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Town Council Meeting

October 9, 1984

7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Rascati were Council Members Bergamini, Gessert, Holmes, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Chairman Gessert noted for the record that Mr. Diana was ill. Also present were Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Vincent T. McManus, Jr. and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

The Reverend George D. Stevens was ill and the following invocation was given by Rabbi Manson:

We thank thee, Lord, for all thy blessings, for all the gifts that you have bestowed upon us, material, physical and emotional. Please guide us to use your gifts wisely and in every decision we make in our everyday life, may we use the gift of the heart and the gift of the mind. Bestow your blessing on all assembled here, our elected officials and all who work for the welfare and benefit of our town. May God bless our town, our state and our country with peace. Amen.

Public Question and Answer Period

Mr. Krupp stated he had requested an item on 9/18/84 to be placed on the agenda regarding a discussion of the proposal by the Electric Division to become members of a municipal electric energy cooperative and a special meeting was to be arranged prior to this evening. Since this item is not on the 10/9/84 agenda, Mr. Krupp asked if it would be placed on the 10/23/84 agenda. Mr. Gessert addressed the question to the Town Attorney and Mayor Dickinson. The Mayor indicated he had provided the Town Attorney with 5 questions which required answers and he felt those questions would be answered within the next week. October 25, 1984 was selected for this meeting to allow the Town Attorney's Office ample time for his opinion to be delivered to the Town Council for review.

Mr. David Bersch, 628 6th Ridge Road suggested that the Council appoint one committee to study disposition of all vacant buildings in town, rather than a separate committees such as Robert Earley Disposition Committee and Parker Farms School Committee. Mr. Gesert felt that once the appraisals and opinions are complete, it may be possible for the Council to look at the entire package and assemble all pertinent data.

Mrs. Bergamini asked the Mayor and Mike Cassella if anyone had been on Clintonville Road recently--the repaving work done 18 months ago has been ripped up and the entire road is full of mud. Apparently, a development has been approved and if knowledge of that development were known, why was money spent on repaving only to be ripped up in such a short time. The money spent on Clintonville Road could have been spent on many other roads.

Mr. Cassella indicated that the portion of Clintonville Road which was paved by the town has not been ripped up. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that there are 7 sections on which work will be done on that road, not in chronological order. The Mayor suggested scheduling a time with someone from Engineering to take a look at Clintonville Road and review the situation.

Mr. Killen asked if the portion of Quinnipiac Street which had been torn up was repaved and Mr. Cassella stated that it was done this morning and was delayed because of rain, etc.

Mr. Killen asked about the "NO TURN ON RED" signs on Colony Street and Center and North and South Main intersection and Mayor Dickinson stated that the signs are located on the telephone poles and unless you look carefully, you may not see them.

Mr. Krupp felt that some type of caution sign should be in place in areas where portions of pavement are ripped up such as on Quinnipiac Street.

Mr. Krupp moved confirmation of the appointment of Manuel R. Silvia to the Wallingford Housing Authority. Term: 11/1/80 to 10/31/85. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Silvia was sworn in by Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk immediately after confirmation of his appointment.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of the following tax refunds:

Bridget & Maureen Russo and/or	
Connecticut Savings Bank	\$527.45
Susan Velardi (Susan Willis)	65.43
Regina M. Andrews	26.31
Howard H. Peck	11.06
Judy A. Grace	49.93
John V. Benoit	48.74
TOTAL	<u>\$728.92</u>

Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen asked why interest was charged to Susan Velardi and Mr. Fields explained why interest is applied and refunded in this instance.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini read and moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED:
To amend the General Fund Revenue Budget account 920 Transfer from Landfill Venting System Project for Public Works Overtime Wages in the amount of \$6,500
To amend the General Fund Appropriation Budget account 506-141 Overtime Wages - Landfill Venting System in the amount of \$6,500

Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

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Mr. Myers explained that an account structure is set up within the General Fund and overtime will be paid in a regular paycheck and coded to the 506 account and on a reimbursement basis, funds will be drawn from the landfill account and credited to the revenue side, 920, so that it will always be in balance. Only what was expended will be reimbursed. The same resolution was adopted last year and the appropriation lapsed on 6/30/84 and the books were closed; this is to set up another appropriation on the 1984/85 books.

