

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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OCTOBER 22, 1991

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,800 to the Yalesville School Janitorial Contract Acct. - Public Works Department
3. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from High Dump Street Sweeper to Maintenance of Building Account - Public Works Department
4. Discussion and Possible Action on the Re-setting of a Plaque and Post Commemorating President Washington's Visit to Wallingford - Wallingford Historical Society
5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
6. PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Appropriating \$250,000 For The Acquisition of Police Department Computer Equipment and Authorizing the Issue of \$250,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose - 7:45 P.M.
7. Consider and Approve the Length of Service Awards Program for July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992 - Length of Service Awards Committee
8. Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process for Work to Be Performed at 88 S. Main Street - 88 S. Main Street Building Committee
9. Limited Discussion on the Business Development Task Force Report - Program Planner's Office
10. Consider and Approve Continuing the Local Recycling Program by Awarding A Contract to Stratford Baling Corporation - Mayor's Office
11. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution of the Town of Wallingford Registering Its Opposition to the Adoption of a State Income Tax by the State of Connecticut as Requested by Councilor Parisi
12. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 to Maintenance of Structures and Improvements Acct. #651-000 - Water Division

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13. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 to the Maintenance Wells & Springs Acct. #614-000 - Water Division
14. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,700 to Property Taxes Acct. #408-000 - Water Division
15. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT General Statutes Regarding the Discussion of the Selection of a Site or the Lease, Sale or Purchase of Real Estate
16. Consider and Approve Authorizing the Town Attorney to Enter Into Negotiations For Final Execution by the Mayor
17. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases to Date - Mayor's Office
18. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers to Date - Mayor's Office

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7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 22, 1991 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Albert E. Killen at 7:07 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 8:14 P.M. and Town Attorney Janis M. Small arrived at 7:12 P.M. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to place the following items on the Consent Agenda to be Voted Upon by One Unanimous Vote of the Council

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,800 to the Yalesville School Janitorial Contract Account #001-5230-600-6290 from Sr. Citizens Center Janitorial Contract Acct. #001-5150-600-6290, \$9,839.00 and from Paint Ext. Steel Main Truck Terminal Acct. #001-5050-999-9914 - Public Works

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,700 from Maint. Trans. & Dist. Lines Acct. #673-000 to Property Taxes Acct. #408-000 - Water Division

ITEM #17 Note for the Record Anniversary Increases to Date - Mayor's Office

ITEM #18 Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date - Mayor's Office

Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from High Dump Street Sweeper Acct. #001-5040-999-9909 to Maintenance of Building Acct. #001-5230-500-5100 - Public Works

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

Mr. Bradley asked if the roof has been repaired?

Mr. Stephen Deak, Director of Public Works responded, yes.

Mr. Parisi asked if the school is protected by the old alarm system?

Mr. Deak responded that it is presently alarmed, however it is costing the Town a great deal of money due to the fact that the alarm is continuously "tripped" by visitors to the building.

Mr. Parisi felt that the alarm should not be activated from within

and that the people utilizing the building should be educated with the system to avoid the "tripping".

Mr. Deak stated that part of the building has been closed due to the fact that a crack in the boiler has been discovered. He informed the Council that it will take a substantial amount of money to repair. If not repaired the school will have to be closed.

Mr. Killen had a problem with the fact that Mr. Deak is requesting close to \$13,000 in transfers this evening for Yalesville School of which could be closed due to the boiler problem.

Mr. Deak told the Council that he will be better informed tomorrow as to whether or not the boiler can be repaired or not.

Mr. Killen did not want these transfers to go forward if the building is not going to be opened.

Mr. Deak agreed to the stipulation.

Mr. Zandri pointed out that this was one of his main concerns when the Council was first trying to decide what to do with the building. He was reluctant to expend funds on this school not knowing exactly how the building would be utilized in the long run. He feels this will be an on-going problem. The Council will have to now decide whether or not to spend money on a boiler that may not fit the ultimate use for that particular facility. He was concerned over the money that would be spent on the building.

Ray Rys, 96 Pierson Drive informed the Council that, in looking at the Yalesville Report, the architect did mention the boiler, the roof, etc., the school is in pretty bad shape. The boiler problem was identified some time ago. He urged the Council to read the report.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Discussion and Possible Action on the Re-setting of a Plaque and Post Commemorating President Washington's Visit to Wallingford - Wallingford Historic Society.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Hear Discussion on the Issue, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record from Mary Annis, President of the Wallingford Historic Society and a reply from the Mayor to Ms. Annis in reference to her inquiry.

