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Meeting Adjourned	

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 14, 1989

6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Consider and Approve Transfers - Public Works Department:
 - a. \$1,420 to Maintenance of Building - Traffic Maint. Building
 - b. \$400 to Maintenance of Heating System - Simpson School
3. Consider and Approve Transfers for Electric Division Necessary to Close Out Accounts for Fiscal Year 1987-1988.
4. Consider and Approve Transfers for Electric Division for Fiscal Year 1988-1989:
 - a. \$90,000 to Injuries & Damages
 - b. \$5,000 to Street Lights
 - c. \$4,000 to Community Welfare Expense
 - d. \$6,000 to Underground Lines Expense
 - e. \$15,000 to Miscellaneous General Expense
 - f. \$15,000 to Office Supplies & Expense
 - g. \$16,000 to Taxes - North Branford
 - h. \$32,275 to Injuries & Damages
 - i. \$27,625 to Injuries & Damages
5. Consider Request of Electric Division to Retain Vehicle for Another Year's Service.
6. Consider Amending the Budget to Downgrade the Position of Electrician to Apprentice Electrician - Electric Division.
7. Consider and Approve Transfer of \$3,000 to Laboratory Expense - Sewer Division.
8. Consider and Approve Transfers to Adjust the Budgets of Water and Sewer Divisions to Accommodate Year-End Balance.
9. Consider and Approve Transfers Within Water Division Budget:
 - a. \$3,000 to Operation Labor & Expenses
 - b. \$4,000 to Test Wells
 - c. Budget Amendment to Establish and Fund Accounts to Record Revenue and Expense of a Bond Sale
 - d. Budget Amendment and Appropriation for Maintenance of Pumping Equipment
 - e. Budget Amendment, Appropriation and Transfer to Increase Power Purchased for Pumping
 - f. Budget Amendment and Appropriation to Increase Laboratory Expense
 - g. Budget Amendment and Appropriation to Increase Maintenance of Wells and Springs

10. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 p.m.
11. Consider and Approve Change of Clerk Typist I to Clerk II - Welfare Department.
12. Consider Nomination of Two Individuals for the Wallingford Committee On Aging, Inc. for Election to Board of Directors for Three-Year Term (1989-1992).
13. Consider and Approve Expenditure of \$1,900,000 for Rebuilding Parker Farms Road, Other Road Improvements, and the Purchase of Trucks - Public Works and Fire Departments.
14. Consider Adoption of Resolution to Implement a Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Disposal by Residents at the Landfill or the Resource Recovery Plant.
15. Consider and Approve a Committee to Study the Feasibility of a New Connecting Road from Route 5 to Hartford Turnpike - Requested by Councilman Solinsky.
16. Note for the Record Financial Reports from Wallingford Public Library, Visiting Nurse Association and Senior Citizens Center.
17. Confirm Additional Appointments to the Wallingford Housing Partnership Committee.
18. Consider Ordinance Amending Ordinance #188 - SET PUBLIC HEARING.
19. Consider Authorization for Town Council Members to Represent the Town in Washington, DC.
20. Revise Town Council Rules and Procedure.
21. Note for the Record the January Financial Statements for the Town of Wallingford.
22. Approve Town Council Minutes of January 10 and January 24, 1989.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 1989

6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Holmes, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present were Adam Mantzaris, Town Attorney, and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

ITEM 2.a Consider and Approve Transfer of \$1,420 from Prof. Service-Monitor Test Wells Acct. No. 001-5060-900-9000 to Maintenance of Building Acct. No. 001-5170-500-5100 to Replace Overhead Door Requested by Traffic Division - Public Works Department. Motion made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 31, 1989, from Steven Deak to Mayor Dickinson.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Killen if he ever got the summary of monies available because of the landfill being turned over.

Mr. Killen replied I received a copy and will see that the rest of you get a copy.

VOTE: Mr. Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 2.b Consider and Approve Transfer of \$400 from Prof. Service-Monitor Test Wells Acct. No. 001-5060-900-9000 to Maintenance of Heating System Acct. No. 001-5150-500-5400 to Repair Heating System at Senior Citizens Center - Public Works Department. Motion made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Killen noted this transfer was for the Senior Citizens Center and not Simpson School as listed on the agenda.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 6:51 p.m.)

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 3 Consider and Approve For Memorandum Purposes the Following Transfers for the Electric Division Necessary to Close Out Accounts for Fiscal Year 1987-1988. Motion made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

AMOUNT	FROM	TO
\$166,301	Fuel Expense 501	Purchased Power 555
60,540	Prime Movers 513-1	Fuel Adjustment 555FA
310	Misc. Dist. Eng. 588	Street Lighting & Signal 585
51,025	Uncollectable Accts 904	Depreciation 403
6,973	Depreciation-Accel 403-1	Depreciation 403
6,210	Salaries 920-2	State Gross Earn. Tax 408-1
8,635	Legal 923-2	Outside Services-Town 923-1
4,295	Workmen's Comp. 925-1	Employee Benefits 926
13,524	Cust. Records & Col. 903	Taxes-North Branford 408
1,457	Misc. Dist. Expenses 588	Cust. Install. Expenses 587

Mr. Killen stated he couldn't find in the books the \$400,000 transfer mentioned on the cover letter. It doesn't look like the money was ever there in the first place.

(Mayor Dickinson arrived at 6:58 p.m.)

Mr. Myers replied originally for the 1987 fiscal year the budget for fuel expense was \$65,000. We can assume if the final budget ended up at \$390,000 that there were transfers in, transfers out and additional appropriations in that account.

Mr. Zandri asked if these transfers are for 1987 why are we making them at this point in time. I don't understand how someone could spend money in a particular line item unless they were sure the money was in that line item. I would assume that if you're going to sign a slip that has to be paid against an account you're going to make sure there's dollars in that account before you sign it.

Mr. Myers stated these transfers are to set the account structure correct for the end of Fiscal 1987/1988, i.e., to meet our Charter requirements for line item accounting so that our final reports do not show overexpended accounts. These transfers in no way affect the final numbers. The bottom line does not change, it just reallocates funds between lines.

Toward the end of the year, the monitoring on the accounts somehow allowed overexpended conditions to exist. These overexpended line items are before you tonight to have the record set straight. To the best of my knowledge in the utility area, the charges are being properly entered on the books, recorded at the proper times, and it really is a question of monitoring the line item budgets.

