

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 17, 1991

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegaince
2. Consider and Approve Expanding the Charge of the Spacial Needs Building Committee to Include Looking Into the Possibility of Using Yalesville School for Office Space for the Board of Education
3. Consider and Approve the Waiving of the Bid to Allow for the Firm of DeCarlo and Doll to Perform a Study of the Feasibility of Using Yalesville School for Office Space for the Board of Education
4. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,850.00 from Contribution SSBG Food Program Account to Spacial Needs Yalesville School Account

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A Special Town Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 17, 1991 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 6:12 P.M. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Those Council Members answering present to the Roll called by Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk, were Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia, Killen, Papale and Zandri. Councilors Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 6:15 P.M., Town Attorney Janis Small arrived at 6:20 P.M. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was present at the start of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2

Consider and Approve Expanding the Charge of the Spacial Needs Building Committee to Include Looking Into the Possibility of Using Yalesville School for Office Space for the Board of Education

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Dr. Cirasuolo explained that the Board is trying to keep all of its options open. The only option that it has under its direct control is relocating their offices to Sheehan. In order to keep that as a viable option for September, the time schedule is such that they do not have the time to go through the bidding process.

The Board has not yet decided which option to adopt in terms of the location of its offices. The full range of options is before the Board.

Mr. Killen asked if there remains enough time to have the Yalesville School ready for the fall should the Council waive the bid on this issue this evening?

Dr. Cirasuolo felt that DeCarlo & Doll could answer that question. In addition to their performing a feasibility study along with a cost estimate, they would also provide a time table for the project.

Ms. Papale felt that all options should be looked at before any decision is made.

By April 29th, the Board will have updated space and staffing projections. If they have to go to temporary classrooms, they will then know how many they will need. The Board has in its budget already, \$45,000 to lease three additional temporary classrooms. Leasing them and installing them could be accomplished by September.

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Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road objected to the moving of the Board's offices. He felt the administration should concentrate on running the school. There is plenty of room for a few years to come. He suggested moving the fifth grade into the Middle Schools and moving the seventh through eleventh grades into the High Schools. This would cost less and be less disruptive.

Karen Hlavac, 85 Saw Mill Drive asked if the vote this evening will effect the waiver of bid on Tuesday?

Mr. Killen did not believe so.

Ms. Hlavac then asked if what she heard was true, that the portable classrooms cannot be leased for one year?

Dr. Cirasuolo: Most leasing arrangements are multi-year, yes, that is so.

Ms. Hlavac: How many years are you talking about?

Dr. Cirasuolo: Five to ten years. It is less expensive to buy them outright.

Ms. Hlavac: We have the opportunity to have permanent space if the Board offices move to Sheehan. I would like to see the costs on the Yalesville School project. I would rather turn it back into a school than administrative offices.

Mr. Killen: Precisely why the Council wants to investigate all the options.

Donna Morris, 594 Center Street stated that she has a daughter at Stevens School and Donna will be Co-President of the Stevens School P.T.O. next year. She personally would like to see a study done for Yalesville School solely to have it opened as a school. That space is needed by the elementary population on that side of town. As far as moving to Sheehan, it makes perfect sense. It is a building that houses 600 students and it has the capacity to house 2,000. The town is heating it and paying for electricity and she thought it the most practical option at the time. She recommended the study on Yalesville School solely for the possibility of re-opening it as an elementary school.

George Lang, 88 Seiter Hill Road spoke out against the proposal. There will be at least a ten year expectancy for the Board's offices at Sheehan High School. It will cost approximately \$200,000 for the moving and transition costs. Divided by ten years use equals \$20,000 per year for the space. He asked where else you could rent space for that price. The concern should be focused on elementary overcrowding rather than where to place the Board of Education's offices.

Deborah Bozzi, 17 Bayberry Drive hoped to see Yalesville someday turned back into a school and the Board's offices out of Stevens

School since they need the space so badly (Stevens School Staff). She did not want a "band-aid" approach to the problem of overcrowding at Stevens School. She felt Sheehan was a perfect solution to the problem as long as it was a long term measure. She encouraged the Council to keep in mind the bid waiver when voting.

