

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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OCTOBER 28, 1986

7:30 p.m.

- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance to flag.
 - (2) Public question and answer period.
 - (3) Consider & approve reappropriation of \$30,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Professional Services: Route 68 Traffic Study, requested by Linda A. Bush, Town Planner.
 - (4) Consider acceptance of BRITTANY WOODS Subdivision, known as SHIRE DRIVE, requested by Linda A. Bush, Town Planner.
 - (5) PRESENTATION by Wallingford Chamber of Commerce for a Visitor's Council, requested by Robin Chait.
 - (6) TABLED Consider approval for refurbishing and rebuilding of East Wallingford's 1977 American LaFrance Pumper be given to Bell Detroit Diesel, Inc. and request that \$17,945 be transferred from \$100,000 Capital Account #203-002-18 approved in 1986 to refurbish the 1974 Aerial Ladder Truck for this purpose, requested by Jack K. McElfish, Fire Chief.
 - (7) CORRESPONDENCE: Letter dated October 6, 1986 from Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. regarding AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK and request for elected officials to teach a class or classes in any school in Wallingford during the week of November 17 to 21, 1986.
 - (8) NOTE FOR RECORD certified financial statements of the Visiting Nurse Association of Wallingford, Inc. for the period ended June 30, 1986.
 - (9) ACCEPT Town Council Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 1986.
- ADDENDUM
- (10) EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss negotiations scheduled with Wallingford Education Association for salaries and fringe benefits for 1988-89, and with the administrators, EAAW (principals, assistant principals, directors and coordinators) whose contracts expire June 30, 1987, requested by Vincent L. Inglese, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Wallingford Public Schools.
 - (11) Discussion of Deputy Fire Marshal position.

ADDENDUM - DISCUSSION AND FUNDING TRANSFER TO COVER EMERGENCY ASBESTOS REMOVAL IN ROCK HILL SCHOOL AS REQUESTED BY Thomas Chicoski.

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WAIVED RULE V/approved transfer of \$1,000 from Part-Time Wages to Professional Services, Town Clerk.

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7:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers on October 28, 1986, called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 7:40 p.m. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Rascati were Council Members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Gouveia, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers. The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag. Town Attorney McManus was also present.

Public Question and Answer Period.

Chairman Gessert addressed Mr. Ed Bradley.

Mr. Bradley commented on the policies of American Cyanamid.

Mr. Bradley continued: Some of the things that they are burning, fuel oil, plastic and methanol. Methanol is a group 3 hazardous air pollutant on the States list. Yet, we are still allowing things like this to happen in peoples back yards. I don't know, when we are going to wake up and realize what we are doing to the environment of the Town. We don't have a concern for the peoples' health. We could have a major catastrophe if there was a chemical spill. Things like this keep eroding away. I would like to hear from the Council and the Mayor.

Attorney McManus addressed Mr. Bradley and objected to his comments. Attorney McManus added that science has found no way to measure what the hazard is. That's what you talk about.

Capt. Richard McBride of the Wallingford Fire Department: I live about a half a mile from the plant that you want to build, and I am in favor of it. I just want to say, as a member of the Wallingford Fire Department for the past 25 years, if we did not have places like Cyanamid, to try out the chemicals that they have, to experiment on learning how to put them out, if they did have a fire, they would have the catastrophe you are talking about. I have been at several other serious fires and we need this training that companies like Cyanamid pay for because that training is expensive and the chemicals that they use is expensive and it costs the taxpayers nothing. Thank you.

(Applause)

Chairman Gessert thanked Mr. McBride.

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ITEM 3. Consider & approve reappropriation of \$30,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Professional Services: Route 68 Traffic Study.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bergamini to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Professional Services: Rt. 68 Traffic Study Account No. 001-7010-900-9040. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rys.

Linda Bush : As you can see in my letter, I did not tell the Comptroller to hold it over to this Fiscal Year. This is the same \$30,000 you appropriated in May, but it wipes off of my budget because the Fiscal Year ended.

Councilwoman Papale asked if this has been done before.

Linda Bush: It is being done now. I should have a draft for the first section by early next week.

Councilwoman Papale asked Linda Bush if the people she sees on Rt. 68 near 91 are working on this.

Linda Bush: They have been out 3 times in Wallingford. Other developers have done traffic studies.

Chairman Gessert asked Mr. Myers if this was out of this year's budget.