Mr. Parisi asked why would there be an overexpenditure, and if there was a realignment of funds, did that come out of any surplus?

Mr. Myers stated this does not increase nor decrease the net profit.

Mr. Zandri stated I'm still puzzled as to why any department is allowed to spend in excess of what they have in a particular line item not knowing how this thing is going to balance at the end of the year.

Mr. Myers stated it's a question of monitoring the budget. Most of these have occurred during the accrual process at year-end adjustment time. It was not a

matter of spending more money than was provided, but incurring more expenses or charging the line items for accruals, that is, a non-cash entry. Cash is not expended but an expenditure is recorded on the budget. Mr. Denison and Mr. Lee and have told me that for the most part that was the case on these items. The reason they are before you tonight is because the external auditor felt that all line items of the utility divisions should be properly adjusted and the transfers should be sought by the PUC and approved by the Town Council. This is an audit recommendation. Hopefully next year these items will be processed either in advance of when they happen or certainly at the first inclination that any line is going to be over the budget amount.

Mr. Killen stated the auditor's report states, "During the course of our examination we noted that there were Electric Division, Water Division and Sewer Division expenditure lines in excess of budgeted amounts for the year ended June 30, 1988. We recommend that budget transfers be requested prior to anticipated budget overruns." This isn't prior, this is after the fact.

Mrs. Papale asked when did the auditor make this recommendation?

Mr. Killen stated this was made in December.

Mrs. Papale asked if it was made in December why has it taken so long to come before us?

Ray Denison replied the fiscal year ends on June 30. At that point in time we are trying to close our books, start a new year and accounting-wise we have two obligations here. There are Charter requirements and accounting requirements. We go through a period of two months where the books for the fiscal year are actually still open. We're waiting for every possible thing to come in that's attributable to that fiscal year. By August 31, per Charter, we submit a set of unaudited financial statements to the Comptroller. This last year the auditors didn't start until sometime in September. We got our final recommendations the middle of December. I issued audited financial statements to the Comptroller December 31. We are now engaged in a very intensive budget preparation time. The deed is done, we know we have to do it, but what are our priorities at this particular point in time. This is strictly a housekeeping matter.

Mr. Holmes asked has your office implemented any procedural changes that will allow you to keep a handle on these line accounts?

Ray Denison replied there is a rumor we are in need of a new computer. Unfortunately the machine we have doesn't allow us to run a thirteen month in order to pick up the remaining items subsequent to June 30 which are applicable to that period, or to run two budgets simultaneously. We do have plans to upgrade our computer system.

Mr. Myers stated I will get together with the utility managers and make sure that these things are corrected at a much earlier date next year.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked now that the books are closed for 1987/1988, could someone tell me what the bottom line was for that fiscal year?

Mr. Myers replied net income was \$2,226,590, but after adding depreciation of \$1,512,000, total resources available to the utility is \$3,739,000.

Mr. Zandri asked what happens to those dollars?

Mr. Myers replied the working capital of the utility is reinvested several different ways. Debt of \$630,000 is repaid. The capital needs of the utility (\$2,057,000) are financed from that money--plant, equipment, vehicles, etc. \$1,000,000 was paid over to the General Fund leaving a balance of \$51,000.

William Barry replied the \$51,000 is targeted for long term projects.

Mr. Zandri asked why isn't this excess turned over to the town? With other departments at the end of the fiscal year, if there's dollars available, that goes back to the fund. You're starting with a new budget this year and it has nothing to do with 1987/1988.

Robert Beaumont replied I look at these three divisions as businesses and any excess funds go into retained earnings.

Mr. Zandri stated I would like to see these three divisions looked at as businesses. Then they could pay taxes to the town as if they were independent businesses and also I'd like to see them pay dividends to the stockholders which are the taxpayers of this community. If it was run that way, I wouldn't be asking this question.

Mr. Beaumont stated you're talking a municipal type of business as opposed to a private business and there is a difference.

Mr. Zandri replied my point is the excess dollars in that fiscal year have nothing to do with this current year and the dollars should be turned over to the General Fund.

Mayor Dickinson stated you can collect any amount of money you want. It just means the rates have to allow that amount of money coming into the utility to then be turned over to the town. This is not a simple matter at all. If you want more money than more money has to be raised which affects rates. What if the utility had a decrease. Should the town then put up the money for the decrease.

Mr. Killen replied we are required to do that. An opinion by Attorney McManus submitted on September 5, 1984 quotes Section 7-217 "All receipts from the sale of gas or electricity shall be paid over to the treasurer of such municipality. The gross expense of running such plant and conducting such business as supplying gas or electricity shall be included in the appropriations made annually or from time to time by such municipality and shall be paid out of the treasury thereof." It is clear that we have to fund them and they have to turn their money over to us.

Mayor Dickinson disagreed. The Comptroller's office is in custody and controls the use of those funds.

Mr. Killen stated this Council is the fiscal body and that \$51,000 has to be paid over by a motion of the fiscal body. That wasn't done. We set a budget at

the beginning of the year and that budget takes in all the surplus we have, all the outside revenues, all the taxes we're going to raise, and everyone is supposed to live within their budget. The monies that come in are under our control.

Mayor Dickinson replied there is the ability to take that money out of that given account. It stays in the account lacking a transfer or motion to remove it from that account. The monies are paid over to the town because the Comptroller's office controls the accounts of the utilities.

Mr. Killen disagreed. The Comptroller may be their fiscal officer but he does not control them. This body is the fiscal body of the Town of Wallingford. We are supposed to be appraised of the financial condition of the town. According to the Charter any surplus funds that are available we can put into the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. But how can we make a transfer if we are not aware that the dollars are there. At the end of June all funds that we have not expended or appropriated should be brought forward for this Council to decide what they want to do with it. This is not the case.

Mayor Dickinson disagreed.

ITEM 4 Consider and Approve the Following Transfers for the Electric Division for Fiscal Year 1988-1989.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 2, 1989 from William Barry to PUC Commissioners.

Mr. Killen asked when was Pierce Station removed from service?

William Barry replied it was removed from service about mid-January for about 6 months due to a problem with a main steam header. The division is in the process of preparing an options report including some kind of financial analysis so we can make some determination as to what we have to spend to make it available. I'm hoping that within the six-month period we can at least get one unit back in service.

