

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 26, 2002

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Correspondence
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#716-729) Totaling \$9,789.01 – Tax Collector
 - b. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the February 13, 2002 Town Council Meeting
 - c. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor to Date
 - d. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
 - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$600 from Straw Blower Acct. #001-5015-999-9949 to Continuing Education & Training Expenses Acct. #001-5015-501-5700 – Dept. of Public Works
 - f. Consider and Approve a Grant in the Amount of \$478,450 for the Lyman Hall Vocational Agricultural Program as Requested by the Superintendent of Schools
 - g. Consider and Approve Accepting a Grant in the Amount of \$10,046 from State Grant Revenues to Program Expenditures in the Bilingual Education Grant Budget Of the Board of Education
4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

5. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-1602-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-1602-600-8290 – Personnel
6. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in an Amount to be Determined to Fund An Arbitration Award for IAFF, Local 1326, Town of Wallingford Fire Fighters – Personnel
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #001-5010-101-1000 to AutoCADD Workstation and Software Licenses Acct. #001-5010-999-9906-00 – Engineering
8. Final Report Out from the Comptroller on the Recent Town-Wide Revaluation Process
9. Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/2003
10. Consider and Approve Confirming Two (2) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Pension Commission, One Term Expiring 12/31/06 and One Term Expiring 12/31/07 – Mayor
11. Consider and Approve Confirming Three (3) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Ethics Board for Terms Expiring 3/1/05 – Mayor
12. Consider and Approve Confirming One (1) Re-Appointment to the Public Utilities Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/05 - Mayor
13. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
14. PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Entitled, “An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,285,000 For the Acquisition of Approximately 93.72 Acres of Real Property Known as 991 East Center Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,285,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose” – 7:45 P.M. (To correct an error the Record Journal made in publishing the notice of the public hearing)
15. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Appropriating \$510,000 for Park Improvements to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Community Lake Parks and the Garden Road Area and Authorizing the Issue of \$510,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose – 8:00 P.M.

16. Consider and Approve Accepting:

- a. Killen Road and Fairlawn Drive Section IX;
- b. Snow-shelf Easement, Sidewalk Easement and Drainage Easement in an Open Space Subdivision from the Wallingford Land Trust; and a
- c. Strip of Land Along Grieb Road Required for Highway Purposes

Requested by the Town Planner

17. Report Out by the Town Planner and Planning & Zoning Chairman Regarding the Town's Plan of Development as Requested by Councilor Gerald E. Farrell, Jr.
18. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of a Library Building Expansion Committee – Wlfd. Public Library Directors
19. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placing of Nineteen (19) Markers in Dutton Park to Commemorate the Individual Civil War Dead from Wallingford as Requested by Councilor Gerald E. Farrell, Jr.
20. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property – Mayor

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ADDEDUM TO AGENDA

21. Discussion and Possible Action on Adopting the Town Council Meeting Procedures

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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and Called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Toman & Vumbaco. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis M. Small and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

ITEM #2 Correspondence

No items of correspondence were presented.

ITEM #3 Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#716-729) Totaling \$9,789.01 – Tax Collector

ITEM #3b Approve and Accept the Minutes of the February 13, 2002 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #3c Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor to Date

ITEM #3d Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #3e Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$600 from Straw Blower Acct. #001-5015-999-9949 to Continuing Education & Training Expenses Acct. #001-5015-501-5700 – Dept. of Public Works

ITEM #3f Consider and Approve a Grant in the Amount of \$478,450 for the Lyman Hall Vocational Agricultural Program as Requested by the Superintendent of Schools

ITEM #3g Consider and Approve Accepting a Grant in the Amount of \$10,046 from State Grant Revenues to Program Expenditures in the Bilingual Education Grant Budget of the Board of Education

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented, Items #3a-g, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Withdrawn

ITEM #12 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #12 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve Confirming One (1) Re-Appointment to the Public Utilities Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/05 –Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Richard Nunn to the Position, seconded by Ms. 'apale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk, Rosemary Rascati performed the Swearing-In Ceremony at this time.

ITEM #5 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-1602-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-1602-600-8290 – Personnel

Unanticipated expenses have been incurred in the recent months and the funds are needed to pay the State of CT. for claims processed in the last quarter.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, does this mean that we let more people go?

Personnel Director Terence Sullivan explained, the charges have to do with the layoff from last July. The employee has a benefit rate of \$400 per week which is quite a hit and we had a resignation in a second department. When someone leaves, even on their own, if they want to be for unemployment after they have earned ten times their weekly benefit rate and they lose that second job they may have gone to, we got charged because we are a reimbursing employer. This is for the month ending January 31, 2002.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$331,906 from Accrued Expenses Acct. #7060-800-3230 and \$65,961 from General Purpose Acct. #7060-800-3190 for a Total of \$397,867 to Various Departments within the Department of Fire & Emergency

Services to Fund An Arbitration Award for IAFF, Local 1326, Town of Wallingford Fire Fighters – Personnel (Appendix I)

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

Mr. Brodinsky stated, there is \$15,761 from '00-01 and \$24,666 from '99-00 left over from previous years and not turned over to the general fund yet maintain their identity as separate line items even though the fiscal year has gone by, how does that operate?

Mr. Sullivan explained, the money that we budgeted in the last few years for contingency to pay on any settlement or any contract award goes into a contingency account and that money is encumbered for payment whenever the contract comes due. These amounts, the \$15,761 and \$24,666 are the overages for those amounts that are above what we anticipated at the time.

he full amount was put into Contingency, Accrued Expenses; the General Purposes account is where the overages would come from.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, is the money held in the general fund but shown as a reserved amount?

Comptroller Thomas Myers explained, it is reported in the General Fund as an accrued expenditure.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #001-5010-101-1000 to AutoCADD Workstation and Software Licenses Acct. #001-5010-999-9906-00 – Engineering

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

The transfer is to replace a previously-approved budget item for an Auto CADD workstation from the budget year 1996-97 which had a remaining balance of \$15,974 and was recently used out due to the lack of activity. Recently filled vacancy for the Chief of Survey and Chief Draftsperson positions, the Engineering Department finds the need to purchase one additional desktop computer and two additional AutoCADD licenses. This will provide our offices with three working AutoCADD stations. Currently, the Chief Draftsperson spends virtually the entire workday on the department's one existing AutoCADD station. It is estimated that the Asst. Town Engineer will spend approximately 75% of the workday on the second station and the third station will be shared by the Chief of Survey and Draftsperson resulting in full time use.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Final Report Out from the Comptroller on the Recent Town-Wide Revaluation Process

Comptroller Thomas Myers introduced the following individuals who were present for the report out:

- Shelby Jackson, Assessor
- Dennis Hlavac, Chief Appraiser
- Gary Fields, Project Coordinator, Vision Appraisal Technology

Mr. Myers reminded all residents when reviewing the notification of the new market value of their property to ask themselves, is this an appropriate market value for my home? Would I sell my home for the value shown on the report. In addition, residents are reminded that the town will be going through revaluation every four years. This recent process was a physical revaluation of the property meaning that, a full interior and exterior inspection of the properties was performed. The next revaluation will occur in 2004 and again in 2008. Those revaluations will be revisions of the 2001 numbers without visiting the properties. Those revisions will be made based on statistical economic and financial information. Revaluation will occur more frequently however the properties will be visited once in every twelve years versus once every ten years. In Connecticut property taxation is comprised of the following components; residential real estate, commercial businesses and industry. Connecticut, in addition, also taxes the fixed assets of businesses; machinery, equipment and furnishings of commercial and industrial businesses. Furnishings of homes are not taxed. Registered motor vehicles that bears a Connecticut license plate is also taxed. The fixed assets of businesses and registered motor vehicles are taxed at fair market value each year and do not go through revaluation. As the values of real property, residential, commercial and industrial property change only once every ten years, every year registered vehicles and business assets change. For businesses, they change by depreciation when new machinery, equipment and furnishings replace existing machinery, equipment and furnishings. For motor vehicles they change when new vehicles are purchased.

At this time Mr. Jackson gave a fifteen minute overview of the final results of the 2001 Revaluation Project (Appendix II).

Mr. Myers interjected, our normal Grand List growth, had revaluation not occurred, would have been 4%. That is basically due to an increase in the business sector; Home Depot, Wallingford Energy Plant. Since 1991 we have not seen a 4% growth in any Grand List. The highest growth we had was 3%. In 1991 when the Grand List grew by 69%, our normal growth that year was 1% and 68% was attributed to changes in value. In 2001 when the Grand List grew by 19%, 4% would have been normal growth and 15% due to changes in value over the ten year period. Wallingford has a very diversified Grand List. Often times a business purchase will be made and a building will be razed and a new building goes up. For example, where Super

Kmart now sits, once sat Revere Aerospace. You would have a resulting decrease in business and industry when a building such as Revere Aerospace is razed and the business moves so they take their business assets with them so there is an increase in that segment of the Grand List. Now you have an increase when Super Kmart comes on board, however, there is a net difference. You have to take into account the business that was there that left, the building that no longer stands, and the new building that went up. There is a net difference. It is a very complex subject.

Mr. Toman asked why the "Business Equipment" line amount would stay the same?

Mr. Jackson answered, all the changes for us are those sectors of the Grand List that are subject to the revaluation which are the residential, commercial and industrial real estate. The personal property and the motor vehicles, because they are valued every year and are not subject to revaluation, is why you do not see a change. If you compare it to the 2000 Grand List you would see a change.

Mr. Toman asked, what will affect increases and decreases to the residential property in the statistical revaluations of 2004 and 2008?

Mr. Myers answered, the main driver for residential property will be comparable sales. For business and industry, it would be income derived from business properties and costs associated with construction of new property or additions. The economic climate is what will determine the next set of values.

Mr. Rys noted, if we don't maintain our inventory of industrial and commercial properties, eventually the residential is going to far surpass that sector of the Grand List.

Mr. Myers agreed.

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville asked what effect the appeals process would have on the process?

Mr. Myers explained that the Grand List would be adjusted by the appeals which will be performed within the next week.

Mr. Agosta asked if there will be a percentage "cap" applied to appeals?

Mr. Jackson replied, no. Every case has to be looked at separately and taken on a case by case basis.

Gary Fields, Project Supervisor, Vision Appraisal Technology explained the hearing appeal process. There is no limit "cap" increase or decrease as far as what type of adjustment would be made as a result of a hearing. It must have been a misunderstanding.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked, in looking at the numbers, are we losing industry?

Mr. Jackson answered, we have had a significant increase in the personal property sector of business and industry. As the overall Grand List grows, the percentages may change. The whole purpose of revaluation is, once every so many years, we are going to assign new and accurate market value for every real estate parcel in the Town.

Mr. Sheehan stated that he thought that the increase should be balanced across the three sectors.

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle asked, is all the data computerized? Is the data base accessible on the internet? Is it something that you can access from home?

Mr. Jackson answered, yes, it is computerized but it cannot be accessed via the internet.

Mr. Zandri asked if it is possible that it can be made available via the internet?

Mr. Jackson answered, there were quite a few variables and unknowns in terms of making the information available to the internet for a number of reasons. I don't necessarily know that the technology has been fully perfected to the point where Wallingford would be ready to embark on that. It is not something that Wallingford has seriously considered.

Mr. Zandri stated, others towns have that service available to its residents. Instead of having to go to the Town Hall to retrieve a record the information could be accessed via the internet.

Mr. Jackson answered that some towns do have the feature but he is not sure what the benefit of the feature is at this point. If, at some point in the future, the Town decided that that is something that it wanted to pursue, it can certainly review the matter thoroughly.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked if the homeowner will still be afforded the opportunity to appeal the revaluation process in those years in which statistical revaluations are conducted?

Mr. Jackson answered, yes. Each time the assessment is changed on property, the owner is entitled to come in and question the process, the methodology and to double-check the information and if they disagree, there is an appeal process.

Mr. Wright stated that the appeals process is useless because the average person is not going to be able to take it to court to prove there is a \$5,000 - \$10,000 error. He suggested that all those

residents who were unsuccessful in appealing their assessment may want to hire themselves an appraiser.

Mr. Jackson replied, if there is a question or problem, the staff of the Assessor's Office is the first line of defense. We want you to call, stop down, ask questions. If we find that there is a mistake or error, we are going to correct it. You don't need to go to court or anywhere else. In some cases we double and triple check and find that the valuation, in our view is correct but there may just be a disagreement. There is still the Wallingford Board of Assessment Appeals which is available to all residents.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville was of the opinion that revaluation guidelines favored big business and industry and not the residential homeowners. He would like to see the senior citizens given a tax break.

Mr. Agosta asked, how many appeals have been filed for a hearing?

Chairman Parisi replied, 311 residential, 135 commercial and industrial, 6 motor vehicle and 8 personal property.

Mr. Agosta asked how many of the appeals were found in favor of those appealing?

Mr. Jackson replied that the Board of Assessment Appeals were conducting hearings at this very moment and their deliberations are to be completed by the end of the month of March. Each appellant will receive notice shortly after that.

Mr. Zandri stated, it is obvious that the assessments have shifted the tax burden to the residential property owner. Is it safe to say that the residents are picking up a larger portion of the taxes now?

Mr. Myers answered, the Mayor has not finished the budget. That is a good question. We have not looked at what the tax liability amongst the classes is going to be because the mill rate is going to change. The mill rate will be out next Tuesday when the Mayor releases the budget.

Mr. Zandri commented, the mill rate is the same for all classes, isn't it?

Mr. Myers answered, yes it is but it is going to change from the current 26.5 (mills).

Mr. Zandri replied, but everything being equal, let's say we are in last year's budget with this year's figures, then the residential taxpayers will be picking up a bigger portion of the tax base because of the way the figures came out.

Mr. Myers answered, that is probably a fair statement, however, residents have to measure two factors; what their house may increase to in value and what their automobiles may decrease to.

Gary Linsley, 520 Ward Street, Ext. stated that about a year ago someone came to look inside of my house and I wouldn't let him in to do so. I came down to Town Hall to look at the bid contract for the revaluation process and it stated that there was supposed to be a background check performed on the data collectors before they came out to the house.

Chairman Parisi interrupted the speaker to suggest that the topic be covered under Public Question and Answer Period. This is a report out and there is no vote to be taken.

Mr. Linsley next spoke of how a good percentage of commercial properties along Route 5 and Center Street have decreased in value.

Chairman Parisi interrupted once again stating that he did not want to get into that subject right now. He thanked those Town representatives present for their report out. He stated to Mr. Linsley that he can speak to what ever issue he wanted to later.

Mr. Linsley asked, you don't want to hear any of these questions?

Chairman Parisi replied, no. I don't think they are going to be appropriate for this, no.

No Action Taken

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/2003

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Appoint Wm. Birney to the Position, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve Confirming Two (2) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Pension Commission, One Term Expiring 12/31/06 and One Term Expiring 12/31/07 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Fred Valenti and Vincent Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Toman asked, are these the longest terms for appointed office that we have in Town?

Mayor Dickinson replied, for the Pension Commission, I believe so, yes.

Mr. Toman replied, for the record, I think it is too long. I don't think a term should be six years.

Mayor Dickinson replied, this would follow in accordance with the Charter.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve Confirming Three (3) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Ethics Board for Terms Expiring 3/1/05 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Laurie Manke, G. Randolph Erskine as regular members and Jack Winkleman as an alternate member, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati performed the Swearing-In Ceremony for Mr. Birney, Mr. Santacroce, Mrs. Manke and Mr. Erskine at this time.

ITEM #14 PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,285,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 93.72 Acres of Real Property Known as 991 East Center Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,285,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose" – 7:45 P.M. (To correct an error the Record Journal made in publishing the notice of the public hearing)

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,285,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 93.72 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 991 EAST CENTER STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,285,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$1,285,000 is appropriated for the acquisition of approximately 93.72 acres of land consisting of a portion of land commonly known as 991 East Center Street, substantially as shown on a map entitled "The property subdivision Williams Property East Center Street and Tamarac Swap Road, Wallingford CT.", dated January 29, 2001. The purchase shall be for open space purposes, and the appropriation shall include engineering and consulting fees, appraisal, testing, commissions, environmental remediation, surveying, title insurance and such other expenses necessary or appropriate for such acquisition, and including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate the terms and purchase price for the purchase of the parcel and to sign purchase contracts and documents necessary to transfer title to the Town of Wallingford.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$1,285,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. The total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of purchase agreement shall be subject to approval of the Town Council.

Section 4. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked if there are any wetlands on the property?

Mayor Dickinson explained, this property has already been the subject of a public hearing. In fact, the Town has purchased the property. We are re-hearing the matter because the notice printed in the newspaper was incorrect so it is necessary in order to allow us to issue bonds to hold the hearing again and go through the process. This is the Williams property that we have already discussed and was purchased. Approximately 40% of the property is wetlands.

Mr. Melillo thought the Town paid too much for property that was comprised of 40% wetlands. He asked, if any resident wants to lease the property out for farming purposes, they can do that?

Mayor Dickinson replied, when the Town bids leases, any resident is in a position to make an offer on leasing property that has been put up for lease.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked, for clarification purposes, is it true that we can't build ball fields or do anything with the land except rent it out to farmers, correct?

Mayor Dickinson replied, if we receive the state money, that is true. We must obey the terms of the grant. It is the open space program of the State of CT.

Mr. Wright asked, all the information (Rep.) Mary Mushinsky brought to us a couple of months ago regarding the use of land for recreational purposes like ball fields doesn't apply to this? Is that correct?

Mayor Dickinson replied, not to this grant that we would be receiving.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,285,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 93.72 Acres of Real Property Known as 991 East Center Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,285,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, has there been any word as to when the state will be awarding the grant?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we are expecting to hear around the early part of April. I don't know how much we will be receiving, they won't tell me.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Appropriating \$510,000 for Park Improvements to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Community Lake Parks and the Garden Road Area and Authorizing the Issue of \$510,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet

Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose – 8:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$510,000 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AND COMMUNITY LAKE PARKS AND THE GARDEN ROAD AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$510,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$510,000 is appropriated for construction of ball fields at Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Park and Community Lake Park and construction of a Community Garden at Garden Road, including preparation of plans and specifications, architect, engineering and consulting fees, if necessary, site preparation, landscaping and related materials, fencing, ball field equipment, including bleachers and concession stand, equipment rental, lighting, or so much thereof as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and also including advertising, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (hereafter the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$510,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. The total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of purchase agreement shall be subject to approval of the Town Council.

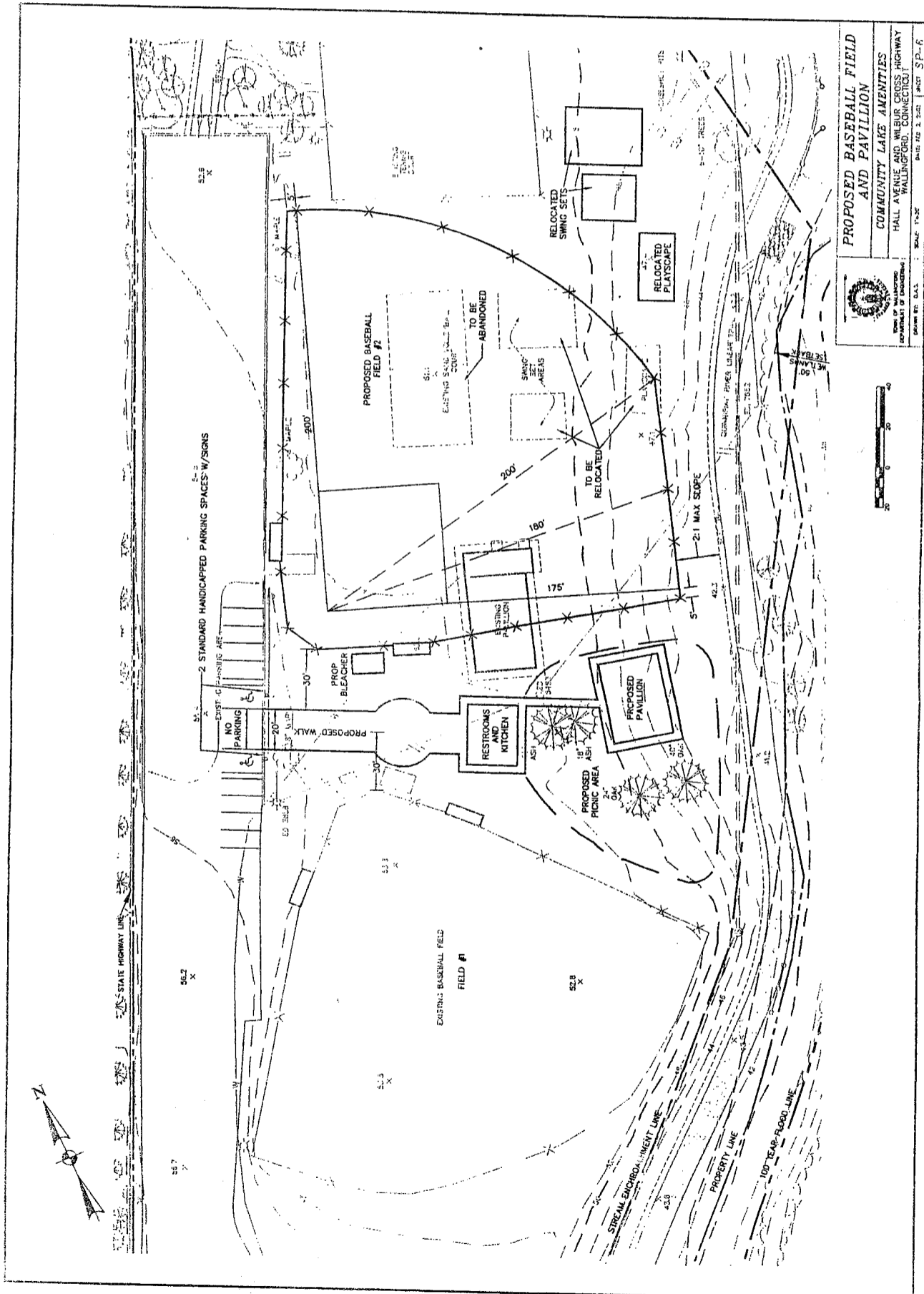
Section 4. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

