

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2022
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 was called to order at 6:32 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, Jason Zandri, Vincent Testa (via phone) and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Tim Sena, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel Janis Small were also present.

Presentation of Certificates to Wallingford Vikings Football Team – South East Conference: 5th Grade division Champions

Chairman Cervoni and Mayor presented certificates to Wallingford 5th grade Vikings football team.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$18,461.88 (#324-#372)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$12,735 from Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds, Acct #10030000-54315 to Rooftop Unit, 6 Fairfield Blvd, Acct. #10030000-57000-TBD – Public Works
- 3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$690 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10030000-51000 to Purchase Prof. Serv. – Boom Truck, Acct. #10030000-56762 – Public Works
- 3d. Acceptance of State of CT Department of Education Summer Enrichment grant for STEM Academy and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$8,213 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 3e. Acceptance of Donation for Holiday for Giving and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,750 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS

- 3f. Acceptance of funds from Wallingford Rotary Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$860 to Revenue - Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3g. Acceptance of Donations for Holiday for Giving Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,159 to Revenue - Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3h. Acceptance of Donation for Client Assistance and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,025 to Revenue - Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3i. Acceptance of Donations from Choate to enhance play area at Doolittle Park in the amount of \$20,000 – Mayor
- 3j. Acceptance of Fire Watch services payment and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$8,560 from Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 to Fire Operating Expenses, Acct. #10020150-58735 – Fire Dept.
- 3k. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from Fire-Hypertension, Acct. #10012100-52956 to Microfilming, Acct. #10012000-56600 – Human Resources
- 3l. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10010150-51000 to Office Expense and Supplies, Acct. #10010150-56100 – Mayor
- 3m. Reimbursement of funds from Federal Taskforce and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,740 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3n. Reimbursement of funds from Federal Taskforce and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,791 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3o. Reimbursement of funds from Federal Taskforce and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,374 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3p. Consider and approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$22,000 – Electric Div.
- 3q. Consider and approve a five year Lease Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and the Comunidad Hispana De Wallingford, Inc. (SCOW) for premises known as 284 Washington Street effective October 1, 2022 – October 1, 2027 - Mayor
- 3r. Acceptance of Donations from Nucor Steel and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$16,000 from Miscellaneous, Fund 250 Acct. #TBD to Miscellaneous Donations, Fund 250 Acct. # TBD – Fire Dept.
- 3s. Approve Town Council Minutes of November 22, 2022.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a.-3h., and 3j.-3s.

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

- 3i. Acceptance of Donations from Choate to enhance play area at Doolittle Park in the amount of \$20,000 – Mayor

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE DONATIONS FROM CHOATE TO ENHANCE PLAY AREA AT DOOLITTLE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.

Councilor Zandri expressed appreciation of Choate to recognize the occurrence at Doolittle Park. He stated he simply wanted to call out the good deed.

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Intermunicipal Agreement Sanitary Sewer and Water Connection, 77 Midland Drive – Water-Sewer Div.

In Attendance, Neil Amwake, General Manager, Water-Sewer

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
SANITARY SEWER AND WATER CONNECTION – 77 MIDLAND DRIVE**

**MAD BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON**

Attorney Small mentioned this Agreement had previously been approved earlier this year. Mr. Amwake explained a new Agreement was required due to one of the previous property owner's withdrawing.

Mr. Amwake then read a prepared document explaining the Agreement:

At the July 19, 2022 Public Utilities Commission meeting, the Commission voted to approve an Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Meriden, the Town of Wallingford, Nancy M. Norke of 77 Midland Drive, and Brian and Brenda Monroe of 75 Midland Drive. At the August

16, 2022 Town Council meeting, the Council approved the Intermunicipal Agreement via Consent Agenda Item 3x.

Since the approval, the owners at 75 Midland Drive removed themselves from the agreement before it was signed by all parties. Therefore, in order for the owner of 77 Midland Drive to connect to the sanitary sewer system, a new Intermunicipal Agreement has been drawn up by an attorney working for Mrs. Norke. The proposed Intermunicipal Agreement is between the City of Meriden, the Town of Wallingford and Nancy M. Norke. The Intermunicipal Agreement has been reviewed by the City of Meriden, Wallingford Water and Sewer Division staff and the Wallingford Department of Law. All comments from each party involved have been addressed.

The Agreement is similar to the one previously approved, with the only changes being removal of the owners of 75 Midland Drive from the Agreement. In general, the Intermunicipal Agreement allows Mrs. Norke to connect to the private sanitary sewer lateral and become customers of the Meriden municipal sanitary sewer systems. The Intermunicipal Agreement also allows for the property to be connected to the Meriden municipal water system at some future time. There is no plan to connect the residence to the Meriden municipal water system at this time.

VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASEED

7. Discussion and possible action on establishing a formal process and format for recognizing and honoring individuals for service to the Town of Wallingford.

There was discussion and it was decided there will be no motion but this will be added to the ordinance meeting agenda.

9. Discussion and possible action to move 2021-2022 Unallocated Surplus of \$34,935 to the 2% fund – BOE

In Attendance: Danielle Bellizzi, Superintendent, BOE
Dominic Barrone, Business Manager, BOE
Tammy Raccio, BOE Chair

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE 2021-2022 UNALLOCATED SURPLUS OF \$34,935 TO THE 2% FUND.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

Mr. Barrone provided backup for his request to Town Council, Mayor, Mr. Sena and Attorney Small which included “wish list” items.

There was discussion with Councilor Fishbein to answer questions on financials.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MARRONE: YES

9 -AYE

MOTION: PASSED

8. Discussion and possible action on the ARPA program – Law Dept.

Attorney Small wanted to clarify the role of the consultant and analysis of the Committee.

There was discussion to ask non-profits for additional financial information.

Attorney Small then wanted to clarify who would be reviewing the public projects program.

There was discussion regarding public projects program and how cap is treated per division.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJUST THE ARPA GRANT ALLOCATION FOR NON-PROFITS FROM ITS CURRENT ALLOCATION, UPWARDS TO A TOTAL OF \$3,944,136.77 BY TAKING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE PARKED ALLOCATION FOR TOWN PROJECTS TO MEET THE CURRENT TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED OF THE 50 NON-PROFIT APPLICATIONS.

MADE BY: ZANDRI

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

Councilor Tatta is opposed to this motion.

Councilor Allinson believes original motion is to earmark money, until such time we know amount of need.

Councilor Zandri doesn't want Committee to reduce awarded amount due to lack of funds, but instead by following criteria.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| 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 WAS MADE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT BUSINESS APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA WITH:

1. **The degree to which the COVID-19 pandemic created or contributed to the demonstrated and clearly-described financial adversity that the business is experience; 30 points.**
2. **The degree to which it is demonstrated that the applicant's proposed project will assist the business in long-term recovery from the adversity and is not a temporary fix; 40 points.**
3. **The degree to which the proposed budget for the project is appropriate and supported by documentation; 15 points.**
4. **The degree to which the proposed timeline for completion is reasonable, and the project can be completed within 12 months**

MADE BY: ZANDRI

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

There was a question to Attorney Small regarding changes to scoring outline.

There was a question asked if change requests should be made with discussion or a motion. Chairman Cervoni answered with a motion.

Councilor Tatta agrees that scoring rubrics are flawed but doesn't think they should be changed after applications are received.

Councilor Fishbein asked if adversity could be replaced with hardship.

Councilor Marrone agrees with Councilor Tatta that we can't change now.

Mr. Brodinsky feels if we stay with current criteria for scoring, we won't get the results we need.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, feels changing questions after applicants have answered is not right.

Mike Glidden agrees with Councilors Marrone and Tatta that we cannot change criteria on this now.

Christy Dirk, 501C Wallingford, agrees we cannot change now.

Attorney Small clarified that she didn't state Committee wouldn't see financials, she agrees they need to.

Mr. Brodinsky spoke about an email in October between Law Dept., consultant and Committee that all financials and backup would be provided to Committee.

Councilor Zandri further explained his reason for motion (to close up loopholes). He feels it's a valid argument to not change now but wanted to make sure people who don't need it don't receive award.

Councilor Fishbein asked if the information on scoring criteria was provided to public.

Chairman Cervoni confirmed all financials will be provided to Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| ALLINSON: | NO | TATTA: | NO |
| CARMODY: | YES | TESTA: | YES |
| FISHBEIN: | YES | ZANDRI: | YES |
| LAFFIN: | YES | CERVONI: | YES |
| MARRONE: | ABSENT | | |

6-AYE

2-NAY

1- ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO RELEASE THE HOLD OF BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT APPLICATION REVIEW DUE TO THE FACT WE'VE RECEIVED PUBLIC PROJECTS LIST.

MADE BY: ZANDRI

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

Chairman Cervoni will provide approval to ARPA Review Committee to proceed with business and non-profit application review.

Councilor Zandri Withdrew his Motion.

Councilor Laffin Seconded Withdrawal.

MOTION WAS MADE TO NOT HAVE COMMITTEE REVIEW PUBLIC PROJECTS.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

Councilor Testa agrees with this and feels we should let Committee go forward and let Town Council get to work on projects.

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| ALLINSON: | YES | TATTA: | YES |
| CARMODY: | NO | TESTA: | YES |
| FISHBEIN: | YES | ZANDRI: | YES |
| LAFFIN: | YES | CERVONI: | YES |
| MARRONE: | NO | | |

7-AYE

2-NAY

MOTION: PASSED

10. Discussion and possible action regarding a list of projects submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Michaels that: need to be addressed in our town parks; are wanted by him (as the

Director of Parks and Recreation) to be addressed in our town parks; and, those that are currently planned for our town parks, for which we already have the equipment/materials, however are awaiting the installation/improvement/ repair by the Department of Public Works, or some entity not affiliated with the town – Councilor Fishbein

In Attendance: Ken Michaels, Director, Parks & Recreation

Mr. Michaels noted the list he provided in the backup to the Town Council Agenda is what is currently on board for maintenance items. He also included a separate list of projects.

There was discussion and questions from Councilors.

Councilor Marrone shared slides created by himself and Councilor Tatta of park concerns (attached).

11. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following pending litigation: - Law Dept.

- (a) *55 Kondracki Lane Property, LLC v. Town of Wallingford;*
- (b) *866 Wallingford Corp. v. Town of Wallingford; and*
- (c) *Joseph Voll, Trustee v. Town of Wallingford Appeals.*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:47 P.M.

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

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following pending litigation;

- (c) *Joseph Voll, Trustee v. Town of Wallingford Appeals.*

Time of Executive Session 9:47 p.m. to 9:54 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

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| ALLINSON | MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR. |
| CARMODY | CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL |
| FISHBEIN | |
| LAFFIN | |
| MARRONE | |
| TATTA | |
| ZANDRI | |
| CERVONI | |

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following pending litigation.

(b) 866 Wallingford Corp. v. Town of Wallingford

Time of Executive Session 9:54 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

**ALLINSON MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
CARMODY CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL
FISHBEIN
LAFFIN
MARRONE
TATTA
ZANDRI
CERVONI**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following pending litigation.

(a) 55 Kondracki Lane Property, LLC v. Town of Wallingford

Time of Executive Session 9:59 p.m. to 10:03 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

**ALLINSON MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
CARMODY CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL
FISHBEIN
LAFFIN
MARRONE
TATTA
ZANDRI
CERVONI**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:07 P.M.

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

12. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending tax appeal matter of *55 Kondracki Lane Property, LLC v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN THE PENDING TAX APPEAL MATTER OF 55 KONDRACKI LANE PROPERTY, LLC V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 - AYE
1 - ABSENT
MOTION: PASSED

13. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending tax appeal matter of *866 Wallingford Corp. v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN THE PENDING TAX APPEAL MATTER OF 866 WALLINGFORD CORP. V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

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

14. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending tax appeal matter of *Joseph Voll, Trustee v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN THE PENDING TAX APPEAL MATTER OF JOSEPH VOLL, TRUSTEE V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff

Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

10 Jan 2023

Date



Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

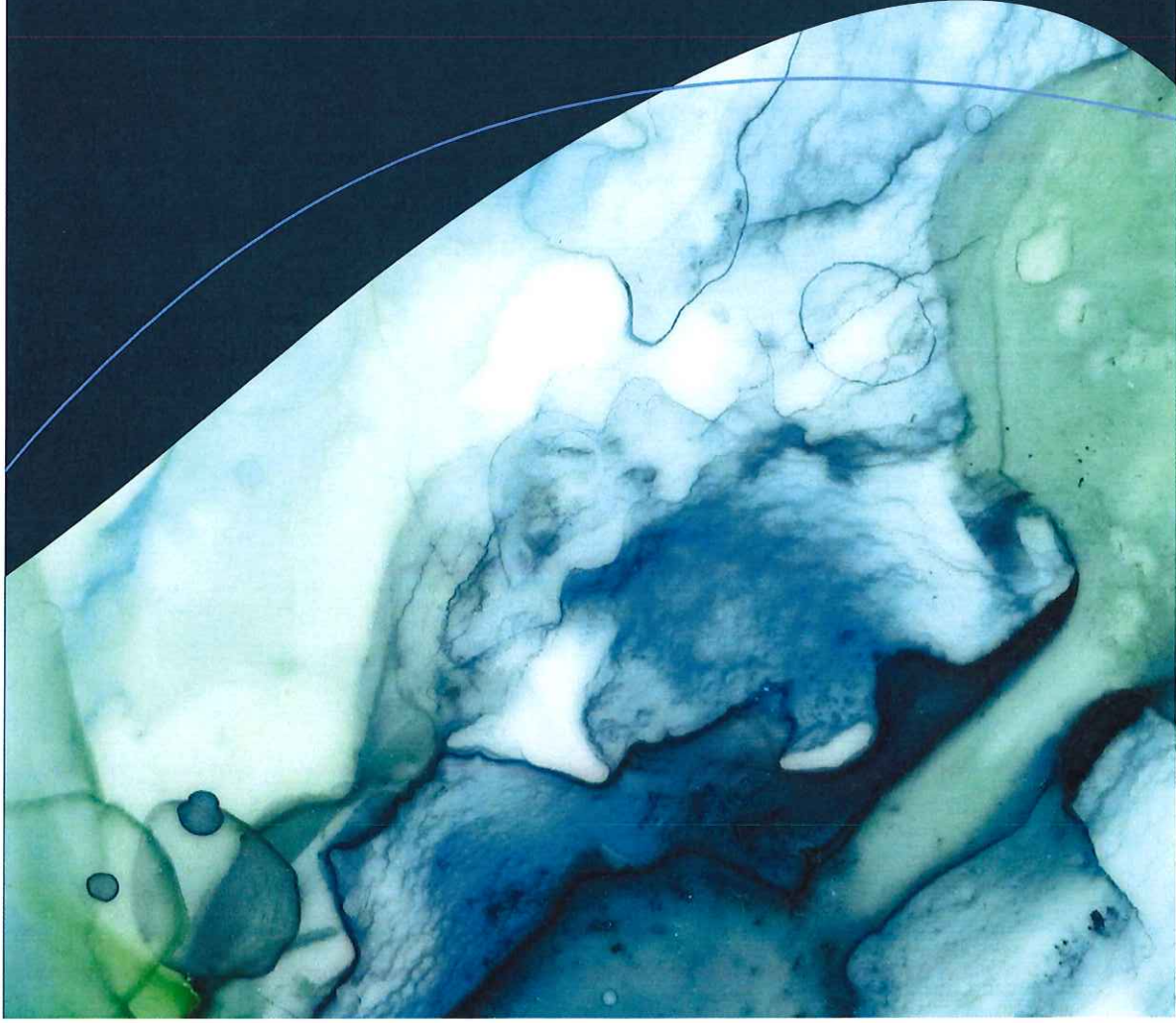
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Date

RECEIVED FOR RECORD 12-19-22
AT 2:40 P.M. AND RECEIVED BY
Deborah McKiernan TOWN CLERK

Wallingford Park Concerns

Joe Marrone and
Christina Tatta



Why Bring This Up?

This is not strictly
about safety

Poorly maintained
facilities attract
vandalism and
discourage
legitimate use

Maintaining public
parks is a BASIC
GOVERNMENT
FUNCTION

Methodology

Visited 5 parks at random with former Rec Commission Chair



Eyes focused on park potential



Noted concerns and took photos



Lufbery Park



Lufbery Park 2



Lufbery Park 3



Community Lake - Recent Improvements



Community Lake Pavillion



Community Lake Tennis



Wallace Park Improved

- Note border and engineered wood fibers on the ground



West Side Field



West Side Field - Building 1



West Side Field - Building 2



Doolittle Park - The Eyesore Building



Doolittle Park - Advertising

Our playground is dedicated to our children,
inspired by their imagination, enthusiasm and our love.
Built by our devoted community Sept. 11-15 1991



PATRONS OF THE PLAYGROUND

Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.
Connecticut Waste Processing
Wallingford Dental Assoc.
Lions Club of Wallingford
K Mart Employees, Store 7102
World Gym
Butch's Hauling
Suzio Concrete
SNET Line Gang
Wallingford Park & Rec. Dept.
Other, Tents

Papa Gino's of America, Inc.
Zambrano Construction
Corey's Landscaping
Wico Aviation
Harrington Studios
Sign Stop
Amico Hauling
Dunbar Armored Car Service
Wallingford Electric Division
Wallingford Public Works
Wallingford Rotary Club



Doolittle Park Continued