Mrs. Papale asked is there also a problem with asbestos?

Mr. Barry responded it is potentially a problem. We are in the process of going out to bid on the removal of the asbestos.

4.a Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$90,000 from Property Insurance Acct. No. 924 to Injuries & Damages Acct. No. 925 to Fund Additional Premiums - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

4.b Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$5,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Street Lights Acct. No. 585 to Fund Street Light Activity - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.c Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$4,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Community Welfare Expense Acct. No. 426 to Fund Increase in Community Service Activities - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.d Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$6,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Underground Lines Expense Acct. No. 594 to Fund Large Number of Underground Faults and Associated Repairs - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.e Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$15,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Misc. General Expense Acct. No. 930 - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Miscellaneous General Expense?

Mr. Barry responded this is a maintenance and general plant account and includes the cost assignable to customer account sales, administrative and general functions of labor, materials, office equipment and miscellaneous expenses including travel, office furniture, etc.

Mr. Killen stated in 1987 it was \$47,377 and in 1988 it was \$48,774 and with this transfer you'll be up to \$60,800 this year. Is there a reason why it continues to climb?

Mr. Barry replied I looked at everything we've spent out of that account and it's just normal expenses that we're not budgeted.

Mr. Killen asked would you make a comparison to last year's account and give me a breakdown please.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.f Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$15,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Office Supplies & Expense Acct. No. 921 - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the need for the additional dollars?

Mr. Barry replied it's just a series of expenses that were initially unbudgeted. Right now it's a solid account but we do know in the near future we will need a transfer so we're anticipating that.

Mr. Killen stated I would appreciate a breakdown on this account also.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.g Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$16,000 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Taxes-North Branford Acct. No. 408 - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Killen stated I know Mr. Barry you haven't been here but this is something that should have been anticipated and we should know what the basic tax should be on it.

Mr. Barry replied we had a similar transfer on Item 3 tonight so I recognize that too.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.h Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$32,375 from Fuel Expense Acct. No. 501 to Injuries & Damages Acct. No. 925 to Fund Additional Premiums - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked has there been some sort of settlement related to injuries?

Mr. Barry responded not that I know of.

Mr. Killen asked how did we get hit with a retroactive premium?

Mr. Barry replied this is catastrophic insurance that if one of our large accounts becomes insolvent and is unable to pay this insurance covers us for that. The premiums for that coverage have been increased.

Mr. Killen stated I can understand an increase but not the retroactive. I would like to see the letter notifying us and what we have done to answer them.

VOTE: Mr. Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

- 4.i Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$27,625 from Other Int. Expense Acct. No. 431-2 to Injuries & Damages Acct. No. 925 to Fund Additional Premiums - Electric Division. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Mr. Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 5 Consider and Approve Request to Retain Vehicle for Another Year of Service - Electric Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 3, 1989, from John A. LaFramboise to PUC Commissioners.

Mr. Barry stated this car is a meter reader vehicle and has had a long hard life but it's certainly worth more than \$150. We have two engineers who share a vehicle and we have three people on electrical maintenance staff who ride around in the same van. This will allow us to split them up.

Mr. Killen stated as long as you can keep the maintenance expenses to \$400-\$500 then fine, but if it starts to cost money then we will expect that it be traded in at the next opportunity.

VOTE: Mr. Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 6 Consider and Approve Downgrading the Position of Electrician to Apprentice Electrician - Electric Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 1, 1989, from William Barry to PUC Commissioners.

Mr. Holmes asked how many positions have been downgraded over the past year or so?

Mr. Barry replied two. We are creating an entry level position and allowing the progression from Apprentice Electrician to Maintenance Electrician to happen over a year or two.

Mr. Holmes asked has this been a successful tactic in getting these positions filled?

Mr. Barry replied I think it's successful in this circumstance. This allows us to bring in someone at entry level, bring them along on our system, train them on the way we do things and then progress.

Mrs. Papale asked is money part of the problem?

Mr. Barry responded money is no doubt part of the process.

Mr. Parisi stated in the future it might be wise to find out why someone would go the whole test route and then not take the job.

Mr. Bradley asked do the dollars remain the same?

Mr. Barry responded it will be roughly \$4,000 less.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 7 Consider and Approve Transfer of \$3,000 from Miscellaneous Expense (Electric & Oil) Acct. No. 643-000 to Laboratory Expense Acct. No. 923-001 to Fund Toxicity Monitoring - Sewer Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked who is requiring the testing?

Roger Dann responded this is a new requirement on the part of the State and possibly the EPA. We have to conduct quarterly toxicity tests which are new. They were not anticipated at the time the budget was put together. We do expect that we will be able to do the work in our own laboratory once we're fully set up. But for the remainder of this year we're going to have to send the work out to a private laboratory.

VOTE: Mr. Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 8 Consider and Approve For Memorandum Purposes the Following Transfers to Adjust the Budget of the Sewer Division to Accommodate Year-End Balance For Fiscal Year 1987/1988. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 1, 1989, from Raymond Denison to Richard Nunn.

\$41,000	FROM	Labor for Maintenance of Lines	673-001
15,540	FROM	Administrative & General Salaries	920-000
4,400	TO	Pumping Labor & Expenses	624-000
100	TO	Misc. & Safety Expenses	665-000
9,720	TO	Workmen's Compensation	925-001
42,320	TO	Depreciation Expense	403-000

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve For Memorandum Purposes the Following Transfers to Adjust the Budget of the Water Division to Accommodate Year-End Balance For Fiscal Year 1987/1988. Seconded by Mr. Adams.

\$16,570	FROM	Operation Labor & Expenses	601-000
3,600	FROM	Laboratory Expenses	642-001
21,260	FROM	Maint. Trans. & Dist. Lines	673-000
18,900	FROM	Meter Reading Expense	902-000
11,165	FROM	Admin. & General Salaries	920-000
25,110	TO	Power Purchased for Pumping	623-000
3,280	TO	Maint. Pumping Equipment	633-000
2,015	TO	Chemical Expense	641-000
1,060	TO	Operation Labor & Expenses	642-000
80	TO	Customer Installation & Inspection	664-000
1,170	TO	Property Insurance	924-000
38,780	TO	Depreciation Expense	403-000

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Myers to provide a breakdown for the Water and Sewer Divisions as far as bottom line goes.

