

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 24, 1990

7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$4,000 from Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 Contingency - Reserve for Emergency to Acct. #001-1300-400-4181 Printing - L.E.P.C. Brochure - Program Planner's Office.
3. Consider and Approve a Transfer totaling \$1,000 from Acct. #001-1400-999-9901 P.C. Printer, \$300.00, and from Acct. #001-1400-200-2000 Telephone, \$700.00 to Acct. #001-1430-999-9904 Revaluation Project Funding Year 2 of 4 - Comptroller's Office.
4. Consider and Approve Transfers within the Department of Fire Services
  - a. \$1,698.00 to Utilities Acct. #2039-200/2010 from Diesel Generator Acct. #2032-999-9922, \$1,000.; Firefighting Gear Acct. #2036-999-9903, \$500.00; Vinyl Coated Alum. Siding Acct. #2036-999-9924, \$99.00 and Vinyl Coated Alum. Siding Acct. #2038-999-9911, \$99.00, respectively.
  - b. \$344.00 to Utilities Acct. #2038-200-2010 from Electronic Typewriter Acct. #2032-999-9935, \$104.00 and from Firefighting Gear - Coats Acct. #2037-999-9919, \$240.00, respectively.
  - c. \$780.00 to Office Supplies Acct. #2032-400-4000 from Diesel Generator Acct. #2032-999-9922.
  - d. \$999.00 to Building Supplies Acct. #2032-400-4260 from Training Tower Structural Repairs Acct. #2032-999-9930.
  - e. \$500.00 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2038-500-5000 from Firefighting Gear - Helmets Acct. #2037-999-9901.
  - f. \$500.00 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2039-500-5000 from Firefighting Gear - Pants Acct. #2037-999-9903.
  - g. \$1,035.00 to Maintenance of Building Acct. #2037-500-5100 from Thermacore Bay Doors Acct. #2038-999-9914.
  - h. \$345.00 to Maintenance of Building Acct. #2038-500-5100 from Thermacore Bay Doors Acct. #2038-999-9914.
  - i. \$403.00 to Maintenance of Building Acct. #2039-500-5100 from Account Titled 800' of 3½" Hose Acct. #2039-999-9905, \$239.00 and from Portable Radios Acct. #2039-999-9918, \$164., respectively.
  - j. \$315.00 to Co. I - Upgrade Electrical Service Acct. #2032-999-9937 from Diesel Generator Acct. #2032-999-9922.

5. Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$700.00 from Paper for Reproductions Acct. #001-5010-400-4020 to Training Acct. #001-5010-500-5700 - Engineering Department.
6. Consider and Approve a Transfer totaling \$58,000 affecting the following accounts:

FROM:

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Medicare Tax	001-8020-800-8010	\$10,000
Life Insurance	001-8041-800-8270	8,000
Blue Shield	001-8041-800-8320	18,000
Council Cont.	001-8050-800-3230	22,000

TO:

<u>Acct. Name</u>	<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Blue Cross	001-8041-800-8310	\$41,800
CHCP	001-8041-800-8330	4,600
Healthcare Inc.	001-8041-800-8340	11,600

7. Consider and Approve a two part Budget Amendment within the Department of Welfare. An appropriation of funds (budget amendment) to increase Acct. #3060-700-7000 General Necessities in the amount of \$45,000 and to increase Acct. #1065-060-6260 Town Recovery Welfare, \$45,000. A Transfer of \$5,000 from Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 Contingency - Reserve for Emergency to General Necessities Acct. #3060-700-7010.
8. Consider and Approve Transfers within the Public Works Department.
  - a. \$3,000 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #001-5050-500-5000 from Street Sweeping Rental Acct. #001-5040-600-6500.
  - b. \$7,800 to Overtime Acct. #001-5040-100-1400 from Street Sweeping Rental Acct. #001-5040-600-6500.
  - c. \$1,000 to Utilities Acct. #001-5130-200-2010 from Computer Terminal Acct. #001-5020-999-9901, \$300.00; Carpet Acct. #001-5020-999-9904, \$400.00, and from Safety Shoes Acct. #001-5030-400-4830, \$300.00, respectively.
  - d. \$8,400 to Utilities - Town Hall Acct. #001-5200-200-2010 from Contingency - Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190.
  - e. \$700.00 to Maintenance of Vehicles - Car Pool Acct. #001-5050-500-5010 from Highway Guard Rail Acct. #001-5030-999-9923.
  - f. \$12,000 to Roof Repair Sr. Citizens Ctr. Acct. #001-5150-999-9903 from Contingency - Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190.
  - g. \$2,000 to Repair Sweepers Acct. #001-5040-300-3320 from Street Sweeping Rental Acct. #001-5040-600-6500.

9. Consider and Approve Transfers within the Electric Division
  - a. \$30,000 to Electric Labor Acct. #505-2 from Prod. & Supt. Engineering Acct. #500.
  - b. \$15,000 to Outside Service - Consult. Acct. #923-3 from Insurance Acct. #924.
  - c. \$195,000 to Employee Pension & Benefits Acct. #926 from Depreciation Exp. Acct. #403.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Proportioning Pilot Payments from the Housing Authority Project for Sewer Use Charge.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on hiring an Engineering Consultant for Yalesville School.
12. Resolution from the Program Planner's Office for the Mayor to make an application for open space.
13. Consider and Approve Waiver of Payment to the Town of Wallingford for use of space at the Railroad Station within the S.C.O.W. budget to cover increased healthcare costs.
14. Executive Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations with respect to Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2).
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Rule IV of the Town Council Meeting Procedures.
16. Approve and Accept Minutes of the March 20, 23 & 27, 1990 meetings.

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Executive Session to Discuss Strategy and Negotiations with respect to Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2).

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A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Vice Chairman Edward Bradley. Council Chairman Albert Killen was absent; all other Council Members were present. Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris and Comptroller Tom Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to place items 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4j, 5, 6, 8a, 8e, & 8g on the Consent Agenda to be voted on by one unanimous vote. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

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ITEM 4e Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$500.00 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2038-500-5000 from Firefighting Gear - Helmets Acct. #2037-999-9901 - Department of Fire Service.

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ITEM 8g Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$2,000 to Repair Sweepers Acct. #001-5040-600-6500- Public Works Department.

VOTE: Killen & Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$4,000 from Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 Contingency - Reserve for Emergency to Acct. #001-1300-4181 Printing - L.E.P.C. Brochure - Program Planner's Office.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Myers to make a correction to the bottom of the Transfer to read \$4,000.

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

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a two-part Budget Amendment within the Department of Welfare. An Appropriation of funds (budget amendment) to increase Acct. #3060-700-7010 General Necessities in the amount of \$45,000 and to increase Acct. #1065-060-6260 Town Recovery Welfare, \$45,000. A Transfer of \$5,000 from Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 Contingency - Reserve for Emergency to General Necessities Acct. #3060-700-7010.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

ITEM #8b Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$7,800 to Overtime Acct. #001-5040-100-1400 from Street Sweeping Rental Acct. #001-5040-600-6500. Public Works Department

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Deak explained that in the past we have rented both the equipment and the manpower, this year we have only rented the equipment and have utilized our own manpower, hence the need for overtime funds.

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

ITEM #8c Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$1,000 to Utilities Acct. #001-5130-200-2010 from Computer Terminal Acct. #001-5020-999-9901, \$300.00; Carpet Acct. #001-5020-999-9904, \$400.00; and from Safety Shoes Acct. #001-5030-400-4830, \$300.00, respectively. Public Works Dept.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri questioned why the Utilities reflected an increase in the Washington Street Community Building.

Mr. Deak explained that it was difficult to control the use of the Building. It is primarily used by the Boy's Club and they do not always close up the building properly and turn off the lights, etc. Mr. Deak stated that he will meet with the Police Department over the next few days to discuss this problem.

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

ITEM 8d Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$8,400 to Utilities - Town Hall Acct. #001-5200-200-2010 from Contingency - Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190. Public Works Dept.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri questioned the need for the increase.

Mr. Deak explained that there has been an increase in the use of the Town Hall meeting rooms and Council Chambers by various groups.

Mr. Holmes stated that the increase is also a result of the Council approving additional personal computers and other equipment requiring additional electrical power.

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

ITEM 8f Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$12,000 to Roof Repair Sr. Citizen's Center Acct. #001-5150-999-9903 from Contingency - Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190. Public Works Dept.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Parisi questioned Mr. Deak on why the original bidder, Royal Roofing Company, did not sign the contract.

Mr. Deak stated that there was no particular reason, except that they just did not want to sign the contract. The next lowest bidder submitted a price that was \$12,000. higher than the original bidder, hence requiring the increase in funds to award the contract to this bidder.

Mr. Solinsky asked if Royal Roofing Company had a bid bond on the job?

Mr. Deak wasn't sure.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he spoke with Mr. Dunleavy about this issue and Mr. Dunleavy stated that the bid bond would not even come close to the \$12,000 difference. The Town Attorney's Office stated that it was not worth it to the Town to chase Royal Roofing Co. for the amount.

Mr. Parisi pointed out that the whole reason behind the 10% bid bond was to prevent this very thing from happening.

Mr. Zandri expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that once the bids are open in a case such as this, it most likely forces the price of the other bidding up higher.

Attorney Mantzaris questioned the legality of the original bids when we re-bid the project. He was unsure if the Town could retain the bid bond and also what the status was exactly of the bond from Royal Roofing. He went on to say that he would check into the legalities of this issue and keep the Council informed of what develops.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Ray Rys, 96 Pierson Drive, Wallingford - Mr. Rys stated his concern over his recent observance of 4 police cruisers stationed at and near railroad crossings on 3 separate occasions. His concern is for the remainder of the Town, for he fears this misuse of police personnel places the public's safety in jeopardy. He felt the Town was not being adequately protected.

Ms. Papale asked the Mayor if the Amtrak Police have been present at the crossings when a failure of equipment is reported?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the Amtrak Police have responded very quickly in the recent reported failures. He stated that he believes that Amtrak has stationed a guard in town, possibly as a resident to improve the response time when a failure is reported.

He went on to say that there is recent Legislation voted out by the Judiciary Committee that allows for billing of time that municipal police spend at railroad crossings.

Tim Cronin 47 So. Ridgeland Road, Wallingford asked the Council how much of a balance remained in the Contingency #3190 account.

Mr. Myers responded that there was a balance of \$198,000.

Mrs. Duryea stated that she has been in receipt of numerous calls from people that have complained about the attitude of the employees at the landfill when purchasing vouchers. She solicited ideas from the other Council Members, Mayor and Mr. Deak.

Mayor Dickinson stated that his office also has received many complaints regarding this issue as well. He has spoken with Mr. Deak and will continue working together to make a strong effort to overcome the bugs in the system.

Mr. Parisi commended some of the employees for tolerating a great deal of abusive behavior that he witnessed being demonstrated by some of the townspeople on his recent visit to the landfill. He felt that there was general resistance and frustration with the change.

Mrs. Duryea asked that the Town place an article in the local paper as a goodwill gesture that the Town is making an effort to smooth out the rough spots of the program.

Mayor Dickinson felt that the primary effort has to be with our employees. He felt that they should continue to behave in a polite and courteous way irregardless of how irate and inconsiderate the public may become.

Mr. Zandri questioned the status of the installation or construction of ramps into the landfill.

The Mayor stated that the Town is in the process of implementing ramps with Public Works for the landfill. He felt that the process should be completed by the first week of May.

Mr. Bradley told of an incident that took place recently with his trip to the landfill to dispose of a console television. The employee offered no help when Mr. Bradley was faced with the dilemma of lifting the console himself into a high dumpster. Mr. Bradley was told he would have to return another day with help. Once he mentioned that he was a Council Member, the employee was extremely helpful.

Mr. Bradley went on to state that Phil Hamel will be speaking with CRRA over the conditions of the landfill with regards to ramps, and/or gravel.

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The Mayor stated that we will be putting the ramp in place next week.

RULE V Ms. Papale made a motion to Waive Rule V to Discuss and Possibly act upon a request by the Board of Education on Dag Hammarskjold and Moran Jr. High Schools, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

Mr. Holmes made a motion to Waive the Bidding of Architectural and Structural Services for the Middle Schools, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Vincent Testa, Board of Education, Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee stated that it was recently discovered that there were structural problems on an exterior wall at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School. Further inspection revealed that the wall is a load bearing structure, supporting the roof and that some remedial action should be taken. Temporary bracing has addressed the immediate concerns. Interior bracing is presently being constructed. He felt that since the roof is going to be replaced at the school soon, a permanent solution should be implemented prior to the start of the construction activity on the roof. A similar condition also exists at Moran and should be handled accordingly. This is the reason for the Bid Waiver to hire Lazarus & Sargeant to prepare design specifications and plans for permanent repairs at an estimated cost of \$6,920. Mr. Testa felt that a time savings of 3-4 weeks could be realized if the bid was waived for the Architectural & Structural Services. Once this process is complete then the project could go out for bid.

Mr. Zandri asked why this condition exists? What caused it?

Mr. Samuel Sargeant answered that it was due to the design and construction material used in the building of this school.

Mr. Zandri questioned if this was characteristic of this type of roof, or was it due to expansion/contraction?

Mr. Sargeant stated that it was due to the length of the span and the wall construction.

Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Testa if he obtained any other quotes from any other firms.

Mr. Testa stated no, due to the immediate concern, we contacted this firm due to their familiarity with the schools and the fact that they are working with the portable classroom situation.

Mr. Holmes asked whether the principals were aware of this situation, had one of them discovered the problem?

Mr. Testa stated that the principals were made aware of the problem upon the discoveries.

Mr. Holmes stated that he felt other firms should be solicited for the Architectural & Structural Services Fee.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Sargeant if this were an emergency/dangerous situation, could the roof cave in?

Mr. Sargeant felt that the roof would not cave in.

Mr. Parisi shared Mr. Holmes's feelings that other bids should have been obtained prior to the involvement of Lazarus & Sargeant.

Mr. Shea clarified the fact that Lazarus & Sargeant was not responsible for the bracing of the walls, it was performed by our own maintenance crews.

Mr. Gouveia asked when the condition was first discovered.

Mr. Shea stated that it was approximately 5 weeks prior that this condition was discovered.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he would have done exactly the same thing that Mr. Shea did, call Lazarus & Sargeant for an immediate appraisal of the situation, given his (Mr. Shea's / Mr. Gouveia's) inexperience in this field of expertise. Under normal circumstances however, the Council would look for additional bids.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the issue was the ability to have the roof work done, which cannot be performed until this problem is corrected. He went on to say that we cannot put anything out to bid until we have the design work.

Mr. Holmes stated that under this situation, he was inclined to vote for the bid waiver.

Mr. Solinsky asked what particular area of the school the wall was located in.

Mr. Shea stated that it was the Industrial Arts area.

Mr. Sargeant went into great detail regarding the construction materials used, the design and its flaws and what would be used in the repair of the building.

Mr. Solinsky asked if only this discovered section of the wall would be addressed or would the entire wall be investigated for other signs/ areas of inferiority.

Mr. Sargeant assured Mr. Solinsky that the entire wall would be inspected.

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Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Sargeant if the damage had gone beyond the stage of cracking and had there been any deterioration of the joints in the wall, particularly at Dag Hammarskjold?

Mr. Sargeant answered that the panels that are currently braced have bowed approximately 1½" in the center. The bricks don't seem to be deteriorating. He guessed the original action in the wall to be approximately 5-10 years of age. There was no one incident that can be identified as having caused this. It was his opinion that it was a design flaw.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Testa if he had funding to support the fees for the Architectural & Structural Services.

Mr. Testa stated that there was a chance that he did, but was not entirely sure.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there were funds to support the hiring of the Architect within the Board of Education's Budget.

Mr. Shea stated for the record that masonry repairs have been made, as well as pointing, waterproofing on the exterior, repairs to cracks in the interior, and painting also. The buildings have not been neglected as far as the maintenance is concerned. He stated that this particular area did not reveal itself until recently.

Mr. Bradley inquired how long the architectural study will take.

Mr. Sargeant stated approximately 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Cronin stated that he would like to see the bid waived.

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

Ms. Papale made a motion to move Agenda Item #13 up to the next order of business. Seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

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

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Payment to the Town of Wallingford for use of space at the Railroad Station within the S.C.O.W. budget to cover increased healthcare costs. Program Planner

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Roe stated that the increases to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Unemploy. Compensation programs were unanticipated. He went on to say that his office has been in contact with the State to try to secure an increase in State Grant funds. This was not possible. The position suggested by Mr. Roe at this time is that we continue to seek the State increase, should that happen, then we would be able to make the Town whole. His concern is to meet the quarterly payment that is due April 28th without getting into a penalty situation.

Mr. Bradley requested background on how this is funded.

Mr. Roe explained that S.C.O.W. operates as a delegate agency to the Town which receives a grant from the Department of Human Resources for the Community Service Program. The grant is approximately \$48,000 during the fiscal year of November 1 - October 31. All expenses come out of the grant.

Mr. Gouveia asked what costs were incurred by the Town to run the S.C.O.W. program?

Mr. Roe stated that other than the in-kind services of the Program Planner's and Comptroller's Offices, all other expenses are covered by S.C.O.W. Mr. Roe suggested that the payment be waived as part of the agreement, not as a budgeted item in the budget per se. The reason for this is that he would like to be able to make the payment or any part of the payment to the Town at the end of the program year.

Ms. Papale explained to the Council Members her experience with this agency. She went on to say that she makes it a priority to attend one meeting per month, the fourth Thursday of every month. She has noticed a tremendous change in this office and the number of clients that the office serves. It is very involved, not just in working with only the Spanish community but with everyone/anyone having a problem with medical bills, lawyers, taxes, etc. She asked that it be noted for the record that it has come a very long way and that people should stop in the office and see the type of work that is accomplished by this agency.

Mr. Ramos was introduced to the Council as the Director of the Board of the S.C.O.W. Agency by Mr. Roe.

Mr. Bradley asked if the shortfall was in the Unemployment Compensation?

Mr. Roe answered yes.

Mr. Bradley then asked how the Town could prevent this same occurrence in the future?

Mr. Roe stated that the Unemployment Office of the State could not tell him how long we would be operating at the increased rate. The indication he mentioned in his correspondence was that he felt it would be at least through this program year. The \$600.00 shortfall represents this. He stated that he would be considering budgeting at the higher rate during the budgetary process that begins in the summer.

Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Myers to explain why, in the S.C.O.W. budget, two departments, Dept. 3000 and Dept. 4100, both show a line item for Office Rent of \$750.00?

Mr. Myers informed Mr. Bradley that due to the November 1 - October 31 grant year, one department is closed out and the other continues to operate. Once the payment is made to the Town, that department closes out. The remaining department will be closed out at the end of the Town's fiscal year.

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

ITEM #9a Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$30,000 to Electric Labor Acct. #505-2 from Prod. & Supt. Engineering Acct. #500. Electric Div.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

The correspondence that was presented with the Transfer stated that the need for the transfer of funds was due to conservative budgeting in the area of Personnel & Salaries regarding the Switchboard which is a 24 hour staffed position.

Mr. Lee explained that Mr. Vollemans has been employed by the Electric Division for less than 1 year and the budget was prepared by people other than Mr. Vollemans who knew very little about the operation of the Pierce Plant.

Mr. Holmes referred to the last sentence of the accompanying correspondence and asked that an explanation and amount be given with regards to the cost savings that has been realized.

Mr. Vollemans stated that the savings were approximately \$95,000.

Mr. Holmes asked if the Switchboard was staffed 24 hours a day, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays?

Mr. Vollemans answered yes.

Mr. Zandri questioned if the money was specifically for the operators of the Switchboard?

Mr. Vollemans stated yes.

Mr. Zandri questioned how this amount could be incorrectly figured when it is a given that the Switchboard is staffed 24 hours/day, 7 days/week? This amount should have been calculated for the entire year and budgeted accordingly.

Mr. Parisi stated that basically what happened is that this calculation was not performed, or if so, performed incorrectly.

Mr. Bradley stated that according to the print-out he had with him, as of March 31, 1990, \$37,918 remained in the account. He gathered that approximately \$18,009 was being expended per month, and with 3 months remaining in this fiscal year, a total of \$54,027 would be required to fund this account until the end of the year. In looking at the requested transfer amount and the balance remaining in the account as of March 31, it appeared as though this account would actually reflect an overage in the balance.

Mr. Lee felt that there was a considerable amount of overtime incurred that the division is attempting to curb. There are few holidays left in the fiscal year as well. He felt that the figure would get them through.

Philip Wright, approached the microphone to state that he felt transfers should be made from and to accounts that are akin to each other, but this does not seem to be the case. He attributed poor budgeting to the fact that transfers are conducted among accounts that have no relation to each other.

Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Myers if the Utilities fell under the same system as the General Government where they can transfer from any item towards the last portion of the budget?

Mr. Myers responded, yes, wherever the funds are available. Mr. Myers felt that Mr. Wright was referring to generic accounts, i.e., Labor to Labor, Materials, to Materials, etc. He stated that there is no prohibition in the Charter preventing the Town from transferring from any account where funds are available to any other account.

Mr. Holmes asked if this falls under proper accounting practices?

Mr. Myers answered that it falls under practice allowed by the Town's Charter. There is nothing wrong with this practice.

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

ITEM #9b Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$15,000 to Outside Service - Consult. Acct. #923-3 from Insurance Acct. #924. Electric Div.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Holmes questioned if this money was to pay for the law firm to represent the Electric Division?

Mr. Lee responded that it was for the consultants at the law firm to represent the Electric Division as interveners.

Mr. Bradley asked if the balance of \$16,062 that is currently listed in Acct. #923-3 is earmarked for any specific purpose?

Mr. Lee answered that it is earmarked for a different project.

Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Lee to confirm his belief that this is to protect our interest in the Seabrook purchase from Northeast Utilities.

Mr. Lee stated, yes, this is the purpose of the Consultant at the law firm. We are protecting our wholesale rate.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he believed there was a cap on this Waiver.

Mr. Lee stated, yes, \$15,000.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Zandri abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

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ITEM #9c Consider and Approve a Transfer of \$195,000 to Employee Pension and Benefits Acct. #926 from Depreciation Exp. Acct. #403. Electric Div.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes questioned what the estimate was of increase at this point with regards to the Medical Insurance Account?

Mr. Lee stated that his Division did not receive the estimate of the health premiums until after the budget was prepared. The estimates were considerably higher than what was projected at the time.

Mr. Bradley asked why 18 months had passed before a review of the health premiums was conducted?

Mr. Lee stated that there are plans in the works to review the costs more often, say on an annual basis.

Mr. Gouveia asked what the purpose was of establishing a depreciation account?

Mr. Lee responded that it is set up to recapture costs, or to spread out costs over a number of years. The money is not earmarked for replacement of an item, it is strictly the recapture of the cost of an item.

Mr. Gouveia asked where the money goes once placed in the account?

Mr. Lee answered that it contributes to the net income.

Mr. Zandri stated that it should be earmarked for Capital Improvements.

Mr. Lee did not agree. It is not to be used for Capital Improvements buy yet, it can be. It will go into Retained Earnings and that is the only place where you can find funds for Capital Expansion.

Mr. Zandri asked if the reason for depreciation on structures or buildings is so that when they deteriorate we will have money to put back into either improvements on the buildings or new buildings?

Mr. Lee stated that this is a theory that he does not agree with.

Ms. Papale asked at what point in time did the Town start depreciating its capital equipment?

Mr. Lee stated it began in 1970 as the base year and it was a 20 year program. Most items have fully depreciated.

Mr. Cronin feels that the PUC should not have a Retained Earnings Account. How can you transfer funds from a depreciation account when there is no money in it per se?

Mr. Meyers explained that the Town is not transferring in an actual expenditure category. We are transferring in a column called Budget or anticipated expenditures.

Mr. Myers continued that a budget is an estimate. The estimate of a budget, line by line, is compared to actual expense, when actual expense is incurred. Actual expense to be incurred for depreciation. Although it is a non-cash expense category, is estimated to be \$1,400,000. The budget amount is \$1,600,000. Leaving a budget balance of \$200,000, all that is being done is that the \$200,000 is being moved in a budget category from one account to another.

Mr. Cronin thought that this was actually a slush fund. He believes that this fund should not exist.

Mr. Lee added that the Depreciation Account is set forth in State Statutes and states that the Town shall use the Depreciation Account and the Town shall maintain such account. This is backed by the Town Charter. It is a requirement of the State of Connecticut that the Town uses the 5% Depreciation in rate setting.

Mr. Myers added that Depreciation is a recognized treatment in generally accepted Accounting principles. It is a requirement in the enterprise accounting system or in the profit structure accounting system. The Town sets utility rates to produce a net income the same as private industry. Mr. Lee is entirely correct in saying that Depreciation is recognized by State Statute for Electric, Water & Sewer Utilities. The Town Charter recognizes this practice and allows us to set aside reserves and amounts of Retained Earnings for our Utilities. It is cash in Accounts Receivable, it is a factor in the rates.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia & Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

WAIVE RULE V Mr. Holmes made a motion to Waive Rule V to Consider an Appropriation of \$195,000 from Net Income to Acct. #926 Employee Pension and Benefits Account, seconded by Mr. Parisi. Electric Division

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

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$195,000 from Net Income to Acct. #926 Employee Pension and Benefits Account, Electric Division, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

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

ITEM #10 A motion was made by Ms. Papale to Move Agenda Item #10 up to the next order of business, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

ITEM #10 Discuss and Possibly Act upon Proportioning Pilot Payments from the Housing Authority Project for Sewer Use Charge- Program Planner.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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Mr. Roe stated that according to State Statute Housing Authorities are required to make pilot payments to the Town. The Housing Authority in this town has historically sought a waiver of this pilot payment. In the case of the elderly units, that amount would be approximately \$14 - 15,000 per year that would go to the Town under State Statute. Beginning in 1986 a phase-in of the pilot payment of the moderate rental units was implemented. This was due to the fact that the State no longer provided a pilot payment on their behalf. The reason being that there was no longer any mortgage payment being made on the units. Therefore the State felt that the Housing Authority had the funds to make the payment independently. The Council granted a 1 year waiver, along with the 3 year phase-in, constitutes the 4 year program. We are currently in the last year. In essence, the payment to the Sewer Division for both McKenna Court and the moderate rental would come out of the funds that the Town currently receives. The payment for the 120 State Elderly Housing units would be a new pilot payment and it has been calculated to be an amount that is exactly necessary to provide the proportionate payment for Sewer Use to the Sewer Authority. Mr. Roe stated that he is not proposing that the Town seek any additional funds, namely the other amount that equals the 10%. The amount ends up being \$1,441.00 for the new pilot payment. The effective date is January 1, 1990.

Mr. Gouveia explained that the only action Mr. Roe is asking the Council to take is to establish a State Elderly Pilot.

Mr. Roe stated that pending that action he will come back to the Council and the next regularly scheduled meeting and set up the proper accounts so that the pilot and Sewer Authority payments are made. We are seeking your approval to make the payment to the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Zandri asked how much per month, per unit the dollar amount would be?

Mr. Roe answered approximately \$2.00/month. It is a proportionate amount.

Mr. Zandri asked if this fell in line with the federal situation we have with the funding?

Mayor Dickinson stated that a letter dated April, 1990 from Bill Hogan states that this meets the necessary guidelines.

Mr. Bradley questioned whether there would be retroactive payment made since the money has been accumulating since 1987?

Mayor Dickinson answered that there is no indication that we must go back to that time.

Mr. Roe confirmed the Mayor's statement.

Mr. Bradley questioned the fact that the grant was based on equal distribution as far as payment into the operation.

Mayor Dickinson confirmed that statement but also added that it was also based on the substantial completion of the plant. Prior to that we were not obligated to meet all those guidelines.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Move Agenda Item #12 up to the next order of business, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

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

ITEM #12 Discuss and Possibly Act upon a Resolution from the Program Planner's Office for the Mayor to make an application for open space.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gouveia asked if there was any action regarding the two parcels of land that was considered in the past.

Mr. Roe stated that there was. Negotiations are under way on one parcel. It is positive.

Mr. Bradley asked if this resolution was exclusively for intent.

Mr. Roe stated that the Department of Environmental Protection requires a pre-application, yes. He went on to say that we have an open, active grant with them currently and he did not believe that they would entertain a new award to the Town of Wallingford while we have an open, active grant. The importance is that we continue to identify to them the issues of concern to the community. He felt it was worth the effort to move ahead with the pre-application.

Mr. Gouveia questioned the status of a bill before the State Legislature that required towns to establish an Open Space Acquisition Fund in order to receive grant monies from the State.

Mr. Roe was unfamiliar with this bill.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Duryea, passed; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Discuss and Possibly Act upon Hiring an Engineering Consultant for Yalesville School and to Waive the Bid and for the Committee to Develop an RFP.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Parisi extended his congratulations to Mr. Rys and the Spacial Needs Committee for the fine work that they have done.

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Mr. Rys explained the progress the committee was making. He told of how the committee had met on Thursday, April 19, to entertain discussion on going through with the second part of the committee's charge, which the Council had authorized. As the committee met, it went over the actual charge. The charge to the committee was to perform a study of the Yalesville School, placing it back into circulation with a possible addition of 6 classrooms. It is this committee's recommendation at this time, Mr. Rys stated, that a Cafeteria and Library be added along with the 6 classrooms in order to make this elementary school compatible with the other elementary schools in town.

Ms. Papale asked if Mr. Rys and the committee were checking prices or were trying to determine whether or not it was feasible to open the school once again.

Mr. Rys stated that the charge read that the committee was to investigate the possibilities of reopening the school. In his opinion that meant they would look at the roof, the plumbing, electrical, structural, etc. and the addition of the 6 classrooms. He added that the committee would return with an estimate of what it would cost to reopen the school.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Rys if the committee would look at the feasibility of reopening the school vs. other alternatives to take care of the special needs?

Mr. Rys answered that the original charge to the committee was to only look at the feasibility of reopening Yalesville School.

Mr. Zandri requested that other alternatives be outlined in that study as well. He pointed out that if the committee determines the cost of reopening the school along with the addition of 6 classrooms, a cafeteria, and library, it should also determine what other alternatives are available to the Town for the same cost. He reminded Mr. Rys that with the Yalesville School plan, there is also a staffing issue to keep in mind.

Mr. Holmes appreciated the committee's work to fulfill their charge, however, it would take an overwhelming amount of support from the residents in the area to open Yalesville School again.

Mr. Rys stated that his recollection of the original charge did not include determining other alternatives to the reopening of Yalesville School. He felt that if the Council required this additional information it would have to be included in a new resolution.

Mr. Parisi felt that Mr. Rys was adding to the original charge by recommending the building of a cafeteria and library.

Ms. Papale recalled the discussion at one of the Special Needs Committees centering on the feasibility of reopening Yalesville School or considering the other alternatives of building additional classrooms on existing elementary schools. She agreed with Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Bradley asked if the need has been established to reopen Yalesville School?

Mr. John Lathrop, member of the Spacial Needs Committee responded with the portable classrooms justify the need for additional space.

Mr. Bradley asked if that space was above and beyond the portables?

Mr. Lathrop stated that the portables were only a temporary solution to the need.

Mr. Bradley agreed with Mr. Zandri's request to determine the other alternatives besides concentrating entirely upon the Yalesville School option.

Mr. Solinsky read the original charge and stated that it had nothing to do with additions to either Yalesville School or any other school for that matter. He felt that it could be made feasible, being a feasibility study, if classrooms, a cafeteria and library were included.

Mr. Bradley stated that the Council needs to look at the whole thing in general. We must look at the portables, the duration of time, what enrollments will be, permanent additions in lieu of portables.

Mr. Solinsky felt those were all considerations, but not the charge.

Mr. Zandri stated that his interpretation of feasibility was to include what other options were available.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there were two resolutions. One of which the Board of Education authorized application to the State. This is the one Mr. Solinsky read from previously. The second one was adopted by the Council authorizing the committee with its charge.

Mayor Dickinson recommended the Council let the Spacial Needs Committee obtain the figures on Yalesville School, at that point it can be decided whether or not the remaining issue will be dealt with at a later date.

Mr. Zandri asked what it would take to change the original charge?

Mayor Dickinson answered that a motion would have to be made to amend the charge. He also stated that redistricting would solve a lot of time and money spent on the building of additional space, and until that issue can be addressed we must move in the feasibility study direction.

Mr. Bradley agreed that prior to the Town moving too far ahead in the Yalesville project, we address the issue of redistricting.

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Mr. Zandri pointed out that redistricting within the elementary schools was a very sore subject with the people of Wallingford. A need for additional space was identified and the portable classrooms were our only solution due to the time constraints we were faced with. He felt that part of the study inevitably has to be a comparison of whether the Town would build additions to the schools permanently, or whether the Town would reopen a school. He believes the charge should be changed so that the figures could be presented to the Council. He felt there was no reason that both could not be done simultaneously.

Mr. Parisi felt that the reason portable classrooms were the choice was due to the opposition to redistricting, and the mobility of the classrooms compensated for the lack of redistricting.

The recording device malfunctioned at this point in time.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to Waive the Bid for the Hiring of an Engineer to Study the Reopening of Yalesville School and for the Committee to Develop an RFP for such purpose, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Solinsky asked Mayor Dickinson when the report on developing the Management Plan to deal with the asbestos at Yalesville School had to be completed by.

Mayor Dickinson was not sure what this plan would indicate. It could indicate that little or nothing needed to be accomplished there. It could also indicate that asbestos needed to be removed.

Mr. Bradley stated that the information would need to be included in the feasibility study.

The recording device continued to malfunction.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Holmes, Solinsky & Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Note: Mr. Holmes requested that his vote be changed to read aye.

ITEM #14 Withdrawn.

ITEM #15 Discussion and Possible Action on Rescinding Rule IV of the Town Council Meeting Procedures.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there was no need for this rule. If the motion is made to adjourn and it is not seconded, the motion fails and the meeting continues on.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

Ms. Papale made a motion to Rescind Rule IV of the Town Council Meeting Procedures. Seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Holmes & Parisi, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Approve and Accept Minutes of the March 20, 23 & 27, 1990 meetings of the Town Council.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley noted a correction should be made to the March 27, 1990 minutes that the Meriden Record Journal's reporter's name should read Kim Godfrey.

Ms. Papale made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Gouveia & Zandri, passed; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Milano,  
Town Council Secretary

Approved:

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Edward R. Bradley, Vice-Chairman

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