

1995-96 ANNUAL BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 17, 1995

6:30 P.M.

A Public Hearing on the 1995-96 Annual Budget of the Town of Wallingford was held by the Town Council in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on April 17, 1995 and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:39 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Papale who was out of town on personal business. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Mayor Dickinson addressed the public with a presentation on his proposed budget.

Mayor Dickinson: I have some brief comments, basically five points. First of all the proposed budget is built upon the same fiscal principles that earlier budgets have been built upon and maintains the Town's fiscal integrity. Secondly, using a multi-year planning horizon, this budget should not undermine the Town's position or ability to financially meet reasonable challenges in the future. Third, it is an \$82.8 million budget, it represents an increase of spending of some \$3,049,000. that is a 3.8% increase in spending, 3.6% on the general government side and 4% on the education side. The budget also, of course you know, covers our three utilities; electric water and sewer. Their budgets are based upon, on the electric side, a 10% reduction in rate; on the water side, no increase in rate, and on the sewer budget a 6% previously approved rate increase. All three utilities show lower operating expenses than the current year with reduction in funded positions. I think that especially with water and sewer that effort has been made recognizing the substantial increase in debt payments as a result of the water and sewer treatment plants which you know are on line and we are now meeting our indebtedness. Finally, the fifth point, adoption of the budget would mean a slight mill rate decrease. Thank you very much."

Mr. Solinsky asked if any Council Members wished to make an opening statement. Seeing none, the Chairman stated that comments from the public will be taken with regards to the general fund, expenditures.

General Government

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated that he noticed that we will have a cut in our tax rate of four-tenths of one mill. He stated that it is such a small decrease that we waited all these years to get, he didn't know why we were getting a decrease anyway. He suggested that the Council put themselves in for a raise. The \$3,000 yearly pay is a piddly amount for all the hours that are put in by the Council, especially at budget time, when they go overboard trying to improve on the budget. He also stated that the Mayor's position

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should get a raise to \$65,000. He stated that he was not saying this for William Dickinson but for the Mayor's position. He stated that the position should be brought up to where it should be to catch up with all the other salaries that the Town is paying its executives. Coming to these budget workshops year after year and witnessing the Council working here night after night for several weeks trying to cut small amounts from the budget, the only large amount cut is from the electric division of which there is always a big hassle and somehow it always goes to a veto, the Mayor and Council should get together to decide what they will do. They should not be wasting time when there are so many other important things that are going on in Wallingford that should be attended to without arguing over this utility year after year and the Council never wins. They cannot ever get the votes to override a veto. The Mayor does a good job but Mr. Wasilewski stated that he disagrees with him the same as he does, on occasion, with the Council. Let's cut this short this year, do not prolong it. Put a raise in for the Mayor's position to \$65,000 and bring the Council pay up to \$5,000. He will not question the Board of Education budget this year for he feels that the Board has their hands full with their expansion program that the Town should focus all their attention on now. Let's not take any decrease in the tax rate this year and apply that difference to the raises for the Council and Mayor.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive stated, overall he liked this budget better than last year's, God knows that we deserve a tax decrease after all these years. He also agreed that the Mayor's salary is too low. Every year the Mayor is lower and lower on the totem pole compared to the management under the him. It is getting to the point where an entry level policeman will end up making more than the Mayor soon. With regards to the Library's budget, they can be given their increase but make it conditional on the fact that they leave the Government Access Television Station alone until they (Government Access) can move into Fairfield Blvd. With regards to Personnel Pensions/Risk Management, the largest figure was a 7% increase, most of which is salaries. The largest increase in salaries is for the Risk Manager, is that a union contract position? It is a little high. The Police Department budget appears good. With regards to Social Services, I guess we will have to absorb some of the loss of funds from the State for the Transit Authority. With respect to Recreation, in reviewing page 52 it is difficult for him to determine how much money has been allocated for Community Pool. Is it more or less than the \$66,000 they received last year?

Mayor Dickinson responded, there is a slight increase overall due to their small increases in salary items. Basically, it is approximately the same amount of money.

