from Contingency-General Acct # 10019000-58820- Program Planning Director
- 3i. Consider and Approve Acceptance of mobility assistance equipment (wheelchair, walker and two canes) donation from Dorothy Clark, a Town employee, for the Wallingford Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) – Health Director
- 3j. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application with the Connecticut Department of Social Services to provide such additional information as may be requested, to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town and to act as the authorized representative of the Town to receive a grant available for undertaking an Hispanic Human Resource Development Program – Program Planning
- 3k. Consider and Approve an Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Comunidad Hispana de Wallingford, Inc., “SCOW”, as our subcontractor to fulfill all terms and conditions of the Connecticut Department of Social Services Grant for an Hispanic Human Resource Development Program – Program Planning
- 3l. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of August 13, 2013

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. – 3l.  
MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: RASCATI  
VOTE: AYE (8); NAY (1-COUNCILOR ECONOMOPOULOS)  
MOTION PASSED**

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

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, be respectful of Jewish solemn days and for the Town to not schedule meetings on these days. He also expressed that the town might want to consider purchasing the 50-acre CRRRA parcel should it become available. Mr. Gross also commented on the Pension Commission and its investment policies, if there are any in place. Chairman Parisi asked Mr. Bowes to draw up a Pension Commission report for the Council.

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail, asked the Council when they were going to fill the open position caused by a resignation on the Wallingford Housing Authority Board. He commented on perhaps some difficulty the Board is having in reaching a quorum.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Wallingford Custodians Union Contract from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016 – Board of Education**

*In Attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools  
Colin McNamara, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel  
Joe Marrone, Vice-Chairman, Board of Education*

Mr. Marrone reviewed the highlights of the four-year contract summarizing wages, shift differentials, sliding scale insurance and insurance waiver program. Mr. Marrone stated that in Year 1 (2012-1013) there was a 0% increase in wages and in the succeeding years will be 1.5%, 1.75% and 1.95%. He said that insurance has now a percentage design and that the insurance waiver now stands at 40% and by the end of the contract it will be down to 25%. New employees will not be offered the insurance waiver. At request, Dr. Menzo described in more detail the insurance waiver program.

Councilors had praise for the contract for the thirty –eight employees. Dr. Menzo acknowledged that the Union recognized the economic constraints of the Board of Education. Councilors agreed that it was a fair contract.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE WALLINGFORD CUSTODIANS' UNION CONTRACT EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2016.**

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>RASCATI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ECONOMOPOULOS:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN PARISI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU:</b>	<b>YES</b>		

**UNANIMOUS ; ALL AYE (9)**  
**THE MOTION PASSED.**

**7. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$160,000 to Maintenance of Transmission & Distribution Mains Acct # 43100673 and to Appropriation from Cash - Water Division**

*In attendance: George Adair, Director, Public Utilities*  
*Roger Dann, General Manager, Water Division*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$160,000 to Maintenance of Transmission & Distribution Mains Acct # 43100673 and to Appropriation from Cash.**

**MADE BY: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**

Mr. Dann summarized the need for the budget amendment this year. He stated that this project went out to bid in a prior fiscal year with resulting bids higher than the Water Division had budgeted. The bid was re-written and the budget was increased but the lowest bid is yet higher than the budgeted amount, thus the request for the budget amendment. Granting the Water Division the budget amendment will allow them to go forward with the project without more delay. He said that waiting will undoubtedly bring an even higher bid.

He explained that the pipe hangers and the pipe insulation, not the pipes themselves, comprise the project over Interstate -91 on the Harrison Road and East Center Street bridges. Inspection revealed deterioration. With regard to the appropriation, he talked about the available cash.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>RASCATI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ECONOMOPOULOS:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN PARISI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU:</b>	<b>YES</b>		

**UNANIMOUS; ALL AYE (9)**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

- 8. Report out and Discussion from Public Works Department regarding prior work, current and ongoing efforts and as well as future planning and considerations regarding the cleanup of unpermitted material stored at 91 North Turnpike Road. This discussion will also encompass the additional request of report out on all costs to date as well as projected costs for the remainder of all work. – Councilor Jason Zandri**

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director, Public Works*

Mr. McCully reported and up-to-date tally of everything that has been removed as far as sweepings go. He said that the total tons equal 1,227, and the total cost is \$36,810 @\$30 per ton.

Councilor Zandri clarified that this has to do mainly with the containment materials that were dumped at 91 North Turnpike Road. He said he understands that materials have been stock-piled at this location with some being removed and some being added over time.

Mr. McCully said that the town has owned the ‘dog-pit’ as this location is known since 1910 and over the years Public Works has used that area as a staging area for various uses, including sand from the streets of Wallingford. He gave a brief over-view of the recent incident. He said that all 1200 tons have been removed, and they continue to work with DEEP to become fully compliant. He said the area was remediated in the fall of 2009.

Councilor Zandri focused on visits that DEEP has made to the area and the continued use of the area by Public Works. He spoke about municipal management practices, temporary storage sites, wetlands and their proximity to storage, storage areas or lack thereof, compliance dates, the Manchester storage site, bids, the amount of money spent in the last fiscal year was approximately \$7,500, and this fiscal year approximately \$7,000. Councilor Zandri emphasized his biggest issue is that the town did not locate another storage site following the 2009 DEEP violations, thereby causing the town to have unexpected expenditures in order to come into compliance again.

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: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE (9)**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Secretary to the Town Council  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date