

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

6:30 P.M.

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  7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$14,400 from Contingency General Purposes Acct. #001-7060-800-3190 to Demolition of 222 North Main Street Acct. #001-5015-999-9966 – Mayor

8. Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process for the Purpose of Hiring a Consultant to Perform an Environmental Study of the Yale Avenue Area – Health Dept.
9. Consider and Approve an Agreement, Mortgage Note and Deed Regarding a Housing Authority Loan and Repayment of its Tax Debt in the Amount of \$55,326.40 to the Town of Wallingford – Town Attorney
10. Report Out by the Mayor and/or Personnel Director on Progress Made To Date on the Hiring of a Deputy Fire Marshal as Requested by Councilor Jim Vumbaco
11. Report Out by the Mayor and/or Personnel Director on Progress Made To Date on the Hiring of a Health Director and on the Management of The Overall Operations of the Department in the Absence of a Full Time Director as Requested by Councilor Jim Vumbaco
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Reporting Procedures with Respect To the School Renovation Project which would include an Update on a Comparison between Budgeted Expenses and Actual Expenses, and the Costs Associated with Any Recent or Proposed Changes in Design or Work or Contractor as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky
13. Report Out from the Mayor, Discussion and Possible Action on a \$500,000 State Grant as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky
14. Report Out from the Mayor and Program Planner on the Results of the Solicitation of RFPs for the Conversion of the Former Simpson School to Senior Housing as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky
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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:32 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Centner, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Vumbaco and Zappala. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also present. Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers arrived approximately 6:45 P.M.

blessing was bestowed upon the Council by Rev. Sydney Parker (Retired).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Chairman Parisi led everyone in a rendition of God Bless America as a show of renewed faith and patriotism in our country following the tragedy visited upon the United States on September 11, 2001; the day the World Trade Center buildings were attacked and destroyed by terrorists.

A candlelight vigil, sponsored by the Wallingford Fire Department, Police Department and Hunter's Ambulance, will be held on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M., Doolittle Park. The plan is to assemble at Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. with a candle(s) or flashlight(s) and march to Doolittle Park. The vigil is a remembrance to all who tragically lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

On Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Wallingford Fire Department, Volunteer Firefighters, Police Officers, Civil Defense personnel, and Cytex Fire Department will be all over town at various locations (banks, stores, restaurants and intersections) collecting money for the families of the victims from the various branches of public service.

EM #2 Correspondence

The following press release was read into the record by Vice Chairman Raymond J. Rys, Sr.:

“September 14, 2001

Wallingford Town Council members and the Mayor express deepest sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones in Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and friends.

Knowing the generous spirit of Wallingford residents, we believe there are many individuals who want to reach out and help during this time of dire need. The Town would be pleased to facilitate in getting help and relief to the victims.

Monetary donations may be made to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army and forwarded to the Mayor's Office, Wallingford Town Hall, 45 S. Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. Your checks will be forwarded to the designated organization. Please note in the memo area of the check "National Disaster Relief". Also, please note if you have a specific area where you would like the funds directed, i.e., New York Relief, Pentagon Relief.

If you would like additional information on how you can be of assistance, please call the American Red Cross at 265-6721 or the Salvation Army at 1-800-SAL-Army. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mayor's Signature)

William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor"

(Appendix I)

#### Presentation of Jackets to Sheehan High School Baseball Team

Mayor Dickinson recognized the Sheehan High School Baseball Team; Class M State Champions this past Spring. (Applause)

As the Mayor read the names of both the coaches and players into the record, each took a place on stage to be formally recognized by the Council and members of the public who were present in the audience.

(Applause)

Sheehan High School Head Baseball Coach, Matt Altieri, took a moment to extend gratitude to the Town for the opportunity and experience to serve in the position of Head Coach, working in his hometown school system with its youths.

(Applause)



ITEM #3 Consider and Approve Accepting a Donation of \$500 from Bertoldi Design, LLC to Fund Recreational Department Programs – Parks & Recreation

Correspondence from Tom Dooley, Director of Parks & Recreation Department states that he would very much like to use the donation towards programs.

Mayor Dickinson acknowledged Mr. Bertoldi's generosity and kindness.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

EM #4 Consent Agenda

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Withdrawn

#### PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue inquired about the appeal the Town is taking regarding the matter of Town of Wallingford v. State of CT., Department of Public Health. He was under the impression that the State E.P.A. was holding up the process of exploring the possibility of locating a golf course on the Cooke property recently purchased by the Town and commented how recent legislation had been passed to help move the project along to its next phase. He felt there was a lack of communication between state departments. He asked if it will cost the Town any monies to proceed with the appeal?

Mr. Parisi answered, it will be handled internally; it will not be a hard cost in dollars.

Mayor Dickinson added, other than a court filing fee and maybe printing fees if it goes far enough that a brief needs to be printed, it will all be handled within house. It does cost money but it will be part of the funds that are already budgeted. The appeal was filed today in court. The E.P.A. is not involved, the State of CT., Dept. of Health is.

Mr. Sheehan thought that with the recent passing of legislation addressing all of the State's concerns, the matter was taken care of.

Mr. Parisi explained, the legislation that was passed was specifically for the Cooke property and the golf course. The point of law that we are challenging is that the State ruling covers all of the Town's property that is on a watershed area.

Mayor Dickinson added, our concern is that the Department of Health would not have jurisdiction in any municipality on land owned that might be class I or class II other than in a municipality that has its own water company. Because Wallingford has its own water company, jurisdiction is claimed over all land owned by the Town of Wallingford that is class I or class II. If we did not have a water company, the Department of Health would have no jurisdiction over any of the property. We are contending that there is a result here that is not intended by the legislature in passing various state laws.

Howard Greenberg, 205 Center Street asked Mr. Farrell if he has been successful in obtaining any additional information on restricting the number and placement of advertisement dispensing boxes around the center of town?

Mr. Farrell replied that he received a letter, yesterday, from Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris which, loosely translated, said the boxes should not be chained to any lamppost or electric pole owned by the Town of Wallingford but, he did not recommend "self help" in getting rid of them. Atty. Mantzaris did not specify exactly what he meant, therefore Mr. Farrell will follow up because he would like to see some action taken to remove and prohibit the boxes from Town property. Some of the chains are damaging to the paint on the lampposts.

Mr. Greenberg stated that one such box was in the middle of Center Street last week that used to be chained near the front of the old Record Journal office. The bank of boxes in front of the post office is not aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Mr. Farrell thought that a letter could be generated to the owners of the boxes, asking that they remove their dispensers or else the Town will fine them.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked what the topic of discussion was at the Council's executive session meeting held last night?

Mr. Parisi explained that the Council could not discuss the details since it involves pending litigation.

Mr. Melillo asked if it was legally impossible to open the meeting to the public?

Mr. Parisi answered, yes.

Mr. Melillo asked if the Council could give the public some idea of what was discussed?

Mr. Parisi answered, it was the item just discussed a moment ago; the item about pursuing the appeal process on the State's ruling. The appeal has nothing to do with the golf course.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated that he did not hear any clear directive on what was going to happen with regard to the boxes being chained to the lampposts. Has Atty. Mantzaris been told to do something? What is going to happen?

Mr. Farrell stated that he would follow up on getting a better definition of what the Town could actually do if it can't use self-help. He will ask if Atty. Mantzaris can direct a letter to the owners of the boxes or does he first need to obtain Council approval to do so. He could not promise that there will be an answer forthcoming at the next meeting but he did promise to make a phone call to Atty. Mantzaris tomorrow.

Mr. Parisi stated that both he and Mr. Farrell are pursuing the matter.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked what progress has been made on finding fields for the Wallingford Little League? He suggested that perhaps Cytec would be interested in helping the Town find new fields for the teams and also that the Town should consider asking its newest member of the business community, the Wallingford Energy Project (Power Plant) if they would help out. He was hopeful that the Town would take advantage of the one year extension given them to find alternate fields and not waste the opportunity.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there are ongoing discussions with the little league and Cytec; it is in process.

Mr. Melillo stated that he has come to his own conclusion after calling up people and walking house to house; the majority of people do not want a golf course in the Town. He next stated that he has heard that McKenzie Reservoir was not in good shape.

Roger Dann, General Manager of the Water and Sewer Divisions replied that the reservoir is in fine shape; crews on there on a regular basis cutting grass and inspecting the dams. There is a regular maintenance program that goes along with the reservoir.

Mr. Melillo asked how the computer problems are coming? Is the computer company taking care of the problems on its own without the taxpayers having to pay to get it straightened out?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we are in the process of implementing two computer projects; one in the Police Department and the other in general government. There are always problems and issues associated with computers. They do not run 100% guaranteed, just as you want programs all the time. It requires constant monitoring and surveillance and fixes and all of the programs that we purchased have not been installed at this point and we are still in the process of having the system brought to the level that we would find acceptable.

Mr. Melillo asked, when you do have these problems, who is paying for the cost of correcting these problems, the taxpayers or the computer company that we have a contract with?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we are under contract with them and thus far they are working pursuant to the contract.

r. Melillo asked, It is correct for me to assume that they are legally responsible to correct all these malfunctions and problems?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is our position.

Mr. Melillo next asked, what if, anything, is happening with the Wooding/Caplan property?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there is nothing new to report with regard to a project.

Mr. Melillo asked, do you plan to take a different approach?

Mayor Dickinson answered, at this point, it is not a high priority. We have a lot of other things that have to be dealt with before it can reach a level that I would consider of the highest priority.

Public Question and Answer Period was closed at this time.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$14,400 from Contingency General Purposes Acct. #001-7060-800-3190 to Demolition of 222 North Main Street Acct. #001-5015-999-9966 – Mayor

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

Mr. Vumbaco asked, when we decided to buy this property next to the Library and have it demolished, there were some stipulations the Council had concerns with; making sure the lot was properly leveled and seeded, etc. Is that work included in this bid? Do you have that cost assigned somewhere else?

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works replied that Public Works will take care of the fine grading. The contractor will only be responsible for rough grading.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, your department is planning on fine grading it, seeding it and taking care of the property?

Mr. McCully answered, yes and we are trying to save as many trees as we can, too.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue inquired about the removal of an in-ground fuel tank?

Mr. McCully explained that the fuel tank is not the in-ground type but an above-ground storage tank.

Mr. Sheehan apologized for having incorrect information.

VOTE: Farrell, no; all others, aye.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process for the Purpose of Hiring a Consultant to Perform an Environmental Study of the Yale Avenue Area – Health Dept.

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

Correspondence from George Yasensky, Registered Sanitarian of the Health Department states that bacteria problems with private on-site well water supply systems have been identified in the Yale Avenue area. After several rounds of testing, it was not possible to find a proof positive source of contamination to these wells. General consensus from residents, the Public Utilities Commission, the Mayor and state and local health agencies agrees that an environmental study should be made of the area to try to find the source or sources of contamination to these wells. In order to do this in an expeditious manner...Mr. Yasensky requests that the formal bidding process be waived to allow for the immediate solicitation of bids from firms with the requisite expertise.