Mr. Myers: Yes. When I estimated last years, I did not include the \$30,000, because I had assumed the Contract would be issued and the Purchase Order would have encumbered the funds. So, I did not include the \$30,000 in the estimate (86), because a Contract was not issued, the Purchase Order did not occur.

Councilman Killen asked Mr. Myers how the work was being done in the absence of a Purchase Order. Work should have ceased when no funds were available.

Mr. Myers: As Linda said, she forgot to issue a Purchase Order.

Linda Bush: There is no book of rules in the Comptroller's Office that tells you to do these things.

Mr. Myers: The book of rules, Miss Bush, is the Town Charter.

Councilman Killen: It all comes to the Town Charter. Our problem we have here is we obey the Town Charter when it suits us and we disobey it when it suits us also.

Linda Bush added that she spoke to the Purchasing Department about how to handle this when she hired them. Unfortunately, it was not the correct procedure to hold the money over. As I said in the letter, I made a mistake.

Councilman Killen: How did the Purchase Order get issued?

Linda Bush: A Purchase Order has not been issued. I was told to get them to sign a Contract, which the Town signed and they signed, because the money was appropriated. A Purchase Order is a separate piece of paper to be used when they send us a bill.

Councilman Killen: There should have been no Contract signed in the absence of a Purchase Order. You can't go out and Contract to a person without the money being available and the money becomes available when the Purchase Order is issued for it.

Linda Bush: The money is available when you appropriate it and it showed up in my budget.

Linda Bush added that she was sorry that she made a mistake and Councilman Killen said that he was not blaming her. Councilman Killen added that he was not happy with the situation.

Councilwoman Bergamini: What is the alternative? The work has been contracted.

Councilman Killen: There is nothing that you can do about it. How many times do we have to sign Contracts in the absence of Purchase Orders. 638

Linda Bush added that she was never told this. There is no book for her to follow.

Mayor Dickinson: Obviously, the money should have been reserved at the end of the Fiscal Year. But, you don't need a Purchase Order to sign a Contract, you have to have the money appropriated in the Budget. As long as the money is in the line item for expenditure, you could sign a Contract, because we have the money to pay for it.

Councilman Killen disagreed with Mayor Dickinson saying that it does not work the way he said it should.

Mayor Dickinson: At the end of the year, because the account was not spent, it falls into the unappropriated cash balance. But, as Mr. Myers indicated, it's money that he assumed would be spent. Linda did not realize that she had to encumber that at the end of the year for it to hold over, because the work already began in the last Fiscal Year. It's paid at the time the work finishes. Now, you've contracted for something in one Fiscal Year and it carries over into the next Fiscal Year. That money should have been identified and held. Linda didn't do that and therefore it fell out, but you are still under contract and the money is still there, only in unappropriated cash balance instead of a line item.

Chairman Gessert: Obviously, the reason for the Purchase Order is, you are not going to get a check from the Comptroller's Office until there is a Purchase Order to go with it.

Mr. Myers: The Purchase Order is the Contract. It can play a dual roll. It can constitute an order for materials for supplies or services. A Purchase Order is not issued, by Charter, until it is certified for availability of funds by the Comptroller. This is outlined in the Charter under expenditures and accounting. That's the rule it serves in a finance document. It also serves as a Contract under the legal aspect.

Councilman Killen added that he still did not agree with the situation.

Councilwoman Bergamini added that we made a commitment and asked Councilman Killen where he thought the money should come from. We all voted for this study.

Councilman Killen: We voted for the study, but the study should not have been done without a Purchase Order.

Linda Bush stated that when the Contract was signed, she was not told that a Purchase Order had to be cut. This has never happened before.

VOTE. Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilman Killen who passed. Motion duly carried.

ITEM 4 Consider acceptance of BRITTANY WOODS Subdivision, Known as SHIRE DRIVE.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bergamini to consider acceptance of Brittany Woods and was seconded by Councilman Rys.

Chairman Gessert: We have a letter from Mr. Deak certifying that this meets Town's specifications and there are no problems.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes. Motion duly carried.

ITEM 5 PRESENTATION by Wallingford Chamber of Commerce for a Visitor's Council.

Mr. Don Roe introduced Ms. Robin Chait, who requested this presentation.

A motion was made by Councilman Polanski and seconded by Councilman Rys.

