

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
September 27, 2016**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, was called to order at 6:37 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, Christopher K. Shortell and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Joseph A. Marrone III, John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney, Gerald E. Farrell, Sr., were also present at the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$32,917.36 (#224-292)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
  - 3b. Acceptance of donation and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures,  
Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3c. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$480 to Revenue/  
Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3d. Acceptance of funds from Wallingford Peer Advocates for the Alzheimer's Association  
and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$923 to Donations,  
Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3e. 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 Hispanic Human Resource  
Development (HHD) Grant – Program Planning
  - 3f. Acceptance of Grant from the State of Connecticut for a Hispanic Human Resources  
Development Program and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of  
\$53,710 to SCOW Grant HHD Fund, Fund #217 and to SCOW Grant HHD Fund, Fund  
#217 – Program Planning
  - 3g. Acceptance of funds from Macfarlan Smith, Chemical Division (Bitrex) and Consider and  
Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$125 to Bitrex, CLPP, Acct, #TBD and  
to Bitrex, CLPP, Acct. #TBD – Health
  - 3h. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Prog. Revenues  
– T. Clerk, Acct. #228-1002- 42030 and to Prog. Expenditures, Acct.#228-10405-58830 –  
Comptroller

- 3i. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 13, 2016.

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

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**VOTE: 6-AYE**  
**3-ABSENT**

**MOTION: PASSED**

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, questioned the conflict between CMEEC and the Town of Wallingford. Mayor Dickinson responded that the dispute is over fees being charged.

Bob Gross asked if there is an end to this dispute in the near future and Mayor Dickinson stated that he hopes by sometime in 2017.

Bob Gross asked if there has been any progress with the solar project and Mayor Dickinson responded that there is no new news.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:50 P.M.

6. To Conduct a Public Hearing and consider and act on the following ordinance entitled:

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**  
**Fee Schedule for Plan Review and**  
**Certification License Inspections**

In Attendance: Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd and Fire Marshal Michael Gudelski

Fire Marshal Michael Gudelski explained that the purpose of the fee schedule is to allow the Fire Prevention Bureau to collect fees in connection with inspections and plan review responsibilities, within the boundaries of the Town. He then went on to give an introduction of the fee structure.

Opened Public Hearing at 6:51 P.M.

There were no public comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT THE FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: YES**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**LETOURNEAU: YES**  
**MARRONE: ABSENT**  
**6-AYE:**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: YES**  
**SULLIVAN: ABSENT**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: ABSENT**  
**CERVONI: YES**

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding UE Local 222 CILU/CIPU and its Sublocal CLU #75, Affiliated with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (Paraeducators) Contract – BOE

In Attendance: Salvatore, F. Menzo, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Cindy G. Lavalette, Assistant Superintendent - Personnel and Chair, Board of Education, Roxanne McKay

Cindy Lavalette presented the two year contract:

Years 2016-2017 – 1.99% wage increase  
Years 2017-2018 – 1.99% wage increase

Insurance increase in deductibles – Second year moves Core Plan to HSA with buyout to PPA.

Cindy Lavalette stated that there is a language change in layoffs as to seniority. Language was added to allow paraprofessionals to ask for unpaid leave for special occasions.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about the steps and that there are only nine? Cindy Lavalette replied yes and explained that there are only nine steps and after that they get general wage increases.

Councilor LeTourneau asked where everyone is in the step process. Cindy Lavalette responded that everyone starts at Step 1 and noted that most of the paraprofessionals are at the top step now.

Councilor Shortell asked if Board of Education has an HSA now. Cindy replied no and went on to explain that the reason they will wait until the second year for HSA is to build the bank for this.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO ACCEPT THIS CONTRACT**

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**SECONDED: SHORTELL**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: NO**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**LETOURNEAU: YES**  
**MARRONE: ABSENT**  
**5-AYE 1-NO:**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: YES**  
**SULLIVAN: ABSENT**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: ABSENT**  
**CERVONI: YES**

- 8. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim regarding *Colston v. Town of Wallingford* (BOE Claim) – Personnel
- 10. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matters of North Colony Development Group LLC v. Town of Wallingford – Law Dept.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (#8) PURSUANT TO Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim regarding the *Town of Wallingford v. Colston* and Section 1-225(f) and (#10) PURSUANT TO Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matters of *North Colony Development Group LLC v. Town of Wallingford*.**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:16 P.M.**

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

**Time of Executive Session: (#)8 – 7:04 P.M. -7:09 P.M.**

**Attendance at Executive Session (#8)**

<b>FISHBEIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>LAFFIN</b>	<b>TOWN ATTORNEY, GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU</b>	<b>ATTORNEY JOSEPH PASSARETTI, JR.</b>
<b>SHORTELL</b>	<b>KURT TREIBER, RISK MANAGER</b>
<b>TESTA</b>	
<b>CERVONI</b>	

**Time of Executive Session (#10) – 7:10 P.m. – 7:15 P.M.**

**Attendance at Executive Session (#10)**

**FISHBEIN**                    **MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.**  
**LAFFIN**                      **TOWN ATTORNEY, GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.**  
**LETOURNEAU**  
**SHORTELL**  
**TESTA**  
**CERVONI**

9. Motion to Consider and Approve the settlement of the pending Workers' Compensation matter regarding *Colston v. Town of Wallingford* (BOE matter) as discussed in Executive Session – Personnel

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN THE PENDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION MATTER REGARDING *COLSTON V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD* (BOE MATTER) AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

11. Motion to consider and authorize a settlement in the pending tax appeal matters of *North Colony Development Group LLC v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT IN THE PENDING TAX APPEAL MATTERS OF *NORTH COLONY DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD* AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

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

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

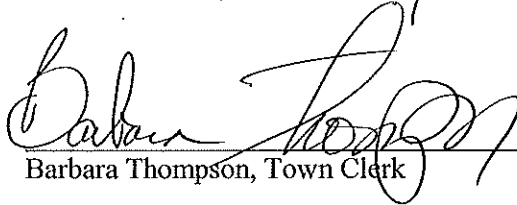
**The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

  
Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

11/18/16  
Date

  
Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

11/18/16  
Date