

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

**TUESDAY
September 28, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 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, Thomas Laffin, Gina Morgenstein, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Tim Sena, Deputy Comptroller were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$11,798.52 (#279-344)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector

- 3b. Acceptance of Donation from Ashlar Village Association of Masonicare and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000 from Miscellaneous, Fund #250, Acct. #TBD to Miscellaneous Donations, Fund #250, Acct. #TBD – Fire Dept.

- 3c. Acceptance of Donation from Pavilion of Hope and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$700 from Revenue, Acct. #2505002-47152 to Misc. Donations Parks & Recreation, Acct. #250-TBD - Recreation

- 3d. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds from U.S. Secret Service and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$715.56 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

- 3e. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds from U.S. Secret Service and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,164.32 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

- 3f. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$24,250 – W/S Division

\$24,250 From: Appropriation from Cash

\$24,250 To: Structures and Improvements Acct. #463-00390

- 3g. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 14, 2021.

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

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

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, spoke about parking lots being paved this year.

The Mayor and Mr. Gross discussed ARPA, pension and Nationwide.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU)/Wallingford Educational Secretaries Local 424-Unit 31 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 – BOE

*In Attendance: Francis Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, BOE
Dominic Barone, Business Manager, BOE*

Mr. Thompson clarified that BOE concluded negotiations with the clerical union which has 60 members. He went on to state wages include step increases of 1.8% and 1% for those not at the top step.

Chairman Cervoni stated no action is required.

7. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$70,000 for QRLT Phase 3B Design Services from Quinnipiac Linear Trail Capital fund, Acct. #302 to Phase 3B Design Services Quinnipiac Linear Trail Capital fund – TBD - Engineering

*In Attendance: Alison Kapushinski, Town Engineer
Kathy Granucci, QRLT*

Ms. Kapushinski stated they did receive bids in 2019 but no bids were awarded.

Councilor Fishbein wanted to confirm this is just for design. Ms. Kapushinski stated that is correct.

Councilor Fishbein wants to see this happen.

The Mayor noted that \$400,000 to \$500,000 is for the bridge itself.

There was further discussion about the cost.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$70,000 for QRLT Phase 3B Design Services from Quinnipiac Linear Trail Capital fund, Acct. #302 to Phase 3B Design Services Quinnipiac Linear Trail Capital fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES

9- AYE
MOTION: PASSED

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Proposed Market-Priced Power Supply Agreement between the Town of Wallingford Electric Division and GotSpace Data Partners, LLC – Public Utilities - *Withdrawn*
9. Consider and Approve Agreement for the purchase of 79 Tyler Mill Road – Law Dept.

In Attendance: Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr.

Attorney Farrell reviewed details of the Agreement and said the Law Department is excited to be getting this piece.

Chairman Cervoni asked if we are just approving the Agreement this evening. Attorney Farrell answered yes.

There was discussion about the cost for clean-up.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES

9- AYE
MOTION: PASSED

10. Discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act – Councilor Testa

Councilor Testa said they were told a consultant was going to be hired and he asked that all information be shared with Council.

Councilor Testa stated that he heard of meetings taken place through an op-ed piece from Steve Knight and he was disturbed that there was no mention of this to the Town Council.

The Mayor stated no memos were written but he has had discussions with Tim Ryan, Tim Sena and the Law Department. He went on to state there is an enormous amount of record keeping involved and the Council will have to appropriate the funds.

Councilor Testa would like the Town Council involved with the game plan.

Councilor Morgenstein agrees with Councilor Testa.

Councilor Shortell stated he would not dismiss doing a big project.

The Mayor stated he spent time reading this and he has had a hard time saying we are not going to meet the needs of the people.

Councilor Fishbein remarked that non-profits were not able to hold fundraisers and are hurting. He feels a Commission may be appropriate.

Councilor Marrone feels we need direction and he is eager to hear what the consultant has to say.

Councilor Tatta suggested that Council come up with ideas and submit them to the Administration.

Mr. Gross asked the Mayor if he has talked to other communities and the Mayor answered yes.

Mr. Gross asked the Mayor if he has talked to CCM and the Mayor answered yes.

11. 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 - *Withdrawn*
12. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to the pending matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Gerace, et al* – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:38 P.M.

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

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to CGS Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to the pending matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Gerace, et al.*

Time of Executive Session: 7:38 p.m. to 8:51 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

FISHBEIN	MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LAFFIN	TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.
MARRONE	
MORGENSTEIN	
SHORTELL	

TATTA
TESTA
ZANDRI
CERVONI

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:51 P.M.

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

- 13. Discussion and Possible Action with respect to the pending matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Gerace, et al* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE ACTION IN THE PEDING MATTER OF TOWN OF WALLINGFORD V. GERACE AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

RECEIVED FOR RECORD 10-1-21
AT 3:00 p.m. AND RECEIVED BY
Deborah McKiernan TOWN CLERK



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

18 Jan. 2022

Date



Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

January 18, 2022

Date