

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**  
*Special Town Council Meeting*  
**May 6, 2013**

**FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Councilor Thomas Laffin was not present with excused absence. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James M. Bowes attended the meeting.

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO TAKE OUT OF ORDER THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS AND MOVE THEM TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM.**

**MADE BY: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE (8); 1-ABSENT**

**Board of Assessment Appeals**

*In attendance: Tom Vitali, Board Chairman*  
*Carl Bonamico, Board Member*

Mr. Vitali reported that the budget is the same as it has been for the last two years. He responded to questions with regard to Purchased Professional Services; that there are six meetings per year; and about staffing. Mr. Bowes said that he could get March expenditure figures to the Council when asked.

**Parks & Recreation**

*In attendance: John Gawlak, Director*  
*Michelle Bjorkman, Superintendent of Programs*  
*Jen Griswold, Executive Secretary*

Mr. Gawlak stated that Parks and Recreation has put forth a responsible budget for the FY 2013-2014. He said that the increase over last year is about 1.59%. He highlighted some future projects that are considerations for the Council that included facility work at West Side Field for baseball and football; middle school fields that includes dugouts, backstops, grading and fencing; Doolittle Park lighting. He talked about Bertini Park; Lufberry park; Garden Road and other location considerations for the Dog Park.

Michelle Bjorkman explained Line 55700-Training and Line 56746-Purchased Services-Entertainment budget. Councilor Fishbein requested letters explaining why a group needs the funds they receive and the impact on their program is they did not receive the funding. Also discussed was Line 56736 Purchased Services-Custodial; summer camp; BOE summer field maintenance; Wallingford Center for the Arts of which Councilor Rascati is a Board Member; Vietnam Park parking plan; the Community Garden; Woodhouse Avenue Soccer Fields; fencing needs; Twilight Tunes; and Gaylord Fields.

## **Public Works**

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director  
Kathy Johns, Executive Secretary  
Stephen Palermo, General Foreman*

Mr. McCully stated the FY 2013-2014 budget is .6% less than it was last year. He talked about the resident drop-off center; that there will be an aggressive paving program this year due to the heavy weather the area has suffered during the last year; that staffing levels are the same and that they seem to be keeping up. He reported that the town has 240 miles of roads and 630 streets.

Mr. McCully responded to questions in the following areas:  
Purchase Service-Chemical; Line 57147-Single Band Radios; small drainage projects; problems with Wooding Caplan project and its completion by Celebrate Wallingford; staffing and staffing assignments; roads paved; roads striped; parking lot(s) paved; the decreasing utility costs Line (53010); equipment purchase program (Snow Plow Truck, Generator; and Snow Thrower); monitoring of sick time ; street lamp and parking lot light replacements; the telephone line (53000); Line 55700 Continuing Education; Line 56140 Materials & Supplies; Line 56701 Traffic Painting Contract increase in costs; Line 56750 Purchased Services-Hazardous Waste; Line 56766 Purchases Services-Chemical House Line 57140.

Mr. McCully responded to questions with regard to the completion of the parking lot located on the Wooding Caplan parcel.

Some council members thanked Mr. McCully and his department for the work they are doing for the town, especially during storms.

## **Capital & Non-Recurring Capital & Non-Recurring Fund Capital Appropriations Reserve Six-Year Capital**

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works  
John Thompson, Town Engineer*

Discussion included the following: Internally Illuminated signs; operational and safety improvements at Vietnam Veterans' Park; the Linear Trail expansion as it relates to Fireworks Island bridge and its easement on the Yalesville side; Friends of the Linear Trail; the parking lot between Quinnipiac and Hall Avenue; bicycle racks; Hall Avenue Streetscape and the Senior Center connection project named the highest regional ranking with a \$1,000,000 funding award. Mr. Thompson reviewed the history on the Linear Trail from its inception in 1997.

**Engineering**

*In attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer*

Discussion included Line 56768 Purchased Services-Construction Inspector; copier; Line 57136 Trench Repairs; Line 56734 Curb Repairs; Line 53010 Public Lighting; the completion of the Wooding Caplan parking lot; Yankee Gas and associated locations in town.

Councilor Sullivan left the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MADE BY: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**  
**VOTE: ALL PRESENT (7) AYE; 2-ABSENT**  
**MOTION PASSED**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:06 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date