

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Allow for the Removal of Soil at the McKenzie Filter Plant - Water Division
3. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Liability Insurance Acct. #925-000 to Maint. Structures & Improvements Acct. #651-000 - Water Division

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A special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Thursday, May 1, 1997 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:36 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati with the exception of Mr. Rys who had a previous commitment. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also in attendance. Town Attorney Janis M. Small and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also absent from the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Chairman Parisi thanked the members of the Council who were in attendance this evening. He appreciated their effort to be here tonight considering they were given extremely short notice of the meeting.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Allow for the Removal of Soil at McKenzie Filter Plant - Water Division

Roger Dann, General Manager of the Water and Sewer Division explained, his work crew was in the process of removing two abandoned oil storage tanks out at the McKenzie Filter Plant when it was discovered that one of the tanks exhibited holes in it, allowing its contents to seep into the ground area. The tank has been removed however a volume of contaminated soil remains behind and needs to be taken away.

Mr. Farrell asked, what are we going to do with the treatment plant?

Mr. Dann answered, we are taking the tanks out because we do not want to continue to maintain an oil-fired heating system out there. We have put in a limited amount of electric heat just to keep a little bit of warmth in the building. An attempt was made to see if any other Town department was interested in the building by way of a memo distributed by the division approximately one year ago. No response was received. In a future budget we will be looking to provide for demolition of the facility.

Mr. Zappala asked, how many more underground tanks do we have in existence throughout the Town that will experience similar problems?

Mr. Dann responded, the tank that was leaking was put into place in 1957. This is the last of the underground tanks that we know about.

Mr. Zappala stated, any underground tanks that we have that are over twenty years of age should be removed.

Mr. Doherty asked, how much oil was spilled?

Mr. Dann responded, the tank held 2,000 gallons when full. At the time that it was removed we had to pump out 150 gallons that remained in the bottom of the tank. We really do not know what volume leaked out. I do not believe that there was a tremendous amount of leakage however, as we begin to excavate deeper we will have a better idea. Our transfer request is based on a volume of up to about 45 tons or yards of soil to be disposed of.

Mr. Doherty asked, when was the tank filled last?

Mr. Dann answered, the winter before last.

Mr. Renda asked, is D.E.P. involved in this?

Mr. Dann responded, as soon as the problem was discovered we notified D.E.P. who visited the site. We have discussed the plan of action and what the requirements will be for certifying that the clean up is complete with them.

Mr. Parisi stated, if your analysis does not come up positive you will have to put some monitoring wells in and you will have to monitor for one year, submitting a report each quarter to D.E.P.

Mr. Dann informed the Council that four quotes were obtained from various vendors to transport and dispose of the soil through incineration.

Mr. Parisi suggested that a procedure be established to address the issue of emptying oil tanks when a building is closed down.

Mr. Knight asked, how did the vendors know on what to base their quotes? Did they perform test borings which led them to believe how much soil they would have to remove and incinerate?

Mr. Dann answered, the \$5,000 is the total of several factors that come in to play. We will have to provide sample analysis that will run anywhere from \$500 - \$750. We have money in there in the event that the excavation is deeper than what we can accommodate with our own equipment and would have to bring in rental equipment. The remainder or bulk of the cost is for disposal of the soil. This is the best guess we can make with the information in front of us at this point. All the prices are based on estimates. If I am drastically off on the estimates then I will have to come back to the Council for additional funds.

Mr. Centner asked, what will happen to the contaminated soil?

Mr. Dann responded, the four quotes are based on incineration of the product.

Mr. Centner asked, does the vendor need to certify back to us what they did with the soil?

Mr. Dann answered, there is a process for the transport and the manifest associated with that and we would get records back indicating that it had been received and disposed of.

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

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Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

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

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

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Zandri
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Town Council Secretary

Approved by:

[Signature]
Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

5-13-97

Date

Rosemary A. Rascati
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

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Date