
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9, 2004

6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on March 9, 2004 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman James Vumbaco at 6:35 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn F. Zandri were Councilors Farrell, Knight, Parisi, Spiteri, Testa and Vumbaco. Councilor DiNatale was absent due to illness and Councilors Doherty and Papale were vacationing. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counsel Adam Mantzaris, and Comptroller Joseph Swetcky, Jr. were also in attendance.

BLESSING: A moment of silence was observed in place of the Blessing.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 – No items of correspondence were presented for reading into the record.

ITEM #3 – Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#582-654) Totaling \$22,516.94 – Asst. to the Tax Collector

ITEM #3b Acceptance of Donations to Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee from Friends of the Linear Trail totaling \$1,282.00

ITEM #3c Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$325.00 from Account No. #461-8920-923 Sewer Division to Account No. #461-8970-427 Interest Expense – Roger Dann

ITEM #3d Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$272.00 from Account No. #2030-999-9060 Radio Receiver to Account No. #2030-101-1800 Volunteer Tax Abatement – Fire Chief

ITEM #3e Consider and Approve an Appropriations of Funds in the Amount of \$3,432.00 to Account No. 1050-050-5883 Revenue Highway Safety and Account No. 001-2005-101-1400 Police Overtime – Police Chief

ITEM #3f Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$20,900.00 from Account No. #001-2005-101-1000 Regular Salaries and Wages to Account No.#001-2005-101-1450 – Personnel Director

ITEM #3g SET A PUBLIC HEARING for March 23, 2004 at 7:45 P.M. to Amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of Wallingford Entitled, “Solid Waste” as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee

Note: Due to an oversight regarding the publishing of the legal notice for the hearing date, a new date must be set for 3/23/04

ITEM #3h SET A PUBLIC HEARING for March 23, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. to Amend Chapter 203, Article II, Veterans Tax Exemption as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee

Note: Due to an oversight regarding the publishing of the legal notice for the hearing date, a new date must be set for 3/23/04

Chairman Vumbaco asked that the times set for the PUBLIC HEARINGS in the Consent Agenda be changed to as follows:

ITEM #3g. March 23, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. to Amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of Wallingford Entitled, “Solid Waste”

ITEM #3h March 23, 2004 at 7:15 P.M. to Amend Chapter 203, Article II, Veterans Tax Exemption.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes, motion duly carried

ITEM #5 - Presentation and Acceptance of a Donation from the Wallingford Elks to Holiday for Giving – As Requested by Robert F. Parisi

Mr. Parisi introduced Walter Polnar Exalted Ruler from the Wallingford Elks to give a Presentation and Accept a Donation from the Wallingford Elks to Holiday for Giving. Mr. Walter Polnar: introduced Joe Laughlin and Gene Cladfelter who will be the incoming Ruler of the Elks Lodge. We are very honored as an organization to be able to present a check to Mr. Gray and Mr. Turner in the amount of \$2,850.00. This was a Grant that was available and applied for by our Lodge from the Connecticut State Elks Association, that's 35 Lodges of Elks, 22,000 strong. It's in recognition of the work that Holiday for Giving is done in this community for many years. For the families that they impact, for the kids that have a smile on the face on Christmas morning and they truly make Wallingford a better place to live and our thanks to them. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Parisi added: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would like to just add that last night we received word that the Wallingford Elks Club for the third consecutive year has successfully defended it's Connecticut State ritual championship, which means they'll be going on to the Regional and then hopefully to the National Championship.

Chairman Vumbaco: That's Great Bob. Thank you

ITEM #6 Report out from Timothy Wall, Chief of the North Farms Volunteer Fire Department on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event Scheduled for Friday June 11 – Saturday June 12 at Sheehan High School Track at 3:00 P.M. – Jim Vumbaco

Tim Wall spoke on the Meriden/Wallingford Relay for Life: He introduced Wallingford's Co-Chair Janna Slacher and Co-Chair Julie Good, along with Maureen Franco and Betty Berger who participate in the Meriden/Wallingford Relay. The Relay started with Dr. Klapp in Tacoma, Washington where he did a 24 hr. Rock-a-Thon raising money for the Cancer Society. The event has grown nationwide in many towns and cities across America. The Relay for Life in Meriden/Wallingford first started in 1996, where leadership from Meriden laid great foundation that we spring-boarded to continue to build on today that was headed by Mike Roddy and Dottie Elkin. The question that can be asked is, what is Relay? The American Cancer Relay for Life is a celebration. It's a unique challenge and a fun way to raise money for the awareness of cancer in your community. Relay for Life is a signature activity for the American Cancer Society. It's more than just a fund-raiser. This event brings together families and friends of cancer patients to celebrate those that have survived and also to remember those people that passed-away. Based on the success of the

Meriden/Wallingford Relay the past eight years we would be very fortunate to be nominated for some national awards and that's the purpose of being here tonight.

On my left, is Julie Good to present to Mayor Dickinson the "Heart of Relay Award" possessing a designation to identify and recognize those relay events across the nation that have developed initiative and creative practices supporting both the mission of the American Cancer Society in meeting our 2,015 goals.

Julie Good: At this time I would like to announce into the record and to present the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Award for 2003, "Heart of Relay" Nominee for Meriden/Wallingford Connecticut Relay for Life.

Mayor Dickinson: I accept this award, however, this really is an award to the Wallingford/Meriden Relay for Life Committee. On behalf of you, I am receiving this award. Thank you.

Tim Wall continues: Thank you Mayor. The 2003 Relay for Life of Meriden/Wallingford received a nomination for the Cancer Prevention Message throughout our Wizard of Oz Skits. Last year it was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" to finding a cure for Cancer and joined with Meriden/Wallingford to "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" and for the first time last year Wallingford hosted the event. I must say it was the most successful Meriden/Wallingford event in the eight year history where we grossed and income over \$318,000.00. We had approximately 142 teams participating in the event. The 2003 Relay for Life of Meriden/Wallingford received an Impact Award for our Cancer Prevention Poster contest. The Contest guidelines and winning posters are attached and talks about the young children writing and doing a poster. Tim introduced Janna Slasher to speak.

Janna Slasher: Four children from the Meriden/Wallingford area received this award and they are – Joel Pisani from Holy Trinity School, Brittney Mack from Moran Middle School, Lauren Clark from Rock Hill and Olivia Mitchell from Hanover School in Meriden, Connecticut. These children should be very proud that they did a fine job. This is a National Award and we are very proud of them for their successes. (Applause)
At this time we would like to present this award to Jim Vumbaco. This is the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life Impact Award" presented to Meriden/Wallingford for the 2003 Relay for Life. (Applause)

Chairman Vumbaco: I'll "ditto" what Mayor Dickinson said.

I think this is being accepted for both organizations and the four people that won the awards. On a personal note, as an eight and a half year survivor myself, this is one of the greatest events that I have ever participated in and I've been involved since day one. I encourage everyone in this community and Meriden, along with any of the surrounding communities to support this very important event. Thank you. (Applause)

Tim Wall: Once again, I would like to thank you for the time given to us to come and give this presentation. The 2004 Relay will be held on June 11-12 at Sheehan High School in Wallingford, beginning at 3:00 P.M. As you are aware, it is a 24 hr. Event and we've had tremendous support from various department heads from the Town of Wallingford to make this a successful Event. Thank you.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Waive rule V for the purpose of appointing David May Alternate to Inland Wetlands Committee. Seconded by Mr. Farrell

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Testa: Just for clarification, that would be for a three (3) year term expiring 3/1/2007.

Kathryn F. Zandri, Town Clerk Administered the Oath of Office to David May

(Applause)

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Mr. Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue - I read in the paper about Simpson School. I've noticed over the last couple of weeks there's a lot of activity going on around the school in the form of cars driving in and around. They go as far as to go down Martin Avenue and go into the entrance of Savage Commons. I am very curious as to how secure the school is. I see the fire department there once in a while and I get curious whether there was a break-in, and maybe a fire being started. I know the fire dept. uses it for a training facility for new equipment. Also, the old part of the school that faces Center Street is not a safe street. I heard you had a walk through with some people who may be interested in the building. The floor is not safe. I wouldn't step on the second floor of that building for fear I'd wind-up in the basement. The back part of the school is different because it's newer. My concern is whether you're going to sell it, put it out to a real estate firm or are you going to knock it down. Last week we had a

building committee here for the School Renovation. A lot of their talk was why add four rooms onto Sheehan High School, when if you moved the Board of Education out to another building, you'd have plenty of room. You wouldn't need an addition. Maybe the front part of Simpson School could be knocked down and the back of the school can be used. It's going to cost a lot of money whichever way you do it. but at least we can point to one building in this town and say we made a concerted effort to fix what we own. Our record is not too good because we just abandon buildings.

Chairman Vumbaco stated: Thank you Bob. Just to let you know, I talked to Henry a while ago and I reported at a previous meeting that the building is secured. The building is locked-up as tight as possible. There is some vandalism, but there haven't been any break-ins. I talked to the Fire Chief and he said that when they use it they leave it in the same condition as when they walked into the building which means fully secure. I believe those concerns are taken care of.

Robert Sheehan: The only reason I'm bringing it up is that there are cars going in and out around, and using it as a turn-around. But over the last couple of weeks the traffic has increased where it's not just the normal amount. I live in the neighborhood and as a homeowner it's brought to my attention and I wonder what's going on down there.

Jack Agosta, Church Street, Yalesville – This is budget time. Are we going to receive the budget books so the public can look at them before and not like last year.

Chairman Vumbaco answered: It's my understanding that they will be ready April 2nd. Mayor, around April 2nd?

Mayor Dickinson: The Budget will come out then, but I'm not sure that we will have books then. The books would be probably about a week later. I think this past year the printer had a problem and got delayed beyond the point that we were supposed to get it. I think our contract with the printer requires within a week.

Jack Agosta: What about the audit book. Is that at the Library now?

Mayor Dickinson: Yes, the audit book is there.

Jack Agosta: The audit book from last year. Is that available at the Library like it usually is?

Mayor Dickinson: Yes, it should be at the Library.

Jack Agosta: I have a strange situation. I received a bunch of books from a small town in Connecticut. They have Scully and Wolfe auditors, like we do, Their budget book was available August 8th. The fiscal year is June 30 and that's quite a big difference from what happened to us.

Mayor Dickinson - I don't know how they would have an audit book available August 8th.

Jack Agosta: Their fiscal year ends June 30th., August 8th the report came out. I just got the book.

Mayor Dickinson: There is absolutely no way we can have an audit finished this year on a One Hundred Twelve Million Dollar General Government Budget, plus three Utility Budgets.

Jack Agosta: Several months seems like an awful long time. In the past it was four or five months.

Mayor Dickinson: No, the audit was always finished toward the end of December, and it takes toward the end of October for the Finance Department to have information to give to the auditor.

Mr. Agosta: Maybe because it's such a small town they're budget is smaller and they don't have an electric division or water division. I just thought it was an awful long time, seven months, to come back with a figure for the year. I think it should be a lot sooner than that. But, it's not for me to say. Thank you.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreement for S.C.O.W. Grant of \$26,330.00 as Requested by Donald Roe.

Mr. Knight made a Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreement for S.C.O.W. Grant of \$26,330.00. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Letter read into the minutes by Mr. Knight

Chairman Vumbaco: asked if there were any questions from the Council?

Mr. Testa: Is one motion on the agenda enough to fulfill both items that are spelled out in the letter?

Chairman Vumbaco: answered: We'll be doing a separate Motion on No. #9.

Mr. Testa: I think that was separate. It made it sound like that's separate.

Chairman Vumbaco: No. #9 is to Rescind, and No. #8 is to approve the Resolution.

Mr. Testa stated: I understand that, the letter made it sound like we needed to do two different things, having nothing to do with rescinding the \$10,000.00.

Donald Roe interjected: I think what you might want to consider is a Motion to Approve the Resolution that's attached which empowers us to apply for the Grant to the State and execute an agreement for that. Then, I think a Second Motion would be authorizing the Agreement between the Town and the S.C.O.W. to fulfill the terms that the Grant requires. I think you can do it as two motions. You could also do it as one if you wrapped it that way. But you could do it more easily as two Motions. I'll try to be clearer next time.

Chairman Vumbaco asked: If there were any other questions or comments?

Mayor Dickinson: You don't have to Waive Rule V, it's all the same subject matter. The Agenda doesn't reflect what motions can be made. It's just dealing with what subject or action can be taken. There can be two motions. It doesn't require to waive Rule V.

Chairman Vumbaco: We'll have a Motion to Approve the Resolution as attached to the letter, and the second Motion will be to authorize S.C.O.W as the Agency.

Mr. Testa commented: The first motion is fine. That will take care the first part the way it reads in the letter.

Chairman Vumbaco: Is there any comment from the Public?

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion made by Chairman Vumbaco to Authorize the Mayor to enter in an Agreement with S.C.O.W to be the sole Agency to fulfill all the Terms and Conditions of the Grant. Seconded Mr. Knight.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Rescind \$10,000.00 Transfer of Funds approved for S.C.O.W. at February 10, 2004 Town Council Meeting – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Rescind the \$10,000.00 Transfer of Funds Approved for S.C.O.W. at February 10, 2004 Town Council Meeting – Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to file Application and Execute Assistance Agreement with DECD for \$50,000 Restoration Project for Historic Preservation Trust – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to file Application and Execute Assistance Agreement with DECD for \$50,000 Restoration Project for Historic Preservation Trust, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Letter read into the minutes by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. Farrell Abstained; All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve Authorization of Mayor to Execute a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Historic Preservation Trust Binding the Trust to all the Terms and Conditions required of the Town in the State Assistance Agreement – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve Authorization of Mayor to Execute a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Historic Preservation Trust Binding the Trust to all the Terms and Conditions required of the Town in the State Assistance Agreement, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty, Papale absent. Farrell Abstained; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Proposed Road Name as Requested by Sunwood Development Corporation

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Proposed Road Name as Requested by Sunwood Development Corporation, seconded by Mr. Parisi

Motion made by Mr. Farrell to Propose the road name of Bertini Lane, seconded by Mr. Testa.

Mr. Farrell had stated that it was his understanding that the subdivision maps have already been filed with Bertini Lane and that was one of the names off of our List and it would comply with our procedure.

Mr. Parisi added that the name of Bertini is the name of the first Mayor of the Town of Wallingford and he thought that it was very appropriate and that we support this, this evening.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,000.00 from Account No. #431-8920-923 Water Division to Account No. #431-8640-652 Maintenance of Treatment Equipment – Roger Dann

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,000.00 from Account #431-8920-923 Water Division to Account No.#431-8640-652 Maintenance of Treatment Equipment, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Roger Dann wanted to further state that as he described in his letter, the Water Division had experienced an increased need for repairs to equipment out of the Water Treatment and in order to make sure that there were sufficient funds for the remainder of the year we are requesting the transfer.

Chairman Vumbaco asked: What the reason was for the additional repairs and whether it was something unforeseen at budget time.

Roger Dann answered: I think what we are experiencing now is an on-set of aging in the facility. It's been on line for ten years and it seems that we budget to a high level, but then we experience a few more repairs each year. I'm hopeful as we go along over the next several years we'll plateau at some point. But right now we are still on an increasing experience and still learning what the final amounts need to be there.

Chairman Vumbaco continued: You said you're taking the money from the Radio Communications Survey and the Audit Services area. You're still fulfilling the needs of those two expenses, it's just that you have additional funds set aside for those?

Mr. Dann: That's correct. The Audit Services came in somewhat less than we had previously seen. We are able to accomplish the radio survey, and essentially had no cost so we saved what we had budgeted on that.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$950.00 Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8620-624; \$8,600.00 Operating Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8640-642; \$3,930.00 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. No. #461-8661-673; \$1,030.00 Meter Reading Expense Acct. No.#461-8900-902; \$750.00 Customer Records & Collection Acct. No.#461-8900-903; \$8,580.00 Administrative & General Salaries Acct. No.#461-8920-920 \$1,360.00 Outside Services Acct. No. #461-8920-923 for a Total of \$25,200.00 to Sludge Disposal Acct. No. #461-8640-645

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Transfer Totaling \$25,200.00 to Sludge Disposal. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Letter read into minutes by Mr. Knight.

Mike Spiteri asked: Out of curiosity, is the sludge removed from the plant and stored off to the side and then taken off site? What's the procedure?

Mr. Dann answered: There are actually two flow streams where we remove material. In the head of the facility, the head works, we take out a coarser material that's coming in which we call the grit. That's taken out, continuously put into a dumpster and as necessary that dumpster is taken away for disposal. The bulk of the sludge is accumulated with the processes and then put into a digestion process. The purpose of that is to reduce the volumes that ultimately have to be taken off site. After the sludge is digested, we then dewater it utilizing, we have filter presses so we reduce the level of liquid that has to be taken off site and that is what is ultimately taken away and disposed of. That's the majority of the sludge that is disposed of at the facility.

Chairman Vumbaco: Roger I have a couple of questions about the wastewater. You stated that the normal influent flows have increased. What is causing the increase in the in-flow.

Mr. Dann: It's really rainfall related. If you recall last year and even into the beginning of this year we were experiencing higher than normal rain and our flows tend to rise and fall in relationship to rain events.

Chairman Vumbaco asked: The rain wash-off is getting into the sewer?

Mr. Dann: Even though we are not a combined sanitarium storm sewer system there is still a volume of rainwater which will find it's way in through openings and main holes. Sump pump through fleeters, things like that that still exist in the system and so the greater of volume of rain water wash-off the more solids that are carried into the system.

Chairman Vumbaco: I would be remiss if I didn't ask about the accounts that it's coming from. Is there a reason why these funds are available?

Mr. Dann stated: These are all the accounts that contain labor in our budget. We have had some vacancies during the course of the year and have saved those funds.

Chairman Vumbaco: It's just a favorable variance due to labor not filling certain positions?

Mr. Dann: That's correct.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds Sewer Division in the Amount \$10,800.00 from Account No. #463-9012-392 Transportation Equipment to Account No. #461-8640-645 Sludge Disposal

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,800 to Sludge Disposal, seconded by Mr. Testa.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$460.00 from Acct. No.#2030-999-9006 Furniture; \$988.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9057 Battery Chargers/Cond.; \$12,919.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9067 Replacement Windows; \$745.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9071 Intercom System for a Total of \$15,112.00 to Acct. No. #2030-550-5000 Maintenance of Vehicles –Fire Chief

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Transfer of Funds for a Total of \$15,112.00 to Maintenance of Vehicles Account, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Letter was read into the Minutes by Mr. Knight

Fire Chief Struble made the following comment: As the letter explains, these two events are what put us in this position in March. If you add those two together it's \$17,000/\$18,000.00. Engine #1 was an engine overhaul. We monitor all of our vehicles. This particular vehicle is monitored every 3,000 miles/300 engine hours or 182 days and it goes in for preventative maintenance. Oil samples are grabbed and sent out for testing. In January 2003, those oil samples came back clean and in October of 2003, we started seeing elevations in metals and also silicone, indicating that we were starting to have a problem with the engine. It was sent up to Middletown to Atlantic Detroit and we had an chassis over-haul done which was almost \$12,000.00. The second truck was Ladder #8, which was a \$7,000.00 transmission repair and Public Works was looking at that truck and noticed some behavior differences on the transmission which is an original transmission from 1975. Two hits in one

year,. The highlight on the side where the money is coming from most of those dollar amounts are less than \$1,000.00 and that is a direct result of bidding. The \$12,919.00 we budgeted last year, \$26,000.00, I think it was, for window replacements at the

Yalesville Station and the Central Fire Headquarters. Thirty-One windows at Central Fire Headquarters and Seven large sliding windows at the Yalesville Station. In 2003 or 2002 when we were putting that budget together we solicited quotes from two local vendors. We had prices ranging between \$22,000 and \$26,000 to do all those window replacements. We put that out to bid in the Fall and when the bids came in they ranged from \$12,080 which was the low bid. The high bid was just over \$20,000. I was very skeptical of the \$12,000 bid and didn't know how that was going to be done. We had the factory manufacturer of the windows come in and demonstrate to one of my shift commanders, who has construction experience, that this was indeed a comparable window and met our specifications. That window project was completed about one month ago, to our satisfaction. They came back and did our list and we watched it very closely at that price, and fortunately we got the job done. Otherwise, I think I'd be asking for money outside my budget at this point.

Mr. Knight asked: I know in the budget we are starting to put money aside for replacing Engine #1. What becomes of Engine #1 once you have the money to replace it?

