

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing – Rev. Leonard Williams – Gaylord Hospital

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Correspondence
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
 - b. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor
 - c. Consider and Approve One (1) Merit Increase for Tom Dooley, Director of Parks & Recreation
 - d. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award a Contract to Outdoor Systems in the Amount of \$8,600 to Purchase Billboard Copy and Advertising Space as Part of The Youth & Social Service Department's "Combating Underage Drinking Grant"
 - e. Note for the Record Financial Reports of the Visiting Nurse Association, Wallingford Public Library and Senior Citizen Center
 - f. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds Totaling \$9,004.40 – Tax Collector
 - g. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Agreements Between the State of CT. and Town of Wallingford for Right-of-Way Activities Pertaining to the North Main Street Extension Project – Town Engineer
 - h. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application To the State for a State Drug Enforcement Grant – Mayor

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
6. Consider and Approve Renewing the Personal Property Tax Incentive Program for Manufacturers – Economic Development Commission
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Ins. Acct. #001-8035-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-8035-600-8290 – Personnel Dept.
8. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award a Contract to SIG Arms Academy, Epping, New Hampshire in the Amount of \$10,900 for a Ten Day Training Program for the Department of Police Services' Crisis Management Team
9. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$10,900 from Revenues to Expenditures in the Federal Narcotics Forfeiture Fund Budget of the Dept. of Police Services
10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Release of an Easement Across Land Owned by John and Ann Kranyak and the Building of a Driveway by the Kranyaks On Town Property Contingent Upon Approval from all Town Agencies Including Utilities, Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands – Mayor
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12. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes with Regards to Pending Litigation – Town Attorney
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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and Called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:32 P.M. Councilors Center, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Renda, Zandri and Zappala answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati. Councilor Rys was out of state. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 6:37 P.M. Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also in attendance.

A blessing was bestowed upon the Council by Rev. Leonard Williams of Gaylord Hospital.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 No items of correspondence were forthcoming.

ITEM #3 Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #3b Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor

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Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve Items #3a-c and #3e-h on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

ITEM #3d Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award a Contract to Outdoor Systems in the Amount of \$8,600 to Purchase Billboard Copy and Advertising Space as Part of The Youth & Social Service Department's "Combating Underage Drinking Grant"

Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Zandri stated that he removed this item from the Consent Agenda after reading through the material accompanying the item. An item of this importance needed all the visibility it could get. He asked, what are the goals of the grant and what other methods besides the billboards are you using for this important issue?

Craig Turner, Youth and Social Service Director replied, the goals of the grant are in three areas one of which is law enforcement. That revolves around two particular issues, the first being to combat the sales of alcohol to people who are underage and then to combat the actual possession or consumption of alcohol by underage drinkers. A large portion of the grant is distributed to the Police Department to increase their law enforcement efforts. That involves cops in shops programs, some under-cover sting operations and some educational programming as well. The second component of the grant involves a community collaboration effort and a community awareness program which is the billboards. You will also see us hosting a booth at Celebrate Wallingford to raise community awareness. We will be kicking off the entire "Champions for Youth" program which is what we are calling our initiative for the Town of Wallingford at the Red Ribbon Week media event which is Friday, October 22nd. I encourage any and all of you to try to attend that because it will be right here in Council Chambers at noon. The third component is to increase the youth directly in terms of being involved in the

initiative. We work with the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) groups from the high schools, the students who are on the Mayor's Council, students who are on the Board for Youth, students from the Student Senate, to try to increase their participation not only in the community at large but also at local, state and regional activities so that they can, in turn, represent peers who are opposed to underage drinking. That seems to be something that is lacking from a state wide perspective. We don't care enough about the good kids that are opposed to it that really want to work to have it changed. This year we have seen a significant increase in the number of students who are participating in the S.A.D.D. groups at both schools as well as at Choate Rosemary Hall. The overall goal is to make Wallingford a great place to raise kids and raise a family. Combating underage drinking and combating the use of drugs and tobacco is one critical component that we find increases the likelihood that healthy families stay healthy and can get healthy if they do not use those substances. That is the overall focus of the grant.

Mr. Zandri asked, how much is the total grant and how long is it for?

Mr. Turner answered, our total grant is for \$50,000 and it began April 1st of 1999 and runs through June 30, 2000.

Mr. Zandri asked, is there a possibility to go after other grant dollars along the same lines in the future?

Mr. Turner answered, we are actually in the process right now of submitting an application jointly with the Meriden Wallingford Substance Abuse Council which is a three year grant which is a \$125,000 (max.) per year grant. The focus of that grant is for education, family development, family participation and productive activities. Communication skills, decision-making skills to increase the resiliency skills of those families who participate in the program. It is a large initiative that is being taken by the state in trying to get almost every community who has an interest in promoting it and get on board, an opportunity to do that. We will be, as a community, presenting our strategy at a state-wide conference in November. We are seen as one of the lead communities in the state. We are one of seven communities that received the grant and we have an opportunity to showcase the commitment that Wallingford has to improving the life of the families in the community. We are looking forward to it.

Mr. Zandri asked, on the billboard advertising campaign, is this something that will be scattered throughout the community? How does the game plan work?

Mr. Turner answered, we have identified fifteen sites as billboards that we are going to be using. We will be using three sites per month for ten months so that will be thirty actual postings of billboards over that period of time. The advantage for us being with a municipality is that the cost per billboard to us is \$100 for the space. A normal retail cost would be \$650 per month. It is a tremendous advantage for us. You will see the billboards on Route 71, Route 91, Route 5 and mostly anywhere you see a billboard, you will see our logo and slogans going up.

They will begin in October. That is the plan at this point.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked why Mr. Turner is seeking a waiver of bid?

Mr. Turner explained, there are only two companies who provided the size and services for the billboards we wanted; Gannet Signs is one and Outdoor Systems was the other. Outdoor Systems has an arrangement for a non-profit price for their postings. Gannet did not offer us that. We would have had to pay them approximately \$650 per board, per month in addition to having the paperwork printed for the billboard.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked, is this money just going for billboards?

Mr. Turner replied, the money that we have identified in this bid waiver is strictly for billboard advertising.

Reginald Knight stated, I find it difficult to imagine that putting a billboard up is going to have an effect on underage drinkers any more than the 60 m.p.h. signs have on I-91 and I-95. When you consider the peer pressure from others to drink and the advertisements on T.V. showing the big ball game...the whole message is to get boozed up; New Year's get boozed up; Christmas, get boozed up. The adults are the ones who show no example at all. I think the way to get the young people is to be an example to them; to be a silver person. We have laws in this town that you cannot drink out in the open but Heaven's sake, anyone would have to walk around this town with blinders on not to see the drinking that goes on in the open. I don't think that whether you spent \$8,600 on billboards or \$86 million on billboards that it will have the slightest effect on the ego situation of being a "drinker". The only way it could be would be to punish anyone severely who does and to set a decent example for the younger people. I don't think a billboard is going to do it. You can put billboards on birth control on the wall but it is not going to stop sex from happening. I think this is money that is not going to do any

good. If it were going to do any good, I would say to give you \$8 million, but I don't think it will.

Mr. Turner stated, I won't disagree with anything that you just said. Our billboard campaign is actually directed towards the adult community and not just the kids. It is directed more towards parents and how they raise their children. It is an educational awareness campaign as opposed to targeting the youth and try to get them to change their minds. It has been found that we can't change their minds, you are right about that. It is also just one piece of all the entire grant strategy of which law enforcement is a big piece. We are going to have a conference where we pull about 100 kids out of the two high schools. The focus of that conference is to look at the advertising strategies of the alcohol industry and making them a little more savvy and letting them see how they are being exploited or manipulated through that process in terms of making choices that may appear to be positive and getting them somewhere in terms of success or satisfaction or peer acceptance when, in fact, the end results appear to be very destructive in nature. We are also looking at the Town ordinances and policies in town.

Reginald Knight stated, I believe you are saying this with a true heart, sir, I think you really care but I don't think \$8,600 worth of billboards around this town are going to compete with Madison Avenue's advertising for booze.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Mike Brodinsky, 45 Valley View Drive stated, there is an article in today's paper on the negotiations concerning the Martin Luther King Day problem. With the Chairman's permission I would like to ask the Mayor a question.

Mr. Parisi acknowledged the request.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, Mayor, there was statement in the article which said that there is a proposal that would allow the workers discretion in selecting the investment plan that they wanted for their money. The quote in the paper said, you rejected that because you feared liability. Were you accurately quoted in the paper?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I haven't seen the article and I didn't speak with a reporter on it. There is a 457 Plan that is only available to the Manager's Union, no other unions. The 457 Plan does create liability in the town because the assets

in the plan are listed and controlled by the Town of Wallingford. It is not like a 401k plan. To the extent that errors may be made in investments, I believe there is an exposure for the Town of Wallingford because if we do not advise members who would invest in any given way, if the investments go bad as occurred in California, in Orange County, lawsuits result claiming that there was not adequate explanation and advice regarding the investments. I don't think that was an appropriate exposure for the taxpayers in the community.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, was the jist of the suggestion that some set up be arranged, like many Fortune 500 companies have, where workers can select the investment vehicles? A lot of people are picking their own mutual funds. A lot of Fortune 500 companies have set up ways, legal ways, without liability to the employers. Was this the thrust of the suggestion by the unions to set something up like that?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't believe there is any way to set up something similar to the private sector. I believe the 457 plans are limited to the governmental sector. They're similar to the 401k's, the teachers invest in. In 401k's the plan is owned by the individual and there is no responsibility or overall ownership of the plan by the municipality. That is not true for non-teaching employees and that is where we get into the issues of responsibility on the part of the town to advising people properly on what investment to make. It is not at all like the private sector.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, so there is no public sector retirement fund, there is no municipality, there is no state anywhere in the country where employees are allowed to select their own vehicle, it just can't be done? Is that it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no. I am not representing that. A town can allow that.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, there are ways that it could be done if we have the will to do it?

Mayor Dickinson responded, no. There is no way to do it without liability to the government that I am aware of and that is why I cite Orange County where lawsuits have been brought or settled, or what ever. It certainly can be done but the liability is with the Town of Wallingford, ultimately the taxpayers, regarding the investments of individuals on money that is listed as owned by the Town but, in all actuality, is assets that are deferred income to the employee. There is no like situation in the private sector. I know that some municipalities have implemented the plan and they are willing to, I assume, accept that liability. I don't think it is an appropriate liability.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, this opinion on liability, is that something that you have gotten from a written legal opinion or is this your personal view of the liability?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I researched the matter, I have had discussions with the Town Attorney on it. The plan that we do offer eliminates the exposures. There is a plan that guarantees principal and interest to employees who invest in it. In my opinion, where someone is guaranteed principal and interest, that is absolutely the best plan that can be offered. Does it return as much as everyone would like in the way of interest? Probably not but it is all a question of who is taking the risk and, in this case, I don't believe the taxpayers should have to take the risk for poor investments.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, so we do not have a written legal opinion, is that true?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't know whether we have a written legal opinion. The Town Attorney was directly involved in setting up the plan. The Town Attorney, in my conversations, was in full agreement over the inappropriateness of the Town accepting additional liability.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, which Town Attorney was that?

Mayor Dickinson answered, Janis Small.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, so it is her legal opinion that there is no way that this can be done? Is that true?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no one has said....you keep saying there is no way this can be done. You have to put more meaning around that phrase. There are ways to do it however the question is, how much liability should be accepted by the Town of Wallingford, ultimately the taxpayers. There are ways to accomplish it, but in our opinion there is no way to limit the liability other than the way we chose, which is to not allow.....

Mr. Brodinsky asked, was it her legal opinion that if it is done properly, the way other public sector plans are set up, is it her opinion that liability is inevitable? There is no way of avoiding liability, is that her opinion?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I am not going to put...reflect what the Town Attorney believes on it. My conversations with her, my reading of the Statute, my knowledge of what has occurred in other places lead me to the conclusion that it is an inappropriate exposure of liability to the Town of Wallingford.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated that he had obtained copies of the Visiting Nurses' Association, Wlfd. Library Association and Committee on Aging's financial statements. The Town contributes about \$2.4 million to the three entities, in total and all three reports are different in format, in the terms they use; in fact, in one of them the term "budget balance" rears its head. He asked, why don't we insist upon uniformity in reporting to the town for all these agencies that get support from us? In Mr. Wright's opinion that the reports should be in simple reporting fashion so that any taxpayer obtaining a copy could easily understand them.

Thomas Myers, Comptroller, explained, aside from the format and terms being slightly different, the basic financial information is the same. There are not exact similarities between what the VNA, Library and Committee on Aging does. Although the VNA conforms to accounting principles, they have certain formats that they have to follow for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement from the state and federal governments. I don't see a problem with the information and the way they present it. The agencies are independently incorporated. They report to us based on our request to them. I don't believe that we would have any legal authority to demand a report or account one way or the other. We don't sign their checks or keep their accounting records. We do not monitor their expenditures or revenues other than through financial statements. They have their own Board of Governors and officers, all three of them.

Mr. Wright's point was, there is no way one can look at the three different reports and say that the organization is doing good or poorly. In some cases they don't indicate how they are doing year to date. It may fill the bill of generally accepted accounting principles as applied to municipal government and funds of this nature but it doesn't tell the average person whether they are doing well or poorly.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated, back on April 20th at the Budget Hearing you, Mr. Chairman, stated that there would be a new sound system installed by Public Works. Did it survive?

Mr. Parisi answered, it is in the budget but it has not be implemented yet, no.

Mr. Lube asked, is it going to go out to bid before your term expires?

Mr. Parisi answered, I would see if I can get it to, yes. Thank you for reminding me.

Mr. Lubee continued, at the April 20th Budget Hearing I suggested that a projection and screen would greatly improve presentations to the Council as well as to other Town departments who use the room. You, Mr. Chairman, thought that was not a bad idea; did that survive?

Mr. Parisi answered, no, I don't believe the screen survived. Perhaps a portable one might be feasible.

Mr. Lubee pointed out a logical place to mount the screen in the Council Chambers for easy viewing to all.

Mr. Parisi replied, there are portable units that can be set up that are adequate.

Mr. Lubee (jokingly) suggested hanging a sheet. On a separate matter, Mr. Lubee stated, this past Spring a representative from CCM (CT. Conference of Municipalities) made a presentation to the Town encouraging us to join with another 151 towns who have found membership in the organization to be beneficial. Of the 18 of the 169 towns who don't belong, they are little towns like Union, Sharon, Morris, etc. Who is supposed to initiate Wallingford joining? Who was to follow up on that presentation?

Mr. Parisi stated, the Council took a vote on it and it did not pass.

Mr. Lubee asked, we didn't join?

Mr. Parisi answered, no.

Mr. Lubee asked, on February 23rd the Council appropriated \$148,000 to purchase 66 Barnes Industrial Road North for open space and there was an environmental contingency in the contract, if you remember. The Town, as buyer, was authorized to conduct a preliminary phase I at the Town's expense and the report indicated that a Phase II inspection should be done by April 9th, I believe, and it wasn't until June that the Mayor brought in an amended contract for the Council to approve. This darn thing was supposed to close back in April; where do we stand with it, do we know?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the negotiations have not been finalized because of environmental issues. At this point, I don't believe there is a finalized contract.

Mr. Lubee asked, can you please confide in us what the hang-up is in negotiations?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there are environmental concerns that have to be investigated and cleaned up and it is a question of how that is implemented, how the clean-up is paid for, who pays for it and I don't believe there has been an agreement between the parties as of yet.

Mr. Lube asked, we don't want to pay for it and they don't want to pay for it, so it is actually in limbo?

Mayor Dickinson replied, there isn't an agreement; lacking an agreement there is no closing of the purchase.

Mr. Lube asked, when the Council approved the amendment which was to put the burden on them, was it not?; didn't they sign that?

Mayor Dickinson answered, subsequent to that, further environmental concerns arose and so that has derailed the process thus far.

Mr. Lube asked, are you optimistic?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I am not going to hazard a speculation on it.

Mr. Lube asked Councilor Centner, through the Chairman, you made several worthwhile suggestions which you thought would clear up confusion about open space land purchases. You said you would make your proposals at the Council's first September meeting. What happened?

Mr. Centner replied, the newspaper article was not accurate. I mentioned to the reporter that I would discuss it amongst my colleagues. I did not think it required an agenda item. One was better, more accurately describing who comes in and out during executive sessions. I had a conversation with my secretary, Kathy Zandri, about that aspect and the remaining item that was listed in the article; when we have asked the Mayor to examine or start to negotiate any property, just to state that without being specific to the parcel or the property for the public to know that we have asked the Mayor to look into a parcel of property.

Mr. Lube asked, did you discuss this amongst the nine councilmen or the republicans?

Mr. Centner replied, certainly amongst the republicans and some of the democratic councilors. I did not place it on the agenda for public discussion.

Mr. Lubees stated, the paper was under the impression that you intended.....

Mr. Centner replied, the paper was not accurate. I did not suggest to the reporter that I would look for an agenda item.

Mr. Lubees asked, back in February, 1998, at the beginning of the Council's term, John Pettit, (former Record Journal Reporter) quoted you as saying that you did not support the new rules on public speaking which were proposed by Chairman Parisi. If you remember, the new rules muzzled public comment during the Question and Answer period and, if you recall, you did a time study of meeting hours and the impact of what you referred to as "unlimited free speech". Now, two years later, as we approach another election, what is your attitude on this today?

Mr. Centner answered, my position on the public speaking hasn't changed as well as there was a vote taken on the new rules for public speaking which I voted no on. My position has not changed on it, however, I accept the fact that it was voted through and I do attend the public speaking meetings and I do try to comment and give my input whenever the public is speaking to the Council, in general.

Mr. Parisi stated, this is Public Question and Answer Period for generalized questions, not questions about specific councilmen's statements years ago; that is not what this format is and it has never been that way. I would like to stay with generalized governmental questions which is what I believe we have done since we have had public question and answer. And I talked to one of our former chairman on that respect, so. I don't think this is where we ever intended to go with this.

Mr. Lubees stated, unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, if you could give me a reference in your rules, I will follow them but I don't remember that we couldn't speak to our individual representatives. We did not elect you as a group, you know. We elected you individually.

Mr. Parisi answered, the reference is in precedence, that is where it is. The precedence is that this Council has never operated... and I am not going to have it start under my term of Chairman. If someone else.....

Mr. Lubees stated, I am not the first one to ask individual questions.....

Mr. Parisi replied, I know you are not but I am going to start directing this away from that if I can.

Mr. Lubee stated, back in February 1998, it was said that the Council was of the opinion that the Town should have a bona fide arborist. Was it not the Council's impression?

Mr. Zandri replied, yes we did for the trees on Center Street.

Mr. Parisi stated, it was a recommendation.

Mr. Lubee stated, Mr. McCully (Director of Public Works) subsequently described himself as taking on that positional title.

Mr. Parisi explained, he (Mr. McCully) has taken some courses. I don't know the extent, if he is certified or not.

Mayor Dickinson stated, he has received certification from the State in it but he did hire and consult with an arborist at that time and received advice regarding the trees.

Mr. Lubee stated, at the time, Mr. McCully admitted to having inability to pass the State exam for the arborist license due to some scientific technologies in the third phase of the exam. I wondered if, in view of the fact that he is now the Town Arborist, and has answered questions in that regard for other departments, I wonder if the Personnel Department had modified his job description to include the duties of the Town Arborist?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we don't have a Town Arborist. He is certified in the duties of being Tree Warden. An arborist would be, I believe, a different requirement. His duties are of Tree Warden.

Mr. Lubee asked, has the Personnel Director modified his job description to include the duties of a Tree Warden?

Mayor Dickinson answered, they have been his duties as Public Works Director from the time he was appointed. Mr. Deak was Tree Warden prior to that. I don't know, I haven't recently looked at his job description but it is well settled that those are the duties of that position.

Mr. Lubee asked, what are the duties?

Mayor Dickinson replied, that of Tree Warden as set forth, I believe, in the CT. Statutes.

Mr. Lube asked, in the absence of any description, we are going by the State Statutes?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't have the description of his job in front of me, it may be in there but he would be obligated to perform duties as assigned, ultimately by the Mayor's Office. If he is the Tree Warden, his predecessor was the Tree Warden, that is the job he does.

Mr. Lube asked, if they are absent from our personnel job description for the Public Works Director, in their absence, are we able to use the description in the State Statutes?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I suppose we can use any description as long as the duties are performed as outlined in the CT. Statutes.

Mr. Lube stated, which they are.

Mr. Parisi announced that the Public Question and Answer Period was over at this time.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated, in my opinion, my First Amendment rights have been violated, relative to free speech and the concern of the Town of Wallingford.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve Renewing the Personal Property Tax Incentive Program for Manufacturers – Economic Development Commission

Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

This program was adopted by the Town Council in September of 1993 and readopted on September 23, 1997 (Appendix I).

Mayor Dickinson stated, the interest is to renew the program as it exists. The Economic Development Commission is currently reviewing the program and may suggest changes at a subsequent time. It was felt that it would be good to keep it alive. Just last week we received an application which was signed, ironically, just before the expiration of the time period.

Mr. Zandri asked, do we have any kind of a track record as to whether or not this incentive is working?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't believe there has been a lot of activity in terms of people taking advantage of it. We have had inquiries and we have informed prospective beneficiaries of it but there has not been a lot of use. The most recent one, just before the expiration, that may be the only one where we actually approved an application.

Mr. Zandri stated, the goal was to try and fill some of the vacant structures that we have, is that what the goal was?

Mayor Dickinson stated, that was one of the major purposes.

Mr. Zandri stated, I would hope that when they review this now, if this present plan has not seen much action, they would maybe modify it in such a way that the goal they are trying to achieve is achieved.

Mr. Knight commented, I am not sure we are talking about the same program. This has to do with the assessed value of personal property, not the real property. One of the things that was intended to do for Wallingford to maintain its competitiveness with other communities in the state, this program was something that was the child of a state statute. That is why we took advantage of it after it got written. Other communities in the state also have this program in place and this maintains our competitiveness. If it doesn't, not many have taken advantage of it, at least when we are talking to other communities or corporations that might be moving manufacturing operations into town, that we have this as one of our incentives.

Mr. Zandri replied, I understand we are trying to stay competitive but, I think because in the absence of people looking at this, if we can go one step better than the next community, maybe we will start attracting people because of it.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive stated, I am somewhat confused. Is this an incentive to get a manufacturer to come to this town with his manufacturing process?

Mayor Dickinson answered, either a firm currently in town or possibly a new one would both qualify but definitely a firm that is already in town, that is my understanding.

Reginald Knight asked, when you say personal property are you talking about his house and his car or what ever or are you talking about his production machinery or what?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I think it is limited to manufacturing equipment used in the process of manufacturing.

Reginald Knight stated, the word "personal" is very confusing. "Personal" would sound very much like his home property and vehicles, boats, etc. That is what the average person thinks of as personal property as distinct from what his factory would contain, whether it is machinery or what have you.

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is true. In general, personal property is defined by State Statutes. It deals with business equipment and machinery. I don't think there are any examples where it carries over to residential property. The Comptroller indicates that personal property are the assets ofit would not include his house. Personal property would include the machinery and equipment owned by the business. The building and real estate property would be taxed under the real estate tax.

Reginald Knight asked, in the manufacturing process only?

Mayor Dickinson stated, any business pays a real estate tax to the Town just like every owner of residential property does. The personal property tax is the tax on the office equipment and machinery used in the business.

Reginald Knight asked, in the manufacturing plant? Whether it be office equipment, milling machines, grinders or plating, the tax would be applicable to the manufacturing process.

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is correct.

Reginald Knight asked, don't you think the word "personal" is a little confusing here? Couldn't there be a better way of legally stating that? The average person looking at that would think that the owner of a business who brings the business to town will get a break on his house and car taxes. It should be more clearly stated that it is having to do with the manufacturing process.

Mayor Dickinson agreed but stated, the description, "personal property" is one that the State of Connecticut, State law, defines and utilizes and we are constrained to use that same description.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated, there should be a tax incentive program for homeowners. If you are going to give it to the manufacturer's you should give it to the homeowners for their appliances, furniture, etc.

Mayor Dickinson explained, State Statute limits it to manufacturing companies. I am not aware of any tax relief program that can be applied for by owners of residential property. There are exemptions for veterans and there are exemptions that can be applied for against assessments.

Mr. Melillo was opposed to the incentive program.

Vern Stancuna, 450, 456, 462 & 464, North Colony Road asked, with regards to the tax incentive program for manufacturers, I would agree that manufacturers in this country are having it rough. Considering the value of the dollar, export is down so we have to do something in consideration of the currency, the way it is inflated. "Personal" is a big word, as the gentleman mentioned. That has to be changed. I would like to see that phrase "personal" changed to business property and taxes because this could be distorted, if you know what I mean. My money, which I pay more tax than you, is being thrown out the door.

Mr. Parisi stated,I am on a fixed income.

Mr. Stancuna stated, I checked your property taxes, like you check mine, Mr. Parisi, how your friends are trying to extort me and all that stuff. These crooked Town Council Meetings.....

Mr. Parisi warned Mr. Stancuna that he was bordering on being out of order. He asked Mr. Stancuna to talk about the item.

Mr. Stancuna stated, It smells dirty around here, that is why I am voting for new councilmen, not for you. I agree with the other man, I think we should change the term "personal" to business expense. I would agree that we should give manufacturers tax incentives because of cheaper labor overseas and the increase in the dollar which I mentioned. Exports are down; let's try to keep it in our community.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated, the item on the agenda refers to a renewal. What is the present Personal Property Tax Incentive Program? Does anyone know the details? I imagine there are some key parts that I think would be very meaningful without having to digest the full two pages. The point I am getting at

is, I think it is unfortunate to attempt to discuss the pros and cons of something without any representative from the Economic Development group here to defend the proposal. Can you possibly table it until a representative is here?

Mr. Parisi answered, no. The request is just to keep it in force. The Economic Development Commission is going to review this, perhaps present some changes to it and at that time either accept it or reject it or what ever and then vote on it. All we are doing is keeping it in force until they finish their review of it.

Mr. Lubee stated, then your motion should say that. If you vote to renew it, it could go on for another year. You should be renewing it subject to further review within forty-five days.

Mr. Parisi stated, in essence, that is what their letter says.

Mr. Knight stated, your point that.....it is open-ended at this point.

Mr. Lubee replied, yes, and I don't think it should be.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there is no way of knowing how long it may take them to review, they wanted to get some information from some other program.

Mr. Parisi stated, we could amend or re-state the motion to allow it to stay in existence for a period of two years. I think Mr. Lubee would be happy. If we state it then he will feel better and maybe others, too. That is fine.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the renewal is for two years.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, they should not hold a P.U.C. meeting at the same time a meeting is being held here. We should table this item.

Mr. Parisi replied, that is the meeting rules. I can't help that.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Amend the Renewal Period to Read a Period of Six Months Instead of Two Years, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Zandri stated, this way it will force them to act on it within a six month period.

Mr. Parisi stated, they may not have any action.

Mr. Zandri stated, if they don't, they will have to come back and renew it again.

Mr. Knight commented, it would be only fair that if we are going.....they have requested a renewal period for two years. It seems to me that, if we don't pass it for the two years that they should be given an opportunity to state why it is two years. They may have a purpose for their request.

Mr. Zappala stated, six months is sufficient time for them to review the program and if there is any change to be made, they can make it six months later when they accept the new proposal. Since no one is here right now, I think it is better this way.

Ms. Papale commented, there are other members of the Economic Development Commission; the Vice Chairman could have been here in the Chairman's place. Someone could have been here. They could come back in six months and if they are not ready then we will wait.

Mr. Parisi stated, they requested a two year period; I don't have a problem with it. I don't believe that we should just exert authority over them when, in fact, they have indicated that they are reviewing the program and may suggest changes at a future date.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Rys was absent; Knight & Parisi, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the amendment would mean that they would only be renewed for six months; it would lapse then. It would have to come back and have to be renewed in six months.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-8035-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-8035-600-8290 – Personnel Dept.

Correspondence from Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director, explains how the Unemployment Compensation Acct. has been hit particular hard early in the fiscal year because of two cases which the Town lost on appeal. The two cases account for \$11,325 in costs out of the fiscal year budget of \$13,000.

Since the Town is a reimbursing employer, once a former employee earns ten times his benefit rate with another employer, the Town will be responsible for payment of the unemployment benefit up to 26 weeks. This is the case for individuals who leave Town employment for any reason, including quits and fires.

Mr. Centner asked, do you expect to see any pressure for legislation from the State?

Mr. Sullivan answered, I don't know how other municipalities feel about it but I plan on letting some of my peers know where we stand. We have raised the issue with our area legislators back in 1995 and 1996. Periodically it is brought up and the Mayor hosts a breakfast meeting with the legislators in November of every year. I plan on being there and going on record one more time that it is an issue for the towns. The state's response will be, of course, that we saved a lot of money by not being a taxable employer. We have an exposure here and we should try to limit that as much as possible.

Mr. Centner stated, I agree with you. I would even go just to cover some of the "quits" for the felonious acts that could happen, where we want an employee removed and then to be hit with the unemployment...to me it is an unnecessary burden for us.

Mr. Sullivan stated, if there was some relief in that one category alone, I would be happy.

Mr. Zandri asked, are you anticipating having extra dollars in the Health Insurance account?

Mr. Sullivan answered, yes, due to some unexpected vacancies.

Mr. Knight stated, you have indicated that this problem has been pointed out previously by people in your position. Has any legislation ever been submitted by a State Legislator?

Mr. Sullivan answered, not to my knowledge. The unemployment laws did change years ago and I think our area legislators felt that they put some serious work into that years ago, they put a lot of work into workers compensation and a few other issues that touch municipalities. I think the more it is talked up, the more they will listen and the more heat they get locally, we can make it happen but we have to start talking now if we are going to get anywhere with it. I don't think any legislation has been proposed, not in the last four or five years at least.

Mr. Parisi asked, how long has it been in existence?

Mr. Sullivan was not sure; it has been quite a while.

Mr. Parisi asked, and no one has done anything about it?

Mr. Sullivan answered, the quit and fire laws changed in the 1070s or early 1980s, I believe. Maybe one of the attorneys can help me on that. There are loopholes to every law; this seems to be one of them, in my opinion.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award a Contract to SIG Arms Academy, Epping, New Hampshire in the Amount of \$10,900 for a Ten Day Training Program for the Department of Police Services Crises Management Team

Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Correspondence from Chief of Police Services, Douglas Dortenzio explains how the department has begun to revitalize its Crises Management Team. New personnel have been selected and training is now a necessity.

After reviewing training programs on the eastern seaboard, the most logistically practical and cost-effective program is a ten day course conducted in Epping, New Hampshire by the SIG Arms Academy.

The department will be sending nine employees for a per person tuition expense of approximately \$121. per day. One additional employee may be joining the other nine should a military service commitment be completed, releasing the individual. Staff will be housed on a local military facility to defray the otherwise routine expenses associated with commercial lodging.

Chief Dortenzio is requesting a bid waiver to contract for the training services.

Mr. Centner asked, what are the duties and details of the Crises Management Team?

Chief Dortenzio stated, their interest is in preserving life to the extent that they can freeze a threatening situation and be certain that no additional harm comes to any

individual that might not have already occurred by the time they get in place and get set up.

Ms. Papale stated, I realize how important this team is to the Town. I will support this and the next item on the agenda. Why are you changing the participants who were in this crises management team for so long?

Chief Dortenzio replied, we did not change all of them. Some people have retired with time on the job, some with injuries. Some have expressed an interest in being replaced and I actually asked them to stay with the team for almost a year while we went through the process of identifying new individuals. Others are already eligible for retirement and have been for seven or eight years already. The training and selection curve for people who do this specialty work is extraordinarily long. This ten day program will allow us to become functional but this is not the end by any stretch of the imagination of their instruction. It will probably be ongoing for the next two and one-half years. As I set about revitalizing the team, I had to make some hard decisions about the twelve years of service that some have put in knowing that tomorrow they may be leaving. They also realize, too, that team work is bred by them training as a cohesive unit. This training is pretty grueling; they put in twelve hour days when they are there. It seemed like an appropriate time to thank the employees for twelve years of hard service in some cases and start re-building the team for the next twelve years. It is one of the most rewarding aspects of work. There is no better feeling than saving someone's life.

Ms. Papale stated, I understand there are members of the team that really enjoy being on this team and would have liked to have stayed longer on the team. Maybe, you have to change things because if someone is someplace for too long it is time to rotate. Is it necessary to send these individuals somewhere else to be trained; the people who have been trained for ten or twelve years? Do they have to be state certified every year?

Chief Dortenzio replied yes, but not in this particular work. This work over the years has dramatically changed. You take a look at the events of recent times that have been on television; they are unprecedented. We never had the problems that we had in public schools like Columbine (Colorado) and brokerage firms, even twelve years ago. Twelve years ago when this team was started, if you had projected that those were the types of problems that team members would face today, nobody would believe you. The tools, devices, the training, the instruction to handle the problems has all evolved. Everything that we learned twelve years

ago has essentially been replaced by newer tools, devices, and techniques in order to address issues that no one could have conceived to that day.

Ms. Papale stated, even though this personnel is certified by the State every three years, they would not be in the position to train the new people, is that what you are saying?

Chief Dortenzio stated, this training takes a lot of forms. This program deals with a lot of common techniques dealing with weaponry tactics. A lot of distraction devices, entry teams, chemical agents, electronics; it is pretty all-encompassing, a lot of which, technologically, did not exist twelve years ago, particularly with the advances in electronics. The certification is a state license that all police officers have to have, re-certified each three years but it does not deal with any of this material. It is very generic in nature and basically goes along the line of apprising the workforce of changes in the state penal code brought about by the general assembly; case law that might have come from the second circuit court of appeals to the Supreme Court; first-aid classes, very generic material. Anything that deals with specialty teams or specialty work, not just in this nature but in forensics. We have people that do finger-printing; their whole career path, their training, their certifications are all in addition to that three year certification.

Ms. Papale commented, if I recall, twelve years ago...the Council was told at that time that the request before them that night for the funds to train the team would be a once-in-a-lifetime request. It appears as though this request will be coming before the Council again, in time, due to people retiring or just leaving the force.

Chief Dortenzio answered, it is fair to say the training will be ongoing. There are things that are consumed that we have to replace; virtually all the tools and devices that are used have been changed over the years. Electronics, in this realm of work did not exist, it is very costly. In terms of turnover, I don't know what representations were made twelve years ago when the team was started but clearly, the most important aspect is the employees. While it is a work assignment, I have chosen not to assign people to it who don't want to be there; it is voluntary in that respect. Some people get into the program and find out it is far more hazardous than perhaps they expected. They may feel some pressure from families for assuming risks that they perhaps may not otherwise have to assume. Some get hurt over time and realize that they are not up to the physical demands of specialty work and look to back out. Others retire and leave you short-handed. So for all the reasons that we hire new employees, I don't see this being any different. Over time there will be a constant recycling of personnel that do this sort of work.

Mr. Zandri asked, is there any source of this training in the same proximity or is this the only available trainer?

Chief Dortenzio answered, there are other places we looked at, Washington (D.C.), Virginia, New Hampshire, Florida. We looked at bringing people to us. We would have to pay their air fare, their hotel, their meals, the training costs and there were obligations on our part which we could not meet in that scenario that we needed long distance. A rifle range is basically like a military would use; shooting houses. Some of this work is live fire. This is not just classroom exercise. Some of the instructors that we considered were only prepared to provide classroom and only for five days. If we wanted to get up and running, we would have had to look at a multitude of classes being conducted with a variety of different sources in order to match the same training program that is available to us at this one facility. The proximity of using a military base for housing shaves off a considerable expense. If I had to house ten employees in commercial hotels in Virginia, it would be a substantial price tag just for the housing and then you have got to get them there. If you have to put them on an airplane and fly them to another part of the country, the price tag continues to climb. This was the most cost-effective, comprehensive program that we could come up with of all those that were reviewed by staff. It has been going on for several months since we selected the people.

Mr. Zandri stated, I just wanted to make sure there was nothing else available, locally.

Chief Dortenzio answered, I made inquiries of some of the federal agencies that years ago used to provide this sort of instruction and they are no longer doing it. It is risky work and takes a lot of time and initiative. Some of the federal agencies that used to do it through the federal budget have seen budget cutbacks and there was nothing in this for them, short of being nice guys. They are still nice guys but the budget does not support their continued operation and we have to seek out commercial sources for the same instruction.

Mr. Parisi asked, is SIG Arms a manufacturer?

Chief Dortenzio answered, yes, it is actually the same manufacturer of the handguns that we currently use.

Mr. Parisi asked, have we used this team often?

Chief Dortenzio answered, in the last few years, I want to say four or five times; probably not well-known. You saw that Meriden had an incident in the paper in the wee hours this morning; we had the same individual here, in Wallingford, under similar circumstances on Cheshire Road a few years ago. WE have had some people who have been armed, barricaded in buildings threatening to take their own life, not holding anyone else, and the team has been used along with trained negotiators and those matters have all been successfully resolved. We had an incident a few years ago at a local business where a former employee came back and ran through the building looking for people to shoot and, in the end, took his own life in his office. If there had been other people who had been armed in the building, it takes a few hours to go through a large manufacturing plant looking for victims.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive stated that he was concerned that we have to go to a private company for training that should be facilitated by a governmental agency. He asked, why can't the trainers come here?

Chief Dortenzio reiterated, the program would have to be shorter and would not involve any use of real firearms; it was strictly a classroom lecture. If another person comes from out of state we would have to house them, pay for their airfare, tuition costs, meals, etc. We would have to produce facilities that the trainers could use at our expense. Those facilities could not be secured. We could not produce the facility in Connecticut, needed for the program training. The F.B.I. no longer facilitates the program. They do have the facilities down at Quantico (Virginia) but they do not offer this type of instruction at that facility. They used to do it here, in Connecticut, but as you have seen, the target ranges that we have been talking about are not available in Connecticut.

Reginald Knight asked, are we sending individuals to train on weapons or equipment that we don't have?

Chief Dortenzio replied, we have some of it and they will probably also use and experience a range of tools and devices that they are unfamiliar with. Part of their charge is not only to get up to speed and operational with the devices we own, but to also assess the wide range of devices that are currently on the marketplace and sift out reality from some of the manufacturer's advertising claims so that we can make informed decisions about what sorts of things we might need in the future. Our team is made up of two components, trained hostage negotiators and a S.W.A.T. team, for lack of a better description. This is the weapons section of that mix of two teams.

Reginald Knight asked, so it is weapons and the use of that you are talking about?

Chief Dortenzio answered, yes, weapons, tactics, electronics....the negotiators go to a different school. I don't have the same degree of difficulty finding local resources for their training as you do with this.

Reginald Knight stated, I have stated before that I think the Police should be preventive and I am sure you will agree that you would rather prevent the crime then to go in and arrest someone after they have committed a crime. Would this crises team would be after a situation, like Columbine, or are they being trained to prevent this kind of thing from happening.

Chief Dortenzio answered, they are not trained to prevent that kind of thing. There is no forewarning on incidents like that. It is generally, reactive work to the extent that they are summoned after some of the bloodshed has begun. The real question is whether or not it is going to continue until they stabilize the situation. IN some cases that is providing a barrier between potential victims and a potential gunman so evacuations can be done safely. I refer to the situation as stabilizing it.

Andy Kapi, 14 N. Turnpike Road stated, you have shown us that you have made a good faith effort to economize for the town with the securing of the military housing and I appreciate that. I just wish in other incidences when we do apply the waiver of bid process, that there would be some standards, some due diligence whereby other people coming here asking for a waiver could demonstrate that they have done something or made that effort to secure that economy. I would hope we could hold it as a standard in the future.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked, how much more would it have cost us if we sent the guys or gals first class? What are we really saving by putting them in military barracks?

Chief Dortenzio answered, I can assure you that they are actually looking forward to it.

Mr. Wright asked, they prefer to be in a military barracks?

Chief Dortenzio answered, they are are pretty cohesive unit, they know what they have signed up for, they made the arrangements themselves, I didn't. They looked at a couple of different ways to shave all of the corners on the expenses to make this a viable endeavor. Several of them are in the military, that is how they arrived

at making some of the arrangements that they did. They are looking forward to it, yes.

Mr. Wright stated, we did not want them to think that we were treating them as second-class employees.

Chief Dortenzio stated, we are very proud of them.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that he was amazed that the cost of the program was inexpensive for the amount of people that will be trained. He normally opposes waiving the bidding process but supports this request tonight.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$10,900 from Revenues to Expenditures in the Federal Narcotics Forfeiture Fund Budget of the Dept. of Police Services

Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Withdrawn

ITEM #11 Report Out on the Former Simpson School Building with Regards to the Progress Associated with the Wallingford Housing Authority's Interest in Said Property as Requested by Councilor Geno J. Zandri, Jr.

Mr. Zandri asked, has there been any progress at all with the Housing Authority in relation to Simpson School?

Mayor Dickinson replied, there have been one or two meetings and they are currently involved in discussions with the Department of Economic and Community Development regarding feasibility of a project that would allow the property to be utilized by the Housing Authority. As yet, there is serious interest in it but the feasibility and other aspects have to be worked out. That is as much as I know at this point. I spoke to Steve Nere (Director of the Housing Authority) they had a meeting tonight which is why they are not here. They would like to see that property as part of their area for use as part of the Savage Commons.

Mr. Zandri asked, are we going to give them some sort of a timeframe by which to make a decision? This has been kicked around now for almost a year. I would like to know if there is some sort of a timetable that they can set for us so that we can know whether there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

Mayor Dickinson answered, there is active discussion with the Dept. of Economic Development and until that comes to an end and there is no ability to proceed with that, I think that would be one milestone or a point at which a decision could be made not to have interest. I believe as long as there is the potential for the D.E.C.D. grant, they are going to indicate that they have serious interest. I don't know how to put a timeframe on that.

Mr. Zandri asked, you said they are having a meeting this evening? I would like you, Mayor, to contact them. I will table this for two weeks. I would like you to contact them and have some representative here for our next meeting to report out on what progress they have made, hopefully, this evening. I would like to make that motion.

Mr. Zappala seconded Mr. Zandri's motion to Table.

Mr. Parisi asked, how do you table a report out? It is only a report out.

Mr. Zandri responded, it is an item on the agenda and I am tabling it for two more weeks.

Mr. Parisi asked, why don't you just make a note and re-submit the item? It is not even a motion to table it, that is what I am saying.

Mr. Zandri pointed out once again, it is an item on the agenda.

Mr. Parisi stated, it is not a motion, we only table a motion. Have it put on two weeks later. It accomplishes what you want.

Mr. Zandri withdrew his tabling motion; Mr. Zappala withdrew the second.

ITEM #12 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes with Regards to Pending Litigation – Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session Pursuant to CGS Listed Above, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 8:20 P.M. Present in executive session were: All Councilors (with the exception of Mr. Rys), Mayor Dickinson, Comptroller Thomas Myers, and Asst. Town Atty. Gerald E. Farrell, Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

The Council exited executive session at 8:45 P.M.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Bid at a Foreclosure Auction UP to an Amount Discussed in Executive Session and to Pay all Additional Costs as Ordered by the Court Should the Town's Bid be Accepted – Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

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

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Town Council Secretary

Approved: Robert F. Parisi by RR
Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

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