ITEM 9.a Consider and Approve Transfer of \$3,000 from Drought Contingency Acct. No. 643-000 to Operation Labor & Expenses Acct. No. 642-000 to Fund Overtime Expense - Water Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.b Consider and Approve Transfer of \$4,000 from Water Treatment Equipment Acct. No. 332-089 to Test Wells Acct. No. 314-089 to Fund Installation of Test Wells - Water Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

Mr. Killen noted that the Test Wells account needs to be established.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.c Establish and Fund by \$60,000 Interest on Investment WPT #11 Acct. No. 419-011 which will also Increase Net Income by Same Amount - Water Division. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Budget Amendment of \$21,730 as Follows: \$21,730 Increase to Net Income and \$21,730 Decrease to Admin. & General Salaries Acct. No. 920-000 - Water Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked for an explanation on the decrease in salaries.

Roger Dann replied that relates in part to two positions we have had unfilled for all of this current year.

VOTE: Mr. Zandri voted no; all others ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Establish and Fund by \$81,730 Interest on Long Term Debt WTP #11 Acct. No. 427-011 and Decrease Net Income Account by Same Amount - Water Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.d Consider and Approve Budget Amendment for the Water Division: \$10,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance and \$10,000 Decrease to Structures and Improvements Acct. No. 390-089. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

Mrs. Papale asked what happened to the garage?

Roger Dann replied we reviewed our current status of funds relative to our projections for the remainder of the year. As a result of that process we have adjusted some of our priorities accordingly. We would still like to complete that garage addition if we could, but we're willing to forego that because of the need for funds elsewhere.

Mr. Killen stated I appreciate where you're coming from, but I am not happy that a decision such as that is made and therefore funds are available. I realize it was done in good faith, but this body approves things at budget time with the idea that they will be done. I would appreciate being notified before the fact and get our feelings on it.

Mr. Dann responded that is why we are here tonight. We have not yet expended the monies, but we have a program in mind that we consider to have a higher priority at this time. We recognize that you approve the budget in its original format. We would also hope that you would recognize that during the course of

the year some unanticipated needs arise or programs come up which in the overall scheme of things have a little more importance.

Mr. Killen asked are the funds available elsewhere so we wouldn't have to abandon the garage?

Mr. Dann replied no.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Water Division: \$10,000 Increase to Maintenance of Pumping Equipment Acct. No. 633-000 and \$10,000 Decrease to Unappropriated Balance. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.e Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Water Division: \$23,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance and \$23,000 Decrease to Structures & Improvements Acct. No. 390-089. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Water Division: \$23,000 Increase to Power Purchased for Pumping Acct. No. 623-000 and \$23,000 Decrease to Unappropriated Balance. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Transfer of \$27,000 from Drought Contingency Acct. No. 643-000 to Power Purchased for Pumping Acct. No. 623-000 - Water Division. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked what the Drought Contingency Fund was used for.

Mr. Dann replied this is a reserve fund in order to provide for things such as additional power expense, labor expense, chemical expense associated with operating either additional hours at the filter plant, transfer stations or wells during a drought condition.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.f Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Water Division: \$2,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance and \$2,000 Decrease to Structures & Improvements Acct. No. 390-089. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

Mr. Dann stated we have incurred an additional expense in part because of a more aggressive program with regard to sampling but also because of the blending program at Oak Street.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Water Division: \$2,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance and \$2,000 Decrease to Water Treatment Equipment Acct. No. 332-089. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Water Division: \$4,000 Increase to Laboratory Expenses Acct. No. 642-001 and \$4,000 Decrease to Unappropriated Balance. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9.g Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment for the Water Division for Fiscal Year 1986/1987: \$20,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance and \$20,000 Decrease to Wells & Springs-Oak St. Site Acct. No. 314-087. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Roger Dann to Richard Nunn.

Mr. Killen asked why has this money been sitting there?

Ray Denison responded the capital budget as presented to the Council is effective for three years, the current year plus two more.

Mr. Killen replied to my knowledge that applies only in the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund. The last line in expenditures in accounting always states that all yearly appropriations will lapse at the end of the fiscal year. This would normally fall under that. Somewhere along the line we're going to have get that squared away.

Mr. Denison responded I understand it differently. The rate did generate funds to cover this expenditure. In fiscal year 1987 the rate was established to cover that budget and it did cover this particular item at the time and it wasn't spent. So the money is there and it should be put to use to service the ratepayer with wells or whatever might be necessary.

Mr. Bradley asked are we expecting a yield problem with the wells?

Mr. Dann responded we had a yield problem in May with Well #1. At that time we did a quick fix to try to reestablish the yield for the summer months. We were successful but we recognize that we need to go back in and redevelop that well. At Well 3 when the Oak Street crossing was completed we found we were unable to reestablish pumping capacity out there. We will need to redevelop that well. In fact Well 3 is currently shut down because of that.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Water Division: \$20,000 Increase to Prior Year Retained Earnings Account and \$20,000 Increase to Unappropriated Balance. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Consider and Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Water Division: \$20,000 Increase to Maintenance of Wells & Springs Acct. No. 614-000 and \$20,000 Decrease to Unappropriated Balance. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, suggested making a commuter parking lot at the Vietnam field instead of purchasing the lot owned by the American Legion. He again asked that the doors be unlocked. He also said the union should take note that the grand list is going down so they should expect layoffs.

ITEM 11 Consider and Approve Change of Clerk Typist I to Clerk II for the Welfare Department. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated January 30, 1989, from Francis Francesconi to Mayor Dickinson.

Frank Francesconi stated will be an opening as of March 2 for a Clerk Typist I but the person filling the position now actually does the Clerk II job. I was originally going to ask for a 19-hour person called Medical Investigator. When this opening came I figured the cheapest way to restructure the office and redistribute some responsibilities was to give the new clerk-typist the responsibility of Medical Investigator and upgrade the position.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 12 Consider Nomination of Two Individuals for the Wallingford Committee on Aging, Inc. for Election to Board of Directors for Three-Year Term (1989-1992).

