

Town Clerk

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 23, 2006

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi Called the Meeting to Order at 6:40 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Lois Doherty, Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present. Gerald E. Farrell, Jr. was absent due to the birth of his daughter, and Vincenzo M. Di Natale was out of Connecticut. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 6:44 P.M.

There was a Moment of Silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Roll was taken.

2. Correspondence

Mr. Knight read an email to the Town Council from Major Eloise Hudd, Health Director of the Town of Wallingford, who is stationed in Iraq. He read an announcement from Joan Barbuto regarding the Connecticut Coalition for Parenting Education Connecticut campaign.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#645- #659) totaling \$10,227.77 Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$4,000 to Utilities – Traffic Signals Acct # 001-5010-201-2010 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct # 001-5010-101-1000 - Engineering
- 3c. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Office Expenses and Supplies Acct # 001-7010-401-4000 from Meetings/Dues/Seminars Acct # 001-7010-701-7990 – Planning and Zonin

- 3d.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,500 to Continuing Education & Training Expenses Acct # 001-2030-501-5700 from Other Pay \$3,500 Acct # 001-2030-101-1700 and from Purchased Services – Physicals \$2,000 Acct. # 001-2030-901-9012
– Fire Department
- 3e.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$21,350 from Regular Wages Acct # 001-2005-101-1000 to Gas & Oil \$13,400 Acct # 001-2005-300-3000 and to Natural Gas & Electricity \$5,450 Acct. # 001-2005-201-2010 and to Telephone \$2,500 Acct. # 001-2005-201-2000
– Police Department
- 3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$6,000 to Replacement Pay Acct # 001-2005-201-2010 from General Wages Acct. # 001-2005-101-1000 – Police Department
- 3g.** Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$78,675 to Appropriation from Retained Earnings – Cash and to various accounts – Water Division
- 3h.** Consider and Approve a Budget Transfer/Amendment in the Amount of \$13,500 to Chemical Expense Acct # 431-8640-641 from five various accounts – Water Division
- 3i.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$4,200 to Maintenance of Hydrants Acct # 431-8660-677 from Outside Services Acct # 431-8920-923– Water Division
- 3j.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$22,300 to Power Purchased for Pumping Acct # 461-8620-623 from Chemical Expense \$13,000 Acct # 461-8640-641 and from Sludge Disposal Acct. # 461-8640-645 - Sewer Division
- 3k.** Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$70,000 to Misc. Expense Acct #461-8640-643 and to Appropriation from Retained Earnings - Cash - Sewer Division
- 3l.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$3,800 to Pumping Labor and Exp. \$550 Acct # 461-8620-624 to Operating Labor and Exp. \$2,200 Acct. # 461-8640-642 and to Admin. & Gen Salaries \$1,050 Acct. # 461-8920-920 from Sludge Disposal Acct # 461-8640-645
- Sewer Division

- 3m. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$10,000 to Injuries and Damages Acct # 461-8920-925 from Maint. of Transmission Collection System Acct # 461-8661-673 - Sewer Division
- 3n. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$3,750 to Outside Services Acct. # 461-8920-923 from Sludge Disposal Acct. # 461-8640-645 - Sewer Division
- 3o. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$550 to Misc. Expenses Acct # 461-8620-626 from Customer Records & Collection Acct # 461-8900-903 - Sewer Division
- 3p. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$176,737 to Various Accounts in the Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau with respect to collective bargaining from Contingency – Accrual Exp Acct # 001-7060-800-3230, FY 2006-2007 - Personnel
- 3q. Approve Town Council minutes of May 9, 2006.
- 3r. Approve Special Town Council Meeting minutes of April 25, 2006.
- 3s. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and File Application with the State Department of Education for a Youth Service Bureau Grant for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 – Youth and Social Service
- 3t. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement "Project Grant Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Wallingford under the Local Bridge Program for Williams Road over the Muddy River, Bridge No. 148033 - Engineering (*Previously approved by the Town Council 7/13/04*)
- 3u. Set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2006 for 7:00 P.M. for Neighborhood Assistance – Program Planning

CONSENT AGENDA ADDENDUM

- 3v. Consider and Approve the appointment of Mr. John Cei to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Carol Hayden – Democratic Town Committee
- 3w. Consider and Approve the endorsement of Mr. James Vitali to another term on the Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Wallingford - Democratic Town Committee

- 3x. Consider and Approve a \$1,500 transfer from Contingency Account No. 001-7060-800-3190 to Contribution Fuel Crisis Account No. 001-3070-600-6810 to cover emergency fuel assistance through June 30, 2006 – Don Roe

Mr. Knight made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a. through 3u and Consent Agenda Addendum items 3v through 3x. Ms. Doherty seconded.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent. The motion passed.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

The Town Clerk swore in Mr. John Cei to the Board of Education.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville, asked the Council to consider setting aside land for turkeys and their colleagues following his "talk" with the turkey in his yard. Tom Bruno, 184 East Street, asked about the Power Plant. Mr. Melillo also asked about Community Lake and flooding. Phil Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street, congratulated Jerry Farrell on the birth of his daughter and asked about Simpson Pond, which is owned by Carabetta.

6. Report Out from the Town Planner and the Law Department on the Status of the Simpson School Project – Councilor Mike Brodinsky

Mr. Brodinsky said that he would like a summary on what is happening or not happening with the Simpson School property, which is under contract to a developer. He said that with the warm weather that nothing seems to be happening with the property, and he has had calls regarding this lack of activity on the property. He asked what are the issues before Planning and Zoning Commission or other commissions and has it been moving along and what is the forecast for the timing and has the project been changed at all or is there anything in particular holding it up or not when might the shovel go into the ground. He said that since the Wallingford Town Council is responsible for real estate transactions that it is appropriate for the Council to get this report. He said that he was not successful in getting this report. He said that he talked with the Town Planner who said that it is in the process of public hearing and she would come to give a report out after the public hearing. He said that that perhaps a report out would be at a June meeting, and that the Planning and Zoning

Commission public hearing for the Simpson School project is June 12.
He said that for now the property is under contract and has not closed.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property
– Mayor

Withdrawn

8. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to collective bargaining – Personnel

Mr. Knight made a motion go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to collective bargaining as presented by Personnel.
Ms. Papale seconded.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent. The motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

Mr. Knight made a motion come out of Executive Session. Ms. Papale seconded.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent. The motion passed.

The Council exited Executive Session at 7:20 P.M.

Attendance at the Executive Session included:
Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rascati and Testa;
Mayor Dickinson, Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr.; Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director and James Hutt, Assistant Personnel Director

9. Discussion and Action regarding ratification of a tentative IBEW Local 457 Non-Hazard Pension Agreement as discussed in Executive Session
– Personnel

Mr. Knight made a motion to ratify the tentative UPSEU 424-16 Non-Hazard Pension Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Testa seconded.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent. The motion passed.

10. Presentation by Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) on the Alfred Pierce Plant Project – Raymond Smith, Utilities

Presentation was made by:
Ray Smith, P.U.C. Director
David Gessert, P.U.C. Chairman
Maurice Scully, Executive Director, CMEEC
Gabe Stern, Project Director, CMEEC
Phil Sussler, Esq., CMEEC Legal Counsel

Also in attendance:
Richard Hendershot, Electric Division, General Manager
Mike Anderson, TRC Environmental
Ray Racine, Waldron Associates

There were introductions and an overview was given. Ray Smith, P.U.C., Director, gave an update on the project of re-utilizing the Pierce Station as a power plant again.

Mr. Stern explained the drawing of the building and its changes. He reviewed the components – turbines, stack, sound wall, oil tank, and generators. He spoke about easements, schedule and lease documents and that to get the plant online there is a 322-day process once the lease is approved. He said that he expects it to be in service the summer of 2007.

Mr. Testa asked about the sound wall and the large engine and that he is concerned with noise. Mr. Stern said that their intent is to not introduce any noise into the neighborhood. Ms. Doherty asked about the size and cost of the oil tank, and if there was a DEP permit. There is a permit and the design was discussed with the DEP. There was discussion about #2 fuel oil, natural gas and emissions. There were questions regarding start up in a blackout, ISO, interconnectivity and cost to ratepayers over 10 or 15 years. They talked about insurance including liability for leaks and other environmental issues. It was acknowledged that the contract is not complete and that it is the lynchpin to moving forward.

11. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6)(E), 1-210 (b) (5) (B) and (7) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding the prospective public supply contracts – Raymond Smith, Utilities

Withdrawn

12. Consider and Approve two contracts as discussed in Executive Session.

12a) CMEEC Contract for the Sale of Pierce Project Electric Power and Energy to the Town of Wallingford

12b) Lease by and between the Town of Wallingford and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC)

Mr. Knight made a motion to Approve *in concept* both

(1) the CMEEC Contract for the Sale of Pierce Project Electric Power and Energy to the Town of Wallingford and

(2) the Lease by and between the Town of Wallingford and CMEEC with the understanding that completed contracts will be reviewed and approved by the Town Council.

Ms. Papale seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brodinsky – yes; Doherty – yes; Knight – yes;

Papale – yes; Rascati – yes; Testa – yes; Parisi - yes

7 yes; 2 absent (*Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent.*)

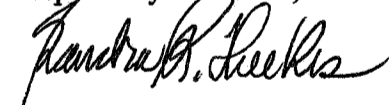
The motion passed.

Ms. Rascati made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Doherty seconded the motion.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. *Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent.* The motion passed.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M. P.M.

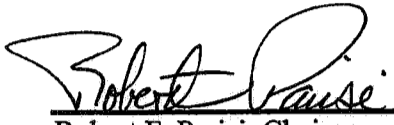
Respectfully submitted,




Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary

Meeting recorded by Sandra R. Weekes

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman


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