Fire Chief Struble answered: Yes, that's correct. We would hope that this is the third year that we would put money aside and start the project replacing the bid specifications for the next summer. That's a 1995 vehicle, it's 9 years old. Our vehicle replacement calls for us to get 10 to 11 years front line service out of a career engine and between 13 and 15 years front line service out of a volunteer engine. This particular engine is an exact duplicate of the engine that's stationed at Yalesville. Our plan right now is to take the old engine that's at the Cook Hill Station, which is the slowest station and is manned by the Yalesville Volunteers. Move current Engine #1, when the new one comes to the Cook Hill Station. Make the current Cook Hill truck a spare truck so that Yalesville and Cook Hill would have identical vehicles having a one year difference. There's no reason to believe that we wouldn't get a 20 year service life out of the vehicle. It's nine years old now and we expect with this repair that there is no reason we shouldn't get a twenty year service life.

Mr. Knight asked: What did you do when this vehicle was in the shop?

Fire Chief Struble: We maintain one spare pumper as a rotating pumper. Anytime a fire engine comes out of service for preventative maintenance or for repairs that one spare pumper is positioned in its place and we had to do that for the two or three weeks while this was in repair.

Chairman Vumbaco asked: Chief, I have one question that is a procedural one. During your presentation you said that you already incurred this expense prior to the transfer. Did you have money in your account to compensate for this and this is just going to replenish it.

Chief Struble: Yes, as of today's numbers, we are down around \$1,000.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #17 Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CGS
Pertaining to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property – Mayor

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CGS Pertaining to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

Council Entered into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M.

Present in Executive Session were Councilors Farrell until 7:35 P.M., Knight, Parisi, Spiteri, Testa and Chairman Vumbaco. Also present in Executive Session were Attorney Mantzaris, and Mayor Dickinson.

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Exit the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

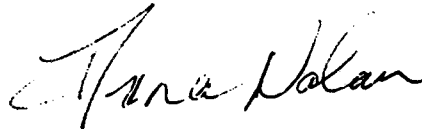
Council exited Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Chairman Vumbaco to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes; motion duly carried.

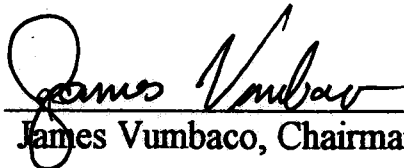
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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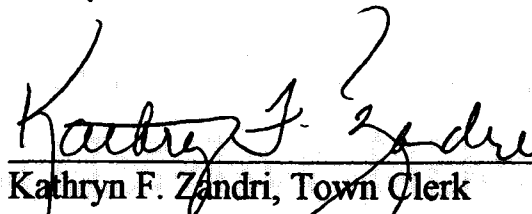
Anna Nolan, Interim Council Secretary

Approved by:



James Vumbaco, Chairman

April 13, 2004
Date



Kathryn F. Zandri, Town Clerk

April 13, 2004
Date

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MARCH 9, 2004

6:30 P.M.

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h. SET A PUBLIC HEARING for March 23, 2004 at 7:15 P.M. to Amend Chapter 203, Article II, Veterans Tax Exemption as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee

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Chairman Vumbaco asked that the times set for the PUBLIC HEARINGS in the Consent Agenda be changed to as follows:

g. March 23, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. to Amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of Wallingford Entitled, "Solid Waste"

h. March 23, 2004 at 7:15 P.M. to Amend Chapter 203, Article II, Veterans Tax Exemption.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes

Motion Passed

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4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – No Items Removed.
 5. Presentation and Acceptance of a Donation from the Wallingford Elks to Holiday for Giving – As Requested by Robert F. Parisi

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Accept/Approve the Donation of \$2,850.00 from the Wallingford Elks to Holiday for Giving.
Seconded by Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Motion Passed

6. Report out from Timothy Wall, Chief of the North Farms Vol. Fire Dept. on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event Scheduled for Friday June 11 – Saturday June 12 at Sheehan High School Track at 3:00 P.M. – Jim Vumbaco

No Action Taken

Motion made by Mr. Knight to WAIVE RULE V for the purpose of appointing David May, Jr. as Alternate to Inland Wetlands, for a Term of 3 Years to Expire 3/1/07. Seconded by Testa

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Motion Passed

Kathryn F. Zandri, Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to David May.

7. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Mayor to execute agreement for S.C.O.W. Grant of \$26,330.00 – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement for S.C.O.W. Grant of \$26,330.00.
Seconded by Mr. Testa.