Mayor Dickinson stated in his response that the Engineering Department and the Mayor's Office saw no problem with moving the marker. The Council left the responsibility with the Mayor's Office on this matter.

No action was taken.

ITEM #8 Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Move Agenda Item #8 Up To The Next Order of Business, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process For Work To Be Performed at 88 S. Main Street - 88 S. Main Street Building Committee

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process for Work To Be Performed at 88 S. Main Street, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Bradley read an Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Lazarus & Sargeant, Architects, P.C., into the record.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures to Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award the Project of Moving the Structure Located at 88 S. Main Street to Morris House Moving Company and to Waive the Bid to Award the Project of Pouring the Footings for the New Location of the Structure at 88 S. Main Street, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Solinsky passed; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award the Project of Pouring the Footings and Foundations for the New Location of the Structure at 88 S. Main Street to the Biafore Company, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Removed From the Table to Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Award the Project of Moving the Structure Located at 88 S. Main Street to Morris House Moving Company, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road extended his thanks to Mary Fritz, State Representative who was present in the audience this evening, for her support for the taxpayers of Wallingford. He was sorry that she was not going to run for office next year.

He spoke on "the so-called overcrowding of the elementary schools" and stated that there may be a little "squeeze" but it is not as bad as some think. He took the September 6, 1991 enrollment figures and eliminated special classes, etc., and read the averaged class size of each elementary school into the record as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Average Children per Class</u>
Moses Y. Beach	21
Cook Hill	20
Highland	18 1/2
Pond Hill	20 1/2
Rock Hill	20
Stevens	18.7
Parker Farms	20 1/2

This amounts to an overall average of 20 children per classroom. He warned the Council not to take everyone's word on the overcrowding issue without doing some research.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road asked what property the Council was discussing in its Executive Session held at the October 8, 1991 Town Council Meeting?

Mr. Killen explained that it was in regards to the property that F.I.P. was interested in. The item had not been requested as Executive Session but just to be safe since it dealt with the sale and/or purchase of property, it was listed as Executive Session but was discussed in open session.

Phylliss Corneal, 339 East Main Street wanted to speak on Agenda Item #11.

Mr. Killen asked that she wait until that item is taken up in its turn.

**ITEM #6 PUBLIC HEARING** On an Ordinance Appropriating \$250,000 For The Acquisition of Police Department Computer Equipment and Authorizing the Issue of \$250,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose - 7:45 P.M.

Motion was amended by Mr. Holmes to Dispense with the Reading of the Ordinance and Append a Copy to the Town Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

**VOTE ON DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE ORDINANCE:** All ayes; motion duly carried.

Police Chief Douglas Dortenzio gave a presentation to the Council.



Chief Dortenzio explained that costs are figured for a total of six years but expects to get considerably more than six years and presume to be into the next century before the system will be replaced. This was part of this year's budget proposal and was approved. In July the Council granted a bid waiver for the application software and suggested an R.F.P. be sent out for hardware costs due to the concern surrounding what types of maintenance programs were available.

Mr. Cronin was in favor of purchasing the computer system and felt very confident with the Chief's recommendations to the Council. He asked Mr. Myers, Comptroller, if this is the best way to finance the item?

Thomas Myers explained that the proposal itself does not call for bonding but to pay off the bond authorization over the next five year period. Bonds will not be issued on it but we need the authorization which, in effect, is the appropriation for the funds.

Mr. Dave Baker, 2 Pent Drive, Crime Prevention Officer for Wallingford spoke on behalf of the Wallingford Block Watch Neighborhood Watch Association which is comprised of approximately 700 families and 33 neighborhoods. This program cooperates with the Police Department in maintaining the low crime rate in Town. The effect of the new computer system on the block watch program alone will be immense. Information must be provided to the block watch program on a timely basis from the Police Department. This is vital to the program. Under the present system this cannot be done. He urged the Council to vote in favor of the ordinance.

Ann Fischer, Block Watch Captain for Highland Drive spoke in favor of the system and urged the Council to vote for it.

Lillian Blake, Block Watch Captain for Mohawk Drive did the same.