Mr. Krupp pointed out that this money was appropriated through an ordinance and Mr. Myers explained that the ordinance stayed in effect and is still in effect; \$120,358.16 has been expended.

Mr. Killen was confused and Mr. Myers explained that one set of books is the landfill appropriation which was set by ordinance for \$150,000; of that \$150,000, there was \$10,000 set aside for overtime in Public Works. Employees paychecks from the Public Works Department are issued from the General Fund which is the main fund of the town where the tax dollars go. It made no sense to Mr. Myers to set up another payroll system in the landfill ordinance account and issue an employee two paychecks and account for wages from two different sources. The General Fund was reimbursed from this account for overtime work done on this project.

Mr. Krupp felt that this account now would be overexpended by some \$4,000 and Mr. Myers explained that these line items on these ordinance accounts serve merely as guidelines and are memo budgets. A budget is not formally adopted on these capital projects and never has been in the history of the town, such as library, etc. They are memo budgets under the jurisdiction of the committee, subject to review and change as the person in charge of the project sees fit. On 10/3/84, as evidenced by Mr. Deak's letter, he informed Mr. Myers that he would like to increase that labor account by \$5,000 and it would be taken from the materials account and the reason was that additional labor is needed to finalize the venting system. The next printout on the landfill account will show the labor at \$15,000 and the materials at \$63,000.

Mr. Killen suggested that A/C 506-141 be established before the resolution is adopted. Mr. Rys asked how the money will get into 506-141 and Mr. Myers explained that the budget will be amended and there will be authority to spend up to \$6,500 in overtime wages in A/C 506-141. Overtime paid on the landfill venting project will be paid to employees in a regular paycheck and coded against 506-141; at that time, a check will be drawn from the landfill ordinance venting project account and be deposited in A/C 920 and revenues will equal expenditures with no effect on the tax rate.

Mr. Krupp asked when this project would be completed and Mr. Gessert explained that much of the material excavated for the trench was garbage and DEP required that it be covered and the crane at Community Lake broke and there was no other way to obtain fill to cover the debris at the landfill. Subsequently, the crane was repaired and material for cover collected and DEP has been to the landfill several times since and is satisfied with the progress.

Other projects intervened and the trucks could not be dedicated completely to the landfill project. Mr. Cassella felt this project would be completed this year.

Mr. Polanski asked if all positions within Public Works were filled to which Mr. Cassella replied yes. Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Myers which departments have not filled positions requested at budget time and Mr. Gessert suggested that Personnel could supply that information.

Mr. Killen asked where the money was coming from on the A side of the budget in this particular amendment and Mr. Myers explained again that this will only establish a budget and as the money is expended on wages, the General Fund will be reimbursed from the landfill methane venting system; revenues will equal expenditures at the end of an accounting period.

Mrs. Bergamini withdrew her motion on page 2 and Mrs. Papale withdrew her second to establish A/C 506-141.

Mrs. Bergamini moved establishment of A/C 506-141 Overtime Wages-Landfill Venting System, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Killen and Krupp who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen noted that Mr. Deak's letter of 10/3/84 asked for \$5,000; why was this increased to \$6,500? Mr. Rys noted that this is the unencumbered balance in the labor wages.

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Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Killen and Krupp who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to waive Rule V to discuss a Health Hot Line, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini read a letter dated 10/9/84 from Mayor Dickinson regarding installation of a Health Hot Line in the Health Department for a six month period.

Mr. Gessert introduced Mrs. Sue Grenfell from S.P.A.R.R.O.W.

Mrs. Sue Grenfell, S.P.A.R.R.O.W. representative explained that the hot line came into focus after visiting the Department of Health in Hartford. It is not a line to get people to join S.P.A.R.R.O.W., Support Preventive Air Regulations - Residents of the World. It is felt that the hot line would show the geographic scope of the problem since it is felt to be related to the hills and valleys of Wallingford without a normal air flow pattern. It would be a start for a data base on symptoms people are having, for example, people on one side of town having neurological symptoms and people on the other side having respiratory or circulatory symptoms, or a combination. It is felt that Cyanamid is a contributor to the problem but this is a nationwide problem. Records have been kept daily, health logs by different families and there are very definite patterns. There are some odors which have kept people aware that there is a problem. The Department of Epidemiology has not completely ruled out contagious disease; they also have no proof that it is.