Mr. Solinsky stated that the department did request \$15,000 for pool repairs which was approved entirely. He asked the Mayor if that \$15,000 was in addition to the \$66,000 requested last year?

Mayor Dickinson responded that some money was spent last year regarding the repairs at the end of the pool. He was not sure that there was a major increase even with the \$15,000.

Stan Shepardson, Director of Recreation responded, the normal operation is approximately the same, in the area of \$66,000-\$67,000. The major increase is in the capital portion which is \$15,000 for the repair of the pool.

Mr. Canto was concerned with a 62.5% increase in the Engineering budget. Most of that has to do with ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliance. He would have preferred to have the obligation spread out over a few years rather than have it all hit one budget.

No one was present from Engineering to address this comment.

Mayor Dickinson stated that it is approximately \$460,000 for the ADA compliance. That is an estimate covering quite a few or all of our buildings which do not comply at this point.

Mr. Solinsky stated that the Record Journal incorrectly listed the meeting time of this hearing for 7:00 P.M., therefore some department representatives could be arriving later.

Mr. Canto stated that the only thing that bothers him with this budget is that the total "pie" has changed, percentage-wise. This year 57% is for education, 43% for general government. Last year it was 56%-44%. He guessed that education is getting an increase in the share of the pie. He did not see in the budget where the Mayor expects to fund the expansion project. He asked the Mayor if he expects to fund it in full?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the budget reflects almost \$800,000. in money for debt payment that would represent approximately a \$7.5 million bond. If you add that \$800,000. on the education page, the additional amounts reflect property insurance, pensions, etc., education would represent approximately 60% of the total budget.

Mr. Canto reiterated that the Mayor and Council deserve a raise.

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Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive stated that the good news is that the posted 1994-95 salaries and benefits were 82% of the education budget, that has dropped to 81% this year. That is an improvement. He referred to Site Improvements/Building Improvements and noted that an increase of 126% for Site Improvements and a 5 to 1 increase for Building Improvements and asked, is this the Highland School Gym Floor?

Dr. Joseph Cirasuolo, Superintendent of Schools responded that many of the building improvements that had been initially scheduled for the 1994-95 budget were funded out of the 1993-94 budget surplus. That is why you will note such a variance between the amount that was eventually put in the budget for each of those areas for 1994-95, the amount that is being requested for 1995-96.

Mr. Canto asked, which year was the Highland School Gym floor budgeted?

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John Quinn, Business Manager of the Board of Education responded that the Highland School Gym floor was done as a special appropriation last year. In the 1995-96 budget is \$50,000 for gas tank replacement and also \$15,000 for tennis court engineering at Sheehan High School.

Mr. Canto asked why there was a 47% increase reflected in the Other Purchased Property Services Account?

Mr. Quinn responded, that account is for laundry (cleaning of uniforms, blankets for the nurse's office).

Mr. Canto noted that there was a 25% increase in the Pupil Services account. Is that increase due to more students or an increase in services?

Mr. Quinn responded that the increase, in part, is due to expenses for the blind and physically handicapped (\$41,000) being previously budgeted for in account #5600 which was the Tuitions account. The reason for that is that there has been an emphasis by the Special Education Department to bring students back in-house which will save on outside tuitions as well as transportation. Overall this provides better education for the students.

Mr. Canto noted that the transportation line has increased approximately 15% and asked if the Board is busing more students?

Mr. Quinn responded, yes, part of that is about \$120,000-\$140,000 is for special education transportation. About \$120,000 is for two or three additional buses and for three additional kindergarten routes and that is because of the increased enrollments.

Mr. Canto asked, does that include the projected increase for busing for what will be needed for the new Yalesville School?

Mr. Quinn answered, Yalesville School is in the following year.

Mr. Canto stated, overall the budget is really a 1% decrease so it is a step in the right direction. Dr. Cirasuolo's salary is the same as last year which confirms that.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street noticed that certain funds are budgeted every year for repairs to the maintenance and heating systems. Where in this town budget would you find that expense?

Mr. Quinn responded, under Repairs and Maintenance.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, we budget quite a large amount for this account per school, \$17,000 for Highland School alone. Do we spend that money every year on repair and maintenance of the heating systems?