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 3, 1989, from Madeline Erskine to Mr. Killen.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to nominate Larry Brill & Leah Stancil to the Board of Directors for the Wallingford Committee on Aging. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

There were no other nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 13 Consider and Approve Expenditure of \$1,900,000 for Rebuilding Parker Farms Road, Other Road Improvements, and the Purchase of Trucks - Public Works and Fire Departments. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale for discussion, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter and enclosure, dated February 9, 1989, from Mayor Dickinson to Mr. Killen.

Mr. Bradley asked the Mayor to explain the reasoning behind using the Unappropriated Fund Balance now versus going through the budget process which is just around the corner.

Mayor Dickinson replied this is similar to what was done on Cook Hill Road. A great deal of preparatory work is done by the Public Works Department and they need the time to do it. In addition, the purchase of equipment now, such as snow plow trucks, will allow us to purchase them at the price under which we are purchasing under the existing budget. So we will save money. It is also vital that this direct return to the community of these dollars occur rather than in the new budget fictitiously supporting operating expenses with funds that came in under the pre-existing budget. It creates a misconception. It means that an operating budget is supported by funds which may not come in again. I think you see the results of that type of approach with the State budget. We have funds available and we have capital projects which require our attention. Now is the time to dedicate those funds for that purpose and allow the direct return of those dollars to the community.

Mr. Zandri asked how did we arrive at the figure of \$1.9 million?

Mayor Dickinson stated the \$1.9 million is the usable funds out of the Unappropriated Balance. We try to maintain a balance from year to year in order to meet the credit requirements to maintain our credit rating. So some of the Unappropriated Balance has to be maintained for that.

Mr. Zandri asked were all department heads made aware of this money being available and asked to submit a request list?

Mayor Dickinson responded no not all departments. Most of the items on this list were part of the budget requests from last year.

Mr. Zandri stated I don't have a problem with this list, but I do have a problem if all department heads were not given an equal opportunity to submit a list.

Mayor Dickinson replied you're getting the major projects. Certainly any smaller department could have any number of small items that would be on a wish list, but they probably wouldn't reach the proportions or amount of money represented on this list.

Mr. Adams stated I agree with Geno and I'm going to ask the department heads at budget time to give us a list of priority items or projects they have for the next fiscal year. That is something we will be able to use in making decisions next year in making budget transfers, etc.

Mr. Holmes stated I think this type of approach is a logical, progressive attitude to take in reinvestment into our departments and community. If we stop doing this we are going to be faced with major dollars to expend in future years. I would urge that at least the equipment part of it does goes through. I also agree with the Mayor's comments on not putting the surplus monies into next year's budget which would give a false sense of security as far as tax increases are concerned.

Mrs. Papale asked for a further explanation on the parking improvements.

Mayor Dickinson replied this includes the widening of South Main to provide a better turning radius off of Center Street which will also provide additional on street parking; it involves replacing the traffic signal; at the point we replace sidewalks it should include a design for brick accents, the period lighting, relandscaping of the median strip at Simpson Court, hopefully a continuation of the design at the Railroad Green extending from Simpson Court

down to Prince Street. This also could include an appropriation of money for parking purposes for this building. The \$312,000 will probably not be sufficient by itself, but it is money toward any one or all of these projects.

Mrs. Papale asked in the past was this Unappropriated Balance ever used to offset the mill rate?

Mr. Myers replied we used a portion of it about five or six years ago, but it was always a very minor portion. Remember that each year when we adopt a budget we use \$1.5 million of Fund Balance on the mill rate. That's the first line in your revenue budget.

Mr. Solinsky stated I agree with most of the items on the list, but I'm unsettled with the South Main Street resurfacing and the parking improvements. I think we need parking more than we need brick sidewalks and lamp posts. I think we ought to take the money and attack the problem of parking.

Mr. Parisi commended the Mayor and Mr. Killen on their selection of projects. But I do take exception with the parking improvements and I place the parking as a number one priority.

Mayor Dickinson replied there is no question that the parking issue can be solved. If it takes the entire \$312,000 to do it, that's what will happen. I don't want to get into the middle of it and find we're making changes that ultimately may have to be altered again in order to accommodate other improvements. Parking for this building would be the highest priority. This will come before the Council again.

Mr. Bradley stated I'm not questioning the need for these items, I'm questioning the process. We do have a shortfall because of the Grand List and I'm sure that's going to reflect back on revenue. Wouldn't it be wise to wait and see what the revenue is and then address these items.

Mayor Dickinson disagreed. The community does not have time to wait and this is the surest way to give a very substantial return on the dollar. All Unappropriated Balances have been used in this manner. I don't think any of these projects can wait. As to every department having a say in it, that's not always possible. The major departments were consulted.

Mr. Killen stated the \$1.9 million does not have to be expended this evening. It can be brought forward at budget time. It can be used to offset the mill rate. Or you can take any portion of it and put it in the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund. We're talking about doing something out of context. We have a six-year Capital plan that the Mayor has to propose and it has to be approved by Planning & Zoning. We also have a Capital and Non-Recurring Fund.

The reason behind both of these things is so we don't run things pell-mell. We plan them ahead of time which also means putting aside the money to pay for them. When we start doing things such as this with the \$1.9 million, we are throwing that orderly process right out the window. I do not argue with the need for some of these particular items but some of these items belong in the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund.

Mrs. Papale stated I think the Mayor was trying to put this money in places where it's very well needed.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, stated the parking problem should take priority.

Claudine Cyr, 22 Woodhouse Avenue, stated the item should be tabled until the Council does their homework.

Scott Heyl stated two years ago we formed a public and private partnership to revitalize the downtown area. We've made great strides and we should keep the momentum. We've had complaints from the people uptown that not enough is being done in the Simpson Court area. Phase 3 of the project will be Center Street itself. We would like to see Phase 2, the Simpson Court area, move along. We propose that a small amount of this money be used as seed money so that we can plan and implement a project in-house and move on to Phase 2. A small part of this capital request would be used to have a comprehensive program put in place.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashland Court, stated if you put this money into the General Fund and the Council said we need these projects and it cost more money, could you still not have a mill increase on top of the money you put into the General Fund.

Mayor Dickinson replied if the projects were an approved part of a budget that could work out, but you will still end up with delays in implementation. Public Works, for instance, could not do Cheshire Road if they're not sure they've got the money very soon because all of the planning and purchasing of supplies has to occur now. Which means you lose that year and you could add another 10% on to the cost of doing the road in a subsequent year. So some of it is purely being able to do these things at the lowest cost. We have two trucks on order. We'll be able to buy the other three at the same price as the two. If we wait, we'll be paying more.

Mr. Avallone asked does the Council have the information as to if we don't do this right now then this is what it could cost us?

Mayor Dickinson replied it's not in any of the material I gave them. I don't know if any of the departments supplied that information separately, but certainly it's been stated here tonight.

Mr. Avallone stated I believe this belongs before the Council with the next budget. I don't know how the Council can make this decision without having that kind of information.

Christine Bolio, 8 Farm Court, stated the issue of the money being spent on South Main Street is a very important one, not only for the downtown businesses but also for many of the citizens of Wallingford. I have been very much

involved in volunteer work and organizational work downtown and I have seen the pride in Wallingford grow. Many of the issues we are talking about are going to potentiate this. Like Scott said momentum is so important. I would love to see this move forward.

Don Arwood, 5 Chestnut Lane, stated there's 50 volunteer firefighters here tonight who come out when they're looking for something. They come out because they want something they can take pride in and spin it right back to the town. We should support the volunteer services and take the funds and move it forward. I also served on the Renovation Committee for this building. I think we have to continue forward in the completion of Prince Street, South Main Street and the parking area. Let's take the funds, investment them back, and move forward.

Mr. Adams stated when making decisions on spending large amounts of money which necessitates input from the community, I always request that items be put on the agenda for discussion first with time to digest and get input, and then bring some of these things back so that we can make a decision based on some knowledge. Some of these things I don't see a problem with because these are things that have been asked before. I request Mrs. Papale withdraw her original motion and we vote on these things individually and then table the remaining to get more information or input.

Motion Was Withdrawn

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to Transfer \$140,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance: \$70,000 to East Wallingford Rescue Pumper Acct. No. 001-2036-999-9916 and \$70,000 to Yalesville Rescue Pumper Acct. No. 001-2039-999-9914. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Mr. Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to Transfer \$70,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Fire Department Ambulance Acct. No. 001-2031-999-9905. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Mr. Bradley, Mr. Zandri and Mr. Killen voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to Transfer \$255,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Snow Plow Trucks (3 @ \$85,000 ea.) Acct. No. 001-5040-999-901. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Solinsky asked if these trucks were ordered immediately when would they be in?

Steven Deak replied I'm hoping they'll be here in 6 months. If we order now we'll save about 10%.

Larry Cannata, 29 Lincoln Avenue, stated purchasing the trucks would be a step in the right direction to get the fleet back into somewhat considerably good shape.

VOTE: Mr. Bradley and Mr. Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to Transfer \$900,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Parker Farms Road Acct. No. 001-5030-999-9909. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to Table remainder of Items until the next Council Meeting contingent on more information coming forward from the people involved, including the Mayor's Office and any other plans for the Beautification Projects: Parker Farms Road, South Main Street Resurfacing, Oak Street 500' to Colony Street, and Parking Improvements-Town Hall to Simpson Court and South Main Street to Prince Street. Seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Mr. Zandri and Mr. Killen voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 14 Consider Adoption of Resolution to Implement a Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Disposal by Residents at the Landfill or the Resource Recovery Plant. Motion was made for discussion by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale read the attached Resolution.

Mayor Dickinson stated we're all aware of the cost of refuse disposal. We never envisaged a "free" service at the landfill or the plant. What we have now is an accommodation. We expected a short time period between the time Fluor Corp. completed the plant and an operator was to take over. Unfortunately, we are now over 6 months into the process. What's happening is the rest of the town paying for garbage pickup is subsidizing the ability to go down for free. We want the situation to better reflect reality and have everyone taking some responsibility for the refuse they generate. As a result you see the fee schedule in front of you. The existing resolution does not permit this. We need to avoid increasing traffic problems in that area, the unfairness of some residents not being able to take advantage of this "free" service, and to better reflect reality in general that there are serious major costs involved with refuse disposal. There would still be a right of residents to go to the landfill or the plant, but there must be a cost associated with that.

Mr. Solinsky asked if someone went down there with a pickup truck with only a couple of bags, would he still be charged \$6?

Mayor Dickinson replied we discussed trying to charge per bag but it just gets into a nightmare of being able to count the number of bags. A pickup truck has a larger capacity so you're charged by the type of vehicle you use. I don't know how we would sell coupons based upon how many bags. It just makes the whole process far more complex than it should be. Chances are if someone uses a truck they're going to have more in it.

Mr. Solinsky asked would they have to separate items?

Mayor Dickinson replied yes.

Mr. Zandri stated I've been a resident of this town all my life and the residents have always had a right to bring their trash to this landfill and dispose of it for free. We had an asset here that was given away and now we want to charge residents for using their own landfill. We are still negotiating for a host community agreement and I think every resident in this town should have free disposal of their trash. Without this landfill this project wouldn't

even work because they have no place to dump the ash. As a compensation to us as a community the least the other four towns can do is subsidize the disposal of the residents' trash in this community.

Mr. Bradley stated he agreed with Mr. Zandri.

Mayor Dickinson responded I don't think we want to indicate to people that there is a free service. Whether the service is in the mill rate or whether it's a fee paid to a hauler, you pay money for the disposal of refuse.

Mrs. Papale asked when will the Policy Board come up with the contract for the host community?

Mayor Dickinson replied I don't understand why there isn't a final contract now. I assume some of the delay is a desire on the part of the potential operator to make sure all of the tests are passed satisfactorily. I'm very concerned that it's going to go at least another several months.

Mrs. Papale stated it seems like we're having to do this backwards. I'm really hoping that there's going to be something quite good for the Town of Wallingford for being the host community. If we knew that, maybe it would be easier for some people to live with the idea of having a fee on the trash.

Mayor Dickinson stated one thing we will have that most communities don't have is the ability to take refuse down directly. That's a major benefit. This "free" service is an accommodation recognizing what we have done for years and with the expectation that it would be a short transition period. Rather than try to implement something in that interim period it was to allow the continuation of the so-called "free" service. At the point there is an operator the full schedule would be implemented.

Mrs. Papale asked who is paying for this disposal?

Mayor Dickinson replied the cost of that disposal is absorbed by everyone else paying for a hauler.

Mrs. Papale stated I'm afraid that Wallingford is going to end up with a private contractor picking up all the garbage and in the long run we're going to be paying for it in taxes.

