

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY  
October 26, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 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 Craig Fishbein, Gina Morgenstein, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilors Laffin and Testa were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,320.37 (#399-432)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,900 – Sewer Division
- 3c. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$24,000 from Retained Earnings to General Plant-Office Furniture & Equipment, Acct. #391- Electric Div.
- 3d. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$26,000 from Retained Earnings to General Plant-Transportation Equipment, Acct. #392 – Electric Div.
- 3e. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$105,000 – Electric Div.
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| \$105,000 | From: Retained Earnings                | Acct. # N/A |
| \$ 400    | To: Transmission-Load Dispatching      | Acct. #561  |
| \$ 2,800  | To: Distribution-Load Dispatching      | Acct. #581  |
| \$ 97,400 | To: Distribution Maint. Overhead Lines | Acct. #593  |
| \$ 1,900  | To: Customer Records Expense           | Acct. #903  |
| \$ 2,500  | To: Employee Pension & Benefits        | Acct. #926  |
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$12,320 from Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds, Acct. #10030000-54315 to New Capital Account Fencing-Cardinal Drive, Acct. #10030000-57000 – TBD – Public Works
- 3g. Consider and Approve the appointment of David Parent to fill the current vacancy of Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission with a 3 year term expiring January 8, 2022 – Chairman Cervoni

- 3h. Consider and Approve the appointment of Jeffrey Necio to the open position of Alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission with a 3 year term expiring March 1, 2023 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3i. Consider and approve the appointment of Barbara Geary to the open position of Tenant Commissioner on the Wallingford Housing Authority with a 5 year term expiring March 1, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Consider and approve Interlocal Sanitary Sewer Lateral Connection “Property Owner Agreement” and the “Cheshire/Wallingford Agreement” for a single family residence at 1525 Tuttle Avenue, Cheshire – Water & Sewer Div.
- 3k. Approve Town Council Minutes of October 12, 2021.

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

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

- 4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: *None***
- 5. Public Question & Answer Period

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, inquired about the ARPA consultant. The Mayor indicated we received one bid and we will be interviewing and making a decision. Mr. Gross said no decisions have been made and no money has been spent. The Mayor explained we need a consultant to make sure everything is done properly.

Mr. Gross asked if Wallingford received money from the CARES Act. The Mayor answered yes.

- 6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Wallingford Para-educators (UE LOCAL 222 CILU/CIPU and its sub local CILU #75, THE UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA – BOE

*In Attendance: Danielle Bellizzi, Superintendent, BOE  
Fran Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, BOE*

Mr. Thompson presented the new 3 year contract for the Para-educators Union.

Councilor Fishbein is happy to see the portion at the end “best interest”. He asked if the intent is to keep uniformity. Mr. Thompson answered yes. Councilor Fishbein then asked if this is a process that parents weigh in on and Mr. Thompson answered yes.

Chairman Cervoni stated this contract will go into effect in 30 days.

7. Discussion and Action regarding Agreement between Aileen Stevens and Scott M. Stevens and the Town of Wallingford for sale of a portion of 264 Williams Road (95.281 acres) at a purchase price of \$750,000 – Law Dept. - **Withdrawn**
8. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing to consider and act on an Ordinance Appropriating \$810,000 for the Purchase of approximately 95.281 acres of 264 Williams Road for Open Space and Authorizing the issue of \$810,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose. - **Withdrawn**
9. Presentation from the Coalition for a Better Wallingford and Wallingford Youth and Social Services Department regarding Red Ribbon Week – Chairman Cervoni

*In Attendance: Ken Welch, President, Coalition  
Jessie DePonte, Acting Director, Coalition  
Marion Gracey, Youth & Social Services*

Mr. Welch spoke about Red Ribbon week and noted it started Saturday, October 23rd with drug take back day. The event was at the Wallingford Police Station where residents could drop off their unused prescription drugs and Neil's Donuts provided refreshments. He mentioned tonight's Narcan training was cancelled and that they have Narcan at the Coalition at all times. He went on to state the number of people that are using has increased and the age is maturing. The events will be ending Thursday with a Red Ribbon ceremony and a recovery vigil.

Ms. DePonte wanted to share what they have been working on. She mentioned the Hope and Support Group, the Bereavement Group, middle school, high school and after school programs. She also pointed out their participation in town-wide events and selling Life is Good T-shirts at the storefront.

Chairman Cervoni asked about quarterly meetings with clergy, family, local government, media, SCOW Veterans, etc.

Chairman Cervoni thanked the Coalition for their perseverance and hard work and commented that it was interesting the age of overdose deaths going up.

Ms. Gracey stated the Coalition is a wonderful asset to the community and the world.

12. 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 7:15 P.M.**

**MADE BY: SHORTELL  
SECONDED BY: MORGENSTEIN  
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.

**Time of Executive Session: 7:15 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

<b>FISHBEIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>MARRONE</b>	<b>TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN</b>	<b>MIKE MILLER, CHAIR, CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>
<b>SHORTELL</b>	<b>JEFFREY BORNE, COMMUNITY LAKE RESTORATION</b>
<b>TATTA</b>	<b>COMMISSION</b>
<b>ZANDRI</b>	
<b>CERVONI</b>	

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.**

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

13. Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-225(f), §7-232a, §1-200(6)(E), §1-201(b)(5)(B) and §1-210(b)(10) regarding commercially valuable information and financial information given in confidence and attorney-client communications regarding the Pierce Project – PUC

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

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

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** CGS §1-225(f), §7-232a, §1-200(6)(E), §1-201(b)(5)(B) and §1-210(b)(10) regarding commercially valuable information and financial information given in confidence and attorney-client communications regarding the Pierce Project.

**Time of Executive Session: 7:30 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

<b>FISHBEIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>MARRONE</b>	<b>TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN</b>	<b>BOB BEAUMONT, CHAIRMAN, PUC</b>

**SHORTELL  
TATTA  
ZANDRI  
CERVONI**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT  
8:05 P.M.**

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

10. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section pursuant to 1-200(6)(B) and Section 1-225(f) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending litigation matter of *Quality Facility Solutions Corp. v. Wallingford Board of Education* – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:06 P.M.**

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

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
pursuant to 1-200(6)(B) and Section 1-225(f) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending litigation matter of *Quality Facility Solutions Corp. v. Wallingford Board of Education*.

**Time of Executive Session: 8:06 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

**FISHBEIN                      MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.  
MARRONE                    TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.  
MORGENSTEIN  
SHORTELL  
TATTA  
ZANDRI  
CERVONI**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT  
8:35 P.M.**

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

- 11. Consider and approve action in the pending litigation matter of *Quality Facility Solutions Corp. v. Wallingford Board of Education* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT in the pending litigation matter of *Quality Facility Solutions Corp. v. Wallingford Board of Education* as discussed in Executive Session.**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL  
MOTION: PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

18 JAN. 2022  
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Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

January 18, 2022  
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Date