George L. Bozzi, Jr., 17 Bayberry Drive urged the Council to listen to the Stevens School parents who spoke in favor of the Sheehan option.

Mr. Killen emphasized that ten years is not in perpetuity.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye.
Motion duly carried.

ITEM #3

Consider and Approve the Waiving of the Bid to Allow for the Firm of DeCarlo and Doll to Perform a Study of the Feasibility of Using Yalesville School for Office Space for the Board of Education

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky, no; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #4

Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,850.00 from Contribution SSBG Food Program Account to Spacial Needs Yalesville School Account

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Papale.

A transfer in the amount of \$2,850.00 from Acct. #3070-6882, Contribution SSBG Food Program to Spacial Needs Yalesville School Acct. #1117-9001 was read into the record by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Killen pointed out that \$1,300 from the Spacial Needs Committee is being combined with this amount of transfer to fund the study for a total of \$4,150.00.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye.
Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye.
Motion duly carried.

There being no further business. the meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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Kathryn F. Milano,
Town Council Secretary

Approved by:

Albert E. Killen, Town Council Chairman

Date

Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

Date

ANNUAL BUDGET 1991-1992

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 17, 1991

7:00 P.M.

Chairman Albert E. Killen called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. for the Public Hearing on the 1991-92 Annual Budget. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Council Members Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia, Killen, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky, and Zandri. Councilor Holmes arrived at 7:34 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Vice-Chairman Edward R. Bradley read the Public Hearing Notice into the record.

Mayor Dickinson urged everyone to read the letter located in the front of the Budget Book for a better understanding of the budget. He gave a broad outline reflecting the needs and realities of the Town for the coming fiscal year. He stated that revenues were not increasing to any large extent, there was a very small increase in the Grand List and there has been a reduction in State grants to the Town, therefore, as a result, it was necessary to reduce our expenditures as much as possible. He went on to say that there was a 3.3% increase in spending resulting in a 6.3% increase in taxes which equals a 2.5 mill tax increase. The decisions on the budget were made on the context of a multi-year planning process. This Town faces a number of problems, as all communities do, which are in the future, including revaluation. To look at one year, from beginning to end, as our fiscal year, he felt would be a mistake. We have attempted, and will continue to try to plan on a multi-year basis. The critical factor is control of expenditures. The revenue side is uncertain and he does not expect money from the State in large quantities, and the Town is facing revaluation. With those brief comments, he pointed out that the six year capital budget found on page 143 has been altered by approval by the P & Z Commission last evening. The reason for the change is that the State has inspected a number of bridges and has determined that the Tyler Mill Road, Muddy River Bridge must be repaired earlier than anticipated. That bridge has been moved up to this proposed budget year, and the South Branford Road and Quinnipiac Street bridge projects have been postponed. In the case of S. Branford Road, postponed to the following year. There are copies of the change in the possession of the Town Clerk. He welcomed all comments and appreciated everyone's concerns.

The meeting was then turned over to the Chairman.

Mr. Killen then invited Joseph Ferrara, Dr. Cirasuolo and any member of the Board of Education to come forward for public comments

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on their respective budget.

CAFETERIA FUND, Page 146

There were no questions or comments on this aspect of the budget.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, Page 120

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road was the first to speak. He stated that the teachers and administrators should take a 5% increase rather than a 10% increase in pay.

Carol Wooster, Quigley Road expressed her desire for the Council to restore the funding for the education budget and not to approve the amount submitted by the Mayor to the Council. Her daughter is currently in the Gifted and Talented Program. She has a son who is deaf and needs special services. She supported the funding of a certified teacher of the hearing impaired and felt that it was imperative that the proposed full-time position be fully funded. She felt it would not cost the Town money, but rather save money.

Christopher Wooster, Quigley Road made a statement that his mother repeated for all present: "Hi, my name is Christopher Wooster, I am 8 years old, I cannot hear. Please let my special teacher stay at Pond Hill School, I want to continue to go to school in Wallingford".

Penny Losi, 1327 Durham Road also supported the certified teacher for the hearing impaired. She currently has a daughter who is hearing impaired and mainstreamed at Rock Hill School. She felt it would cost the Town more to transport her daughter out of Town for the service.