William Butka, 5 Highland Drive explained that the computer system currently utilized in the Detective Division is inefficient. The new system promises the case management so desperately needed by the department as well as the crime analysis. He asked the Council to vote in favor of the ordinance.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road spoke in favor of the ordinance.

The project itself has already been approved by the Council, the issue this evening was to approve the funding.

Chief Dortenzio addressed many technical questions asked by Mr. Bradley on the software and hardware aspects of the system. He detailed how the system would help to match up the modus operandi or "m.o." in cases along with patterns, evidence and/or any similarities that are present that would only prove to be a benefit to the department in all ways. It would bring the work of the department as a whole to a much higher level of efficiency with greater expediency.

Mr. Bradley asked why the Electric Division was contributing \$50,000 to the purchase of the equipment?

Mr. Myers explained that if the Police Department stayed on the Electric Division's computer system it would cost them (Electric Division) an additional \$50,000 in hardware to accommodate them with service.

Mr. Bradley asked if this was good business practice?

Mr. Myers responded that the Public Utilities Commissioner and/or the Mayor should answer that question, not him. He explained that no funds have been transferred as of yet and cannot be until it is approved by the Mayor and Council. The funds are not budgeted in the Electric Division budget itself.

Mr. Bradley recommended that Town money be used on this project not funds from the Electric Division.

Mr. Myers pointed out that the cost would be \$62,500 per year for the next four years, rather than \$50,000. A total of \$57,000 was budgeted for in the 1991-92 budget which will have to be increased by \$5,700 over the next few months.

Mr. Parisi informed the Council that the Mayor is at a school function for his son this evening and will be joining the meeting soon.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ADDENDUM Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,125.00 from Police Wages (Patrol) Acct. #001-2015-100-1310 to Maintenance of Computers Acct. #001-2011-500-5220 - Police Department

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Remove the Item From the Table, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated that this is a prime example of one of his pet peeves. During budget sessions the Council asked if the patrolman position is going to be filled and the answer is yes. He pointed out that the position was not filled and these dollars set aside during budget time for salaries are now being used for something else. He does not approve of this.

VOTE ON THE TRANSFER: Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to Move Agenda Item #11 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia, Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve the Length of Service Awards Program for July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992 - Length of Service Awards Committee

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record from Timothy J. Wall Co-Chairman, Length of Service Awards Program.

Mayor Dickinson stated that Personnel is currently reviewing practice in other towns. He supported the program and felt that the Town should proceed with it.

Present before the Council were Timothy J. Wall, William Celata, Maurice Russo and Mike Saul, Length of Service Awards Committee Members, to answer any questions the Council put before them.

The primary purpose of this program is three fold:

- 1) to reward the substantive and valuable services given to the Town of Wallingford by the volunteer firefighters
- 2) to provide a tool for use as an incentive in recruiting new individuals into service to the Town as volunteer firefighters
- 3) to accord an inducement to retain high trained volunteer firefighters as a continuing resource to the Town.

On the date of the program's initiation, all currently active member as defined by the activity standards and certified by each company chief, will receive credit for a portion of their past service to the Town of Wallingford as a volunteer firefighter. The volunteer shall be awarded one (1) year of past service credit for each five (5) years of previous volunteer service, up to a maximum of five (5) years of past service credit for twenty five (25) years of past service.

Those members who do not meet the activity standards on the program's initiation date will not receive credit for past service.

An individual will become fully vested in the program after five (5) years of active service. Members with less than five (5) years of active service will accrue yearly benefits under the plan, but will not be eligible to receive the benefits until completion of the fifth (5th) year of active service. A volunteer must meet the activity standards for a minimum of one (1) year after the inception of the program to become fully vested. Members with five (5) or more years of past service on the date of the program's initiation will automatically become fully vested in the program after one (1) additional year of active service. Active members with less than five (5) years of past service need only complete the number of years of service required to bring the total up to five (5) years to become fully vested.

Participants will begin receiving their monthly benefit upon reaching the age of sixty five (65) and having been an active participant of the program for a minimum of one (1) year.

If a member chooses to voluntarily retire prior to the entitlement age, the disability and death benefits will terminate effective the date of retirement. No post-retirement monthly benefits will be due or paid to the early retiree until he or she reaches the entitlement age.

The program will provide monthly benefit payments for life with a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) payments guaranteed.

The minimum monthly payment under this plan would be fifty dollars per month after five years of credited service. The maximum monthly payment under the plan would be four hundred fifty dollars per month after thirty years of credited service.