Mr. Krupp asked what the hot line would accomplish that is not being accomplished by daily logs. Mrs. Grenfell indicated it would provide a geographic scope of the problem, show the time of the problem and a 24 hour line would enable calls to be accepted at all times. Mr. Gessert noted that a name was not requested on the hot line and Mrs. Grenfell stated that the purpose was to obtain a geographic location. Mayor Dickinson stated that asking people to leave their name might deter some people from participating and this is strictly for statistical purposes. It is also felt that over a period of time, the calls that are not bona fide will show up. It makes very clear that this is not for medical services and the data will be transcribed and provided to the State Health Department.

Mr. Rys asked if the funds could be obtained from the Health Department's budget and Mayor Dickinson felt that if funds were taken from there, they would have to be replaced later.

Mr. Polanski asked if these calls could go directly to the Health Department rather than a special line and Mrs. Grenfell stated that a 24 hour line was needed. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that there is only 1 line to the Health Department which would be tied up with these calls and this separate line is necessary.

Mrs. Papale asked if S.P.A.R.R.O.W. intended to keep this line permanently or if this is on a trial basis. Mayor Dickinson felt that a six month trial will provide some needed input and beyond that, it is an open question. Right now, it is in conjunction with other studies. Mrs. Grenfell pointed out that a health survey done by a Health Department is not valid in a situation like this since they don't really know where to go to gather information.

Mr. Killen asked how the average person would know that the hot line is in place and Mrs. Grenfell felt that a handbill could be distributed, perhaps on election day. Mr. Killen also asked how many people would be competent to describe the air quality. Mrs. Grenfell indicated that in the past, some smells have been correlated to certain problems. For example, a woman in the group in her 7th month of pregnancy had gone to the hospital 3 or 4 times in false labor and after checking records, it was correlated with a skunk smell. Some of the neurological problems were correlated with a rotten egg smell. Mayor Dickinson stated that there were times when nothing was discernible in terms of smell but there were symptoms, neurological or otherwise. 567

Mr. Killen felt that the people who would use this hot line are already on record and feels that if something can be made out of it, fine. Mrs. Grenfell indicated there is a pattern that can be tracked and asked how else this can be documented.

Mr. Killen moved establishment of A/C 301-201 Telephone Hot Line, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved an appropriation of \$350 from 805-319 to 301-201, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski mentioned that the Electric Division was going to utilize envelopes for mailing to allow stuffers and asked about the possibility of including such a handbill. Mr. Gessert felt the PUC would determine the guidelines of material to be mailed. This can be discussed after the hot line is connected.

Mr. Killen asked to discuss another matter under Rule V--building of the police station. Mr. Killen requested from the Building Committee a breakdown of the figures to be used, what the bids came in at and where changes will be made. He would like the Council to receive this information and sit down and discuss it. Mr. Gessert asked Mayor Dickinson to direct a letter to the Police Station Building Committee Chairman of anticipated costs and cuts. Mrs. Papale assured everyone that the project would not go one penny over what was budgeted.

Mrs. Bergamini apologized and left the Council meeting to attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Holmes read a letter from Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller dated 9/28/84 regarding a transfer of \$21,615 to provide funding for Ordinance #326.

Mr. Holmes moved a transfer of \$21,615 from Debt Administration to Appropriation to fund Ordinance 326 (amending Ordinance 149), seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that the Toelles Road bridge project came in under budget and the South Elm Street project came in over budget. Mr. Krupp's point is well taken that the department heads involved in overseeing this type of project must keep track of what is being spent.

Mr. Killen asked how, 3 months into the year, 40% of the Capital and Non-Recurring disbursement can be used up and asked how so much money was laying around. Mr. Myers noted that the main purpose of the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund was for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for various capital projects of the town. Mr. Myers prepares this budget every year and for the past few years, has put \$40,000 to \$45,000 in this account to be used if necessary to round out a bond issue or to reduce some bonds. If there is no need for it, it will revert back and remain within the fund. This is an instance which would be considered administration.