Pat Ritskowitz, 15 Ono Drive spoke in support of the proposed Board of Education Budget and, in particular, the full-time position of a teacher for the hearing impaired.

Ray DeRosa, 15 Country Way stated that Wallingford has a very good reputation with the State Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired on their proactive activities with regards to the hearing impaired. You have very sound and credible programs. He hoped that this position would be continued since it is so vital to the community.

Mary Canty, 55 Green Street addressed the special education primary division. She has a son in a special education pre-school program at Rock Hill School and within a year or two he will need additional special education and felt that it is not cost-effective for the Town to be sending children, such as her son, out of Town when they could be educated in this Town.

Karen Hlavac, 85 Saw Mill Drive addressed the same issue. She stated that her son is currently out-placed since there is no appropriate program in Town for him. She felt it is an important

program since it allows children to stay in their home town setting. She asked the Council to allow the full-time hearing impaired teacher to stay in the budget.

Mary Mane stated that she has a son that attends Rock Hill School. She asked why the Board does not consider having a class for her kindergarten age child (and other children of similar age) rather than out-placing him?

Dr. Cirasuolo responded that the Board agrees that the class should remain in Wallingford.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that the hearing impaired teachers are collecting a high salary for nothing. He felt that once the individual has impaired hearing there is nothing to do for them.

Tim Cronin, 47 So. Ridgeland Road commented that the Mayor's Budget is a very good one. It is very generous and represents a good increase in the education budget. He felt that the health classes should be cut from the educational budget. He felt that they were out of line and that the school system should not be involved in the subject matters that are discussed in the health classes. He resented it and felt it was a waste of money. It could save the Town \$250,000 if the classes were discontinued.

Philip Wright Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked if there was a change in the insurances to allow the Mayor to cut \$350,000 from the Board's request?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the premium projections received from the health insurance carriers indicated that is the figure rather than what was initially requested. The Superintendent informed the Mayor of that once it was discovered.

Mr. Wright: Do I understand that the Board does not take an exception to this cut?

The Board of Education representatives responded yes.

Edward Musso felt that if the Board shops around they could find a cheaper insurance carrier.

Karen Hlavac, 85 Saw Mill Drive asked if the funding for the Occupational & Physical Therapy account included ancillary outside offered services?

Andrew Masko, Business Manager with the Board of Education responded that the additional amount that was budgeted is required to fund the athletic trainers at each high school and also to continue the physical therapy for the students in the school system. The additional funds are requested to maintain the programs as they are today.

Ms. Hlavac would not like to see this account cut.

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Mr. Musso felt that the Audit, Conventions & Conferences account should be eliminated.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street felt that the Board should look over their utility bills more carefully. He researched this and found that \$400,000 of their request was for electricity. He noted in the Board's recommended budget, they were seeking a 26% increase in utilities. The rates are not going up. Approximately \$75,000 goes for water & sewer and the rest is for gas. The gas is used for heating and in the Board's budget there is also an account for heating. He asked if the taxpayers are paying twice for the gas to heat the buildings?

Mr. Masko explained that Mr. Wasilewski was absolutely right, both accounts have funds in them for the heating of the schools. The gas costs are contained in the utilities account and the oil costs are charged against the heating account. A \$3,000 increase in the electricity account was requested due to the portable classrooms. He went on to say that they were actually decreasing the electricity budget from \$439,000 to \$403,000 and slightly increasing slightly over what they feel they will use this year to account for the portable classrooms.

Mr. Wasilewski still felt that the Board's request was approximately \$100,000 over their required funds. He asked what the Other Supplies and Materials account, budgeted for \$151,000, was for?

Mr. Masko stated that it represents audio-visual materials, membership costs for RAVE, graduation fees, senior-related events funded by the Board and also includes health supplies for each of the nurses at the schools.

Mr. Wasilewski also felt that it was ludicrous that the Town is spending over \$300,000 on telephones. He feels that the Town could get a better, up-to-date telephone system. He pointed out that the Insurance account averages out to a cost of approximately \$7,000 per employee. It cost that Town \$10 million for its employees' benefits with a budget that is \$71 million. He felt that the taxpayers cannot afford expenses such as this. Employees should start contributing to their health insurance.

