

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2007

6:30 P.M.

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Vice Chairman Stephen W. Knight Called the Meeting to Order at 6:40 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Assistant Town Clerk Mary Beth Trautman were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Lois Doherty, Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Rosemary Rascati and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Vincenzo M. DiNatale Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., and Chairman Robert F. Parisi were absent respectively due to family matters, out-of-state business and illness. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

A Moment of Silence began the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Roll Call was taken.

2. Correspondence

Ms. Rascati read a letter from Frank Ricci, Director of Fire Services, ConnectiCOSH praising the performance of four Fire Fighters during an Occupational Safety and Health Medical Study in conjunction with Yale University, School of Medicine, that included Fire Fighters from many locations in Connecticut and the nation. The study evaluated the Last Chance Rescue Filter. *(The letter is part of the permanent record of the meeting.)*

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#308- #342) totaling \$6,722.15  
Acct. #001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Acceptance of PPL Wallingford Energy LLC Grant \$3,500 – Fire Chief
- 3c. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$3,500 to PPL Wallingford Energy Grant Acct # 001-1075-070-7042 and to Classroom Upgrade Acct # 001-2030-999-9051 – Fire Chief
- 3d. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$160.00 to Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000 – Youth and Social Services

- 3e. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$247.00 to Donations Acct # 226-1042-701-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 226-3070-611-65 00 – Youth and Social Services
- 3f. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$65,000 to Loss on Disposition of Plant Acct 411-7 from Appropriation from Retained Earnings – Electric Division
- 3g. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file and application and enter into a Contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for \$2,000 to secure ancillary supplies needed to support a mass-dispensing Clinic – Health Department
- 3h. *Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Safety for FY 2006 STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 – Fire Chief*  
  
*Removed by Councilor Brodinsky.*
- 3i. Consider and Approve a Non-Discrimination Certification for STEAP Grant – Fire Chief
- 3j. Reappointment of Robert Prentice to the Wallingford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a 5-year term expiring 10/31/2012 – Chairman Robert Parisi

Ms. Rascati made a motion to accept consent agenda items 3a. –3g. and 3i. to 3j.  
Ms. Doherty seconded.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 3h. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Safety for FY 2006 STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 – Fire Chief

Ms. Rascati read Chief Struble's letter to the Mayor dated 10/24/07.

Mr. Brodinsky asked for comments on this item. Mayor Dickinson said that the grant can be used for land, design and construction in the Northeast part of the town. He referred to the Addendum and said that land on Rt. 68 has been looked at and that the location and the design will be decided within the next year.

Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive, asked about the town-owned land on Rt. 68. The Mayor said that the Fire Department said that it is unsuitable even considering landscaping.

Phil Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street, requested that nothing over a certain dollar amount should go on the agenda.

Ms. Rascati made a motion to accept consent agenda item 3h. to Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Safety for FY 2006 STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 as requested by the Fire Chief.

Ms. Doherty seconded.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

#### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

The following people spoke at the Public Session:

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, asked about the meeting with PUC and Cytex. The Mayor said that it is an open workshop and that the subject will come up again.

Kathryn Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, asked questions regarding the bidding process and paid taxes. She stated that Department heads sign an agreement to accept no gifts in relation the bidding process and in bid waivers. She said that she wants a new policy of a statement.

Peter Wasilewski referred to a letter dated 1997 concerning the funeral home on North Main Street Extension. He talked about \$149,000 that the town paid to an engineering firm with regard to the North Main Street Extension location and that he cannot locate documents related to the payment.

Phil Wright, Sr. 160 Cedar Street, commented on the excellent Veteran's Day Service and complimented Councilor Knight, Mayor Dickinson and David Gessert for their words at the service.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked about the re-appointment of Robert Prentice to the Wallingford Housing Authority and how people learn of openings on boards and commissions. Councilors Knight and Papale recounted the history of appointments.

Lucille Trzcinski, Turnberry Court, referred to the 1997 engineering contract that the town held and why the town paid \$149,000 for work that was essentially not completed. She said that she likes to see town healthcare on the agenda.

Jesse Reynolds, 850 Old Durham Road, commented on the lack of shade at the town's playscape at Doolittle Park. He requested that canopies be installed.

6. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,000 to Professional Services Acct # 001—5010-901-9040 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct # 001-5010-101-1000 – Engineering

Ms. Rascati read the letter from the Town Engineer, John Thompson, to the Mayor. She made a motion to approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,000 to Professional Services Account from Regular Salaries and Wages Account as submitted by Engineering. Ms. Doherty seconded.

Mr. Testa asked if the funds have been spent. Mr. Thompson said that the account has about \$5,000 and is not overspent. Mr. Wasilewski asked how much was appropriated for the year.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

7. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Wallingford for the Engineering, Design, Construction, Inspection and Maintenance Required in Conjunction with the Replacement of the West Dayton Hill Road Bridge" – Engineering

Ms. Rascati read the Resolution and the letter from the Town Engineer to the Mayor. Ms. Rascati moved approval of the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Wallingford for the Engineering, Design, Construction, Inspection and Maintenance Required in Conjunction with the Replacement of the West Dayton Hill Road Bridge" as requested by Engineering. Ms. Doherty seconded.

Discussion addressed the history of the Christian Street Bridge and how it differs from the West Dayton Hill Bridge project.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

8. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver for the services of George Cotter, P.E.  
- Engineering.

Ms. Rascati read the item and the memo from the Town Engineer to the Mayor. She made a motion to approve a Bid Waiver for the services of George Cotter, P.E.

Mr. Thompson said the Purchase Order with Cotter is not to exceed \$3,000 but if it does he would like to have a bid waiver in place. Mr. Wasilewski questioned using Mr. Cotter's services because of a conflict of interest. Mr. Farrell, Jr. said that he does not see it as a conflict

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

9. Discussion of Health Care Benefits – Councilor Vincent Testa

This item will be taken up at the December 11 Town Council meeting.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on the future of the Wooding Caplan Development area – Town Council

Mayor Dickinson said in response to the question regarding status of the Police Department consultant that an individual will be selected within the next two weeks.

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

*Withdrawn*

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

Consider and Approve Conveyance of State of Connecticut property located on Barnes Road (Route 68) to the Town of Wallingford – Mayor

Ms. Rascati moved to approve Conveyance of State of Connecticut property located on Barnes Road (Route 68) to the Town of Wallingford as requested by the Mayor.

Mr. Testa asked if the adjoining property was privately owned and the Mayor responded that it was.

There were no questions or comments from the rest of the Council or from the public.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

Ms. Rascati a motion, seconded by Ms. Doherty, to adjourn.

Six Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. Dinatale, Mr. Farrell and Chairman Parisi were absent from the meeting.

The motion passed.

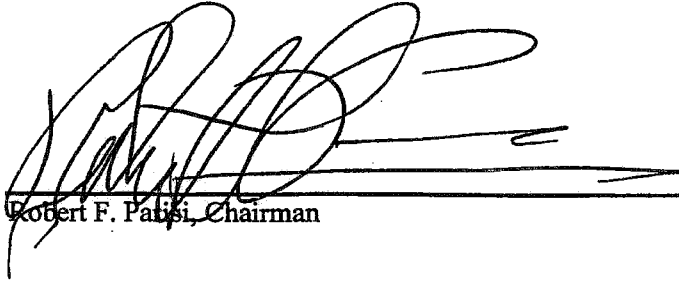
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary

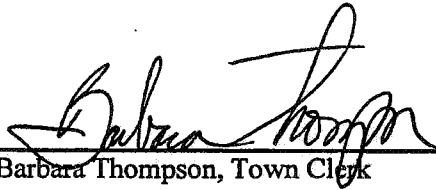
Meeting recorded by Sandra R. Weekes



Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

11-16-07

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

12-17-07

Date