

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

**TUESDAY  
February 22, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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 Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilors Fishbein and Zandri were absent. Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Tim Sena were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$33,025.17 (#826-#870)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve request from Community Theater Director, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Chairman, for use of the Town Council Chambers from May 25, 2022 through June 13, 2022 for the production of 1776 The Musical, as part of the Jubilee 350 Celebration - Mayor
- 3c. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,400 from the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to implement Academic Detailing for Opioid Safety (ADOPS) from Revenue, Acct. #2244002-45100 to Expenditures, Acct. #22440050-58830-10220 – Health Department
- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from Contingency-General, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Professional Services-Specialists, Acct. #10010300-56714 – Law
- 3e. Consider and approve Appointment of Jeffrey Necio as a full member of the IWWC, effective immediately and expiring January 8, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3f. Consider and approve Reappointment of JP Venoit to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 5 year term effective immediately and expiring January 8, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3g. Consider and approve Reappointment of Lou Cerwinski to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 year term expiring January 8, 2026 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3h. Approve Town Council Minutes of February 8, 2022.

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

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

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Joe Sanders, 43 Pieper Drive, feels Public Works does a great job and he is glad to hear the animal shelter inspection passed.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, inquired about Facebook and internet for the Police Department.

Mr. Gross asked if ARPA is moving along. Chairman Cervoni indicated the Subcommittee Chair will be scheduling a meeting shortly.

Mr. Gross asked who has the authority to spend money and if the Mayor can say no. Chairman Cervoni said they are looking for guidance from the Law Dept. and he is not comfortable answering the question at this time.

Mr. Gross asked if Wooding/Kaplan parking lot has gone out to bid. Mr. Sena stated he did not know.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Wallingford BOE Information Technology Employees contract with the Wallingford BOE from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 – BOE

*In Attendance: Danielle Bellizzi, Superintendent, BOE*  
*Fran Thompson, Asst. Superintendent, BOE*

Mr. Thompson discussed the 3 year contract indicating a wage increase of 1.95% each year, health deductions remain stable and in general the language stayed the same.

Chairman Cervoni stated the contract goes into effect if no action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Wallingford BOE Managers Union contract with the Wallingford BOE from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

*In Attendance: Danielle Bellizzi, Superintendent, BOE*  
*Fran Thompson, Asst. Superintendent, BOE*

Mr. Thompson discussed the 3 year contract indicating a wage increase of 1.95% each year; cost share went from 20% to 20.5% and the language has not changed much.

Chairman Cervoni stated the contract goes into effect if no action taken.

8. Consider and approve request to create a Traffic Signalization Improvement Project using reimbursement LOCIP program grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 - Public Works

*In Attendance: Robert Baltramaitis, Director, Public Works*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO CREATE A TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT USING REIMBURSEMENT LOCIP PROGRAM  
GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: TATTA**

Mr. Baltramaitis discussed creating a Capital project to upgrade several traffic signals. He explained funds would replace 8 out of 29 signals that need repair. He expects to be fully reimbursed by the State and wants to get Town Council Authorization now.

Councilor Marrone inquired about the cost of the whole project. Mr. Baltramaitis stated \$250,000 for four signal lights and \$62,000 per intersection.

Councilor Tatta inquired about sensors - to tell when to change the light. Mr. Baltramaitis explained there will be a camera for detection, not surveillance.

Councilor Testa asked about the status of plans to widen Rte. 5. Mr. Baltramaitis indicated that has been studied and at some point will move from study to design. Councilor Testa then asked Mr. Baltramaitis if his office could make the inquiry and Mr. Baltramaitis answered yes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALLINSON: YES**

**TATTA: YES**

**CARMODY: YES**

**TESTA: YES**

**FISHBEIN: ABSENT**

**ZANDRI: ABSENT**

**LAFFIN: YES**

**CERVONI: YES**

**MARRONE: YES**

**7 - AYE**

**2-ABSENT**

**MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**MADE BY: ALLINSON**

**SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

**VOTE: ALL AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

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Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

Date

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