

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 13, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Gina Morgenstein was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cervoni reads announcement regarding the rules of tonight's meeting.

2. Roll Call

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$23,169.77 (#147-221)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector

3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,284 from Maint. of Bld., Acct.  
#10030000-54315 to Capital Account, Acct. # - TBD - Public Works

3c. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant FY 2020 Distracted Driving High  
Visibility Enforcement Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the  
amount of \$20,741 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police  
Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

3d. Acceptance of Grant from FM Global and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in  
the amount of \$4,000 to Revenue Account Grant, Acct. #TBD and to Expense Account  
Grant, Acct. #TBD – Fire Marshal

3e. Acceptance of Workforce Alliance funds for Summer Youth Employment Program and  
consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$13,058 to Revenue, Acct.  
#2274002-47010 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22702020-51000 – Y&SS

3f. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 22, 2020.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3f.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

**VOTE: ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: *None***

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:37 p.m.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, pointed out we are still in a pandemic with no vaccine and there are five schools with COVID outbreaks. He then told his story of having bypass surgery in June. He remarked that P&Z is looking at a large meeting coming up with Bristol Meyers. He does not feel he should be here and stated he does not believe this decision was made lightly. He noted we have the ability to do both, virtual and live, and he feels we should. He stated that's all he has to say and he will leave and go home from here.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:45 p.m.

6. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$604,500 (FY 2020-2021) – Electric Div.

In Attendance: *Tony Buccheri, General Manager, Electric Division*  
*Thomas Sullivan, Office Manager, Electric Division*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Mr. Buccheri stated we are here to seek a budget amendment back into retained earnings.

Councilor Fishbein questioned if records expense has overtime costs in it. Mr. Buccheri stated yes and went on to say that is for our customer representatives who maintain our customer phone service line.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN: ABSENT</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>8-AYE</b>	
<b>1-ABSENT</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

Mr. Sullivan explained that straight time, overtime and supplies are in that line.

7. Update on COVID-19 from Stephen Civitelli, Health Director

Mr. Civitelli provided an update and indicated there are 600 cases in town currently. Community cases are at 68% and nursing home cases are at 30%. There were 33 cases in September, 20 cases in October and 12,444 tested in town. Most cases are related to gatherings or family events. He mentioned that Phase III reopening started. Mr. Civitelli announced he was invited to sit on the vaccine task force.

Chairman Cervoni congratulated Mr. Civitelli.

Councilor Shortell asked Mr. Civitelli if he felt things were under control. Mr. Civitelli said the state is trying to set thresholds and we will be on our own travel advisory.

Councilor Shortell asked if there is something brewing in the school system. Mr. Civitelli answered no then stated it's very familial related and we can trace it all.

Councilor Tatta asked what nursing homes the fatalities happened in. Mr. Civitelli stated Quinnipiac Valley. Councilor Tatta asked if the state is controlling that portion. Mr. Civitelli explained if the facility goes 14 days with no positive cases then they will test every 30 days. He feels with cases going up they will still test every 14 days.

Councilor Zandri remarked that from April until now we have had far fewer testing. He feels we have better testing capabilities now.

Chairman Cervoni remarked to Mr. Civitelli it's pretty clear that you are living up to your position and then told him the time and effort he puts into it is greatly appreciated.

8. 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

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL  
VOTE: ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO 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.**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:58 P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL  
VOTE: ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

**Time of Executive Session 7:30 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

<b>FISHBEIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>LAFFIN</b>	<b>ASST. TOWN ATTORNEY GEOFFREY EINHORN</b>
<b>MARRONE</b>	
<b>SHORTELL</b>	
<b>TATTA</b>	
<b>TESTA</b>	
<b>ZANDRI</b>	
<b>CERVONI</b>	

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
MADE BY: SHORTELL  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
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Vincent Cervoni/BT \_\_\_\_\_ 11/4/20  
 Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

Barbara Thompson \_\_\_\_\_ 11/4/20  
 Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date