Mayor Dickinson stated, this arises out of some contact that the Water Department; Roger Dann (Gen. Mgr.) is here and has had some initial contact with several firms that could do this type of work. We would like to be able to send a proposal out to them to get formal submittals from them as to price. We did not want to go further without the ability to talk to them with more definite terms, especially price. The proposal was reviewed by the Health Department, Water and Sewer and three representatives of the Yale Avenue area. Everyone is satisfied with the proposal and we are requesting the ability to go out and get proposals from the consulting firms and then we would ultimately have to appropriate firms for the hiring of a firm by the Health Department in order to do an inquiry. It is an overview of what the issues may be. It is

Phase I kind of review. We would be looking to spend a fairly nominal amount of money. Phase II would immediately ratchet up the amount of money into fairly substantial sums and we are not looking to do that. If we can gain some insight into the possible sources of contamination with an overview, it would be helpful.

Mr. Zappala stated, first of all I am not in favor of waving the bid. Will the consultant, upon concluding his work, be able to identify precisely what the problem is we are facing in the Yale Avenue area? What the cause of the problem is? Whether or not it is the fault of the Sewer Division?

Roger Dann, General Manager answered, the purpose of the study would be to investigate all of the potential sources of contamination to those wells. We don't know what the cause of the contamination is and we don't know that, at the end of the study, there will be a single source indicated or potentially multiple sources that could potentially be contributors to the problem. As the Mayor indicated, this is kind of a broad study. It looks to go out into the entire area that would be a drainage area to these wells and try to identify from existing record information as well as some limited field work what all the potential sources of contamination would be. It would then look to come back and report on that and, if there were some that had a higher likelihood, I would anticipate the study would indicate that. It might come back and indicate recommendations for an additional study that the Town would then have to consider either pursuing or going in some other direction at that time.

Mr. Zappala asked, are we going to pursue this until we find out what the problem is or are we going to stop this half way when we are just beginning to do something? If you are going to start a study, how can you stop halfway if you haven't gotten to the bottom of things?

Mr. Dann answered, this is a Phase I sort of study. If you get to the end of this, you are going to have to review what the recommendations and conclusions were and determine whether or not there is an interest and what the cost would be associated with proceeding further to study this versus other options that might be available. That is a decision that needs to be made at a later time, after an initial study has been completed.

Mr. Zappala asked, do we have an amount that we are going to stop at? Is there a certain amount that we are going to invest in this?

Mr. Dann answered, I don't have a number in mind. As the Mayor indicated from the preliminary inquiries that were made, we think that for a relatively small sum of money, this type of study can be performed. The indications were, to get into a more detailed study, it could become very expensive. I think that is a decision that needs to be made at a later time.

Mr. Zappala asked, what would the estimated length of time and overall expense be to get to the bottom of this; to finally realize where this problems lies?

Mr. Dann answered, I would not hazard a guess. Until we have broadly defined all of the possibilities, it would be premature to try to assign some costs to get to a final conclusion, if it is possible to get to a final conclusion, if it is possible to get to a final conclusion. It very well may be the case that the best that can be done is the identification of several potential sources rather than any one which is definitively the source and it may be the case that more than one source is contributing.

Mr. Zappala asked, why are we waiving the bid? Why can't we go out to bid to get a qualified firm to do this?

Mr. Dann answered, as was indicated in the cover letter, there was concern over the timeliness in order to proceed faster rather than go through the bidding process. I think there is also concern about the ability to select consultants from consultants that have the expertise in this area, specifically rather than having to sort through a much wider group of consultants who might be submitting proposals under a bidding process. Through the bidding process you may end up with a bidder that is less qualified than you desire.

Mr. Zappala stated, If I remember correctly, this has been a problem for a long time. Why has it become an urgency?

Mr. Dann answered, the decision to proceed in this way came about after a meeting that was held with the residents for the purpose of bringing them up to date as far as what had been done to that point and soliciting some feedback from them as to what they would like the next steps to be. Subsequent to that meeting, there was also a petition or inquiry sent out from the Mayor's Office regarding whether or not they were interested in pursuing the installation of the Town's water supply to the area. It was a two-pronged approach to looking at the possibility of extending water main, if that was found to be favored by the majority but, at the same time, leave open the possibility of continuing to do something in the event that there was not a desire for a water main extension to continue a process of trying to investigate and move this problem towards a resolution through a study process.

Mr. Zappala answered, if I remember, that meeting with the residents was over two months ago, wasn't it?

Mr. Dann answered, I don't remember. It may have been in that timeframe.

Mr. Zappala answered, maybe even longer than that.



Mr. Vumbaco stated, I am fully sympathetic to the problems of the Yale Avenue residents, especially their fight over the last three years trying to get something resolved here. I am more concerned with the procedural issue. I am having a little problem with why we are waiving the bid. I think Mr. Zappala started hitting on it but it really didn't finally resolve the issue. It is my impression that the meeting was held a couple of months ago and if we had decided this at a meeting with the residents a few months ago, I don't see why we couldn't have started the bid process. The Mayor just stated tonight that you are going to go out to vendors to get some proposals back from them anyway; that you are going to establish some specifications with them because if I read from what the Mayor said, you really don't have specifications for what you are going to do yet. If you are going to go out and shop it with these vendors, then you are basically down to the point of going out to bid anyway. I don't have an understanding of why we are looking to waive the bid.

Mayor Dickinson asked, I think the meeting was held in August, wasn't it? I think it was the latter part of August that we held the meeting in here. We do have specifications; there is a draft proposal that will be sent out. It was reviewed by the departments and representatives from the neighborhood there. The reason for it is, it will take us between six weeks to two months to go through a public bidding process.

Mr. Vumbaco replied, we have waited three years as it is now to do anything. Now all of a sudden it has become this hot item that we need to do so we are going to put our procedures aside to go out to bid when there is no strict reason to go out to bid? You are going out and getting proposals anyway with specifications that you have. It is just the process of another couple of weeks. I don't understand it and I am not in favor of the bid waiver for that reason. We also don't have a dollar value on this. I understand you are going to go out and try to get a dollar value associated with it but, I have a hard time sitting up here and waiving a bid and spending our taxpayers' dollars without having any understanding at all what the amount might be. It is like giving them an open checkbook. Mr. Dann should have some sort of an idea of what the costs might be on this. If it is \$10,000 then let's cap it at \$10,000. but to just waive the bid and say now we are going to go out to vendors and get a proposal from them to tell me how much it is going to cost, I think is ludicrous. I don't think it is exercising our fiscal duties that we should be exercising, as Councilors.

Mr. Dann answered, I think the fiscal aspect will be addressed after the point in time where proposals have been submitted and a vendor has been selected and then a request has to be made back to the Council for funding. At that point in time a definitive price will be in front of you and a decision can be made with a definitive number and not something that is plucked out of the air as a guess.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I don't think we should be going out to with having it open-ended. You can come back to this Council but you will have already been through the process and we are

going to sit up here and, not being experts, we will not understand what the dollar value is going to be. Then we are expected to sit here and tell residents that we don't think it is the right amount of money after they have gotten their hopes up. We should have more information on this process, as far as I am concerned, before we even go out to bid on it.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I think Mr. Dann said he had some proposals already, right?

Mr. Dann answered, we had spoken to several consultants and requested that they give us some indication of what they felt an appropriate scope of services and a ball park estimate of what they thought the costs would be for that proposed scope of services.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, who are those people you have responses from?

Mr. Dann answered, there were two consultant firms involved; Milone & McBroom and the other one was Tighe & Bond, Inc.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, each of those two, in fact, put a dollar amount on their response?

Mr. Dann answered, they put a ball park figure on their response, correct.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, each gave you a number they thought they could come close to?

Mr. Dann answered, for the scope that they would recommend, yes.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, is what you are proposing going to greatly vary from what they have already submitted?

Mr. Dann answered, I don't think it will greatly vary but I think, in putting together the proposed scope of services, there was an attempt to integrate the best parts of each of the proposals that came back as well as to listen to what we heard when we met with the residents and incorporate some of their concerns into the scope. It will not be the same scope that either of those vendors had previously "ball parked" but I don't think that it will be significantly different.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, why were these two outfits selected out of all the consultants that you may have picked? Why these two?

Mr. Dann answered, I believe that the origins of this were from an inquiry from the Health Director, Maryann Lexius at that time made to the State Dept. of Health. They provided her with the name of several consulting firms that they felt had good qualifications to do that and we followed up with two of the names that were given to us.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, Milone and McBroom is a familiar name; they have had significant contracts with the Town?

Mr. Dann answered, they have worked for the Town as well as the Water & Sewer Division.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, for the last couple of years, can you put a rough dollar amount, an approximation on....

Mr. Dann answered, I can't. They have done a limited amount of work in the Water and Sewer Divisions. Most recently, they worked on updating our water supply plan. What other work they have done for the Town, I am not sure. I know they have done other work for the Town but I don't know what the dollar figure would be.

r. Brodinsky asked, what about Tighe & Bond, have they done any work for the Town?

Mr. Dann answered, they have not, to my knowledge, in recent times for the Water & Sewer Divisions. I am not familiar with whether or not they have done other work for the Town.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, when you go back to these two, how are you going to make the selection between one or the other?

Mr. Dann answered, there was a suggestion to get a third also. There is another name that has been mentioned but, essentially, to go out to the selected vendors, provide them with a proposed scope of services which is now defined, and ask them to submit proposals describing how they would go about performing the work, telling us something about the firm's qualifications as what other projects they have done of a similar nature; detailing the project staff that would be working on this particular project and the qualifications of that project staff. We would be looking to get both a firm and staff that were qualified to work in this area. We would be looking for any insights provided in their proposal as to how they were going to go about doing work and try to select the best proposal. Ultimately, there would be a price to be accounted for there as well.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, seeing as how the Health Department suggested both, they are probably going to have substantially equal credentials and equal experience, so the selection would probably be up to you.

Mr. Dann replied, if you go back to the cover letter on this this evening, this is proposed to be a project administered through the Town's Health Department. To some extent I am trying to address the questions because I have been involved with this so I have some background but I

certainly don't want to speak for the Health Department; how they might go about administering the project.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, the selection will not be made by you?

Mr. Dann answered, not be me, independently, no. Whether I would be a participant in the selection process, I would say that certainly is probable, but I don't believe I would be the sole person selecting these...

Mr. Brodinsky stated, as an observation, I think part of what is going on here is that the residents in that area are looking for a second opinion. The appearance of objectivity may be extremely important. The perception of a detached second opinion and because Milone and McBroom has had significant contacts with the Town, that may be somewhat in jeopardy and I leave that to whomever is making the decision to give that some consideration. Whereas Tighe and Bond, having no prior contacts with the Town may be in a better position or have a perception of giving an objective opinion. There is another point that you made and that is, this would have to come back to the Council for authority, does everyone agree with that, to fund the money?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there are funds not appropriated for this so once we know a price, we will have to appropriate funds which would go into the Health Department budget and the Health Department would then execute a contract with what ever firm it is and oversee the project and see that the work was done. There would have to be an appropriation of funds for expenditures from the Health Department.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, so you are saying that it would have to come back before the Council, Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the only way to appropriate the funds to the Health Department is through the Council.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, is a dye test in the specifications?

Mr. Dann answered, I don't believe that a dye test was part of the written specs, no.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, are you familiar with dye testing?