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Robin Chait: The Visitors Council is a district that is formed and the main criteria for forming it is that you need a population of 85,000 people. Obviously, Wallingford does not have that alone and Meriden does not have that alone, and since we have some things in common, it seems like a likely marriage to join the two communities. Basically, what it involves, is the district is set up with a population of 85,000 or more for which we get returns on sales tax for every 7-1/2 cents that they collect on tax revenues from the restaurants, hotels, motels, within the district., they give back to us 1-1/2 cents. There is no municipal funding involved, it is all state funds, and right now it is all sitting up in the surplus.

At this point, Ms. Chait passed out to all Councilmembers, the Specific Ordinance on how the money can be used.

Ms. Chait continued: In order to set this up with Meriden, we just want to have it understood that what we are interested in is an equitable Board of Directors. This is a Board that has to be set up and a set of bylaws. We don't have a set of bylaws set up at this point to offer. What we would like from you is a resolution stating that you approve with this and then we would like to do a further study with the University of New Haven into a detailed set of bylaws and how we are going to go about it. One of the problems that came up before was that there was very little turn-around time and very little preparation.

Mr. Roe: One of the problems was very little time to gear up such a Council in terms of coming up with the kind of membership that is required by the State Statute. With the Chambers involved from both communities, other organizations, they all have gotten interested and involved and I think they are there to help in terms of solving that particular aspect that was a problem back then.

Ms. Chait introduced Mr. Robert Ladeux, who is from Meriden.

Mr. Ladeux: What we are talking about here is two concepts. A concept for the community of Meriden and a concept for the community of Wallingford, which is in best interest for the people of Wallingford. As Robin explained, the basic premise for these funds, for every dollar spent for a hotel and motel accomodation, in a community, 7-1/2 percent tax is collected and goes up to Hartford. Under this program, 1-1/2 cents can come back to the district for allocation. This program has been in effect for a fair number of years, at least 3 or 4 to my knowledge.

At this point, Mr. Ladeux showed maps to the Councilmembers of all of the other Visitors Councils around the State, to show the geographic groupings of continuous communities.

Mr. Ladeux continued: The concept that we have is that there would be two separate and parallel programs. There would be a Meriden program and there would be a Wallingford Program. Each under this one parent body, which has a Chairman, a First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and all of the Wallingford members. You would select the ones who will be nominated to go onto this commission, from Wallingford. Within each of these groups, there would be completely distinct and parallel programs. The concept for Wallingford are things like a Marker Program, Community Calendar, grants to non-profit agencies for printing and promotion (books, programs, etc.), Sports promotions, Parade Floats , Posters and your Downtown Beautification. We will be concerned with the Hotel, Motel Guide, Restaurant Guide, Tourist Attraction Brochures, Information Booths and these funds will help support downtown. What we are hoping to do is to get a resolution approving the creation of the district from this body, so that we can then put together by-laws and then come back to you with by-laws. The principles in the by-laws are as follows:

Mr. Ladeux continues:

That all approvals of budgets and programs will be by a 2/3 majority vote. They would in fact, need a 2/3 vote to keep the program at work, the budgets and offices.

Mayor Dickinson: Regarding that 2/3 vote, is that 2/3's of the total or 2/3's of the people representing each community?

Mr. Ladeux: All of the work that is done by the joint groups, would have to be approved by the body and then presented to this Council and then the Council of Meriden for approval.

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Ms. Chait: The Board of Directors is put together by the population in each community. There would be 13 on the Board from Meriden and 9 from Wallingford. That would be about 15 votes and Meriden would not be able to control the vote.

Mr. Ladeux: The other basic principle here is one of equality, that we should rotate the body of Chairmanship each year. One year there will be a Wallingford Chairman and one year there will be a Meriden Chairman, so there would be fairness and equality. Another concept will be that we will ask the Mayor to elect a liaison Officer and that will reflect both the body and the influence of the community and concerns for the community. The other two basic principles are that the revenues should be a portion on the fair share basis upon which the monies are raised and that the cost of administering the program would be equally proportioned. The kinds of things that appear to be appropriate for Wallingford.

Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Ladeux to explain his last point again.

Mr. Ladeux: The percentage of the sales tax raised from monies in Meriden and Wallingford would represent a ratio, 60/40 or 50/50. That ratio would be used to allocate the funds. For the Administrative costs, the same would hold true.

Councilman Holmes asked Mr. Ladeux what kinds of costs were anticipated.

Mr. Ladeux: I think the State has a 7 or 8% limit.

Mr. Ladeux added: What we are also talking about is Historical Marks for the Town of Wallingford which would keep them maintained and in good condition throughout the year. Another part of the funding would be used to maintain and update a Community Calendar and other social events.

At this point, Ms. Chait passed out a Community Calendar from the town of Milford.

Mr. Ladeux: The other concept for Wallingford is very similar to the State's Commission on the Arts, where various performing and visual Art Groups make application to the Commission for funding. The State Commission give grants to non-profit cultural groups. The Wallingford Visitors Council would give small grants of \$50.00, \$75.00 or \$100.00 to various non-profit cultural and civic groups to help subsidize the printing of their brochures and pamphlets, so they would act very much as the State Commission does, except on a local level. The non-profit would apply for a grant, the Visitors Council would award them \$100.00 (example) for their Apple Festival. The formula again, is a portion of revenues from each Community times the portion of population and fair share. The only thing that I must emphasize this is that what we are talking about in Wallingford basically is that most of the businesses are family businesses. This gives them a chance to know what is happening. The groups that will benefit from these groups would be groups such as Boy Scouts, etc.

Councilwoman Papale: Are the Hotels or Motels where this is going to be taken from, listed somewhere?

Mr. Roe: If you'll see on this summary sheet, it shows the 1983 receipts for instance, now we would have the 1984 receipts available. Based on the taxes that were collected in that year, the Wallingford share coming back to the Town would be \$14,600 and in Meriden would be \$18,775, which is based on 1983.

Chairman Gessert: Based on the 7-1/2% sales tax charged for the room rate, for every 7-1/2 cents per dollar that they collect, the State takes 1-1/2 out of that 7 1/2 that they collected and give that back to you.

Mayor Dickinson asked if this money would be turned over to the municipality, in this case, the Council.

Ms. Chait: It would be turned over to the district.

Mr. Ladeux responded to Mayor Dickinson's question regarding tax receipts retained by Municipalities.

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Mr. Ladeux: There are actually two legislatives. One is for large cities with over 85,000 people where the money goes directly to the municipality. In a case where you have an intra-community district the money comes directly to the district. However, no monies can be allocated, no program or work can be done until this Council approves that budget and approves that program or work. Each Council has to approve it before the district can receive the money.

Mayor Dickinson: Do we approve a year's program?

Mr. Ladeux: We will present to you, a budget for each of the communities. In your case, you would look at the Wallingford budget and would also see the Meriden budget, and at this point you would have an opportunity at that point to eliminate anything that you thought was detrimental to the character of the community.

Mr. Roe. That is not required by Statute.

Mr. Robert Myers: This whole thing got started, if you think back a few years ago with the Civic Center in Hartford and the Civic Center in New Haven. At that time, there was a 20% refund of the Hotel, Motel

Sales Tax collected to support those two Civic Centers. From that it began to build and the rest of the towns said "me too".

Councilman Polanski: (referring to section B) You get the money on a line item and we will get reimbursed by the State. Is this correct?

Mayor Dickinson answered Mr. Polanski: I think that the difference is that B says 7-136A, that is probably not the section that he is talking about.

Mr. Ladeux: Section 7-136C, refers to where the municipalities are actually retaining the tax receipts. That is not appropriate to the Visitors Council.

Mayor Dickinson: I think it can be a real benefit. The dollars that we don't have now and can be utilized and I think that the Town Attorney should take a look at the Resolution and review it and we can probably put it on the next Agenda, if there is an indication that you want to look further at it. I think the Town should.

Chairman Gessert agreed with Mayor Dickinson and added that we did not have the Resolution prior to the meeting, so I think that it is appropriate, with all the background material they have given us, we should put it on the next Agenda and schedule it for a vote on the Resolution.

Mr. Ladeux added that the Town has until as late as March. What we would like to do, if you pass a resolution at the next Town Council Meeting, is to come back to you in a month or month and a half with a draft of the by-laws and embody these principles so that each of you could see the structure in detail.

Councilman Holmes: The governing body made up between the two communities, could you clarify that.

Mr. Ladeux: This body will actually appoint the people to serve as representatives of the Community. The quality of those people will obviously reflect the work that they do.

Mr. Ladeux continued: If you do not wish to place any additional burden on the Town Employees, both Chambers have a willingness to participate in helping organize this as I think we have.

Councilman Holmes commented that he believes that this is a worthy program and he voted for this last time. He would like to see it pass.

Councilman Gouveia: Will the money being refunded be on a percentage basis or will it be 1-1/2 cents?

Mr. Ladeux: 1-1/2cents is 20% of the 7-1/2 % sales tax.

Councilman Gouveia: Is this on a percentage basis? 642

Mr. Ladeux: As it stands now, it is 1-1/2% of the 7-1/2%.

Councilman Diana: On the revenue sharing portion of this, I have no problem, it seems to be fair. As far as the membership, I have some questions on that. The imbalance of 9 and 13, Meriden vs. Wallingford, the numbers don't add up. It is going to Meriden dominating. My question is, because I have seen the chart of other districts being formed, what is the possibility of introducing a 3rd or 4th Town into this?

Mr. Ladeux: The State Statute does allow for additional communities to join the district, required by the State in the by-laws. I believe Cheshire is not affiliated with a business district. The purpose of the 2/3 vote of the body was basically to protect against a 13 vote Meriden overriding a 9 vote Wallingford. The 2/3 majority vote will be required for all elections, all budgets and all programs of work. The Chairmanship will rotate each year.

Mr. Roe: Whatever Wallingford is entitled to, that is what they are going to get. Meriden can vote to take \$5,000 out of Wallingford's share, but that is not going to happen.

Mr. Ladeux added that he spoke with the Mayor of Meriden and he supports this concept.

Councilman Diana added that he has no problem with the money side of this issue, but he does with the voting side of this as far as events etc. Meriden needs 6 members to join in with them.

Mr. Ladeux: One of the things that we are hoping to do with the by-laws is to meet with each of you individually and perhaps we can put some kind of a veto in it that will protect Wallingford from that type of situation. The requirement is that if we can get both the budget, by-laws, program of work and the resolution all be passed before this can come into effect. We have a two step decision process. First, the concept of Meriden vs. Wallingford, if we had a resolution, we could then go back and work out the by-laws with both Council's. I am sure that we are going to have to negotiate with Meriden's Council too and then get by-laws to guarantee protection for each Community and then present that to each body for approval.

Mayor Dickinson asked if there was a requirement that the Council approve the by-laws before they become effective.

Mr. Ladeux: Each Council has to approve the by-laws and any changes in the by-laws would have to come back to you for approval also.

Councilman Killen: We are going to be adopting a Resolution and a Resolution is only going to be binding in a particular year.

Chairman Gessert added: I think the concept is very good and it was well presented and it will be on the next Agenda.

ITEM 6 Consider approval for refurbishing and rebuilding of East Wallingford's 1977 American LaFrance Pumper be given to Bell Detroit Diesel, Inc. and request that \$17,945 be transferred from \$100,00 Capital Account #203-002-18 approved in 1986 to refurbish the 1974 Aerial Ladder Truck for this purpose.

Chairman Gessert read a letter from Chief McElfish to Mayor Dickinson:

Dear Mayor:

The bids have been received on refurbishing and rebuilding East Wallingford's 1977 American LaFrance Pumper (was previously Engine 1 operating out of North Main Street Fire Station).

The bids ranged from \$82,945 to \$109,637 to refurbish and rebuild this pumper. It is my recommendation that approval be

given to have Bell Detroit Diesel, Inc. of Middletown, CT refurbish and rebuild this pumper. It should be noted that this refurbishing and rebuilding includes installing a new aluminum cab, new aluminum body, new fiberglass water tank, various repairs such as spring work, minor pump repair, repairs to electrical system, new emergency lights, and numerous other repairs. This repair work is warranted for 10 years and includes 100% parts and labor. Work on this project will take approximately 190 days after receiving the order. 643

In the 1986-87 budget, East Wallingford Capital Account No. 001-2036-999/9901 had \$65,000 approved for this refurbishing/rebuilding project for the pumper. The low bid submitted by Bell Detroit Diesel is \$82,945. This has created a difference of \$17,945. It is requested that \$17,945 be transferred from the \$100,000 Capital Account No. 203-002-18 that was approved in 1986 to refurbish the 1974 Aerial Ladder Truck. Also, \$50,000 has been requested to be put into the Aerial Ladder Truck project from the State's TIP Program. Presently, specifications are being prepared to replace this ladder truck with a new vehicle.

A motion was made by Councilman Polanski that we appropriate \$17,945 from unappropriated fund balance to refurbish and rebuild 1977 pumper Account # 001-2036-999/9901. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rys.

Mr. Rick McBride commented that he thought refurbishing this equipment is a waste of taxpayers money.

Mr. McBride added that they need decent trucks and that the Town would rather fix up the Green than do this. I think that you give the guys that are using this something decent to work with.

Mayor Dickinson wanted to point out the letter from Chief McElfish to Tom Myers indicating that the \$17,945 is reducing the capital account and it would drop out of the capital account and if it weren't for this, it wouldn't be falling out of one account into unappropriated cash balance but would be reappropriated now and this is the assurance for the Comptroller. Mayor Dickinson said that it begins to look like refurbishing of the Ladder Truck is not going to be proper or appropriate and a new ladder truck is probably going to be necessary. If the Council is going to go with a new ladder truck, then in order to come up with available money to refurbish the pumper, funds are taken from the capital account last year for the ladder to finance totally the pumper refurbishing.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that there are two trucks that are at issue--the ladder truck and a pumper. \$65,000 was appropriated for refurbishing East Wallingford's Pumper, Engine 8, and the low bid is \$82,000. The question is where do you come up with the additional money to refurbish that truck, or buy a new one for \$120,000. Mayor Dickinson continued that you are also talking about the need for the ladder truck and whether the job can be done for the money appropriated for it which, at this point, begins to look doubtful. Prices are being obtained for a new one and also lease prices. There are other needs coming up in the way of apparatus, including a new ambulance and the appropriation of funds becomes a very difficult process when the next budget is looked at. At least \$150,000 will be needed to add to the money here to buy a new ladder truck, plus a new ambulance which may be necessary.

Chief McElfish said they have been playing catchup and everything is getting old at once. The bid specifications were drawn up for the pumper and includes a new cab, new body, new fiberglass tank, lights, etc. Mr. Gessert asked about a vehicle with a commercial chassis and Mr. McElfish said the price goes up with a commercial vehicle and it's important to get something that will be adequate for the next 20 years or so. Mr. Killen felt the Council should sit down and decide what it needed and what the costs will be since many vehicles are patched up. Mr. Gessert said there has been new equipment purchased in the last few years but perhaps not enough of it. Mr. Killen felt that the Council should find out what is needed rather than paying for part of it now and

replacing the whole thing within 2 years and these things should be done at budget time. Mr. Killen wanted to know when the Council becomes the body that makes the decisions--after the fact? 644

Mr. Polanski felt that this is an old vehicle and he would prefer to see the price on a new vehicle and a replacement schedule for all other vehicles.

Mr. Holmes asked Mayor Dickinson about leasing and Mayor Dickinson said a new ladder truck would cost \$280,000 to \$320,000. \$65,000 was put in the last budget to refurbish Engine 8 and the decision then was not to buy a new pumper truck but to refurbish because of budget constraints and now the item comes up again because there were not sufficient funds to refurbish.

Mayor Dickinson said if you want to go for a new truck, then you have to look at whether you can come up with the extra money now for a new truck or wait until the next fiscal year which means the Fire Department goes a longer period of time without work being performed on the truck or a new one being ordered. Mr. Holmes pointed out the refurbishing will take at least 6 months according to the letter. Mr. Killen felt that the proper form is not being given since this information was given to the Council before the surplus was made available.

Mr. Holmes felt that new is better and he felt the Council has taken progressive steps the last two terms to replace apparatus wherever necessary and he felt that great strides have been taken.

Mrs. Bergamini questioned leasing these two items to July 1 with an option to buy and appropriate the purchase price in the next budget, using only the funds in this specific budget. Mayor Dickinson said the budget would have to be amended to put the money in an account to allow the payment on a lease but he felt the money could be transferred from purchase to leasing. Mr. Gessert asked if this proposal was logical or if it would be more feasible to commit to a two year lease with half paid this year and half next year for two new vehicles. Mr. Myers felt that this certainly was an option. Mrs. Bergamini's point was only to use the money specifically appropriated for specific vehicles without appropriating anything extra. Mr. Myers suggested that this could be done by ordinance and the money borrowed at a 4% rate rather than through a conventional lease which would be considerably higher. The notes could then be paid off over a couple of budgets. Mayor Dickinson felt that Mr. Myers' point is correct in terms of finance outlay. The lease that you will pay will include interest at a rate higher and the town's cost over that period of time will be less but you are definitely entering into bonding to pay for trucks, or at least a note.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that the low end on the pumper is \$120,000 and the low end on the ladder is \$400,000 and costs from G.E. Credit vs. bonding should be compared to determine which way to go.

Mr. Gouveia recalled when the Council first appropriated the \$100,000 for the ladder truck, from 1985-86 surplus, after this year's budget was approved. Mr. Gouveia resents the fact that when a budget is prepared, it's a statement of needs and yet, in that budget, there was no mention of anything about that ladder truck and was it possible that it was known at that time that the ladder truck could not be repaired? Chief McElfish said he and the Mayor discussed it and it's a matter of negotiating.

Mr. Rys said the LAC approved \$50,000 last night for refurbishment of the ladder truck and this \$50,000 will not be received if this is not approved. Mr. Diana felt it could be earmarked for this project and kept in escrow. Mr. Gessert spoke with someone who felt if the money were put toward a capital project to accomplish the same goal, he doubted it would be a major problem.

Mr. Holmes moved to table discussion of refurbishing and rebuilding of East Wallingford's 1977 American LaFrance Pumper until additional information is received on various purchasing schemes and a legal opinion is received from the Local Allocation Council. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Rys wants to make sure that the town is going to do with the money from TIP what is supposed to be done, legally. Mr. Myers

will research the financing and report prices to the Council. Mrs. Bergamini asked if the new pumper would go to East Wallingford and Mr. Gessert understands that is the purpose of it. Chief McElfish said that is the ideal location right now. 645

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Chief McElfish said the bids have come back and bid bonds are being tied up and he asked if the Council did not want to refurbish. The Council all agreed that they preferred to purchase new rather than refurbish but at this point, they wanted to come up with the best solution with figures and delivery times, etc.

Mayor Dickinson wanted the Council to keep in mind that all of this discussion was part of the budget deliberations and at that time, it was decided that funds were not available to do all the truck necessary and now the earlier decisions are being changed which is fine because the bids have come in higher than expected but it does mean that it will have a financial impact beyond this fiscal year which is what was originally dealt with. Mrs. Bergamini commented that she changed her mind because of all the building in Wallingford and the fire service which will be needed.

ITEM 8. Mrs. Bergamini moved to note for the record the certified financial statements of the Visiting Nurse Association of Wallingford, Inc. for the period ended June 30, 1986, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9. Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of the Town Council Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 1986, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gouveia and Killen who passed; motion duly carried.

ITEM 7. Correspondence: Letter dated October 6, 1986 from Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. regarding AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK and request for elected officials to teach a class or classes in any school in Wallingford during the week of November 17 to 21, 1986. Mayor Dickinson asked if any Council Members have made a decision and they will let the Mayor know.

ADDENDUM. Mr. Killen moved to consider discussion and funding transfer to cover emergency asbestos removal in Rock Hill School, requested by Thomas A. Chicoski, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Chicoski noted that all 11 public schools have been inspected and 175 samples taken and material at Rock Hill School was found to be friable asbestos in the form of pipe insulation in the classrooms which was not picked up during the previous inspection. This work must be done when the school is shut down and this could be done over the weekend of November 7.

Mr. Gessert commended Mr. Chicoski's efforts and asked for a motion.

Mr. Rys moved establishment of Asbestos Removal Contractors 001-1112-600-6510 and Air Testing (Asbestos) Contractors 001-1112-600-6520 and a transfer of \$3,200 from Reserve for Emergency 001-8050-800-3190 to \$2,000 Asbestos Removal Contractors and \$1,200 Air Testing (Asbestos) Contractors, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

ITEM 10. Mrs. Bergamini moved that the meeting go into Executive Session under Section 118A(e)2 for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Mrs. Papale moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried and the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 10:37 p.m.

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Mrs. Papale moved to waive Rule V to consider a transfer for the Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved a transfer of \$1,000 from Part-Time Wages to Professional Services, Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who passed; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Meeting recorded by:
Susan M. Baron, Council Secretary

Meeting transcribed by:
Susan M. Baron & Delores B. Fetta

Approved

David A. Gessert
David A. Gessert, Chairman

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