

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
and BUDGET WORKSHOP
Town Council Chambers

April 7, 2009

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The following minutes are a record of the Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:38 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Council Secretary Sandra Weekes were Councilors Mike Brodinsky, Vincenzo M. DiNatale, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, Michael Spiteri and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

The meeting began with a Moment of Silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

2. Chairman's Report –Chairman Brodinsky commented on the Public Works Spring Cleanup Program.
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#598 - #619) totaling \$16,715.00
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$8,000 to Federal Grant Bus Shelter Acct # 001-1050-050-5885 and to Bus Shelter Acct # 001-5010-999-0026 - Engineering
 - 3c. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$2,000 to Bus Shelter Acct # 001-5010-999-0026 from Contingency General Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 -Engineering
 - 3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$2,800 to Dog License Data Software and Installation Acct # 6030-999-9917 from Copier with Accessories for \$2,000 Acct # 6030-999-9901 and from Maintenance of Equipment for \$800 Acct # 6030-570-5200 – Town Clerk
 - 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Computer Acct #001-5015-999-9112 from Used Oil Burner & 2,000 Gallon Oil Tank for \$825 Acct # 001-5015-999-9169 and from Milleromatic Mig Welder for \$175 Acct # 001-5015-999-9162 – Public Works

- 3f. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$580 to Youth and Social Services Special Fund Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000 – Youth and Social Services
- 3g. Approve Special Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009
- 3h. Approve Minutes of Special Joint Town Council Meeting with Planning and Zoning Commission on March 23, 2009
- 3i. Approve Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009

Mr. Testa made a motion, seconded by Mr. Farrell, to Approve the Consent Agenda 3a to 3i. All Councilors present (9) voted Aye, and the motion carried.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, commented on the cited trash plant violations and possible fines

- 6. Conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant Application to apply for \$700,000 under the Public Housing Modernization category on behalf of the Wallingford Housing Authority for the rehabilitation of 22 duplex housing units – Grants Administrator

Chairman Brodinsky opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 P.M.

In attendance were-

Don Roe, Grants Administrator
Robert Prentice, Chairman, Housing Authority Board of Directors
Steve Nere, Executive Director
E. James Loughlin, Housing Authority Attorney

Mr. Roe said that by the federal law, this is a required Public Hearing. It is about the Community Development Block Grant, which is federally funded. He said that their consultant, Larry Wagner, is unable to attend this hearing due to the re-scheduling of the hearing. Mr. Wagner identified for Mr. Roe items that need to be covered in the Public Hearing - Identify the list of eligible projects, what can the money be spent on, what can the Town apply for, the national objectives

Public Facilities
Public Housing
Public Infrastructure
Housing Rehabilitation

Mr. Roe continued that any project must meet one of three national objectives

Benefit low and moderate income persons'
Eliminate slums and blight
Meet urgent community needs

Mr. Roe said that the Public Hearing is an opportunity for the public to comment on the project This also provides an opportunity for an update to the Council on the 2007 project, which was the beneficiary of a 2007 Small Cities Grant that also involved the Housing Authority in a rehab project.

Finally, Mr. Roe said that this is to provide an overview of the proposed 2009 project. Only one project can be submitted, and after review of in-house projects, the Housing Authority projects and Masters Manna, to move forward, the Housing Authority project is the project that has been selected.

With the aid of photographic handouts to the Council, the panel described the 2007 project, which was East Side Terrace Senior Complex that involved 30 units with an award of \$700,000. The Council asked about interior and exterior project particulars, what work was performed, is the project complete, were the jobs inspected, who is responsible for checking if the contractor(s) complied.

Mr. Roe said for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant, they would apply for the maximum amount available of \$700,000 with an application that is due on May 29, 2009.

For the 2007 award it is necessary to report to the Council that there has been no program income generated by the use of these federal funds, they do not anticipate that in the 2009 project either. Neither the Housing Authority as an authority or the town take any piece of income from the grant.

Mr. Prentice said that the work would be rehabbing the entire interior, full-baths, and full kitchens. He referred to the photos of rehabilitation that they have completed with Ulbrich funds to show, as example, what they hope to do with the grant money. He hopes that the economy will allow them to do some exterior work – roofs, gutters, siding, doors- to maximize the \$700,000. Chairman Brodinsky added that this project involves 22 buildings, 44 units and that 135 people will benefit. The application, award announcement and bidding processes were discussed. The panel hopes that the approximate start date would be in the spring of 2010.

