

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers

**NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

**6:30 P.M.**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 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, Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell Sr. , and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

Moment of Silence

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$14,328.98 (#380-#404)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
  - 3b. Merit Increase (1) – Human Resources
  - 3c. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant funds to enforce distracted driving laws and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,827 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
  - 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$8,400 – Public Works
 

\$8,400	From: Regular Salaries & Wages	Acct. # 10030000-51000
\$7,750	To: Large Format Copier/Scanner	Acct.# TBD
\$ 650	To: Office Expenses & Supplies	Acct. #10030000-56100
  - 3e. Budget Amendment FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$49,000 – Electric Division
  - 3f. Consider and approve Acceptance of grant funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$107,789 from Revenue, Acct. #224-TBD to Exp., Acct. #224-TBD – Health Dept.

- 3g. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. to enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$107,789 and designate Director of Health as administrator of the program for the purpose of overseeing and implementing all activities related to the Grant – Health Dept.
- 3h. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents for the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the FFY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$24,380 – Fire Dept.
- 3i. Consider and approve Appointment of Jane Fisher as a Full Member on the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 - Mayor
- 3j. Consider and approve Appointment of Maria Harlow as an Alternate Member of the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 – Mayor
- 3k. Consider and approve Reappointment of Frank Stellato as a Member of the Wallingford Housing Authority for a five year term effective immediately and expiring October 31, 2028 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Approve Town Council Minutes of November 14, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent items 3a-3l.  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: MARRONE  
MOTION: PASSED**

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Anthony Cavallar spoke about being concerned about the increase in motor vehicle thefts and stolen vehicles. He wants the Town Council to allocate more resources to help address the issues.

6. Budget Appropriation FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$280,000 – Electric Div.

Jim Hutt, Human resources Director spoke about this topic. He explained the contracts.

7. Red Ribbon Week Campaign/Y&SS and Coalition for a Better Wallingford

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #7.  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON  
MOTION: PASSED**

Diane Marks Executive Director spoke about the Ribbon Week and what the events taking place where for that week.

Members of the public spoke out about this item.

8. Appropriations for ARPA Non-Profit Grant: Coalition for a Better Wallingford \$50,000 – Law Dept.
9. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution regarding Wallingford’s Historic Railroad Station, and issuance of an RFP regarding its revitalization and restoration as a publicly usable, inviting space in our downtown – Councilor Fishbein
10. Discussion and possible action regarding rebid of the existing specifications on the Community Pool at a cost of approximately \$69,000 - Councilor Testa

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AT 4:00 P.M. AND RECEIVED BY  
Kristen Panzo TOWN CLERK