Mr. Adams stated it's hard to make a decision when we're still not aware of the final outcome regarding being a host community. I agree with Mr. Zandri that we should have free garbage disposal for all of Wallingford.

Mr. Parisi asked how long will these fees hold?

Mayor Dickinson responded I would guess this would hold until such time as the contracts are finalized and the responsibility is then firmly on CRRA for determining the increase in rates. This would be a proportionate increase reflecting an increase in other rates.

Phil Hamel responded I think these rates would probably hold until such time as the operator at the plant was accepting the residents. I would imagine that's when Ogden Martin would take over the operation.

Mr. Parisi stated so what you're telling me is that after the operator takes over the plant then the rates are going to go up.

Mayor Dickinson replied they could go up and they probably would. These costs are subject to increase just like every other cost that everyone experiences.

Mr. Parisi stated so what are we talking 2 months, 1 month, 3 months, 4 times a year. There's no cap on anything. That's all I'm concerned about. Here there's no top. So what we're doing is appeasing everybody tonight with a vote but we don't really know how long that vote will be good for. That's what my problem is. How will the price the present trash haulers charge be held in line?

Mayor Dickinson stated to the extent that their increases are a result of price increase to them, that's expected. To the extent there are increases over and above that which reflect a coordinated activity where there's collusion, certainly we will look very unfavorably on that. We will certainly pay attention to what increases there are and make sure there is no collusion. There are laws dealing with businesses getting together and deciding prices among themselves.

Mr. Parisi asked when will people be allowed to dump their trash if we go to the pay system?

Mr. Hamel responded while the landfill is being used it will probably be during the hours that the landfill is open which I believe is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a half day on Saturday. When the service moves to the facility we expect it will be something like 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and all afternoon on Saturday for a total of about 20 hours a week.

Mr. Parisi asked if the line is 3 1/2 miles long on Saturday and closing comes, do they accommodate the last car in line or does everyone turn around and go home?

Mr. Hamel replied I'm not sure what happens now, but I think people will be able to get through the facility more quickly than they can at the landfill. So there will be less tie ups.

Mr. Zandri asked how will you collect the money?

Mayor Dickinson responded we will implement the sale of coupon books. It hasn't been determined yet what office will handle that. We will have to have books printed and sell permits and coupon books. You would hand in a coupon for every visit.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, did not agree with the fees.

Peter Gouveia, 39 Lincoln Drive, stated we will never be able to resolve all the inequalities. The quality of life will never be the same for those that live on South Main Street, Jackson Avenue, Lincoln Drive, Lincoln Avenue, etc., because of the noise from the trash plant. I have received quite a few calls from the people in the area that the noise is unbearable. Although they have contacted state officials and local officials, it still continues to be very unbearable. I've always felt the town was not getting anywhere what they should be getting

for all that we were giving up. Recently a DEP Hearing Officer ruled that CRRA should come up with \$5 million in exchange for permission to expand the Shelton landfill where the ash from the Bridgeport trash plant is dumped. Of this money \$3.6 million would be paid to Shelton for hosting the landfill. In addition, \$1.4 million would be put in an escrow account to be used for future planning of the landfill. We still don't have a master plan and what we're getting from Phil Hamel again is he doesn't know. It's like trial and error. We keep getting into it and we don't see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Jack Demmons, 3 Grandview Court, stated I agree with Mr. Gouveia. I'm one of the residents that has to put up with all the noise, extra traffic and smells that are coming from the plant. I believe that Wallingford should be compensated at least for having free dumping. I can't believe that a town that is hosting a facility such as this is not being compensated yet. I see all these sacrifices from area residents, but no compensation.

Phil Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street, stated only the stouthearted will go down there with their garbage. There's not going to be a mess of traffic on Cherry Street. We've been dumping our trash into dumpsters for some months now. I believe somebody can tell us exactly how much has been dumped down there and what the town or CRRA would be giving away if they didn't charge. I don't mind paying for a permit, but if I have to pay \$6 for a truck and \$3 for a car, I'm going to sell my truck and get an old junker and deliver my garbage for half the price. That is absurd. If we have to have a guy picking up the tickets, we can have a guy there counting the bags. There has to be a way that makes more sense. A little more effort could be put into this and we could accomplish something that would be a lot fairer.

Phil Hamel stated the tonnage is about 7,000 tons a year. We estimate the cost would be well over \$300,000 a year.

Guy Russo, CRRA, stated about 250-350 tons per month.

Phil Hamel stated that would be about 4,200 tons so it would be substantially over \$200,000 for the cost of that.

Walt _____, 100 Jobs Road, stated I represent all the Wallingford rubbish haulers. Even if we didn't have the trash plant the cost would have gone up. Maybe not as quickly, but it still would have gone up. The trash plant is here and we have to live with it. We haul 75% of the garbage from Wallingford's approximately 14,000 homes. Before the September increase from \$16 to \$29.50 it is our understanding that Wallingford residents were dumping approximately 100-125 tons per month for free. Since the price increase approximately 250 tons per month of additional Wallingford residential rubbish is now being dumped all still for free. The resident who wants rubbish pickup now pays for both the service and the disposal cost. The other resident who decides to take it himself should have that prerogative, but he should share the disposal cost equally. At present the entire cost of all residential rubbish is put on the resident who hires a hauler. Why should these residents be penalized because they want or need to hire a hauler. We are now running into the problem where people are going out with pickup trucks, picking up a trailer park or a whole specific area, charging these people, and then dumping it for free. That's why we need to differentiate between cars and pickup trucks. We feel the rubbish

disposal should be paid for by the people who generate it and not through higher rates and higher taxes, but through a method that is fair for all.

Claudine Cyr, 22 Woodhouse Avenue, stated I read in the paper that at the Bristol trash plant they also had a problem with noise. They adjusted the fan or something and now the people are happy.

Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court, asked if the resolution doesn't pass tonight, can that ever be done when the operator comes on board?

Mayor Dickinson replied I believe that once there's an operator the operator will be charging a fee. This is something that will be finalized in the host community benefits. Whether it is from the resident or from the Town of Wallingford directly would be our choice.

Mr. Avallone asked are you setting a precedent?