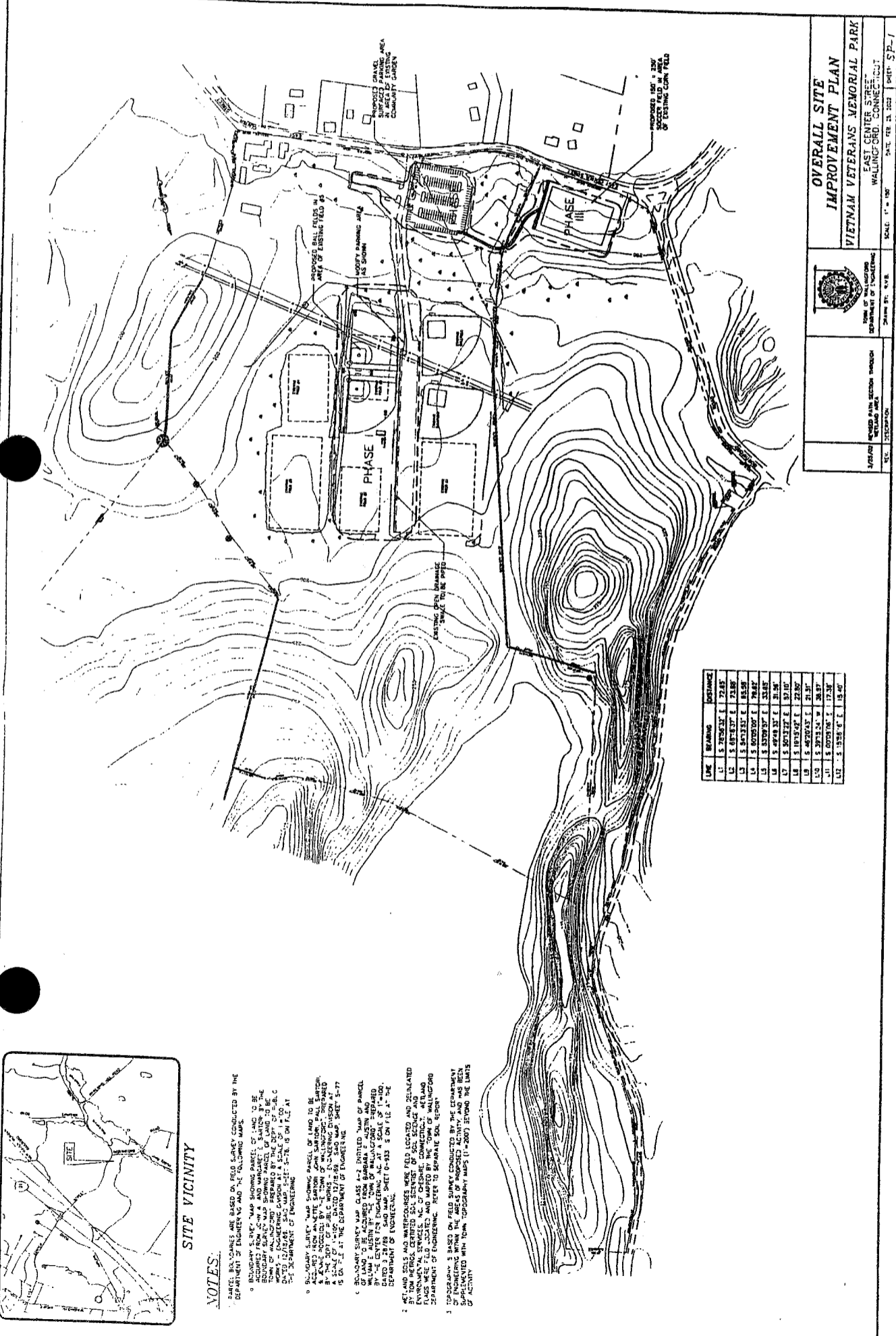
Section 6. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be deemed appropriate or necessary to effect the sale of the bonds and notes

authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

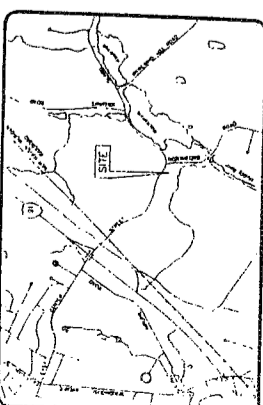
(see drawings on pages that follow)



PROPOSED BASEBALL FIELD AND PAVILION
COMMUNITY LAKE AMENITIES
HALL AVENUE AND WILBUR CROSS HIGHWAY
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
DATE: FEB 2 2002
SCALE: 1"=20'



LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1	S 27°56'31" E	72.85
2	S 45°42'37" E	73.88
3	S 24°13'52" E	185.58
4	S 60°02'09" E	174.82
5	S 23°02'37" E	234.85
6	S 67°43'25" E	31.38
7	S 25°22'42" E	37.10
8	S 14°25'47" E	27.89
9	S 27°03'42" E	21.37
10	S 00°23'04" E	19.32
11	S 132°14' E	19.40



SITE VICINITY

NOTES:

1. PARCEL BOUNDARIES ARE BASED ON FIELD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND THE FOLLOWING MAPS:
 - a. BOUNDARY SURVEY MAP SHOWING PARCELS OF LAND TO BE ACQUIRED FROM A.C. WEAVER AND MARGARET L. WEAVER BY THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, PREPARED BY THE DEPT. OF ENGR'G, DATED 11/26/83, SHEET 5-100, C. DATED 11/26/83, SHEET 5-100, IS ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.
 - b. BOUNDARY SURVEY MAP SHOWING PARCELS OF LAND TO BE ACQUIRED FROM ANETTE SARTON JOHN SARTON, BILLY SARTON, BY THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, PREPARED BY THE DEPT. OF ENGR'G, DATED 11/26/83, SHEET 5-100, IS ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.
 - c. BOUNDARY SURVEY MAP, CLASS A-2, ENTITLED, "MAP OF PARCEL BOUNDARIES FOR THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, BY THE DEPT. OF ENGR'G, A.C. AT A SCALE OF 1"=100', DATED 11/26/83, SHEET 5-100, IS ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING. SHEET 5-100, IS ON FILE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.
2. METEOROLOGICAL AND WATER-COURSE WERE FIELD LOCATED AND ANALYZED BY TOM BERGER, CERTIFIED SOIL SCIENTIST OF SOIL SCIENCE AND PLANT NUTRITION, INC. OF GREENE, CONNECTICUT. AETLAND PLANS WERE FIELD LOCATED AND ANALYZED BY TOM BERGER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING. REFER TO SEPARATE SOIL REPORT.
3. TOPOGRAPHY IS BASED ON FIELD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING WITHIN THE AREAS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY. TOPOGRAPHY IS SUPPLEMENTED WITH TOWN TOPOGRAPHY MAPS (1-2000) BEYOND THE LIMITS OF ACTIVITY.

OVERALL SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

EAST CENTER STREET
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

DATE: FEB. 23, 2002 SHEET: SP-1

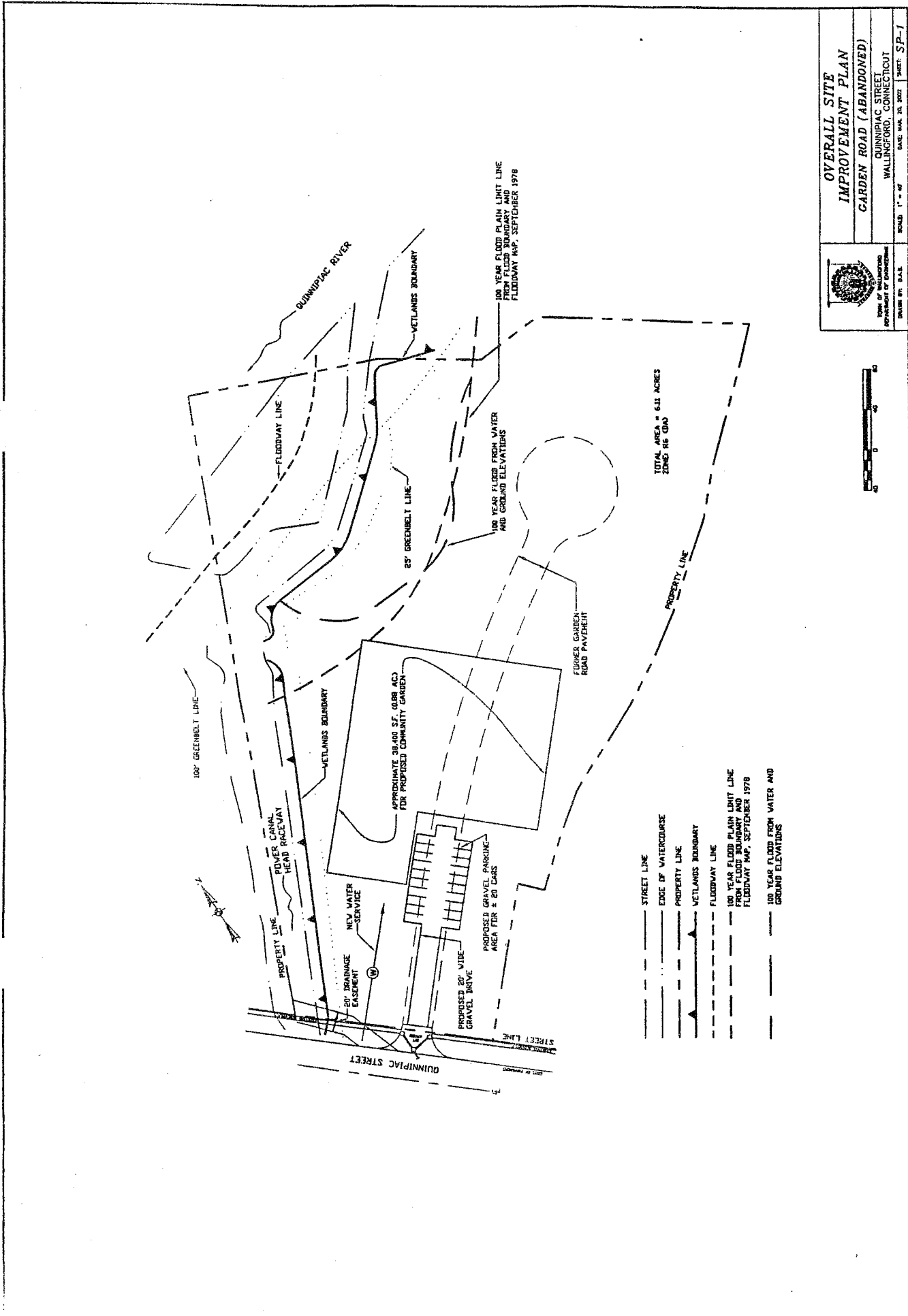
SCALE: 1" = 100'

DRAWN BY: GVB

DESIGNED BY: J. W. HARRIS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

CHECKED BY: J. W. HARRIS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

DATE: 11/26/83



OVERALL SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN
CARDEN ROAD (ABANDONED)
 QUINNIPIC STREET
 WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
 SCALE: 1" = 40'
 DATE: MAR. 20, 2002 | SHEET: SP-1

Mayor Dickinson presented a map of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial area. He stated, this subject comes to us as a result of the Wallingford Little League losing fields on Cytec Property. In an effort to make sure that they have playing fields in the year 2003, a plan has been developed to achieve that goal. This plan includes the location of two baseball fields on what is now an existing soccer field, the creation of additional parking on what is the Community Garden area and the construction of a new soccer field along East Center Street and Northford Road. There are improvements to parking with a bump out to enable people to turn around easier when using that parking area. The Community Garden would be placed on the Garden Road property; approximately one acre with gravel parking. A water connection will be run to the garden for those with a garden plot. With regards to the Community Lake property a third baseball field would be constructed with a walkway, restrooms, kitchen and pavilion. This parking area has parking spaces for some 133 vehicles. Engineering did a review during the week and by 4:15 P.M. on a weekday, only about 1/3 of the spaces are filled leaving some 90 spaces open. We are optimistic at this point that there would not be serious problems regarding parking in conflict with the use of the fields. The approximate price is \$500,000. Public Works would be doing most of the work and we believe that it achieves our goal of providing baseball fields for the Little League and soccer fields for soccer with replacement of one field. All of these activities, the construction of the baseball fields, the construction of the soccer field and the construction of parking and Garden Road would all occur starting this spring and going through September/October of this year. The goal is to have all of the playing fields available for use in 2003. There are permitting processes that have to be followed. We need permits from Inland Wetlands, Planning and Zoning and this matter should go to those Boards in April and or May. We also need a permit from the State Health Department. They have received our application, have all of the materials...we anticipate receiving a permit from them. There does not seem to be a problem with the application but we need to have that permit in hand. The reason for the State Health Department permit is that this site, Vietnam Memorial Park, is within our watershed which means that the State Health Department claims jurisdiction and must approve any changes or any construction in that area.

Keith Larson, 3 Tammy Hill Road, President of the Wallingford Youth Soccer League stated, there are 1,300 children playing soccer registered for the spring of 2002. There are 110 soccer teams formed and 40% of those children or approximately 500, represent the age group of 7 and under which illustrates the explosive growth the league has seen with the soccer program. Soccer in the Town of Wallingford is a sport that is at its full participation in both the spring and the fall. We expect in the fall of 2002 to see the same number of children registered, if not more. As we stand today, we show our projections at approximately 85% of field usage with our numbers as they exist today. Since the proposal talks about taking away field 5 for a temporary period of time...if we do so, our capacity starts approaching somewhere in the range of over 95% of our utilization. That does not take into account the adult leagues that use the field as well as the Leukemia Cup tournament that occurs in May and TWIST (The Wallingford Invitational Soccer Tournament) that occurs in August. In addition, it is our understanding that

Lyman Han, some of the sports including the soccer team, are going to be seeking the use of Town fields during the fall of 2002 as a result of construction that is going on there. We just got irrigation placed on field 5 which is something that the league sought after for quite a period of time. It makes it a premium soccer field...and we are sad at the proposal to lose that. We are concerned about the safety issue having soccer fields in such close proximity to baseball fields. Obviously, it raises the concern of safety. We are in no way shape or form against the appropriate funding for the building of baseball fields. We feel as strongly as anyone that the baseball fields should be built and the money spent for any sport in the Town. This is what we owe our children. Our primary concern is the timing of the matter and the location. The parents of the league have spent over twenty years traveling over to three different complexes across town, busing our children around. We are now going to basically be going to a fourth location. We are being spread out a little further. The bigger issue for us is timing. Baseball is going to need fields in the spring of 2003. We feel we need a replacement soccer field a little sooner than that. If this vote passes all we ask is that as much priority be given to building a replacement field rapidly for our league as is being given building the three new baseball fields.

Eric Jung 33, Gaye Lane stated, since we have an existing soccer field, has there been a study to see if the baseball fields will fit where the additional soccer field would go?

Mayor Dickinson replied, that was looked at in the planning and the topography on that corner is much more difficult. To create an area for two baseball fields would be a much more costly issue than creating a single soccer field. That was part of the concern regarding where to put the fields and how to organize and orchestrate this. With regard to the time, my understanding is, given the construction of the baseball fields, the existing soccer field 5 would be available through the spring, is that o.k.? Construction on field 5 would not start until later in the summer.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works replied, yes. We were anticipating to start work on the two baseball fields following the TWIST tournament.

Mr. Jung asked, has a study been done to see how a soccer field fits in with that piece of property?

Mr. McCully answered, the piece of property on the corner of Northford Road and East Center Street, yes, you can get a; I don't know if you will get a full-sized soccer field (120x75). It would be in the 110-115 length by approximately 60-65 yds. wide.

Mr. Jung asked, is the \$510,000 paying for the soccer fields?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the funds requested for appropriation will cover all of what is mentioned: one soccer field, two baseball fields, parking, Garden Road Community Garden,

Community Lake area; additional ball field, pavilion, rest rooms and kitchen. Everything shown on here is to be covered by the money appropriated by the ordinance.

Gary Torelli, 1066 South Colony Road asked, will our soccer field be ready for next August? Will you be starting the soccer field at the same time you will be starting the baseball field?

Mr. McCully answered, the soccer field at the corner of Northford Road, we can start grading this summer or early spring if we need to. Again, that is pending the State Dept. of Health permits. We planned to sod that field in early to mid September.

Mr. Torelli was concerned since the entire tournament had to be restructured this year due to state rules, etc. He stated that the league will be needing all the fields it can get. The league has contacted North Haven and a few other towns to see if the league can use their fields if they happen to get that big.

Tom Dooley, Director of Parks & Recreation stated, I had a recent conversation with Bob Reed(?) about field 5 and its use during TWIST. He indicated that field 5 was not heavily utilized for the TWIST tournament.

Mr. Torelli answered, we did not use it on a regular basis every single year but we would use it on and off when we had to. With restructuring the tournament like I said this year, we are looking at Moran, we are looking at Sheehan High School, which we never used before. Choate Rosemary Hall is setting up one to two more fields for us down there. That is what we are looking at as far as capacity of TWIST this year. Also, most people are not aware that we bring in about 8,500 people into the community for the weekend and we end up giving away about \$7,000 - \$8,000 in scholarships every year.

Chairman Parisi stated, I have been in a restaurant when TWIST came in and just took the place over. You do bring in a lot of people.

William Austin, 30 Northford Road stated, the proposal to provide playing fields is certainly commendable; just think of all the cardiovascular stimulation and exercise that goes right along with the other more statistical things have indicated that Wallingford is a very valuable place to live. In addition to those statistics that we listen to with the revaluation, I might point out that at least part of the value of this area is the natural environment that we call rural Connecticut, perhaps those qualities of New England that make it a worthwhile place to live. You might characterize it as the open space, stone walls, tree-shaded rural roads. Managing the open space is certainly a challenge to balance active recreation and passive recreation to make sure that everyone gets their fair share. Within the proposal area for Vietnam Park, I would like to point out a few things. First would be a question of within one-half mile of this area, are there any alternative locations that would provide a better more easily constructed grouping of playing fields? There are. Actually there is with less problems with grading, perhaps less intrusion on

wetlands and with public access. You might think of an area along Tamarac Swamp Road where there are fields presently used for production of agricultural crops. There may be more areas suitable than those presented here with less construction costs. One of the issues that I see here, since I live in the neighborhood is the access driveway to Vietnam Veterans Park at the time of TWIST and every afternoon when there is practice of sorts on the fields. It is quite a hazardous location when everyone is anxious to get finished with practice and exit quickly to get to their homes. It makes for a dangerous intersection. I don't know what the design population is of the proposal here but each team probably has 10-12 members; two teams for each field; do we know how many players there are and how many parents or observers actually follow the progress of their children? I have a concern that, we talked about the fields and the parking, some of the neighbors at this very location have noticed that, at the existing rather small and diminutive parking area, restrooms have not been available and during times of peak use the parking lots get used as toilets. One of my careers was spent for outdoor recreation, sometimes balancing public restrooms with the accessibility and quantities of recreational facilities can be a major cost that should be part of the proposal. If we look at the proposed parking lot, it is about 4-5 times the size of the one that was constructed a couple of years ago, several hundred yards from the remote playing fields; some distance for people to walk. Everybody likes to park right at the location of their playing field. There is a concern that I have about the rest of the year, the 80-90% of the time that the parking lot and fields will be empty. Those of who drive on East Center Street will have the view of the parking lot which is taken over the fertile soil of garden has been. Perhaps I could ask that, in the planning of a facility like this, that the view from the road be respected as much as a right to have a parking area. Perhaps a setback from the street of 150' to be maintained as a greenbelt along the street could be incorporated in a proposal like this. That might improve the view for the rest of us who may not be in the soccer or ball game at this time. I think that the proposal to expand facilities is wonderful, the more opportunity there is for young people to be in the outdoors and open space is great. I would just ask that some consideration be given to the re-distribution of the locations of the fields, perhaps to even provide a better facility than is proposed here. If that were possible, then we would perhaps be able to reduce the amount of traffic at the intersection of Vietnam access road with East Center Street. I would like my suggestions to be incorporated if at all possible, thank you.

Tim Keogh, 10 Huntington Ridge Road stated, the Mayor, Tom (Dooley) and John (Thompson) have been jumping through hoops for what seems like years trying to resolve our problem and I appreciate that. I do have a couple of concerns... we talked earlier about the \$1.2 million for the Williams property and the fact that when the grant comes, that is a done deal, it is open space. If that grant doesn't come, do we have any idea what we will be doing with that land? No? The other thing is, this money that we are appropriating, I know we have been waiting on the grant for these fields and on behalf of the Little League, we are concerned about making the \$500,000 commitment to this when we are not quite sure that everything has been looked at in total. It does provide us with the immediate need to get the fields and get the kids to play but the parking and traffic patterns in both areas without expanding entrances and providing wider

roads, the roads were not designed that way when the park was first developed years ago. If we appropriate the funds this evening, is it possible that if something comes up between then and August that you can re-align these funds or are we stuck with this proposal, Mayor? I don't mean to use the word "stuck", it is the improper word.

Mayor Dickinson answered, no, it would not. This ordinance specifies locations and typically bonding ordinances do that so that the purchase of bonds know where the improvements are that they have invested in. The grant we have applied for from the state is also specific as is our permit application to the State Health Department. This is a very tight timeframe and for us to try and change anything at this point will undoubtedly mean that we cannot possibly have fields in place in 2003 because of the number of steps that have to be followed. Part of that is the State Health Department, where we still don't have the permit and I think there was quite a bit of information put together by Engineering. They received the application on February 21st and we have to get the permit from them. For us to use any area that is in a watershed, we have to use the same process which means drawings from Engineering and going through a lot of background information. We started last October in putting this together. To try and change anything at this point would mean that there would not be fields in 2003. We would receive \$450,000 for this. Chances are we might not have to sell bonds depending upon time sequences and construction needs, etc.