Dr. Cirasuolo responded, that can vary from year to year.

Gerald Powers, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds responded that it is based on past experience but we do anticipate that amount to drop slightly this year because we put in some new burners. That is

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actually what we have been spending for the past three to four years as an average for every school. The funds are not specifically for furnaces and burners but also for circulators and pumps and heat exchangers and a variety of other things associated with heating of the buildings.

Mr. Wasilewski stated that he noticed that there are some bad areas, (windows and overhang on the northwest corner are rotting away) at Moses Y. Beach School, will those be taken care of this year?

Mr. Powers responded that one piece of the corner has been repaired recently. There is a little more to do on the fascia and soffit. We did budget last year for an engineer to write specifications for window replacement which would include the fascia and soffit, however, that was removed from the budget but was placed back in the budget this year. That is only for the engineering work. Once written, the specifications will go out to bid the following year. We will continue to do minor repairs but no large scale renovations will be undertaken until the specifications are written.

Mr. Wasilewski stated that the contractor who performed the roofing work should have noticed the condition and fixed it. If we don't keep on top of the maintenance of the schools we will find ourselves with another Simpson School.

Dr. Cirasuolo agreed but stated that the Board has been able to fund the systematic maintenance program every year. Everything will get done in its due time.

Mr. Powers stated, we have been delaying slightly trying to finish up Lyman Hall. For the last five years we have been working diligently on finishing Lyman Hall, this year we will swap over and go in and start Moses Y. Beach school.

Mr. Wasilewski stated that an awful lot of money is spent on the telephone accounts, why can't we get S.N.E.T. to do a survey of our telephone system to incorporate the entire Town on one system.

Mr. Quinn stated that the Board of Education did have such a study done a few years ago and changes were made.

Mr. Wasilewski stated that the telephone bill for the entire town system is over \$250,000 and the whole system should be looked at.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive stated that he is pleased to see that the electric division will be dropping its rates for the first time and that the Town still stands to make a profit. If the manager drops the rates and still manages a profit then he deserves his raise.

Mayor Dickinson stated that everyone should be aware that a significant part of the electric division budget is an incorporation of the purchased power agreement and that is the reason for the expected reduction of rates. Keep in mind the purchased power agreement and its impact on the costs of the division when reviewing the budget. It can be misleading for it does not appear in the

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budget.

Raymond F. Smith, Director of Public Utilities stated that over the past few years the division would have made a profit except for the credit rider. The financial statements are distorted for they show a loss. In actuality the rates would have more than covered the cost of the operation. There is a \$7 million reduction in purchased power cost budgeted for next year.

At this point in time there were no further questions from the public on this proposed budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Milano
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Town Council Secretary

The first budget workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 18, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Gouveia who arrived at 6:03 P.M. and Councilor Papale who was out of town on personal business. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

BUILDING INSPECTOR - Operating and Maintenance - Page 43

Department Request - \$ 31,085
Mayor Approved - \$ 31,085

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Freeze the Operating and Maintenance Accounts of this Department at the 1994-95 Appropriation Amount of \$29,755., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Knight, Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

The effect this action has on this department's budget is as follows:

Telephone - Acct. #2000

Department Request - \$ 1,680
Council Approved - \$ 1,650

Transportation Reimbursement - Acct. #3201

Department Request - \$ 1,600
Council Approved - \$ 1,660

Office Supplies and Expenses - Acct. #4000

Department Request - \$ 2,150
Council Approved - \$ 1,690

Meetings, Seminars & Dues - Acct. #7990

Department Request - \$ 1,900
Council Approved - \$ 1,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Furlough the Sixty Employees who Constitute the Management Union as Identified by a List Generated by Personnel, for a Period of One Week, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Motion and Second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Send the Following Concerns of the Council to the Acting Personnel Director requesting a response to their questions regarding the impact the furlough would have on the Town:

1. How would this action impact the operation of each department effected?
2. What are the legal ramifications with regards to the union contracts?
3. What additional costs would be incurred by the Town as a result of this action with respect to pensions, vacations and/or any other compensation benefits?
4. What would the net gain or loss be from this action?

Seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER - Operating and Maintenance - Page 50

Department Request	-	\$ 4,830
Mayor Approved	-	\$ 4,830

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Freeze the Operating and Maintenance Accounts of this Department at the 1994-95 Appropriation Amount of \$4,530., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Killen, Zandri and Solinsky, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Operating and Maintenance - Page 46

Department Request	-	\$ 4,875
Mayor Approved	-	\$ 4,875

No action taken.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS - Operating and Maintenance - Page 45

Department Request	-	\$ 8,380
Mayor Approved	-	\$ 8,380

No action taken.

Salaries and Wages - Account #1000

Department Request	-	\$ 3,280
Mayor Approved	-	\$ 3,280

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Increase the Director of Civil Preparedness' Salary to \$3,500., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL (Dog Pound) - Operating and Maintenance - Page 36

Department Request - \$ 25,100
Mayor Approved - \$ 25,100

No action taken.

Salaries and Wages - Overtime Acct. #1400

Department Request - \$ 6,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 6,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Decrease this account by \$2,000 to \$4,000., seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION - Operating and Maintenance - Page 47

Department Request - \$ 297,635
Mayor Approved - \$ 297,635

No action taken.

HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS - Contrib. Acct. #6510 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 34,200
Mayor Approved - \$ 22,200

No action taken.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - Operating and Maintenance - Page 26

Department Request - \$ 80,100
Mayor Approved - \$ 80,100

No action taken.

Property & Casualty Ins. - Self Ins. - Claims - Acct. #8280 - Page 70

Department Request - \$ 20,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 20,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by \$1,500 to \$18,500, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

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VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

RECREATION - Operating and Maintenance - Page 52 - 53

Department Request - \$ 142,367
Mayor Approved - \$ 142,367

No action taken.

Capital Equipment - Paint & Repair Pool Surface - Acct. #9901

Department Request - \$ 15,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 15,000

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Reduce this Account to \$0.00., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; Knight and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

RECREATION CENTER/ICE RINK COMMITTEE - Salaries & Wages - Page 20

Department Request - \$ 250
Mayor Approved - 250

No action taken. It is noted that the charge of this committee needs to be re-addressed.

TOWN COUNCIL - Operating and Maintenance - Page 17

Department Request - \$ 17,925
Mayor Approved - \$ 17,925

No action taken.

OTHER BUDGET RELATED MATTERS

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Enter Into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-19(b)(9) of the CT. General Statutes with Regards to Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Present in Executive Session were Councilors Gouveia, Killen, Knight, Rys, Zandri, Zappala and Solinsky along with Comptroller Thomas Myers.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit the Executive Session, seconded

by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the workshop was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn F. Milano
Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

The second budget workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 19, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Papale who was out of town on personal business. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Operating and Maintenance - Page 65

Department Request - \$ 9,350
Mayor Approved - \$ 9,350

No action taken.

PROBATE COURT - Operating and Maintenance - Page 73

Department Request - \$ 4,800
Mayor Approved - 4,800

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Freeze the Operating and Maintenance Accounts of this Department's Budget at the 1994-95 Appropriation Amount of \$3,075., the motion failed to have a second.

No action taken.

TRANSIT - Contrib. Wlfd. Transit Authority - Acct. #6500 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 60,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 60,000

The Council decided that they will revisit this budget after they obtain input from the Senior Citizen's Center.

No action taken.

PLANNING & ZONING - Page 63

Department Request - \$ 190,992 (oper. & main., salaries, capital)
Mayor Approved - \$ 190,892

No action taken.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - Operating and Maintenance - Page 61

Department Request - \$ 40,523
Mayor Approved - \$ 40,523

Telephone - Acct. #2000

Department Request - \$ 7,420
Mayor Approved - \$ 7,420

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by \$3,420 to \$4,000., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Rys, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Rental of Polling Places - Acct. #6130

Department Request - \$ 3,875
Mayor Approved - \$ 3,875

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce this Account by \$1,550 to \$2,325., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Gouveia and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Election Day Expenses - Acct. #6600

Department Request - \$ 9,044
Mayor Approved - \$ 9,044

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce this Account by \$4,044 to \$5,000., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Purchased Professional Services - Custodial Services - Acct. #9014

Department Request - \$ 5,520
Mayor Approved - \$ 5,520

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce this Account by \$1,920 to \$3,600., seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Salaries and Wages - Acct. #1000

Department Request - \$107,980
Mayor Approved - \$107,980

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce the Town Committee Election Salary to \$0.00., bringing the Total for Salaries and Wages to \$100,440., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Operating and Maintenance - Page 34-35

Department Request - \$ 724,722
Mayor Approved - \$ 724,722

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reduce the Operating and Maintenance Portion of this department's budget by \$5,000., reducing each one of the following accounts by \$1,000.,

Acct. #2000 - Telephone - from \$26,500 to \$25,500
Acct. #2010 - Utilities - from \$37,255 to \$36,255
Acct. #3000 - Gas & Oil - from \$38,192 to \$37,192
Acct. #4000 - Office Expenses & Supplies from \$42,680 to \$41,680
Acct. #4100 - Police Operating Expenses from \$22,425 to \$21,425

Seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Capital Equip. - Telecomputer - Acct. #9918-Pg.36

Department Request - \$ 5,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 0

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reinstate \$5,000 in the Budget to Fund the Telecomputer Account, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Zandri and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

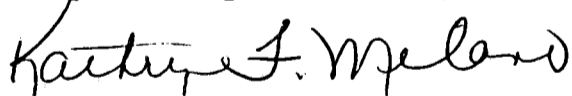
It is noted for the record that Deputy Chief Darryl York will retire August 8, 1995. The Council asked that Personnel be sure to reduce the wages for this position to the beginning step upon Deputy Chief York vacating the position.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the workshop adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

The Third Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Thursday, April 20, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:11 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Gouveia who arrived at 6:31 P.M. and Councilor Papale who arrived at 6:15 P.M. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

FINANCE - Operating and Maintenance - Page 29

Department Request	-	\$ 415,551
Mayor Approved	-	415,551

It is noted that the Comptroller informed the Council that Account #5700, Continuing Education and Training Exp. is in need of an additional \$2,020. The Council, at this time, chose not to increase the line but asked that the Comptroller submit a transfer of funds requesting the increase at the time it is needed.

WATER & SEWER DIVISION - Page 85

No action taken.

SEWER DIVISION - Page 91

No action taken.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - Salaries & Wages - Page 74

Department Request	-	\$ 152,828
Mayor Approved	-	152,828

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Make an Adjustment to the Director of Public Utilities' Salary by An Amount Equal to One-Third of the Annual Salary for this Position, Similar to the Adjustment Made to the Other Eight Classified Non-Union Positions of the Town's Employment Last Year, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

No vote was taken on this motion due to the fact that the exact amount of adjustment was unavailable to the Council at this point in time. This issue will be re-visited by the Council when the P.U.C. Chairman, David Gessert provides the Council with said adjustment figure.

No action taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All aye; motion duly carried.

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There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn F. Milano

Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

The Fourth Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Monday, April 24, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:07 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Papale who was detained out of town due to an employment commitment. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU - Operating and Maintenance - Page 78

Department Request - \$ 49,726
Mayor Approved - \$ 49,526

Purchased Professional Services - Big Brothers/Big Sisters Acct.#9015

Department Request - \$ 0
Mayor Approved - \$ 0

Susan McLaughlin, Youth Service Bureau Coordinator informed the Council that the necessary paperwork required by the Town of an organization requesting funding had not been filed with us due to the fact that there had been a change in the position of Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and it "fell through the cracks". The Council requested that the YSB obtain a letter of need from the organization.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Reinstate \$1,500 to Acct. #9015, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Knight abstained; Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

It is noted that if more money is received from the State with regards to Connecticut State Grant - DCF, Acct. #5000, page 103, the Town of Wallingford's contribution, Acct. #6000 will be decreased accordingly.

CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD CENTER - Acct. #6851 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 51,700
Mayor Approved - \$ 51,700

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account to \$25,000., there was no second.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reduce this Account to \$38,400., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Duryea, Knight, Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reduce this Account to \$47,400., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Knight, Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS - Page 49

Veterans Memorial Hospital - Acct. #6740 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 20,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 20,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Reduce this Account to \$10,000., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Knight abstained; Papale was absent; Rys and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Contribution: Center Street Cemetery - Acct. #6880 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 15,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 15,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Increase this Account by \$2,500 to \$17,500., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Contribution: Youth Service Bureau - Acct. #6881 - Page 49

Department Request - \$ 191,178
Mayor Approved - \$ 189,283

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Increase this Account by \$1,500. to Reflect the Action Taken Previously with Regards to Increasing the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Contribution by \$1,500., making the new figure \$190,783., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Knight abstained; Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - Salaries & Wages - Page 66

Department Request - \$ 30,400
Mayor Approved - \$ 30,400

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Reduce Acct. #1000 by \$294 from \$30,400 to \$30,106., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Operating and Maintenance - Promotional Expenses - Acct. #6020

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Reduce this Account by \$5,825. from \$18,000. to \$12,175., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Knight and Rys, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PROGRAM PLANNER - Page 24

Motion was made to correct typographical errors with regards to the number of staff requested by the department and the previous year appropriation.

Total Staffing number should read 9 for the department request and mayor approved columns.

The column titled, "1993-94 Appropriation" is corrected to read, "1994-95 Appropriation" and the new fiscal year column is titled, "1994-95" is corrected to read "1995-96".

Moved by Mr. Killen, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING - Small Capital Projects - Page 55ADA Compliance Improvements - Acct. #0028

Department Request	-	\$	460,000
Mayor Approved	-	\$	460,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by \$60,000 from \$460,000 to \$400,000., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

This action was taken due to questions raised surrounding the need for an elevator in the Civil Defense Building.

Sidewalk Install/Repairs - Acct. #0024

Department Request	-	\$	200,000
Mayor Approved	-	\$	200,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Increase this Account by \$60,000 from \$200,000 to \$260,000., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PROPOSED SIX YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET - Page 95

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Remove the Entire Six Year Capital Funding, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Killen and Zandri, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

PUBLIC WORKS - Operating and Maintenance - Page 57

Department Request - \$ 1,568,770
Mayor Approved - \$ 1,568,770

Utilities - Acct. #2010

Department Request - \$ 557,300
Mayor Approved - \$ 557,300

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Increase this Account by \$7,000 to Reflect Anticipated Utility Costs for #6 Fairfield Blvd. (new Recreation Center), from \$557,300. to \$564,300., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Duryea and Rys, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

Capital Equipment - Pages 57-60

Overhead Doors - Carriage House - Acct. 9965 - Page 59

Department Request - \$ 2,050
Mayor Approved - \$ 2,050

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Reduce this Account by \$850., from \$2,050 to \$1,200., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Addition for Tire Storage Area - Acct. #9970 - Page 59

Department Request - \$ 42,500
Mayor Approved - \$ 42,500

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by \$12,500. from \$42,500 to \$30,000., seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Rys, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Used Tractor with Tandem Axle - Acct. #9944 - Page 59

Department Request - \$ 30,000
Mayor Approved - \$ 30,000

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce this Account by \$4,000. from \$30,000. to \$26,000., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - Salaries & Wages - Page 38

Department Request - \$ 30,400
Mayor Approved - \$ 30,400

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Reduce the Salary Account of the Coordinator of the Economic Development Commission to \$24,934. which Reduces the Total Salary & Wage Account by \$294 to \$30,106., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the workshop adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

The Fifth Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Wednesday, April 26, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:07 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ELECTRIC DIVISION - Operating Revenues - Sales of Electricity -Pg.79

Present on behalf of the Electric Division were Public Utilities Director Raymond F. Smith; Public Utilities Commission (P.U.C.) Chairman David Gessert; P.U.C. Members Michael Papale and George Cooke; General Manager William Cominos; Asst. General Manager Mike Holmes; Trudy Brady, Data Processing Manager and Thomas Sullivan, Office Manager of the Electric Division.

Residential Revenues - Acct. #440

1994-95 Appropriation - \$ 13,500,000

Commercial Revenues - Acct. #442

1994-95 Appropriation - \$ 13,000,000

Industrial Revenues - Acct. #442-3

1994-95 Appropriation - \$ 14,500,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce the Residential Revenues Account from \$13,500,000. (1994-95 Appropriation) to \$12,670,000., the Commercial Revenues from \$13,000,000. (1994-95 Appropriation) to \$12,173,125., and the Industrial Revenues from \$14,500,000. (1994-95 Appropriation) to \$13,343,125., and to Increase the Contribution from the Electric Division to the Town from \$1,653,750. to \$3,000,000., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Knight, Papale, Rys, Zappala and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the workshop adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn F. Milano
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Town Council Secretary

The Sixth Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Thursday, April 27, 1995 in Room #315 of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:07 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Council Secretary Kathryn F. Milano with the exception of Councilor Duryea who was unable to attend due to a family commitment and Councilor Papale who arrived at 8:11 P.M. due to her being detained at work. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present. The Mayor arrived at approximately 10:00 P.M. due to a simultaneously scheduled youth awards presentation. Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall was out of town at a Town Clerk's Seminar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW - Page 27 - Personnel Detail - Page 2

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Break Down the Personnel Detail Portion of this Budget to Reflect that there are Three Appointed Positions Paid at a Salary of \$1,000 each, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

LIBRARY - Page 30

Department Request	-	\$	1,442,273
Mayor Approved	-	\$	1,419,806

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Restore \$10,000 to the Bottom Line of the Library's Budget, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea and Papale were absent; Zandri and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL - Operating and Maintenance - Page 40

Department Request	-	\$	29,642
Mayor Approved	-	\$	28,922

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reduce Account #5000, Maintenance of Vehicles by \$145. from \$1,953 to \$1,808; Reduce Account #9000, Purchase Professional Services - Secretarial by \$5,315., to \$0. and to Increase Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #1000 by \$5,460., seconded by Mr. Zandri.

This action is being taken for the purpose of hiring on a part-time, nineteen hour per week employee for the department.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Salaries & Wages - Page 37

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce Contingency, General Government Acct. #3230 by \$289,319 and Increase Various Accounts Within the Department of Fire Services' Budget and to Append a Copy of the List of Said Accounts to These Motions, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Replacement Pay - Acct. #1500 - Page 37

Department Request	-	\$	244,462
Mayor Approved	-	\$	244,462

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Increase this Account by \$8,700 to \$253,162., and to Reduce Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. #3190 by \$8,700., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Capital Equipment - Page 38-39

Department Request	-	\$	890,050
Mayor Approved	-	\$	870,050

Bldg. Expansion & Repr. - Ctrl. Hdqt. - Acct. #9934

Department Request		\$	480,000
Mayor Approved		\$	480,000

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Reduce This Account by \$20,000 from \$480,000 to \$460,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Heavy Duty Command Vehicle - Acct. #9943 - Page 39.

Department Request	-	\$	20,000
Mayor Approved	-	\$	0

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Increase this Account by \$20,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

MAYOR - Salaries & Wages - Page 23

Department Request	-	\$	134,003
Mayor Approved	-	\$	134,003

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Increase the Mayor's Salary by \$13,000. to become effective January 1, 1996 having an impact of \$6,500 on the F.Y. 1995-96 Budget, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; Killen and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Operating and Maintenance - Rental of Equip. & Vehicles Acct.#6120

Department Request	-	\$	4,740
Mayor Approved	-		4,740

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by 50% to \$2,370., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Increase the Bottom Line of the Capital Accounts of the Mayor's Budget by \$17,000., to Include the Purchase of a New Vehicle for the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Knight.

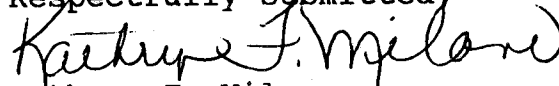
VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Adjourn the workshop, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Duryea was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the workshop adjourned at 11:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

(correction to pages 2 & 3 - May 3, 1995)

FIRE DEPT. CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS FY 95-96

FROM:

001-8050-800-3230 GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$289,319

TO:

001-2030-100-1000	WAGES	214,062
001-2032-100-1400	OVERTIME	2,876
001-2032-100-1450	WAGE DIFFERENTIAL	1,073
001-2032-100- 1700 1500	REPLACEMENT PAY	33,941
001-2035-100-1000	WAGES	8,547
001-2035-100-1400	OVERTIME	213
001-2035-100-1450	WAGE DIFFERENTIAL	153
001-8020-800-8010	MEDICARE TAX	1,324
001-8020-800-8080	CONS. PENSION PLAN	27,130
TOTAL		\$289,319

The Seventh Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Monday, May 1, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 6:10 P.M. by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present; Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ESTIMATED REVENUE BUDGET, Page 11

Taxes - Curr. Constr. After 10/1 PA788 - Acct. #1011

1995-95 Request \$ 100,000
Mayor Approved \$ 100,000

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Increase This Account by \$25,000 from \$100,000 to \$125,000, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Sewer Assessment Interest - Acct. #1081

1995-96 Request \$ 6,000
Mayor Approved \$ 6,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Increase This Account by \$2,000 from \$6,000 to \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Sewer Assessment Delinquent Interest - Acct. #1082

1995-96 Request \$ 8,000
Mayor Approved \$ 8,000

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Increase This Account by \$4,000 from \$8,000 to \$12,000, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Swimming Pool Tags - Acct. #2350

1995-96 Request \$ 14,000
Mayor Approved \$ 14,000

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce This Account by \$7,000 from \$14,000 to \$7,000, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Killen, Zandri, Zappala and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

It is noted for the record that, to date, the Council's actions on the

Seventh Budget Workshop

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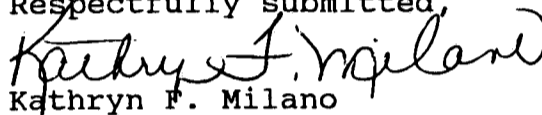
budget has resulted in a reduction in expenses totalling \$40,000 and an increase in the revenues of \$24,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary

The Eighth Budget Workshop of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Wednesday, May 3, 1995 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:07 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Councilor Gouveia who arrived at 6:18 P.M. and Councilor Killen who was out of town on personal business. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Veterans Memorial Hospital - Acct. #6740 - Page 49

Department Request	\$	20,000
Mayor Approved	\$	20,000
Council Approved	\$	10,000 (workshop #4 - 4/24/95)

After hearing an appeal from Veterans Memorial Hospital Chief Operating Officer Thomas Grimshaw and Board of Director Rosemary Proper, the Council decided to restore the \$10,000 it voted to remove from the budget at the fourth budget workshop held on April 24th.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Restore \$10,000 to the Account bringing the total contribution to \$20,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PERSONNEL DETAIL - Page 6

Personnel Assistant Director Salary

Department Request	\$	55,452
Mayor Approved	\$	55,452

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce this Account by \$9,000 from \$55,452 to \$46,452., seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Personnel, Pensions, Risk Management - Salaries & Wages - Page 32

Department Request	\$	298,285
Mayor Approved	\$	298,285

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce the Account #1000 - Regular Salaries and Wages by \$9,000 from \$298,285 to \$289,285., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Director of Public Utilities - Salary & Wages

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Reduce the Director of Public Utilities Salary by one-third, an amount equal to \$1,037, of which will not be added into the base salary similar to the one-third salary rule applied to the eight management positions last year, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Knight, Papale, Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Restore all Base Salaries of the Eight Management Positions Effected by Last Year's One-Third Salary Rule to Their Full Amount, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Increase the Electric Division's Payment to the Town by \$460,000., seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

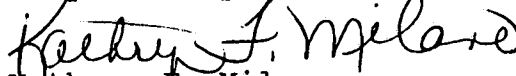
VOTE: Killen was absent; Knight, Papale, Rys and Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Workshop, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathryn F. Milano
Town Council Secretary