Mayor Dickinson responded right now there's nothing in the contract that states anyone can use the plant or landfill for free. This is in limbo because there is not an operator on-line to take over the plant. At that time the operator would have the authority to recover costs of disposal. I don't think this would be a precedent.

Vincent Avallone stated I think it makes it easier for them to set a fee. If the people start paying down at the landfill, will this lower our hauling costs?

Walt _____ stated the rates are going up March 1 and again on July 1 for the haulers. In order to even it off the town residents who dump for free are going to have to start paying their fair share. CRRRA weighs the trash going into the plant and bills the town. So you either pay for it through higher taxes or you pay \$3 every time you go down there. The person that pays a hauler should not have to pay through higher taxes because that's a double bill.

Mr. Avallone stated then it should affect my rates. If I'm going to pay a hauler the same whether somebody pays the \$3 or \$6, then what's the advantage to me.

Mayor Dickinson stated it would affect the rates over a period of time because the revenue stream would be increased. It just means a rate increase might not be as high or in the future might not be necessary.

Mr. Avallone asked do we incur the cost of the coupons and hiring somebody to make this collection?

Mayor Dickinson replied we would pay the cost of that because it's our program. We wouldn't necessarily have to hire anyone. People at the plant would receive the coupons.

Mr. Avallone stated there's too much that's been voted on in the past in regard to this and so many mistakes have been made in the past. Not enough information has been presented to the Council and demanded by the Council and we're doing the same thing right now. After the last three years of a fiasco, and if anybody doesn't believe that this has been a fiasco then somebody really has their eyes closed, and anybody can make a mistake but if you don't learn from

you're mistakes then shame on you. I think there's just been too much that has not been explained. Again I cannot believe that this Council, knowing what problems have been encountered through this whole process, could vote on something like this when the information isn't here in black and white. I'm sick and tired of decisions being made when needed information isn't there.

Violet Soos, 105 Clifton Street, stated I think people have a right to bring their trash down to the landfill. If that's their way of saving money then why shouldn't they. I bring my garbage to the dump because I can't afford to pay a hauler. The residents have a right to do that if they want and they should be able to go down there for free.

Mr. Killen stated we are no longer living in the days when that landfill was going to last forever. The difference right now is the garbage is being processed. When you have something processed somebody has to pick up the fee. We don't like imposing fees along this line, but it has to be done. It was decided the plant was the way to go, and right or wrong it was done and it's here now. As long as it's here we're going to have to subsidize it. Whatever services you have you have to pay for one way or another.

Mr. Parisi stated the one thing bothering me is that this has been a piecemeal thing. I would like to see the whole package.

Mr. Killen stated we're talking about an interim period. As soon as Ogden Martin takes over everyone in town is going to have to start paying.

Mr. Avallone stated if this Council votes this resolution to charge Wallingford residents \$3 and \$6, it's definitely going to hurt your position when you're going for a host agreement if you want to argue for free garbage disposal for the Wallingford residents. If this isn't part of the host agreement, then go ahead and do what you're going to do. But I think you're hurting your position in bargaining.

Mrs. Papale stated what bothers me about this vote is that as the host town we don't know what we're going to get. If we knew what the host town was going to get, maybe we would look at this resolution in a little different light.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Adopt the Resolution Implementing a Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Disposal by Residents at the Landfill or the Resource Recovery Plant. Seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; Mr. Adams abstained; Mr. Bradley and Mr. Zandri voted no; Mrs. Papale, Mr. Parisi, Mr. Solinsky and Mr. Killen voted yes; motion did not carry.

ITEM 15 Consider and Approve a Committee to Study the Feasibility of a New Connecting Road from Route 5 to Hartford Turnpike. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Solinsky stated this idea has come around over the years. I think it's worth looking into.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Solinsky stated I have a list of 5 members, but others also have been interested in this. I wanted to keep the committee small to begin with. I thought we could start with these 5 people and then report to the Council at the first meeting in June.

Mr. Bradley stated I know there's a lot of interest in this, but I'm wondering if there should be some representation from the Town Engineer or someone from Public Works.

Mr. Solinsky stated we would invite these people to attend different meetings, but they would not have to be part of the committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to Nominate the Following Individuals to the Committee: Mario DiNatale, George Cooke, Geno Zandri, Craig Self and Thomas Solinsky. Mr. Bradley added the name of Ron Gregory.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; Mr. Parisi passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 16 Note for the Record the Financial Reports from the Wallingford Public Library, Visiting Nurse Association and Senior Citizens Center. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 17 Confirm Additional Appointments to the Wallingford Housing Partnership Committee as Follows: Julia Parker, Robert Berube and Donald Massoni. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mrs. Papale read the attached letter, dated February 1, 1989, from Mayor Dickinson to Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; Mr. Parisi passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 18 Consider Ordinance Amending Ordinance #188 - Set Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to set a Public Hearing Date of February 28, 1989 at 7:45 p.m. to Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #188 Regarding Parking Fines. Seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 19 Consider Authorization for Town Council Members to Represent the Town in Washington, D.C. Motion was made by Mr. Parisi for discussion, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams read the attached letter, dated February 8, 1989, from Mayor Dickinson to Mr. Killen.

Mr. Parisi stated it would have been better and less expensive to contact our representatives in their state or district offices if possible.

Motion amended by Mr. Parisi: Expenditures Not to Exceed \$500. Seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; Mrs. Papale passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 20 Review Town Council Rules and Procedures.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to Table Item 20, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 21 Note for the Record the January Financial Statements for the Town of Wallingford. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 22 Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 10 and January 24, 1989. Motion was made by Mrs. Papale, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; Mr. Bradley and Mr. Killen passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to go into Executive Session to Discuss the Parking Problem and Possible Acquisition of Property. Seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parisi, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:
Katrina M. Manley, Council Secretary

Approved:

Albert E. Killen, Chairman

Date

Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

Date

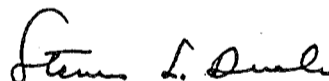
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor
FROM: Mr. Steven L. Deak, Director Public Works
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF \$1,420.00 TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-5170-500-5100
DATE: January 31, 1989

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

In reference to the above subject transfer additional funds are necessary to replace one of the overhead doors as requested by the Traffic Division. See copy of attached letter which is self-explanatory.

We have some saving in this account because the CRRA took over the Landfill operation on September 5, 1989.



Steven L. Deak, Director
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Enclosure