

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

*Special Town Council Meeting  
Town Council Chambers*

**MAY 6, 2014**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**on the**

**FY 2014 – 2015 BUDGET**

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The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:12 P.M. A Moment of Silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Larry Russo arrived at 6:22 P.M. and Councilor John Sullivan arrived at 6:24 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and James Bowes, Comptroller were also present at the meeting.

Mayor Dickinson opened the Public Hearing with statements regarding the budget. He compared it to the Ship of State. He presented numerous statistics including Wallingford's statistics of foreclosures and free lunch in the school system.

The List of Departments was read.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Board of Education**

*Appearing for the Board of Education: Dr. Sal Menzo, Superintendent  
Roxane McKay, Chairperson, BOE  
Linda Winters, Business Manager*

Numerous residents, parents and educators spoke during this session with regard to, and among other items, all-day kindergarten, the school system's sustainability budget and its strategic budget and the Mayor's approved budget, STEM Academy, NCLB, gifted, collaboration in many areas, shared services, food service budget, capital projects, out of compliance with ADA and talented program. Some of the residents who were recognized included: Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road; Bernard Kaiser, Hintz Drive; Sharon Sanders, South Cherry Street; Morgan Bau, Fair Street; Mr. Perez, 900 North Farms Road; Beth Raccio; Tammy Raccio; Susan Jordan, Hintz Drive; Kristin Clarkson; Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive Extension; Jenny Cabral; Amy Journey, Sunrise Circle; Patty Chiccarelli; April Vognan; Pat Kohl, North Street; Ada H-Cooper

**Board of Selectmen**

*Appearing: Mayor Dickinson  
Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road;*

**Contingency Account**

*Appearing: James M. Bowes  
Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road;*

**Engineering Department**

*Appearing: John Thompson  
Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road; Gina Morgenstein*

**Fire Department**

*Appearing: Deputy Chief Heidgerd*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road;

**Insurance-Property & Casualty**

*Appearing:*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

Susan Husienga

**Personnel, Pensions, & Risk Management**

*Appearing: James Hutt*

*Kurt Treiber*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

**Planning & Zoning**

*Appearing: Kacie Costello*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

**Program Planning**

*Appearing: Don Roe*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

Larry Morgenstein

Susan Husienga, 36 Surrey Drive

**Public Utilities Commission- Electric Division**

*Appearing: George Adair*

*Rich Hendershot*

*David Gessert*

*Thomas Sullivan, Business Manager*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

Larry Morgenstein, S. Main Street

**Public Works Department**

*Appearing: Henry McCully*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

Gina Morgenstein, S. Main Street

Larry Morgenstein, S. Main Street

**Social Services Contributions**

*Appearing for WCI: Steve Lazarus*

*Liz Landow*

*Joan Parisi*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

*Emergency Shelter*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

**Town Clerk**

*Appearing: Barbara Thompson*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

**Revenue**

*Appearing: James M. Bowes*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road

*Departments were excused when the public showed no interest in asking questions of them.*

*Ambulance/EMS Transport Fund -Excused*  
*Animal Control-Excused*  
*Board of Assessment Appeals-Excused*  
*Board of Ethics-Excused*  
*Building Department-Excused*  
*Cafeteria-Excused*  
*Capital Appropriations Reserve*  
*Capital and Non-Recurring*  
*Capital and Non-Recurring Fund*  
*Civil Preparedness-Excused*  
*Conservation Commission-Excused*  
*Debt Services-Excused*  
*Economic Development Commission-Excused*  
*Employee Insurance and Other Benefits*  
*Fire Marshal -Excused*  
*Government TV -Excused*  
*Health Department -Excused*  
*Inland Wetlands -Excused*  
*Law Department -Excused*  
*Library-Excused*  
*Mayor*  
*Parks and Recreation-Excused*  
*Pension Fund*  
*Police Department-Excused*  
*Probate Court-Excused*  
*Registrars of Voters -Excused*  
*Six-Year Capital*  
*Town Council-Excused*  
*Utilities –Water & Sewer Divisions*  
*Veterans Service Center-Excused*  
*Youth & Social Services Bureau -Excused*  
*Zoning Board of Appeals-Excused*

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT**

**MADE BY:                  RUSSO**  
**SECONDED BY:          FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE:                      ALL AYE (9)**

**MOTION PASSED. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes from notes taken by Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson  
Secretary to the Town Council  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date