Attorney Loughlin asked the representatives of the Housing Authority to describe the bidding process, how the money is managed, how the contracts are awarded for a flavor of how the operation will be run.

Mr. Roe said that the town is the applicant, the contractor, and handles and manages all the funds. They utilize the services of a private consultant to make certain that the town and the Housing Authority comply with all HUD and state regulations. He continued that the town controls all disbursements after all parties, the Housing Authority, the consultant, the architect, the contractor and the town, signoff. The consultant and the Housing Authority handle the bidding process for the general contractor.

Ben Martin, Ward Street, asked about energy conservation measures. Mr. Nere said if funds allow, they hope to address window replacement.

Bill Cumerford, 5 Broadview, asked if the consultant, Wagner Associates, oversees the project on behalf of the town. Mr. Roe said that was a fair statement. Mr. Cumerford asked who would make sure that all building codes and inspections are performed, referring to East Side Terrace. They talked about the issuance of building permits and ultimate inspections. Mr. Roe said the contractor is responsible for that to see that proper inspections were being conducted in order for the work to proceed. Mayor Dickinson said that the town does not have liability where inspections are not performed and that the statutes are clear that the obligation on the part of the contractor and the property and the owner to see that the work is done correctly. He said that town inspects but does not warranty or guarantee or accept ultimate liability for whether the work was performed properly. Mr. Cumerford said the money is needed in these buildings but that he would like to have

seen a business plan, or management plan, once the money is put into the buildings, and asked what is the plan that they have to sustain themselves. Mr. Nere addressed Mr. Cumerford's concerns about maintenance, saying that the Housing Authority has a maintenance department that annually inspects the apartments and deals with issues immediately. He said that they have no control over living habits, and when a unit is vacated, it can be left in rough condition. Mr. Nere addressed the building permit question and reported that he spoke with the building department today and has a copy of the file and that the work that was done at East Side Terrace did not require inspection by the building department.

Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, asked about building permits. Chairman Brodinsky said no matter who you are that anything over \$1 requires a building permit. Mayor Dickinson said that was correct. Ms. Trzcinski asked if she could see the building permits. Chairman Brodinsky said that all permits would be in the Building Department for inspection. Ms. Trzcinski asked if the completed work that would be or has been performed for the Housing Authority would not be subject to inspection for approval by the town's Building Department as she is concerned about the safety requirements. Mayor Dickinson said that they are not exempt and that the Building Department would follow its normal procedures and inspect where necessary and would expect that building permits be taken out where required and that they fall under all of the same regulatory and statutory requirements. Mr. Nere said that all of the records are in the Building Department and not in his office.

Bob Hogan, Grieb Road, asked who has inspected this job to see if it measures up to the code. Mr. Nere said that the Building Department was out there one time and that they made a judgment that it was not to inspect simply because it was roofing, sided – it was renovated, and not new construction. He said that he was certain that if the town deemed it necessary that the town would be inspecting. He added that before any payments are released to anyone that the architect has to sign off and it is incumbent upon them that the work has been done properly and according to specifications. Mr. Hogan was not satisfied and thinks that the work has been accepted without any inspection.

Mr. Testa asked which units would be worked on in relation to the grant being discussed this evening. Mr. Nere said that the 2007 grant was for East Side Terrace, an elderly complex, located behind East Center Market. The family, duplex housing units for the current grant application are located on Tremper Drive and Wharton Brook Drive. Mr. Testa asked about the Housing Authority's use of the Community Block Grant as it is determined by the applicant,. He asked about the decision process. Mr. Roe reported that a letter was received from the Housing Authority requesting consideration by the town to make an application for Small City funds, if there was an announcement that Small Cities funds would be available. He said in order to have a project ready to go that an agency, such as the Housing Authority, would already need to begin to prepare documents to scope out the project and going so far as to prepare specifications.