Mr. Keogh asked, is the approval to sell bonds tonight predicated on the grant being received?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no. This stands by itself, even if we don't receive the grant from the State. This authorizes the Town to move forward. We have an appeal period and after the appeal period, assuming that the ordinance is approved and not rejected, Public Works would be in a position to begin work requiring what ever materials and supplies are necessary, renting equipment... to do the clearing and grading. They would be in a position to start that immediately. That is part of this critical time frame that we are able to start this even before July 1st for various components and then move through the summer with what has to be done into the fall hopefully with the sodding being done, allow the winter for the field to sit with the sod and then be able to have playing occur on it next spring.

Mr. Keogh asked, both the bonds and grant are directly related to this development, they couldn't be re-arranged if approved tonight? If the grant doesn't come in on the Williams property of if I turn around and walk out the door and someone gives me 50 acres or anything happens, this money is set for here?

Mayor Dickinson replied, yes, it is in the title of the ordinance. It indicates the location for the fields.

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle asked, how many fields did we lose because of the Cyanamid situation?

The response "four" was given.

Mr. Zandri stated, it was my understanding when that happened that the Little League was looking for a four field complex with a concession stand, similar to what they were losing. For the life of me, I don't understand why this town cannot accommodate them. Here we are tonight, hearing the same story we hear time and time again in this Council Chambers that we are up against a time restraint. Because of a time restraint, we are not researching this properly to see why we can't get the Little League the complex that they need. I will give you a suggestion on a piece of property that would be ideal for this; the Galko property the Town recently purchased. I looked at that property last summer when this whole thing was in the newspaper. It is a flat piece of property with no residential homes in the immediate area that would cause a problem with locating ball fields there. I am sure that the time restraint can be solved very easily. I am sure that if we went, knowing that the Town was committed to getting away from Cyanamid, and asked them (Cyanamid) for one additional year's extension, that they would be more than willing to work with us, the community, knowing that we are moving forward with this and are going to relieve them of their problem to get one more year so that the project can be planned properly and not only solve the problem for the Little League but also save the areas that you are setting aside now for a soccer league who is here, tonight, telling you that their numbers are growing. What we are going to end up doing here is box them into a corner putting Little League fields in when maybe we should be putting in additional soccer fields to accommodate the upcoming youth for this community. I don't think we should be pressured into this time restraint that we always hear all the time so that we have to do things haphazardly and not plan things out properly. We have the money in this town, we have the open space, we can build the things we need properly and it is your responsibility to get this thing done. I don't go for this baloney here that our backs are up against the wall because of time restraint. We have an obligation to the youth of this community to build these fields and build them properly.

(Applause)

Chairman Parisi stated, that (applause) isn't necessary.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the Galko property was purchased with open space funds so it is not available for improvements such as ball fields. Secondly, one of the reasons for this design is that it does create four ball fields at one place, Vietnam Park. Where there were four fields at Cytec, there are four fields at one place on the design. A lot of work went into this and if there is any time deadline, it is created by a need to have the fields in 2003. In any contact that I have had with Cytec and I attended a meeting where all parties were represented, they were pretty adamant about not having fields available. If there is no place to go in 2003, I did not hear them say that it is o.k. and they will accommodate us. I haven't heard anything else from Cytec other than, "you must move forward and provide other fields." There is a time deadline but it is

imposed by the loss of fields and it is essential that we move forward with something, otherwise, regardless of the other ancillary things, complexes and everything else, the issue is, are there fields for the players to play ball on and that is what we are looking to achieve.

Jean Verano, 6 Quarry Run stated that she has a 6 year old and a 9 year old registered in the soccer program. It is her second year involved with the league. She objected to the inclusion of the two baseball fields and the removal of the soccer field. If you take the two proposed baseball fields off of the Mayor's map, there is a big soccer field in the same location. It allows the four fields to play together at the same time. If you have more than one child playing soccer on that given night, you bring the whole family there and they can walk from field to field to enjoy each one of the child's games. When you remove the soccer field, you are left now with bringing the young children from where they are on the three and four fields to what appears to be the new soccer field. It is unclear to me whether you can walk that distance or whether children under age 9 or 10 can walk that distance by themselves. When all of the fields are being used there, there is a sense of community there. There is a sense of family; a sense of the Wallingford Youth Soccer League and its presence. The inclusion of a baseball field there is a problem because young children run. While you may have children playing 6, 7, 8 or 9, there are 2 and 3 year olds running around enjoying the game. There is a safety issue as far as I am concerned with the two baseball fields and the balls being hit out of the field regardless of whether there are fences or not. I am not sure if there are surrounding structures. There is also a concern that as you are watching the soccer game, if you are adjacent to the baseball field, of course your back is going to be to that baseball field while you are watching the two soccer games surrounding it. I am also concerned about the safety there. I also have not heard any discussion and perhaps this not the appropriate place of what other properties are available for the baseball fields, I would be interested in the price differential. There was some discussion earlier that it costs too much money or it is too expensive to utilize the new soccer field as a new baseball field. What is the price differential? What is the percentage for using that land for the baseball field instead of the soccer field? I, too, am concerned with this scramble to provide baseball fields. I think that we are doing the Little League a little bit of a disservice by doing a hodge-podge of having the fields at various locations. Although it would be good or useful for the teams to be able to play in the spring but I, as a Wallingford taxpayer and soccer mom, don't see why we need to spend \$500,000 to push it through the Town Council to provide a hodge-podge of baseball fields and undermine the soccer program just so that 600 kids, half the enrollment of the Youth Soccer League has baseball fields come spring of 2003. I don't see why the baseball players cannot make some concessions in the spring. Perhaps they can go a year without fields; perhaps they need to scramble a little bit; perhaps they need to re-examine what the costs would be in building the new fields. In the meantime the Town Council and other interested members of the public can do some investigation as to what other properties may be available. Perhaps we need the extra year to establish that.

Kevin Didden, 32 Mapleview stated, you have senior representatives from both the Little League and Soccer League. The safety issue really hit me. Did you know that 50% of the

participants of soccer are seven years of age or under. We just had a dramatic event where you saw a child lose a life in a hockey arena from a hockey puck injury. You have 500 children enrolled in a program, seven years of age or younger that are used to soccer balls floating around that field. It is a lot different than a hard ball or foul ball with kids walking in that area. I also look at the proximity of the new proposed soccer field to the road. I don't know if anyone can elaborate on the standoff between the road and that field, can someone help me with that?

John Thompson, Town Engineer stated that it is about 40' or so.

Mr. Didden stated, a soccer ball kicked out of bounds can range well over 40'. The last thing you want is to have young kids chasing balls up onto that road.

Mr. Thompson explained, the field would be set down below the road. The grading of the field will be placed below the grade of the adjacent road.

Mr. Didden answered, you place a natural hill and that is where kids under 7 years of age like to climb. The points made previous to my speaking were very poignant in the sense that you have young children running around this field who are not alert to the crack of a baseball. How many cars occupy Cytec's parking lot on a full evening?

Mr. Thompson answered off microphone, 78 cars.

Mr. Didden stated, I don't think it is so much when the people are on the field, but the overlapping of the teams. You have two teams playing per field but there are two teams on their way in. There are also grandparents and friends participating in the game. Have the actual number of vehicles been run who would be coming in to that operation? I have driven into that soccer field and you can't get a parking space. The reason a turnaround is being proposed is because it is absolutely full. There have been accidents in that parking lot, lack of room and now we are talking about adding potentially higher volume into that area. Safety seems to be a theme. It seems as though separate facilities and separate sports seems to be a good idea and if I was judging on the side of safety, I would urge the committee to consider that. We saw it happen in a hockey arena. If you have 500 children age 7 and under, and I heard the numbers were growing, that is not what I would like to put in harm's way when you talk about baseball fields.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated, as soon as Cytec told us they were not going to have their fields available to the Town, I came here and asked, what are we going to do about it? All I got for an answer was, "we're working on it; we're working on it. There will be a report soon." Now the report comes and we are under the gun. I have no reservations that this will pass and, just by looking at it, it looks like you are robbing Peter to pay Paul; Peter is the soccer League. You are putting the soccer people against the little league people and that doesn't bode

well for anyone, especially the kids. With all the open space this town has and it has been bought for fifty years and one hundred years from now how this town is going to look. I got news for you, fifty years, one hundred years just came due. Trying to fit baseball fields in existing properties we have owned for forty years or longer I find is poor planning and we bought all this land and we cannot use any of it for passive recreation. Somewhere in private business that would be called mismanagement and you would be out the door. This is going to pass because no one wants to do anything to hurt the kids but over the past few years they seem to be the people who are last on the list. The Mayor has a proposal that he is giving them three months to develop an industrial park up on Northford Road. I suggest he changes his priority and go buy forty or fifty acres of that and put four ball fields on it.

(Applause)

teve Woolley, 1046 Durham Road stated, this is the second time I am here in the past twelve years. I have two quick questions; how long did it take for the planning stage to build the original fields at East Center Street; the soccer fields; three months; six months; a year; year and one-half?

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works answered, 1984. It took a couple of years to complete the complex.

Mr. Woolley asked, how long has the planning of the baseball fields been taking place?

Mr. McCully answered, we are looking to start...the fields should be ready to be played on in the spring of 2003.

Mr. Woolley asked, it took a year and one-half to construct the original fields for East Center, in 1984. How long was the planning stage for putting in the little league fields? How long has it been on the table?

Mr. McCully answered, we started some time last year, as soon as we got word that the Little league would be removed from Cyttec.

Mr. Woolley stated, a year and one-half to plan five fields down there and now it is taking less than a year to get rid of one field, getting rid of two ball fields, maybe a black eye here and there, a couple of dented cars, I think we need to sit back and realize what is going on here. We need to sit back and do this whole thing over, it is not going to work. I don't see it working there. I have two sons that play soccer; one want to play baseball, the other wants to do football. Football is next, that's coming down the road folks so maybe we should look at a complex for baseball, soccer, football, etc. Wallingford is big enough to put everything in here.

Lou Rodrigues, 76 Ridgeland Circle stated that he is a soccer representative. His son plays both baseball and soccer and he said tonight that he wants a place to play baseball and a field to play soccer. He stated, I also want to mention that we have, in addition to the 1,300 kids, a new program in town called a KOPS program. It is a program for kids with special needs. Those kids practice at East Center Street. I understand that safety is an issue and I just heard the proximity of the field related to the road. My concern is now a little higher for that particular group of our program. I want you to know that we do provide that service to that part of our community, kids with special needs, and you may not have known that. These children practice at East Center Street and you need to be aware of that.

John Kado, 9 Quarry Run stated, it seems that everyone in this room agrees that it would be better if we had a separate complex for soccer and a separate complex for baseball. That is what both sports have been seeking. Maybe we should consider, before we do this, how long this is going to be in affect and whether this is the best thing to do. With regards to the current proposal, it wasn't clear to me whether the new soccer field would be the same size as field 5 being replaced and whether the irrigation from field 5 could be replaced in the new soccer field?

Mr. McCully answered, just noting the size of field 5, the new field will be larger than the existing field 5.

Mayor Dickinson added, there is no plan to move the irrigation.

Mr. McCully replied, the irrigation, if anything, at field 5 to accommodate the two little league baseball fields would have to be modified to accommodate the two fields. Yes, there are funds in the budget for irrigation there.

Chairman Parisi asked, would the new field have irrigation in it?

Mr. McCully answered, the new soccer field? There are no funds in there. If there are funds left over, by all means. That can be budgeted for next year.

Chairman Parisi stated, it would seem only fair to me that, quite frankly, the new field be irrigated. They lose a field. I understand that we are trying to accommodate the baseball. It is bad enough that they are moving their field. They should at least have the same quality level and that should be irrigated. I would hope that the Council would agree with that. Let's keep that in our minds.

Chris Capot, 51 Fairlawn Drive stated, I have followed the Council for years in various capacities and I am really surprised with the speed with which this is all happening. In some ways it seems like a foregone conclusion. I am surprised by the speed and I guess, in some ways, I am happy by the speed, that you guys can actually do something that fast. However, I think fast decisions are often bad decisions. I think you ought to take more time before you do

this. I can't remember a time when you guys have been willing to spend half a million dollars so quickly. I remember Community Pool where there was something really bad there and that took years. Please, take your time before making this decision. I am a soccer dad with two girls in soccer. Please take your time.

Chairman Parisi replied, I don't think we are moving that fast. This has been on the board for over a year. I'm glad that you think it is fast; it doesn't seem fast to me.

John Sullivan, 62 Dutton Street...

(A slight malfunction in the recording occurred resulting in the loss of a portion of Mr. Sullivan's comments.)

Mr. Thompson:the area available for the community to grow facilities on it. Nothing that we are proposing there is a permanent structure, such that it would preclude the extension of the trail through that area.

Mr. Sullivan answered, the cars and the buffer zone. The gentleman brought up a good point about the buffer zone and the trees. It looks like it is the best short term solution in my opinion. Our Charter does not allow us to play on the other side of the Wilbur Cross Parkway therefore we have only the east side of town to use for our league play.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated, I am not sure how to characterize this proposal; a mess; a debacle; pitting one group against the other. I believed that we are selling both the soccer people and the baseball people short by this. It is very short-sighted as was said before. We can afford it; we can afford lots of things in this town. Most of all I think we can afford to do what is right by the kids in this town. I have been arguing here and in print for as long as this thing has been bouncing around. We are really not treating the youngsters in this town properly. If we have spent as much time trying to shoehorn things in, trying to do something constructively instead of trying to shoe horn this in, we would have come up with something much better. I believe that the soccer people and the little league people, if this ordinance passes, I would suggest that you take it to a referendum. Don't give up, I don't think you should be sold short.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court stated, I don't think there is anyone here who wouldn't agree that if it could be shown that foul balls will go into the area where soccer is being played and where fans are sitting, I don't think anyone would want to have ball fields. Has there been any type of a study or has anyone looked at how close the baseball fields are to the soccer fields and can they determine whether a ball could be hit by a little leaguer; some of these kids are big and strong these days. Has anyone looked at whether or not balls will be going into the area where soccer is being played and viewed and where little kids will be running around in that area?

Mayor Dickinson replied, this has been discussed in the course of our meetings. I want to point out that there are two existing baseball fields there now we are adding to but it is not as if baseball is not present currently at the Vietnam Memorial Park. We did look at it, there are plans for higher fences.

John Thompson, Town Engineer explained, in looking at the map the two baseball fields are set back against the soccer field #4 because of the configuration of the backstop the ball would have to go almost 70' over a canopy over the back of the baseball field in order to get to soccer field #4. To get to soccer field #3, it is probably in the range of 250' which is a real long distance for a little leaguer to hit the ball. Could it happen? Either of those scenarios are possible but, given the way we configure the fields and with the anticipated protection of the backstops, we think that we have addressed the issue to the extent possible of keeping the balls in the little league fields.

Mr. Avallone replied, I think it is something that should be pretty well figured out with some type of certainty. It should not be addressed as, "we've looked at the best way we possibly could've gotten this information." With regards to the existing baseball fields, are they in as close proximity to the soccer field on that side of the road to where these new proposed fields are, with the other three soccer fields that are near there?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there is an existing soccer field just to the left of the two existing baseball fields. It is virtually up against the outfield of the one field. Yes, there is close proximity.

Mr. Avallone asked, and the stands where the fans are; is it the same? Are they in any closer proximity or in any more danger where these new ball fields will be?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I am not sure where the placement of the stands will be. Do we have that indicated?

Mr. Thompson answered, if we follow the same philosophy that we have on the others, they could be situated between the two baseball fields, back to back and possibly between the baseball fields and soccer field #4. The people in the stands will be afforded the same protection that they are currently afforded at any of the little league fields.

Mr. Avallone asked if the plans are done with exact specificity? Is there some room/question as to where stands are going to be placed and the configuration? Is everything outlined exactly the way it is? Is that being presented to the public and Council...is this exact the way everything is?

Mr. Thompson answered, the way the baseball fields are laid out, they're as exact as we can be at this stage. The fields have been surveyed, the wetlands flagged, we have staked out where the baseball fields will go. They have been designed to conform with certain standards with the 200' outfield distances. Is there any flexibility in the location of the bleachers for the people watching? There is some flexibility there. They are a removable feature. They could be situated to provide the best visibility and the greatest safety to the people watching. The fields, themselves, have to conform with certain standards and they are pretty well locked in terms of the design detail.

Mr. Avallone stated that he wanted to hear that the area will be as safe as possible; the Town has done everything it possibly could to make it as safe as possible. The question is, is as safe as possible, is it safe? I don't know how detailed you want to answer, Mr. Mayor, I am glad you said you addressed this issue but everyone is comfortable and there is a different measure here in "as safe as possible" and "safe". It is safe and is there a likelihood that kids are not going to be hit by foul balls and home runs or when someone is warming up. There certainly is a difference. I have coached soccer in the past with young kids for five years and I have been down in that area and am quite familiar with that.

Mayor Dickinson answered, we would not propose anything that we believe to be unsafe. No one can guarantee any design or situation so we believe this to be safe or we would not propose it. If you are asking for a guarantee, we can't provide one.

Mr. Avallone replied, as the example was given before where a little girl was killed at a hockey game. In the beginning, there was no safety glass with hockey. Eventually they started to go higher and higher and higher with safety glass and now someone says maybe if they had gone 5' higher with the safety glass, this young girl would not have gotten killed. I am saying, we should look at what the possibility is. It was mentioned that the backstop is going to be 70' high. Where does that figure come from? Where is the assurance that that is high enough to prevent or at least cut down considerably the risk of someone getting hit. Where does that 70' come from?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I believe we are using all of the known standards for construction of a ball field but I will ask Tom Dooley and John Thompson, where do our standards come from?

Mr. Thompson answered, there are certain standards for the field configuration for the base spacing, for the outfield distances that come from the little league and we are designing to those standards. The 70' measurement that they referenced, was not a 70' fence. What I had indicated was that it was approximately 70' between the baseball field and the existing soccer field #5 and the way it is configured with the backstop around it, is it possible that a ball can get from one field to another, yes, but with the proposed backstop configuration it would be less likely.

Mr. Avallone asked, Mr. Mayor, when you said there were standards and you followed the standards, there are no standards for how high a backstop is, is that correct?

Mayor Dickinson answered, obviously you purchase the backstops of a variety of designs, sizes and we would purchase what meets what we believe to be the safest situation for the fields there.

Mr. Avallone asked, what do you base that on? What is safe? You can buy a backstop 15', 30' or 40' high. If you are going to go out and buy a backstop, how high is the backstop going to be? Is that laid out? Whatever fence is put up, is the height, how big the fencing is going to be? Can a ball get through? Those are the things I think have to be laid out exactly.

Mayor Dickinson answered, we have baseball fields throughout town including the field Lyman Hall uses, those were built with town funds. Standards were used for determining what size backstop; where it should be placed and all the other dimensions on the fields. We would proceed with the same approach as we have used with other fields in town.

Mr. Avallone answered, but this is unique. That is the issue here; the proximity to soccer fields. This could be something new.

Mayor Dickinson asked, is this more unique than baseball fields next to tennis courts?

Mr. Avallone answered, I don't know because I wasn't in on planning this thing. I have absolutely no idea.

Mayor Dickinson stated, I do not believe that we have such a unique situation there that it falls outside of the ability of the departments' concerned to properly purchase and install the required height fences.

Mr. Avallone answered, that may be true but the public is entitled to know what that is. Is it unique when you have 6 and 7 year old kids that are going to be around hardballs? Yes, Mr. Mayor. I think that is unique. That is not the same as Lyman Hall High School or any of the high schools. This is unique. There are young kids that are involved here that are not going to be looking around. With regards to the new soccer field, is there an exact plan as to the parking? Is there going to be paved parking? How much parking is available for that? Will the parking be on a dirt lot?

Mr. Thompson answered, the proposed parking lot that is a gravel surface parking lot. It is going to have landscaped islands and will accommodate approximately 140 cars.

Mr. Avallone asked, is that where the Community Garden is currently located and is the parking lot going to serve as the new soccer field?

Mr. Thompson answered, yes to the question regarding Community Garden. The parking lot would serve as an overflow parking lot to the existing parking area which is also being expanded as part of this project. Over the years it has been identified that that parking lot is not operating safely. Mr. McCully, through his resources, is working to expand that lot to make it wider, provide additional operational areas in it. Every opportunity we have to address safety issues in the operation of the facility, we are trying to address.

Mr. Avallone asked, other than the garden area, is there any other area that is going to be transformed into a parking area and the existing parking lot that is there, the proposed new soccer field on Northford Road?

Mr. Thompson answered, no. The only proposed parking is the 140 space gravel lot that I just referred to.

Mr. Avallone asked, people will have to park in those two lots to get to the new proposed field?

Mr. Thompson answered, yes.

Chairman Parisi asked, are these fields designed any less structurally than what exists now down at Cytec?

Mr. Dooley answered, I am assuming that the field at Cytec is constructed to minimum little league standard which is a 200' fence, minimum. The distance from home plate at the Community Lake fields and parts of the outfield will not be 200' but we are going to raise the height of the fences so it is equivalent to a 200' home run.

Bill Holroyd, 132 Mapleview Road asked, how far from the new parking lot to the new field?

Mr. Thompson answered, it is approximately 200' from the proposed gravel lot to the proposed soccer field. The pathway however is, at the request of the Inland Wetlands consultant, now be relocated further to the north which is closer to East Center Street which will make the distance shorter than what the current path is.

Mayor Dickinson pointed to the locations on the map he displayed in Council Chambers.

Mr. Holroyd stated, the way I see it, and it really is too bad for a Town like Wallingford is, what you are giving to Little league, getting the four fields together, you are taking away from soccer. I have three daughters in the soccer program and East Center is the only place where you can hop from field to field and watch multiple games almost at the same time. What is nice about it

is, the siblings never watch the game. They are catching frogs, playing tag, etc., doing everything else but. It is the nicest place to be because it is just soccer, for the most part. It is a shame that it has to be either/or. Give baseball what they want, absolutely, but don't take it away from soccer, that's all.

Ron Sperzal, 212 Hall Avenue asked, if you are going to put another field at Community Lake, are you going to be able to squeeze it in between the tennis courts and the other field?

Mayor Dickinson once again referred to a map on display and explained the relocation of the playscape, new location of a pavilion, rest rooms and kitchen.

Mr. Sperzal asked, will you have to put a fence up by where the swing sets are similar to West Side Field?

Mr. McCully answered, no. The location of the swing sets are merely a proposal. Once we get the permits we would fill that area. The swings could be move further away. In just looking at this, that would be about 220' to get to the swing sets as they are laid out but they could be moved a little more to the north. There is a little more room there.

Mr. Sperzal asked, with regards to the new pavilion, is that going to have rest rooms or will there be port-o-lets?

Mr. McCully answered, the new pavilion will not have rest rooms. The concession stand...will have rest rooms. Basically, although it is two buildings (pavilion and concession stand) it will be replacing what is presently at Community Lake.

Mr. Sperzal stated that something should be done with the sidewalks around the area, also.

Mr. McCully stated, there are no sidewalks in that area. The only walking area would be the parking lot itself and the linear trail. There are no sidewalks on Hall Avenue.

Chairman Parisi stated, there is a sidewalk around the outside of Amphenol which runs along the south side of Hall Avenue.

Mr. McCully agreed but stated, there are no sidewalks on the north side of the street.

Roger LaVoie, 8 Oak Street, Yalesville stated, I am with the Board of Directors of the Soccer League, in charge of the little children's, 5-6 years of age program. With regards to the baseball field in the middle, how high is the outfield fence proposed to be?

Mr. McCully answered, it is a standard 4' high fence.

Mr. LaVoie stated, I would like everyone to know that between that baseball field and field #2 is a walkway which accesses my 5-6 year old children to field #4 and field #3. I am not sure if Little Leagues do hit home runs but a 4' fence is not much to knock down a hard ball. That walkway in existence right now, I would imagine would have to stay in place so that we may access fields #3 & 4. That is another safety issue you may want to be aware of.

Keith Larson stated, for clarification, the existing ball fields that are already in place, the purple area above them (on the map) represents the parking lot that exists today which is about the same distance away as field #4 will be from the new ball fields. We have all had experiences of broken windshields because foul balls off of the first base line have gone into the parking lot. The fencing of the backstop has not been adequate enough, obviously, because if you have a right-handed batter and they hit a foul ball, it cuts over just after the backstop and goes over the fence line along first base and travels into the parking lot. On the top side of those new ball fields is our spectator area for field #4. The opposite side of that field is swamp land so there is no spectator sitting over there. When we talk about a safety concern, that is what we are talking about; the realistic possibility that the same way a foul ball on the existing field today goes into the parking lot, the same type of shot can go into the spectator area of field #4. That is the basic of the safety concern.

Masquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that the item should be tabled until all safety concerns have been addressed. This is far too important a matter to rush into. Also, permanent rest room facilities should be constructed at the parks. We want to make sure we have the Dept. of Health's approval on the project as well.

Wes Lubee, 15 Montowese Trail asked, what are the four, light green rectangles that appear on the map displayed?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the four rectangles are existing soccer fields.

Mr. Lubee asked, along with the four baseball fields and the new soccer field, that brings the number of fields to nine. What is the average number of young people who will be playing on these nine fields? Bear in mind that some of the teams show up with reinforcements. What is their roster?

Chairman Parisi answered, 12-14.

Mr. Lubee asked, is that true of soccer as well?

(Answers were rendered off microphone)

Mr. Lubee continued, if we were to say twenty-five per field, that would probably be a realistic number; 225? Do they play one game per day or do they double?

Chairman Parisi guessed that there were multiple games.

Mr. Lubees stated, we are talking about 450 kids when one game is ending and the next is starting; 450 children and their parents. Out of 450 children, would it be fair to say that they have 200 cars transporting them? These are the things that our Town Engineer must have been going over.

Mr. Thompson did not have statistics on the subject of how many people ride in each car to a soccer game.

Mr. Lubees stated, it is obvious that the number of parking spaces is probably inadequate. In addition, the traffic that will be generated when these games are breaking will be phenomenal for the road capacity that we have out there in the rural section of town. I don't know if we have a traffic engineer who can tell us how to best handle the unusual amount of traffic that will be suddenly generated.

Chairman Parisi stated, I have attended opening day several times down at Cytec and I don't think there were 400 cars. There were a lot of cars but I don't think it was 400 cars.

Mr. Lubees stated, it could be a conceivable problem and I wonder what Mr. Thompson's thoughts are on the matter.

Mr. Thompson answered, we are adding two new baseball fields, that is the substance of the change being proposed at Veterans park. There will still remain five soccer fields, the two existing little league fields are going to have two new fields added to them. If there is a parking problem now, we plan on addressing that by expanding the parking spaces by 140.

Mr. Lubees asked, when the transition of teams occurs; new games starting as games have ended, we will have this sudden mass of...

Chairman Parisi replied, we have always had this, it is not a brand new thing. If you ever attended opening day at Cytec fields, there is an influx in and an influx out. It is like watching the fireworks on the Fourth of July, there is a lot of traffic, there is no question. No one is going to dispute the fact that there is a lot of traffic but somehow we survive and, hopefully, we are very careful.

Mr. Lubees stated, the Council and Planning & Zoning took great care in accommodating that problem when we approved the expansion of the Oakdale Theatre because we wanted to make sure that the shows did not break and start at the same time to avoid that problem. I am now trying to find out what we are doing to avoid this problem.

Mr. Thompson replied, we have not done a traffic study of this facility. We are looking at every on-site opportunity to enhance operations to make it operate as safely as possible. It is a very active area and it has to be managed in the most effective way and that is what we are trying to do with this enhanced program.

Chairman Parisi asked, do we do any special traffic study for the T.W.I.S.T. program when it comes to town because we are so concerned?

Mr. Thompson answered, not that I am aware of.

Mr. Lubee stated, the orientation of the two new fields is unlike the two older fields. Why was it decided to have the outfields aimed at the parking in contrast to the older fields which have the outfields away from the parking?

Mr. Thompson answered, one of the little league fields is in the exact same orientation in terms of trying to have the field situated so that the players are not looking into the setting sun seeing that most of the games would occur in the afternoon. We were sensitive to that and we also tried to fit these fields on where they had the least amount of disruption to the adjacent wetlands area. There is a combination of factors that dictated how we laid this out. In terms of the orientation to the parking lot, fences that would separate the ball fields from the parking lot would be 8' high, constituting what we believe to be a fairly significant barrier to balls leaving the little league field and getting into the parking lot.

Mr. Lubee asked, the Community Garden that is being transplanted from this location to the former Garden Road location, has anyone consulted with the gardeners who have used the area in recent years as to whether or not they are amenable to the transfer of the location?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no. I don't believe there has been contact.

Mr. Dooley explained, we have a supervisor who oversees that who sort of served notice that the move may be taking place last year to accommodate the parking. We have looked into the parking issue at Vietnam Park for a number of years. We have a supervisor who oversees the program and has indicated that there would be a move at some point in the future. A survey was not done, no.

Mr. Lubee was curious as to whether the Community Garden participants would feel that the new location would be beneficial to preserving their crops from theft or a downgrade of the present situation. He suggested that someone consult with the group to try and alleviate the problem they are faced with.

Mr. Dooley responded, in my conversations with our supervisor, the indication is that having it closer to town would make it easier for people to access the garden and therefore would result

in more eyes on the garden. It may also result in better patrol by the police department. I have not heard any reservations with it being moved to Garden Road.

Mr. Lube asked, is this the Community Garden group's opinion or yours?

Mr. Dooley answered, it is the opinion that I have gotten from the supervisor who is in contact with them.

Larry Russo, 16 Shetland Drive thanked the Town for putting the efforts in on the Community Lake and Vietnam Veterans Parks. He stated that the league has 600 children in 2003 who will not have fields, there is no place to go. Staying at Cytec is not an option from what they are told. He is all for safety...it is a concern for the Little League as much as it is for soccer. He suggested that two fields (at Vietnam Veterans Park) be brought to the other side of the road, therefore eliminating any interaction with soccer. Soccer could then occur on one side and baseball on the other while the new field can still be placed where it is proposed to be.

Tony DelGreco, 65 Summit Drive asked, where will the soccer players play during the year of construction if field #5 is taken away?

Mr. McCully answered, soccer will lose that field sometime towards the end of August or the beginning of September. The new field will be ready to play on in the spring of 2003. The down time would be in the fall.

Mr. DelGreco asked, we will be losing playing time in the fall for soccer teams?

Mr. McCully answered, yes.

Mr. DelGreco stated, besides baseball not having the time to play, soccer kids will not have playing time for the fall?

Mr. McCully answered, yes.

Mr. DelGreco stated, someone is losing out somewhere. We can take the baseball fields, construct them, spend a little more money on the location of a new soccer field and not take away from any of the children's' play time. It seems like a simple answer.

Mr. Dooley replied, I indicated to Mr. Larson that we would find suitable fields to replace the field that would not be up this fall. With football moving over to Westside (field) the possibility of erecting a field on the turf part of the softball diamonds over at Pragermann Park could become available. There are also some other possibilities that might become available, too. We are not going to abandon soccer or leave them in a lurch with their field being down. I

met with Keith last week and indicated that to him. We may not find an exemplary replacement but there will be another field made available to them for their games and practices.

Mr. DelGreco answered, the simple solution is to build a new baseball field at the location of a new soccer field for whatever additional cost. That would simply not having to worry about giving us a temporary field at another location. It would not interrupt the flow of soccer and it would give baseball two additional fields. I don't understand where the problem lays.

Mr. Thompson answered, the construction cost is probably not the most significant aspect of looking at the two fields where we are proposing the new soccer field. We had looked at that very early on in the process and what it represents is a greater disturbance. If you could visualize taking the two new baseball fields that are being proposed on field #5 and transferring that, area-wise, over to where the new soccer fields are being proposed, the disturbance of that area is so much more significant than building a soccer field.

Mr. DelGreco disagreed stating, you are placing the same size field so it will be the same amount of disturbance. You are taking two baseball fields and taking a soccer field that is basically the same size. I don't see why we can't spend a little extra money to put the two baseball fields in that location.

Mr. Thompson answered, it gets into permitting issues and disturbance of land. It was looked at in considerable detail. One thing that the State Department of Health is asking us to do is look at minimizing the amount of disturbed area. This plan that we developed does exactly that, it is sensitive to the future watershed protection area and disturbing land within that area. We did look at it very carefully.

Mr. DelGreco stated that the Town should be able to come up with a better solution that does not affect either baseball or soccer leagues.

Chairman Parisi asked, I thought I heard that they were going to be covered with additional fields which is good.

Julie Oxborough-Yankus, 333 Christian Street and 230 S. Main Street stated, I have a unique position, I have been a soccer parent for six years; coach for the past year and married to a baseball coach who has been coaching for 46 years. I have raised my kids on the sideline of baseball. I know we want the best; I empathize with baseball. I have a daughter whose love is soccer and I have a husband whose love is baseball. I see that it is very dangerous. I have spent time at the sideline of Choate baseball fields or some other baseball field with my children at various ages. I really do see stray balls, mostly foul balls. I really worry about the foul balls. I have grabbed my babies as well as other children away from them. Here you are going to have a situation where kids are playing...and they will play in the water there also. I think it is a wonderful place but I just wish we could have....I am disturbed about the disturbance of the

watershed area but I think that when they cross the parking lot to the baseball fields, it really becomes a danger to a lot of people. The TOPS program is new and is emerging and we want to do everything we can to have those kids, whether they have Down Syndrome or whatever else, to feel safe playing soccer and not to have to worry. We don't want any reason for parents to have an excuse not to bring their kids out there playing soccer.

William Austin, 30 Northford Road stated, my initial presentation was a string of rhetorical questions and I haven't gotten an answer. One of the points that I brought up was, alternate sites to this particular one at Vietnam Veterans Park should be investigated if they are within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the present site and with separate highway access, they would be more preferable in terms of traffic.

Mr. Dooley answered, we have been working on this since November, 2000. We have looked at ten different sites in and around town and properties that the Town owns. We looked at the area in and around Harrison Park and Cedar Lane and Old Colony Road. We have looked at property over on North Turnpike Road, Rte. 150 by the new Dunkin' Donuts. We have looked at the Richello/Creed property. We have looked at the Garden Road property; Vietnam Veterans Park; Town-owned Reskin property; property off of Tamarac Swamp Road; Town-owned property in the Tyler Mill off of Northford Road; Community Lake; existing facilities to see if we could move facilities there such as the Do little Park property and the Westside Park property. A lot of alternatives have been looked at.

Mr. Austin stated, based on the information that has been gleaned by this meeting, you may have some additional reason to consider alternate sites. I think it would be very worthwhile to do that. Vietnam Veterans Park is adjacent to and contiguous to an area known as the Tyler Mill open space, approximately 1,000 acres of publicly-owned property. At one point, approximately 1988, \$20,000 was spent by this group to decide whether a golf course would be suitable for this property. In approximately 1991 \$60,000 was spent to design a bridge to cross the Muddy River and the Council at the time decided that it was not really necessary.

Chairman Parisi stated, it was a majority of the Council. There were people who voted against it. If we are going to quote votes, let's make sure we put names with them.

Mr. Austin stated, the bridge did not get built. We spent \$60,000 to plan the bridge to nowhere. In 1993 the Town spent \$32,000 on consulting engineering studies to decide that there would be adequate water to fill a water supply reservoir downstream of the Tyler Mill bridge. At the end of that hearing, someone asked, would it be possible to build a golf course and have the runoff go into the reservoir? The consultant said, we were not hired to determine that. Which raises another question, with the amount of turf area which may even get fertilized, is there a consideration of runoff into the stream that runs through the property?

Chairman Parisi replied, I don't think the Health Department would permit it.

Mr. Austin answered, they are in the process of making a decision.

Chairman Parisi answered, if they give us the go-ahead, it is o.k.

Mr. Austin stated, in the past ten years the whole area has been underwater about six feet deep, for the rest of you that are not familiar with the property. We have spent a lot of time studying options for the property. When I asked the question about sanitary facilities, Mr. Lube calculated that there would be 200-300 people at the park at a time, possibly. Right now there is a port-o-let by one of those parking lots that exist. Maybe there should be more than one but there hasn't been any discussion of sanitary facilities to serve this group of people. We also have not seen a reasonable setback from East Center Street. Mr. Thompson indicated the new proposed soccer field would be about 40' from the road. The proposed 140+ car parking lot is closer to the road than that, maybe 20-30'. The parking lot that was constructed about 5 years ago is set back perhaps a reasonable distance from the road and you can see the newly-proposed parking lot is right up and adjacent to the pavement. I see that automobile traffic, as always, has taken precedent over any consideration for pedestrian circulation. We don't see a pedestrian circulation pattern that has been developed to keep people spaces separate from vehicle spaces. That is one of the principles of park planning. It happened in Central Park. If you were to consider the safety issues enumerated here, a concern of many, maybe you could put a fifty foot wide greenbelt between each playing field and that would help offset safety concerns. But then one might say that you couldn't get them all there which is perhaps the best conclusion of all. Maybe three or four of those field should go someplace else.

(Unidentified speaker) It sounds like baseball and soccer has each had some proposals, maybe it wouldn't kill this thing to table this and have some further discussion on this. In addition, we talked about covering soccer in the interim again. There really is no regard to the fact that you are going to accommodate them where at yet, another separate facility. I would ask you to keep that in mind. I keep hearing how we need to have four baseball fields together so baseball has one place to come but I don't see any concern on the other end with soccer parents having to drive all over town as well.

Mayor Dickinson replied, just to square the record; there are four baseball fields here but Wallingford Little League obviously would be also using the Community Lake two fields as well as Bennett Park and I am not sure what other locations. It is not a case of all of the Wallingford Little League fields being in one spot. They also are visiting several other places in order to play games and practice.

Mr. Dooley commented, in addition, we are not moving you all over, you have a location at Pragermann Park and my suggestion would be to utilize the turf part of the outfield and close in the fencing at Pragermann field that we utilize for softball.

Kevin Didden, 32 Mapleview stated, in just running numbers; the population of Wallingford is approximately 43,000 and I heard there are 2,000 kids involved between soccer and baseball. Every 20 people you add to the Wallingford population, you have one person joining either little league or soccer. Can someone on the committee give me some rough numbers on what the population forecast for Wallingford is in the next couple of years? Are we expected to grow a certain percentage per year?

Mayor Dickinson answered, generally, over a decade we go up anywhere from 1,500 to 2,500 people however the school population is declining. The last three years has shown a steady decline in the number of students enrolled in schools. A community goes through cycles, always has, always will and the growth has been fairly steady within that range over a decade period.

Mr. Didden could not help but wonder, based on the explosive growth that the soccer program has experienced, if we would be experiencing the same problem two to three years from now. He recognized each group of parents, baseball and soccer, who were passionate about wanting adequate facilities for their kids. He was concerned the Town was "shoe horning" a facility when, in fact, the matter should be tabled for further consideration as has been requested by many this evening. He stated, a great job has been done with putting together a proposal but I see body language that says we want to get this thing through. Why not table this, see what you can do about alternatives, take the time. I keep hearing that we are pressed against time. I have seen the little league parents do an amazing job with the Cytec fields. Soccer parents have done the same thing. This is an unbelievable resource you have at the committee's disposal. Take the time and table it. Get the parents involved from the beginning, don't wait until a committee meeting to be able to find out the differences. The planning committee who put this together worked very hard but take the time and table it.

Chairman Parisi stated, as a businessman, I am sure you understand that this is on a timeline.

Mr. Didden asked, whose timeline?

Chairman Parisi answered, there is a permitting process, funding process and a growing process. Those are the three things; that luxury doesn't always exist.

Mr. Didden replied, I am talking about the flexibility of these parents. This is a very resilient and resourceful group.

Chairman Parisi didn't argue that point. He stated, we can't ask them to go out and put everything together. The Town has an obligation to provide recreational areas and that is what they are trying to do.

Mr. Didden answered, in listening to all of the speakers here, tonight, there haven't been too many raging agreements on how this plan should be applied. From my end, the committee should be listening to that. These are the voices of your constituents.

Chairman Parisi replied, all of the people that agree are home.

Mr. Didden stated, Mr. Chairman, you are out of line. Your body language is almost a pre-determined conclusion to this.

Chairman Parisi replied, that is where most of them (people in agreement) are.

Mr. Didden answered, that is not the way it should be.

Chairman Parisi agreed stating, I always encourage people to come to the meetings.

Mr. Dooley stated that the group is on a short timeframe because of what Cytec is going to allow. He asked, come Spring of 2003, I need to have facilities to accommodate a little league which has 500 children, if this isn't done, are you going to sit with me on the phone and answer all of the constituents who want us to provide facilities?

Mr. Didden replied, I am a businessman. You always look for alternatives. You look to make a calculated decision based on facts. I haven't heard many alternatives. What about the use of our school fields? What about use of other properties that are already out there? I don't have the answer but what I am saying is, vote for it to be tabled; slow this down. The pace seems to be driven by an artificial timeline. The parents can help you with your quest, just give them the time. Don't have a predetermined conclusion.

Chairman Parisi declared the public portion of the public hearing closed at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$510,000 for Park Improvements to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Community Lake Parks and the Garden Road Area and Authorizing the Issue of \$510,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Toman.

Mr. Farrell asked Town Engineer John Thompson, how far behind, if the Council told you to go and consider other sites, would that put this whole process?

Mr. Thompson answered, it really depends on what sites those were. Anything that falls within the future watershed protection zone would mean starting all over again with the CT. Dept. of Health. There is a four month timeframe already involving the Dept. of Health. We would never gain that time again. Favorable action is anticipated. If we were outside of the watershed

protection zone, it would again involve the process of evaluating fitting the fields on there. Each of the locations that we are talking about this evening have been surveyed. We have had the wetlands flagged and we have had initial discussions with the regulatory boards, the local Inland Wetlands Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission with respect to the process of getting it through. If we came up with new sites, we would have to have the sites surveyed, wetlands flagged....

Mr. Farrell asked, quantify that for me; adding six months to the process at the very least?

Mr. Thompson answered, Mr. Dooley started in November, 2000 when he was notified. We began meeting as a committee or group to evaluate this in February of 2001. We have been at this a year looking at all these sites. I suspect your six month estimate would be fairly accurate.

Mr. Farrell stated, it is not as though I doubt your or Mr. Dooley's abilities, but I do recognize the fact that this is not something that you do on a regular basis. If we went forward with this, if the Council said yes, could we put a condition on this that you have this reviewed by some type of safety expert who has specific expertise in this field? I don't doubt that you have applied the safety standards that you say you have and that the book says you should but I have heard enough out of the parents and my common sense tells me that maybe there is a point that the mixture of these two things complicates it. Is there such type of expert out there that could look at this?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I think we would turn to our Risk Manager. The primary source would be the property casualty insurance. They deal with the risk issues and the coverage. That would be the place to start.

Mr. Farrell asked the Mayor, is that something you are committed to do?

Mayor Dickinson answered, certainly we can do that. No one wants to build something that is unsafe. There are a variety of factors that are reviewed on a regular basis as far as what we are doing, what has to be improved. As standards change and new things become available, we can ask that they take a look at this and see if there is a resource available to advise us. I don't see any problem with that.

Mr. Farrell stated, I take that as a commitment, Mayor. I am voting on something this evening that has a commitment with it.

Mayor Dickinson agreed to have the Risk Manager have someone take a look at the plan.

Ms. Papale stated, I am not sure if I am ready to make a decision on this. As I look around the room I see so many parents who are involved with their children. We are here having a discussion where the soccer league does not want to give up their fields. It looks to me like the

little league doesn't want the fields. After hearing Mr. Thompson's remarks, I don't know how we are going to accommodate everyone if we don't go forward tonight. Years ago when my children were small my husband and I would be taking our children to different fields for their sports activities, there was never a thought of having all the fields in one place. It does make sense to have them together. I have listened to everyone tonight and it bothers me that we will not be able to accommodate everyone. We are going to all have to give into one another and do the best we can. I don't see anything else happening. We are all concerned about the safety and traffic issues.

Ms. Papale stated how she spent a Saturday morning observing the traffic generated by activity at the Vietnam Veterans Park and could not wait to get away from it. She inquired as to how the soccer field was going to be taken away and relocated and whether or not funds were available for irrigation.

Mr. Thompson replied that there are no funds budgeted for irrigation in the current proposal. He also explained how the soccer field would be relocated at the same park.

Ms. Papale asked, how can you take something away from the soccer league and not give them at least what they had before? At least give them what they had before. Will Fall soccer be eliminated?

Mr. Dooley answered, it will not be eliminated. There is an opportunity for them to relocate over at Pragermann Park, the turf part of the softball fields.

Ms. Papale stated, I am upset with the way this whole thing is going.

Chairman Parisi stated that no one was thrilled over it.

Ms. Doherty asked, with regards to existing field 5 where the two baseball fields are, the question was asked if that can be put into field 1, can it be done?

Mr. Dooley answered, we looked at that early on. It is one of soccer's premiere fields and I am not sure that the two baseball fields would fit exactly. There are a lot of wetlands issues over there as well. It was looked at early on to build a baseball field down there and we felt that that was one of soccer's premiere fields and we weren't going to do that.

Mr. McCully added, that field is also a full-sized soccer field that regulation high school games could be played on. The proposed change results in a smaller field.

Ms. Doherty asked, is the constraints Mr. McCully spoke about regarding the parking and the new soccer field that is being placed at East Center Street because wetlands are involved?

Mr. Thompson answered, the existing field is a corner field and has no regular shape to it. As part of the process it will be leveled off to create playing field which means cutting down closer to Center Street and then filling on the south site where it slopes down to the ravine. It is a constraint because of the topography. The wetlands are not an issue at that location, it is really the topography constraints. The parking area is completely bounded by wetlands. It could not be expanded another 5' in any direction before we encountered a wetlands issue.

Mr. Brodinsky asked Mr. Dooley, would each of these fields, after construction, as proposed, be used simultaneously in the normal course of a little league and soccer season?

Mr. Dooley answered, yes.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, we can expect all nine fields to be in use at the same time typically during the weeks in spring, summer and fall?

Mr. Dooley answered, yes. I don't know if they play on the weekends but during the week they play roughly at the same time.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, what is your thinking with regards to the sanitary facilities?

Mr. Dooley answered, the issue of port-o-lets or permanent facilities came up several years ago and presently we are pursuing the use of port-o-lets out there. They will be put in place by the end of next week. We would increase the number needed to accommodate the extra number of people out at Vietnam Veterans Park.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, you would put out as many as were needed if you built nine fields?

Mr. Dooley, yes.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, with regards to the probability of foul balls on each of the two new fields, the new field farther to the right, if someone hit a foul ball down the first baseline and it went beyond first base, how high would the fence be all the way down the first baseline and beyond to protect the people in that area?

Mr. Dooley answered, eight feet.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, the backstop that would be guarding the area of home plate would be a standard size?

Mr. Dooley answered, eighteen feet.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, how far down the right field line would the 8' fence go, all the way down to the outfield fence?

Mr. Dooley answered, in the past, most of our fences in little league go down to first base and then go down to either four or six feet. There is no reason why we couldn't put an eight foot fence up, once again, it is a matter of cost.

Mr. Brodinsky answered, once again, it is a matter of safety, too. A legitimate concern was raised about how close the new soccer field would be to the road and I think it was said that the field would be below the surface or elevation of the road. One or more of the parents thought that would attract the kids to go up the hill to get a better view of what is going on below. As proposed, are there any plans to have a barrier absolutely, positively, 100% guaranteed to prevent the kids from getting on to the road as they play around in that area?

Mr. Dooley replied, there is never a guarantee when you are talking about kids. We have the same situation at Woodhouse Fields and that is that we could probably construct fencing along the perimeters of the road.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, in your proposed plan, is there a fence in between the road and where kids will be?

Mr. Dooley answered, no.

Mr. Brodinsky stated that it is his opinion that there has to be a fence placed in that area. It will be a natural perch for kids to go and try to look down and the next thing you know they will be out on the street. He stated how Mr. Dooley remarked that it was in November of 2000 that he became aware of the problem and began to look around more intensely around February of 2001. He was shocked to learn that the soccer league was not notified about this officially until last week or so, is that true?

Mr. Dooley answered, I don't know if they were officially notified. I had met with members of the soccer league at some point during the process and discussed what was going on.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, were they fully informed as to what was going on, what your plans were, what the Town was going to propose, as of when?

Mr. Dooley could not provide an exact date. He stated, I met for the first time with Mr. Lawson last week.

Mayor Dickinson added, it is my understanding that there were meetings last fall.

Mr. Dooley stated, I met with Mr. _____ who works for the department and has been working with me for years with regards to soccer issues and he was aware of what was going on. There was no official notice, no.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, my concern is, if there is obviously going to be a situation where someone is going to be losing out at least temporarily and maybe permanently, depending on how things shake out...if a soccer field is going to be removed at least temporarily and the soccer interests are prejudiced and the little league is not completely happy with this, they should be brought into the decision-making process as early in the game rather than late in the game. This was not put before us until the eleventh hour. This is the very first time we have heard one scintilla officially from anyone about what was going to be happening. There have been reports in the paper but that is how we have learned it. I share Ms. Papale's frustration that the Council has been put in a lose/lose situation because of how things unfolded and the timing and the latest with which we have been brought in. I am not in a position to do anyone any good. The most I can do is not do someone a lot of harm that way it has been presented. I am not happy about that and part of the reason for that is, there is a consensus of the Mayor's management team that we run out of time and a decision has to be made and if a decision isn't made then the little leaguers are out of luck. I have heard some arguments that we should delay this but I am not real sure of what would happen to the little leaguers if that occurred. You had no answer to that, too. Is that right?

Mr. Dooley answered, no response. You were aware of some of the plans because you contacted me last fall. It was a very public issue as you are aware. I am certainly accessible and available to talk about it, with all due respect, I will take some of the responsibility...it was a very public issue and communication goes two ways.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I share the frustration of many others that we have been put in a very difficult position.

Mayor Dickinson stated, this item was on the Council agenda a couple of times last fall. It was withdrawn. I have made comments on a number of occasions regarding this issue as recently as February where I referenced the issue of fields being located, the State Health Dept. involvement, our work on it. Anyone could have asked the question. Last meeting it was put on for setting a public hearing and, again, no one really asked any questions about any details and hence we come to this point. It has not been a secret project. It has gotten I don't know how many newspaper articles written about it. Everyone has made an effort to deal with a difficult situation, the difficulty being the uncertainty of some of the plans due to the State Health Department and other requirements we had to meet and the timeline presented because of the loss of the fields in 2003 being a date that we had to try to deal with. Is it a situation where everyone could know everything at all times? No, because, for the most part, until we really sent the application to the State Health Department in February, there was not great finalization and it was being formulated as we heard from the Health Department as to their

wishes and druthers. There has been a major effort with this regard and I apologize to anyone who feels that they were not notified but I can assure you, we did not have everything in concrete last fall. It required an evolution of information and requirements from other agencies.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I don't like this because I don't like the idea at all that a community, like Wallingford and the size of Wallingford; the resources that this community has, that we are pitting two leagues against each other over fields. I think that is absolutely ludicrous. Regardless what the Mayor or Mr. Dooley claims, we have been kind of left out of the loop. I went back into the minutes and this has been discussed, up here, as items on the Council agenda and Mr. Sheehan is correct, besides himself, other members of the public during public question and answer period have been asking, "what's going on with the little league fields" and all we ever got for answers was, "we are working on it." We never got any preliminary information. It is nice to say that there have been articles in the paper and it is good to say that when we want to use the paper as a good source and then when we have the newspapers talking about issues that we don't like we turn around and say, well, it is the newspaper, they don't get anything right. I personally believe that we should have gotten this from the horse's mouth and we haven't. We get a plan tonight presented to us, the dates on these plans are February 2nd which is six weeks ago; February 25th which is a month ago and then one dated March 20th which is the Community Lake plans. The plans would not have been drawn up and applications filed if we were not headed in this direction. I would have thought it would have been a good point on the part of the Mayor, Administration and this group to at least keep the Council informed as they move forward on this. I think there are some good parts to this plan. We need the parking, there is no doubt about it, the parking at Vietnam Veterans Park and East Center Street is just horrendous now. We have been talking about that for years; the soccer people have been requesting that for years as well as the baseball people. I think it is a good issue and plan. The Community Lake plan is solid and provides one of the lost fields. The Community Garden move is a good issue because it is freeing up parking and moving to an area where the Town owns the land. (tape ends)

(Tape #6 begins mid-conversation)

Mr. Thompson: ... recognize that so nothing that we are doing there is in any way hindering the ability of the trail to go through or an expansion of the parking. It is topsoil, not structures.

Mr. Vumbaco replied, I think it is a great plan and I want to make sure we are not precluding that side of it. When was the last meeting with Cytec where they said that the little league had to be out by 2003?

Mr. Dooley answered, Fall, 2001.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, Cytec has gone through a major restructuring. Who did you meet with, was it Dan Sullivan the plant manager?

Mr. Dooley answered, Mr. Pete Dawson and another representative.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, who worked for Mr. Sullivan at the time. Mr. Sullivan is no longer there and it is my impression, through community contacts, is that one of the reasons he is no longer there is because of this decision he made. If the last time you talked to them was in November, why weren't they approached again to see if that can be extended one more year?

Mr. Dooley answered, because at the time we met with them it was made very clear to myself, the Mayor and the members of little league that, 2003 without exception, was when the little league needed to be out of there.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I personally feel that if the contact and dialogue had been kept open you might have been able to negotiate something. I was President of the Chamber of Commerce for two years, I worked for Cytec, it was an embarrassment to that organization because certain individuals made those decisions. I think that if the dialogue had been kept open we might not have needed to be here this evening. Be that as it may, that is my opinion. Galko property is one of the issues and I think Mr. Zandri said it very clear and I agree with what he said, we should be looking at doing this right. What was the amount of open space funds that we received on the Galko property, Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I believe around \$700,000. Keep in mind that I don't think that Wallingford Little League could play over there because of their Charter restrictions. That would put them on the west side of the parkway.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I don't think passing this issue tonight and saying that we will go through our Risk Management Department and accept their decision on this, I think the safety issue is that no one really thought that that girl was going to get hit either with a hockey puck. I have been involved with the soccer league for a long, long time and I am really concerned, just as everyone else here who talked about it is, over the foul balls coming off of that field down the first base line and going into that soccer field and hurting the people who are hanging around here. I received calls from the soccer league; I talked to people involved with the baseball league and both of them, from what I understand, have different alternatives that they were not even allowed, I don't think, to present recently. I think we should table this item and maybe get the organizations together and see if there is other alternatives and, if not, I think we can come back to the Council and approve it in two weeks. Safety is the biggest issue I am concerned with. What about lighting? Do the baseball fields need lighting?

Mr. McCully answered, early on in the discussions Cytec indicated that they would like to move the lights to Community Lake, the lights they currently own at Cytec. I believe there is \$40,000 budgeted for that move, to relocate those lights.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, how many fields are lit at Cytec?

Mr. McCully answered, two.

Mayor Dickinson stated, I believe that subsequently that is no longer an option. The lights are not to be moved.

Mr. McCully stated, that would simply mean that the money could be used for other things; the \$40,000 that is included in the \$510,000 for transferring the lights from Cytec over to Community Lake. Little League indicated that they did not want to move their lights to Community Lake.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, they would be lighting up the same number of fields that they currently have lit?

Mr. Dooley answered, there will be no fields lit.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, are you saying that little league does not want lit fields?

Mr. Dooley answered, I didn't say they didn't want lit fields, they just don't want to move their lights from Cytec.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, are we lighting any fields or not?

Mr. Dooley answered, I have said twice, little league does not want to move the lights from Cytec so we are not lighting Community Lake. We are not budgeting lights for Community Lake.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, no fields will be lit?

Mr. Dooley answered, that is correct.

Mr. Vumbaco asked the little league representative if they will be requesting any lit fields.

Larry Russo, 16 Shetland Drive answered, no, at this point we are not requesting any lights.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, do you play under lights now, Larry?

Mr. Russo answered, we do.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, but you are not going to in the future?

Mr. Russo answered, not for the future.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I would like to investigate the other 8 or 9 alternatives that were not discussed. Mr. Austin brought up the Tamarac Swamp area. Why could that not be used?

Mr. Thompson answered, as part of this overall assessment when we were originally tasked with looking at all of these alternative sites we went out with the map we had available featuring the parcels. We made an assessment of how much of the property was wetlands, how much was suitable for development, how was the access, utilities, basically an overview assessment of each of the sites and the Tamarac Swamp did not prove to be sufficiently dry in order to accommodate the number of fields that we were looking at that location. Each site was evaluated in a matrix-type evaluation and we got to where we are today.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, and this became the only viable solution that you can see on any other property that the Town owns or potential property that might be out there for purchase?

Mr. Thompson answered, it seemed to offer the greatest opportunity to achieve what the underlying objective was and that was to provide the closest number of fields that we could get to accommodate the loss of Cytec between Community Lake and the expansion of Veterans Park. That seemed to provide, at the most reasonable cost, the most expeditious way of achieving that for 2003, yes, this appears to be the best plan.

Mr. Vumbaco asked Mr. McCully, is the field that you are building smaller or larger than the one that you are taking away?

Mr. McCully answered, the new one is larger.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, what age group will the new one serve, the same groups of people who would be playing on the field that will be taken away?

Keith Larson, 3 Tammy Hill Road answered, that field 5 is currently used for nine year olds and younger. Because of the size it will probably still be that age group. It is a little bigger and we may be able to move up to our ten year olds. It would not be used as an adult field.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, how close to the road is the walkway?

Mr. Thompson answered, it was only a suggestion by the wetland consultant. We have to lay it out and see. Based on the proximity of the wetlands that it is going to be within 25-30' of the edge of the road. The road will be up higher than where this path will be.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, am I correct in saying that the little league has made a statement that they need these fields and they want this plan?

Chairman Parisi answered, yes, they do need it.

John Sullivan, 62 Dutton Road answered, we do definitely need fields.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, do you endorse this plan or did you have other alternative plans?

Larry Russo, 16 Shetland Drive stated, this plan is the best alternative that we can come up with to the town in the timeframe that we have. Are we looking for another home? Yes, it has always been stated that we would like a complex of four to five fields, concession stand, batting cages, ball wall, walk of fame. I am not sure when it is going to happen or if it is going to happen. Our goal is, within five years acquire a piece of land somehow someway, whether it is leasing or purchasing or gifted. We need fields for 2003. In talking with Cytec, I know they have a new regime but the person we talked with was Dick Dawson who is in charge of the facility right now up here and George Yuro who was supposedly Dave Lily's right-hand man from New Jersey. There were no bones about it, he really wanted us out by 2003 and really used a date of August 31st as being the last time we would be able to use the fields. That would not allow us to play fall ball on those fields either. I don't see any chance of extending those dates. If we could stay there, we would be more than happy to be there.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I had to ask the question because I am trying to explore as many possibilities as possible. Mr. Larson, can you live with this plan?

Mr. Larson replied, we can live with anything. Is the soccer league going to fall apart because we lose a field for 8 or 9 months, of course not. Capacity level goes up over 95% which, with rain dates and such like that, makes it very difficult. Can we survive? Absolutely.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, you can survive the playing but what most of the people talked about today was the safety issue. That is still your main concern now.

Mr. Larson answered, it is. I think the only thing that I envisioned was, based on the knowledge of how foul balls can be hit and how close those fields are, is some kind of netting similar to what you see on a driving range. I don't know if that is practical.

Chairman Parisi asked, will we be able to irrigate that other soccer field?

Mayor Dickinson replied, Henry can not be sure about the costs. It looks as though there could be extra funds because of the lighting so we certainly will try to do that but he can't be absolutely certain at this point until he is able to look at the design and other features necessary for irrigation.

Mr. McCully added, I also have the option of placing sufficient funds in my budget for F.Y. 2002, '03, '04. At the very latest the irrigation could be installed after July 1 of 2003 if I don't have enough funds in the \$510,000.

Chairman Parisi stated, it is critical to my vote on this issue that that be done. How close can you come to a guarantee?

Mr. McCully answered, if the funds are available, we could probably have the work done prior to the summer of 2003 and if we don't have the funds it would be after July 1, 2003. It would be in the subsequent year's budget.

Mr. Toman stated, some mention was made of improvements to the access route that now exists through the two fields. If you are increasing the traffic, although certainly there is a danger from a stray fly ball but I would think that a 5,500 lb. S.U.V. is a danger, too, and they are going to be rolling in and out of this place in greater numbers and you are hoping that when they come by the parking lot they are going to go there first. Are you going to allow parking as there now exists along that access route between the two fields? Are you going to eliminate parking there so that they are forced to go into that new parking lot?

Mr. McCully answered, as we are getting close to completion and, again, we are permitted through the State Dept. of Health, I had planned to widen that parking lot. It is sufficiently wide, the required 60' but, as you said, these huge S.U.V.s; everyone tends to want to back in to see the games, it is not an efficient use of the space. We will want to have it re-stripped. Hopefully, with the State Dept. of Health permit, we will be able to widen it. As far as not parking on the access road, we can erect "no parking" signs but, barring the absence of a police officer or some sort of person to actually direct people into stalls, the public will always abuse the parking. People with newer cars will use two spots on purpose and will park on angles.

Mr. Toman stated, when you have all of these fields in use, you are going to have a lot of cars there. Are you going to have some kind of a turnaround at the end of this access road so that if a large vehicle comes in hoping to park closer to the fields...

Mr. McCully stated, with the new width, an SUV will be able to turn around.

Mayor Dickinson stated, as the design shows, it is not a turnaround. It is a bump out to pull in, back up and then pull around.

Mr. McCully added, we are only adding two little league fields. The soccer field is being replaced. WE are adding an additional 140 parking places with the new addition. We are almost close to doubling what is there now. We will put up signs encouraging people to use the additional parking rather than trying to squeeze in where their children are playing. We can

widen the access road, there is a culvert there and we would have to apply for a permit to widen that culvert. We have never had a problem in the past with two cars passing there.

Mr. Toman stated, with regards to this new soccer field by the road...it is so close to the road the Town should think about putting a barrier between the field and the road even though it is 40', a high enough barrier so that a kid will be stopped from running to the road.

Mr. Rys asked, how many players does the Wallingford and Yalesville Little Leagues have?

Mr. Dooley answered, Wallingford has 500 and Yalesville has between 500-600. The leagues have five fields.

Mr. Rys asked, why do we need six fields for the little league?

Mr. Dooley answered, that is their request. They had been utilizing up to seven fields. They had the four fields at Cytec, the one at Community Lake, two at Vietnam Veterans and use of Bennett Field.

Mr. Rys stated, I was involved in soccer years ago and had two children involved in sports. I was at East Center Street and my wife was at Woodhouse watching them play. Those things do happen, you have to live with them. It would be nice to have two complete complexes for each (soccer and baseball) but at this point I don't think we can. Can you still add a sprinkler system to your budget request that has been handed in?

Mr. McCully answered, I believe so, that would be up to the Mayor or Tom.

Mayor Dickinson answered, it would be up to how you feel about what happens to the mill rate.

Mr. Rys answered, we will deal with that when it comes. If you are taking away something, I think you should give back. I think the Council would be willing to go along with that. If you do not have enough money in the ordinance to fund the sprinklers and fund it in 2003-04s budget will you be digging up the fields after they are in to put the sprinkler system in?

Mr. McCully answered, it doesn't disrupt it that much but if it has to be done before, we can do that.

Mr. Rys stated, I would like to see everything done at once.

Mr. McCully answered, then my suggestion would be to place it in the budget.

Mr. Rys asked the soccer league, when I was involved in soccer with my kids, there was at least one field closed down a year, generally so that the grass could grow back and get it back into shape; do you continue to follow that program?

The president of the soccer league answered off microphone, no.

Mr. Knight thanked everyone who attended the meeting tonight, sitting three to four hours for a cause they are passionate about. He stated, there may not be an ideal solution given the constraints everyone is under. A thorough job was done of investigating a lot of alternatives. The project started over a year ago as soon as we found out from Cytec that they had taken enough of a beating in the press and decided to restrict access to the fields. Nine people up here (Council) are somewhat uncomfortable with having to make a decision because it is not the ideal decision; it is not totally satisfying to the Little League; it certainly isn't going to be totally satisfying to the soccer league. It is, as far as I am concerned, the most difficult part of the job up here. It would be great if everyone came to the microphone and told us what a great job we were doing and that we had all the answers to every problem that could possibly be but that is not the case. I do appreciate the constructive comments that everyone has made because what I think, more than anything, is that the word safety is going to be right in front of everybody throughout every bit of this project. Everybody in this room has concerns that we are mixing two sports that, maybe under other conditions, should be a little farther separated. I have no doubt that this body will help to oversee that safety will be the primary issue when this project goes forward. I am going to vote for this. At this point in time we have 600 kids who are looking forward to playing baseball and I think this is the solution that this Town can offer at this point in time. I think we have to go with it.

Ms. Doherty stated, I, too, am going to vote for this. I realize that not everyone is going to be happy with this terribly. I think it is the best plan. Mr. Dooley has put in an inordinate amount of time trying to accommodate everyone and we all know that is impossible to do, especially under the time constraints that we have been under. Our focus is to establish these fields so the children can continue to play and that is the main focus. I know there have been a lot of meetings and sharing of information over the past year and I commend Tom (Dooley) for that. It is not something that just happened. I commend John Thompson also for all the maps that he has made. I have confidence that we will address the safety problems that everyone is concerned with and the irrigation.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, there is \$40,000 that is not going to be used for the lighting, maybe that could be applied for the irrigation.

Chairman Parisi stated, did I hear you right, Henry, that between this year and next year you would have enough funds to do the irrigation?

Mr. McCully answered, that is correct. No, I have to explain that. The monies budgeted for in the ordinance is for two irrigation systems at Community Lake. Right now they have no irrigation there. They need to bring in the main from Hall Avenue. A modification to the existing irrigation system at field 5 at Vietnam Veterans, that needs to be modified from a soccer application to little league baseball application. If there is sufficient funds remaining, we can proceed with irrigation at the new soccer field. To guarantee it, I suggest that the money be placed in this year's budget, F.Y. 2002-03.

Mayor Dickinson stated, it looks as though there is \$40,000 that will not be spent however we have the issue of increasing the heights of fence and that could very well absorb some, if not all, of that. Until we have the entire picture complete, it is hard to know exactly what is extra and what isn't.

Mr. Vumbaco asked Mr. McCully, you said you had to modify the irrigation to fit the baseball fields?

Mr. McCully answered, that is correct.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is that going to cost \$36,000?

Mr. McCully answered, no.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, there is \$36,000 allocated for irrigation at Vietnam Veterans Park. I assume that those monies can be used to irrigate...I am under the impression that it only costs about \$20,000 to do a field, I don't know if that is true or not.

Mr. McCully answered, about \$25,000. because where this field is, we would have to bring in water.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, it is not going to cost you \$20,000 to re-modify that one that's there. I think there is money in there and we can stay within this.

Chairman Parisi stated, there was some discussion tonight about pitting leagues against league and I don't see that at all. I want to commend both leagues because I was told that this would be a very civil, straight-forward proposal by both sides and I think everyone kept their word. Everyone was reasonable and tolerable with us and I thank you because that is the way these things are supposed to work. Screaming and hollering doesn't really get it done. I am sorry we cannot accommodate everyone to their individual satisfaction. This is a very difficult situation that started with the closing of the original little league fields. Several months ago I was encouraging and was told that discussions were ongoing with Cytex and then I was told that there was no chance for the fields to be used by the little league. I have talked with several of you on the phone. We agreed that this is not a perfect situation. This proposal is one that

public officials don't like to have to deal with, however, we have to make the difficult and sometimes the not-most-popular vote to achieve our goal and that is to have fields for all the groups to play on. Having said that I, too, will have to vote in favor of this proposal as presented.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Vumbaco voted, "with reservations, yes."

Chairman Parisi voted, "with reservations and optimism, yes."

ITEM #19 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #19 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placing of Nineteen (19) Markers in Dutton Park to Commemorate the Individual Civil War Dead from Wallingford as Requested by Councilor Gerald E. Farrell, Jr.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Approve the Plan as Presented, seconded by Mr. Toman.

Mr. Farrell stated, I have had contact with Mr. Dana Camp who is here this evening. He is an Eagle Scout who is interested in a project that relates to Wallingford's history. Dutton Park, which is already a monument to the Civil War, would be used to further expand that memorial by commemorating the individual Civil War dead who are from Wallingford.

Mr. Camp stated, instead of having nineteen markers we have decided that it may be better going with one larger monument, listing the nineteen names on it. Further research has shown that there are now possibly twenty-four names which confirms that a single monument would be more appropriate for the park. We are proposing that the new monument be placed approximately twenty feet to the north of the existing monument. It should stand about four feet high as not to obstruct the view of the existing monuments from the road.

Mr. Farrell stated, I think it would be nice to have such a memorial that there is no monument that individually lists the Civil War dead as is the case with those who fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Mayor Dickinson stated, I think it is a wonderful idea, my only concern is the location of it and the issue with our care for the park, whether it is possible to have it closer to the existing monument so that we don't end up with the care of the area being impacted.

Mr. McCully offered to meet Mr. Camp out at the park when a final design that more closely resembles what the monument will look like is completed. This would help in determining how it will look in the park, what impact it may have on trees, etc., and also where to locate it for maintenance purposes.

Chairman Parisi stated that the Council's blessing will be contingent upon Mr. Camp working with Mr. McCully on the matter.

Mr. Camp agreed to work with Mr. McCully.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Withdrawn

ITEM #17 Withdrawn

ITEM #18 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of a Library Building Expansion Committee – Wlfd. Public Library Directors

Library Co-Directors Karen Roesler and Leslie Scherer reported out how a strategic planning process was completed in the year 2000 which involved members of the community, Library Board, library staff and two library consultants.

Space needs were identified as a priority at that time. During the past two years the staff has worked with a state building consultant to complete a space needs study and last Fall the Board hired Nolan Lushington, a very experienced building consultant and former Professor of Library Science at Southern Connecticut State University to refine and review the Library's numbers and plans. Anticipating space for books, people and programs for twenty years, we project an approximately 30,000 square foot expansion. The next obvious question is, what will it cost?

That is why we are here tonight, to ask for a committee and for a process to answer that question. Until an architect is hired, the cost of the project cannot be determined. A building committee, architect, schematic designs and detailed cost estimates are all required before a construction grant can be submitted to the State Library. State construction grants are a lengthy process. Even if the Library were to meet this year's deadline of August 30th, it would likely be the middle or end of 2003 before the grant may be approved by the State Bonding Commission. Eighteen months after that construction might begin. It is understood that the Town has important commitments to other projects but it is the hope of the Board that the Council will agree that the library, which is very heavily used by residents of all ages, should also be a priority.

Ms. Scherer explained how a committee must be established in order to apply for a State construction grant. The committee must have among its members not only a librarian but a representative of the Library Board. The size of the committee can vary; nine members would be good, however, the Library Board, for example, has fifteen members and works very well together. It is not impossible to have a larger-sized committee. In order to meet the August 30th deadline, the architect selection process needs to begin. This is probably the most important task the committee would perform. If that process does not commence within the next couple of months, it cannot be done until next August 30th.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, how do you envision the committee selecting the architect, through bidding?

Ms. Scherer replied, when we spoke with the Mayor he felt that there is a bidding process. We don't have any specific way to do that. Most library projects begin with an interview process via an R.F.P. (Request For Proposal). It is a very specialized field and candidates must have a lot of experience.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, would you be sitting with the committee as advisors along the whole process?

Ms. Scherer and Ms. Roesler replied, yes.

Ms. Scherer stated, one of us is required by State guidelines to serve on the committee. I am sure staff input would be very important to the process.

Ms. Roesler stated, we have started a building program with our consultant and we have the first portion of it done; not all of the details have been covered.

Mr. Vumbaco stated that he fully supports the project. He feels it is a great idea. He asked Chairman Parisi, how do you see us setting this committee up?

Chairman Parisi recommended that the Council hold off until the budget is presented and see what impact that creates. In the meantime, he suggested that everyone be considering names for submittal. He thought a committee of nine would be sufficient but he does not have the final word. He truly believes that everyone should wait to see what the budget entails. After the budget is presented, the item can then be put on the agenda and dealt with.

Mr. Vumbaco questioned whether such action would create a problem with the August 30th deadline? Is there going to be enough time?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the budget will be out by April 2nd but it won't be adopted until the first meeting in May.

Mr. Brodinsky asked Chairman Parisi, what was your thinking about the connection between the budget and the formation of a building committee?

Chairman Parisi answered, the dollars. We have a lot on our plate.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, what percentage do you expect to be funded by grants? Do you have any ideas?

Ms. Roesler answered, the maximum state grant is \$500,000.

Mr. Brodinsky replied, it becomes immediately clear why, now. With regards to the building committee, I would encourage all of us to open up the system to people who haven't been involved in Town issues before, rather than seeing the same old folks. We should try to get new people involved who have not been involved before.

Ms. Roesler stated, a few people have volunteered their services if asked.

Ms. Scherer stated, if you are open to suggestions, we can put things in our newsletter that says if someone is interested they can contact the Library or a councilperson. We are not looking for money for this committee, necessarily. The committee is the one who is going to end up reporting out what the money would be.

Chairman Parisi stated, once you appoint a committee everyone just takes it for granted that it is going to be done. I would rather know ahead of time that we can afford to do it and then appoint the committee.

Ms. Papale stated how she toured the Library last evening to learn of their needs. She suggested that each councilor tour the facility because, unless they see for themselves, they would have no clue what is needed.

Ms. Scherer replied that they were happy to do so anytime.

Chairman Parisi stated, I have no reason to doubt your judgment. I am sure there is a need but, as you heard tonight, there is a need all over this town for everything and I just think we have to be careful as to what we commit to. I am not saying that this isn't going to happen but I think it would be wiser to see what the Mayor comes up with for a budget.

Ms. Scherer asked, what do we do next?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the Council will be looking at names for a committee; the budget will be out so there will be some sense of our fiscal situation and I have a concern that if there

were people on a committee, I cannot sit here right now and say that as soon as there is a design we will be able to construct. I may not be changing that tune as of April 2nd. That is the problem; the funds to be able to construct.

Ms. Scherer stated, that should be made clear to people who offer to serve because we understand that until we know what kind of number we are talking about, how can you possibly decide? We really don't know. There are a lot of possible directions that expansion could take and until you have an architect to look at those and decide, it can be hugely different in terms of books are very heavy and if you go in one direction, it could cost a lot more than if you go in another. It is kind of a chicken and egg. We need to do the investigative part and in the past that is sort of what happened, there was a feasibility phase where the architect was hired just to do that and the decision was made by the Town whether or not to go forward. If we recruit people, they need to understand that. We may do some work it may sit for a while or maybe it will go right through.

Chairman Parisi stated, April 9th is the first Council meeting.

Ms. Scherer asked, if we get names we should send them on to you?

Chairman Parisi stated, everyone (Councilors) can start thinking of names. Please don't put it in your bulletin, I don't know that that would be necessary, we will probably get inundated with people.

Mr. Brodinsky disagreed stating, we have a difference in philosophy, I think it should go in and open it (the process) up.

Chairman Parisi replied, if we only agree on nine people and we get sixty-five we are going to have to say no to...

Mr. Brodinsky replied, we just said no to two hundred people.

Chairman Parisi stated, put Mr. Brodinsky's name and number down (in the newsletter) and if anyone else wants to volunteer, leave mine (number) out, thank you. It is o.k., I will find someone.

Ms Roesler asked for a clarification of what will occur at the meeting of April 9th. Will there be a decision to appoint a committee or not? Will we be turning in names for a committee at that time?

Chairman Parisi answered, it is possible. If you have people in mind, give their names to the Mayor and you (Mayor) can share them with us. Do you promise to share?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I promise with all my heart.

No Action Taken

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Gary Linsley, 520 Ward Street Ext. spoke to the subject of revaluation. He stated that he has been observing the assessment appeal process very closely and, in his opinion, has found numerous errors and deficiencies with the recording of information. He feels that the Board of Assessment Appeals has violated CGS #12-111 with regards to signature requirements. He stated that the Board also violated the law by splitting up its three members who, in turn, conducted their own hearings with the public, separate and apart from each other, in separate offices. The public is unable to witness the public hearings; one person cannot be in three places at once. An appeal should be heard before the entire Board. It is public information and is available to the public and can be recorded. Mr. Linsley stated that the Board refused him the opportunity to record; refused him the opportunity to sit in on the process and listen.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Board let Mr. Linsley stand at the doorway and record.

Mr. Linsley replied that he was allowed to stand at the door, yes, but record, no.

Mr. Parisi asked, did they say you could stand at the doorway and record?

Mr. Linsley answered that he was allowed to stand in one doorway and could not possibly stand in three doorways at the same time.

Mr. Parisi stated that he had a letter in front of him which reads that Mr. Linsley was allowed to stand at the doorway and...

Mr. Linsley stated that a quorum is necessary to conduct a hearing. A hearing before one gentleman when there is three on the Board is not a quorum.

Mr. Linsley then referred to another property revaluation issue he has raised before. He stated that he has started to review field cards in the Assessor's Office pertaining to commercial, industrial and personal property. He found many items of interest. He had a meeting with the Town's Corporation Counselor, Assessor Jackson and another gentleman to discuss what he had found and his suggestions on how to correct the problems. Atty. Mantzaris asked for an example which Mr. Linsley supplied.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Linsley what it was that he wanted of the Council?

Mr. Linsley asked that everything be fair and equal. When he appears at a hearing, before the Board, that it be the entire Board. Some members of the public were granted a hearing before the entire Board...

Mr. Parisi answered, I didn't. I didn't have mine before the entire Board. I had two members of the Board; but I had one interviewing which I didn't even understand. I was in two rooms, maybe that's because I am the Chairman.

Mr. Linsley stated that Mr. Parisi was treated differently than he was.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Council had no authority to correct the situation.

Mr. Linsley stated that the Council has oversight; the ability to ask questions.

Mr. Parisi disagreed that the Council has oversight over the Board of Assessment Appeals. He stated that Mr. Linsley is coming to the wrong place with a complaint; to a board that has no jurisdiction at all, and he wants the Council to do something. He stated that Mr. Linsley belongs either in the Law Department or Mayor's Office, one or the other. The Mayor has the authority to deal with the issue, or the Town Attorney's Office; this Board does not.

Mr. Linsley next began discussing an ongoing problem he has been experiencing with the Public Utilities Commission. He stated that the minutes of the November 8th P.U.C. meeting were not turned in until November 22nd. The Town's Charter and State Statutes say that the PUC has five days to turn in the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Parisi interrupted to say that he was not going to entertain the discussion because the motions were filed, all except one meeting the motions were filed and those are acceptable. If Mr. Linsley checks with the Freedom of Information Commission they will tell him that it is proper procedure.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi if he would like the dates of those meeting minutes that were not led correctly?

Mr. Parisi answered, no. The Town Attorney checked the Town Clerk's records and found that one meeting was not filed on time.

Mr. Linsley stated that he went back to 1985 and found that many of the minutes were not filed on time.

Mr. Parisi suggested that Mr. Linsley go to the Law Department with his information. He asked what he should do with the people from 1985...? The Statute of Limitations is gone.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi if he read a copy of the letter between....

Mr. Parisi interrupted to say no and that he was not going to entertain that discussion. He stated that if Mr. Linsley had something appropriate he would deal with it, otherwise he was going to call on someone else for the public question and answer period.

Mr. Linsley asked about Item #2, Correspondence, on the agenda. He asked, did Mr. Parisi have any correspondence this week or not?

Mr. Parisi answered, no, I didn't have any.

Mr. Linsley asked again.

Mr. Parisi answered, no.

Mr. Linsley asked whether it was brought up at the meeting whether the Council actually had correspondence or not?

Mr. Parisi answered, yes, I thought I asked for some.

Mr. Linsley asked, are you sure you did?

Mr. Parisi answered, yes.

Mr. Linsley asked, and the answer was no; there was no correspondence?

Mr. Parisi answered, we didn't have any.

Mr. Linsley stated that he differed with Mr. Parisi. He asked if the Council received a copy of a letter he held up.

Mr. Parisi answered, I don't know.

Mr. Linsley asked, did you get the F.O.I. receipt? You didn't get any of that, sir?

Mr. Parisi answered, I don't think I got an F.O.I., no.

Mr. Linsley asked, can we ask the secretary if it was given?

Mr. Parisi stated, I don't think we got an F.O.I. If we did, I didn't see it and if you tell me we did, I will take your word.

Kathryn Zandri, Town Council Secretary stated, I mailed out the letter to the Councilors. A letter was mailed out to the Council that Mr. Linsley delivered to the office that was putting the Council on notice that he was filing a Freedom of Information complaint.

Mr. Linsley asked, you didn't get a copy?

Mr. Parisi answered, I may have at home.

Mr. Linsley asked, all these letters that I send to all of you; all this information, never gets read into the record, is there some reason for that?

Mr. Parisi answered, none at all.

Mr. Linsley asked, why don't we read them into the record like we should?

Mr. Parisi answered, it doesn't always seem appropriate, quite frankly. They are not always items that fit within what we do.

Mr. Linsley stated, you have an item of correspondence.

Mr. Parisi answered, that's right and I decide what correspondence is correspondence. Just because you allege something does not mean that it is true. I have checked out a lot of things that you have alleged, sir, and, unfortunately, you have been extremely inaccurate.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi to show him one instance.

Mr. Parisi refused. He stated that he has set up meetings for Mr. Linsley and have attended them but Mr. Linsley does not want to comply with the ground rules. He stated that he was finished and would call someone else to the microphone because the Public Q&A was going to be over within about three minutes.

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville inquired about the Tyler Mill Road area being blocked off from the public on Maltby Lane and Woodhouse Avenues.

Mayor Dickinson stated that it was blocked because it was the most popular dumping area. It is still accessible off of Northford Road. Public Works put in some barriers and there is an ability for limited parking at that entrance. A person can walk in but we were finding that there were problems with people driving in and then dumping along that stretch of road prior to the intersection with Maltby and prior to getting to the bridge area. That is why that has been restricted.

Mr. Agosta stated that he took a ride out on Northford Road to get to the area and the only dumping he saw was a Christmas tree. The road is clean. He didn't understand why it was blocked off on the other side. The property was purchased for open space and we are now blocking off two different areas for reasons of dumping but he did not think it was proper. He felt the area should be kept open. There are dumping problems all over town. There was a letter in the newspaper recently from a woman complaining about the junk along Old Durham Road. If it was purchased for open space, it should remain open space. It is not a dirty area, it is beautiful and should be opened up.

ITEM #20 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 11:49 P.M.

All councilors, Mayor Dickinson and Atty. Small were present in Executive Session.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council exited executive session at 11:56 P.M.

ADDENDUM ITEM #21

Discussion and Possible Action on Adopting the Town Council Meeting Procedures (Appendix III)

Mr. Knight stated, we, on this side of the aisle, have come up with a series of motions that we would like to make to adjust some of the procedures. Most of them are housekeeping more to have our rules comply with the way we are doing business and have been doing business. I handed them out as soon as we got them done.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to remove the last sentence in Section 1 that reads, "All Town Council subcommittee meetings, with the exception of the Merit Review subcommittee, must take place at or after 6:00 P.M.," seconded by Mr. Brodinsky.

Kathryn Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle stated that she was opposed to meetings being scheduled at a time when the public is unable to attend. She explained that this language was

hours and those members of the public who work full-time jobs were unable to attend, hence the reason for scheduling them at 6:00 p.m. or later.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Toman to remove the words, "will occur after the acceptance of the Consent Agenda and" from the 3rd sentence in Section III that begins with the words, "The Public Question and Answer Period...", seconded by Mr. Toman.

Mr. Knight explained, this revision is being considered due to the fact that many times the Public Question and Answer Period is moved out of the line of order on the agenda, tonight is a good example of that. Many times Public Hearings and other items of business are moved up for action prior to the Public Q&A.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to change the fourth sentence in Section III to read, "twenty (20) minutes", seconded by Ms. Doherty.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Doherty to change the last sentence in Section V, B. to read, "The Town Council Secretary will have the finished agenda material (a) available for delivery by the evening of the Wednesday prior to the next meeting.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to change the words "placed on any" to the words, "considered for" in the second sentence of Section VI., seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Vumbaco asked for an explanation on the reasoning behind the revision.

Chairman Parisi explained, there are times when I have to, for the length of the agenda, try to balance things out, time-wise. It does not happen very often.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, what do you mean by "balance things out"?

Chairman Parisi replied, for instance, say there is an excessive number of report outs and it is going to make an unreasonably long agenda, that could be one instance that I can think of.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, if a Councilperson puts an item on the agenda and you deem that it might lengthen the meeting, you will not honor that request?

Chairman Parisi replied, I would try like I do to call the person and discuss it with them but if I can't reach them, then I would like to have; to be able to make that judgment. There have been times when I have not been able to reach people. Most of the time I think I have been able to contact people. I don't want it on me to have to feel that I am taking it off and that I am doing it illegally.

Mr. Vumbaco replied, I feel that our job is to do business that we feel is necessary and if someone feels that it is important to put an item on the agenda, then it should be put on the agenda. By changing the language it is going to give the Chairman or whoever is designated, too much authority to stifle agenda items and input. I whole heartedly disagree with this language change. We are elected officials and if I want an item on the agenda, then I think I should have the right to have that item on the agenda and I do not think the Chair or any of his designees should have the opportunity or the right not to put that item on the agenda. If the agenda is too long and you can't reach me or a councilperson that you want to reach, I am sure there are some other council people that you might be able to reach to change items if you feel it is too long. Here we are 12 midnight, we are all tired and a lot of us haven't eaten and I have been up since 4:30 a.m. but I still feel like I am doing what I am supposed to be doing as an elected official. I think this is stifling and I am dead-set against it. I think it is totally wrong.

Ms. Papale stated, if I recall on tonight's agenda and two agendas previously, there have been items on the agenda and because they ran so late councilors, Mike (Brodinsky) two weeks ago and Gerry (Farrell, Jr.) tonight said they would take their items off. I would think that maybe we could continue putting everything on the agenda that people ask for and then if it is too much, we would all probably be in agreement to wait and conduct business at the next meeting. Most of the time the council people would be the ones taking it off themselves.

Chairman Parisi replied, I don't disagree with what you are saying but, in a case like tonight, people sat there for two or three hours, not that I had any idea that it would be quite this long. I had my doubts about just how quickly this meeting would have been complete.

Ms. Papale answered, and because they did Atty. Farrell took his items off of the agenda and I feel that any one of us would have done the same.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, has there ever been a problem that you can remember since I have been on the Council with the language as is presently drafted? I can't remember one.

Mr. Knight replied, I can remember one when I set the agenda at Bob's request and I left an item off of the agenda and I found it placed back on the agenda.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, was the decision that the meeting was going to be too long?

Mr. Knight answered, I couldn't remember the circumstance behind it. I can't remember the circumstance but I do remember saying "this shouldn't go on" for what ever reason and I was told that I had no authority to do that. I think the Chairman who is setting the agenda should have the authority to have the last word, if you will, as to whether an item goes on or not.

Mr. Brodinsky asked again, Bob, have you ever come across a problem where the agenda was too long because one or more councilors were insisting that their items stay on and not come off?

Chairman Parisi replied, not so much insisting, it was that I couldn't contact them.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, who couldn't you contact?

Chairman Parisi replied, one time I couldn't get Mr. Vumbaco, if I am not mistaken. And there was one time I couldn't get you.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, maybe you didn't call. I am very accessible.

Chairman Parisi stated, then I have to go and make a decision for which I don't have any authority to do and I don't think that is a position that I should have to be in. It isn't that something is kept off forever. If anything it might go to another meeting.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, if this is possible, I would ask my colleagues on the right side of the aisle or presently the majority to look at it from the point of view as, what would happen if the shoe were on the other foot? Does this pass the "putting the shoe on the other foot" test? If you are in the minority given the experience we have had during the past two years and three months where you definitely have a majority rule but at least you had minority rights. At least you had the opportunity to put something on where you thought it was important to put something on to have the matter discussed. That is about the only thing that you can do to put forward to the public maybe your vision of how the town should go or any other reason that you should have. Now this one right that you have is being taken away for the reason that you are being (end of pe.)

(due to a temporary tape malfunction, a brief amount of dialogue went unrecorded.)

Mr. Brodinsky continued...maybe you couldn't contact Mike, and on balancing that out, it seems, based on your own words, the inconvenience has been extremely minor but the perception of fairness towards the minority is extremely great. If you balance that out, if the shoe were on the other foot and the democrats were in the majority and you wanted the right to have something on the agenda which is your only right you really have because you don't win any votes, wouldn't you want to have that protected and if that was taken away from you, wouldn't you feel extremely uncomfortable about the possibility of abuse? This is an effort to

maintain whatever collaboration we can maintain on the Council. At least now we feel that if we want something on it can go on. I think I have always cooperated with you. If the meeting was too long, I have cooperated with the rest of the Council. If the meeting was running late and one of my items was going to make it run longer, I voluntarily have pulled it off. As Iris indicated, last meeting I pulled the Wooding/Caplan matter off. Everyone has been pretty cooperative and now the one thing we have is being taken away for a reason that...maybe Steve Knight got angry, maybe this is a Steve Knight rule. I really don't know but it seems that the reason you are presenting are extremely insignificant when balanced against the right that we have to put something on.

Chairman Parisi replied, I have spent at least fifteen years in the minority and my friend, let me tell you, it is night and day from what you have today, to what I had.

Mr. Brodinsky replied, I am missing your point.

Chairman Parisi explained, I can remember when you had to jump up and bang on the table to be recognized. I remember when; you talk about caucusing and stuff, I remember when the agenda was set before the Council meeting and we might as well talked to ourselves up there, the three of us, because we had no input at all. What you are telling me about losing rights, I have lived through on this Council. That was the way it was and, in fact, from my own experience, I have tried to communicate more and have tried to make us able to work closer together, probably never to anyone's total satisfaction and that is the way life is. I don't want to have to be put into a position that I have to make a judgment when I can't reach someone. That is all I am talking about. Yes, I cannot say you have been uncooperative. I think I have been cooperative, too. I would hope that that counts for something.

Mr. Brodinsky replied, it certainly does. I am saying that we don't have a problem, the wheel isn't broken, yet you are putting in a very drastic fix or a fix which could have some severe consequences but the wheel isn't broken. We can see that things have been going very well. You say that you are in a difficult position and I am saying, compare your position of maybe your not getting through to someone who when you do will cooperate because you have never experienced any lack of cooperation, balance that out. If things are not going so well, why fix the wheel if it isn't broken? Especially when you have a minority here saying, you know, we have one thing left and what that thing is, is the ability to get something on the agenda and we have always been reasonable. You are taking that away and the perception is that maybe this isn't a healthy fix because nothing is broken so you can't help but wonder, what is really going on?

Chairman Parisi replied, from your perception there is nothing broken. I am the one that is put in that position.

Mr. Brodinsky replied, you have only mentioned two times that maybe you couldn't get a hold of me, which I can't recall.

Chairman Parisi stated, I didn't mean specifically you, but I was not able to get Jimmy one time.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, that's all? That warrants a rule change?

Chairman Parisi answered, I don't like to be put in that position.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, and when you did see me at the meeting, I concurred, Bob. Past history should not dictate because you sat in the minority fifteen years ago, a rule change. I don't buy that, I think that is totally irrelevant to this discussion right now.

Chairman Parisi replied, Mr. Brodinsky did not understand my position and I tried to give him some background, that is all.

Mr. Vumbaco added, we don't change the rules in 2002 because you had a problem in the mid 1980s, Bob.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court asked, how would you decide what time would come off if you decided that too many items were presented on the agenda? How do you go about deciding which item to take off?

Chairman Parisi replied, if someone has three items on and one has one on, obviously you would hope to remove the one that has three, bringing it down to two. You would look for some sort of a fairness about it. It is probably hard for you to believe that I could be fair, go ahead.

Mr. Avallone answered, not at all. For the most part we pretty much see things eye to eye. I have some differences, unfortunately, I won't explain differences. As a member of the public seeing this and the proposed change, it gives an awful lot of power and discretion and the public could wonder how, first of all, one can go about looking at an entire agenda and decide which item should come off and, if it does everything will be fine and then whether it will be one item or two and then which Councilor's...?

Chairman Parisi replied, sometimes it isn't as hard as you may think, depending on what the items are, you do get a feel for what is going to take an awful long time and what is probably going to go through with relative ease. You get a feel for the agenda.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated, as the Chair, I am sure the one of the tasks you give yourself is to try to keep harmony between the two parties. I think that if you feel you have an

agenda which is too crowded and is going to result in an exceptionally long meeting, you would try to contact those who you felt should withdraw; great! If you are unable, you should try to find someone else who is willing to withdraw. If you are unable then you don't have to feel a guilt complex, it goes on the agenda and the next day if you contact that person you can ask if, when it comes to the meeting night, they would be willing to withdraw. If that councilperson of either party feels so strongly that it should remain on the agenda, Chairman, you should leave it alone, that is harmony.

VOTE: Brodinsky, Papale and Vumbaco, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

When voting, Mr. Vumbaco stated, I feel that the position of Chairman would be to contact us. If you are not willing to do that, then you should not be Chairman. I vote no.

Chairman Parisi stated, it is not a question of being willing, it is a question of what is feasible and what you can do. That's it.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to remove the words, "accompanied by an application form provided by the "Council" from the first sentence of Section XII, B., seconded by Ms. Doherty.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Toman to remove the first sentence of Section XV, paragraph entitled, "Procedure" which reads, "The Town Council Chairman shall delegate to one or more Councilors the preparation of the Consent Agenda.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Doherty to change Section XV, paragraph entitled, "Procedure", sentence numbered (1) to read, "Agendas will be delivered the Wednesday evening prior to the meeting.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Chairman Parisi wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover on behalf of the entire Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

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Appendix I

Transfer for Fire Department Contract Settlement

FY 01-02

From:	7060-800-3230 Contingency-Accured Expenses	331,906	
To:	2030-101-1000 Fire - Regular Salaries & Wages		263,224
	2030-101-1400 Fire- Overtime		2,902
	2030-101-1450 Fire- Wage Differentials		22,746
	2030-101-1500 Fire- Replacement Pay		27,665
	2035-101-1400 Fire Marshal-Overtime		279
	2035-101-1450 Fire - Wage Differentials		641
	1601-800-8010 Pension-Medicare Tax		7,410
	1601-101-1750 Retirement Sick Leave		7,039
From:	7060-800-3190 General Purposes	25,534	
	2030-101-1000 Fire - Regular Salaries & Wages		20,251
	2030-101-1400 Fire- Overtime		223
	2030-101-1450 Fire- Wage Differentials		1,749
	2030-101-1500 Fire- Replacement Pay		2,130
	2035-101-1400 Fire Marshal-Overtime		21
	2035-101-1450 Fire - Wage Differentials		49
	1601-800-8010 Pension-Medicare Tax		570
	1601-101-1750 Retirement Sick Leave		541
		<u>357,440</u>	<u>357,440</u>

FY 00-01

From:	7060-800-3190 General Purposes	15,761	
To:	2030-101-1000-01 Fire -Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		12,469
	2030-101-1400-01 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		191
	2030-101-1450-01 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		1,064
	2030-101-1500-01 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		1,497
	2035-101-1000-01 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		504
	2035-101-1400-01 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		8
	2035-101-1450-01 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 00-01		28
		<u>15,761</u>	<u>15,761</u>

FY 99-00

From:	7060-800-3190 General Purposes	24,666	
To:	2030-101-1000-02 Fire - Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		19,496
	2030-101-1400-02 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		308
	2030-101-1450-02 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		1,559
	2030-101-1500-02 Fire- Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		2,410
	2035-101-1000-02 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		814
	2035-101-1400-02 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		21
	2035-101-1450-02 Fire Marshal-Retro Pay Shortage 99-00		58
		<u>24,666</u>	<u>24,666</u>



2001 REVALUATION PROJECT

REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE 2001 REVALUATION PROJECT.

Department of Finance

Assessing Division

Presenters:

Mr. Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller

Mr. Shelby Jackson, Assessor

Mr. Dennis Hlavac, Chief Appraiser

Mr. Gary Fields, Project Supervisor - Vision Appraisal Technology

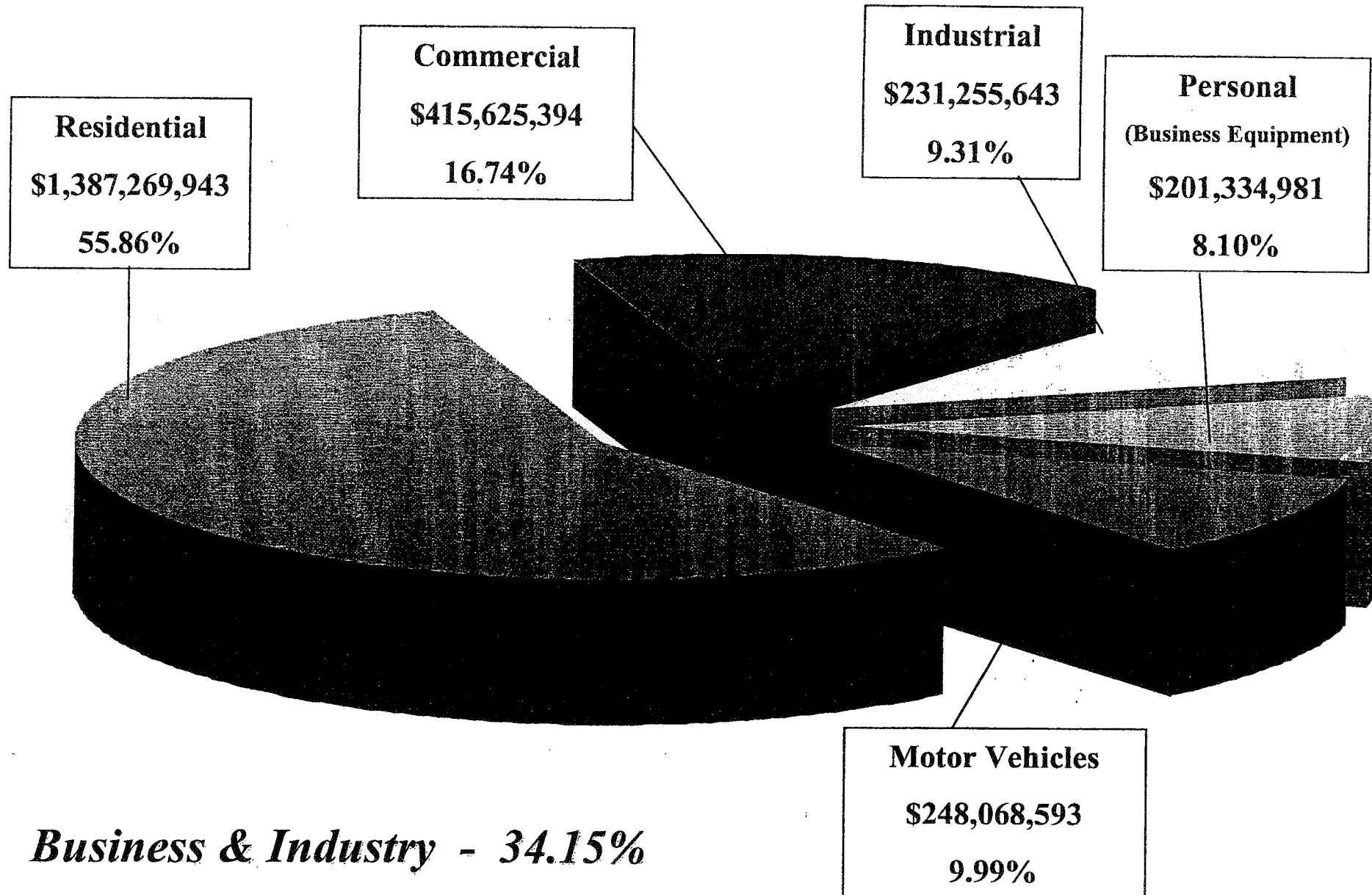
The Wallingford Grand List

- REAL ESTATE (Last Revalued - 1991)
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
- MOTOR VEHICLES (Market Value - Every Year)

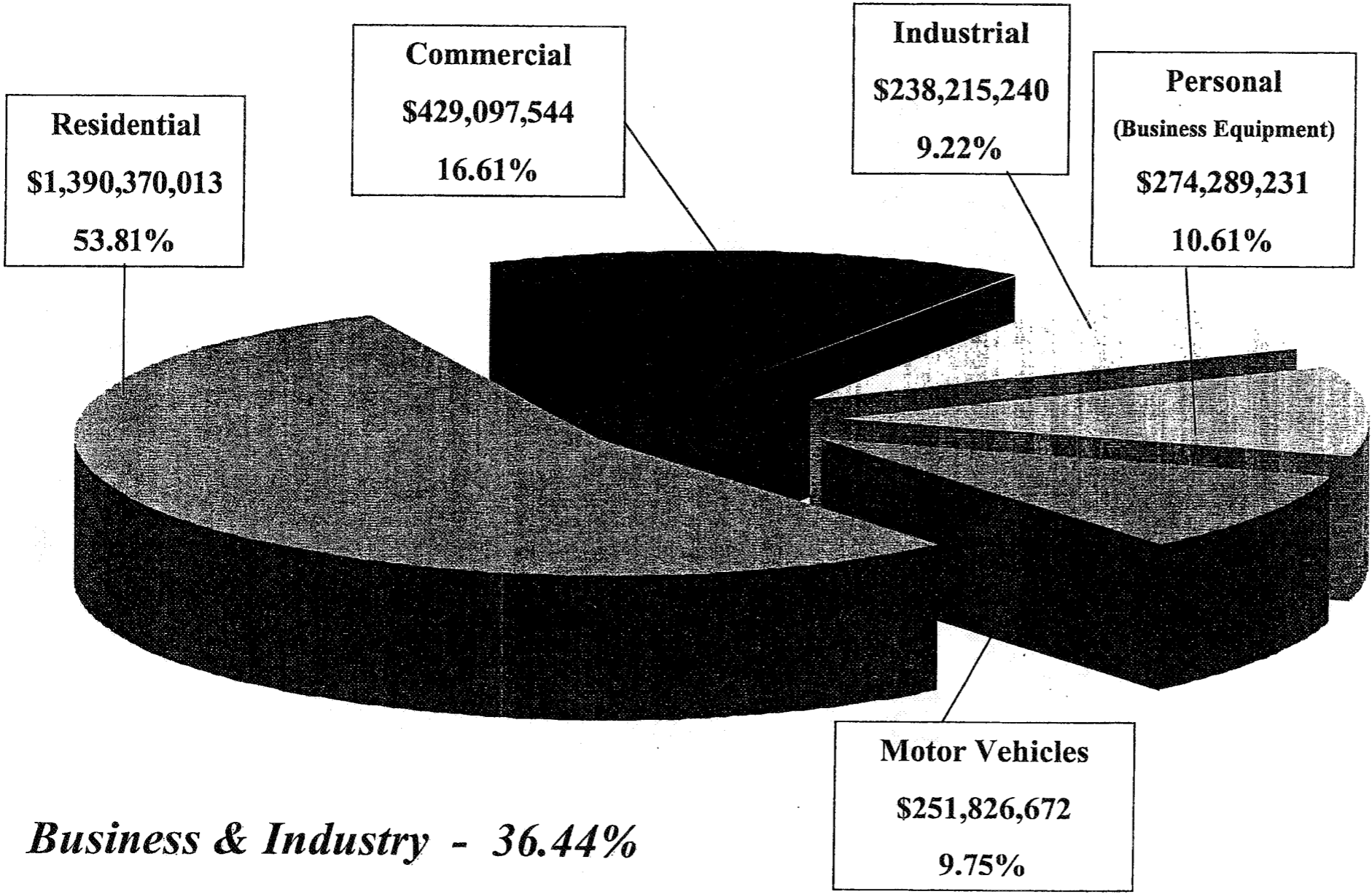
PERSONAL PROPERTY (Market Value - Every Year)

(Business Equipment - Machinery, Furniture, Fixtures, etc.)

Before the Revaluation - 2000 Grand List

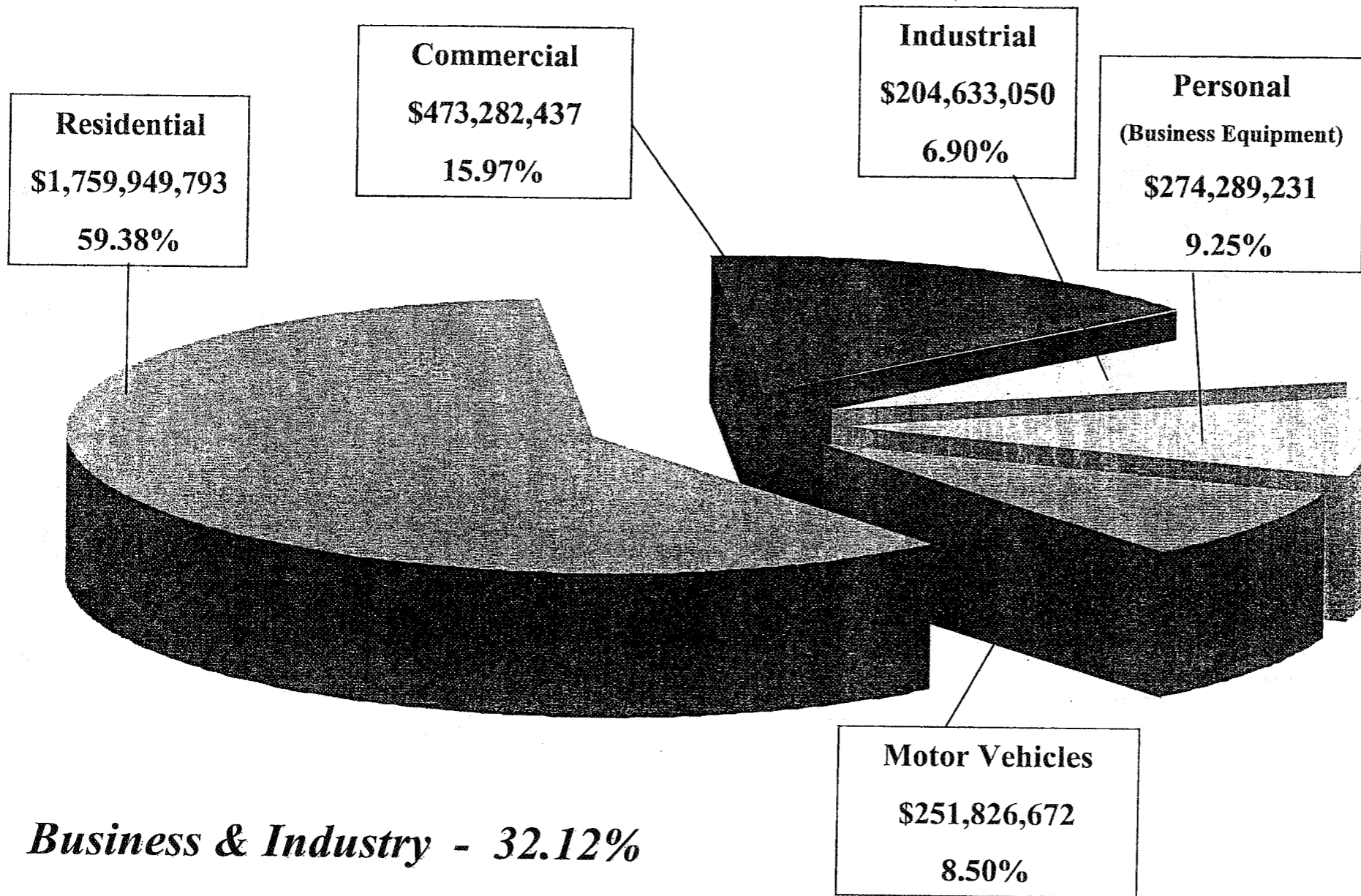


Un-Revalued - 2001 Grand List



Business & Industry - 36.44%

After Revaluation - 2001 Grand List



Business & Industry - 32.12%



2001 REVALUATION PROJECT

WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN TO WALLINGFORD RESIDENTS?

2001 - Grand List (Un-Revalued)

Residential	\$1,390,370,013	53.81%
Motor Vehicle	251,826,672	9.75%
Business & Industry		
Commercial	429,097,544	16.61%
Industrial	238,215,240	9.22%
Business Equip.	274,289,231	10.61%
Business & Industry Total	\$941,602,015	36.44%
TOTAL GRAND LIST	\$ 2,583,798,700	
(Net Taxable)		

2001 - Grand List (Revalued)

Residential	\$1,759,949,793	59.38%
Motor Vehicle	251,826,672	8.50%
Business & Industry		
Commercial	473,282,437	15.97%
Industrial	204,633,050	6.90%
Business Equip.	274,289,231	9.25%
Business & Industry Total	952,204,718	32.12%
TOTAL GRAND LIST	\$ 2,963,981,183	
(Net Taxable)		

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

1991 Revaluation

1990 Grand List \$ 1,186,054,770

1991 Grand List \$ 2,008,894,590

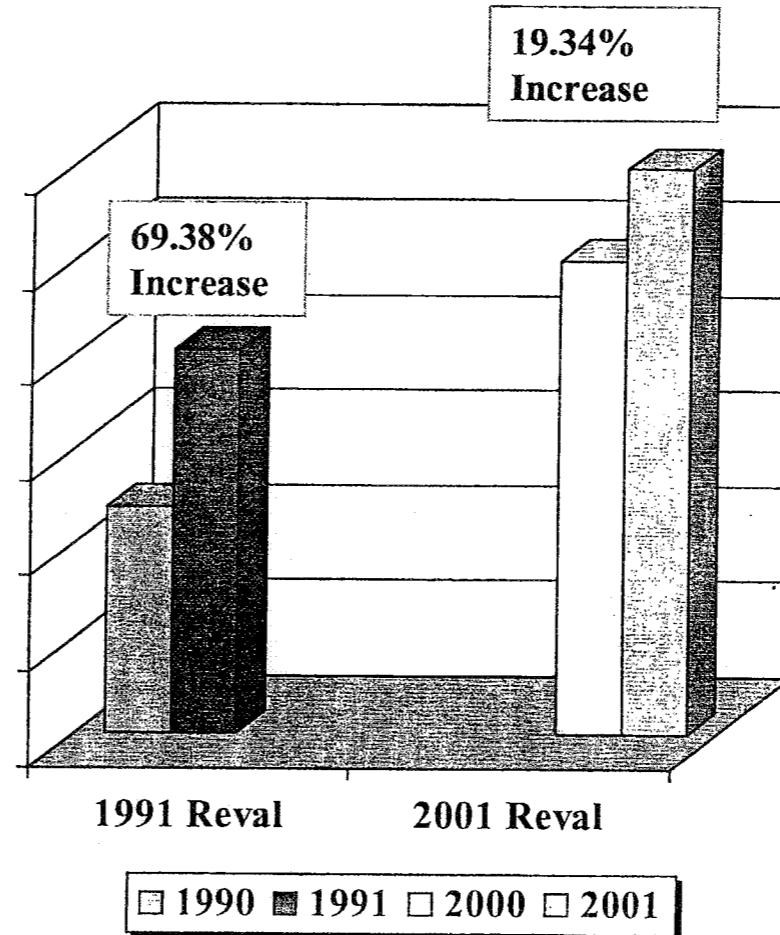
Increase: 69.38%

2001 Revaluation

2000 Grand List \$ 2,483,554,554

2001 Grand List \$ 2,963,981,183

Increase: 19.34%





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TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
MEETING PROCEDURES

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter III, Section 4 ("PROCEDURE") of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford, and in conjunction with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 1-21 of the Connecticut General Statutes (hereafter abbreviated as "CGS 3, 1-21), the following rules of procedure are adopted by the Town Council:

- I. The Town Council will schedule regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Town Council chambers of the Town Hall. In addition, the Chairman of the Council or, in his/her absence or inability to serve, the Vice-Chairman may, at his/her discretion, call a special meeting at any time. All Town Council sub-committee meetings, with the exception of the Merit Review subcommittee, must take place at or after 6:00 P.M.
- II. Except as otherwise specified in this procedure, the order of all Council meetings will be conducted at the discretion of the Chairman, or in his/her absence or inability to serve, the Vice-Chairman, with Robert's Rules of Order (Revised 1915) as a guide.
- III. The Council will convene at 6:30 P.M. on the dates of its regularly scheduled meetings; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag will be given at the start of each meeting. The Consent Agenda will be presented as described in Rule XV. The Public Question and Answer Period **will occur after the acceptance of the Consent Agenda and** will be limited to policy and operation of town government. The Public Question and Answer Period will be for a maximum of **thirty (30)** minutes. Each individual speaking during the Public Question and Answer Period will be allowed to ask one (1) question at a time. If, after doing so, time remains available during the Public Question and Answer Period, individuals will be allowed to return to the microphone to ask additional questions until the thirty minutes have expired. Each individual wishing to speak will address their questions or comments to the Council Chairman and limit his/her speaking time to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- IV. Public input on individual agenda items will be received during the discussion of the specific item, after the members of the Council have had an opportunity to review and discuss the item. Individuals wishing to speak on individual agenda items will be required to address their questions or comments to the Council Chairman and limit his/her speaking time to a total of three (3) minutes. The Chairman has the authority to limit total discussion time for each agenda item, except in the case of a Public Hearing.
- V.
 - A. Business acted upon at regular Council meetings will be limited to the agenda Prepared by the Chairman or his/her designate for each meeting on the Tuesday prior to that meeting. The Chairman will instruct the Council secretary to ensure that

- copies of the agenda are sent to each Councilor, Mayor, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, Comptroller and all Department Heads prior to such a meeting. The Town Council secretary will have the finished agenda material available for delivery by the evening of the Tuesday prior to the next meeting.
- B. However, subsequent business not included on the agenda may be discussed and acted upon, upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority, but not less than five (5) of those Councilors present and voting.
- VI. Any Councilor, the Mayor, Town Attorney or Comptroller, must request in writing that an item be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting, provided that the request is submitted to the Chairman of the Council by no later than noon of the Tuesday, one week prior to the meeting. No more than two items submitted by any individual councilor will be placed on any one Council agenda, with each councilor being given equal opportunity by the Chairman to so place items. The Council Chairman can grant exceptions to this rule, depending on the length of a given Town Council agenda. No item of new business will be considered unless prior notice is given in the manner described above; however, the Council may suspend this rule in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section V(B) above. Any resident elector may also request in writing that an item be placed on the agenda; however, it will be at the discretion of the Chairman as to whether the item is considered as an agenda item or as an item of general correspondence to the Council.
- VII. Except as provided in Sections V and VI, no rule of the Council will be waived or suspended at any time, unless the councilor requesting such action so states his/her reason and not less than five (5) of the members present concur.
- VIII. The proceedings of the Council, except those portions conducted in Executive Session, will be recorded and reported in accordance with provisions of CGS 3, 1-21. The Chairman and the other Town Council members, the Mayor, the Comptroller, and Town Attorneys will receive an accurate copy of the minutes of all Town Council meetings. The Chairman of the Town Council and the Town Clerk will sign two (2) copies of the approved minutes for public inspection. The Public Library will receive a signed copy of the minutes of all Council Meetings.
- IX. Meetings of the Board of Public Utilities; the Council will request that the Public Utilities Chairman arrange for a completed copy of the minutes of those meetings to be mailed to all Councilors immediately upon completion. It will be the responsibility of each individual councilor to determine whether any Council action is necessary and/or appropriate.
- X. The Comptroller will provide the members of the Council with a monthly financial report of all department budgets.
- XI. The investigatory powers of the Council will be exercised only by decision of The Council at a regular or special meeting, subject to the provisions of Chapter III, Section 10 of the Charter.

XII. Requirements regarding appointments:

A. Mayor's Appointments Requiring Council Confirmation:

- (1) A letter from the Mayor naming his/her appointment must be presented.
- (2) A letter from the person(s) receiving the appointment(s) indicating his/her/their availability and acceptance should accompany the Mayor's letter, but shall not be considered mandatory.

Any name submitted to and approved by the Council for confirmation:

B. Council appointments: A letter to the Council from all prospective nominees indicating a desire for appointment or reappointment **accompanied by an application form provided by the Council** will be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the date set for making such appointments. (This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Council). Any individual recommended to the Council for appointment or confirmation may be interviewed at the discretion and request of any Council member.

XIII. No correspondence shall be read at a meeting of the Council unless it is addressed to, or intended for, the Council and contains the written signature and address of the person who wrote it.

XIV. These rules may be amended by a vote of not less than five (5) of those members of the Council present at a regular meeting of the Council

XV. Consent Agenda:

Definition: A Consent Agenda is a separate listing from the regular agenda of a variety of items to be approved by one vote of the Town Council rather than specific votes on each item. There is no discussion or debate either by members of the Council or by the general public on Consent items. The opening motion on the Consent Agenda shall be to move the passage of the Consent Agenda. Upon being seconded, the final vote will be taken on the Consent Agenda, passage of which will be by a single vote for approval for all items

Procedure: **The Town Council Chairman shall delegate to one or more Councilors the preparation of the Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda shall contain a motion relative to all matters listed on the Agenda. Review by individual Councilors shall be as follows:

- (1) Agendas will be delivered the **Tuesday** evening prior to the meeting.
- (2) Each Councilor should review the entire Consent Agenda at his/her earliest convenience. Any problems or question that arise regarding an item on the Consent Agenda should first be taken up with the Department Head submitting the request or the mayor if a satisfactory answer is not obtained.

- (3) If, after following step (2) above, a Councilor still requires more information, he/she shall request that the item be removed from the Consent Agenda by notifying the Town Council secretary by Friday, at 4:30 P.M. Should the Town Council secretary be unavailable, the Town Clerk should be notified. The Town Council Chairman will also be available to all Councilors to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda in order for it to remain as intact as possible

XVI. Public Hearing Procedure -- Bonding Ordinances

1. Call the Public Hearing to Order
 - a) Call to order a Public Hearing to introduce an ordinance entitled, "(enter title of proposed ordinance)" and inform the public that copies of the proposed ordinance are on file and open to the public at the office of the town Clerk and at this meeting.
2. Motion to Dispense with Reading the Full Ordinance
 - a) A motion to dispense with the reading of the ordinance in full; that Section 1 of the proposed ordinance be read and that a copy of the complete ordinance be attached to the minutes of this meeting. (Make motion, second, roll call vote, read Section 1).
3. Motion to Adopt Proposed Ordinance
 - a) A motion that the ordinance entitled "(enter title of proposed ordinance)" be adopted (Make motion, second, roll call vote).

XVII. Decorum and Order: The meeting Chairman shall preserve decorum and decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the Council.

1. During Council meetings, Council members shall preserve order and decorum and shall neither by conversation or otherwise delay or interrupt the proceedings nor refuse to obey the orders of the meeting Chairman or the rules of the Council. Every Councilor desiring to speak shall address the Chair and, upon recognition by the Chair, shall confine himself/herself to the agenda item under discussion and shall avoid all personalities and improper language. A Councilor, once recognized, shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Chair or unless another member raises a point of order. All members of the Council shall accord the utmost courtesy to each other, to anyone appearing before the Council and to the members of the general public present at the meetings. They shall refrain at all times from rude or derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments and statement as to motives and personalities.
2. Members of the general public and those appearing before the Council to discuss an agenda item shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct as are applicable to members of the Council. Anyone desiring to address the Council shall be recognized by the Chair, shall speak into one of the microphones provided and shall begin by stating their name and address for the record. All remarks and questions shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member thereof unless authorized by the Chair. All remarks and questions addressed

to other Town officials or individuals appearing before the Council shall be done through the Chair. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall enter into any discussion either directly or through a member of the Council without the permission of the Chair.

Adopted:	January 14, 1964
Amended:	January 12, 1965
	February 15, 1966
	January 16, 1968
	January 5, 1970
	January 3, 1972
	January 7, 1974
	January 5, 1976
	January 10, 1978
	January 7, 1980
	January 4, 1982
	January 10, 1984
	April 24, 1990
	January 11, 1994
	January 23, 1996
	March 26, 1996
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	October 13, 1998
	January 11, 2000
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 26, 2002

6:30 P.M.

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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and Called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Toman & Vumbaco. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis M. Small and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the following document is a draft transcription of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. This summarized transcription is being filed with the Town Clerk to comply with F.O.I. guidelines. A detailed transcription will follow and will be filed as the permanent record of proceedings of the meeting.

ITEM #2 Correspondence

No items of correspondence were presented.

ITEM #3 Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#716-729) Totaling \$9,789.01 – Tax Collector

ITEM #3b Approve and Accept the Minutes of the February 13, 2002 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #3c Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor to Date

ITEM #3d Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #3e Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$600 from Straw Blower Acct. #001-5015-999-9949 to Continuing Education & Training Expenses Acct. #001-5015-501-5700 – Dept. of Public Works

ITEM #3f Consider and Approve a Grant in the Amount of \$478,450 for the Lyman Hall Vocational Agricultural Program as Requested by the Superintendent of Schools

ITEM #3g Consider and Approve Accepting a Grant in the Amount of \$10,046 from State Grant Revenues to Program Expenditures in the Bilingual Education Grant Budget of the Board of Education

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented, Items #3a-g, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Withdrawn

ITEM #12 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #12 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve Confirming One (1) Re-Appointment to the Public Utilities Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/05 –Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Richard Nun to the Position, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-1602-800-8300 to Unemployment Compensation Acct. #001-1602-600-8290 – Personnel

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in an Amount to be Determined to Fund An Arbitration Award for IAFF, Local 1326, Town of Wallingford Fire Fighters – Personnel

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

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ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #001-5010-101-1000 to AutoCADD Workstation and Software Licenses Acct. #001-5010-999-9906-00 – Engineering

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Final Report Out from the Comptroller on the Recent Town-Wide Revaluation Process

No Action Taken

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/2003

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Appoint Wm. Birney to the Position, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve Confirming Two (2) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Pension Commission, One Term Expiring 12/31/06 and One Term Expiring 12/31/07 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Fred Valenti and Vincent Santacroce, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve Confirming Three (3) Mayoral Re-Appointments to the Ethics Board for Terms Expiring 3/1/05 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Laurie Manke, G. Randolph Erskine as regular members and Jack Winkleman as an alternate member, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Entitled, “An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,285,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 93.72 Acres of Real Property Known as 991 East Center Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,285,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for

Such Purpose" – 7:45 P.M. (To correct an error the Record Journal made in publishing the notice of the public hearing)

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,285,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 93.72 Acres of Real Property Known as 991 East Center Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,285,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Appropriating \$510,000 for Park Improvements to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Community Lake Parks and the Garden Road Area and Authorizing the Issue of \$510,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose – 8:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$510,000 for Park Improvements to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Community Lake Parks and the Garden Road Area and Authorizing the Issue of \$510,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Toman.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #19 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placing of Nineteen (19) Markers in Dutton Park to Commemorate the Individual Civil War Dead from Wallingford as Requested by Councilor Gerald E. Farrell, Jr.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Withdrawn

ITEM #17 Withdrawn

ITEM #18 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of a Library Building Expansion Committee – Wlfd. Public Library Directors

No Action Taken

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Gary Linsley, 520 Ward Street Ext. spoke to the subject of revaluation. He stated that he has been observing the assessment appeal process very closely and, in his opinion, has found numerous errors and deficiencies with the recording of information. He feels that the Board of Assessment Appeals has violated CGS #12-111 with regards to signature requirements. He stated that the Board also violated the law by splitting up its three members who, in turn, conducted their own hearings with the public, separate and apart from each other, in separate offices. The public is unable to witness the public hearings; one person cannot be in three places at once. An appeal should be heard before the entire Board. It is public information and is available to the public and can be recorded. Mr. Linsley stated that the Board refused him the opportunity to record; refused him the opportunity to sit in on the process and listen.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Board let Mr. Linsley stand at the doorway and record.

Mr. Linsley replied that he was allowed to stand at the door, yes, but record, no.

Mr. Parisi asked, did they say you could stand at the doorway and record?

Mr. Linsley answered that he was allowed to stand in one doorway and could not possibly stand in three doorways at the same time.

Mr. Parisi stated that he had a letter in front of him which reads that Mr. Linsley was allowed to stand at the doorway and...

Mr. Linsley stated that a quorum is necessary to conduct a hearing. A hearing before one gentleman when there is three on the Board is not a quorum.

Mr. Linsley then referred to another property revaluation issue he has raised before. He stated that he has started to review field cards in the Assessor's Office pertaining to commercial, industrial and personal property. He found many items of interest. He had a meeting with the Town's Corporation Counselor, Assessor Jackson and another gentleman to discuss what he had found and his suggestions on how to correct the problems. Atty. Mantzaris asked for an example which Mr. Linsley supplied.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Linsley what it was that he wanted of the Council?

Mr. Linsley asked that everything be fair and equal. When he appears at a hearing, before the Board, that it be the entire Board. Some members of the public were granted a hearing before the entire Board...

Mr. Parisi answered, I didn't. I didn't have mine before the entire Board. I had two members of the Board; but I had one interviewing which I didn't even understand. I was in two rooms, maybe that's because I am the Chairman.

Mr. Linsley stated that Mr. Parisi was treated differently than he was.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Council had no authority to correct the situation.

Mr. Linsley stated that the Council has oversight; the ability to ask questions.

Mr. Parisi disagreed that the Council has oversight over the Board of Assessment Appeals. He stated that Mr. Linsley is coming to the wrong place with a complaint; to a board that has no jurisdiction at all, and he wants the Council to do something. He stated that Mr. Linsley belongs either in the Law Department or Mayor's Office, one or the other. The Mayor has the authority to deal with the issue, or the Town Attorney's Office; this Board does not.

Mr. Linsley next began discussing an ongoing problem he has been experiencing with the Public Utilities Commission. He stated that the minutes of the November 8th P.U.C. meeting were not turned in until November 22nd. The Town's Charter and State Statutes say that the PUC has five days to turn in the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Parisi interrupted to say that he was not going to entertain the discussion because the motions were filed, all except one meeting the motions were filed and those are acceptable. If Mr. Linsley checks with the Freedom of Information Commission they will tell him that it is proper procedure.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi if he would like the dates of those meeting minutes that were not filed correctly?

Mr. Parisi answered, no. The Town Attorney checked the Town Clerk's records and found that one meeting was not filed on time.

Mr. Linsley stated that he went back to 1985 and found that many of the minutes were not filed on time.

Mr. Parisi suggested that Mr. Linsley go to the Law Department with his information. He asked what he should do with the people from 1985...? The Statute of Limitations is gone.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi if he read a copy of the letter between....

Mr. Parisi interrupted to say no and that he was not going to entertain that discussion. He stated that if Mr. Linsley had something appropriate he would deal with it, otherwise he was going to call on someone else for the public question and answer period.

Mr. Linsley asked about Item #2, Correspondence, on the agenda. He asked, did Mr. Parisi have any correspondence this week or not?

Mr. Parisi answered, no, I didn't have any.

Mr. Linsley asked again.

Mr. Parisi answered, no.

Mr. Linsley asked whether it was brought up at the meeting whether the Council actually had correspondence or not?

Mr. Parisi answered, yes, I thought I asked for some.

Mr. Linsley asked, are you sure you did?

Mr. Parisi answered, yes.

Mr. Linsley asked, and the answer was no; there was no correspondence?

Mr. Parisi answered, we didn't have any.

Mr. Linsley stated that he differed with Mr. Parisi. He asked if the Council received a copy of a letter he held up.

Mr. Parisi answered, I don't know.

Mr. Linsley asked, did you get the F.O.I. receipt? You didn't get any of that, sir?

Mr. Parisi answered, I don't think I got an F.O.I., no.

Mr. Linsley asked, can we ask the secretary if it was given?

Mr. Parisi stated, I don't think we got an F.O.I. If we did, I didn't see it and if you tell me we did, I will take your word.

Kathryn Zandri, Town Council Secretary stated, I mailed out the letter to the Councilors. A letter was mailed out to the Council that Mr. Linsley delivered to the office that was putting the Council on notice that he was filing a Freedom of Information complaint.

Mr. Linsley asked, you didn't get a copy?

Mr. Parisi answered, I may have at home.

Mr. Linsley asked, all these letters that I send to all of you; all this information, never gets read into the record, is there some reason for that?

Mr. Parisi answered, none at all.

Mr. Linsley asked, why don't we read them into the record like we should?

Mr. Parisi answered, it doesn't always seem appropriate, quite frankly. They are not always items that fit within what we do.

Mr. Linsley stated, you have an item of correspondence.

Mr. Parisi answered, that's right and I decide what correspondence is correspondence. Just because you allege something does not mean that it is true. I have checked out a lot of things that you have alleged, sir, and, unfortunately, you have been extremely inaccurate.

Mr. Linsley asked Mr. Parisi to show him one instance.

Mr. Parisi refused. He stated that he has set up meetings for Mr. Linsley and have attended them but Mr. Linsley does not want to comply with the ground rules. He stated that he was

finished and would call someone else to the microphone because the Public Q&A was going to be over within about three minutes.

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville inquired about the Tyler Mill Road area being blocked off from the public on Maltby Lane and Woodhouse Avenues.

Mayor Dickinson stated that it was blocked because it was the most popular dumping area.

Additional discussion ensued and will be included in the final transcription of the minutes.

ITEM #20 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 11:49 P.M.

All councilors, Mayor Dickinson and Atty. Small were present in Executive Session.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council exited executive session at 11:56 P.M.

ADDENDUM ITEM #21

Discussion and Possible Action on Adopting the Town Council Meeting Procedures

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to remove the last sentence in Section 1 that reads, "All Town Council subcommittee meetings, with the exception of the Merit Review subcommittee, must take place at or after 6:00 P.M.", seconded by Mr. Brodinsky.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Toman to remove the words, "will occur after the acceptance of the Consent Agenda and" from the 3rd sentence in Section III that begins with the words, "The Public Question and Answer Period...", seconded by Mr. Toman.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to change the fourth sentence in Section III to read, "twenty (20) minutes", seconded by Ms. Doherty.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Doherty to change the last sentence in Section V, B. to read, "The Town Council Secretary will have the finished agenda material (a) available for delivery by the evening of the Wednesday prior to the next meeting.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to change the words "placed on any" to the words, "considered for" in the second sentence of Section VI., seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky, Papale and Vumbaco, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to remove the words, "accompanied by an application form provided by the "Council"" from the first sentence of Section XII, B., seconded by Ms. Doherty.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Toman to remove the first sentence of Section XV, paragraph entitled, "Procedure" which reads, "The Town Council Chairman shall delegate to one or more Councilors the preparation of the Consent Agenda.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Doherty to change Section XV, paragraph entitled, "Procedure", sentence numbered (1) to read, "Agendas will be delivered the Wednesday evening prior to the meeting.", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

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Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

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Town Council Secretary

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