

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
JULY 12, 2022
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 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, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr., and Comptroller, Tim Sena was also present.

3. Consent Agenda
- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$3,732.95 (#1 - #10)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of donation for the Holiday for Giving program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,500 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830- Y&SS
 - 3c. Acceptance of donation from the Wallingford Community Garden and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from Revenue, Donations, Acct. #2095002-47152 to Facility Improvements, Acct. #20950050-57120 – Parks & Recreation
 - 3d. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$28,600 to Transportation Equipment, Acct. #433-00392 from Cash – Water Division
 - 3e. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to accept a 2022 state of Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for streetscape improvements on Hall Avenue from South Cherry Street to Route 5 and Town Center Sidewalk improvements – Engineering
 - 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,537 from General Operating, Acct. #10020150-58735 to Purchased Services-Ambulance Billing, Acct. #10020150-56778 – Fire Dept. - *Withdrawn*
 - 3g. Approve Town Council Minutes of June 28, 2022.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3d. & 3g.
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

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

- 3e. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to accept a 2022 state of Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for streetscape improvements on Hall Avenue from South Cherry Street to Route 5 and Town Center Sidewalk improvements – Engineering

In Attendance: Allison Kapushinski, Town Engineer

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to accept a 2022 state of Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for streetscape improvements on Hall Avenue from South Cherry Street to Route 5 and Town Center Sidewalk improvements.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Councilor Testa asked for a brief explanation of program. There was discussion with Ms. Kapushinski about the program.

Councilor Fishbein asked where are we are with this procedurally. He then asked if there are plans for other areas for improvement, replacing sidewalks. Ms. Kapushinski answered yes.

Councilor Zandri confirmed if we don't get grant then we don't need match. He asked when we do work on sidewalks, how do we review tree roots? Ms. Kapushinski stated when we look at replacement we consult with the tree warden. He stated trimming roots damages trees and he feels we need to be more concerned with these changes and look at the entire thing as a project.

Councilor Tatta has two concerns with Hall Avenue improvements; underground electric and weeds coming through pavers.

Councilor Carmody stated we haven't received grant and asked about a contingency plan. Ms. Kapushinski said we would keep looking for grants. He then asked Ms. Kapushinski to explain zones. Ms. Kapushinski explained there are 13 zones done to keep prices reasonable. Councilor Carmody asked if we ever deviate from plan. Ms. Kapushinski stated we haven't, we address and repair. Councilor Carmody asked how long it takes to get through zone and Ms. Kapushinski replied depending on area 3- 4years. Councilor

Carmody feels we should be able to make exceptions for the safety/beautification of the downtown area.

The Mayor stated it's a slow process and explained in the past a contractor was doing the design work now Engineering does it.

Councilor Laffin asked how many years a patch lasts and Ms. Kapushinski replied it depends on snow removal and trees.

Councilor Fishbein stated he's impressed with Ms. Kapushinski's knowledge.

Councilor Fishbein agrees with Councilor Carmody and agrees with the zone process. He feels we should focus on downtown area.

The Mayor stated we must make an effort to correct in a reasonable time and that's why black top is used.

Councilor Zandri said there's a long stretch near Parsons Street where an entire section should be replaced and noted there is no wheelchair or stroller access. Ms. Kapushinski stated we do look at ADA ramps.

Councilor Testa said new installation initiates from Mayor's Office. He would like to get an idea of what it would be for town wide replacement program. He stated he hopes Administration will pursue this.

Debbie Gross inquired about the cost difference when replacing the sidewalk with concrete versus replacing it with patch. Ms. Kapushinski replied \$100-\$500 starting point.

Mr. Gross asked who writes the grant and Ms. Kapushinski stated Susan Schott. He then asked who files reports and Ms. Kapushinski answered Engineering.

Fran LaFrance-Proscino asked if there is a better way to do patches because she feels it needs to be flatter. Ms. Kapushinski said they check the work after its done and noted they have to reach elevation.

Barbara Kapi commented about poor maintenance at town hall indicating cracked tile, sections of molding coming from wall, ladies room is spray-painted and sinks are worn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ALLINSON: YES	TATTA: YES
CARMODY: YES	TESTA: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	ZANDRI: YES
LAFFIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
MARRONE: YES	

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MOTION: PASSED

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

6. Discussion and possible action on ARPA Committee appointments – Councilor Laffin

ARPA Committee Appointments:

Chairman Cervoni nominated Christopher Reagan.

Councilor Laffin nominated Carl Bonamico.

Councilor Fishbein nominated himself.

Councilor Marrone nominated Amy Walsh.

Councilor Tatta nominated Bob Gross.

Councilor Testa nominated Jesse Reynolds.

Councilor Carmody nominated Mike Brodinsky.

Councilor Zandri nominated Mike Glidden.

Councilor Allinson nominated Jacqueline McNamee.

Mayor nominated Robert Fritz.

7. Discussion and action to approve contract to purchase 124 Liney Hall Lane – Mayor

MOTION WAS MADE to approve contract to purchase 124 Liney Hall Lane.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

Councilor Carmody questioned why agenda states \$52,000 and memo states \$45,000. The Mayor explained purchase price is \$45,000 and \$7,000 for environmental review.

Jeff Borne stated its pristine property and includes Washington Ridge. He feels we're getting a fair deal and a benefit to taxpayers.

Councilor Zandri asked, if approved are residents able to hike?

Councilor Zandri stated we need to get some level of access. Mr. Miller said there is access through Williams Road.

Councilor Tatta said she is hesitant to purchase this and she is not sure why we are buying so much.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

ALLINSON: YES	TATTA: NO
CARMODY: YES	TESTA: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	ZANDRI: YES
LAFFIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
MARRONE: YES	
8 - AYE	
1 - NAY	
MOTION: PASSED	

8. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$52,000 from CAP & NON, Fund #301 to 124 Liney Hall Lane, Fund #301-TBD for the purchase of 124 Liney Hall Lane – Mayor

MOTION TO APPROVE Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$52,000 from CAP & NON, Fund #301 to 124 Liney Hall Lane, Fund #301-TBD for the purchase of 124 Liney Hall Lane.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

Councilor Fishbein questioned the amount allocated for title work environmental study and testing. The Mayor stated the money is there if needed and if not we won't spend it.

Councilor Fishbein asked if they can be informed what actual costs are. Attorney Farrell answered yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

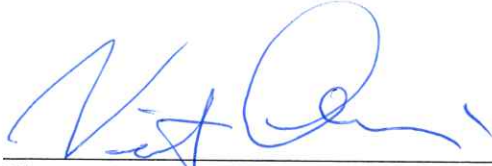
ALLINSON: YES	TATTA: NO
CARMODY: YES	TESTA: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	ZANDRI: YES
LAFFIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
MARRONE: YES	
8 - AYE	
1 - NAY	
MOTION: PASSED	

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

16 Aug. 2022

Date



Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

8/16/2022

Date

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Deborah McKiernan TOWN CLERK