Mr. Dann answered, I am familiar with dye testing for purposes, for example, that we have used it for in the past in the Sewer Division. Relative to this type of study, I am not familiar with dye testing, no.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I respectfully suggest that before you sign any contracts that you or the Health Department or the corps of people who are in charge of this research dye testing. I will give you the benefit of what I have found out recently with respect to dye testing; it can be a conclusive test costing about the same that you are going to spend on this, between \$6,000 and \$12,000. From what I understand, the way it works is that a dye which is approved by the Food & Drug Administration; basically it is food coloring; is put into the sewer system and it is absolutely safe. There are different kinds of dye that can have a longer life and some biodegrade quicker than others and that would be the judgment of an engineer, but you put that in the sewer and, according to your position it would never show up in a well. But, nevertheless, the technician or engineering firm would then go to the homeowner and then get a sample of water after an appropriate period of time to be determined by the engineer. If, after an appropriate period of time, dye shows up in the water for \$10,000., \$12,000., \$6,000., in that range, you have conclusively proven that the effluent from the pipe is getting into the wells. If, on the other hand, after an appropriate period of time and if the appropriate dyes are being used, dyes do not show up, that is awfully good evidence that the sewer pipes are not leaking and causing effluent to get into the wells. Whereas the approach that you seem to be taking is a much more less definitive, and I am just not sure why we wouldn't want to do the dye testing, and the two experts that I spoke to say that it is mainstream science; it is done a lot; done in many communities; it is very cheap; very reliable; and it just seems that is the way to go. That, in my view, should be in the specs or at least brought back to the Council or just re-discussed because it seems to be a much more definitive kind of a test. What is your reaction to that?

Mr. Dann answered, I think that the intent of this study, as I indicated, is to start from the broad perspective of trying to identify even the area which is contributory to these particular wells and to begin by studying not exclusively one potential but, rather, looking at all the possibilities that may exist. If, after that process is completed, the consultant comes back and says, "having done all that there are only a couple of things and we recommend that as a further study we proceed with this test or that test or the next test, then that would be something that could be evaluated for Phase II. I think that there has been too narrow a focus on one and only one possibility here to the exclusion of other things, even though I believe during the course of this, whether it be the Town's Health Department, whether it has been the State of Connecticut's Health Department or CT. D.E.P., all have indicated that there are other potential sources out there that warrant a closer look rather than simply focusing on one and only one to the exclusion of any other possibilities. I think the purpose of the study is to go back and treat this as if we were starting from the beginning with an appropriate process of identification of all possibilities, narrowing those based upon the findings of the study and some decision as to whether or not any additional study or testing is warranted.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I thought the purpose of the study was to find a possible or probable cause and you have, being suggested to you and subject to further investigation, a test which will conclusively rule in or determine that, in fact, it is the sewer pipe that is causing it if the test

comes out one way and probably rule out the sewer pipe if it comes out the other way. Isn't that what you are really looking for? Isn't that the whole point of this?

Mr. Dann answered, if I put on my sewer hat, then I suppose that's the conclusion. To this point in time, there has been no chemical indication, despite considerable testing of these wells that indicate sanitary sewage is a contributing factor. From a sewer perspective, yes, it would be nice to have a definitive closure that said there is no possible way. Speaking from the perspective that the study is coming from, I think the Health Department's role is to attempt to assist property owners in trying to identify the range of possibilities that might be causing their problems so that from that there might be an ability to prescribe a remedy or to reach a decision as to how to proceed, whether it be to correct their individual well problem or whether to pursue and extension of water main or some other option.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, the point of the meeting you referred to, whenever it was a month or two ago, was that the condition of the sewer, as evidenced by videotape of the inside of the sewer, made the sewer pipe a prime suspect; that it was the source of contamination; there were cracks in the sewer, we saw that, despite the chemical evidence, no one is saying that the absence of nitrates or detergents rule out the sewer, so the sewer became a prime suspect and, because of that, there is grave concern. Therefore, I am suggesting that we rule the sewer out. For \$6,000 to \$12,000 you can have a dye test and you can rule it out. You also may rule it in but once you do that, you narrow the problem considerably or possibly even end the search if you found it to be the sewer. I hear what you say but I am not persuaded that the dye test is not the way to go. I would object to that when the time comes for funding, I would vote against any contract that doesn't include a dye test unless there is an expert that comes in front of us and says that the dye test is inappropriate. The thing is, you haven't, the Health Department and the Mayor's Office hasn't investigated the dye test. I think it is premature to go this way until you do that. It is such a simple, cheap thing to do.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Brodinsky to share the names of the two experts that he spoke of.

Mr. Brodinsky answered, Tighe & Bond does the dye test and there is a consultant in upstate New York which I can give you that also indicated that. The website is [www.brightdye.com](http://www.brightdye.com) and lists the products. I haven't checked out that website yet but I was told that the product specs and other information about other cities or towns who have used this is found there or it will lead us to that information.

The audio system experienced technical difficulties at this time.

Mr. Parisi asked if Mr. Brodinsky had the name of the second source of information available at this time?

Mr. Brodinsky did not but extended an invitation to the other councilors and town officials as well to call him at home and he would be happy to provide it. He stated, that individual (whose name he did not have) was the one who suggested the flourazine dye testing, although there are other kinds of dye. It was Tighe and Bond who informed him that [www.brightdye.com](http://www.brightdye.com) has the list of dyes.

Ms. Papale stated, I am confused. I thought that when we are waiving the bid, the department head would pick the name of a company who would be doing the job and the work would get done. That, to me, is waiving the bid.

Mr. Dann answered, I don't think in this particular case. Here we are looking at a short list if you will; a select group of consultants.

Ms. Papale asked, why can't you look at the short list? This is why I am confused. You have two proposals now. Even if you get a third proposal, the group you are working with, Health Department, Mayor, you have to come back to the Council? Why couldn't you come back to us with the prices of what you thought would be the best company to do the job? Why are we waiving the bid?

Mayor Dickinson stated, technically they should not be talking about a contractual relationship, a price with a vendor, without it being public bid, unless we waive the bidding.

Ms. Papale replied, and we do it like this often?

Mayor Dickinson stated, I think we try to have a bid waiver prior to reducing terms with potential vendors...

Ms. Papale stated, I know we do bid waivers very often. But the way we are doing it now, we have done it this way before?

Mayor Dickinson replied, there have been times when we have waived the bid when trying to select software for a computer system and we waived the bid in order to speak with various vendors; analyze their product and then make a recommendation based upon what we thought was best for the town. The reason for that was the difficulty of writing a public bid for the software or whatever other professional type of product is involved. In this instance, what is motivating this is an effort to be quicker about getting some results. We can bid it if the Council doesn't want to waive the bid. It is just going to add six to eight weeks to go through the process of advertising and get the information back.

Ms. Papale asked, will this be a large problem for the Health Department to wait six to eight weeks? Do you think it would matter?

Mr. Dann answered, I am not sure how it would affect the Health Department. The question to address would be to the residents and how long they feel that the process should take. I think the reason that we are looking to move this forward was because the residents had concerns about trying to move this forward to some sort of closure. They are living with a certain amount of uncertainty out there until some direction, whether it be from this study or from some other action brings them to closure with what they need to do.

Ms. Papale stated, you are asking us to vote this way for the residents' sake?

Mr. Dann answered, I think it is a response to what we heard. I think they are concerned about moving this forward and, as the Mayor indicated, it could go to bid. That is not something that is impossible but it will take longer and will open up the field of candidates to a wider array of firms, some of which may not have quite the same level of experience and expertise in this area as we are looking for.

Ms. Papale asked, you are setting up proposals and then you are going to be in contact with firms and before the decision is made, they will have to come back to us?

Mayor Dickinson answered, right.

Ms. Papale asked, it is going to have to be approved by us; the bottom line?

Mr. Dann answered, right. The process, I believe, will be for the Health Department to send out a request for proposal to selected, probably three, firms. They will be given a certain amount of time to respond, with a proposal and pricing, and then there would be a selection process. It would probably involve interviewing those firms and going through their proposals and then a selection would be made of the best proposal. That would be the basis for a request back to the Council for funding of that proposal.

Ms. Papale stated, I don't know how proper this is but, a few of the Council people of me have talked to the residents and I would really like to hear their opinion of how long the residents will wait? How important is it? I have to talk to the residents. Some of the gentlemen have. I just don't know how important it might be to them for them to, through the Chairman. Is there anyone here?

Mr. Parisi asked, from Yale Avenue? What is your feeling? Do you want it done right away or do you want to wait?

Robert Zamlowski, 1215 Yale Avenue stated, we met with the Mayor and Mr. Dann to go over the scope of the work. I thought part of the problem with putting it out to bid was not just the



time element that whether the Two would be bound to go with the lowest price, even though they may not have the expertise. I will leave that question to you.

Mr. Parisi asked, who long...

Mr. Zamlowski, replied, six to eight weeks after the wait we have had does not seem extraordinary.

Mr. Parisi asked, are you confident that you are expressing the opinion of the majority of the neighbors?

Mr. Zamlowski, replied, people are frustrated. They recently sent out a letter seeking the interest in people getting city water and there wasn't, from what I understand, a large percentage that wanted city water at this time. I think people are waiting to see what develops with this before they make a decision on that. In that way, time is important. Will I get another opportunity to speak or shall I speak now with my concerns or wait until all of you finish?

Mr. Parisi replied, we are discussing the waiving of the bid. What do you have to say?

Mr. Zamlowski, stated, most of our time was spent going over the scope of the work which I think we thought, as a Phase I looked pretty complete. One of the things we were being asked to do at the end of all of this was to prepare a report and in that report make recommendations and discuss and evaluate all potential sources of contamination, provide costs for any recommended subsequent phases of the investigation. I imagine that could include dye testing. I just think that they may need to do a broader look at all of these things before they can make a specific recommendation as to one type of test or another. I would imagine, at the very least, at the end of this study, they can submit some recommendation as to the dye testing; whether they think it is appropriate and how much it would cost. That is one thing for all of you to consider. One thing that was very important to the committee and to the people in the community was, given the history of this matter and the delays and questions that have been raised was, it was very important that any consultant hired be above reproach and that they have no bias or conflict of interest or even an apparent conflict of interest. I would recommend that, in seeking proposals, that one of the requirements include a description by anyone who is putting in a proposal, that they provide a description of any work they have done for the Town in the past, present or that they currently have proposals and when they did that work, what was it and a dollar amount of what their contract is for. I would recommend that they be asked if they are connected with anyone in Town government; either an elected official or an employee of the town and, if so, what their business or personal relationship is with that person and you can ask them if they have any business or personal relationship with anyone in the Yale Avenue community as well. I think it is important to get that out on the table; at least have it on the

record if someone does have connections with the town, especially if it is going to go outside of the bidding process.

Mr. Parisi asked, what do you mean by connections with the Town? What does that mean?

Mr. Zamlowski replied, as I said, if they have done any prior work for the Town, if so....

Mr. Parisi interrupted to ask, what if someone has worked for the town for the last, on and off on various projects for thirty years and has been an outstanding contractor, should they be disqualified?

Mr. Zamlowski answered, I think it should be taken into account, I would think. I am not saying it is right or wrong, I am saying that it should be on the record.

Mr. Parisi stated, that is why I am asking the question.

Mr. Zamlowski added, the Town is paying the bill here. Whether consciously or unconsciously, there may be a desire on the part of any consultant to come up with a conclusion that they think the Town might want. That is human nature. It is a possibility. It should at least be out in the open. If the Town still determines that is the appropriate one to go with, I am sure they will have a reason for it, but it should at least be on the record.

Mr. Centner stated, normally when we do a waiving of the bidding process, it is usually of extreme time constraint or proprietary information or a sole bidder; there is no other avenue. But it seems to me here, and I agree with some of the discussion made earlier by councilors, it is almost like, the people aren't screaming for the time, we are walking right down the normal bid process right now. The gentleman there was looking for items that normally come out during the R.F.P./bidding process. Their history, previous experience, projects they have worked on, who they have worked for, etc. If it is just a matter of six weeks after three years of discussion, I am not sure I want to waive the bid on this. I think I would rather put it out to bid and go forward with it and start to assemble the costs with it. Before I knew the people didn't want the water, I was going to ask you how difficult it would be to bring city water to the area? Is it a challenge to get it up Yale Street or is it somewhat feasible?

Mr. Dann answered, it is feasible to get it there. There are costs associated with that. I think the majority of residents, when asked whether or not they were prepared to pay the cost of bringing the water main into their area, indicated at this point that they are not. Whether or not subsequent to this study that opinion changes remains to be seen. There were people at that meeting who expressed some reservations about proceeding without the benefit of a study, committing themselves if you will to a funding of the project, absent a study to investigate things a little bit further. The opinion could shift once they have a little bit more information.

Mr. Centner stated, I am not much of a geologist but, because it is very close in terms of where Wallingford sits, where the Seiter Hill Road area is, I would expect that it would be the same challenge in terms of red rock and earth and things like that. Pricing should be relatively similar in terms of the assessment, wouldn't you think, on a guess?

Mr. Dann answered, you can't really make that conclusion you have to look at the footages, primarily, that is significant. You have to look at whether or not you have footage of approach main, main that you have to put in the ground just to get to the vicinity. That isn't necessarily going past houses, therefore it is not over that approach distance that cost isn't being shared by properties along the run of pipe but rather added into the cost to the properties that are being served. In each of these cases, it is going to be defined really on the basis of the individual project cost first and then the number of properties to be assessed. Both of those vary from one to another. The construction, itself, is probably comparable. There may be more ledge in this case than there turned out to be in Seiter Hill but, until boring are done to define that, we really don't know.

Mr. Centner asked, would you expect it to be an eight inch water main that would serve the residents?

Mr. Dann answered, I believe it would, yes.

Mr. Parisi stated, I am a little confused. Are the people concerned about a quick response which would lead us to waive the bid or are they willing to wait? That doesn't come through clear.

Mayor Dickinson stated, we held a meeting to go over the specs. We committed to try and get a bid waiver to move the project along. If people are uneasy with that, fine. We are just doing what we said we would do at the meeting to try and move the subject along. If there is unease about waiving the bid, it can be bid. That simply is what it is. We are just doing, administratively, what we committed that we would recommend. If there is unease about it then we will go the other route.

Mr. Parisi stated, we don't have to beat this thing to death. It is merely a question of whether the residents are in a hurry or if they are willing to wait. If they are willing to wait, fine. In my mind there is no problem.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, it is not like we are asking to wait months. We are talking about a matter of weeks here. I think to circumvent our procedures and, as Mr. Centner pointed out the reasons for waiving bids, for the sake of saving a couple of weeks; I am very sympathetic to the plight of the citizens over there, as we all are up here, on the Council. We have discussed it in

the past and we really want to get to a resolution but, for the sake of a few weeks, I don't think circumventing our procedures would be the right way to go. In response to Mr. Dann's comment that it is going to open it up to greater people, I think the more the merrier and if you design your specifications for the bidding properly, you should have no problem getting qualified vendors. If you happen to get a vendor whom you feel isn't well qualified, you reject them, that is part of the process.

Mr. Parisi stated, you basically have your specs done already anyway. I have never really seen too much of a difference between an R.F.P. and a bid process. Supposedly it takes a long time.

Mr. Dann answered, the basic draft of specs is there. I think that if it is going to be bid there would have to be some further detailing of this document. You're correct, it is nearly in a condition to be bid. We are here based upon what we have heard from the residents; you heard some concern about the selection process and whether we would be bound by taking low bid or not. A commitment to come forward with a request for bid waiver was based upon what we had heard. Can it be bid? Absolutely.

Mr. Parisi stated, you understand that you are not bound by the low bid? As long as you can justify not accepting the low bid. It can be disqualified or not accepted.

Mr. Dann stated that he understood the bidding process with regards to high and low bidders.

Kenneth Rowe, 1217 Yale Avenue stated, I served on the committee to oversee some of the specifications that were developed. Also, during our review we did a diagram of the area and we came up with clusters that we thought were problem areas. In their solution, we thought we had a solution, we recommend on two occasions, to use the dye test. There was a company out of North Haven, NuStone, Corporation; I spoke to a gentleman there named Lenny, who recommended that we actually drop tablets in our commodes and flush them all at one time and that way it may show up. That would probably tell us whether it was coming from the sewer or not. Then we proposed it to the Town at one of our meetings and I think it was with the D.E.P. and it kind of went over their heads. They just did not want to accept that. Then we did what was known as gyro probe, where you actually probe the ground and you analyze it. We had a price on that which ended up to be about \$25,000 that the community would have had to absorb if we had to do it in all clusters. The map that we indicated had various spots that showed up in Whispering Pines, in that area, the water was coming off of the hill, in my estimate. I am in the field of expertise of contracting and maintenance. In my professional opinion, I said that I feel that the contamination was coming from the sewer and running down Whispering Pines. In that case we proposed this to the Town. We met with the Mayor in July or August and there was a lot of people in the audience who vacillated between, "yes I want water", "yes I want a consultant". We tried to decide what everyone wanted. We could take the money that you are going to pay a consultant and apply it to the cost of the project which may be \$5,000 to

\$10,000. Whoopee. What we would be paying is about \$15,000. in this whole project per household. Most of the people in the audience felt like they were walking away with us saying that we were going to try and find a solution to the problem; the solution would be, to hire a consultant who would come back and tell us, are we right or are we wrong. I think that is what they are waiting for. But one-third of the audience voted for the water and they really didn't know what they were voting for because when they got the letter from the Town, I, myself, was confused and signed that I wanted water, too. Technically, in my contract experience, I should have questioned it, but I didn't. We then had a meeting with the Mayor and we sat down with the specifications and, sure enough, we basically agree with Mr. Dann. The only thing I didn't agree with, and it was brought up tonight, again; this is the third time it was brought up; the dye test; conclusive; they could drop it in there and it is going to show up somewhere down stream, somewhere else. There is a little stream that runs between Bob's place, down towards there and one day I was going to drop it in there just to see where it goes and see if the fluorescent would show up in somebody's water but I was afraid that, legally, I would be bound if someone got sick. Overall, I think that we, in the community, looked at the Mayor for leadership. That night he stood and he became a leader and said, "we are going to help you in this way. We will propose that we will get a consultant." We thought we were on the right track. We thought we were going forward with this project because we felt that we were going to come up with a solution. What we did say to Roger (Dann) and the Mayor in our meeting, "scope of work", that there is so much feelings of mistrust in the community; that we couldn't trust our leader. Anything we did, we really didn't want to hear because they are going to cover it up. That is maybe what we were feeling. So that's when we said that we really need to look at this scope of work and decided that we don't want to consider people that have had experience with the Town. We want someone with an unbiased opinion. That is what we are looking for. There were a lot of recommendations from other agencies who "have the professional knowledge in this field" and that is where some of these names are coming out from. Again, the community, itself, wants to be represented wholly based upon a conclusive fact and recommendation from an independent contractor, called professional services. That is what we are looking for.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked if anyone was present from the Health Department?

Mayor Dickinson replied, no.

Mr. Melillo suggested that the item be tabled until such time as a representative from the Health Department is in attendance. The item is being requested by the Health Department, someone should be here to present and discuss the matter. He stated that the majority of residents did not want city water. The residents expressed concern over a possible conflict of interest. He stated that if the item was placed out to bid, that concern could be eliminated. The Council is not supposed to waive the bidding process unless an emergency situation presents itself that cannot

wait. He has not heard at any time during this discussion that an emergency exists. He recommended once again that the matter be tabled.

Mr. Parisi stated, it will not be tabled, but voted upon.

Howard Greenberg, 205 Center Street stated, I have coming to the meetings or watching them on television for years and it seems like at every meeting there is a request to waive the bidding process. Can you briefly explain to me exactly what the bidding process is?

Mr. Parisi replied, specifications are developed; sent to Purchasing to be processed; bids come back in; are evaluated and results tallied. That is a very simplified version.

Mr. Greenberg stated, as mentioned before, once the bids come in, they do not have to...acceptance is not solely...

Mr. Parisi answered, it does not have to be accepted so long as there is a justifiable reason for it not being accepted. You have to justify why you don't want to award that bid. You can't just say that you don't like this firm, it has to be a substantial reason.

Mayor Dickinson explained, at the point that there are participants in the public bidding process, they have rights as well. If their right to a contract is being obstructed, they have recourse as well. It is not just that you go through a public bidding process and then you can choose anyone who participated. As the Chairman said, there has to be a justifiable reason as to why you are not choosing the lowest responsible bidder. It is a much more rigid process than one where we waive the bidding and allow more judgment in the selection of who the vendor will be. I don't want anyone to go away thinking that they are one in the same, they are not. There is a rigid structure to public bidding for the reason that there is a desire to assure people that if they meet all of the specifications and qualifications, if they come in with a lower price, in most cases, they will be the chosen vendor.

Mr. Greenberg asked, if the committee, or whoever it is that reviews the bids, feels that qualification is not there, then you can reject the bid?

Mayor Dickinson answered, you can, but there is a right of the other party to challenge that given the entire legal structure involved and our duty to follow our ordinance, etc. I am not saying it can't happen but it is a much more difficult process to go to other than low bidder, unless there is a very substantive reason why the low bidder is not the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Greenberg stated, if I remember, Mr. Dann said there were two, maybe three contractors who have already been approached. One or two of them have already done work for the Town

which, I am assuming went out to bid. If that is the case, then they, in fact, have been low bidder, not just by dollar amount but also by qualification. Right? If that is the case, I am not in favor of waiving the bid, again, because as everyone is hearing, and there is a sense of concern; no question; but if it goes to bid and these same contractors are solicited in the bid process and based on past experience they could very well be low bidder.

Mayor Dickinson stated, we have not had a project similar to this so it would require a different set of qualifications.

Mr. Dann added, I don't think we have done anything exactly like this. We have had studies on wells before but those were related to our production wells and it was a different type of study.

Mayor Dickinson we want to know that the firm, in question, had done this type of study somewhere else and a listing of where. That is different. They may have qualified for other type of work here but they might not qualify for this type of work for some reason. Just because they qualified previously, doesn't mean they would qualify for this project.

Mr. Greenberg stated, I think the gentleman from Yale Avenue was just asking that, disclosure be involved. If someone has, in fact, worked for the Town or is related. If, in fact, it shows that the sewer pipes need to be replaced or repaired, I am assuming that there is going to be an excavation. I know in past years the Town Planner and Building Department, before issuing subdivision approvals, has requested of developers to put dry pipe in for future water. I would think that if the road is exposed, this would be the time to put the pipe in, even if it is not being used currently, to save the taxpayers the future cost of digging it up again. We all have seen where something just gets patched or paved and then it is dug up again. Some residents want water and some don't. When the road is opened, that would be the time to put the pipe in.

Mr. Parisi stated, we did that years ago with the Susse Chalet.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, if we waive the bid or go out to bid, we are still going forward with this project, correct? Just to ease the minds of the citizens, we are going forward?

Mayor Dickinson responded off microphone, yes.

VOTE: Farrell, Knight, Rys and Parisi, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

Mr. Parisi stated, for the benefit of the residents, get this going as fast as you can.

ITEM #9 Withdrawn

ITEM #10 Report Out by the Mayor and/or Personnel Director on Progress Made To Date on the Hiring of a Deputy Fire Marshal as Requested by Councilor Jim Vumbaco

Mr. Vumbaco asked the Mayor, why isn't the Personnel Director present?

Mayor Dickinson replied, as I understood, the report could be made by the Mayor or the Personnel Director and I told him it was not necessary for him to be here.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, where do we stand on the progress of the Deputy Fire Marshal position? It has now been empty for a while. We voted not to hire the individual a few months ago and I was going back over past minutes a few weeks ago and there was a concern at that point in time that we were still behind on our inspections. That was when we had staff of two performing the inspections, now we are down to, I am assuming, one. I am curious to see where we stand as far as the process and what we will be doing. As far as the inspections are concerned, how much further behind are we falling as a community? It has nothing to do with the people performing the inspections, I am concerned with the safety issue for our residents because of the required yearly inspections dictated by the State?

Mayor Dickinson all I have is a report on the status of the hiring regarding the Deputy Fire Marshal. The choice has been to hire an Inspector, which has been posted. I believe there are eight applicants and testing is to be scheduled. In the interim there will be two inspectors and the Fire Marshal in order to have additional manpower for the duties.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is there a timeframe on the process, Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson answered, it has been posted and the closing date was last week. There were eight candidates applying and testing will most likely occur within the next two weeks.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, will it be an oral test? Or will it be a written test?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I believe it is a written test for the Inspector position but I am not certain of that.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, at the next Council meeting we should have a brief report out on the Fire Marshal on where we stand currently with the inspection process because I still hear rumors on the street that we are way behind on our inspections. I would like to request a report out by the Fire Marshal.

Mr. Brodinsky asked the Mayor, what level of Fire Inspector did we post for? As I understand it there is more than one kind of inspector.



Mayor Dickinson answered, I think we only have one job description for Fire Inspector.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, according to State licensing, is there just one kind of inspector, or is there more than one?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I am not sure about State licensing, but the Town of Wallingford has one position known as Inspector.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, is part of that job description inspecting premises, plan reviews or...

Mayor Dickinson answered, I think so; code updates; code conformance, etc.

No Action Taken

EM #11 Report Out by the Mayor and/or Personnel Director on Progress Made to Date on the Hiring of a Health Director and on the Management of the Overall Operations of the Department in the Absence of a Full Time Director as Requested by Councilor Jim Vumbaco

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I understand that the job was advertised a couple of weeks ago?

Mayor Dickinson answered, yes, I believe it closes September 28<sup>th</sup> and then there will be interviews scheduled subsequent to that.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is there a timeframe in which to fill it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I can't guess at that because a panel has to be put together and it is a question of when the panel can meet and how many people we may be interviewing. The office is supervised by the services of Dr. Delbert Smith. He is the medical advisor and he was requested by me to function as an interim head of the department pending the choice of a new director.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, it is my understanding that Dr. Smith has been out of the state on vacation most of the month of September. In his absence who is the ruling member down there?

Mayor Dickinson answered, George Yasensky would be the one making decisions within the office if there are items that would require a director in terms of orders or other advice. He is able to reach Dr. Smith.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, Dr. Smith is available by phone?

Mayor Dickinson answered, as far as I know, yes.

No Action Taken

ITEM #12 Discussion and Possible Action on Reporting Procedures with Respect to the School Renovation Project which would include an Update on a Comparison between Budgeted Expenses and Actual Expenses, and the Costs Associated with Any Recent or Proposed Changes in Design or Work or Contractor as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky

Mr. Brodinsky explained, I read an article that appeared on the front page of the Record Journal dated September 4<sup>th</sup>, authored by Mark Peters, on the Edison Middle School in Meriden. The article reviewed all of the problems that Meriden had with delays, mismanagement, cost overruns; detailed how contractors got work through questionable means and, on the front page of the Record Journal that day was a picture of the Edison School and the caption of the picture read, in part, "Edison Middle School opened last week and it was a year late and an estimated \$7.5 million over budget." The lead sentence read, "The government process, designed to prevent the waste of taxpayers' money was abandoned during Edison Middle School's construction, resulting in private companies awarding millions in municipal contracts with little oversight from state or municipal officials." As I read that, I thank God that I was not a Town Councilor in Meriden because, if I was, the hair would go up on the back of my neck because I know residents would ask and they have a right to ask, was I, as a Councilor in Meriden, minding a store? And, if I was, what was I doing about this situation, and did I know about it? And, if I didn't, why didn't I know about it, and if I did know about it, why didn't I speak up? Over a period of time, I slowly resolved that I should try and do everything in my power to make sure that we never even get close to the Meriden situation and I am confident that we never will. We have some procedures already in place and subject to the advice of the Chairman, I would ask Tom Myers later on to discuss that. I also wanted to make sure that I was minding the store. The Council needs to be accountable for the success of the project, that means the project being on time and on budget. Merely because others may be minding the store very well, doesn't mean that I should not be. The idea of some sort of a periodic report came to mind; a report from, it doesn't matter to me from whom, but the first candidate and most logical one would be the building committee. A report that would be readily accessible to members of the public, all public officials, members of the press. A report that would be easily understandable to laymen that would be relatively free from jargon and hard to understand abbreviations. A report that would be brief, yet complete. Brief enough so it wouldn't discourage a reader from reviewing it and getting a quick handle on where we are with respect to the school renovation project which is \$62 million. It is a complicated project. The purpose is to allow the Council, the public, the press to track the project in a way that will not permit surprises. That is the ultimate goal. I thought a good way for a report to be issued to keep the Council and public informed in a timely fashion, but I also wanted to be sure that the report would not be an unreasonable burden on anyone. I want to minimize the burden; I didn't want a whole new set of documents generated or a whole new set of data generated. What I really

wanted was information that is probably already out there, I am sure it is; the thoughts that are already in the minds of our building committee and our owner's rep...just put down in some sort of a periodic report so that we, as a Council, could track the school renovation project to make sure that we are not threatening to go over budget or to be too late and miss some target dates. That is the spirit of what I am looking for. I have had some long discussions with Bill Choti and also with Mr. Harwood. I was briefed by Mr. Myers as to what he is doing and I have also talked with our owner's rep. After that I have come to the conclusion that a report is possible; it can be done; it won't be an unreasonable burden subject to the thoughts of Mr. Harwood and Mr. Choti, here before us. The format of the report can be worked out over a period of time to suit each and every other Councilor so that if this motion that I am going to make passes, everyone can look at this report, understand it without having to call up Bill Choti or Don Harwood and ask for an explanation. It will be in very plain language and very obvious. The timing of the report, I am open to persuasion. It seems to me that the report should begin somewhere near when construction begins and I guess that will be in the Spring. I would like to have the format down sooner, rather than later, so that we are not scrambling for a format while in the middle of construction. I am just picking a target date of January 1. It really doesn't matter; if that is too late or too early, we can tweak that. I am going to make a motion at this point that the Council request the Building Committee provide...

Mr. Parisi stated, why don't you allow a little discussion?

Mr. Brodinsky stated, there will be all kinds of discussion after it is seconded. I am not going to limit it, I am just trying to get it out so that I can stop talking.

Motion was made by Mr. Brodinsky that the School Building Committee provide the Council with a brief report or executive summary on the progress of the school renovation project monthly beginning on or about Jan. 1, 2002 which should be in layman's language, minimizing abbreviations or jargon; the information in the report should include costs incurred to date on the project and should be reported on in a school by school basis with a comparison of the cost incurred, to date, with the amounts originally appropriated for that and also some information about the amounts needed to finish the job, or in any other format so that we will know if we will be going over budget, in addition, the report would list change orders and the impact those change orders had on the total cost of the project and a list of the contractors working on the job with a notation as to how they got the work, through competitive bid or otherwise.

He explained, the reason for that is, what Meriden was up against was a bunch of change orders that increased the cost of the project. My thinking was, if we can get these out in the public and shine some light on that, all of us would have an opportunity to pick up our antennae if we thought there were too many change orders occurring, threatening the cost.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Parisi stated, interestingly enough, at the time that you read that article, I believe a couple of days later there was an editorial written that commended the Mayor and Dr. Cirusuolo and the building committee for how well they work together. The editorial went on to state that if that procedure was followed in Meriden, they wouldn't have been in as much trouble as they were. As I recall, I cut that editorial out and sent it to the Mayor's Office. I don't know if you remember seeing it or not. I thought it was quite a commendation for the committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the Mayor's Office. Does this (request) create a burden for the committee? Does it create an additional expense for the project, i.e., the reporting process and amount of time that might be put into it and the time to generate the number of reports that will be needed? Thirdly, are your meetings open to the public?

Chairman Don Harwood answered, any meeting held by any public committee is, by Freedom of Information Act, required to be open to the public. We have yet to hold an executive session since we started and all of our meetings are posted with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Parisi asked, do you solicit various reports within your committees? You get expense reports monthly from the contractor or the project manager who works for us?

Mr. Harwood answered, absolutely.

Mr. Parisi asked, those are given every month?

Mr. Harwood answered, that is correct.

Mr. Parisi asked, if anyone had a deep interest in this, if they attended your meeting would they get all of this information?

Mr. Harwood answered, yes, and I also think that the Council is on the distribution list for most of our stuff and we probably already have buried you in paperwork along with the other administrative bodies and the superintendent.

Mr. Parisi stated, the only reason why I ask you this is, it has occurred to me that there has to be a cost in this because someone is going to expend a lot of time to generate this information. I have never been one in favor of micro-managing. If we are going to go to this length to oversee this committee, we might as well do the work of the committee ourselves. I, quite frankly, don't like; there is an innuendo and I don't think it is meant to be that way but I feel like we are drawing too close of a parallel to Meriden and all of a sudden we are overreacting to a trust element. I know you don't mean that councilor (Brodinsky).

Mr. Brodinsky replied, it is about due diligence and it is about our due diligence and our information that we should have in exercising our oversight authority. I am interested in the questions about cost and whether it is a burden because we had some discussions about that and my information is that it really is not a burden and it really isn't much of a cost but I want to hear what Mr. Harwood has to say.

Mr. Parisi answered, I would, too, because I was given a different impression that it might be a burden.

Mr. Harwood answered, I do not believe it is a burden. I think we can have an executive summary that could be provided on a school by school basis without being a problem. The data will be tracked anyway so it is not something that can't be extracted for an executive summary. The executive summary would also be beneficial to the committee because not everyone has the capacity to absorb the information. It is a volunteer-appointed committee and not everyone is focused on that as their livelihood. Something that is a little more easy to grasp helps them along too, that's fine. The ability to do it school by school is not a problem at all because that is we're running eleven different, separate, distinct projects; that is how it was submitted on the EDO49 to the State of Connecticut; that is how it has to be tracked; that is how Finance is going to run it; that is how we have to run it. The description can be broken down into a half a dozen categories on every school such as site work; new construction; renovation. We can do the F.F.E. (furniture, fixtures, equipment) part of it; Hazmat; project fees; soft costs; escalation and mark-ups; pretty simple. It is not a big deal. Then we could just do it by four or five categories. It could be just a rolling executive summary where we start off with an schematic design cost estimate which, at this point, we basically have for Lyman Hall and Moses Y. Beach, being the first two schools, we also have design and development numbers. As those numbers come along it would be a good way to look at what was the first pass that the architect saw, based on project scope; what was the second pass when we got into design and development where you really get out into the schools with all your subs and consultants and pull it apart because you will always find something. Unfortunately, you never find many items that are favorable; you always find that there is more detail or need or more hidden conditions. The next milestone is the bids that come back on project costs. That is a nice way to see, what we thought on the front end; what did our design team think; what did the contractors actually bid. That is a beautiful milestone to say, "where are we going?"; "Does it look like we are going askew?" Then, once you have that and you award bids, some sort of a to date-type of roll up, I don't think would be that hard, as long as we keep it to four, five or six major categories. I think that easy. It is a nice, executive summary.

Mr. Parisi asked, who would generate this?

Mr. Harwood answered, we would via the committee and owner's representative. The architect is going to track a great deal of this front end information and as we go forward our owner's rep

is going to be working on our behalf along with finance and the State D.O.E. to track these because we have to be very sensitive to these numbers.

Mr. Parisi asked, the owner's rep, I would have to believe, would generate most of it. Isn't that going to add to his workload? If it is reasonable, that is fine.

William Choti, Vice Chairman of the School Building Committee added, to follow up on that; the owner's rep was hired and the number one work task to the owner's rep was record, track, reconcile and report participating and non-participating expenditures against the original and revised budget of the Town Council. What we had agreed to here for a total number, they are by job task bound to do as part of their duties. We would have done this anyway.

Mr. Harwood added, the more defined it is, the easier it is for us to work with the Comptroller's Office and also develop the reports to the State D.O.E. We are going to be generating this, all we are doing is extracting the bottom line.

We Choti added, we would need it for us to do business through the project. What it would depend on is, how much of the detailed information the Council would want and what we are finding out is, you are looking at the bigger picture; the bottom line, you are not looking at line by line by line. You just want to know whether we are tracking according to what we had anticipated and if that anticipation changes, you would like to be able to see it coming earlier rather than later. That is the way we took the task.

Mr. Harwood explained further, expense is not an issue; timing is not going to be an issue.

Mr. Farrell stated, one of the things that I think has been great about this particular building committee has been, whenever there has been an issue about information or communication, that they have been gracious and accommodating with what ever has been asked of them. Certainly, Mr. Harwood's comments tonight are exactly in that vane. I appreciate your willingness to do this but, I can't say that I am going to vote in favor of requiring this of you. Your track record is good. Prior projects that you have been in charge of have come in under budget. I don't know that we are in the danger that Mr. Brodinsky describes. I see excellent minutes coming out of the building committee. I read them religiously; I know other councilors do. I think there is a tremendous volume of information there; I am very satisfied. I would rather have you keep your eye on the ball, rather than spend extra time in trying to accommodate the demand that has been made. I am not going to vote in favor of this. I understand the sentiment; I appreciate your generosity of spirit, but I am not going to require it of you.

Ms. Papale stated, you made the comments that "we could do that..." and I was concerned with, who is we? Your response was that the owner's rep would be making these reports.

Mr. Harwood answered, yes, absolutely. That was the whole, underlying request for us to have an owner's rep; someone to work on behalf of the committee just because we could not possibly manage this without someone working on behalf of us.

Ms. Papale stated, I have served on and worked with so many committees and I always said that I would never want to be on another building committee. You people are volunteers and I just didn't want you to feel that you had to be doing all of this. Not only are you volunteers, you volunteered for us (Council) and this is why I am skeptical about the whole thing. Everyone on the committee is someone that we council people have appointed and the Mayor's Office. We are putting our own committee to do differently than we have done with any other building committee. Then I would be receiving these memorandums from Dr. Cirasuolo whenever anything changed. My question is, when these prices come in, you vote for them as a committee if there is going to be a change? Or is this telling us there is a change?

...r. Harwood answered, if you are referring to the most recent change order associated with...

Ms. Papale stated, 9/20, "Additional agreements for scope of school renovation project for Lyman Hall and Moses Y. Beach."

Mr. Harwood explained, I believe that is the most recent request that the administration brought to the Board of Education as far as adding some scope addition to the project. When that item came up, which represents about \$750,000 totaled up, and that is not the loaded costs so that certainly is more than \$1 million+ probably for that element there. Doing that quick math; we have at least a third load on that. When something like that comes to the committee, it is accepted very graciously; it is, if they need information from the owner's rep or architect or some of our sub consultants, we will provide that to give them some sort of database to work with, to build their numbers. However, no item that is outside of the project scope of that magnitude, would the committee take any action on because, obviously, the administration of the Board of Ed, brings it to the Board, the Board has to vote on it or has to officially bring it to the Council, as a scope change. You would then have to vote on it and give it to us to move on. We can't do anything with it. That specific one, I said at last Tuesday's meeting, to the committee, in total, that I had significant concern that, with the very first school, there's, and I did \$750,000., it will approximate \$1million+, that that is fairly large project creep, when we have eleven schools and that is 99.9% one school. The potential for the project to escalate multi-million dollar...but the potential is there for the project to creep very quickly. If you, as councilors, chose to say, "yes, those are needed items" and I won't disagree that those items probably should be addressed at some time. Is it proper now? That is not my decision. But, if you were to bring that to us and say, "add that to the project" obviously, we would.

Ms. Papale stated, we get a lot of communication now is my point and I wanted to bring this up. I don't know yet exactly how I am going to vote on this. It bothers me that your committee is

made up of volunteers and have so much to do as it is, but, if you say it is no problem for you, this is what you are saying. You would have done this report anyway? Did I hear correctly?

Mr. Harwood answered, we were going to be rolling these numbers up anyway. If an executive summary to bring down the totals to show a couple of categories, as I described, I don't perceive that. If it expands beyond that; the bigger it gets, the more time it takes. At a quick description, with a couple of different phases and how we are tracking, I don't see it as a major burden. On the flip side, there will be plenty of budgetary information, monthly budgeting tracking, that is going to be much more detailed that will have all of this data that would have been generated as part and parcel to the project.

Mr. Parisi asked, is the information that you say you can extract and send to us as a report available at your meeting?

Mr. Harwood answered, absolutely.

Mr. Parisi stated, my point is, it is redundant, to a degree. If you can go to a meeting and get the information, why do you have to have it extrapolated and wrapped up, that is my point.

Mr. Zappala stated, I am glad to hear that it is no burden to the committee to generate the report. If it is no more work for the committee to generate the information, by all means, I think the information would be very much appreciated by us. I understand that we can go to the meetings and get it but it is nice to get it at home, too.

Mr. Knight stated, I gave a lot of thought to this item, as I am sure we all did, and there are three or four points I would like to bring up. I think that the best safeguard that the Town of Wallingford has is, when they choose a building committee, to make certain that the members of the building committee have as much expertise as possible and are as free from conflict as possible. I think, frankly, that this committee defines the type of building committee a project this scope needs. You have to start by picking good leadership and filling in with people that are willing to work hard and might do work involved in Town government during the last project. If you had had the opportunity to watch the last committee that was essentially led by the same Chairperson and also comprised of several of the key members that comprise this committee, that a lot of the misgivings that you seem to have might very much go away. While not a member of the committee and although I did not attend every meeting, I do know several of the members very well. I was overwhelmed; impressed was not a strong enough word, I was overwhelmed with the level of detail and the aggressive nature with which they took on every aspect down to the most unbelievable detail of the \$27 million that they completed just two or three years ago. I think it is important that we start with good memories. That said, I think it is without saying that we have that already. I am also a little concerned about micro-management. All nine of us want to make sure that we display to the public that we are doing our due



diligence; that we are on top of our game and we are watching every dollar of the taxpayers' money. I believe this present level of information and the availability of more information and the open meetings and the accessibility of every member of the committee, that we have that; we have that in spades. To me, it comes down somewhat to a management philosophy. I am not a micro-manager. I tend, in my business life and I have managed several businesses, I tended to assign responsibilities, follow-up to make sure those responsibilities are being met but, by and large, if I have confidence in the people in which the responsibilities have been assigned, I tend to let them run with the ball. This committee, I don't believe, is any exception. This incredibly complex project is going to evolve on a macro basis. I think, to manage it on a micro basis would have a chilling effect on their decision making process. I think that we have invested a lot of responsibility in them and I think we ought to allow them the authority to do the job, for which we have given them the responsibility. Furthermore, we have also invested in an owner's representative who is there not only to help the committee...but to compile information for our use. There seems to be an awful lot of information available and I feel that there is enough of it. Mr. Brodinsky, you used the term "shed some light" on the process. As someone who followed the previous committee's work and has seen what this committee has done; as Mr. Choti said, we could get "buried" in this stuff and we could kill trees left and right with the amount of material that is available. I think this is duplicative; has a chilling effect on the committee's ability to conduct their responsibilities and I don't believe that our not adopting such a reporting procedure has any negative impact on our ability to maintain the due diligence that the Town of Wallingford would expect of the Town Councilors.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I don't recall Mr. Brodinsky ever saying that there is any danger here. I don't think he even came close to say there was any danger in this project. I also don't remember Mr. Brodinsky even making any mention at all that he wants to micro-manage this project. He is merely looking for a flash report to give us a pretty basic understanding of where the project lies; at what point in time, versus total budget just so that we are aware of what is going on and that we have some idea of how far along the project is and where we have to go to progress. To make the statement that we can go to every meeting and get any information that we want, is definitely true. I don't know about you Bob, but I know that I am committed to a lot of other things and I don't have the time to go to every meeting. As a member of the community who is as active as you are, I would prefer to have a flash report provided to me so that I can take a quick look at it. I will give you a for instance why; I just started about four and one-half months ago with an organization working in a building that was a \$197 million project. The person who occupied the position left and I was assigned the task of closing out the final forty contracts of one hundred and forty contractors on a \$197 million contract. The basis of my beginning started with a flash report so that I knew where we stood, within what area so that I could go after and dig out the detailed information from individual's files that were no longer there. I think it is very important to have something in front of me. If the committee is saying that it is not a problem, I have talked to Mr. Kolakowski, himself, who said that it was a matter of a few key strokes to get this thing resolved because all of the information

is there. I don't see why everyone is so dead set against it, except for the fact that we are just playing partisan politics again. Mike (Brodinsky) suggests; the opposite party doesn't want it.

Mr. Parisi responded, seeing that you mentioned my name, I would like to respond a little bit to that. First of all, I would expect you, Jim, to pick up the ball and run with it because you are an accountant, and I am sure that you are a good one. As far as any problems with Mr. Brodinsky; none at all. I think that we all sit here with the right to disagree with each other, it is not a personal thing and it will not be a personal thing on my part. Mr. Brodinsky and I manage to speak to each other outside of this Council chamber, believe it or not. I think I have the right to disagree. I am in agreement, in a sense, because in my management time, Jim, and I was a manager, too, I preferred to have the latitude in the work that I did. I always felt that it was the confidence of my employer and a comfort level for me and I was fortunate during my career that I was able to have that. My point about going to the meetings was simple; if the information is available, then one just has to avail themselves of it. I am sure that if you need any special information, as I have on occasion, I've called Mr. Choti, to be exact, because sometimes Mr. Harwood is out of town. I've had the information; members of the committee have been very free with providing information, answering questions, etc. As far as I am concerned, the way it has been working has been fine for me. As my name was mentioned, that is why I am responding.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, as I understand the sentiments of my colleagues, our owner's rep was hired to provide this sort of report; our building committee was planning all along to give us this kind of report, but now you are saying you don't want it. Is that true?

Mr. Parisi replied, I am not saying I don't want it?

Mr. Brodinsky asked, you do want it?

Mr. Parisi answered, no.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, you don't want it?

Mr. Parisi answered, I don't want your request, no.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, what do you want?

Mr. Parisi answered, I am satisfied with the information that I am given by the committee.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, my point still stands; the owner's rep was hired to give it; the building committee was prepared to do that and now you are sending a signal saying that you don't want it. I don't want to argue the point but that is how I am interpreting that.

Mr. Parisi answered, you can still get the same information if you want it anyway. Wouldn't you (Mr. Harwood and Mr. Choti) give him that information if he requested it?

Mr. Harwood answered, we will provide any of the information...

Mr. Parisi finished, to anyone who requests it.

Mr. Harwood answered, absolutely.

Mr. Parisi asked, my point is, why the redundancy? If this committee is saying, which is our committee; a committee that we formed and they are only too happy to serve any of our requests; what is the big deal? Why do we have to hit them over the head with a motion?

Mr. Brodinsky replied, "hitting them over the head?" It is an interesting choice of words. It wasn't "hitting them over the head", they said they were going to do it anyway. No one had to hit them over the head, they were here to volunteer it and you are saying that you really don't want it.

Mr. Parisi stated, they are here to give the information if you want it and all you had to do was ask for it. That is my point. Mr. Centner would you start the voting.

Members of the public in the audience requested the opportunity to speak on the topic.

Mr. Parisi asked the Town's Attorney if the motion was legitimate since the item was really a report out?

Mr. Brodinsky pointed out that the agenda item read, "Discussion and Possible Action" and therefore allows action to be taken, no different than in the past.

Mr. Parisi acknowledged Mr. Brodinsky's point and solicited input from the audience.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated that he followed the last school building project and has attended several of the meetings held on the new project. The (building) committee members work for you (Council) and they work for me, more than they work for you. These are a dedicated group of people and I don't care what party they are affiliated with. They have a tough job and they do it for no money. This project is the biggest project this town has ever undertaken and they are using taxpayer money. Taxpayer's have the right to information, not just you. If he comes here, and he did it a lot during Yalesville School renovation, he came here for reports, for money, and for a variety of reasons. I don't see why he doesn't come here for a month and report to the taxpayer of Wallingford, not you. He should report where the

taxpayers' money is going and how we spend it and where he is over. I want freedom of information. I don't want to hear, you can go to a meeting and get it because the Mayor has his coat on now because of the body heat of all the people in this room makes it too hot; nobody comes here, just a handful of people. Not many people go to the committee meeting. Sure, it is available, but the best available process here is television and this is broadcast. Not everyone gets out; not everyone is civic-minded. I have been coming here longer than some of you have been on this council and I am getting tired of information just staying there and not getting to the people. He is here, he works for us; \$62 million. We got the bill; not you. He is a fine gentleman and he is a fine man, and when somebody is telling you that he was going to do it anyway, there is no reason to deny him saying, "don't do it."

Mr. Parisi replied, there is no denial. He has every right to do it and I stated very clearly that if anyone asked for information that they would be welcome to it.

Mr. Sheehan pointed out, you (Mr. Parisi) just asked, "why the redundancy"? I want the information. If I want him here a month, or if 20,000 people want him here (at a meeting) every month to give us a report saying whether or not he is going over budget, he should be here.

Mr. Parisi stated, I would hope that we wouldn't have to wait for the meeting to hear that he has going over budget.

Mr. Sheehan replied, I am sure he won't.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court stated, I listened to some eloquent speeches here, tonight and I clearly got an inference that some people up there on that Council think that because this motion was made by Mr. Brodinsky that there is a lack of trust or confidence in the building committee. Do you feel that way Mr. Harwood?

Mr. Harwood answered, no, no I don't.

Mr. Avallone asked Mr. Choti, do you feel that way?

Mr. Choti answered, any Councilor can request any information from their committee.

Mr. Avallone stated, I am not naming any names but I don't think it is fair that because a councilperson asked for some information that that councilperson is faced with, maybe accusation is a harsh word, but that he lacks confidence or trust in this building committee. I know that is not the fact. I know Mr. Brodinsky and I don't know how he feels about that but I take umbrage at that remark. The other thing that I just can't believe, Mr. Choti and Mr. Harwood are here, they have answered the question half a dozen times; it is not going to cost any money and no more time by this committee, and yet I have heard three council people up

there try to convince them that it is going to be an imposition on them. It is embarrassing to sit out there as a member of the public and hear that kind of garbage going on.

Mr. Parisi asked, you run an office and you have employees. If they have to do extra work, do you ever consider that it might cost you more money?

Mr. Avallone answered, I am going to pay them overtime if they do above and beyond. But if they tell me that they are doing the work that I have asked them to do and they are doing it in the allotted period of time, fine, that's terrific. I have people working for me, and I trust them implicitly. But on some projects, a lawsuit that is very serious, if I have a paralegal or someone doing work for me, that doesn't mean that I don't review what that person has done. If they think that I don't trust them just because I am reviewing them, then they are gone. They expect me to review the work, because if I didn't do it, I wouldn't be a good boss.

Mr. Parisi added, I agree with that and would follow pretty much that line myself. But I also think that it is due diligence to be concerned that we don't create any additional or unnecessary expense. That is the vane in which the questions were asked.

Mr. Avallone replied, but they were asked three times and answered three times. If you have so much confidence and you have so much trust in these people, then why don't you accept the answers they give you? Why do you try to change their answer?

Mr. Parisi replied, I am not trying to change their answer.

Mr. Avallone replied, they told you three times, at least, minimum, that it is not going to cost anymore money; it is not going to take anymore time; this work was going to be done anyway. They told you that three times, now if you trust them and have that much confidence, accept their answer and don't try to change their answer to make them think again. Two or three councilors, from what I heard out there; whoever is sitting out here or watching this at home, if they haven't heard several councilors try to tell these two gentlemen, even though they explained that it is not going to cost anymore money or anymore time, "we don't accept that; you are volunteers and we just don't want to give you anymore work". How many times do you have to hear them say it?

Mr. Parisi replied, my questioning is because I have had some other people on the committee express concern about additional costs. I didn't want to say that but if you are going to pin me to the wall on my statement, then I have to say that. They are representing the committee. I want to be very sure that they, in fact, are telling me that the other people aren't accurate in their assessment of the situation, o.k.?

Mr. Avallone answered, my intention was not to beat you into the wall. This is the Chairman of the committee; who else are you going to listen to?

Mr. Parisi stated, that is why I wanted to be sure of the answer and that is why I asked the question.

Howard Greenberg, 205 Center Street stated, I don't want to be redundant but, Mr. Harwood has already stated that some people that either go to the meetings or maybe even serve on the committee, at some point could find this information that has been requested in this form, a little easier to understand. He has already stated that there is little or no cost, the information is readily available and can be broken down very easily. I want to commend Mr. Brodinsky for bringing this up and showing fiscal responsibility. Mr. Knight, I heard you say, oh, brother. I am trying to be respectful of you and I ask you the same thing.

Mr. Parisi stated, let's just stay to the point Mr. Greenberg.

Mr. Greenberg answered, you didn't see what I saw, so now you are aware of it, too, Mr. Chairman. Again, I commend Mr. Brodinsky's fiscal responsibility because, in this way, everyone will have an easier, clearer and more accurate synopsis of what is going on. I know that if I were sitting up there and I was running for re-election, this project or any other project that was over-budget, I would not want to be the one sitting there and have to listen to the taxpayers of this town when budgets and figures go over without being at least interested in trying to prevent that.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, has there been any recent or proposed changes in design or work or contractor? If so, could you describe them?

Mr. Harwood answered, the only item that I would put in that category, that Councilor Papale mentioned related to the potential of what would approximate about \$1 million as far as a potential scope change. That has not been approved or handed to the committee to move on it.

Mr. Melillo asked, has the committee tried to contact as many large companies as possible to see if they are willing to donate computers to the school system?

Mr. Harwood answered, the committee is not going to be involved with instructional items, for the most part.

Mr. Melillo asked if the committee is making sure that the majority of the work will be performed by skilled workers such as plumbers, electricians, etc., as opposed to having an architect do the work?

Mr. Harwood answered, they are two different and distinct skill sets; the architect will do the design element and that is an element that the committee has to stay attuned to, to make sure that we don't have a great deal of change orders. That is how we manage the architect. That is where you get your most value out of an architect. The actual contractors and skilled labor force that will come in and do the exact work is a distinct group. We are not in construction yet but those successful bidders will have to meet minimum qualifications to be able to perform the work. If it is a licensed trade, then it has to be a licensed contractor and licensed employees.

Mr. Melillo asked if there has been any contact made with our state representatives as of late to see if there are any funds available for the project?

Mr. Harwood stated, the commitment made by the state was made a few years ago regarding the reimbursement rate. I would venture to say that it is only likely that there would be less funds available as we go forward. Based on your inquiries, about a year ago we went ahead and asked, through the Mayor's Office, if they could contact sources to see what federal funds were available. We have not been advised, to date, of any funds available for this project, over and above what we have currently.

Mr. Melillo inquired about the bidding process.

Mr. Harwood replied, we will follow the Town of Wallingford's procurement process.

Mr. Centner asked Mr. Harwood, your interpretation of the report that they are asking for, is that similar to the executive summary we were receiving in the past? Or do you have another interpretation of what the request is?

Mr. Harwood answered, in the past based on this project and the data you have already received? Or in the past...

Mr. Centner replied, in the previous projects. There were some executive summaries given; quick updates in terms of the milestone chart; cost to date; key items as they are occurring?

Mr. Harwood answered, it would be akin to that. Yes, I don't think it would be much different. The roll up that Mr. Brodinsky asked for, where we are showing different stages, is a little bit more than we did last time. Yes, sure, it would be the milestone reports that you mentioned. It would be timelines; targets; that type of thing, sure. That we would provide on a routine basis anyway, just as a report out to the community.

Mr. Centner asked, how routine; monthly, bi-monthly?

Mr. Harwood answered, yeah, as you know it is really driven by what phase of the project you are in and how much activity you actually have going on. As we enter 2002, that is when we really get embroiled in this project because then we will be in construction and that generates the most paperwork that is the most intense. That is when milestones really come into play. Next year the paperwork really starts to flow. I think we tried to get back to the Council in the past every couple of months during the peak of the project. It worked pretty well, I think.

Mr. Centner stated, I would be willing to support more the executive summary because it affords the committee to fit the appropriate data; what is pertinent for that period of time into it, and a quick summary than I would a specific outline requiring a little more intensity. My preference would be, if I to vote at all, would be for an executive summary where they would then choose the pertinent data in a quick and easy overview at a specific interval of time that you would feel is important to us. I would be willing to support that.

Mr. Farrell stated, lest comments get taken out of context; I thought my comments were very simple that it was gracious and accommodating of the building committee to be willing to offer this information but that I was not going to require it. Somehow the allegation got made that that's a partisan bit. Indeed, I thought the same comments were echoed by Ms. Papale who, based on her decades of experience was saying, "hey, I have a philosophical conflict in thinking of requiring this of you." I don't know that it is necessarily a partisan difference but perhaps a philosophical difference.

Mr. Harwood stated, there were a lot of comments made. I appreciate the very positive comments that have been made. It goes a long way to keep moral going in a committee with such a big project. I would be remiss if I didn't say, this project is not risk-adverse. This could very well have changes and overruns and economic conditions and market conditions and poor performance by contractors. All those things can happen. Some of those will be in the control of the committee and some will not because it will be a performance issue and outside forces. It is not a risk-adverse project. We are going to hopefully manage those items and deal with the stumbles that may come up. There is a whole lot of personal integrity and reputation that goes in to being involved in a big project like this; it is more than just turning out a good project to the town. It also has your name signed on one heck of a lot of paperwork. That is always my concern, too. What does it mean when you take it in selfishly; you got your personal commitment. We will do whatever you want; it is whatever your request is. I just want to make sure that everyone understands that this is over a multi-year period and we can run into some very poor performance that can cause us some problems, or we can run into some bad market conditions that can change things.

VOTE: Brodinsky, Papale, Vumbaco and Zappala; yes; Centner, Farrell, Knight, Rys and Parisi, no; motion failed.



ITEM #13 Report Out from the Mayor, Discussion and Possible Action on a \$500,000 state grant as requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, we all received a letter from Representative Mary Fritz indicating that recent legislation was passed that allowed Wallingford to qualify for a \$500,000 grant. The letter was dated July 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a grant that imitates the Urban Act; it is something we have to apply for, there has to be a reason for it. I wanted to check with the Mayor to see where we stand on the application. What are we doing with it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, Don Roe, Program Planner, telephoned the Office of Policy and Management seeking direction on how they will implement the legislation and was told that we should send a letter to the secretary, which we have, and we have not received a response as to how they will be implementing this program.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, there is some criteria which has been issued by the State. That was given to me tonight by Representative Mushinsky and I guess in our grant we have to decide what we want the money for and it has to be for a reason that qualifies or fits into one of these categories. Just in listening to your thoughts, Mayor, what would be the timeframe for you, in conjunction with the town, to collaboratively decide on a use or purpose for that \$500,000?

Mayor Dickinson answered, first I would like to know what the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is going to require in the way of procedures; what they want to see; what type of application; we will go from there. As I understand, it is not even clear to me how many towns will be applying for this \$500,000., but I guess it is quite a number. My assumption would be that they would be dividing the \$500,000 up amongst any number of municipalities.... (the recording device experienced a slight skip in recording the conversation)...of handling the applications to not have answers to any of the questions about what they wanted to see in the way of an application; what information would be necessary; that is what we are waiting for.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, the last communication was when, Mayor? With the State? Because maybe we can facilitate that if no one is getting back to you, maybe there is something we can do. Was that your August 28<sup>th</sup> letter?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't have the letter here. My office sent a letter to the secretary of OPM as requested by that office. At that point they really knew very little about the legislation and...

Mr. Parisi interrupted to say that he had the letter. He asked if the Mayor wanted the letter read into the record?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no, it is pretty simple.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, my question was, is that the last communication you have had? If no one is getting back to the Mayor, we can try to fix that. I called up OPM and I got some information served over the phone by a Linda Miller. If no one is getting back to you, that is all we need to know, then we will put it on the agenda for another month.

Mayor Dickinson explained, typically, they will send information about how to apply, what information is necessary; there is paperwork involved and, as of yet, they have not implemented that.

Mr. Knight stated, I also put in a call to OPM for what it is worth and I have not received a response from them as of yet. One of the pieces of literature that refer to this particular grant was from Mary Fritz. It was a newsletter and, if I understand, one of the last sentences regarding this was, she said there was no guarantee that there would be any money forthcoming. Is that because we are going to compete with other towns for this \$500,000?; for a piece of this \$500,000?

Mayor Dickinson replied, it is a grant and municipalities will be offered the chance to compete for it like open space funds. Decisions will be made as to who gets money and who doesn't. That is my belief about the way they will handle it. It is a competitive grant situation.

Mr. Knight stated, I don't want the public to think that we had a lock on \$500,000 and all we had to do was figure out how we wanted to spend it. It seems like a much more complicated process than that.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there are details we need to know. My guess is that it is unlikely that we would qualify for a full \$500,000 since other communities, I assume, would be applying. If no other community applies and we are the only ones; maybe we will get \$500,000. There is a lot that has to be dealt with and understood before we reach a point of knowing how much may be awarded to the Town.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I believe there is \$165 million available and \$500,000 per municipality. Right now the State is flush with money; they have lots of money, they are just waiting for applications. There is no question about that; there is no doubt about that; that is information fresh as of today. All we have to do is get the details, get a letter out and get a reason for the money. The sooner we apply, the sooner we can get it, which is why I had this put on the agenda. It is \$165 million; we are not competing with anyone else for the \$500,000., we just have to have a reason that qualifies.

Mayor Dickinson replied, this is an example of the different information. It is not the information I have; that it is not \$500,000 for just Wallingford; that we would be in competition

with others for that money. If it different, we need to be informed of that. There is a lot of different information that is being put out and I would like to see something in writing from OPM to clearly define exactly what this involves.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, Representative Fritz's letter says, for all of our benefits says, "\$500,000 per municipality." but, thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Centner asked, is that for all 169 towns?

Mr. Brodinsky replied, some towns qualify for another act, or grant, as I understand it. Wallingford is in the running for this \$165 million. Right now there is plenty of money and we are not in competition for anything. Will the well run dry? If we wait two years it might but, I am also assured by our delegation that they will not pull the money out. The money is there so long as we have a good reason that qualifies and tracks the intent of the legislation. We just have to get the application in, then we can have this grant.

Mr. Centner stated, I am perplexed by the numbers because with \$165 million and 169 towns, that is about \$920,000...

Mr. Brodinsky interrupted to say, no, other towns have another source of money. There are some towns that have another source of money.

#### No Action Taken

ITEM #14 Report Out from the Mayor and Program Planner on the Results of the Solicitation of RFPs for the Conversion of the Former Simpson School to Senior Housing as Requested by Councilor Mike Brodinsky

Mr. Brodinsky asked the Mayor to bring the Council up to date on the matter.

Mayor Dickinson replied, the one proposal was submitted by the Housing Authority. The Purchasing Department reviewed it today and believes that it does qualify. There is another envelope that has to be opened up regarding the monetary side. I think that will happen later this week. I have asked Purchasing to contact other firms that did visit the site and try to determine why they did not participate. I am waiting for that report. That is where it stands.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, what is your recommended next step?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I want to have that information. I want to know what the monetary side is from the Housing Authority and I would like to know why firms that visited Simpson School decided ultimately why they did not want to participate in the process.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, do you think this will be ready for another discussion next month?

Mayor Dickinson answered, depending on when the information is available, it is possible.

Dennis Charest, 16 Bonnie Court stated, I think some of the reasons some of the people are not interested in the former Simpson School. We did a walk around today with Mr. Parisi, Mr. McCully, Mr. LeClerc and several others. What we saw was numerous broken and boarded up windows. We found jagged windows that posed a safety hazard to the public; broken and loose bricks; a safety hazard to the public. We saw an obviously neglected and abandoned building. We saw a fire hazard. There are no sprinklers in the school. We saw a place where criminal activity may exist. We saw graffiti which someone argued was art but I don't think he would argue that it was art if it was on his house. We saw a building that was not in a good state of repair. This is the language that is right in the blight ordinance. If one of these conditions constitutes a violation of the blight ordinance, then the building is in violation of the blight ordinance. I am asking the Town Council to find itself in violation of the Town of Wallingford's Blight Ordinance, or to repeal the ordinance; remove the double-standard that seems to exist. Mr. Parisi, you were there today and saw the very same things I saw.

Mayor Dickinson stated, Mr. Charest came in and spoke with me several weeks ago. The Building Inspector was there and we reviewed the condition of the building and we do not agree that it is a building that is blighted. One of the things is a situation where the owner does not look to correct problems as they occur. Clearly, the Town is correcting problems as they occur. Mr. McCully was out there today and will be looking to make what are relatively minor repairs here and there. As problems occur, we correct them. We do not agree that this qualifies as blighted property.

Mr. Charest admitted that the Town does repair some things; they cut the lawn. If that building were on Route 5 and a lot of other people saw it, I think you would find that it is in clear violation of the Blight Ordinance. That is the problem I have with the ordinance; the people who are doing the judging on whether it is blight, reports directly to the Mayor. There is a conflict of interest right there. Secondly, I have no appeal process. I am a complainant and there is no provision in the ordinance that provides me with an appeal process. I ask councilors to come and take a look at the building. Where do I go? This is not a case of frustration. This is a case where you are violating the law. You are making laws then you are saying that you don't have to go by the law.

Mr. Parisi stated, I told you today, and I don't mind stating publicly that I thought that the Ordinance Committee could review and should review the appeal process. I don't have a problem with that. As far as some of the other things, I think we saw them in a different light.

There are some things that I would recommend and I did mention them to the Code Enforcement Officer. I agree, there are some things that should be taken care of. Was it totally blighted? We did not agree on that.

Mr. Charest asked, where does the complainant go presently?

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Knight, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee to, in committee, review the appeal process of the Blight Ordinance and to notify Mr. Charest of the meeting at which he intends to discuss the subject ordinance.

Peter Adamo, 20 Bonnie Court requested, if it does get turned over to the Housing Authority, there be a stipulation with regards to when the project is to be started by. That way the school will not get into worse condition than it currently is.

o Action Taken

ITEM #15 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Enter Into Executive Session Pursuant to CT. General Statutes 1-200(6)(D) – seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky and Vumbaco were absent; all ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 9:54 P.M.

Present in executive session were all Councilors, Mayor Dickinson, Asst. Town Atty. Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Public Works Director Henry McCully.

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

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

The Council exited executive session at 10:17 P.M.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

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PRESS RELEASE

September 14, 2001

Wallingford Town Council members and the Mayor express deepest sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones in Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and friends.

Knowing the generous spirit of Wallingford residents, we believe there are many individuals who want to reach out and help during this time of dire need. The Town would be pleased to facilitate in getting help and relief to the victims.

Monetary donations may be made to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army and forwarded to the Mayor's Office, Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. Your checks will be forwarded to the designated organization. Please note in the memo area of the check "National Disaster Relief". Also, please note if you have a specific area where you would like the funds directed, i.e. New York Relief, Pentagon Relief.

If you would like additional information on how you can be of assistance, please call the American Red Cross at 265-6721 or the Salvation Army at 1-800-SAL-Army. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor