

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 14, 2002

6:30 P.M.

The following is a list of motions made and acted upon by the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Toman & Vumbaco. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present. Town Attorney Janis M. Small replaced Atty. Mantzaris later in the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Agenda Item

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Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#757-771) Totaling \$19,752.99  
- Tax Collector
- b. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Town Council Meeting
- c. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 23, 2002 Town Council Meeting
- d. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of CT. Dept. of Public Health for the 2002-03 Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant in the Amount of \$7,318 – Health Dept.
- e. Consider and Approve a Request from Wallingford Center, Inc. for Use of the Parade Ground from Noon Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 P.M. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and use of the Town Hall Prince St. Parking Lot and 88 South Main Street Parking Lot from 6:00 P.M. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 P.M. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for Celebrate Wallingford 2002 – Chairman Parisi

Agenda Item

- f. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 to Outside Contractor Acct. #001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Services Acct. #1065-060-6020 – Police Dept.
- g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Tri-Axle Dump Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9183 to Boom Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9930 – Public Works Dept.
- h. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$3,575 to Information and Environmental Programs Acct. #232-3070-601-6550 and to State Grants in Aid Council on Substance Abuse Acct. #232-1040-050-5000 – Youth & Social Services
- i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,500 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #207-3070-101-1000 to Youth Projects Acct. #207-3070-607-6600 – Youth & Social Services
- j. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 from Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8620-624; \$8,300 from Operating Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8640-642; \$4,600 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. #461-8661-673; \$7,800 from Administrative & General Salaries Acct. #461-8920-920; \$1,700 from Outside Services Acct. #461-8900-903; \$700 from Customer Rec. & Collection Acct. #461-8900-903; \$1,000 from Meter Reading Expense Acct. #461-8900-902 for a Total of \$25,000 to Injuries & Damages Acct. #461-8920-925- Sewer Division
- k. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,250 from Promotional Expenses Acct. #001-7030-600-6020 to Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-7030-101-1000 – Economic Development Coordinator
- l. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
- m. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda, Items #4a-c and #4e-m, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Agenda Item

Motion Passed

5 Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Item #4d Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of CT. Dept. of Public Health for the 2002-03 Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant in the Amount of \$7,318 – Health Dept.

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

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

10 & 11 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Items #10 & 11 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

10 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property - Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

The Council entered executive session at 6:42 P.M.

Present in executive session were all councilors and Atty. Mantzaris.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Agenda Item

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

The Council exited executive session at 6:59 P.M.

- 11 Consider and Approve a Contract for the Purchase of Property as Discussed in Executive Session

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

VOTE: Brodinsky, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

- 13 & 14 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Items #13 & 14 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 13 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Public Works Mechanic I Job Description – Personnel Director

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

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 14 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Water Division Superintendent Job Description – Personnel Director

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

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

Agenda Item

- 6 Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/04

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Appoint Mr. Vincent Cervoni to the Position, seconded by Mr. Farrell. *Mr. Cervoni sworn in.*

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 15 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #15 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 15 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Water & Wastewater Engineer/ Planner Job Description – Personnel Director

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

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 16 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #16 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 16 Consider and Approve Extension of a Bid Waiver Limitation for Ciulla & Donofrio Legal Services for the School Building Committee – Town Attorney

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

VOTE: *Vumbaco*  
~~Brodinsky~~, nay; all others, aye.

Agenda Item

- 9 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-03 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose" – 7:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title and Section 1 of the Ordinance in their Entirety into the Record and to Waive the Reading of the Remainder of the Ordinance Incorporating Its Full Text Into the Minutes of this Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-03 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

- 12 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 for the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known as and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose – 8:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title and Section 1 of the Ordinance in their Entirety into the Record and to Waive the Reading of the Remainder of the Ordinance Incorporating Its Full Text Into the Minutes of this Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

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VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 for the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known as and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

- 8 Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Setting a Rate of Tax for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

(see individual motions that follow on separate sheets)

- 17 Discussion and Possible Action on Whether to Sell Tax Liens on Properties with Potential Environmental Liabilities, Including but not Limited to, the Goldfeder Property – Council Brodinsky

No Action Taken

- 18 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes to Discuss the Matter of the Town of Wallingford v. State of CT., Dept. of Public Health and, Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Sessions, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

The Council entered executive session at 10:09 P.M.

Agenda Item

Present in executive session were all councilors and Atty. Small.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

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Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Matter of the Town of Wallingford v. State of CT., Dept. of Public Health as Discussed in Executive Session – Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Authorize the Appeal of the State of CT., Dept. of Health Ruling Concerning a Change of Use Application in Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

*Rosemary A. Rascati*  
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk {o.k. with additions}  
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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD**  
**Annual Budget Adoption**  
**For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002**

I. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

*Note: Brodusky + Vimbaco, nay.  
All others, aye.  
Motion Passed*

II. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

*Note: Brodusky + Vimbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed*

III. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AT 22.7 MILLS.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF \$100 SHALL BE MADE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE JULY 1, 2002, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 2002, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2003. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144A. DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE PAID ONLY IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-146.

PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT OF LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE WAIVED.

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (15.00) HANDLING FEE.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

*Note: Brodusky + Vimbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed*

IV. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002  
AS HEREIN STATED:

**Electric Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	\$41,795,285
Operating Expenses	41,477,744
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>317,541</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>1,098,211</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>200,359</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,215,393</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,732,502</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>517,109)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>

**Water Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	<u>5,985,215</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>4,870,679</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>1,114,536</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>245,343</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>675,604</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>684,275</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>4,270,659</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>5,584,299</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	( <u>1,313,640</u> )
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>540,492</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>337,121</u>
Net Income (Loss)	( <u>1,110,269</u> )
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

Vote: Brodinsky & Umbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed

V. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF THE CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,364,483 REVENUES AND \$2,364,483 EXPENDITURES.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Umbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed

VI. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Umbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed

VII. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

Vote: Brodinsky & Umbaco, nay; all others, aye.  
Motion Passed

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>CAFETERIA</u>						
Revenue	1,545,926	846,760	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	
Expenditure	1,509,070	895,745	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	
<u>TITLE I</u>						
Revenue	222,851	185,000	222,851	240,033	240,033	
Expenditure	218,645	203,879	222,851	240,033	240,033	
<u>ELEMENTARY SCIENCE GRANT (Bristol Myers)</u>						
Revenue	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Expenditure	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	
<u>TITLE VI (Chapter 11)</u>						
Revenue	32,712	20,000	32,712	34,958	34,958	
Expenditure	27,397	14,449	32,712	34,958	34,958	
<u>TITLE VI-CLASS REDUCTION</u>						
Revenue	67,668	50,000	67,668	83,648	83,648	
Expenditure	67,668	83,751	67,668	83,648	83,648	

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>TITLE II (Eisenhower Math &amp; Science)</u>						
Revenue	22,033	17,033	22,033	28,875	28,875	28,875
Expenditure	19,410	10,645	22,033	28,875	28,875	28,875
<u>TITLE IV (Drug Free Schools)</u>						
Revenue	29,549	15,000	29,549	29,455	29,455	29,455
Expenditure	22,991	3,697	29,549	29,455	29,455	29,455
<u>VOCATIONAL ED (PERKINS)</u>						
Revenue	43,881	10,000	43,881	43,903	43,903	43,903
Expenditure	43,880	-	43,881	43,903	43,903	43,903
<u>ADULT ED TUITION</u>						
Revenue	121,495	104,613	116,928	117,000	117,000	117,000
Expenditure	107,949	55,566	116,928	117,000	117,000	117,000
<u>ADULT BASIS EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	197,691	137,944	197,691	202,662	202,662	202,662
Expenditures	197,691	42,072	197,691	202,662	202,662	202,662
<u>ADULT ED ACTIVITY</u>						
Revenue	641	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Expenditure	732	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>FAMILY LITERACY</u>						
Revenue	46,802	45,000	46,802	49,510	49,510	49,510
Expenditure	46,802	34,356	46,802	49,510	49,510	49,510
<u>PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL</u>						
Revenue	47,014	35,000	47,014	46,656	46,656	46,656
Expenditure	47,014	26,451	47,014	46,656	46,656	46,656
<u>SEA - PART B</u>						
Revenue	506,703	400,000	505,670	671,051	671,051	671,051
Expenditure	498,223	330,492	505,670	671,051	671,051	671,051
<u>RE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED</u>						
Revenue	39,049	25,000	39,049	41,701	41,701	41,701
Expenditure	30,698	4,292	39,049	41,701	41,701	41,701
<u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>						
Revenue	56,233	28,142	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Expenditures	50,367	22,072	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
<u>MULTI ED-ON COMMON GROUND</u>						
Revenue	8,748	10,000	8,748	28,248	28,248	28,248
Expenditures	8,748	2,855	8,748	28,248	28,248	28,248
<u>SCHOOL WIRING</u>						
Revenue	-	222,268	175,724	-	-	-
Expenditure	175,724	219,229	175,724	-	-	-
<u>MULTI ED TECHNOLOGY</u>						
Revenue	-	-	120,000	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	-	89,312	-	-	-

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>WILKINSON HOLOCAUST GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>INSURANCE CONTRACT</u>						
Revenue	498,983	373,687	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	498,983	295,831	-	-	-	-
<u>SUMMER SCHOOL</u>						
Revenue	35,990	34,800	38,480	35,460	35,460	
Expenditure	35,966	34,739	38,480	35,460	35,460	
<u>SNET COMMUNITY ACCESS</u>						
Revenue	17,956	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	2,665	-	-	-	-	-
<u>MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</u>						
Revenue	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	
Expenditure	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	
<u>ACHIEVEMENT GRANT</u>						
Revenue	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	
Expenditure	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	
<u>FRIGAN DONATION PROJECT</u>						
Revenue	10,390	1,500	-	-	-	
Expenditure	1,439	-	-	-	-	
<u>SCHOOL TO CAREER GRANT</u>						
Revenue	60,921	26,982	59,421	78,385	78,385	
Expenditure	60,921	11,992	59,421	78,385	78,385	
<u>IT'S ABOUT CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	19,390	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	19,390	-	-	-	-	
<u>OPEN CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	316,424	311,854	274,000	274,000	274,000	
Expenditure	316,686	-	274,000	274,000	274,000	
<u>SUMMER REM READING</u>						
Revenue	2,000	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	2,000	-	-	-	-	
<u>BC/BS THERMAL IMAGING+A44</u>						
Revenue	2,500	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	2,331	-	-	-	-	
<u>SISTER SCHOOLS GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	1,808	-	-	-	
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	

SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>SCOW</u>						
Revenue	56,959	20,174	72,260	75,255	75,255	75,255
Expenditure	56,959	37,468	72,260	75,255	75,255	75,255
<u>SSBG</u>						
Revenue	4,351	2,392	4,783	4,783	4,783	4,783
Expenditure	4,351	-	4,783	4,783	4,783	4,783
<u>YSB (DCYS)</u>						
Revenue	254,361	4,844	270,267	276,065	276,065	276,065
Expenditure	254,361	-	270,267	276,065	276,065	276,065
<u>COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE</u>						
Revenue	19,884	7,775	22,501	22,000	22,000	22,000
Expenditure	15,047	1,271	22,501	22,000	22,000	22,000
<u>ORRA (SERVICE CONTRACT GRANT)</u>						
Revenue	28,943	27,989	37,319	38,450	38,450	38,450
Expenditure	28,943	17,665	37,319	38,450	38,450	38,450
<u>TOWN AID ROAD</u>						
Revenue	329,298	-	330,698	330,765	330,765	330,765
Expenditure	329,298	315,490	330,698	330,765	330,765	330,765
<u>DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM</u>						
Revenue	13,630	19,000	38,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Expenditure	13,630	680	38,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>						
Revenue	240,174	-	291,563	353,645	353,645	353,645
Expenditure	240,174	291,563	291,563	353,645	353,645	353,645
<u>LOCIP ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT</u>						
	202,395	-	-	-	-	-
	202,395	-	-	-	-	-
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS</u>						
Revenue	9,417	6,236	14,796	17,414	17,414	17,414
Expenditure	9,417	3,859	14,796	17,414	17,414	17,414
<u>RECREATION DEPT. PROGRAMS</u>						
Revenue	593,703	16,141	550,500	575,000	575,000	575,000
Expenditure	476,246	385,673	550,500	575,000	575,000	575,000

VIII. Mr. KNIGHT

MOVED: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THREE COPIES OF THE  
FINALIZED BUDGET. TWO TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND  
ONE TO BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mr. FARRELL seconded the motion.

Vote: All ayes.

Motion Passed



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 14, 2002

6:30 P.M.

**DRAFT**

The following is a list of motions made and acted upon by the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Toman, Vumbaco and Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present. Attorney Mantzaris was later replaced by Attorney Small.

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the following document is a draft transcription of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002. This summarized transcription is being filed with the Town Clerk to comply with F.O.I. guidelines. A detailed transcription will follow and will be filed as the permanent record of proceedings of the meeting.

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ITEM #4 Consent Agenda

ITEM #4a Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#757-771) Totaling \$19,752.99 - Tax Collector

ITEM #4b Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Town Council 2002-2003 Annual Budget Public Hearing

ITEM #4c Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 23, 2002 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #4e Consider and Approve Request from Wallingford Center, Inc. for Use of the Parade Ground from Noon Friday, October 4th Until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6th and Use of the Town Hall Prince Street Parking Lot and 88 South Main Street Parking Lot from 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 4th Until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6th for Celebrate Wallingford 2002 - Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi

ITEM #4f Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 to Outside Contractor Acct. #001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Services Acct. #1065-060-6020 - Police Department

ITEM #4g Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Tri-Axle Dump Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9183 to Boom Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9930 - Public Works Department

ITEM #4h Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$3,575 to Information and Environmental Programs Acct. #232-3070-601-6550 and to State Grants in Aid Council on Substance Abuse Acct. #232-1040-050-5000 - Youth and Social Services

ITEM #4i Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,500 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #207-3070-101-1000 to Youth Projects Acct. #207-3070-607-6600 - Youth and Social Services

ITEM #4j Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 from Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8620-624; \$8,300 from Operating Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8640-642; \$4,600 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. #461-8661-673; \$7,800 from Admin. & General Salaries Acct. #461-8920-920; \$1,700 Outside Services Acct. #461-8920-923; \$700. from Customer Rec. & Collection Acct. #461-8900-903; \$1,000 from Meter Reading Expense Acct. #461-8900-902; \$25,000 to Injuries and Damages Acct. #461-8920-925 - Sewer Division

ITEM #4k Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,250 from Promotional Expenses Acct. #001-7030-600-6020 to Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-7030-101-1000 - Economic Development Coordinator

ITEM #4l Note for the Record - Approval of Mayoral Transfers to Date-Mayor

ITEM #4m Note for the Record - Approval of Anniversary Increases to Date - Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented, Items #4a-c and #4e-m. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All AYES; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Item #4d Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the 2002-2003 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant in the amount of \$7,318 - Health Director

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

VOTE: ALL AYES; motion duly carried.

ITEMS #10 & #11 Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Rys to move up Items #10 & #11.

VOTE: ALL AYES; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and or Leasing of Property - Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:42 P.M.

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Present in executive session for Item #10 were all Councilors and Attorney Adam Mantzaris.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All AYES; motion duly carried.

The Council exited Executive Session at 6:59 P.M.

ITEM #11. Consider and Approve the Contract for the Purchase of Property as Discussed in Executive Session.

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

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

ITEMS #13 & #14 Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell to move up Items #13 and #14.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #13. Consider and Approve a Revision to Public Works Mechanic I Job Description - Personnel Director

Motion was made by Mr. Knight. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #14. Consider and Approve a Revision to Water Division Superintendent Job Description - Personnel Director

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

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #6. Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/04.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to appoint Mr. Vincent Cervoni. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #15. Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell to move up Item #15.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #15. Consider and Approve a Revision to Water and Wastewater Engineer/Planner Job Description - Personnel Director

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

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

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ITEM #16. Motion was made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Farrell to move up Item #16.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #16. Consider and Approve Extension of Bid Waiver Limitation for Ciulla & Donofrio Legal Services for the School Building Committee - Town Attorney.

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

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #9. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 For the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-2003 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" - 7:45 P.M.

Mr. Parisi declared the Public Hearing convened.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 For the Planning, Acquisition, and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-2003 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose"- seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi declared the Public Hearing closed and the Ordinance duly Adopted.

ITEM #12. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 For the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known As and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" - 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Parisi declared the Public Hearing convened.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1 in its entirety into the record and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi declared the Public Hearing closed.

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Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 For the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known As and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" - Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky who voted NAY.

Mr. Parisi declared the Ordinance adopted.

ITEM #7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

ITEM #2. PRESENTATION OF JACKETS TO THE SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR TRACK CLASS S STATE CHAMPIONS 2002 by MAYOR DICKINSON

ITEM #8. Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Setting a Rate of Tax for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Farrell to Adopt the Total General Fund Revenue Budget of \$108,428,280 for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002.

VOTE: All AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Farrell to Adopt the Total Fund Expenditure Budget of \$108,428,280 For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Establish the Property Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 at 22.7 Mills. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Budgets of the Divisions of the Department of Public Utilities For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 as stated. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt The Budget of the Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures Fund For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 in the Amount of \$2,364,483 Revenues and \$2,364,483 Expenditures. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

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Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve Special Funds of The Board of Education of the Town of Wallingford For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 as attached and made a part hereof. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve Special Funds of the Town of Wallingford for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 as attached hereto and made a part hereof. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Authorize the Chairman to Sign Three Copies of the Finalized Budget. Two to be filed with the Town Clerk and One to be Placed on File in the Wallingford Public Library. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #17. Discussion and Possible Action on Whether to Sell Tax Liens on Properties with Potential Environmental Liabilities, Including but not Limited to, the Goldfeder Property. - Councilor Mike Brodinsky

NO ACTION TAKEN

ITEM #18. Motion made by Mr. Knight and seconded by Mr. Farrell to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss the Matter of the Town of Wallingford vs. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, and, pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 10:09 P.M.

present in executive session for Item #18 were all Councilors and Attorney Janis Small.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #19. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Matter of the Town of Wallingford vs. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health as Discussed in Executive Session - Town Attorney

Motion made by Mr. Knight to Authorize an Appeal of the State of Connecticut, Department of Health Ruling concerning a Change of Use Application in Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. Seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES with the exception of Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Vumbaco who voted NAY. Motion duly carried.

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Town Council Meeting

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May 14, 2002

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: ALL AYES. Motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Rosemary Rascati.  
Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD**  
**Annual Budget Adoption**  
**For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002**

I. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

II. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

III. Mr. Knight

MOVED: ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AT 22.7 MILLS.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF \$100 SHALL BE MADE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE JULY 1, 2002, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 2003, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2003. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144A. DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE PAID ONLY IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-146.

PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT OF LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE WAIVED.

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (15.00) HANDLING FEE.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.



IV. Mr. KnighT

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002  
AS HEREIN STATED:

**Electric Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	\$41,795,285
Operating Expenses	41,477,744
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>317,541</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>1,098,211</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>200,359</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,215,393</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,732,502</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>517,109)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>

**Water Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	<u>5,985,215</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>4,870,679</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>1,114,536</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>245,343</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>675,604</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>684,275</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>

**Sewer Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	<u>4,270,659</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>5,584,299</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	( <u>1,313,640</u> )
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>540,492</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>337,121</u>
Net Income (Loss)	( <u>1,110,269</u> )
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

V. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF THE CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,364,483 REVENUES AND \$2,364,483 EXPENDITURES.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VI. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VII. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>CAFETERIA</u>						
Revenue	1,545,926	846,760	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	1,701,013
Expenditure	1,509,070	895,745	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	1,701,013
<u>TITLE I</u>						
Revenue	222,851	185,000	222,851	240,033	240,033	240,033
Expenditure	218,645	203,879	222,851	240,033	240,033	240,033
<u>ELEMENTARY SCIENCE GRANT (Bristol Myers)</u>						
Revenue	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Expenditure	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<u>TITLE VI (Chapter 11)</u>						
Revenue	32,712	20,000	32,712	34,958	34,958	34,958
Expenditure	27,397	14,449	32,712	34,958	34,958	34,958
<u>TITLE VI-CLASS REDUCTION</u>						
Revenue	67,668	50,000	67,668	83,648	83,648	83,648
Expenditure	67,668	83,751	67,668	83,648	83,648	83,648

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003.

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>TITLE II (Eisenhower Math &amp; Science)</u>						
Revenue	22,033	17,033	22,033	28,875	28,875	
Expenditure	19,410	10,645	22,033	28,875	28,875	
<u>TITLE IV (Drug Free Schools)</u>						
Revenue	29,549	15,000	29,549	29,455	29,455	
Expenditure	22,991	3,697	29,549	29,455	29,455	
<u>VOCATIONAL ED (PERKINS)</u>						
Revenue	43,881	10,000	43,881	43,903	43,903	
Expenditure	43,880	-	43,881	43,903	43,903	
<u>ADULT ED TUITION</u>						
Revenue	121,495	104,613	116,928	117,000	117,000	
Expenditure	107,949	55,566	116,928	117,000	117,000	
<u>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	197,691	137,944	197,691	202,662	202,662	
Expenditures	197,691	42,072	197,691	202,662	202,662	
<u>ADULT ED ACTIVITY</u>						
Revenue	641	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Expenditure	732	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	
<u>FAMILY LITERACY</u>						
Revenue	46,802	45,000	46,802	49,510	49,510	
Expenditure	46,802	34,356	46,802	49,510	49,510	
<u>PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL</u>						
Revenue	47,014	35,000	47,014	46,656	46,656	
Expenditure	47,014	26,451	47,014	46,656	46,656	
<u>IEA - PART B</u>						
Revenue	506,703	400,000	505,670	671,051	671,051	
Expenditure	498,223	330,492	505,670	671,051	671,051	
<u>3E-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED</u>						
Revenue	39,049	25,000	39,049	41,701	41,701	
Expenditure	30,698	4,292	39,049	41,701	41,701	
<u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>						
Revenue	56,233	28,142	52,000	52,000	52,000	
Expenditures	50,367	22,072	52,000	52,000	52,000	
<u>MULTI-ED-ON COMMON GROUND</u>						
Revenue	8,748	10,000	8,748	28,248	28,248	
Expenditures	8,748	2,855	8,748	28,248	28,248	
<u>SCHOOL WIRING</u>						
Revenue	-	222,268	175,724	-	-	
Expenditure	175,724	219,229	175,724	-	-	
<u>MULTI-ED TECHNOLOGY</u>						
Revenue	-	-	120,000	-	-	
Expenditure	-	-	89,312	-	-	

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>WILKINSON HOLOCAUST GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>INSURANCE CONTRACT</u>						
Revenue	498,983	373,687	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	498,983	295,831	-	-	-	-
<u>SUMMER SCHOOL</u>						
Revenue	35,990	34,800	38,480	35,460	35,460	
Expenditure	35,966	34,739	38,480	35,460	35,460	
<u>SNET COMMUNITY ACCESS</u>						
Revenue	17,956	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	2,665	-	-	-	-	-
<u>MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</u>						
Revenue	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	
Expenditure	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	
<u>ACHIEVEMENT GRANT</u>						
Revenue	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	
Expenditure	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	
<u>FRIGAN DONATION PROJECT</u>						
Revenue	10,390	1,500	-	-	-	
Expenditure	1,439	-	-	-	-	
<u>SCHOOL TO CAREER GRANT</u>						
Revenue	60,921	26,982	59,421	78,385	78,385	
Expenditure	60,921	11,992	59,421	78,385	78,385	
<u>IT'S ABOUT CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	19,390	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	19,390	-	-	-	-	
<u>OPEN CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	316,424	311,854	274,000	274,000	274,000	
Expenditure	315,686	-	274,000	274,000	274,000	
<u>SUMMER REM READING</u>						
Revenue	2,000	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	2,000	-	-	-	-	
<u>BC/BS THERMAL IMAGING+A44</u>						
Revenue	2,500	-	-	-	-	
Expenditure	2,331	-	-	-	-	
<u>SISTER SCHOOLS GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	1,808	-	-	-	
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	

SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>SCOW</u>						
Revenue	56,959	20,174	72,260	75,255	75,255	
Expenditure	56,959	37,468	72,260	75,255	75,255	
<u>SSBG</u>						
Revenue	4,351	2,392	4,783	4,783	4,783	
Expenditure	4,351	-	4,783	4,783	4,783	
<u>YSB (DCYS)</u>						
Revenue	254,361	4,844	270,267	276,065	276,065	
Expenditure	254,361	-	270,267	276,065	276,065	
<u>COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE</u>						
Revenue	19,884	7,775	22,501	22,000	22,000	
Expenditure	15,047	1,271	22,501	22,000	22,000	
<u>CRRA (SERVICE CONTRACT GRANT)</u>						
Revenue	28,943	27,989	37,319	38,450	38,450	
Expenditure	28,943	17,665	37,319	38,450	38,450	
<u>TOWN AID ROAD</u>						
Revenue	329,298	-	330,698	330,765	330,765	
Expenditure	329,298	315,490	330,698	330,765	330,765	
<u>DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM</u>						
Revenue	13,630	19,000	38,000	60,000	60,000	
Expenditure	13,630	680	38,000	60,000	60,000	
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>						
Revenue	240,174	-	291,563	353,645	353,645	
Expenditure	240,174	291,563	291,563	353,645	353,645	
<u>OCIP ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT</u>						
	202,395	-	-	-	-	
	202,395	-	-	-	-	
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS</u>						
Revenue	9,417	6,236	14,796	17,414	17,414	
Expenditure	9,417	3,859	14,796	17,414	17,414	
<u>RECREATION DEPT PROGRAMS</u>						
Revenue	593,703	16,141	550,500	575,000	575,000	
Expenditure	476,246	385,673	550,500	575,000	575,000	

VIII. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THREE COPIES OF THE  
FINALIZED BUDGET. TWO TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND  
ONE TO BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2002**

**6:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

Blessing – Reverend Anderson, Evangelical & Reformed Church

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Presentation of Jackets to the Sheehan High School Indoor Track Class S State Champions 2002—Mayor
3. Correspondence
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#757-771) Totaling \$19,752.99—Tax Collector
  - b. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Town Council 2002-2003 Annual Budget Public Hearing
  - c. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 23, 2002 Town Council Meeting
  - d. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the 2002-2003 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant in the amount of \$7,318—Health Director
  - e. Consider and Approve Request from Wallingford Center, Inc. for Use of the Parade Ground from Noon Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Use of the Town Hall Prince Street Parking Lot and 88 South Main Street Parking Lot from 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for Celebrate Wallingford 2002—Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi
  - f. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 to Outside Contractor Acct. #001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Services Acct. #1065-060-6020—Police Department



- g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Tri-Axle Dump Truck Acct. # 001-5015-999-9183 to Boom Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9930—Public Works Department
  - h. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$3,575 to Information and Environmental Programs Acct. #232-3070-601-6550 and to State Grants in Aid Council on Substance Abuse Acct. #232-1040-050-5000—Youth and Social Services
  - i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,500 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #207-3070-101-1000 to Youth Projects Acct. #207-3070-607-6600—Youth and Social Services
  - j. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 from Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8620-624; \$8,300 from Operating Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8640-642; \$4,600 Maint. