

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
August 15, 2023
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta Samuel Carmody, Vincent Testa Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Brian Naples, Assistant Comptroller, Town Attorney, Gerald Farrell, Sr., and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1,467.35 (#7-#17)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve Merit Reviews (2) – Human Resources
- 3c. Consider and approve use of Parade Grounds for Celebrate Wallingford on October 7th and 8th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday – Wallingford Center, Inc./ Chairman Cervoni
- 3d. Consider and approve First Congregational Church’s use of a section of the Parade Grounds on Sunday, September 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Catch the Spirit Day – Chairman Cervoni
- 3e. Consider and approve acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety grant entitled FY 2023 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,464 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3f. Consider and approve acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety grant entitled 2023 Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,652 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3g. Consider and approve acceptance of donation from Fairfield Inn & Suites and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to Revenue Donations - Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
- 3h. Consider and approve acceptance of Federal Taskforce overtime funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,061 to Misc. Revenue – Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police-Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

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- 3i. Consider and approve acceptance of donation from the Wallingford Dog Lovers Association for construction and installation of two watering fountains at Dog Park – project valued at \$11,000 – Recreation
- 3j. Consider and approve donation from Choate Rosemary Hall of a used 55” monitor on a stand with an estimated value of \$600 – Mayor
- 3k. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$152 from Code Compliance, Acct. #10040050-56816 to Transportation, Acct. #10040050-55110 – (FY 22-23) - Health Dept.
- 3l. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from Contingency Fund, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Dues & Fees, Acct. #10010700-58810 – P&Z
- 3m. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$300 from Continued Education and Training, Acct. #10011100-55700 to Office Expense & Supplies, Acct. #10011100-56100 (FY 22-23) – Conservation Commission
- 3n. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$75.00 from Liability Insurance, Acct. #43100925 to Property Insurance, Acct. #43100924 – Water Div.
- 3o. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$20,200 from Liability Insurance, Acct. #46100925 to Property Insurance, Acct. #46100924 – Sewer Div.
- 3p. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,686 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Admin-Property Insurance, Acct. #924 – Electric Div.
- 3q. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,600 from Retained Earnings, Acct. N/A to Outside Services Employed, Acct. #43100923 – Sewer Div.
- 3r. Consider and approve regarding Acceptance of State Grant (NIPS fund) and Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25,350 – Public Works
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| \$27,290 | From: Revenue-State Grants | Acct. #2502002-45114 |
| \$25,350 | To: Exp. - Regular Salaries & Wages | Acct. #25030000-51000 |
| \$ 1,940 | To: Exp. - FICA/Medicare | Acct. #25030000-52100 |
- 3s. Consider and approve acceptance of donation from the Wallingford Rotary Foundation for client assistance and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,104 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3t. Consider and approve acceptance of donation of four E-bikes from Wallingford Electric Bike, Badboyz, LLC – Police Dept.
- 3u. Consider and approve Bid Waiver Request for Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) for up to \$285,000 to purchase a new Frazer Ambulance built on a 2024 F-450 Diesel 4-

wheel drive cab and chassis for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, EMS Transport Division – Fire Dept.

- 3v. Consider and approve Appropriation for ARPA Business Grants: - Comptroller

\$45,897	To: Revenue-Federal Grant	Acct. #2391002-45200
	To: ARPA- Businesses	Acct. #23940250-58830
\$25,000	To: Supercuts Wallingford	Acct. #AB050
6,000	To: Rental Housing Property	Acct. #AB051
14,897	To: Posh Coiffure Salon	Acct. #AB052

- 3w. Consider and approve Reappointment of Ali McKeen as an Alternate on the Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourse Commission for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3x. Consider and approve Appointment of James Quarello to fill a vacancy on the Maintenance Committee – Councilor Zandri
- 3y. Consider and approve Revision to Job Description for Administrative Grants Technician – Human Resources
- 3z. Approve Town Council Minutes of July 11, 2023.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a, 3c-3u.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Item 3b.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
VOTE: 8 AYE, 1 ABSTAINED
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3w-3y, 3z.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross asked questions about the ARPA money still available to use.

Jesses Reynolds asked about the Fair Rent Ordinance and if there was an updates on approving it.

6. Executive Session pursuant to CGS 1-200(6)(B) regarding pending litigation with respect to the Workers' Compensation claim settlement of Colleen Vandal, Para educator, Board of Education – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE to approve to go into Executive Session.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: ALL AYE

MOTION: PASSED

7. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending Workers' Compensation claim of Colleen Vandal, Para educator, Board of Education – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE to approve to end the Executive Session and go back to the Regular Meeting.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

VOTE: ALL AYE

MOTION: PASSED

8. Consider Pension Increase for Retirees in the amount of 3% effective with September 15, 2023 payroll – Human Resources

Jim Hutt Human resources director explained that the pension increase has not taken place since 2020 and that the increase happens once every three years.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve to Item #8.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

VOTE: ALL AYE

MOTION: PASSED

9. Consider and approve Bid Waiver for Athletic Trainer Services – BOE
This item was taken off of the agenda.

10. Report out from Maintenance Committee – Councilor Zandri

Jason Michael, Chairman of the Maintenance Committee explained a power point presentation that he had created going over certain parks and town building that are in need of repair. The presentation included Wallace Park, Doolittle Park, Center Street Cemetery, Train Station interior and exterior and Town Hall interior and exterior.

Riley O’Connell mentioned steps that the Council can take to get these repairs done sooner than later.

11. Discussion and Possible action on a formal request from the Town Council to the Administration to immediately authorize the rebidding of the Community Pool renovation project – Councilor Testa

Bob Gross asked about ARPA money and if there is any money left over for the Community Pool Project.

Jason Michael talked about the park next to the pool being closed and asked why the park is closed. He mentioned that it is useable so why should it be closed just because the pool is not in use.

Riley O’Connell stated that he hoped that Council votes on the action to rebid the pool project.

MOTION WAS MADE that the Town Council approve a resolution formally requesting that the Administration immediately order and authorize the rebidding of the Community Pool Renovation Project utilizing the previous bid specifications.

**MADE BY: TESTA
SECONDED BY: CARMODY
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

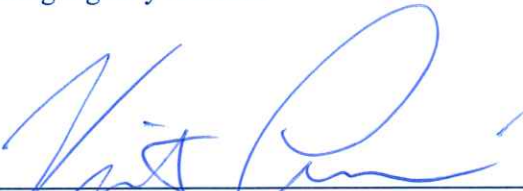
MOTION WAS MADE to end the meeting

**MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

26 SEPT. 2023

Date



Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Sept. 26, 2023

Date