After review of in-house or town projects, the Housing Authority was notified that they could be considered. In January, the town was contacted by Masters Manna expressing their interest in grant funds, so the two concerns attended the EDC orientation session in mid-February. The state announced in late January that funds were available. He said that the town spoke with Masters Manna regarding their project, and ultimately they withdrew as they were not in a position to bring a project forward. The Housing Authority had already hired an architect to begin the plans and specifications for the project. Mr. Roe said that if you wait until the state announces available funds as they did in January then you will not have a project sufficiently developed to meet the application deadline, especially because the guidelines were not made known until March. Mr. Nere added that the Housing Authority pays for the architect. Mr. Roe said that a consultant, which the grant pays for, prepares the application, attends weekly construction meetings, handles Davis Bacon requirements.

Neither the town or the Housing Authority receive any funding.

Mr. Economopoulos was concerned about wet basements at Tremper Drive. Mr. Nere said that unfortunately there are 132 family units and that 35% - 40% get some amount of water and that it has increased since the new development and that this issue will not be addressed by this grant.

Mr. DiNatale wanted to know about the check-list for the 22 buildings/44 units of the work. Mr. Nere said that the list is a wish-list and that \$700,000 doesn't go as far as they would like it to go. He said after inspection of the units, a work list would be drawn up. He said that the initial concerns are kitchens and baths, and secondly roofs and windows, and then depending on remaining funds that siding and sidewalks would be addressed.

Mr. Spiteri made comments regarding the rent. Mr. Nere said that of the 132 moderate housing units, that it is a state program with no rent subsidy. Rent is met by a formula using income with a base rent. Mr. Spiteri asked about security deposits. Mr. Nere said that is based on law of 2-months rent. They next talked about inspection of renovated units after someone moves out and that they are inspected and that they receive a Certificate of Compliance

Rosemary Rascati asked if there was a waiting list who wants this type of housing. She talked with Mr. Nere about inspections. He said that after assessment and renovation, the apartment is inspected. The apartments are not rented without a C of C.

Chairman Brodinsky asked if there is a warrantee from the contractor. Mr. Nere said that the typical warrantee is one year and that it would be in the documents and that is separate from the manufacturer's warranty, for example the roofs that were just done are warranteed for 30 or 40 years. He said that preferably a general contractor is selected through the bidding process, which is handled by Wagner and Associates.

Mr. Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked about the grant submittal and if the application would be available for the public to review.

Ms. Trzcinsky asked about inspections of the work completed with the 2007 grant, who signed off. Mr. Roe said that is not the role of the Building Department. He said that the structure has the architect, the building's owner, the Housing Authority, and the town's consultant based on their visual inspections, the weekly construction meetings making that decision. He continued saying that the Building Department inspects for is more narrowly defined.

Mayor Dickinson said that the confusion is that the role of Peter LeClerc, Housing Enforcement Code, and the Building Department which inspects construction. He said, yes, there must be a C of C, the Housing Code Enforcement, which is part of the Building Department, for anything to be rented. He said that the Building Department inspects certain items in construction but not all items. No party warrants that the work performed has been performed in a proper manner. It is the liability and responsibility of the contractor, and ultimately, the owner of the premises, which in this case would be the Housing Authority. The only party who could provide the "paper" that the work was properly performed would be the contractor or the sub-contractor.

The Public Hearing was closed

7. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Town of Wallingford to make application to the State of Connecticut for Renovation of 44 units at the Wallingford Housing Authority's 22 moderate rental duplexes in an Amount not to exceed \$700,000 and to Authorize the Mayor to execute an Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Town
– Grants Administrator

Mr. Testa made a motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Town of Wallingford to make application to the State of Connecticut for Renovation of 44 units at the Wallingford Housing Authority's 22 moderate, rental duplexes in an Amount not to exceed \$700,000 and to Authorize the Mayor to execute an Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Town as requested by the Grants Administrator. Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors present (9) vote Aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Nere offered his thanks to the Council.

8. Budget Workshop

Chairman Brodinsky began the Budget Workshop by calling Animal Control Officer

Animal Control page 33 – Lisa Seyler, Animal Control Officer

Discussion included expanding the exercise area, enclosing a gas tank, new beds for the dogs, for disinfecting a new washer & dryer, salaries and wages, overtime, training for dangerous situations, step increases, contract negotiations, tuition costs, insurance deductible, vehicles, and the trust fund of the department of \$691,000 were all discussed between the Council and Ms. Seyler.