Mr. Killen noted that Mr. Costello wrote a nice letter dated 9/27/84 and he was in touch with Mr. Costello to discuss this matter. He wondered why it took so many years to complete this project since the key is to remember how much costs escalated during that period of time. A Capital and Non-Recurring Fund is set up for completion of projects within 5 years; otherwise, there is a great deal of arbitrage holding off projects for 20 years. Mr. Gessert felt that one of the contributing factors was a 20 foot stone wall which had to be constructed in front of a house once a bank was cut away--it would have been less expensive to purchase the house.

Mr. Krupp thanked Mr. Gessert for reiterating his point made at the 9/25/84 meeting but still is not confident that this situation has been resolved.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Mr. Krupp voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Myers to direct a letter to the State of Connecticut asking them if they are going to send payment to the town for the Choral Room at Lyman Hall High School. Mr. Myers has been working with the Board of Education and made a trip to the State of Connecticut with Al Cei and he told the Council that the State Board of Education does not recognize a Municipal Controller; the only official they recognize in town or city government is the Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Papale commented that the Council spent a great deal of time making the decision to spend that money. Mr. Myers explained that if the LHHS Choral Room is not bonded and paid off in cash, approximately \$27,000 to \$28,000 will be received in state grants, payable over a 5 year period. That must be applied for by the Board of Education with proper documentation from the Superintendent of Schools, Chairman of the Board of Education, Comptroller, etc. and Mr. Myers checked on this matter today; the money has been requested. This matter will be brought before the Council in November or December.

Mr. Krupp noted for the record the financial statements of the Wallingford Public Library, Visiting Nurse Association and Senior Citizens Center for the quarter ended June 30, 1984. Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

Mr. Krupp asked if the Library were an independent agency funded by the Town of Wallingford and Mr. Myers indicated that it is. He also asked under whose control the \$204,000 in assets was and Mr. Myers indicated it is under the control of the Association and none of the finances are under the control of the Comptroller's Office other than for review in this format. Mr. Krupp asked why the Library would need \$184,000 in savings and investment accounts if it receives its principal funding from the town. Mr. Myers understands some of those funds are restricted--grants and trust funds willed to the library. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that they have a large endowment. Mr. Gessert asked if the money from the sale of the old Library was received and Mr. Myers stated it was and he reduced the bond. Instead of selling \$3,200,000, \$2,600,000 was sold and the Comptroller's Office is preparing a final report to the Town Council for acceptance by the Council at the next meeting. The Council should accept the building as a matter of record and place the report on file with the Town Clerk and Library and send it to all the committee members. There is approximately \$111,000 left over and Mr. Myers believes he has enough money for one more bond payment.

Mr. Krupp indicated that \$5,000 were spent in legal fees for the sale of the old Library and asked if this could not have been handled through the Town Attorney's Office. Mr. McManus felt it should have been since the Town Attorney's Office did perform a great deal of work on that sale. Mr. Krupp referred to page 12 of the Notes to Financial Statements dated June 30, 1984. Mr. Gessert mentioned that approval may have been necessary from P & Z in connection with this sale and Mr. Krupp asked why the town would pay for this rather than the buyer. Mayor Dickinson felt that the Library Board of Managers would be able to answer any questions regarding the legal fees of \$5,000.

Mr. Gessert directed a letter to the Chairman of the Library Board of Managers asking what the \$5,000 in legal fees covered and asked for itemization of this cost. Mayor Dickinson indicated that there was another facet to this sale--a ruling needed to be obtained from a judge to determine if the building could be sold since the will set aside that property for library purposes. Mr. Killen also mentioned that every heir had to be contacted.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Holmes, Killen, Papale and Polanski voted aye; Messrs. Krupp and Rys voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert asked Mrs. Rascati to read her 10/3/84 letter requesting a waiver of bidding procedure to pay accumulating bills for micro-filming of land records. There was \$6,000 in her budget for micro-filming and when she became aware of another company, \$1,500 was placed in an account to pay the company presently being used. Specs are being drawn with Mr. Dunleavy for the second company.

