

- (h) \$ 1,500 from Paramedic Bonus to Ambulance Supplies
- (i) \$ 190 from Radio Pagers, \$250 from Radio Pagers, \$160 from Radio Pagers and \$180 from Radio Pagers, a total of \$ 780 to Building Supplies
- (j) \$ 250 from Hydrocide Coating, \$1,400 from Paving Driveways, \$ 1,650 to Maintenance of Building
- (k) \$ 156 from Scott Air Packs to Building Supplies.2036-400-4260
- (l) \$ 156 from Scott Air Packs to Building Supplies 2037-400-4260
- (m) \$ 250 from Scott Air Packs to Public Fire Safety Education Supplies
- (n) \$ 95 from Electric Range to Misc. Expense/Public Safety
- (o) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Office Supplies
- (p) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Maintenance of Equipment

- Approved a transfer of \$3,000 from Town Insurance to Self Insurance Deductible, Risk Manager. 23
- Approved a transfer of \$1,400 from Assistant Personnel Director-Payroll to Professional Services-Secretarial/Clerical (Ambulance billing.) 23
- WITHDREW acceptance of modified Fact Finding Report for Board of Education Clerical Unit. 24
- Established Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison Committee. 24
- Authorized Council Chairman to appoint Council Members to various Liaison Committees. 24
- Re-established committee to research feasibility of full-time attorney or attorneys for the Town of Wallingford. 24
- Noted for record Town of Wallingford financial statements/12/31/87. 24
- Accepted Town Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 1988, as amended. 25
- Meeting adjourned. 25
- 1/28/88/dbf

Town Council Meeting

January 26, 1988

7:30 p.m.

- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance to flag.
- (2) Public question and answer period.
- (3) Consider confirmation of Mayor Dickinson's appointments to the Board of Ethics.
- (4) Consider appointments to Planning and Zoning.
- (5) Consider what, if any, non-wage benefits are appropriate for the position of Town Clerk.
- (6) Discussion and possible action of extending the use of Room 225 in the Municipal Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for an additional two weeks, if necessary, for a soup kitchen, requested by Councilman Frank C. Adams, Jr.
- (7) PUBLIC HEARING 7:45 p.m. on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, UNREGISTERED, AND/OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS"
- (8) Consider request to change six (6) Laborer positions to Maintainer I and one (1) Working Crew Leader to Maintainer II, requested by Steven L. Deak, Director of Public Works.
- (9) Consider and approve a transfer of \$25,000 from Public Works Wages and \$10,000 from Public Works Wages, a total of \$35,000 to Street Sweeping Contract, requested by Steven L. Deak, Public Works Director.
- (10) Consider and approve a transfer of \$12,000 from Superintendent Salary to Tree Removal, requested by Steven L. Deak, Director of Public Works.

- (11) CORRESPONDENCE: Letter dated January 12, 1988 from former Councilman James A.G. Krupp re CODE OF ETHICS.
- (12) Discussion and possible action on acquisition of Simpson Pond Dam. Consider setting up study group, requested by Councilman David J. Doherty.
- (13) Consider and approve a transfer of \$1,003 from Engineering Wages to Town Engineer, requested by John J. Costello, Town Engineer.
- (14) Progress report from Town Engineer on different phases of work on East Main Street, requested by Councilman David J. Doherty.
- (15) Consider and approve an appropriation of \$839,760 from Unappropriated Cash Balance to Principal Retirements, requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.
- (16) Reconsider vote on waiving bidding procedure to authorize hiring of Traffic Consultant, requested by Councilman Frank C. Adams, Jr.
- (17) Note for the record the financial statements of the Electric, Water & Sewer Divisions for the month ended December 31, 1987.
- (18) Consider and approve a transfer of \$200,000 from Purchased Power to Fuel Expense, Electric Division.
- (19) Discussion and possible action on former Councilman Gouveia's findings on the operation of the Meriden Landfill, requested by Councilman Geno J. Zandri, Jr.
- (20) Consider transfers requested by Jack K. McElfish, Fire Chief:
- (a) \$ 1,600 from Hydrocide Coating-E.W. to Vehicle Maint./Ambulance
  - (b) \$ 7,800 from Repave H.Q. & \$2,600 from Paving E.W., total of \$10,400 to Vehicle Maintenance
  - (c) \$ 500 from Scott Air Packs to Vehicle Maintenance
  - (d) \$ 800 from Scott Air Packs to Vehicle Maintenance
  - (e) \$ 900 from Computer Terminal-Printer to Vehicle Maintenance
  - (f) \$ 500 from Office Partitions to Maintenance of Equipment
  - (g) \$ 4,000 from General Wages to Workers' Compensation Replacement
  - (h) \$ 1,500 from Paramedic Bonus to Ambulance Supplies
  - (i) \$ 190 from Radio Pagers, \$250 from Radio Pagers, \$160 from Radio Pagers and \$180 from Radio Pagers, a total of \$ 780 to Building Supplies
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  - (o) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Office Supplies
  - (p) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Maintenance of Equipment
- (21) Consider and approve a transfer of \$3,000 from Town Insurance to Self Insurance Deductible, requested by Mark Wilson, Risk Manager.
- (22) Consider and approve a transfer of \$1,400 from Assistant Personnel Director-Payroll to Professional Services-Secretarial/Clerical, requested by Stanley A. Seadale, Director of Personnel.
- (23) Consider acceptance of modified Fact Finding Report for Board of Education Clerical Unit, requested by Stanley A. Seadale.
- (24) Consider establishment of Planning and Zoning Liaison Committee.
- (25) Consider authorizing Council Chairman to appoint Council Members to various committees.
- (26) Discussion and possible action to re-establish committee to re-research feasibility of full-time attorneys for the Town of Wallingford, requested by Councilman Frank C. Adams, Jr.
- (27) Note for the record the financial statements of the Town of Wallingford for the month ended December 31, 1987.

(28) Consider acceptance of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 1988.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 1988

7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller, and Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

Public question and answer period.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, explained that he read an article in the Sun newspaper that the Saab Plant in Meriden needs a light at the end of Northrup Road and they want to extend Leigus Road but, the Wallingford Town Engineer does not want to do this now because there is not a lot of development going on there. Mr. Musso disagreed with the Town Engineer. Mr. Musso then asked where the Corporation of Independent Living has 3 houses in Wallingford for the handicapped adults and Linda Bush explained that they already owned 2 homes in Wallingford and they are planning to buy a third. She added that there is a state law that states that we treat a community residence for up to 6 people, as a single family house. There are already 2 in existence, one on Pond Hill Road and one on Cheshire Road.

Ms. Nancy Gerber, 656 Center Street (Silver Pond), explained that she has been active in this community all of her life and added that she has a great interest in Simpson Pond.

Dwayne Braithwaite, 26 Kingsland Avenue, explained that he went down to the PUC meeting the other night and asked a few questions. He asked to have some information on the appraisal that was done on his property and an invoice on that appraisal. He read a portion of the minutes from May 5, 1987 which stated; "Mr. Beaumont moved the power of Attorney Church to hire an appraiser in order to establish the value of the rights of the sewer deeds in West View Hills. Expenditure for this purpose is limited to \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Kovacs and a unanimous positive vote was taken by the Commission." Mr. Braithwaite explained when he received the bill, it said that the research time was \$2,250 and 2 appraisals at \$1,000, for a total of \$3,250, which is more than twice the amount that should have been spent. When I asked who authorized it, they did not know and they did not know that they had only authorized \$1,500. Mr. Braithwaite asked if Attorney Farrell had the power to do this and Mr. Myers stated that he will follow up on this. Mr. Braithwaite added that he was under the impression that anything over \$2,000 should go out to bid and this was overlooked. He added that the invoice was sent to 375 Center Street, which is not the Town Hall, and the FOI statute states that "Such agencies shall keep and maintain all public records in it's custody at the regular office or place of business." The office at 375 Center Street is not a place of business of this Town. Mr. Braithwaite asked if the Mayor or Town Council initiate an investigation to find out how many public records are kept off of the property. Attorney Mantzaris explained that he receives correspondence at his private office that are also town business and he attributes that to the writer's preference and they are delivered to the town office after he receives them at his private office. He added that he will look into this matter.

Mr. Alfred Mueller, 14 Elmwood Road, presented petitions to the Council Members concerning the soup kitchen in Wallingford.

ITEM 3. Consider confirmation of Mayor Dickinson's appointments to the Board of Ethics for the term of January 26, 1988 to December 31, 1989:

James L. Kendall	Janis Small
Rev. Bruce Bunker	Laurie Manke
Charlotte P. Wallace	

Alternates:

Willard Burghoff	Jack Winkleman
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moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 4. Consider appointments to Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to nominate Mr. Piscitelli to the Planning and Zoning Commission to commence on January 26, 1988 and expire on January 26, 1993 (5 year term), seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes commented that he believes that Mr. Piscitelli will do a good job as he did once before and added that he is always willing to lend an ear to anybody that wants to speak or wants him to listen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Doherty made a motion to nominate Ms. Cindy Melvin to the Planning and Zoning Commission to commence on January 26, 1988 and expire on January 8, 1992 (4 year term), seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Doherty stated that it is nice to see someone that is concerned with the over-development in this town, getting onto Planning and Zoning. It has been a long time since we have seen someone that has been up front on the over-development issue in this town, when it comes to the Planning and Zoning Commission and I highly recommend this nomination. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Papale also mentioned that she is happy to have Cindy on board and it is really good to have new people come forth to work on these commissions. These commissions take a lot of time and a lot of work and she is very happy to have Cindy on this board. She has a lot of integrity, she is looking at things in the right way for the Town of Wallingford and being in the real-estate business at one time, she does have the thoughts of the overall health and economic future for the Town of Wallingford.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Adams made a motion to nominate Mr. Dudley Day for the position of alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term commencing on January 26, 1988 and expiring on January 8, 1991, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen commented that Mr. Day is a newcomer and it is nice to see someone new coming in and showing an interest, and welcomed Mr. Day on board.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked all three appointments to stand. (APPLAUSE from audience)

A motion was made by Mr. Parisi to waive the 2 week waiting period, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Doherty commented that based upon the last meeting of the Council that ended at 1:09 a.m., he would hope that they could try to maintain meetings that stick close to the 11:00 p.m. time limit that is set in their rules and suggested that the Council think about the possibility of moving to a consent agenda. He explained that he attended a workshop put on by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and and passed out some information to the Council Members which explains that a consent agenda should contain items that are routine and items that can be voted on in a block (unanimous approval).

Mr. Pat Piscitelli, Mr. Dudley Day and Ms. Cindy Melvin were sworn in by Ms. Kathryn Wall, Town Clerk. (APPLAUSE)

ITEM PUBLIC HEARING 7:45 p.m. on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, UNREGISTERED, AND/OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS"

Mrs. Papale moved and read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, UNREGISTERED, AND/OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council in Session that Ordinance No. 237 "An Ordinance To Provide for the Removal of Abandoned, Unregistered, and/or Inoperable Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts", is amended as follows:

The first paragraph of Section I is amended to read as follows (added language in CAPS):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, UNREGISTERED, AND/OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS"

Pursuant to the authority of Section 14-150a of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, it shall be unlawful to deposit, park, place, permit to remain, store or have abandoned, inoperable or unregistered motor vehicle or part thereof on any property, unless the same be authorized in conjunction with a lawful business thereon or unless the same be in an enclosed building, OR UNLESS THE SAME BE COVERED BY A SELF-CONTAINED PROTECTION COVER MADE OR MANUFACTURED WITH A DOUBLE STITCHED ELASTICIZED HEM TO KEEP IT CONSISTENTLY SNUG AND SECURE UNDER THE BUMPERS AND SIDES OF THE VEHICLE, which motor vehicle or part thereof remains unmoved for thirty (30) days after:

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 237 shall continue in effect.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Ordinance was enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1987, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Wall  
Town Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor of the Town of Wallingford

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Raymond J. Rys, 96 Pierson Drive, pointed out that he noticed that a lot of people in town have been storing unregistered vehicles in their yards. He added that the police are tagging these vehicles and removing them but, one of the problems is, is there going to be any limit?

Mr. Rys explained that he is trying to suggest a limit of cars and perhaps a certain color for the cover mentioned in the ordinance.

Ms. Linda Bush, Town Planner, explained that her office usually gets the initial phone call about junk vehicles and when she read the amendment, she had several concerns, the two that Mr. Rys mentioned

and if the covers were to ever be removed, and what condition the cover has to be in. She believes that the present amendment leaves too many loopholes.

Mr. Musso commented that he agrees with the ordinance and added that there are also a lot of boats in the yards of residents.

Mr. Doherty asked who instigated the amendment and Attorney Mantzaris replied that there were requests made of his office about a year ago, by 2 or 3 citizens who did not have a garage and thought that this might be a way for them to keep a car on their property and thought it was a pretty good idea.

Mayor Dickinson agreed with Mr. Rys's comment about limiting the number of cars.

Mr. Killen suggested that this item be tabled until the Ordinance Committee can take up this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Table item 7, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 5. Consider what, if any, non-wage benefits are appropriate for the position of Town Clerk, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen explained that they have just had a retired Clerk and there is an issue here as to whether or not any benefits should be taken up for 7 vacation days.

Mrs. Papale stated that in a classified position, there would be 14 days of vacation pay for the year and since Mrs. Rascati worked until January 1, 1988, that is a half of a year and that would cut it down to 7 days. She suggested that after this issue is decided, the Council should make a decision for future positions.

Mr. Bradley commented that he was not happy that there was no one there from the Personnel Department to answer their questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Table item 5, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 6. Discussion and possible action of extending the use of Room 225 in the Municipal Building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for an additional two weeks, if necessary, for a soup kitchen, moved by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Bradley.

The following information was passed out to the Council Members:

#### Town Hall Soup Kitchen

The kitchen: January 13th to date

An average of 9-8 adults and children per day have been served meals between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thus, Mayor Dickinson's requirement of at least two clients per day has been met. Several clients reported that soup kitchen meal is their only daily source of food. Leftover food is distributed to clients when they leave.

Clients have helped keep Room 225 immaculate by washing tables and removing garbage.

No violence or other troublesome behavior has occurred.

Several individuals, one restaurant, and one public school have contributed food. Town funds have been expended only for milk and coffee.

Food has been offered by some churches in town. A large supply of food leftover from Holiday for Giving program, stored in two rooms in Town Hall basement, is available to soup kitchen.

Large supplies of donated paper products and plastic utensils are available.

7. Approximately twelve people have helped operate the soup kitchen. More volunteer help is available through local churches.

8. An ad hoc Support the Soup Kitchen Committee has been established in the local church community. It recently circulated petitions in support of a permanent soup kitchen.

9. Support for the kitchen also exists in the Town Council.

Some problems with present location of kitchen in Room 225

1. Continuous inadequacy of facility:

a. No equipment for washing utensils, for storing food, and preparing it.

b. Fear of coming to Town Hall on part of several potential clients.

2. Inadequacies overcome:

a. Inaccessibility of rest room - initially only men's room was available. Mayor Dickinson rectified.

3. Observation of soup kitchen operation by Town Council members has been such that clients stated on several occasions to volunteers that they were uncomfortable.

Future of soup kitchen

1. During last week of this month attendance at soup kitchen may increase due to exhaustion of welfare and social security checks.

2. During holidays attendance also may increase due to children of clients being out of school.

3. State statutes require Wallingford to care for its needy. As such, given the above experience, the town should provide a permanent, central location for its own soup kitchen, thereby not passing its responsibility to another town. Such a kitchen would operate from October through May.

4. Recommended location is town-owned railroad station, which is central, has a kitchenette with a sink, stove, and refrigerator, and rooms, separate from Adult Education, which could be used as dining areas. No conflict with the Adult Ed program, which ends at 11:30 a.m., is foreseen as the the soup kitchen's serving hours could be from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Reverend Williams thanked the Council for taking care of the people of Wallingford for the past two weeks. He announced that they have several churches that are willing to help and give their support. He pointed out that the clients helped clean up and there was no violence or other troublesome behavior, and they have a lot of food that had been donated to them and they had about 12 people helping them (volunteers). What we need is a place to stay, and I think that more people would have come if it was not in Town Hall, and I would like to recommend that the Council approve the use of the Wallingford Railroad Station, which has been checked by the Fire Chief and he stated that it was fine.

Mayor Dickinson commented that he will know in the next couple of days, if there is going to be a church available, but they have to check with their Board Members first.

Reverend Williams commented that he believed it would be better to have this in a non church environment because of the clients and some of the volunteers. People in the past have been threatened by churches in the past.

Mr. Edward Musso suggested that Reverend Williams open up his church to the hungry people. He added that he feels sorry for these people but, they should not be afraid to go anywhere for help.

Ms. Krawczyk vehemently objected to the comments made by Mr. Musso.

Ms. Krawczyk added that she is in favor of using the Railroad Station,

and she has insurance, in effect right now, to cover the people going to the soup kitchen.

Ms. Krawczyk commented that some of the clients were intimidated by the presence of the Council Members and the Mayor and Mr. Killen explained that the Council Members were going to the soup kitchen so they could find out if there was a need.

Mr. Zandri explained that they visited the Railroad Station to see what was available there, and there is a room in the basement that is not being utilized that would be sufficient for this operation. The Fire Marshal checked it out and said that it could accommodate up to 17 people in that one room. There is also a kitchen on the first level that can be used and it has a refrigerator and stove that could be used for preparing food, and added that he thinks the Railroad Station would be a suitable place for the soup kitchen.

Mayor Dickinson asked if anyone had spoken to Mr. Yasensky about using the Railroad Station and Mr. Doherty replied that he had spoken to Mr. Yasensky and he did not see any problems.

Mayor Dickinson commented that the Railroad Station is not constructed for the serving of meals. We have the potential of a structure that does not have to meet a lot of the code requirements. For the past 7 years, churches have hosted this activity, and I don't understand why a church would not be appropriate. (APPLAUSE from the audience)

Mrs. Papale pointed out that they started from nothing and now the Mayor says that in a few days, they may have a church. I feel that this would be the best thing to do. The Railroad Station could run into a few problems. She added that the Council Members and the Mayor were at the soup kitchen out of concern for the people, not being noseey.

Reverend Williams thank the Council Members and the Mayor for their generosity and their concern. They are concerned that they meet all of the peoples needs and some of the people will not enter a church.

Mrs. Papale added that if the people are made to feel welcome, they will enter a church, and Reverend Williams added that in the past, there has been problems with the churches.

Mr. Holmes stated that he resents some of the comments that were made that the Council Members are not concerned, and added that the Government steps in when the private sector fails to provide the needed service, and it is a good idea to have the Mayor explore the possibility of one of the church groups picking up this service, and he supports the motion on the floor to extend the soup kitchen.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the town would have to continue to fund the project, when food is not donated from private sectors. In addition, if a church becomes available, the church would be looking to those who are organizing and administering the soup kitchen now to continue doing so.

Mrs. Barkasy, 139 Ridgetop Road, commented that she would feel uncomfortable eating at the Town Hall, and does not agree with having the soup kitchen at a church.

Mr. Killen pointed out that they are all trying to help these people and should try to work together.

Mr. Edward Makepeace, 50 Washington Place, suggested that the churches should continue to help these people.

Mr. Adams commented that he approves of the soup kitchen being anywhere that it will serve the purpose, and this two week period gives us the opportunity to look at things objectively and come out with the best decision that is possible for these people.

Mr. Parisi pointed out that the Mayor has worked to find another location, and we have been moving forward consistently. We should continue with this for as long as it takes.

A motion was made by Mr. Parisi to call the question, seconded by Mr. Solinsky. WITHDRAWN (see next motion)

Mr. Thomas Zappala commented that he is very please that the Mayor is extending this program for another two weeks.



Mr. Killen pointed out that the problem that they have today is that they have all been going in different ways, and the reason that he thought this should go to the church, is because he thought that the church would show a little bit more heart than government would. If these people were taken care of in a church hall, they might feel that they have a family, and the church would also take care of them on weekends.

A motion was made by Mr. Doherty to amend the original motion to give the Mayor the opportunity to contact that particular church within the next few days and come to some decision, and if they are willing to do it, then that particular soup kitchen be moved there. If not, then on next Monday, after different arrangements are made, the soup kitchen be moved to the Railroad Station, seconded by Mr. Adams. WITHDRAWN (see next motion)

A motion was made by Mr. Doherty to use the Town Hall building for the next two weeks, appropriation of money as is said in the original motion. Within those two weeks, the Mayor should be given the opportunity to obtain the church that he is working with. If not, at the end of the two weeks, we will go for the Railroad Station, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Parisi asked how the liability coverage works and Mr. Zandri explained that the liability coverage will be effective where ever they go.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; all other Council Members voted yes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Parisi to move up item 12, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 12. Discussion and possible action on acquisition of Simpson Pond Dam. Consider setting up study group, consisting of no more than 9 people, making a report available by April 1, 1988, letting Mr. Doherty, the temporary Chairman, establish the Committee with the approval of the Council, moved by Mr. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes asked how acquisition is defined and Mr. Doherty explained that the study committee has to look at all kinds of alternatives, hopefully getting state funds. One of the key ingredients is to sit down with Mr. Carabetta and find out what his plans are.

Mr. Holmes asked Mayor Dickinson what the possibility was of Mr. Carabetta building on that property, if the dam is never improved and Mayor Dickinson replied that it is unlikely, since it is a flood area, and his office and the Town Attorney's Office would do everything to prevent any construction in an area like that.

Mr. Bradley asked Ms. Mushinsky, if it was possible to have DEP come down here and take some core samples and she replied that she would ask them.

Mr. Holmes asked Ms. Mushinsky, what the likelihood of getting funding for a dam from the state was and Ms. Mushinsky replied that the list that the town gave her has about 6 or 8 things on it that require money. Usually, with a list that size, she can get funding for one.

Mr. Peter Hale commented that this afternoon, he had an Engineering Firm look at this matter with him and they said it is one of the necest horizontal arches they have seen around the state and firmly found it on solid rock and taking care of any leakage would be a minima problem.

Mr. Michael Bukus, 56 Constitution Street, volunteered to be on the committee and added that Simpson Pond was one of the attractions that made his family move here 3 years ago.

Mr. Peter Scott commented that everyone in town has enjoyed the pond and he urged the Council to approve the study group.

Ms. Nancy Gerber, Silver Pond, commented that her apartment overlooks the Pond and it was a beautiful spot. She then asked what would happen if Mr. Carabetta did nothing with the storm drains and Mayor Dickinson

explained that most of their streams in town, act as a conduit for storm drains. Ms. Gerber added that there is only a small section of water and nothing adds to that now because the stream does not come up high enough.

Mr. Raymond Rys commented that once the study group is formed, he would hope that they would get together with Mr. Carabetta and find out what they could do to limit any town funds from being utilized in this project.

Mr. Paul Gough, 1 Kingsland Avenue, commented that he agrees with Mr. Rys and added that Mr. Carabetta faces an expense, whether he removes the dam or repairs it.

VOTE: Holmes voted no; all other Council Members voted yes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 8. Consider request to change six (6) Laborer positions to Maintainer I and one (1) working Crew Leader to Maintainer II, request by Steven L. Keak, Public Works Director, moved by Mrs. Papale and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty asked how the snow account was holding up and Mr. Deak explained that they are having no problems on the overtime and they still have funds for the sand, but, in two weeks, he will be back before the Council for \$10,000 for salt because they ran out.

Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Deak how this will affect his labor positions and Mr. Deak explained that there is a minimal difference between the positions.

Mr. Bradley asked what the difference was between the two positions and Mr. Deak replied that it is only .40¢ an hour, and he does not need additional funds. Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Deak if he was going to be maintaining the Working Crew Leader salary and Mr. Deak replied no and explained that the Maintainer II position is a lower salary, and the job specs do not have to be changed.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Deak if this position was being changed because of a job description and Mr. Deak replied yes.

Mr. Solinsky asked Mr. Deak how these positions fit into each other and Mr. Deak gave Mr. Solinsky a diagram of the job positions.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9. Consider and approve a transfer of \$25,000 from Public Works Wages and \$10,000 from Public Works Wages, a total of \$35,000 to Street Sweeping Contract, requested by Steven Deak, Public Works, moved by Mrs. Papale and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale explained that Mr. Deak feels that the sand should be picked up in a short period of time after the weather permits for safety reasons.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Myers if this was a new account and Mr. Myers explained that it is a line item that is established in the system but, it does not show up on the print out because it is at -0- right now. (it was established in 86/87)

Mr. Solinsky asked Mr. Deak if this contract was going to be contracted out again and Mr. Deak replied yes, and added that he would like to put this out to bid tomorrow, which will take care of 3/4 of the town. Mr. Killen asked what the time frame was and Mr. Deak replied, within 3 or 4 weeks.

Mr. Zandri asked why this money was not part of the budget and Mr. Killen explained that he will be voting no to this because he believes it should be an appropriation and added that they did this last year because they received money from the state because of the storm.

Mr. Raymond Rys asked if they are going to utilize the Public Works trucks again and keep the sand and Mr. Deak replied yes.

Mr. Zandri asked if there was a problem with the time frame of the sweeping last year and Mr. Deak explained that there was a problem because they were too late for the bidding process and the contractor that accepted the bid was too late for the time frame period.

Mr. Lonerty asked what would happen if this was not put out to bid and Mr. Deak explained that the town would do it and it would not get done until September.

Mr. Parisi added that if the streets are not done as soon as possible, the sand will fill up the catch basins.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that it would be impossible for the town to take care of this themselves.

Mr. Raymond Rys pointed out that the Council should look at the liability standpoint on the town's part, because the streets will be oversanded.

VOTE: Killen voted no; all other Council Members voted yes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 10. Consider and approve a transfer of \$12,000 from Superintendent Salary to Tree Removal, requested by Steven Deak, Public Works, moved by Mrs. Papale and seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mrs. Papale explained that the additional funds are necessary to award the tree removal bid of \$12,000 to remove 102 trees from Lufberry Park on the Masonic Ave. side.

Mr. Adams asked if it was possible to have people go out and cut trees down and keep the wood and Mr. Deak explained that this side is very dangerous and they have 102 trees, some of which are falling on the Masonic Avenue.

Mr. Bradley asked why 102 trees and Mr. Deak explained that the trees have been marked and counted, and added that he had 3 public bids, the lowest was \$12,000, the next bid is \$18,000 and the third bid is \$18,500. Mr. Deak thinks that \$12,000 is a fair price.

Mr. Bradley asked who would get the wood after they are cut down and Mr. Deak replied that the people would receive the wood.

Mr. Bradley commented that he was just at the park and noticed a lot of garbage on the trails and Mr. Deak explained that last week, they just finished tearing down the caretaker's house, and this time of year makes it very hard to clean up after that. In the Spring, the park is always in excellent shape.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Deak if he could take a look at these trees with his foreman and Mr. Deak replied yes.

Mr. Killen commented that Mr. Deak had \$12,000 left in their budget and Mr. Deak explained that they still have 5 months to go yet.

Mr. Killen asked how long this contract is good for and Mr. Deak explained that this contract is good until February 6, 1988.

Mr. Parisi made a motion to Table item 10, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; all other Council Members voted yes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zandri to move up item 19, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 19. Discussion and possible action on former Councilman Gouveia's findings on the operation of the Meriden Landfill, requested by Councilman Zandri.

A motion was made by Mr. Zandri to have the Town Planner, Linda Bush, instruct her department to look into any zoning violations that have occurred in the Wallingford section of the Meriden Landfill and ask that she issue Cease and Desist orders to halt the operation of that portion of the Meriden Landfill located in Wallingford until ALL proper zoning requirements have been met and a progress report on this issue by the Town Council Meeting of March 8, 1988, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Zandri explained that if you go back to the December 29, 1987 minutes, when Mr. Gouveia made his presentation, he investigated this matter and said that there was construction of buildings on the

Wallingford site, expansion of the landfill on the properties that were purchased by Meriden and there was also a curb cut on Hanover Street. All of these things, to his knowledge, were done without approval. (zoning approval)

Mr. Peter Gouveia, 39 Lincoln Drive, explained that the City of Meriden bought 6 different parcels of land from individual residents in Wallingford, dating back to 1910. Since then, they have changed the use of that land, and they should have come to Planning and Zoning. In 1985, they cut into the curb, they built a driveway to the expanded area of landfill and again, they failed to go to Planning and Zoning, for a permit, and this was after the Planning and Zoning regulations were in effect.

Ms. Bush stated that she disagrees with the comments that Mr. Gouveia made.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi voted no; all other Council Members voted yes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zandri, to have the Town Attorney investigate the possibility of issuing to the City of Meriden, an order to Cease and Desist operation of their landfill on the grounds that it is a public nuisance and a public health threat to Wallingford's valuable water supply and a progress report on this issue by the Town Council Meeting of March 8, 1988, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri explained that at a meeting at Dag Hammarskjold last year, Mary Mushinsky, State Representative, held up a glass of water in front of about 1,000 people and said that the water she was holding was water from those wells and it was polluted and blamed the Meriden Landfill for this, and I think that is grounds enough to pursue this matter. These Oak Street wells, supply Wallingford with 1/4 of their drinking water.

Attorney Mantzaris suggested that this motion should be directed to the Water Division of Wallingford, to initiate some kind of a study. Attorney Mantzaris explained that there were some wells that were polluted, which was water for some 8 or ten homes (about 1 year ago) and at the conclusion of this, DEP said it would be so expensive to trace the source of the pollution.

Mr. Bradley read an article from the Hartford Courant which appeared on January 7, 1988 regarding protected drinking water and how DEP has not been monitoring the landfills.

Attorney Mantzaris stated that if they are going to accuse Meriden, they had better have the facts to back it up, in the event a lawsuit becomes necessary.

Ms. Kathleen Avery, Masonic Avenue, commented that she hopes that all of the Council Members fight very hard to get to the core of who is polluting the water and what pollutants are in the water.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he has an article from the New Haven Register, dated November 19, 1987, which states in part, that the Meriden Landfill is one of the landfills that has been blamed by DEP for polluting ground water in Wallingford. Also, on February 24, 1987, the Town Council appropriated \$40,000 for a study of pollution and pollution abatement at the Oak Street wellfield. The Whitman and Howard study stated that the wells are subject to contamination of organic compounds from the landfill.

Ron Gregory, 59 Hill Avenue, Yalesville said he has been to PUC and Council Meetings for at least 7 years on and off complaining about this problem and the Meriden Landfill may be a factor and he urged that the Council take the bull by the horns and get serious about who or what is causing the pollution in Yalesville and follow Geno's motion if you have something substantive and go after Meriden to offset the cost of the cleanup since they have been trucking in bottled water for 7 years.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court mentioned that experts testified that residue from incinerators would not be a problem; DEP held public hearings and granted permits to allowed incinerators to be built and recently, it was discussed that the ash may not allowed to be dumped in the Meriden Landfill--it must be felt that

this ash will cause problems with the water supply. Mr. Avallone feels that this is an admission that foulers are originating in that landfill and he thinks its a further admission that the ash from these incinerators is a problem.

Paul Gough, 1 Kingsland Avenue is in favor of clean water in town and he felt someone should be sent to Hartford to collect everything the DEP has in its files; the Water Division is in terrible trouble being understaffed and he suggested that the town should hire a consultant to collect samples and preserve its water supply.

Mr. Rys wanted to bring to the Council's attention about his asking the Water Division last year if it were possible that the Oak Street Well could be contaminated from the Meriden Landfill and perhaps from a source up north someplace since this is evidently the way the acquifiers work and there is a good possibility that the contamination isn't only from the Meriden Landfill but also from other sources and he felt a study is necessary before going after the Meriden Landfill.

Dwayne Braithwaite, 26 Kingsland Avenue did not know what the cost of proving this issue would be and he felt that if these wells are indeed a health hazard or a problem, throwing stones at Meriden will not solve the problem but may be a solution to the monetary recovery. Mr. Braithwaite said the solution is to shut the wells done but that can't be done because of pressure problems and that brings you to the reservoir situation and it's time to get serious about this.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Zandri to read his motion again and Attorney Mantzaris did not feel that he could issue a Cease and Desist order without evidence that the Meriden Landfill is polluting Wallingford's water supply. Mr. Zandri wanted the possibility investigated and recommendations made.

Mr. Holmes said this is not a Republican vs. Democrat issue and these accusations cannot be made in court without the goods and you cannot shut down a landfill without absolute proof.

Mr. Doherty said he received a disturbing telephone call tonight about manganese in Yalesville and the party received a letter back from Washington, D.C. Environmental Protection Agency referring to a study done in Japan which show manganese levels one-half of ours causing problems in Japan.

Mr. Bradley commented that nobody wants to live up to what the side effects are and he has made that very well known and it is documented. Manganese is a natural element found in river beds and, depending upon the quantity, it can have different effects.

Mr. Solinsky asked if it were determined that the pollutant is coming from the landfill, how will it get cleaned up? Mr. Killen felt that it would have to be investigated after Adam Mantzaris' report. Mayor Dickinson felt that the issue is to ultimately clear the water of pollutants and that is a \$2,000,000 project which was discussed earlier--\$2,000,000 spent for an airstripping tower and greensand filter and what is being discussed is an effort to identify who is causing the problem and look to recover funds. Mayor Dickinson suggested that it could be a worthwhile effort to recover funds that the town will spend; however, the effort to clean the water is the \$2,000,000 project to put in the filtering and airstripping capabilities and the Mayor wanted this kept in mind. Mayor Dickinson said the Council will probably soon be getting a funding proposal of the \$2,000,000 and that will have to go ahead irrespective of any project regarding identifying the pollutant.

Mr. Gouveia mentioned that Whitman and Howard estimated a cost of \$144,000 for this study but if it is determined that the Meriden Landfill is the culprit and they are allowed to continue, you are just wasting the taxpayers' money.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that ways must be found to overcome the problem since everything cannot be made sterile again with all the trash in the works so filters must be put in to make the water usable.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 11. Mrs. Papale moved to table correspondence: Letter dated January 12, 1988 from former Councilman James A.G. Krupp re CODE OF ETHICS, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 12. See pages 10 and 11.

ITEM 13. Mrs. Papale moved a transfer of \$1,003 from Engineering Wages to Town Engineer, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mrs. Papale read Mr. Seadale's January 14, 1988 letter in this regard. Mr. Bradley asked when the increase would be retroactive to and Mr. Myers explained it would be 1/1/87 and the reason is because prior to this agreement, Mr. Costello had been assigned to the Supervisory Union and now that the state has agreed to exclude him from the union, he would be entitled to the same raise that the other department heads received, a 5% raise.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 14. Mr. Doherty moved to table subject of progress report from Town Engineer on different phases of work on East Main Street, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 17. Mrs. Papale moved an appropriation of \$839,760 from Unappropriated Cash Balance to Principal Retirements A/C 8010-800-8500, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mr. Doherty pointed to the total in column 4, interest of \$752,580 and asked if that represented savings to the town and Mr. Myers said it would have been paid in bond interest had these projects been bonded and this represents savings of three quarters of a million dollars, a fine position to be in. Mr. Holmes added that Mr. Myers is the key to the success of this whole policy and Mr. Myers appreciated the comment and added it was very much a team effort with the Mayor and Town Council.

Mr. Killen commented that he went back to page 117 in his book and some of the figures are being amended and some are not. . . Mr. Myers simply wanted to give the Council updated pages for their book; a change was made in November when he was preparing to sell bonds and this change is being made now. Mr. Myers felt that in putting a package together, it would be far easier to look at this in the regular budget format so it could be related to the original book and that is what those pages represent. Mr. Killen wanted the Council in on decisions of this sort. Mr. Myers appreciates that and went on to explain that what historically happens is that funding ordinances are approved and then he looks to develop financing programs and when funding ordinances are approved, there are three options: bond, pay it in cash or use a combination of cash and bonding. Mr. Myers felt that one of the reasons the town has been very successful over the past several years is because we have always remained flexible and at some point, all the different programs must be drawn so that we may look at the total picture of the Town of Wallingford and where all of these projects are heading and how they should be financed at different periods of time--there is no one plan which is the perfect plan--the key word is flexibility and another key word is to explore all the alternatives and Mr. Myers does not want the Council to think there is one solution--as money becomes available, he would have to exercise his office's responsibility to present alternatives and that is just what this is--one alternative. Mr. Killen said we are faced with whether or not this particular group might want to make this transfer or take the \$839,760 and pay cash toward the \$2,000,000 for the water study--these are the things Mr. Killen would like to investigate and he would like the alternatives to decide. Mr. Myers explained that the \$839,760 to finance these projects in somewhat smaller demoninations, such as the Yalesville Firehouse Station, gives the town added flexibility and increases alternatives for the larger projects such as the wells, new water plant coming up, sizable projects on asbestos removal and handicapped renovations to the school system, some of the measurements used in making these determinations for review with the Mayor. Mr. Myers is willing to share all of this information at any time with the Council. Mr. Myers commented that the amount of debt that the Town of Wallingford currently has, slightly over \$40,000,000; in the next two

to three years, we will be looking at issuing another \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 on top of the \$40,000,000 we now have and the administration of debt, a very specialized area in the municipal finance field, is now consuming the majority of Mr. Myers' time as fiscal officer.

Mr. Killen felt that perhaps there should be a finance liaison committee to sit with Mr. Myers and recognize things. Mayor Dickinson added that another area Mr. Myers has to take into account is federal tax law--to make sure that we don't get into a situation of having to rebate interest to the federal government by making interest on money we borrow and that must be factored in along with all of the other variables. Mr. Myers would welcome input from any available source.

Mr. Zandri asked about the Landfill Closure and Mr. Myers said this was the third phase and bonding has been avoided on the first three phases of this--approximately \$1,500,000, by paying cash for the first three phases and that frees up the town's bonding for projects that are more acceptable to the investment community in New York. Mr. Myers feels that the investment community would be more interested in a water treatment facility than a landfill closure since the former is an asset. Mr. Zandri asked if any of the closure phases are complete and Mr. Myers said Phase I is nearly complete; it had been seeded and there was heavy rain and some washouts and the contractor had to come back to reseed and that didn't take and Mr. Roe and Mr. Deak are working with the contractor to obtain a third seeding.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 16. Mr. Adams moved reconsideration of the vote on waiving the bidding procedure to authorize hiring of a Traffic Consultant, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Adams wanted to bring this item back because he felt there was a little confusion at the last Council Meeting as to the merit of entertaining this request because the possibility of alleviating some of the traffic congestion on Route 5 must be considered.

Mr. Zandri asked if the recommendations made by the state would be reviewed by town officials at all and Miss Bush said they always are but at the moment, we are not in receipt of the state's recommendations; at the present moment, the state is asking the developer for additional background data from which to assemble their list of recommendations and the applicant already knows what some of those road improvements are going to be but an official list of recommendations has not been developed. Miss Bush explained the process which will go on for some time until the state has all the information they feel they need to review it. Mr. Doherty asked where the Traffic Consultant to be hired would jump into this process and Miss Bush said at the very end of the process when the state has all the data and has put together their list of recommendations, to have something specific to work from. Miss Bush presented the Council with a traffic certificate issued to Stop & Shop, a study done by Wilbur Smith taking the certificate looking at the traffic study, reviewed the recommendations and made several additional recommendations to the town. The certificate had already been issued and Miss Bush would like the consultant to review the recommendations prior to the issuance of the certificate--the state issued the certificate before site plan approval was issued and it was denied so all the man hours the state put into the review was wasted time.

Miss Bush said the state is very agreeable to work with municipalities and she has already written them and said the town would like to hire a Traffic Consultant to review recommendations before certificates are issued. Miss Bush has no problems with the state traffic engineers expertise and by spending say \$5,000 to \$7,000 on a traffic study, you could possibly get a \$50,000 road improvement out of it. Mr. Zandri asked if the developer, as part of zoning approval, could be forced to do a traffic study themselves--Miss Bush said they will in the future when the regulations are amended to require anybody who generates 500 vehicle trips per day to do a traffic study.

Mr. Adams felt that the money could be very well spent on road improvements realized. Mrs. Papale felt that a Traffic Consultant would help protect the town and help obtain improvements to which the town is

entitled and she felt this would definitely be worth it.

Mr. Bradley asked if Mr. Costello had comments and Miss Bush said his two main comments had to do with storm water runoffs and a slight jog in the driveway. Miss Bush again pointed out that the state is very agreeable to local municipalities needs when it comes to traffic. Mayor Dickinson said it could turn out that our consultant would say that whatever the state proposed is fine as is and he does not want everyone to think we are guaranteed to get something additional. Mr. Killen asked what local roads would be involved and Miss Bush felt that Route 5 undoubtedly, South Broad Street, Route 68 and local roads leading into that--Circle Drive and the local roads down Route 5, an impact on every road abutting Route 5. Miss Bush understands that traffic studies must be done as far away from the site where their traffic generates at least 100 vehicle trips--they have to study and correct that intersection if it will be negatively impacted. Mr. Killen is concerned about Route 5.

Mayor Dickinson commented that it all comes down to what the state would see as an acceptable level of service and if a level of service can be maintained, at least as is out there, they would deem it acceptable. Mayor Dickinson felt that level of service is the major factor in determining what can or can't go; if a project comes in and a road has a level of service generally at "C" and the applicant can show that he is not going to make it worse than "C" then the chances are that the state will approve it even though it will mean more traffic; it will not improve things but supposedly, they won't get worse. Mayor Dickinson added that the town does not like level "C" as it is but the state would say that as long as it doesn't get worse than level "C" and Mr. Killen said if the cars can't get through now, another 100 cars per hour won't prove a darned thing--they still can't get through.

VOTE: Council Members Adams, Doherty, Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted aye; Messrs. Bradley, Killen and Zandri voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Doherty moved to invoke Rule IV, being 11:00 p.m., he moved to continue this meeting on Thursday, January 28, 1988 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Doherty explained that he was pushing toward a Consent Agenda; Mr. Killen felt that the items moved here tonight are not items which would go on a Consent Agenda since these are items which people wished to speak on.

Mr. Doherty felt that the Council should agree to limit the emotional items to two per night. Mr. Parisi felt that a time limit could be imposed and Mr. Holmes said people would say their rights to speak would be denied. Mr. Killen has been on both sides of the table and you never know when someone has waited all night to speak and that person just might have something worthwhile to say.

Mr. Bradley said everyone has the right to speak--we all recognize that and the recommendation is either to the Consent Agenda or meet every Tuesday and break the items down into financials and others because of the late hour and some agreement must be reached.

Mr. Hacku asked how these agenda items were picked as to who goes first and who goes last and Mr. Killen said it is his prerogative to decide who goes where and it can be moved by a Council member. Mr. Hacku felt it should be first-in, first-out and Mr. Killen asked if the Mayor had a problem with that. Mayor Dickinson said he does not indicate an order but he felt the Council would have a problem because the items that the public wants to discuss are wanted on early which means that the transfers get left until later and that is unfair to the department heads and either way, there is a problem caused.

There was discussion about who could be present for a continuation of this meeting on Thursday and Mayor Dickinson expressed some concern about holding some of these transfers until Thursday.

At this point, Mr. Doherty withdrew his motion on page 19. Mr. Killen asked how the meeting could be continued after the 11:00 p.m. deadline under the Rules of Procedure and Mr. Doherty said it could be continued by taking a vote and defeating his motion on page 19.

VOTE: Council Members Bradley and Doherty voted yes; all other



this meeting until Thursday, January 28, 1988.

ITEM 17. Mrs. Papale moved to note for the record the financial statements of the Electric, Water & Sewer Divisions for the month ended December 31, 1987, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Mr. Bradley voted no; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 18. Mr. Holmes moved a transfer of \$200,000 from Purchased Power to Fuel Expense, Electric Division, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Bradley asked what it cost to run the plant for that period last month and what was the income generated for that period? Mr. Smith commented that it was run this month and 2,016,000 kwh were generated and the cost of fuel oil was about \$142,000, roughly about 7¢ a kwh. Mr. Smith said this is the most generated in any fiscal year in the last 3 years combined and there will be a decrease in the purchased power; it is a coincidence that since this transfer was requested, the Electric Division was requested to generate tomorrow.

Mr. Parisi asked how it's been running and Mr. Smith said there was a problem with Boiler #3 and repairs were being done. Mr. Smith asked Chairman Killen if he could make a comment and he proceeded to comment that the Council came close to cutting off this meeting-- the fifth meeting Mr. Smith has attended this month--two PUC meetings, two Council Meetings and the Planning and Zoning Meeting and after waiting until 11:00 p.m. and then be told there will be a sixth meeting. . .he would appreciate some consideration. Mr. Smith appreciates where Mr. Doherty is coming from and Mr. Doherty explained that it was done in the vein so Mr. Smith could testify earlier and not take up so much of his time on a particular item and perhaps transfers could be handled at one meeting and it could be handled by 9:00 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 20 (a)-(p). Mr. Holmes moved to approve item 20(a) through 20(p) as a consent agenda motion, seconded by Mr. Doherty. (NEW MOTION BELOW)

Mr. Killen said these items would have to be read into the minutes.

Mr. Holmes began to move the items and Mr. Myers suggested simply appending 20(a) through 20(p) to the minutes, to save reading them.

Mr. Parisi moved Fire Department transfers 20(a) through 20(p), appended to these minutes, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes requested a brief synopsis for the transfer request. Chief McElfish said he gave the background on most of the items most of which are for building maintenance and vehicle maintenance where there are shortages because the Mayor and Council was very tight on some of the budget items this year and to continue out the year, the additional money will be needed, to be taken from accounts within the Fire Department budget since money was saved by purchasing a large number of items, such as Scott Air Packs.

Mr. Parisi is concerned about taking the money from Scott Air Packs since, if they were requested during the budget workshops, it was felt they were needed. . .Chief McElfish said the Scott Air Packs were purchased for \$895 but \$1,100 was budgeted for 18. Mr. Parisi asked if they were budgeted high. . .Mr. Killen said the Mayor cut the Air Packs from 20 to 10 and the Fire Department was able to buy the 20 for the same price given for the 10 and Chief McElfish said it was possible.

Mr. Bradley referred to the ambulance repair expensed and Mr. Hacku said that was already paid and Chief McElfish said that was is being requested now is for any emergencies or repairs that will be done between now and July 1.

Mr. Bradley asked if the Mayor was authorized to transfer up to \$200 and the Mayor said only once out of any given account.

Mr. Bradley asked if the repairs were scheduled items and Chief McElfish said they are scheduled and emergency; the preventive maintenance is done twice a year where the mechanic goes from the front to the rear and checks air filters, fuel filters, grease, oil change, etc. and emergency repairs such as radiator, brakes, etc.

Mr. Bradley said we are in the seventh month of a fiscal year and we have items 20(a) through 20(p) here for transfers and it would appear that the vehicle maintenance program is a known item. Chief McElfish said it is not known for breakdowns; it is known that \$250 will be needed for a preventive maintenance checkup but a steering box breakdown is nothing planned and it costs \$800 and emergencies happen and some equipment is up to 18 years old and it takes a lot of maintenance and a lot of care. Mr. Bradley hopes a better estimate can be made during budget workshops to get appropriate funds. Chief McElfish said that what invariably happens is that the Mayor cuts, the Comptroller cuts or has input and the Council cuts and again, items are dropped down. A few years ago, a Council Member took the Fire Department to task because the maintenance was not being accomplished and that has not happened during the last five years and they now have one of the best maintenance programs and apparatus on the street, in top condition and it takes a lot of work and effort on Chief Hacku's part.

Mr. Myers commented that a budget is put together a year ahead of time and priorities change, costs rise, equipment breaks down and there must be a certain amount of flexibility and that is what a transfer is all about--there is no organization that can put together a \$200,000,000 budget, what all the budgets of the town are worth, six months before it takes effect, and operate on that budget for the next twelve month period. Mr. Myers felt that it would seem appropriate that after six or seven months into the period, certain accounts would have to be adjusted and every business or organization goes through this procedure. Mr. Bradley said in this case it is \$40,000 and Mr. Myers said it is \$40,000 out of a Fire Department budget of \$3,200,000 and again, it's some adjustment for planning and some adjustment for the unknown and this is the Chief's attempt to get his accounts in line for what he sees will be his expenditure trends for the period February through June.

Fire Department transfers 20(a) through 20(p):

- (a) \$ 1,600 from Hydrocide Coating-E.W. to Vehicle Maint./Ambulance
- (b) \$ 7,800 from Repave H.Q. & \$2,600 from Paving E.W., total of \$10,400 to Vehicle Maintenance #001-2032-500/5000
- (c) \$ 500 from Scott Air Packs to Vehicle Maintenance 001-2036-500/5000
- (d) \$ 800 from Scott Air Packs to Vehicle Maintenance 001-2037-500/5000
- (e) \$ 900 from Computer Terminal-Printer to Vehicle Maintenance 1-2038-500/5000
- (f) \$ 500 from Office Partitions to Maintenance of Equipment 001-2034-500/5200
- (g) \$ 4,000 from General Wages to Workers' Compensation Replacement
- (h) \$ 1,500 from Paramedic Bonus to Ambulance Supplies 2031-400/4700
- (i) \$ 190 from Radio Pagers, \$250 from Radio Pagers, \$160 from Radio Pagers and \$180 from Radio Pagers, a total of \$ 780 to Building Supplies #2032-400/4260
- (j) \$ 250 from Hydrocide Coating, \$1,400 from Paving Driveways, \$ 1,650 to Maintenance of Building #2032-500/5100
- (k) \$ 156 from Scott Air Packs to Building Supplies.2036-400-4260
- (l) \$ 156 from Scott Air Packs to Building Supplies 2037-400-4260
- (m) \$ 250 from Scott Air Packs to Public Fire Safety Education Supplies #2032-400/4290
- (n) \$ 95 from Electric Range to Misc. Expense/Public Safety 2032-600/6010
- (o) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Office Supplies #2034-400/4000
- (p) \$ 150 from Scott Air Packs to Maintenance of Equipment #2033-500/5200

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 21. Mrs. Papale moved a transfer of \$3,000 from Town Insurance to Self Insurance/Deductible, Risk Manager, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley commented that there was a number transposition in the total expenditures and the total should be \$8,480.94 instead of \$8,840.94. Mr. Killen said there was \$13,295 unencumbered as of the end of the year; Mr. Wilson said the \$9,401.28 was taken as of January and Mr. Killen said he did not have a January accounting, only December. Mr. Killen asked if the cases totalling \$9,401.28 all came to a conclusion at the same time and Mr. Wilson said that we have an agreement with CIGNA that when they settle a claim, the deductible of \$2,500 is paid and that is what is happening; for instance, Vitelli was an \$11,000 settlement with the town paying the first \$2,500.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 22. MRS. Papale moved a transfer of \$1,400 from Assistant Personnel Director-Payroll to Professional Services: Secretarial/Clerical, Personnel Department, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale noted that this is needed to bill the 650 outstanding ambulance service bills; Mr. Wilson said it is four months behind now and it becomes difficult to collect after 90 days. Mayor Dickinson added that it is important to catch up on this since it is a revenue item. Mayor Dickinson commented that the town may be looking to go to an outside service and he will give the Council a report on this, along with Mark Wilson's input. Mr. Zandri asked the reason for the backlog and Mr. Wilson said the staff in his office can only handle the worker's compensation and the risk management portion and the ambulance billing is another function within itself. Mr. Bradley asked how large Mr. Wilson's staff was and Mr. Wilson said he has 1 full time person and 1 part time person who is also involved in doing pensions. Mr. Bradley asked if Mr. Myers had any computer applications for this and Mr. Myers does not. Mayor Dickinson added that Mark is fairly new and the functioning of his position is new and he has delved into areas of a risk manager that haven't been touched previously and the other people in his office are doing things that involve a lot more time and this ambulance billing process is left in the dust.

Mr. Adams asked if there were any consideration to shipping this job to one of the business offices of one of the schools to be done by temporary help by a student which might be a practical application for a career type of focus. Mr. Wilson said he has assistance now by a work study student but their typing is not proficient and the material is a bit confidential and you need someone with some measure of accountability. Mr. Parisi asked who did this function when Charlotte was here and Mr. Myers said the same person who is doing it now, Mrs. Leiss. Mr. Wilson said that 53% of the service calls use the paramedic service and about 25 calls a week are made and it might have been 5, 10 or 15 a week in the beginning. Mr. Myers said the number of calls has grown and yet it continues to be serviced by the same number of people and he felt that an outside firm might be utilized for the billing.

VOTE: Councilman Killen voted no; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 23. Consider acceptance of modified Fact Finding Report for Board of Education Clerical Unit. Mr. Killen understood that the Board of Education did not act on this item and it was therefore WITHDRAWN.

ITEM 24. Mrs. Papale moved to establish a Planning and Zoning Liaison Committee, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mr. Killen felt that everyone was in favor of establishing this liaison committee.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 25. Mrs. Papale moved to authorize Council Chairman to appoint Council Members to various committees, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Killen stated the Board of Education Liaison Committee will consist of Frank C. Adams, Jr., Steven B. Holmes and Geno J. Zandri, Jr. and Mr. Adams was asked to chair it temporarily until the first meeting is called.

Mr. Killen stated that the Merit Review Board will consist of Edward R. Bradley, Iris F. Papale and Robert F. Parisi and Mr. Parisi will chair this and call a meeting to determine if they would like to elect another chairman and what the guidelines will be.

C Liaison Committee will consist of Edward R. Bradley, Steven B. Holmes, Iris F. Papale and Thomas D. Solinsky and Iris was asked to chair this committee and set up the proper procedure.

Ordinance Committee will consist of David J. Doherty, Thomas D. Solinsky and Geno J. Zandri, Jr. and Mr. Zandri will chair it.

Planning and Zoning Liaison will be Frank C. Adams, Jr., David J. Doherty and Robert F. Parisi and Mr. Doherty will chair this committee.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 26. Mrs. Papale moved to re-establish committee to research feasibility of full-time attorneys for the Town of Wallingford, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Adams felt with a new Council and with Attorney Mantzaris a member of the Town Attorney's Office, it might be construed as a conflict of interest but he did want to thank Adam for the work he did in getting information from area towns of a similar size as Wallingford. Mr. Adams proposed a 5 member committee to consist of: Frank C. Adams, Jr., Mary Beth Applegate, David J. Doherty, Steven B. Holmes and Attorney Theodore Lendler and this committee will look into the hiring of a full-time attorney or attorneys for the Town of Wallingford and the first meeting will be held prior to a Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 27. Mr. Holmes moved to note for the record the financial statements of the Town of Wallingford for the month ended December 31, 1987, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 28. Consider acceptance of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 1988. Mr. Bradley had a few comments: Page 15, Item 15. It was noted that there was no second to the motion. Mr. Killen commented that \$75,000 was approved via the telephone prior to the meeting and the transfer was voted in two parts. Mayor Dickinson noted that the account numbers were listed and it appeared to him that the transfer as prepared but the \$200,000 should have been voted just as it was as a transfer instead of splitting it. Mayor Dickinson said the telephone poll did not mention a dollar figure since the amounts had not been determined at that time.

Mr. Bradley referred to the Executive Session on page 26 and felt that the F.O.I. Regulation should be noted in the minutes when going into Executive Session.

Mr. Doherty moved acceptance of the Town Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 1988, as amended, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Council Members Killen and Papale passed; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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Albert E. Killen, Council Chairman

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