Chairman Brodinsky talked about the fund of the dog pound, and stated that it is not a trust document, that it is a fund. He asked Mr. Bowes about the balance in the fund. Mr. Bowes responded that it is approximately \$600,000. Chairman Brodinsky said that he reviewed the will of Susan Juul, which bequested \$691,000, and that the provisions of the will say that

“one share to the Town of Wallingford Dog Pound Trust Fund, a fund maintained by the Town of Wallingford, for the benefit of the Wallingford Animal Shelter for the purpose of improving and maintaining the health and well-being of the animals, cats and dogs alike, and for the purpose of improving the physical structures and buildings for the benefit of the animals housed therein.”

He said that is the controlling language that controls that money for the purpose of improving and maintaining the health and well-being of the animals, cats and dogs alike. He said that it seems that there are two line items that would fit pretty squarely within that criteria. One is Purchased Professional Services-Veterinarian (Line 9015) \$13,200 and the Dog Pound Operating Expenses (Line 4100) \$5,400 for a total of \$18,600.

MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion that the Council delete \$18,600 from the Dog Pound (Animal Control) budget, and the idea would be that it would be replaced by an identical amount from the Dog

Pound Fund and that amount would approximate the interest earned on that money, so the principal amount of about \$600,000, if it went down, it wouldn't go down by much. He said that if we use that approach every single year, we would never run out of money, we would always just take the interest or a little bit more than the interest and it would go on forever and ever and ever, for as long as we are around, and there would still be money left over for major capital projects and one was completed 3 or 4 years ago. He said that we are in good shape there. This is the first step of the process, the motion.

He said the he so moves to delete those two line items, seconded by Mr. Testa, keeping in mind that an identical amount so that you are not losing any money through this process. He added that we have to wait until after the Public Hearing, and a full budget is adopted, in order to make everything binding, so some progress needs to be made, and this is the appropriate time to do this here.

Mr. Parisi asked about not losing any money. Chairman Brodinsky said that the next thing would be to appropriate from the Dog Pound Fund an identical amount to replace it. Mr. Parisi said, "Are you sure that we can get into that fund?" Chairman Brodinsky said that he is sure that we can. He said that the language is pretty clear and that in his mind it is clear enough that if someone wanted to bring an action in from of Judge Wright to construe the language of the will, that he doesn't know who or why they would do that but the language couldn't be much clearer and if we couldn't it to maintain the health with veterinarian services and food to keep them alive, then it's hard to see where that language would apply. He acknowledged differences of opinion. He reminded the Council that when the Council discussed to accept this bequest on how to use the money that he, Chairman Brodinsky, raised the issue that we can at least use the interest on it, and there was no objection to that idea. He said that the \$18,600 is not precisely the interest. He discussed annual interest calculations and said that the principle is not used.

Mr. LeTourneau said that is assuming that all of that money is there because some of the funds have been used already by the dog pound. Chairman Brodinsky said that the current balance is in the \$600,000 range. Mr. LeTourneau asked the chairman if he was basing this on \$600,000 on about 2%. Chairman Brodinsky said 2.91%.

Ms. Seyler said that there are projects on what need to be done with the building that would be a gift. She said that she does not see how the interest will always be there if the funds are being used for things that they need done or for special surgeries for animals that would go above and beyond the normal budget. Chairman Brodinsky said that he is glad that we have an animal control officer who is concerned about things like that, and he is glad that she asked that question. He said that with an endowment of about \$650,000, she could do special surgery after special surgery, over and above, and still have money for years and years to come and that taking just the interest leaves the dog pound with over \$600,000, so he doesn't think that she should be concerned that at any time in the foreseeable future she will run so dangerously low that she can't maintain the animals. There's plenty of money to take care of that. He said that families in Wallingford would cry to have this sort of endowment and that as a dog owner he is aware of what it is to care for an animal. He said that this is money that was given to Wallingford, and in his opinion, it was not to collect dust in an account. He said that it was there to begin helping the town and the animals, and that it was very consistent with the intent of the testator, who gave us the gift to provide for veterinarian fees and food.