It shall be the responsibility of the chief's of the volunteer companies to collectively establish any and all rules, regulations, customs or procedures required by not defined by this plan. All rules, regulations, customs or procedures established by the chief's may be reviewed and amended by the Wallingford Town Council.

The Council questioned the committee on how it arrived at the 1-5 ratio for the plan as opposed to the 1-1 ratio?

Mr. Tim Wall explained that many plans were reviewed and the committee requested a cost analysis for the 1-5 and 1-1 ratios.

Mr. Russo stated that the cost factor was the main consideration. The nine committee members reviewed all the information for the 1-5 and 1-1 ratios and decided that the 1-5 was the proposal to bring forth.

Mr. Holmes stated that the feedback he has received is vastly different than that of the committee representatives this evening. He felt that there is a basic inequity for the long-term volunteer firefighter as opposed to the newcomers. He did not feel it is adequately addressed in his opinion.

Mr. Wall informed the Council that the night the committee met to accept the program it was a 4-4 vote. It was deadlocked. A motion was put on the floor to send this to the Council and Mayor's Office, the 1-1 and the 1-5 proposals. One and one-half to two hours were spent in a deadlock on the vote. The committee then chose to send the 1-5 proposal to the Council.

The cost to the Town for the 1-1 proposal will be slightly under \$100,000 per year.

Mayor Dickinson explained that all of the funds that are infused into the program will be utilized for the program with the exception of a fee for administration, if one has to be paid. The money will not be held by a third party.

Mr. Holmes asked if each firehouse was responsible for taking a vote, polling their members to see what they would like presented tonight?

Mr. Wall responded that each fire department was given a presentation on this program and a similar one. Each had a member appointed to the committee that attended the meetings and had the opportunity to bring the minutes of the meetings back to his respective fire department.

Mr. Holmes stated that he would feel better if there were some sort of vote recorded among the members on what they actually wanted.

Mr. Wall answered that there was no vote recorded.

Mr. Holmes personally favored the 1-1 ratio (applause). He felt that the individuals who have made the departments what they are today should be compensated for it.

Mr. Killen asked what the vote was on bringing this proposal to the Council this evening?

Mr. Wall responded, 7-1 to bring it in the 1-5 proposal.

Ms. Papale asked about the composition of the committee.

Mr. Wall read the following names as committee members into the record:

Mike Saul, Chief, Yalesville  
Tim Wall, Captain, North Farms  
Bill Celata, Asst. Chief, E. Wlfd.  
Maurice Russo, Firefighter, Cook Hill  
Al Bulmer  
John Gilchrist  
Bill Farrell  
John Andrulatis  
Ken Secol, Attorney at Law

Ms. Papale asked what made the volunteers compromise on the decision to bring the 1-5 proposal to the Council vs. the 1-1? She pointed out that there was much applause from those volunteers present in the audience this evening when Mr. Holmes stated he was in favor of the 1-1 program.

Mr. Wall responded that the four individuals present felt that they should bring the 1-5 program to the Council this evening. They felt it was a very good program. It is up to the Council to accept either the 1-1 or the 1-5 program.

Ms. Papale asked why the other members of the committee are not present this evening?

Mr. Wall could not answer why, they were notified by mail.

Mr. Solinsky stated that John Gilchrist asked that the Council be informed that he had a previous engagement and could not be present this evening.

Mr. Killen asked if the point system had been reviewed by the volunteers?

Mr. Wall responded, no, therefore the proposal is marked "draft".

Mr. Killen asked what is going to happen if the Council decides to accept the 1-5 program? He felt that the Council should hear from other members of the committee since the majority of the volunteers present support the 1-1 program.

Ken Creed, 43 Fritz Place; Mary Fritz, 43 Grove Street; Jim Ricci, 17 Fritz Place; Wayne LeFebvre, Chief of Fire Services; Robert Adam, Jay Warner; Bill McGovern, President of the Wallingford Volunteer Firefighters Association; Tim Sweeney, Chief, Cook Hill Volunteer Station; Ernie St. Amant; Bill Brooks and Lillian Blake all spoke in favor of the 1-1 proposal and urged the Council to accept it. Chief LeFebvre stated that a grandfather clause will have to be considered for those individuals who have twenty or thirty years of service invested.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road was against such a plan. He felt that volunteers are just that, volunteers. They should not be offered a pension as well. He was thoroughly disgusted.

Mr. Killen pointed out that the Council has to worry about the fact that, over time, issues such as this can become more militant and the volunteerism goes out the window and members become regulars whether they realize it or not. He voiced his opinion that there may be other individuals in town who may not agree with the volunteer's sentiments but are afraid to voice their opposition, not because they begrudge the volunteers their money but they are afraid what may happen in the future. Mr. Killen, personally appreciates the dedication of the volunteers and has, himself, served on many volunteer organizations over time and had not expected anything for it and therefore was never disappointed. He was reluctant to go forward without representation of the lay group that form half of the committee.

The majority of the Council agreed and the following motion was made;

Mr. Holmes amended the motion to Make the Criteria 1 for 1 Based on the First Four Pages of the Proposal Before the Council and to Hold this Program in Abeyance Until it is Brought Back to the Members of the Committee, seconded by Ms. Papale.

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

Tim Wall extended his thanks to the committee members who dedicated their time on this committee for the past three years, Former Chief McElfish; Laura Russo who helped keep the secretarial costs to a minimum to please the Council; Town Clerk, Kathryn J. Wall; Town Council Secretary, Kathryn F. Milano; the Council and Mayor's Office.

The Chair declared a five minute recess.

ITEM #9 Limited Discussion on the Business Development Task Force Report - Program Planner's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to Hear Discussion on the Item, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Killen explained that the report is not only lengthy but also very important and should not be taken up at a meeting that has so many other important items on the agenda. He requested a brief overview of the program so that the Council could absorb some of it and stated that it will be on the agenda during the month of November.

Don Roe, Program Planner and Mr. Gregory Peterson, Vice Chairman of the Task Force were available for the presentation.

The Business Development Task Force established by the Council at the request of the Economic Development Commission has been studying the efficacy of a local program of incentives to aid in the filling of vacant manufacturing and commercial buildings. The effects of these vacancies to employment opportunities, personal property tax revenues and utility sales are most evident.

The Task Force recognizes that any program of incentives raises a host of concerns. It is the judgement of the Task Force, however, that it is not in the Town's best interest to have existing buildings vacant and that the loss associated with these vacancies exceeds the potential loss associated with the proposed economic development incentive rate. Indeed, in the view of the Task Force the Town may also need to consider a tax incentive program as well in the not-to-distant future.

Mr. Peterson read correspondence from Chairman Gary Powell into the record.

The program criteria for Economic Development Incentive Rider is as follows:

1. Restricted to existing vacant industrial and commercial space in Wallingford.
2. Space must be vacant for a minimum of six months.
3. Building must comply with all Town and State building, fire, health and Planning & Zoning regulations.
4. Owner and lessee must be current on all tax and utility payments. Must keep payments current.
5. If owner or tenant from Wallingford, then must maintain existing load at current location. The discount applies to new load only at previously vacant site.
6. Minimum new load to be eligible for discount: 100kw.
7. Discount period: 2 years
8. Discount rate: 10%
9. Discount applied to net bill (gross less sales tax).
10. Application deadline: 18 months from adoption of program rate by P.U.C.

There was no further discussion on the matter. The Council will contact Mr. Roe and the Task Force when ready to place it on the agenda for a regular or special meeting.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve Continuing the Local Recycling Program by Awarding a Contract to Stratford Baling Corporation - Mayor's Office

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

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record from the Mayor.

Mr. Don Roe, Program Planner, asked the Council for direction if a regional option is what they would prefer. It would be a major course change and based on his understanding of the regional options he is suggesting that the Town continue with the course that has been set, a local program that continues to be framed in a way that the Town can have its options open so that reconsideration could be given, at a point, to other available options.

Ms. Papale extended credit to Resource Technology Group for their smooth, efficient operation of the recycling center over the past weeks.

Mr. Robert Brynetti, President of Resource Technology Group, stated that his company has shown that it has and can continue to do a good job for the Town. He admitted that his company did not do such a good job on computing the tonnage for the R.F.P. He wants the Town to reconsider taking advantage of a market which is known to be turning very shortly.

Mr. Roe explained that when the bid document was written the Town sought to have a net per ton figure. We wanted to be provided with a number that covers the cost, net of whatever revenue that could be obtained, so as to have an ability to determine who was low bidder. Each vendor, in a bid document, has the option to proposing alternatives. None of the vendors proposed that. It was bid as a minimum of two years and that a continuation beyond that time would be a Town option for up to five years.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road was frustrated with the fact that the cost to remove his trash will increase.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Roe what the cost is to the haulers for recyclables?

Mr. Roe responded, \$44.00 for year one from Stratford Baling.

Mr. Zandri then asked what the cost is to travel to the incinerator?

Mr. Roe responded that the current charge is \$67.00.

Mr. Zandri pointed out to Mr. Cronin that it will cost less to recycle, therefore resulting in a savings to him.



Walter Sawallich, Jr., 100 Jobs Road stated that his company is paying the same amount of money to dispose of the recyclables as he would be charged under Stratford Baling's plan with the exception that he has to currently haul it himself to Waterbury, Stratford, or Hartford. Regional may result in a lot less money in tonnage but very few of the local haulers are set up to truck the product great distances. By having a local facility in Town it will keep the cost down for the customer by helping to keep the hauler's costs where they currently are. By keeping the recycling process local the Town will retain more control.

Mr. Gouveia asked if the idea of having the vendor sign a performance bond is being contemplated in drawing up the contract?

Mr. Roe did not believe there would be language addressing that or a deposit in the contract. No contract has been drawn yet due to the fact that the Town did not wish to tie up legal services if it was not yet certain whether or not a regional plan was being considered.

Mr. Gouveia asked what action the Town would take if the vendor requires a deposit from the haulers?

Mr. Roe responded that it will all be part of the contract development. At this point he does not envision this as a part of the contract.

Robert Brynetti, RTG pointed out that RTG is not in the hauling business in the Town to pick up tonnage. That was one of the concerns in having a hauler-based operator run the recycling plant. It should be a concern to the Town because the tonnage figures that RTG based it on are basically what the other haulers in the Town are bringing. But now the Town has a hauler that is actually picking up commercial accounts in the Town and will also be running the plant.

Mr. Gouveia amended the motion to Accept the Recycling Service Proposal Offer of Stratford Baling Corporation Subject to Approval of the Contract by the Council, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution of the Town of Wallingford Registering Its Opposition to the Adoption of a State Income Tax by the State of Connecticut as Requested by Councilor Parisi.

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

Mr. Parisi read the Resolution into the record (see attached).

Mr. Gouveia agreed that the taxpayers throughout the State of Connecticut need a break and that the income tax package is a bad package and it should be repealed. Taxes, however, are a big problem not just in this state but also in Wallingford especially with the revaluation coming up next year. He, therefore, amended the Resolution with the addition of the following:

"It is further resolved that the the Town of Wallingford Town Council supports a plan limited to a zero tax increase budget for the next fiscal year", seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Parisi did not think this was possible since it was past the Council's term.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that it is a motion to support the idea.

Mr. Killen stated that the Council is doing nothing more than what is stated in the resolution directed at Hartford.

Mr. Holmes felt that the issues should be kept separate and suggested that Mr. Gouveia submit his own resolution.

Mr. Parisi felt this is a serious matter and that the Council is not treating it as such. He referred to comments made (no sources identified) about election time and stated that Mr. Holmes, Mr. Solinsky and himself are working far beyond this resolution before the Council. It is a very sincere effort on their part and was not their intention to make a political issue of it.

Mr. Gouveia stated that his amendment is based on a well thought out plan he has proposed for next year regarding revaluation.

Mr. Parisi argued that it is not the Council's job to deal with this problem. The Council's job is to reflect the will of the people in the deliberations they hold and the votes that they cast. He feels that the representatives of the State of Connecticut in both the Senate and the House of Representatives are not reflecting the will of the people. It is their job to solve the problem that exists and if the people have said they don't want an income tax, let them (the Representatives) find another way, that is what they are getting to paid to do and that is what they were elected to do. He is trying to amplify the cry of the people of Wallingford and surrounding towns that have strongly stated that they do not want an income tax.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Parisi what makes him think that Mr. Gouveia is not reflecting the will of the people in this Town when he proposed the amendment to the resolution? Taxes are a very serious problem ... this Town. They have gone up 23% in the last three years alone. In the face of revaluation if the Council does not do something or at least take a stand they will go up even higher. He feels that he is reflecting the will of the people in Wallingford to say, enough is enough and lets strive to have a zero tax increase in Wallingford next year. It only says that the Council supports the idea, not that they are voting on the budget next year.

Mr. Parisi stated that had he not brought forth his resolution Mr. Gouveia would not have brought forth his amendment. He would rather see Mr. Gouveia's idea in its own resolution so that it can be appraised for what it stands for and for what it is just as the Republicans presented theirs because they were upset with the income tax and poor representation that is afforded the people of the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Zandri stated that if some Councilors did not want this to appear as a political issue, then perhaps he should consider withdrawing it from the agenda and re-submitting the item after the election.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road expressed his frustration with the tax load he has to bear as a resident of this state.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road supported Mr. Parisi's resolution.

Mario Tolla, 69 Pond Hill Road agreed with Mr. Gouveia that we need to direct our efforts to control spending in Wallingford first.

Phylliss Corneal, 339 E. Main Street spoke in favor of the State income tax.

Randolph Erskine, 348 N. Main Street also spoke in favor of the State income tax because it is based on the ability to pay as opposed to the number of purchases made. There are inequities in the formulation of the tax and he feels that the legislators should correct them. There should be no repeal of the tax without having in place a substitute means of balancing the State budget.

Andy Kapy, 6 Deme Road stated, as a resident of this Town he is very happy that we are making observations about how other people are doing their jobs in Hartford. He was also concerned that most of the Council is up for re-election and this will be a matter they will have to deal with next year. He would like to see people go on record as to how they are going to do their jobs. He felt that Mr. Gouveia's amendment is very valid.

Mary Fritz, State Representative, urged the Council to support the motion for repeal of the income tax but she also cautioned them to be careful and look twice when they read the paper or given information that the Town will lose this or that because that is what the only other option is. That is what is down the road for the Town. She offered to mail information to the Council showing that in all of the income tax free packages the Town of Wallingford did the same as they did in the income tax package. She is part of one of the groups working on an alternative and nowhere at no time have they looked at or considered, at this point in time, any quick fix. Instead, one of the ground rules has been from the onset that they will go at the problem innovatively, in bits and pieces but the bottom line is to look at long range planning, changes in the way the State of Connecticut conducts business and to eliminate the income tax. The people of the State of Connecticut cannot afford the income tax, not just Republicans. She cannot support the income tax and feels that the paycheck of the State of Connecticut is large enough to pay its bills, it is how the business is conducted which is incorrect. Her group is closely reviewing that aspect.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT:** Bradley abstained; Papale & Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Atty. Small asked Ms. Fritz what her group has been doing since January to come up with an alternative to this?

Ms. Fritz responded that there were three coalition budgets...

Atty. Small interrupted her to ask her if she thought that they were good budgets?

Ms. Fritz answered, the point is, let me remind you also, Janis, that you may think that the income tax is wonderful...the great hidden agenda in the income tax package is there are thirty-one items that are expanded sales tax base. In the coalition packages you have forty-three items that have a sales tax base but without an income tax and for \$.02 on the dollar I cannot see removing \$886 million from the revenue stream of the State of Connecticut to obtain \$.02 on every dollar and give the people living on capital gains, dividends and interest a free ride, a drop-off 10% on their taxes. Somehow or other, when you have a deficit of \$900 million, you don't give away \$886 million.

Atty. Small asked, you don't think that the coalition budgets would have solved the problem?

Ms. Fritz responded, they raised \$1 billion in taxes just like this.

Atty. Small added that she was glad to hear Mr. Musso refer to former Governor William O'Neil. She thought that the entire state had forgotten about him and his cronies who year after year spent budgets and spent, and spent and spent. She stated that you cannot believe any of them, whether opposed or in favor....

Mr. Killen had to call for a restore to order of the meeting.

VOTE ON THE AMENDED RESOLUTION: Bradley abstained; Zandri & Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes left at 12:55 P.M.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 to Maintenance of Structures and Improvements Acct. #651-000 from Main. Trans. & Dist. Lines Acct. #673-000 - Water Dept.

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

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

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 to the Maintenance of Wells & Springs Acct. #614-000 from Chemical Expense Acct. #641-000 - Water Division

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

VOTE: Holmes was absent; Parisi passed; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT. General Statutes Regarding the Discussion of the Selection of a Site or the Lease, Sale or Purchase of Real Estate

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Move Into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

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

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

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

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve Authorizing the Town Attorney to Enter Into Negotiations for Final Execution by the Mayor

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

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

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 A.M.

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Albert E. Killen, Chairman

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