Mr. Gessert commended Mrs. Rascati for the research on this matter. 569

Mr. Polanski moved to waive the bidding procedure to pay accumulating bills for microfilming of land records for the Town Clerk. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen asked why the bid needed to be waived since it wasn't waived at budget time and there are no restrictions on it. Mr. Gessert felt that it was a procedure to follow the rules.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys read Mayor Dickinson's letter dated 10/3/84 regarding job specifications for Town Clerk. Mr. Krupp mentioned that the former Council Chairman requested these specs for the Town Council. The Mayor pointed out that it was not necessary to act on this matter tonight but it was brought up because of the issue of benefits with this particular appointed position. Mr. Killen felt it was necessary to have specification of the Town Clerk's duties. Mayor Dickinson will report back to the Council on any associated benefits and Mr. Gessert felt that the Town Clerk should be entitled to two weeks vacation during the first year. Mr. Krupp felt that at some point in time, these job specifications should be adopted.

Mr. Krupp noted for the record the financial statements of the Town of Wallingford for the month ended September 30, 1984. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Mr. Krupp asked when the financial statements of 6/30/84 would be available and Mr. Myers stated that 27 sets of books have been turned over to the auditors and he is waiting to see if the auditors have any significant adjustments and at the point that conclusion is reached, he will report to the Mayor and Town Council. Hopefully, this information will be ready by the end of the month. It is a very large task with all the decentralized areas to be tied in. The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Myers is working on the Cafeteria Fund at this time also which entails an entire new system of books.

Mr. Rys referred to the Revenue A/C 101 and asked if tax collection was only 1.3% delinquent and Mr. Myers stated that auto taxes are paid in 1 installment and the July collection period is heavier than January. The 10 year average on tax collection is now 96.85%; it is being budgeted at 97% collection rate and the average is proving out to be that. Mr. Gessert felt that an effort should be made to obtain payment of back taxes owed the town and Mr. McManus stated that Mr. Fields must refer cases to the Town Attorney's Office for collection. Mr. Rys asked if a partial payment were made on back taxes owed would the matter still be pursued through legal channels and Mr. McManus stated that the taxes would have to be paid in full.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of the Town Council minutes of 9/25/84, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Holmes, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Killen and Papale passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert noted the letters dated 10/2/84 from Mayor Dickinson regarding anniversary increases and the Mayoral transfer. He also noted the letter received from Mr. Inglesse thanking the Council for the input at the special meeting of 10/4/84 and advising the Council that a representative is welcome at the negotiation sessions on 10/11/84 and 10/18/84. Mr. Polanski noted that he would attend the 10/11/84 meeting. Mr. Gessert referred to the legal notice advertising the sale of the band stand at Doolittle Park and felt it would be helpful if the Record-Journal included a picture in the newspaper. Mr. Rys noted that the band stand has been vandalized again.

Mr. Gessert moved to waive Rule V for an update from Mr. Cassella and Mr. Shepardson on some ongoing town projects. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert commended the staff at Public Works who has been doing an excellent job with the many different ongoing projects. A hydraulic backhoe has been rented to collect fill at Community Lake for the landfill. Equipment rental is approximately \$12,000 per month. Mayor Dickinson will discuss this matter further with Mr. Deak and Mr. Cassella.

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Mr. Killen asked if a decision has been made with regard to Community Lake and Mayor Dickinson said he would like all the dredging to be done but he is concerned about the costs and Engineering must develop figures which will go out to bid to obtain an idea of the cost. Mr. Killen noted that the original plan was established in 1962 and another in the early 70's and this will be the third time around with costs much higher than the 60's. Mayor Dickinson noted that a permit must be obtained from DEP for expansion of the two ponds for which original permits were obtained.

Mr. Rys asked if there were many complaints of the residents of Community Lake area regarding dust and Mr. Cassella indicated there were and calcium is spread to reduce the dust. Mr. Rys pointed out that the calcium causes slippery conditions.

Mr. Krupp asked where the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park project stood and Mr. Shepardson stated he gave the veterans group a map and has asked for their preferred wording and is awaiting this information. Bids are out for seeding of the Sartori property and the bid will come in 10/16/84 and it will be seeded this fall. Mr. Gessert noted that the topsoil must be spread for field #1 and southern fields #3 and #5 need drainage installed, topsoil brought back and prepared for seeding, according to John Costello. Mr. Cassella noted that #3 calls for 3,500 cubic yards of fill and #5 call for 1,400 cubic yards of fill.

Mr. Cassella noted that on field #3, 900 cubic yards are being stripped; 3,500 cubic yards of fill are being brought in and 6" of the 900 cubic yards are being put on top. There is loam left over from field #1 and that will not be used for fill. Mr. Krupp gets the impression that #3 and #5 will not be ready to seed this fall. Mr. Gessert said a bid has gone out for a larger dozer to speed up the process and there has been discussion of bringing an entire crew in on a Saturday since Bristol-Myers has agreed to give the town fill but the town must haul it away.

Mr. Shepardson stated the town went out to bid a couple of weeks ago on trucking the fill in from Bristol-Myers and no bids were received. It will be rebid but Mr. Shepardson does not believe fields #3 and #5 will be ready for seeding this year but #1 will be. Mr. Krupp pointed out that the fields will not be ready to use until 1986 and Mr. Shepardson agreed and ventured to say that probably none of the fields should be used until 1986 to give a year of total growing to establish it.

Mr. Gessert estimated it would cost about \$2,500 for overtime to bring a whole crew in on a Saturday to collect fill from Bristol-Myers all day. The Council can consider this option tonight and also the option of bringing a larger dozer in on a rental basis-- one bid was \$90+ per hour with a driver and operator for a D-8 and the other bid was just a dozer with no operator for \$10,500 for a month's rental.

Mr. Krupp observed that this project started 1-1/2 years ago and will take another 1-1/2 years, a total of 3 years for athletic fields.

Mayor Dickinson wanted everyone aware that there is a very real probability that those fields are going to cost much more than originally anticipated. With the volume of earth that must be moved and the size of the task, the cost will be more. Originally, Mr. Shepardson pointed out, it was thought that the upper fields could be brought down to the lower fields and covered over with topsoil and that is not the case. Fill has to be brought in and a piping area was run into and this must be brought up 4 or 5 feet to level. This was not anticipated originally and after a whole schematic plan was done, this was discovered and caused a delay.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road feels the housing project should be dropped.

Mayor Dickinson felt that having one field ready for seeding is a real accomplishment given the problems which existed. In order to proceed, a bulldozer must be rented to move ahead. If there is feeling against that, he would like to know now. From the original estimate of \$60,000, it will probably go to more like \$140,000. We are in the midst of it and it's too late to back out now but that is what this project is beginning to look like.

Mr. Gessert stated that Mr. Bruno would like 10 feet of cover over the existing lines but since there is only 2 feet now, another 3 will be added.

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Mr. Killen mentioned that a few weeks ago, he suggested using the Town Assessor to appraise some buildings and he noted that he did not have that expertise--Mr. Barta should be praised for his modesty. Apparently, the people who give the Council the figures on doing the rest of the work do not have that false modesty--what sort of expertise do we have giving the Council figures? The Council does not want the lowest figure just to sell the project; they want to know realistically what it will cost. Mayor Dickinson felt that the major cause for the underestimation was that survey equipment was not used--it was an eyeball situation and it was estimated that there wouldn't have to be a lot of fill and that just wasn't the case. Mr. Killen wanted to know when we start blowing the whistle on some of this. Prices are constantly escalating and all we hear is it won't happen again. Mr. Killen is not looking for a scapegoat--he just wants this to come to a halt.

Mayor Dickinson felt this situation can be addressed in the future by providing the basis for estimates given and some documentation.

Mr. Gessert felt that these options should be explored and Mr. Killen urged caution when using bonded money. Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Myers if equipment rental would be allowed and Mr. Myers stated he would have to see what the proposal included. Mr. Krupp pointed out it was \$60,000 for athletic fields with nothing allocated against specific expenditures.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Cassella if the rental were on a monthly basis with an operator, this may be the best option. Mr. Holmes asked if the dozer and operator would be available soon and Mr. Cassella indicated he could begin in 3 days.

Mr. Gessert asked for the consensus of the Council on bringing a crew in on Saturday to collect fill from Bristol-Myers for field #5. Mr. Krupp felt if funds are going to be spent, we should proceed as far as possible. Mayor Dickinson felt it is not worthy of that kind of expense if the field isn't going to be ready since the fill will just sit out there. Mr. Cassella stated he would need a passage to field #5 to hold the trucks up. Mr. Krupp asked what happened to fields #2 and #4 and Mr. Cassella indicated that #2, #4 and #6 need the greatest amount of fill.

Mr. Killen asked how the Council got so involved with this step-by-step process and Mr. Gessert felt he would rather get involved than receive a report in January stating it was not done because it never came up for discussion. Mr. Killen felt that the Council is discussing a situation which is within the purview of Mr. Cassella and Mr. Shepardson and which should have all been taken care of. Mr. Gessert felt the situation with the fill could be expedited.

Mr. Gessert suggested using topsoil to prepare field #5 since there is already a supply. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that there is still the problem of preparing a road to cross field #3 and the drains need to be installed. Mr. Cassella feels there will be 3,000 yards of topsoil left from field #1 and Mr. Gessert felt that if field #5 can be seeded by using this topsoil, he would prefer that option.

Mayor Dickinson does not want to undertake expenses that will fail to bring a field in and leave us short as far as bringing in the fill from Bristol-Myers and some other things that are basics for the rest of the projects. There are a number of ramifications. If there are added expenses in order to bring one more field and if there isn't a possibility to get that field seeded, then money has been cut out that can be used to get the basics for the whole project. Mr. Gessert asked if any fill has been brought in from Bristol-Myers and Mr. Cassella said some was for the road and for the landfill. Mr. Cassella suggested checking with John Costello to determine if the calculations will prove there is enough topsoil to prepare field #5.

Mr. Cassella asked if he could bring in a bulldozer and the Mayor felt that if it can be funded, it will be done.

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A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta
Council Secretary

Approved *David A. Gessert*
David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

October 23, 1984
Date

Rosemary A. Rascati
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

October 23, 1984
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Summary/Town Council Minutes

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Moment of silence observed in honor of Detective Murt M. Howard.	1
Approved transfer of \$760 from 701-135 and \$220 from 701-130, total of \$980 to 701-410 for P & Z/withdrew appropriation of \$1,000 from 805-319 to 701-410	1-2
Accepted Brookview Avenue, Loving Lane, Jodi Drive, Gaye Lane, Lori Lane and Righill Road (Parker Farms Estates)	2-3
Did not accept Sections 1, 2 and 3 of High Hill Acres	3-4
Approved new A/C 503-005 General Improvements Parker Farms Estates and amendment to Revenue A/C 704 from \$150 to \$6,275 and amendment of Expenditure A/C 503-005 and appropriation of \$6,125 to same	4
Approved request from SCOW for office space at Railroad Station	5-6
Discussed Councilman Rys' letter regarding additional police staffing for intoxicated drivers; waived Rule V and approved a transfer of \$2,600 from 201A-120 to 201AI-140/see Exhibit I attached	6-8
Waived Rule V and endorsed SAFE HOMES CONCEPT	8
Waived Rule V and discussed TABER HOUSE proposal. See attached Exhibits II, III and IV.	8-11
Status Report/Police Station Building Committee/Exhibit V.	11-14
Resolution wishing happy retirement to Norris Andrews, Executive Director of Regional Planning and Executive Secretary of the Regional Council of Elected Officials.	14
Tabled change in Work Study Program requested by Donald W. Roe.	15
Noted for the record financial statements of Utilities Divisions.	15
Approved transfer of \$2,600 from 503-300 to 511-629 and transfer of \$2,000 from 503-300 and \$3,600 from C504-01, total of \$5,600 to 505-540, Public Works Department.	16
Approved 5 year least to Visiting Nurse Association of Wallingford	16-17
Approved budget amendment to accept \$400 donation to Auxiliary Police appropriating \$400 to A Revenue Budget A/C 704 and appropriating \$400 to B Expenditure Budget A/C 209-476.	17-18
Waived bidding procedure and approved transfer of \$3,500 from 140-120 to 140-900, Comptroller's Office.	18
Status listing of Current Open Positions noted.	18
Accepted Town Council meeting minutes of 10/4/84 and 10/9/84.	18-19
Executive Session.	19
Meeting Adjourned.	19