Oswald Worcester, 11 Quigley Road asked what the Contracted Services Account entailed?

Andy Masko responded that it is for contracted services for maintenance/repairs of the school buildings.

Mr. Worcester asked if the Board agrees or disagrees with the Mayor on the cut to this account?

Dr. Cirasuolo responded that the Board did not discuss this account with the Mayor and the cut is the result of the Mayor's judgement that the Board will have to make do with the monies.

Mr. Worcester asked how they will eliminate the services?

Dr. Cirasuolo responded that the Board does not to because it (the Board) is not held to the line items. They may decide to leave in that account the amount requested and find the money elsewhere to accommodate the reduction.

Ray Rys, 96 Pierson Drive stated asked if the Board of Education provides education to the parochial schools and then reimbursed by the State?

Dr. Cirasuolo: Yes.

Mr. Rys asked if the Board will continue that practice even with he anticipated State budget cuts to the transportation reimbursement or this service?

Dr. Cirasuolo responded that the budget proposed by the Governor eliminates the grants to cover that particular item. He did not recommend removing the mandate for local communities to provide that transportation. If that mandate remains, there is no choice. If the mandate is removed, that is something that the Board will have to look at.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the Town has never received 100% reimbursement for the transportation expenditures from the State.

Karen Hlavac, 85 Saw Mill Drive asked if the Town is anticipating a decrease in out-placement due to the cut in the Tuition account?

Dr. Cirasuolo: No.

Ms. Hlavac: These are mandated services so we will have to pay for them regardless?

Dr. Cirasuolo: That is correct.

Ms. Hlavac: Where is this money coming from?

Dr. Cirasuolo: The Board will have to answer that question when it adjusts its budget to the final bottom line that it gets. We will have to meet the mandates that are there and one is to provide out of district placement for those students whom we cannot service in the district.

Ms. Hlavac stated that she would not like to see this account cut.

Mr. Worcester, 11 Quigley Road asked if the reduction by the Mayor to the Board's request of \$595,150 to \$454,295 was due to the Board supplying the Mayor with additional information or was the Board going to lower the thermostats in the schools?

Dr. Cirasuolo stated that the thermostats will not be lowered in the schools, it was the additional information supplied to the Mayor after the request was submitted.

Mr. Worcester asked if it was proper of him to ask the Mayor why

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he chose the lower figure to approve?

The Council assured Mr. Worcester that it was proper to do so.

Mr. Worcester asked the Mayor how he arrived at the lower figure?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the prior history of the account was taken into consideration.

Mr. Worcester asked that this account be substantially increased.

Tim Cronin pointed out that the Mayor increased the account.

Mr. Edward Musso asked what the Teaching & Misc. Supplies account covered?

Mr. Masko explained that it is for the supplies that are used in the classroom, i.e., crayons, pencils, papers, etc. It also covers items used in the Administrative Offices, paper, copier paper, etc.

Mr. Musso felt that the Library was taking over the schools. He did not want additional staffing for the school libraries.

Mr. Worcester asked what is included in the New Non-Instructional Equipment line?

Mr. Masko stated that it primarily consists of carpeting at the schools as well as \$10,000 for work that needs to be performed at the Mark Sheehan Swimming Pool.

Mr. Worcester explained that, to a hearing impaired child, the noises that are generated from desks moving, feet banging, children walking, are as amplified as the voice of the instructor trying to produce an education. Most of that carpeting expense is probably for the classrooms that these children are moving into and up to. If the Council cuts this one it loses these peripheral items that really have impact on some children.

Tim Cronin 47, So. Ridgeland Road revisited the Certified Salary account to state that he did not want to see the two Administrator positions that will be vacated soon replaced with outside help, rather they be filled within the system. He felt that if you eliminate one Vice-Principal position at each high school it will save the Town approximately \$150,000. He went on to say that it is time the Town took a good hard look at the curriculum of the high schools. He is of the opinion that there are just too many classes for too few students.

Cynthia Melvin, 34 Terrace Gardens pleaded with the Council not to cut the budget. She pointed out that out of the \$42 million request by the Board of Education, only \$5 million actually goes into education. Everything else is fixed costs to one extent or another. Until someone has the courage to stand up and say, the Townspeople of Wallingford want two high schools, therefore they will have to

pay for two high schools, the budget is going to be the \$42 million.

Mr. Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street agreed with Ms. Melvin with regards to the fixed expenses. He has not heard, nor read in the paper, much of a defense by the people in the education area of this budget. He asked, at what point would this really begin to pinch for the Board to come out swinging and defend their position?

Mr. Ferrara stated that this is not the proper forum to discuss it. The workshop is set up for April 30th and May 1st at which time the Board will defend their position. This is a public hearing this evening and not the correct forum.

Mr. Musso agreed with Cynthia Melvin that very little of the budget is actually spent on educating the children. He felt that the teachers should take less of a percentage increase in pay and transfer the remaining back to educating the children.

Dr. Cirasuolo stated that the most important ingredient in a school system is the teachers. That money is well spent. He would rather go without a little less supplies and books in exchange for an adequate number of highly qualified teachers.

Donna Cassella, 14 Anderson Road pointed out that the teachers have much more responsibility today than when she attended school in years past. She is very active in one of the schools and has witnessed the fact that teachers have to deal with many more problems today, whether it be drugs, weapons or emotional situations.

There being no further questions pertaining to the Board of Education, Mr. Killen thanked all participants for their time and opinions and preceded onto other parts of the budget.

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Raymond Smith, Director of Public Utilities; Robert Beaumont, PUC Commissioner; and Al Kovacs, PUC Commissioner approached the microphones to address any questions the public had regarding the Electric Division's Budget.

John Beecher, 65 Seiter Hill Road asked the Council to consider not invading the Retained Earnings account of the Electric Division. He was very concerned that the Town might make the same short-sighted mistake that the State of Connecticut did and when it comes time to use that money it won't be there.

Tim Cronin, 47 So. Ridgeland Road had the exact opposite view. He did not feel that it was proper in the public sector for any department to carry a surplus. He asked why account #419-1, Interest Income carried a balance of only \$90,000 this year as opposed to \$650,000 last year?

Mr. Walter Lee, General Manager of the Electric Division responded

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that it was a direct result from the funds spent on the Pierce Generation Expansion Project. With funds expended, the interest income decreases.

Tim Cronin stated that if it does not go through, the Town is still looking at \$650,000 income. He felt this is a very small amount of income to bring in on the amount of money that the division has in Retained Earnings. He asked if the budget will be adjusted if the Pierce Project is not approved? He was very upset over the idea that the public has to worry about the funding for their hearing impaired children in the education system when the Electric Division is sitting on \$27 million of Retained Earnings. He felt it was an outrage.

Ray Rys, 96 Pierson Drive asked if the \$7,800,000 in the Gas Turbine Account for F.Y. 91-92 is a budgeted amount, does it come from Retained Earnings, come from bonding, where does it come from?

Ray Smith responded that the budget shown is the anticipated expenditure for the project. It will come from a couple of sources. His recommendation has been that a portion of it comes from Retained Earnings and the balance from bond or funding ordinance. A fifty/fifty split was anticipated if it is a \$18 million project.

Mr. Rys then asked if that meant that if the money came out of the Retained Earnings, even if it was 50%, 75% or 100%, because the account exists, then it will not have to go through bonding in the Town and the taxpayer pay for this instead of the ratepayer?

Mr. Smith explained that it is never intended that the taxpayer would pay for it. It would be paid for from either available sources out of Retained Earnings available cash or bonds that were issued pledging the Electric Division revenues and backup of the Town. A double-barrel bond.

Mr. Rys: You are going to pledge 50%?

Mr. Smith: That is what was recommended. First the project must be approved and the funding ordinance process has to go forward. At this point it is at a stand still. We are hoping to bring that back.

Mr. Rys: If you did not take half of that money from Retained Earnings, what other source would you get it from?

Mr. Smith: We would have to go out and borrow it.

Mr. Rys: And that would be reflected in the electric rates?

Mr. Smith: Yes.

WATER DIVISION

Mr. Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street inquired what constituted the Overtime accounts of all the departments. Was it the premium,

or the straight time plus the premium?

Mr. Smith: It is time and one-half, double time, shift premium, anything contractually earned, call in time, etc.

Mr. Wright asked if the Overtime figures today represent a higher percentage of total labor cost? Are we making any headway in reducing this monster?

Mr. Smith: I believe that it is a lower number that is being budgeted next year.

Mr. Wright: Do you (all departments) have a program to curtail, reduce the Overtime?

Mr. Smith: We have reduced overtime. There are certain contractual hours such as standby pay.

Mr. Roger Dann, General Manager of the Water Division spoke on behalf of his department in that the proposed budget carries more Overtime projected than what was carried in the current year. With the construction of a Water Treatment Plant underway, additional funds have been requested to be set aside in the coming year's budget to deal with water quality problems that may result from construction activities.

Mr. Wright: I am not here to support brother Bradley's comment in the paper, this is my pet peeve, I have been saying it for years and one of these days I am going to get to somebody who will actually show me that there is an honest to goodness effort made to control and reduce Overtime in the operating departments of this Town.

Robert Beaumont stated that up until this current fiscal year the Division has had scheduled overtime on Saturdays. That has been cut out during this current fiscal year. The end result; the Overtime represents approximately 12% of the Distribution Department's total salaries and wages.

Mr. Wright asked if Mr. Beaumont considered that good?

Mr. Beaumont stated that the Division has to keep people available to keep the Town in service. The planned overtime has been reduced.

Mr. Wright reminded everyone that people get used to their overtime. They look forward to that 4, 8 or 12 hours overtime and count on it. Unless properly controlled, they will continue to earn it.

Tim Cronin, 47 So. Ridgeland Road asked why such a large profit is being made. On \$6 million worth of sales, \$3 million is income?

Mr. Dann pointed out that the income is later used in the budget to fund Capital projects.

At this point in time, Mr. Killen remembered that the Personnel pages of the Electric Division were not covered. To this end, the

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attention was turned away from the Water Division and page 186-193 Personnel and Salary Details of the Electric Division was reviewed.

There were no questions from the public on these items.

The Council remained with the Personnel Salary Details of the Water Division at this time, page 194-198.

There were no questions from the public on these items.

The Council then revisited the Operating Budget beginning on page 134 for the Water Division.

There were no questions regarding this budget.

SEWER DIVISION (Water Pollution Control)

The Operating, Capital and Personnel Budgets were reviewed.

There were no questions regarding this budget.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Operating and Personnel Budgets were reviewed.

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

TOWN COUNCIL

Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road stated that the Council should vote themselves a raise due to what they will go through with the Revaluation process.

SCHOOL HANDICAPPED AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ray Rys pointed out that the Board of Selectmen will be appointed in 1992, no longer elected. It was a correction noted to the program aspect of the budget explanation.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

PROGRAM PLANNER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Mr. Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked if the expenses will increase due to the re-structuring of the department?

Attorney Janis Small responded that the budget should remain fairly steady.

AUDIT CONTRACT

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Ray Rys questioned the increase from \$300 to \$15,000 in the Secretarial Expense Account. Was it due to the Revaluation?

Mr. Killen stated that it was a reflection of the Revaluation process.

Mr. Rys asked when the revaluation will take effect?

Mr. Myers responded that it will be in F.Y. 92-93. The Board of Tax Review will be reviewing in the months of February and March of 1992.

COMPTROLLER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

TAX COLLECTOR

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

ASSESSOR

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

PURCHASING

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

CENTRAL SERVICES

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

LIBRARY

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

BOARD OF ETHICS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

POLICE ACCIDENT AND INVESTIGATION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

POLICE CRIME PREVENTION

Ray Rys asked if the department was increasing its staff by one body?

Chief Douglas Dortenzio responded, yes, it is the DARE officer.

Mayor Dickinson felt that two different issues were confused here. The number of personnel is not going up one, it is the accounting of an individual in the proper department.

Chief Dortenzio: That is correct, it was formerly charged to the patrol unit and has been transferred, with salary, to the Crime Prevention Unit. There is no increase in the department size.

POLICE DETECTIVES & NARCOTICS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

POLICE PATROL

Ray Rys warned the Council to be very careful in cutting the Overtime of this department. One thing the Town does not need is the patrol being decreased. They are needed in the Town and suburbs to fight crime. Crime has not decreased.

Philip Wright noted that the Overtime has been broken down into many categories. He felt that this is the way to get at the monster. If it is broken down in a way to analyze it then something can be done about it. He commended the Police Department.

Al Bulmer, 53 Saw Mill Drive, asked for an explanation on the Dry Cleaning Bill.

Chief Dortenzio explained that it is a contractual obligation. It calls for a specific payment for the clothing being cleaned for the dry cleaners that the Town uses.

POLICE RECORDS DIVISION

Mr. Rys asked for an explanation for a Range Conversion.

Chief Dortenzio stated that the Police Department was originally designed to include an indoor firing range. The range was never built and, as a result, a large part of the basement is vacant and unconstructed. The department has since outgrown areas of the department related to property evidence and storage. It has been proposed that the space will be utilized for the storage of property

evidence.

POLICE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

POLICE YOUTH SERVICES

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

DOG POUND

Tim Cronin stated that the Council should give the Dog Warden the money requested since she does an outstanding job (applause).

AMBULANCE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - REGULAR

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE SURGEON

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE EMERGENCY CENTER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE MARSHAL

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE - EAST WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE - NORTH FARMS VOLUNTEERS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE - COOK HILL VOLUNTEER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

FIRE - YALESVILLE VOLUNTEER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

JURY COMMITTEE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

WELFARE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

RECREATION

Tim Cronin stated that this is another outstanding department of which he did not want to see any funds cut.

COMMUNITY POOL

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

SHEEHAN POOL

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

ENGINEERING GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL HIGHWAY

Mark DeAngelo, Atwater Street, President of Local 1183, Employee of the Public Works Department, addressed the issue of the contracting out of major road work. Three jobs are presently being put out to bid. They are Ward St. Ext., Toelle's Rd. Reconstruction and North Main Street Ext.'s Reconstruction. He made the Council aware that saving money is a valid and prime concern of the Public Works Department. It has already saved the Town approximately \$3 million on the dump methane trench work, Cook Hill Rd. reconstruction, Parker Farms Rd. reconstruction, and the Recycling Center. They could save the Town a substantial amount of money to do the jobs themselves, even if the equipment is rented. He also addressed the vacating of a Maintainer III position recently upon the retirement of Albert Couture. The Department is proposing to eliminate the position rather than promote an employee from within the department. Employees need to look forward to promotions to keep morale high. The Town would be better served if they maintained the positions in the Public Works Department instead of sub-contracting out to contractors who are making large profits. He asked the Council to consider his points and thanked them for their time.

Mayor Dickinson wanted everyone to note that on page 143, there are two added projects that are State grants. If they come through, that is the money that in the past has appeared in the capital program. The capital program shows a reduction of \$400,000. To avoid a hit if the money didn't come through from the State, it is shown under the grant program. Should the money come through, that money would be utilized by Public Works for about \$1 million of road improvements this coming summer.

PARKS

Mr. Rys asked if \$7,450 for Restoration of Paddle Tennis Courts was for the tennis courts at Community Lake?

Mayor Dickinson: Yes.

SNOW ICE CONTROL AND SAND PICKUP

Mr. Musso felt that this account should be looked at very closely.

Mayor Dickinson explained that this program is made for yard clean-up. It is not designed for furniture and other things that people want to get rid of.

Bernadette Renda, 753 North Main Street Ext. asked why her bags of dispose were ripped open and scattered about everywhere when the directions were to have everything bagged and at the curb?

Henry McCully, Superintendent of Public Works explained that bags of leaves have been picked up and taken but it must have been a misunderstanding that he feels can be rectified. The bundles have to be 50 lbs. or under due to workmen's compensation insurance and it helps to keep the people from using the service in excess.

Mr. Killen urged Ms. Renda to place a call if a matter such as this occurs again. Do not wait for a public forum, contact either the Public Works Dept. or the Town Council Office or the Office of the Mayor.

CENTRAL GARAGE

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There were no questions or comments on this budget.

The Chair stated that it was very evident that there was very little interest in the remaining items and requested anyone who had a particular question or concern with any of the items please step forward

