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7:30 p.m.

- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance to flag.
- (2) Public question and answer period.
- (3) SET PUBLIC HEARING on Local Bridge Program, requested by Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
- (4) Presentation by JOHNSON & RICHTER on Center Park Project.

- (5) Consider & approve a transfer of \$565 from A/C 159-570 to A/C 159-575 (1985-1986 ADJUSTING TRANSFER), requested by Stanley A. Seadale, Personnel Director.
- (6) Consider & approve a transfer of \$840 from A/C 805-323 to A/C 142-130, Tax Collector, Clerical Wages, requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.
- (7) Consider selection of an ACTUARIAL FIRM.
- (8) Consider tax refunds in the amount of \$2,769.79 as follows:

We Try Harder, Inc.	\$ 66.45
Jesse A. & Dawn E. Wills	587.02
William & Karen Kiley and/or Colonial Bank	39.32
Raymond Sanford and/or First Federal Bank of CT	588.12
Frank & Patricia Schweithelm and/or CT Savings Bank	641.16
Nicholas & Margie Vamvakis and/or Citicorp Homeowners	716.04
D. L. Peterson Trust Company	131.68
TOTAL	<u>\$2,769.79</u>
- (9) Consider & approve a transfer of \$360 from A/C 503-140 to A/C 503-480, requested by Steven L. Deak, Director of Public Works.
- (10) Consider & approve a transfer of \$56 from A/C 145-130 to A/C 145-410, (1985-1986 ADJUSTING TRANSFER), requested by Donald T. Dunleavy, Purchasing Agent.
- (11) Consider resolution for refunding Wallingford Community Service Program (SCOW), requested by Donald W. Roe, State & Federal Program Administrator.
- (12) Consider & approve request by Walter O. Lee, Electric Division, to obtain Town Council permission to sell a used Uarco forms burster, Model 17411 Inventory #0119568 and have the personal property removed from the books of the Electric Division.
- (13) Consider possible action to form an INSURANCE COMMISSION, requested by Councilman Edward L. Diana.
- (14) Consider & approve transfers requested by Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk: PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE 1985-86 ADJUSTING TRANSFERS:
 - (a) \$610 from A/C 603-110 to A/C 603-404
 - (b) \$241 from A/C 603-110 to A/C 603-410
 - (c) \$3,707 from A/C 804-831-01 to A/C 603-650
- (15) Selection of time to meet with legislators on the town improvement program and the selection of designees to serve on local allocation council. Letter from David O. Thorp, State Representative, 89th District enclosed.
- (16) Correspondence: Letter from Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. regarding resignation of Rabbi Michael Manson as Chairman and Commissioner of the Wallingford Housing Authority.
- (17) Correspondence: Memo from Honorable Philip S. Robertson, Connecticut General Assembly re ACTS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.
- (18) Correspondence: Letter from Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. regarding invitation from North Haven Bicentennial Commission to attend August 17, 1986 pre-parade reception.
- (19) NOTE FOR THE RECORD financial statements for the General Fund:
 - (a) Statement of Revenues - fiscal year 1986-1987.
 - (b) Statement of Appropriations - fiscal year 1986-1987.
- (20) ACCEPT Town Council Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 1986.
- (21) ACCEPT Town Council Meeting Minutes dated June 30, 1986 (special).
- (22) EXECUTIVE SESSION, requested by Town Attorney Vincent T. McManus, Jr. to discuss settlement of pending litigation.

ADDENDUM

Discussion and possible action regarding in-town relocation of TABER HOUSE.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 1986

7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers on July 23, 1986, called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 7:40 p.m. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Rascati were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Gouveia, Killen and Rys. Councilwoman Papale did arrive just after the roll was called. Chairman Gessert then noted for the record that Councilman Polanski was out of state and would not be available for this meeting. Councilman Holmes was absent. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Comptroller Thomas A. Myers, and Assistant Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

Public Question and Answer Period

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail says "I told you so. I told you it was inevitable that there would be an accident." This happened up at Bristol-Myers last Friday. He then says the accident occurred somewhere between 9:45 and 10:00. He was in his backyard. He did notice fire equipment from downtown and the volunteers driving through the neighborhood and looking for a gas leak. The Fire Department had gotten calls from all over and here they were looking for a gas leak, chasing their tails looking for a gas leak. One hour to one hour and fifteen minutes later, Bristol-Myers decided that they should call the town and tell them there was a spill. The spill was ethyl mercaptan, a non-carcinogenic chemical that is also classified, highly-toxic, hazardous and flammable chemical. It is also a Group 3 chemical on the State DEP's hazardous list. Again, he called DEP and they said that Number 1 they would not come down to investigate and he told them that he did expect an investigation into it. They didn't feel that the quantity was significant. That odor reached out to over 2 miles in radius. Mr. Bradley then says it is somewhat ironic that the director of personal relations called him after 11:00 a.m. in the morning to tell him that there has been a spill. What can he do. He feels the intent was to keep his mouth shut. Chairman Gessert feels they called him because he has had the most to say about Bristol-Myers. Mr. Bradley said what could he do? How would he notify the residents. It was nice of him to call but public relations people are also used for other purposes. Mr. Bradley continues to say the people complained of headaches, nausea, eye burning and elderly people complained of respiratory problems. People called the Mayor's hotline to find out what was spilled. Also, he points out that a lot of people called the poison control center. They said "We advise you to (1) Close up your house, leave the area and go to an air conditioned mall." This is a chemical that isn't suppose to have an impact on people. Chief Hacku said that he was satisfied that the company called as soon as the proper people were aware of the spill. An hour to an hour and a quarter is not acceptable. Would you find it acceptable if you dialed 911 for a fire and they came an hour later. What are the contingency plans and the emergency plans in this town in case of chemical spills? There have been too many chemical environmental associated accidents in town and it is time to establish a committee to investigate these accidents. We can not rely solely on DEP. Who is giving Bristol-Myers the right to contaminate our air and to pollute our water?

This accident is something that I and others will not tolerate. Bristol-Myers is not a welcome neighbor. They are one that can't be trusted and one you should never turn your back on. People of Wallingford beware the corporate giant that walks the town of Wallingford with a fistful of dollars looking to buy good will and God help this town if there was ever a life threatening spill and God forbid Bristol-Myers if anything should ever happen to his family.

Geno Zandri, 61 Colonial Hill says recently the State of CT appropriated some \$10 million for towns who are planning to establish recycling programs. Is our town going to be looking into getting any part of this money to start a kind of recycling.

Chairman Gessert says it is a good suggestion and he feels that it something they should look at. He would like to see the legislation.

He has seen articles and from what he sees, he is not positive that the legislation makes a mandatory recycling law necessary before you can get the funds or if it can be voluntary.

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Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court, says recently there have been articles in the paper from the President of Ct Resource Recovery Authority and by Mary Musinsky with regards to incinerators that will be in operation that are utilizing source separation which means not burning everything that is brought to these incinerators. Such a plant proposed is in Hartford and these people have indicated that these plants are safer, run more efficiently than plants that do not source separate. It is his understanding that that plant is somewhat different than the plant proposed for Wallingford. He has also read recently, by a member of the Council who stated, these problems have been studied (incineration) for 10 years and the decision to have this plant in Wallingford is safe because it has been studied for 10 years. Prior to the decision to have this particular incinerator placed in Wallingford, what other plants, if any, were discussed or presented to the Council before the decision to use this particular incinerator.

Chairman Gessert then says he will try and get Mr. Avallone an answer to that question.

Salvatore Falconeri, 281 Grieb Road says the morning of the chemical spill he was coming home about 10:15 and he could smell the odor like a sewer smell. He then says he looked around and it was a chemical, musky odor that was real offensive and burning his eyes. A neighbor down the road had to take oxygen because of a respiratory problem. This type of spill is uncalled for. According to Bristol-Myers they spilled only 1 quart and it spread over a 2-3 mile area. He would like this Council to form a committee or an investigation committee to find out what type of chemicals Bristol-Myers is going to handle and if they are carcinogens, are they deadly etc. We know they are going to have an incinerator, a crematory to destroy their animals after they destroy them in a chemical experiment. Let's have a committee to find out exactly what Bristol-Myers is going to handle up there. Let's hire a consultant if necessary. He feels this committee could go into Bristol-Myers and investigate their chemical storage, their boiler operation and their incinerator operation and everything they have. It is a health hazard and they are handling incinerators which have high pressure steam and boilers. This is in Wallingford's watershed area and if any accidents happen up there, and it has happened twice before where they shut down MacKenzie filter plant. This is going to happen again and again unless we control it.

Chairman Gessert then says he does have a letter from George Yasensky about this spill and he reads the letter which says: "There was a chemical spill at the Bristol-Myers complex on July 18, 1986. The chronology of complaints and responses of the incident is available at fire headquarters. The primary concern was with the nature of the chemical involved which was ethineasol. This chemical is the one which is produced into natural gas which is odorless thereby giving it an odor. It is this chemical that alerts one to the fact that there may be a gas leak. The chemical can also cause headaches. It is very advantageous to those who don't have a sense of smell. With the above in mind, it is obvious that in small doses it is relatively harmless. If sprayed directly into someone's face, it could have the effect of tearing eyes, severe headaches, and possible respiratory trouble. If a tanker exploded and the material were spilled, a hazardous materials evacuation would be carried out as a precautionary measure. Please be advised that the amount of the chemical that was spilled was described as less than a gallon by Bristol-Myers safety officers and about a quart by a representative of the town Fire Department. The only problem with the above spill was the inconvenience of the foul odor in the area." This letter was sent to Mayor Dickinson by George Yasensky.

Mr. Bradley again states that the chemical spilled is Ethyl Mercaptan. In humans, headache, nausea, irritation of mucous membranes in the throat. In animals, a lot more severe. In coordination, paralysis, pulmonary irritant and liver and kidney damage. As far as being sprayed in someone's face, I wouldn't want to have it sprayed in my face. I was a mile and one-half away and his eyes were ready to fall out of his head. He then says it was a quart of material in a gallon jug. His reaction to that was he doesn't go to the store to look for a quart of milk in a gallon jug. Maybe there

is a reason for this but he questions the amount that was released and where it was dropped and how it was cleaned up and the list goes on.

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Mr. Rys then comments that at the last meeting he had a concern about the Cyanamid leak and they had the Fire Chief here who indicated to the Council that is it necessary for the Fire Dept. to have on record at all times, all chemicals within the facilities and they are labeled according to severity and location of the chemical. Chief McElfish could go over this with you. There is more than just Bristol-Myers that use different types of chemicals. The Chief also went over with the Council, the emergency evacuation.

Mr. Falconeri comments the emergency procedure is what they are interested in. They live right there. There was more than an hour and a half where the police and the fireman were going crazy all over that neighborhood trying to find out. Bristol-Myers took almost an hour and a half to notify town officials. He feels the town officials should be notified immediately. We want real fast response time. We want an investigation as to why it wasn't given. This is just the beginning.

Chairman Gessert then says the Mayor has a meeting scheduled with Bristol-Myers and the various safety departments within the Town of Wallingford for next week to get some further information on this and he is sure they will have some more information forthcoming after the Mayor's meeting with them.

Mrs. Bergamini then says Mr. Zandri asked what this Council did to investigate and she shows him the two notebooks she has that she is willing to let him look at at any time if he would just contact the secretary because she does not want them out of Council Chambers. They cover plants with the same type that we have in Madison, Wisconsin, and Akron, Ohio. They cover a study done at the University of California at Berkeley where they deliberately added more sewage and sludge to the burning to see what would happen and there are biological and chemical results. They describe ozone etc. Council members at various times have had meeting with the man who put this together, informal meetings, so this man could explain things we did not understand. They were put together for her by a chemical person and a nuclear physicist. Before they made their decision, they absorbed as much of this information as they could. When she first got them she didn't know what it was all about and the man came to her house and treated her like a first year biology chemical student in high school and they went through everything she had marked that she did not understand. These books have been part of this Council for 2½ years. They even have chapters on Resource Recovery plants that did not work and the reason they did not work. The thing she resented most about the PAGB was their statement that they didn't do our homework and we did. She even initiated putting the money in the budget to go to Switzerland so it could be seen in operation. Mr. Avallone then says it was not Mr. Zandri but himself who asked the question. Mr. Avallone then says once again, you have failed to respond to the question. The question was did you look at a plant that dealt with source separation, compare the two and then make a decision to take the plant that you picked for Wallingford. You all made the decision and he would imagine that all this discussion was done openly and in public because this is what they have said. Anyone who came to the public meetings would know what was going on. He then asks what is in public record of this Council that shows that you discussed another type of plant incinerator. One that deals with source separation which he stated the President of CRRRA has stated, source separation plants have a cleaner burn, they are more efficient. Mary Mushinsky said that this was the way to go. She is pushing now for recycling. She did not back a plant that required source separation. He agrees with her 100% on recycling. He is against the plant that can be more efficient and has been stated to be more efficient by two proponents of the plant that we have set up for Wallingford. They are telling us that the one in Hartford is a better plant because of the fact of source separation. He would like to know if that was discussed by this Council prior to deciding on the plant that they are proposing to put in operation.

Mrs. Bergamini says the Source separation plant that was checked was checked by Mayor Vumbaco and Phil Hamel in California years ago. Mayor Vumbaco started the ball rolling. He had wisdom 8 years ago to start this.

Mr. Diana says since he has been sitting on the Council, the options that have been given to this Council, and Marie is correct. She has a book over there on plants from all over the world. He then says they were never given an option of anything other than a plant. We were never told about this Hartford plant, that we were told recently, that there is no room up there for us. There was room when we were in deliberations for the trash plant. We never talked about recycling because it was still on the drawing board. Now we see that state legislature put \$10 million aside. Maybe a couple of years from now we will have it. Unfortunately, a couple of years from now we will be saddled with this trash plant. We never looked into the consolidation of us possibly going to Meriden. That was never an option. We never looked into expanding the landfill any longer. We were never given any other options other than a trash plant whether it be ORFA or CRRA. 461

Mrs. Bergamini says she has something she would like to read into the record from the New York Times, July 16, 1986. This has to do with Oyster Bay, Long Island. It involves employees at the landfill who took bribes and involves the charges of the carting companies. Mr. Avallone then says this is an open discussion by questions on the floor. He feels she can speak in response to his question. He feels this is not the issue on the floor. Chairman Gessert says Mrs. Bergamini has the floor and Mr. Avallone has not been recognized. Mr. Avallone says he is allowing Mrs. Bergamini to speak on time that is allowed for the public. Mrs. Bergamini says the time is over for the public, she waited. Chairman Gessert then says the 15 minute public question and answer has gone for ¼ hour. Mrs. Bergamini would like a few minutes and he feels she is entitled to it.

Mrs. Bergamini continues and says the article states " Much of the garbage that was illegally dumped came from New York, North Hempstead and elsewhere, in violation of the ban on out-of-town waste. In addition, Oyster Bay Residents are now being taxed \$20 million a year to pay for shipping their garbage to Pennsylvania dumps!" She got on the phone today and called there and got a records clerk. She asked if the paper was correct and the clerk said that was a round figure but that was close to what they were being taxed. They had been taxed this was for 2-3 years. The population of Oyster Bay is 9 villages and the population is 327,000. They were mandated by the state to close their landfill because of illegal dumping and they are now paying \$20 million a year for shipping their garbage to Pennsylvania.

Katherine Dunahey, 1 Briarwood Lane states that considering the recent accident at Cyanamid, perhaps there could be some type of siren to notify the people so that if it should happen late in the evening and there should be a reason for evacuation, the people would be aware of it. Is this a consideration?

Chairman Gessert says we discussed this at the last meeting with the Fire Chief. His feeling at that time was that unless you have a siren, how many you have to have and where you need them was the problem. Who would require them? According to the Chief, when they are notified, they in turn notify the police, have numerous volunteer firemen out and after they went in to assess the situation, if they felt it was dangerous, they had over 50 fire personnel on the scene who would have gone out and notified the people to evacuate.

Again Ms. Dunahey says if it were late at night and you didn't have your radio or TV on, how would they be able to notify a large section that they may have to be evacuated?

She continues that the siren would be most effective to notify the area residents if there were an evacuation situation. This would be a warning system.

Judy Casalli, Grieb Trail states she is concerned about the condition of Spring Lake and what the Town could do to get Bristol-Myers to assist in cleaning up the lake since they have made it that way. It was 14-20 feet deep at one time and now is 8-9 feet deep. When the sewers were put in about 12-13 years ago on Grieb Trail, the Town was digging and broke the cap to the lake and we have no way to drain the lake or let the water off to get rid of the heavy silt. What could be done to clean the lake up?

Chairman Gessert says this has been going on for quite a while. A few years ago we looked into the possibility of renting a weed eating machine because there was so many places where the water was

8" to 1 foot deep. At that time, the residents didn't want to spend the money on that. Spring Lake is a tributary and a feeder to our reservoir. On the other hand, Spring Lake is privately owned by the residents around the lake. Mrs. Casalli says that is not correct. She lives there and has lake rights but nothing else. 462

Mr. Riccitelli then says that the town broke the gate to drain the lake. Aren't they then obligated to fix it? Chairman Gessert feels they are. Mr. Riccitelli says on Route 68 where the duck pond is, that is gone. Could the town dig that out to hold the silt from coming into the lake and not going to the reservoir. Chairman Gessert says that should be explored. He continues to say when talking about rerouting Route 68 there was a question as to what effect it would have on that pond and what they would do with it. Now they don't know what they are going to do with Route 68.

Mayor Dickinson says Miller's Pond is owned by FIP. They are not interested in spending any money to correct the pond. At the point 68 is straightened, our idea is to make that part of the straightening project. The State would have to include funds for the rehabilitation of that pond. 68 would run on the other side of the pond and the pond would have to be improved. 68 would then cross over and head into Spring Lake. The time would be that the state agreed to do that back when Traveler's was suppose to come to town. Ever since then, he has had at least 3 meetings with representatives of DOT and it is always they are hiring a consultant or doing this or that. It is not a priority to them. As far as the town getting involved in any body of water, the town has to have legal right to be there. At the point we would own the lake, then it would be our responsibility. However, at the point we own it, that means it is publicly owned and any member of the public, whatever rights there are to that water, any member of the public should enjoy those rights.

Ms. Casalli then says there is an area where you can get into Spring Lake. It is the right of way for the public. Mayor Dickinson says from what he is told, whoever owned the original piece of land there, that estate, that individual's heirs own Spring Lake. Unless it is transferred out of ownership, whoever owned the original piece that completely surrounded that lake, continues to own that lake.

Ms. Casalli then says there is a very unsafe dam there. It is on the list of unsafe dams in the state. Shouldn't there be some state fund to construct the dam there.

Mayor Dickinson says the legislation on dams places the duty on the owner to repair the dam. It becomes again the question of who owns Spring Lake. If there is a question about this, it still does not place ownership with the municipality and certainly the state does not own it.

Ms. Casalli states that it feed the MacKenzie Reservoir which is public property. Mayor Dickinson then says no private property owner has the right to prevent the flow of water across their property to other properties. The ownership of an area, if is surrounded by a given owner, he can restrict anyone from reaching that water but he cannot dam it up and prevent it from going downstream. The Town of Wallingford has rights to make sure there is a continued flow. If the dam broke there would be a question of whether there were injury to property downstream. Whoever's property were injured would naturally look to have someone cover their damages and then they would look for the owner and here we go again. Who is the owner of Spring Lake. Whoever originally owned that area, if they never transferred title to it, then perhaps they still own it.

Mr. Riccitelli asks how could the town go about cleaning it up. Mayor Dickinson says essentially it becomes a dredging process on private property. Public access would become a major question. It may come to a point of restricting any use of the lake since it is a tributary of a reservoir. It is an extremely costly process. It is probably well over \$1 million. Mr. Riccitelli then asks about digging the duck pond out and then all the silt that comes from Bristol-Myers would rest in there instead of going into the major lake. Mayor Dickinson then says Miller's Pond will have to be preserved. FIP owns that property. At the point the State of Connecticut goes through, then we would look for them to include that within their right of way and participate with them to preserve that pond and make sure it is still available. Until they are moving on the highway, to do anything with that pond is a waste of money because once they start moving it, you will have a lot of earth and

other materials moved right at that site. Somehow Spring Lake has to be contained when this happens. We just don't know when this will happen. The legislature passed this year a bill that provides \$2 million dollars for Route 68. Again, in discussions on this, they are in the process of hiring a consultant.

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Chairman Gessert comments that we had a deputy transportation commissioner tell us four years ago that he would guarantee they would take care of Route 68.

Ed Diana then says he would like to respond to an article in last Saturday's paper. There was a response by Dennis Martin to the PAGB and he responded to whom he considers concerned citizens of the town, and his comment went something to the effect that they neither have the guts nor the intelligence to solve this problem themselves. Mr. Diana finds that particular statement very offensive. This man is a real life study in arrogance and he certainly hopes this is not the type of arrogance they will run across after this plant is up and we have no other choice but to see it every day of our lives.

Item 3. This item is to set a Public Hearing on the Local Bridge Program. Chairman Gessert then says the next scheduled meeting is August 12. Mayor Dickinson says we need this hearing date because in order to become eligible under the bridge program we have to have a hearing after which we can appropriate funds for the design of Oak Street. We have some quotes back on the bridge and we need to have a hearing prior to the appropriation of any funds and we want them to do the design work because if they don't start the design work in August, they won't have the design ready for January, and if we don't have it in January, we will be outside of the eligibility for the program.

Mrs. Bergamini then moved to set a Public Hearing date on the Local Bridge Programs for August 12, 1986 at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson then says the only other option would be if they were going to set a separate meeting to review the proposals of the Municipal Building, it could be included with that if that occurs before August 12, 1986.

Mr. Killen says the problem is we are working with a skeleton crew all the time, we don't know who will be available for these meetings. It is not the greatest time in the world to bring this forward.

Mrs. Bergamini comments that the municipal buildings have been talked about for quite a while. This is nothing new.

Mayor Dickinson says proposals came in in July. The Council indicated they wanted to review them. We could have done it administratively but the Council indicated they wanted to review those proposals. He told them then, that means it is going to take some time and everyone was interested. It may not be the most convenient time but time evaporates. There will be no more time in the fall.

Mr. Killen says there is not one thing about money in the proposal except what it is going to cost them. We are not discussing what the Town of Wallingford is going to get for those buildings.

Mayor Dickinson says there are separate envelopes with their dollar figures. They have not been opened. It was felt that first we should review the substance of what they are talking about and then look at their dollar figures are.

It is then decided they will have a special meeting for this.

Mrs. Bergamini then withdrew her motion on the public hearing and Mr. Killen withdrew his second and Mrs. Bergamini then made the following Motion:

Mrs. Bergamini moved to hold the public hearing on the local bridge programs on August 5, 1986 and hold the meeting for discussing the proposals for the Town Buildings on the same night.

She would like to hold the Public Hearing on the bridge first and then discuss the proposals. The Public Hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. This motion is seconded by Mrs. Papale. 464

Mayor Dickinson then said that the Town Clerk needs 10 days before the date in a newspaper. It has to be published 10 days before the hearing. The Town Clerk then says she will not have enough time. The state statute says they have to allow the 10 days.

After much discussion, Mrs. Bergamini withdraws the previous motion and Mrs. Papale withdraws her second. Having the public hearing on August 5th will not allow enough time.

Mrs. Bergamini then moved to SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR AUGUST 7, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. on the Local Bridge Program; seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson then says Carmen for the SCOW organization has to leave very shortly, is it possible to move that item up?

Mrs. Papale then moved to move Item 11 up; seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

ITEM 11. Mrs. Bergamini then moves adoption of the following resolution:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town of Wallingford at a meeting of its Town Council on _____ and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

(Clerk) (Secretary)

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 133 and 300a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Human Resources is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities and human resource development agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the TOWN OF WALLINGFORD make application to the State in order to undertake a Community Service Program and, to execute a Grant Action Request therefore. It is understood that the TOWN OF WALLINGFORD will provide a local grant-in-aid, where applicable, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 133 and 300a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Chapter 133 and 300a of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. That it recognizes the responsibility for the provision of local grants-in-aid to the extent that they are necessary and required for said program.
3. That the filing of an application by the TOWN OF WALLINGFORD in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 is hereby approved, and that the MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD is hereby authorized and directed

to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Human Resources, to provide such additional information, to execute a 465 Grant Action Request with the State of Connecticut for state financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

Mr. Rys seconded adoption of the above resolution.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Killen who voted no and Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski were not present for the meeting.

Mr. Roe asks for immediate certification and is told that the roll call vote is immediate certification.

Mr. Roe then passes out a letter on the TIP (Town Improvement Program) item in case he is not here for that item.

Item 4. Mayor Dickinson then says that we have this evening the plan that have thus far been developed regarding the Center Park area. The green outside the railroad station. They aren't completed. We are here to get input so that everyone knows what is going on and what has to be done to accomplish the goal which is to begin a revitalization and improvement of the downtown area. Dean Johnson is here and his assistant Desiree Darling.

Mr. Johnson then states that a little background is that they have been meeting on this for quite some time. Since December of last year they have probably met with the beautification committee about 4 times and have met at least 3 times with the Town Staff, the Town Engineer and different officials. Also, several meetings with public utility people and one meeting with DOT, Public Utilities, Town staff and ourselves. When there are a lot of different groups involved and we are talking about moving utilities and putting utilities under ground, it is not quite as smooth as if your were out on a bare piece of ground. Also, as far as meeting, where we are and the design that we have arrived at and the different elements we will be showing here are an outcome of that. It has been a group discussion. Mr. Johnson then goes to the diagram he has drawn up and explains what they propose to do. He does say that the gazebo has been discussed as to where to place it and after going through all the options, it was decided to put it in the location closest to North Colony street. They would like a double line tree grove on either side and they are proposing the Locus Tree for this. They then pass around a picture of this tree and how it may look. He then explains about the seating areas and another picture is shown of the type of bench that they have come up with. It is primarily with a Victorian theme. One of the controversial items is that the pattern that they originally proposed out from the gazebo across the street and actually encompassing the area in front of the gazebo across North Colony. The problem is with the state. Even though they have allowed in other areas a crosswalk of different material, the New Haven section which we are under has been giving us problems to the extent that they are objecting to even the idea of painting it because of the idea of what they hoped to do was in order to carry across this effect and get a larger feeling for this whole thing, they hoped to run the spoke like things out in addition to the crosswalks. They may have even carried it to the color of the brick they are proposing on the green itself. At this point, they don't know if they will get that or not. They left it today, that the Mayor will draft a letter and they will do another rendering which we will send to them and hopefully get their agreeance to that. Again, on his diagram, he shows them the basic designs. Ms. Darling then passes out a picture of the gazebo they are proposing. The picture is only 12ft and the one they are proposing is 20ft. The lighting is the same light used down at New Haven Square. A picture of this lighting and the trash recepticle is also passed around.

Mr. Killen then comments that the restoration was suppose to be a replica of the original bandstand. This is not even close.

Mr. Johnson says that from the very earliest discussions that they have ever had, to try and reproduce that they could probably spend \$300,000 trying to reproduce it and the closest they would come to reporducing the bandstand would be to pick up some of the elements that they have. They are hoping to use the fieldstone that was like the original base. Original discussion was that they would not be able to duplicate it as exactly as it was.

Mr. Killen then asks if they are going to widen the green at all on the Hall Avenue side. 460

Mr. Johnson says that was discussed and ruled out as far as the town engineer, the town staff etc. Part of the reason for this is that they were hoping to keep some of the parking. Also, Hall Avenue is a state road, as pointed out by Chairman Gessert.

Mayor Dickinson says getting the State Highway Issue, getting them to do anything is difficult. Getting them to decrease the width of a road is asking for miracles. We are losing some parking at the ends of the green. There are 7 spaces on either side of the green in front of the railroad station. That will be grass. Those parking spaces we hope will be replaced by allowing parking along that side of the park. We don't want to lose parking. We would allow parking which is not allowed now. Mr. Johnson also confirms that the big thing was the state.

Mr. Killen says they are talking about making a usable green. He has participated in everything that has gone on down there. When they have had anything, that green is not the largest green in the world. If you think you are going to attract any kind of crown because of the gazebo, forget about it. He can't see putting out that kind of money for a postage stamp.

Ms. Darling says you have reclaimed two big chunks on the end toward the railroad station. Those will be a lot more valuable than if you were to only take a 5-7ft. strip on Hall Avenue. That narrow strip is not as valuable as those two big end chunks.

Mrs. Bergamini asks the Mayor if we own the parking that goes behind the railroad tracks. She is told yes. She then would like to expend something to make that a little prettier at the same time. If you are going to do all this with this kind of money, can't we shrub or put a tree or whatever back there. While we are beautifying the front part, something should be done to the back. She then asks Mrs. Bolio is they are going to have any control over the merchants who will face this thing who have done nothing to their properties but make them more horrible.

Mrs. Bolio says this is for themselves because they want to do things their own way. She is very hopeful about the hiring of the project manager here in town and that is one of their areas of expertise. They will try to help merchants and organize promotions and help improve facades without going into thousands of dollars. They will have to do this on a very limited budget. Many merchants don't own their own buildings and she is very optimistic about this. She feels within the next couple of years there will be a change. Mrs. Bergamini then comments about neon signs and says she does not like them. She then says the merchants must also cooperate. Again, Mrs. Bergamini comments she feels the back of the tracks should also have something if the front is going to look so nice.

Ed Diana agrees with Mrs. Bergamini. Again, once again, we have drawn a line using the railroad tracks across our town and what we have said is that we are going to encourage the merchants from the railroad station up, to produce, to promote and we are going to take the people from the railroad station down to the Meritt Parkway, as the blight section of town. By going one step further and taking the lighting and moving it to either side of the roadways to encourage people on either perimeter to enhance their buildings.

If we took that lighting and moved it across each street, we have now given them the beginning stages. Mr. Johnson says these lights are only on the green right now. There was some reluctance for doing that. The fact that we are building more of a period in an aesthetic type of light, they still wanted to have the cobraheads, the tall lights overhead. What they ended up doing was keeping those on the green and the cobraheads will still be on the larger poles that are on either side. Mr. Johnson says as they were coming down this evening, he said if he had the money, that land on the other side is what he would buy is prime. He sees that whole area, once this goes on, you get ripple action. That area behind there is going to be a prime area of improvement.

Mrs. Bergamini states that Bartek is already starting.

Mr. Johnson continues that there is a phase development that will occur and they have a certain amount of money and they will probably be spending every single cent that they have and stretching it as far as they can to get the maximum they can on the area we have here. 467

Mrs. Bergamini says we have additional funds from Bristol-Myers. Chairman Gessert says we committed funds to this last year and this year in the budget. Bristol-Myers made a vary sizable donation.

Mayor Dickinson says the original \$150,000 was not going to do what they see in front of them. We were going to skimp. Now you can put in all those lights and benches and brick. He is also talking to Mr. Deak about repainting the trim on the railroad station. Those things were not included in the \$150,000.

Chairman Gessert says he would like to see something done in his lifetime. We have been talking about this project since Grant has been a cadet. Mayor Dickinson says that is not true. This has gone from an idea to actual plans in the space of 1 year. Chairman Gessert says he wants to see someone take a shovel and plant something. Mayor Dickinson says the problem has been relocation of the electric lines. Not only that but there is a problem with a fire box. They have to completely reroute the fire lines for the boxes because that happens to be on a line there that you have to completely change wiring from two other directions in order to keep the others operable. We have the phone company that has problems also. This is about the most complicated spot in the Town of Wallingford that you could look to try and clean out the electric poles and the lines just so you can do this.

Mr. Johnson says they have been moving as fast as they can. The base sheet with the information on it that they had asked for in December they just received the first part of this month. Also, you just can't move utilities fast. It always takes time. We are getting very close. In about 3 weeks, we will have it ready to send to town staff for final review.

Mr. Rys then asks where the fire box is located and Mayor Dickinson says the one on the pole on the corner. Mr. Rys says there is a phone on the same corner. When they relocate the phone, 911 is free. Why do we need a fire box?

Mayor Dickinson says we are taking it out but all are on one circuit. If you cut that wire, every other box is now inoperable.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks Mr. Johnson who in the State gave him a hard time about the roadway. Mr. Johnson says they originally dealt with a James Dugan out of the New Haven but he was pretty cooperative. It is his boss that gave them the problems. Mayor Dickinson then says his name is Mr. Riley. Mrs. Bergamini then says she will call the Mayor's office in the morning to find out his name.

Mr. Johnson says in Torrington they have used Bominite which looks like brick and is colored and all. We had total resistance in the meeting we had with them here and he said why if they have used it can't we here. They said this was a different district and it is not allowed here. Then we said can't we do it in a color. They said sent it in but....

Chairman Gessert said what if we just did it anyway. He is tired of the State telling them what to do.

Mayor Dickinson says he sent them a letter today indicating they are going to give us something. Either the bricks or the painting. With bricks, if you go to repave, on Route 5, what do you do when you come to the bricks. They pave over the bricks and thats it.

Don Roe comments they have bricks in New Haven but the difference is that Route 5 is owned by the State. Local communities do this with their own roads. If it is a state road, it is different.

Mrs. Bergamini questions if there will be any brick at all and Mr. Johnson says they will allow it behind the curb but nothing across the crosswalk. The problem is that in New Haven, it is always just off the State road. It is usually on side roads. It doesn't occur across any state road.

Mr. Killen asks if anyone has bothered to see what problems other places may have with this particular thing on their own roads that the state can't surmount them. 468

Mr. Johnson says he raised the issue of Torrington and the people in New Haven checked it out because they didn't know about it and it had been in since 1978. They said to their knowledge, there had been no problems.

Mr. Killen says he lives on Route 5, which is North Colony Street, and he has lived there for 61 years and they are not in the habit of paving that every other day. That is the least of their problems.

Mr. Rys comments that in Meriden on Center Street, going passed St. Rose Church, it use to be all brick. After every winter, they had to replace a good portion of those bricks because they heaved and the plows would come down over it.

Chairman Gessert then asks why the gazebo isn't white. Mr. Johnson says the feeling was that it would be good to keep it more in a natural color and also to keep the Victorian and not have a colonial look to it.

Mrs. Bolio adds that what Mr. Killen brought up earlier, it really doesn't resemble the original fieldstone. As also mentioned, that area is so small, and we are trying to get away from anything that is too heavy or too bulky and we are trying to create a very light, open feeling down there to highlight the railroad station. Not to highlight the gazebo at the beginning but have everything work towards the railroad station.

Chairman Gessert says every New England town he has gone to has a white gazebo on the green. Not a brown gazebo. He feels that the gazebo should be white.

Mr. Diana says what they are hearing tonight is everybody's opinion. They are the ones that went to the meetings and hashed all these things out that we are talking about. He then says Marie made an excellent suggestion before about going over the tracks and he would like to know if it is going to die here or they will get some response to it.

Chairman Gessert then says if the consent of the Council is for that, maybe without formal architecture and design, someone can take a look and say OK, is there anything we should do down here as part of the ongoing program to start making that look better.

Mr. Johnson says they could help them spend a minimal amount of money to get the best effect. Chairman Gessert says he doesn't want to stop all progress on this project to look at it and Mr. Johnson agrees. He then says that Mrs. Bolio could put that on her list and bring it up at another time to review that area.

Chairman Gessert comments on the parking lots in Florida and how beautiful they look and Mr. Johnson also comments about parking lots in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Council then thanks Mr. Johnson and Ms. Darling for their presentation.

Item 5. Mrs. Bergamini then moves the amount of \$565 from A/C 159-570 to A/C 159-575; seconded by Mr. Rys. This is also noted to be a 1985-86 adjusting transfer.

It is then noted that the certification is not filled in and Mr. Myers then does fill this in.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mrs. Papale who was absent for the vote and Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Item 6. Mrs. Bergamini then moved the transfer of \$840 from A/C 805-323 to A/C 142-130; seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mrs. Papale who was absent for the vote and Mr. Holmes and Mr. Polanski were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Item 7. This item has been withdrawn.

ITEM 13. Councilman Diana presented the Town Council with the following ordinance proposal in connection with forming an INSURANCE COMMISSION.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INSURANCE COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council in Session:

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

A. Due to conditions of instability and dysfunction in the procuring and maintaining of insurance coverage for the Town of Wallingford, the Town Council has determined that a separate and dedicated advisory Commission in the area of insurance coverage is warranted and desirable.

B. To this end, this Ordinance establishes an advisory commission to be known as the Wallingford Insurance Commission, and defines general responsibilities, membership, and terms of office for said Commission.

II. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Wallingford Insurance Commission to:

1. maintain an updated catalog of all insurance coverages of the Town of Wallingford (including self-insurance policies) and premiums/costs associated with each category of coverage,
2. evaluate each category of coverage as to its appropriateness and/or sufficiency,
3. investigate alternative sources for insurance coverage and/or evaluate options of self-insurance versus purchased coverage, and
4. submit to the Mayor, the Town Council, and the Comptroller its findings and recommendations as well as its catalog of coverages by December 31 of each fiscal year.

B. The requirement of II.A.4 above shall be waived for calendar year 1985; said report shall instead be filed within 120 days of the appointment of said Commission.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. The Wallingford Insurance Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council.

B. Each Commissioner shall serve a term of five (5) years from the date on which the vacancy which he/she is appointed to fill occurred, except that the first appointments to said Commission shall expire as follows:

- 1 abbreviated term to expire on March 31, 1987
- 1 abbreviated term to expire on March 31, 1988
- 1 abbreviated term to expire on March 31, 1989
- 1 abbreviated term to expire on March 31, 1990
- 1 extended term to expire on March 31, 1991

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. The Wallingford Insurance Commission shall establish its own rules of procedure, and shall elect a Chairman and other such officers as it deems necessary from among its own membership.

B. Commissioners of the Wallingford Insurance Commission shall be disqualified from submitting bids or proposals for insurance coverage for the Town of Wallingford, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter and the Code of Ethics.

Mr. Diana mentioned the ordinance he distributed was the original ordinance and he wanted acceptance from the Council if they in fact want to form an INSURANCE COMMISSION and approval of the ordinance to establish a commission. Mr. Diana pointed out that the dates on the ordinance would have to be changed.

Mr. Diana moved that the Town of Wallingford establish an INSURANCE COMMISSION. Mr. Gessert pointed out that an ordinance requires the setting of a public hearing date. Mrs. Bousquet, Council Secretary, said that a public hearing was held on this ordinance in November of 1985 and the ordinance was not adopted at that time.

Mr. Diana moved to set a public hearing on Thursday, August 7, 1986 at 7:45 p.m. on AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INSURANCE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD. Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to place the addendum item, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IN-TOWN RELOCATION OF TABER HOUSE, to this position, seconded by Mr. Rys.

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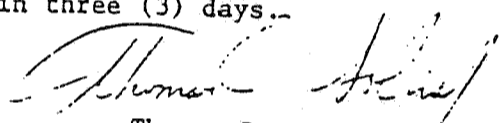
VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Thomas D. Solinsky, 1211 Durham Road, Wallingford, CT 06492 presented the following proposal for TABER HOUSE - NORTH MAIN STREET - dated July 23, 1986.

PURPOSE: To purchase the Taber House for relocating in Wallingford, CT.

- CONDITIONS:
1. Purchase Price \$ 1.00.
 2. Landfill rights to deposit any refuse from Taber house in town landfill.
 3. Cost of any necessary permits for the dismantling and moving of house will be waived.
 4. Any existing harmful or hazardous material or condition will be properly disposed of by Town at town's expense.
 5. Foundation and any debris inside will be responsibility of Town to remove and/or fill.
 6. No landscaping will be done.
 7. Access for necessary equipment as required.
 8. Any shrubbery that is considered of any value will be removed by Town before dismantling begins.

This proposal expires in three (3) days.


Thomas D. Solinsky

Mr. Gessert asked for an explanation of removal of debris inside and Mr. Solinsky explained that there are several machines, benches, etc. in Taber House basement. Mr. Rys questioned item 7. access for necessary equipment as required and Mr. Solinsky said the iron gate would have to be moved temporarily to allow a dump truck in and then it would be put back. Leslie Scherer said the fence will remain with the library and Mrs. Bergamini wanted it made clear that the fence will remain with the property. Mr. Killen feels that the fence belongs to the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Gessert asked where the Taber House would be relocated and Mr. Solinsky said it would be on Scard Road, East Wallingford. Mr. Gessert is happy to see a proposal which allows the TABER HOUSE to be preserved within the Town of Wallingford and he is very enthused about this.

Mr. Gouveia asked how much of the house would be preserved and Mr. Solinsky said he planned to preserve the entire house and Mr. Gouveia asked if money was readily available and Mr. Solinsky said he had the financing in place.

Mr. Diana asked if Mr. Solinsky had done any of this in the past and Mr. Solinsky said he had not moved an entire house and in answer to a time constraint posed by Mr. Diana, he said he would be willing to live with a reasonable time constraint but he would like to have the house moved before the fall. Mr. Gessert asked about the time frame if this proposal is approved and Mr. Solinsky said he would like to begin within a few weeks dismantling and move it during September.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Attorney Mantzaris about the legal technicality involved should Mr. Solinsky begin dismantling the house and an unforeseen problem arises and the town is left with half a house, etc. Mrs. Bergamini also mentioned the insurance aspect and asked if the insurance would be the responsibility of the library until Mr. Solinsky is off the property or does it stop when he begins work. Attorney Mantzaris explained that Mr. Solinsky's proposal is not a contract and Mayor Dickinson said that a contract similar to that which was drawn by Northrop is what is needed and the rights would be enforced.

Mr. Gessert said the chair would entertain a motion that this agreement be approved subject to the Town Attorney's Office coming up with a contract to be brought back before the Town Council. 471

Mrs. Bergamini referred to item 5. and asked how the Town Council could sell Mr. Solinsky the Taber House and then have Public Works come in and remove what Mr. Solinsky considers debris and who will make that decision and how will Mr. Solinsky be allowed to go to the dump for free as detailed in item 2. Mr. Solinsky could not determine how many tons would be dumped in the landfill.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Solinsky if he had talked about this proposal before tonight and Mr. Solinsky said he has talked with several people. Mr. Gouveia said he didn't like these things thrown at the Council at the last minute and he also asked if Mr. Solinsky looked at the possibility of restoring the Taber House at its present location and Mr. Solinsky said he is not interested in that and Mr. Gessert pointed out that this option is not available. Mr. Killen said since Mrs. Taber's death, there is a new ballgame here.

Mayor Dickinson said that the difficulty with on-site usage is that you won't have potentially the agreement of the Library Board of Managers and it does require agreement of both groups at this point.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mayor Dickinson if he had any suggestions about the landfill clause and the Mayor said he doesn't know how that is workable but Mr. Solinsky could keep track of what he spent and have verification but the difficulty is that someone could say the debris didn't come from the Taber House but from some other site. Mr. Gessert suggested a landfill reimbursement up to \$500, or 31 tons.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to accept Thomas D. Solinsky's proposal to purchase the Taber House for relocating in Wallingford, CT and the responsibility of town landfill rights be reimbursable up to a limit of \$500. This motion is predicated upon the fact that the Town Attorney is going to cover any loophole of legal responsibility of the town is not at stake while the building is being demolished and the town is not insurance responsible once Mr. Solinsky gets on that property and starts demolishing it. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Gouveia personally would not like to vote until a legal opinion is received from the Town Attorney as to whether or not the property could be sold and restored in its present location. Mayor Dickinson explained that the entire area is leased to the Library Board of Managers and thus far, they have been unwilling to agree to anything regarding an on-site usage and even if the Council voted for on-site usage, you don't have the votes by the Library Board of Managers and now the question is who is going to maintain the building. The site could be sold with the approval of the Library Board of Managers but the parking issue will get rehashed along with other issues which were discussed ad infinitum previously--it's two entities--Board of Managers and Town of Wallingford and how you get both parties to agree to a given disposition. Mr. Gouveia said the Mayor prefaced this with "as he understands it" and Mr. Gouveia asked if this were a legal opinion and Mayor Dickinson said it was his legal opinion but he is not the Town Attorney. Attorney Mantzaris said Mayor Dickinson is correct and that is the fact of the legal situation. Mr. Killen agreed that the Mayor is basically correct except for the money for maintenance--the town does not have to have it but the library is obliged by the terms of the lease to maintain it and this is the part that irks Mr. Killen since the town has to squeeze them to maintain it.

Ms. Betsy Lockland would like the Town Council to know that there are other people interested in moving the Taber House and Janice Elliott from the Connecticut Trust in New Haven has tried to be in touch almost daily with regard to helping with houses such as the Taber House. Mr. Gessert pointed out that the town is not looking for help but a solution and after 5 years of this, he is getting tired of doing nothing. Mr. Peter Hale said that is the library's fault. Mr. Killen knows for a fact that someone is working on a proposal but he is on vacation. Mrs. Bergamini said that everyone is forgetting about one thing--the Taber House has no parking. Mr. Killen said that everything has to go before ZBA and the Taber House can go before the ZBA. Mr. Ed Makepeace strongly urged approval of this proposal tonight in view of all prior proposals and due to the fact that Mr. Solinsky has the ability, knowledge and experience to do something with the Taber House.

Mrs. Papale stated that the last time this issue came before the Council, her colleagues who didn't vote for it was because they don't mind if the Taber House gets moved but they wanted it to stay in Wallingford and now we have a chance for the house to be moved in Wallingford. Mr. Killen asked if Mrs. Papale was speaking for all her colleagues and Mrs. Papale said some and she stood corrected. 470

Mayor Dickinson felt that this issue has reached a level where its just emotion and a lot of logic and other more pertinent considerations get lost in emotion--there are those who feel they win and those who feel they lose and it's unfortunate because the bottom line is the building is deteriorating. The Mayor has said before, and as you can see in the budget now, there is no money in the budget for the Taber House and the Mayor does not intend to bring to the Council a proposal to appropriate money from the Town of Wallingford for the Taber House. The Mayor further stated that it would be nice in a perfect world if the Town of Wallingford could use that building for a reading room, etc. and there are too many other projects and we don't have the \$150,000 minimum that it would take. You are presented with a problem--the longer it stays just the way it is, you are going to end up with something that can't be renovated, that no one is going to want and that we will have to tear down and it won't appear anywhere else in Wallingford or in the State of Connecticut because it's going to fall down. The Mayor is not aware of a proposal at this point regarding solid interest in the Taber House. The Mayor further commented that we have a solid proposal with financing with someone who knows what they are doing, a contractor, and delay is not going to get anything but a building that is going to fall down and then we will all wail about how the Town of Wallingford has to tear the rest of it down and everything is lost at that point and there are no winners. At this point, maybe there are no winners, but there should be no losers. The Town retains the building in a picturesque area in East Wallingford. It is usable and the site is not an issue. The Mayor does not think you will get the Library Board of Managers to agree to an on-site use.

Mr. Gouveia offered this logic--as he sees it, this proposal could end up costing the Town of Wallingford thousands of dollars and he sees nothing wrong to wait 2 or 3 weeks and compare proposals and he feels this is good fiscal management.

Mr. Peter Hale frankly see why 10 or 12 people sitting on a self appointed board should dictate to 1,000 or 1,200 people who have gone on record in town in favor of maintaining this magnificent gem of architecture at its present location and if you want to tear the heart out of the historical district, then get rid of the damned thing and throw away the historical district! The building has no real historical value once it's transplanted from its foundations where Mr. Simpson put it. There are other proposals which Mr. Hale knows about himself which the Mayor hasn't heard about yet either, from Glastonbury, to restore it where it is. Mr. Hale said the whole town has gone on record of wanting this except the 12 people on the Board.

Mr. Gessert said there is a proposal before the Council to preserve the house and preserve it within the confines of Wallingford and he would like to see the Council take positive action on it so the house will be preserved before the termites make the decision for us.

Mr. Killen said that we've been accused of having a lot of emotion and little logic and he is not gung ho that we have a bird in hand. Mayor Dickinson wondered if Tom Solinsky could hold on for another two weeks and Mr. Solinsky said he is not willing to do that.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Diana, Gouveia and Killen who voted no and Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

Mayor Dickinson asked if no one comes in in two weeks with another proposal, is the Council willing to make a decision then about what will be done with the Taber House? Mr. Gouveia said he would prefer to see it relocated somewhere else as he mentioned before. Mayor Dickinson suggested putting the subject of the Taber House on the 8/7/86 or 8/12/86 agenda and if people here know others who have other proposals, they can bring them in by then and we will see what comes in. Mr. Diana said it's obvious if you wait two more weeks, you are going to have two other people sitting in

that chair. Mrs. Papale pointed out to Mr. Killen that the house will not be left there and Mr. Killen is still hoping it will be left there and there's no fool like an old fool and he is one of them. Mr. Peter Hale suggested cleaning the slate and throwing out the Library Board. 473

Mrs. Bergamini moved a 1985-86 adjusting transfer of \$610 from 603-110 to 603-404 and \$241 from 603-110 to 603-410, Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved a 1985-86 adjusting transfer of \$3,707 from 804-831-01, to 603-650, Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Item 15. Mrs. Bergamini read the July 14, 1986 letter from David O. Thorp, State Representative, 89th District.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to appoint Raymond J. Rys, Sr. to serve on the Local Allocation Council, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen moved to meet with legislators on the town improvement program at the next scheduled Town Council Meeting on August 12, 1986. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen moved to accept the resignation of Rabbi Michael Manson as Chairman and Commissioner of the Housing Authority and moved to send him a letter expressing appreciation for his service on that board, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Chairman Gessert noted items 17 and 18--CORRESPONDENCE--a memo from Honorable Philip S. Robertson, Connecticut General Assembly re ACTS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES and a letter from Mayor Dickinson regarding an invitation from the North Haven Bicentennial Commission to attend their 8/17/86 pre-parade reception and the Mayor indicated that he will not be able to attend and Mr. Killen felt that somebody should represent the town.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to note for the record the financial statements for the General Fund for fiscal year 1986-1987 to include:

(a) Statement of Revenues and (b) Statement of Appropriations.

Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 1986, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated June 30, 1986 (special), seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Councilmen Gessert and Rys who passed and Councilman Holmes and Polanski who were not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 22. Attorney Mantzaris felt that the Executive Session should be held with Attorney McManus present since he handled the cases and did a really magnificent job with them.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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Approved

David A. Gessert

David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

August 7, 1986

Date

Rosemary A. Rascati

Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

August 7, 1986

Date