VOTE: All ayes

Motion Passed

8. Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreement with S.C.O.W. to be the Sole Agency to Fulfill all Terms and Conditions of said Grant. Seconded Farrell

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Motion Passed

9. Rescind \$10,000 Transfer of funds approved for S.C.O.W. at February 10, 2004 Town Council Meeting – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Rescind a \$10,000 Transfer of fFunds approved for S.C.O.W. at the February 10, 2004 Town Council Meeting
Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Motion Passed

10. Consider and Approve A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to file Application and Execute Assistance Agreement with DECD for \$50,000 Restoration Project for Historic Preservation Trust – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to file Application and Execute Assistance Agreement with DECD for a \$50,000 Restoration Project for Historic Preservation Trust. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. Mr. Farrell Abstained. All other ayes

Motion Passed

11. Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Historic Preservation Trust Binding the Trust to all the Terms and Conditions Required of the Town in the State Assistance Agreement – Donald Roe

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Historic Preservation Trust Binding the Trust to all the Terms and Conditions Required of the Town in the State Assistance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Parisi

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. Mr. Farrell Abstained.
All other ayes

Motion Passed

12. Consider and Approve a Proposed Road Name as Requested by Sunwood Development Corporation

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve a Proposed Road Name Requested by Sunwood Development Corporation. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Motion was amended by Mr. Farrell to Propose the Name of Bertini Lane.
Seconded
by Mr. Parisi

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All ayes

Motion Passed

13. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,000.00 from Account No.# 431-8920-923 Water Division to Account No. 431-8640-652 Maintenance of Treatment Equipment – Roger Dann

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,000.00 from Account No. #431-8920-923 Water Division to Account No.#431-8640-652 Maintenance of Treatment Equipment. Seconded by Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All ayes

Motion Passed

14. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$950.00 Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8620-624; \$8,600.00 Operating Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8640-642; \$3,930.00 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. No. #461-8661-673; \$1,030.00 Meter Reading Expense Acct. No. #461-8900-902; \$750.00 Customer Records & Collection Acct. No.#461-8900-903; \$8,580.00 Administrative & General Salaries Acct. No. #461-8920-920; \$1,360.00 Outside Services Acct. No. #461-8920-923 for a Total of \$25,200.00 to Sludge Disposal Acct. No. #461-8640-645

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$950.00 Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8620-624; \$8,600.00 Operating Labor & Expense Acct. No. #461-8640-642; \$3,930.00 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. No. #461-8661-673; \$1,030.00 Meter Reading Expense Acct. No.#461-8900-902; \$750.00 Customer Records & Collection Acct. No.#461-8900-903; \$8,580.00 Administrative & General Salaries Acct. No. #461-8920-920; \$1,360.00 Outside Services Acct. No. #461-8920-923 for a Total of \$25,200.00 to Sludge Disposal Acct. No. #461-8640-645. Seconded by Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All ayes

Motion Passed

15. Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds Sewer Division in the Amount of \$10,800.00 from Account No. #463-9012-392 Transportation Equipment to Account No. #461-8640-645 Sludge Disposal

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Consider and Approve Transfer of Funds Sewer Division in the Amount of \$10,800.00 from Account No. #463-9012-392 Transportation Equipment to Account No. #461-8640-645 Sludge Disposal
Seconded by Testa

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All ayes

Motion Passed

16. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$460.00 from Acct. No.#2030-999-9006 Furniture; \$988.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9057 Battery Chargers/Cond.; \$12,919.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9067 Replacement Windows; \$745.00 from Acct. No. #2030-999-9071 Intercom System for a Total of \$15,112.00 to Acct. No. #2030-550-5000 Maintenance of Vehicles – Fire Chief

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VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All ayes

Motion Passed

17. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CGS pertaining to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CGS Pertaining to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Vote: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Council Entered into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M.

Present in Executive Session were Councilors Farrell until 7:35 P.M. Knight, Parisi, Spiteri, Testa and Chairman Vumbaco. Also present in Executive Session were Attorney Mantzaris, and Mayor Dickinson.

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Exit the Executive Session, Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Vote: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Chairman Vumbaco to Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: DiNatale, Doherty and Papale absent. All other ayes.

Motion Passed

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9, 2004

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
 2. Correspondence
 3. Consent Agenda
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