Mayor Dickinson said that he does not agree with Mr. Brodinsky and that funds of this kind are meant to be used for operating basic costs. He said that in a way the town is acting as trustees over these

funds and using them in a manner that is in harmony with the overall purposes, and clearly the replacement of that dog pound at some point or a roof job and this money provides the funds for that. He said that if we take the interest out every year, it will never grow any large, and we are using that interest for purposes that are basically operating costs. He said that he doesn't think that anyone, who leaves money to a town, especially, is looking for their special request to replace funds that are used for operating purposes. He said that they are looking for extra, nice things for whatever the service might be and his concern is that we are using funds that prevent the principle from growing and ultimately it would not be in harmony with the purposes of someone who would leave, as in this case, to the town.

Chairman Brodinsky said that the \$18,600 could be used for another purpose such as the Wallingford Symphony or fireworks, but that is a discussion for another day, or whatever else we may decide later on in the future but it is \$18,600 that is freed up if it becomes part of the budget.

Ms. Seyler said that if she gives money to organizations and that when she does her intent is for something above and beyond and not when somebody already has. She gives her gift for something extra to give some help. She said that she is with animal lovers all day and she feels that money is for something else, and if that money is eventually used up for all the things that they need for the building and the special surgeries, where one surgery could be \$5,000. She said that they have a leak in the roof; they need painting and that the kennel fronts are antiquated from the original building because only the front of the building was renovated and the back is from the 1960s, so she didn't think that the money would go swiftly. She said that they money that they have set aside for the budget all these years that at some point it would have to be worked back into the budget. She said that from her heart as someone who loves animals and gives to those in need, she wants her donations to be for something extra. Chairman Brodinsky asked if she is worried even with \$650,000 in the bank, even after this, that she won't have that. Ms. Seyler said that she is looking down the road, and not just during her tenure at the animal shelter, and that if someone gives a donation, it is to maintain, they want to maintain for the standard that is above for as many years as that donation will go. She said that she is positive that someone who gives to the betterment of animals would not care about fireworks that they would care about the animals.

Mr. Spiteri asked about the interpretation of the will. Chairman Brodinsky said that what is done in one budget year does not mean that it will be done in another budget year. He said that the black and white answer regarding interpretation of the will is the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Spiteri said that he wants to know the interpretation. They discussed not using the money for leaky roofs. Mr. Spiteri asked how to pursue it, talk to the state? Chairman Brodinsky spoke to the process in an honest dispute where someone would go to probate court and bring an action to interpret the will as to whether the money can be used for a roof or not. There would be a probate decree of that interpretation and that can be appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. They discussed if Mr. Spiteri could go to Judge Wright. Mr. Spiteri stated that he would approve the motion for using the interest for one year.

Mr. Parisi asked if Mr. Brodinsky was saying that Mr. Spiteri could not bring this to Judge Wright. Chairman Brodinsky said no and he would be surprised if Judge Wright would get mixed up in this with out a real. Mr. Parisi asked if we couldn't table this issue to allow Mr. Spiteri the opportunity to carry it forward and see what happens and then act on it.

Chairman Brodinsky explained that the issue is if you ask a probate judge to what happens in a hypothetical situation ...Mr. Spiteri said that the law is built on cases. Chairman Brodinsky mover the motion.

Mr. Parisi moved to table the item to give Councilman Spiteri a short amount of time to clear this up. Mr. LeTourneau seconded.

Mr. Spiteri said that he could deal with the motion as long as it is just for this year. Chairman Brodinsky said that is all that it is. Mr. Spiteri wants it to be taken up again next year.

Mr. Parisi withdrew his motion. Mr. LeTourneau withdrew his second.

Mr. Testa asked how Chairman Brodinsky would achieve the next section. Mr. Brodinsky said that this is a workshop and any vote that the Council takes is subject to a final vote after the public hearing, so that anything that the Council does is guidance only for the night the Council adopts the budget.

RESTATEMENT OF THE MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky repeated the motion that it is to delete the amount of \$13,200 from Line 9015 – Purchased Professional Services – Veterinarian Services and to delete \$5,400 from Line 4100 - Dog Pound Operating Expenses for a total of \$18,600

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky -yes, DiNatale -yes, Economopoulos – yes, Farrell -yes,
LeTourneau -yes, Parisi -no, Rascati -no, Spiteri -yes, Testa -yes
Seven (7) Aye; Two (2) Nay

The motion passed.

MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky moved to appropriate \$18,600 from the Dog Pound Fund, or the Dog Pound Trust Fund, and used for Line 9015 – Purchased Professional Services – Veterinarian Services in the amount of \$13,200 and used for Line from Line 4100 - Dog Pound Operating Expenses in the amount of \$5,400 in regular accounting procedures required to accomplish that result. Mr. Testa seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky - yes, DiNatale -yes, Economopoulos –yes; Farrell -yes,
LeTourneau -yes, Parisi - yes, Rascati -yes, Spiteri -yes, Testa – yes
Nine (9) Aye,

The motion passed.

Mr. DiNatale asked about the department's overtime, and after discussion and speaking with Ms. Seyler on the impact of reducing two lines in her budget to which she was agreeable, he

made a motion to reduce Line 1400-Overtime by \$2,000 and to reduce Line 5700 – Continuing Education by \$1,000. Mr. Parisi seconded. Mr. Parisi asked Ms. Seyler about the use of overtime in the past two years and if there were records to substantiate her budget line for overtime because if they are using it then they would need it.

Mr. Spiteri left the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky - yes, DiNatale -yes, Economopoulos –yes; Farrell -yes, LeTourneau -yes, Parisi - yes, Rascati -yes, Spiteri -absent, Testa – yes
Eight (8) Aye, One (1) absent

[Mr. Economopoulos asked about the telephone line.](#)

Board of Ethics - There was no one in attendance.

Civil Preparedness – Ernest Frattini

Discussion included questions regarding vehicles; insurance; that this department be a separate department by state statute, so, for instance, it cannot be blended into the Fire Department; building and grounds; cell phones; long distance rates; ham radio

Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Borne, Chairman

Erin O’Hare, Environmental Planner

Discussion centered on Line 9000-Purchased Services – Natural Resources budgeted for \$6,000 to be used for development of maps for trails on town-owned, open space property, a thrust of the Conservation Commission. The GPS mapping work has been contracted and is in the process of recommendations for improvements. The Conservation Commission has had requests from the public to map the trails. Mr. Borne said that they have other groups that assist the Conservation Commission that has enable them to reduce Line 9000 to \$6,000 reduced from \$9,000 for the 2009-10 budget.

MOTION

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion to remove \$6,000 from Line 9000 Purchased Services – Natural Resources. Mr. Economopoulos seconded.

Mr. DiNatale asked if they would be willing to compromise understanding that the Commission manages every dollar in light of the volunteer work that is contributed. Mr. Borne said that with no budget that they make no steps forward and that with a reduced budget something can be accomplished with a compromise. Mr. DiNatale asked Mr. LeTourneau if he would accept a compromise.

Mr. LeTourneau stood for his motion.

MOTION

Mr. DiNatale made a motion to amend the motion to reduce Line 9000 from \$6,000 to \$3,000, and Mr. Testa seconded.

Mayor Dickinson said that there should be continued activity of this type (*trail mapping*) on our open space because when there is an absence of personnel on our properties, there is a problem with unlawful activities going on people creating their own trails, using the property in ways that we don't want to see.

Mr. LeTourneau clarified that he is asking for this for only one year. Mr. Borne said that the idea of continuing some work, making some progress, sometimes has a payoff in that there may be a grant available that calls for mapped trail assistance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky - yes, DiNatale -yes, Economopoulos –no; Farrell -no,
LeTourneau -no, Parisi - no, Rascati -no, Spiteri -absent, Testa – no
One (1) Aye; Seven (7) No Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion failed.

The Council returned to vote on the original motion to reduce by \$6,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky –no; DiNatale -no, Economopoulos –yes; Farrell -no,
LeTourneau -yes, Parisi - no, Rascati -no, Spiteri -absent, Testa –no
One (1) Aye; Seven (7) No Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion failed.

MOTION

Mr. DiNatale made a motion to reduce Line 4000 -Office Expenses and Supplies by \$1,500 leaving that line at \$0. Mr. Economopoulos seconded. Ms. O'Hare explained that this budget line is not that same as Inland Wetlands, that they are separate budgets, and therefore, does not duplicate the line item. She said that part of that budget is for the purchase of trees and for property improvement without assistance from the state and is not for the purchase

MOTION

Mr. DiNatale made a motion to reduce Line 4000 -Office Expenses and Supplies by \$1,500 leaving that line at \$0. Mr. Economopoulos seconded.

No comments or questions.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky –no; DiNatale -yes, Economopoulos –yes; Farrell -no,
LeTourneau -no, Parisi - no, Rascati -no, Spiteri -absent, Testa –no
Two (2) Aye; Six (6) No Mr. Parisi voted "no" on this item as he re-entered the room. Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion failed.

**Economic Development – Joseph Mirra
Thomas Collete
Don Roe
Doreen De Sarro**

Discussion covered the following areas-Office Expenses and Supplies; Purchased Professional Services-Marketing; Telephone; Promotional Expenses; reprinting and not redesigning of marketing materials

Program Planning –Don Roe

Discussion included Personnel and the Work Study Program; manager salary; wages and steps; contractual rights; professional services.

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion to eliminate the work-study program. Mr. Economopoulos seconded. Mr. Roe was asked about the impact on his office if the motion were to succeed and remove the program. One of the things Mr. Roe noted was the effect it will have on Central Services and the mailing activities.

RECESS MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky asked for a motion for a recess, which was made by Mr. LeTourneau and seconded by Mr. Testa. The vote of all in attendance (8) was Aye and the Council went into recess at 9:50 P.M.

The Chairman declared the end of the recess at approximately 10:00 P.M.

Mr. Roe said that if the number of students in the work-study program could be left at two (2) but with a reduction in their hours that would give some flexibility for the work that needs to be accomplished that the students do.

Mr. LeTourneau made a new motion to reduce the program to \$6,000 and maintain two employees. Mr. Brodinsky seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky –yes; DiNatale -no, Economopoulos no; Farrell -yes,
LeTourneau -yes, Parisi - yes, Rascati -yes, Spiteri -absent, Testa –yes
Six (6) Aye; Two (2) No Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion passed.

Veterans' Service Center – Robert Messier

Discussion ensued about the operation of the office and its hours.

**Government Television – Don Roe, Program Planer
Scott Hanley, Manager**

Discussion included production, the new system, personnel, tight budget, AT & T UVerse, Line 4000 Office Supplies and what is included in this line, Line 9010 Purchased Services-Engineering –Spec

development and research on equipment

Capital Projects – Practices & Policies Part 1

Chairman Brodinsky referred to the Town Attorney’s memo dated April 3, 2009, regarding the Capital and Non-Recurring account. He said that when money goes into the Cap and Non-Recurring for a project and the project is completed under budget, the excess funding from that project cannot be moved, so if it goes in, you can’t get it out. He asked the Comptroller to provide to the Council a list of what is in the Cap and Non-Recurring. Mayor Dickinson said that the money stays in Cap and Non-Recurring to pay down bonds that are outstanding in Cap and Non-Recurring or to fund projects that require additional funding. Chairman Brodinsky asked if there were any bonds in Cap and Non-Recurring. Mr. Bowes said the last time the town sold bonds for Cap and Non-Recurring in 1999 or in 2000, and there are some bonds that are outstanding and that is about \$500K per year for the next several years in principle and the interest will decline going forward. This is not for projects outside the fund. The Mayor said that the Cap and Non-Recurring account was set up with finds from the Electric Division with the structure to do capital projects. If the funds are moved into the general fund for operational purposes, then project funds will evaporate. Tankwood Road was discussed. Mr. Bowes said that he could create a report that goes back about five years.

- 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

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Testa, 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 as requested by the Mayor. All Councilors present (8) voted Aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion passed, and the Council entered into Executive Session 10:45 P.M.

Chairman Brodinsky declared the Town Council to be back in session at 11:00 P.M.

MOTION

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Testa, to adjourn. All Councilors present (8) voted Aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent.

The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting recorded by Sandra Weekes

Chairman, Mike Brodinsky

Date

Town Clerk, Barbara Kapi

Date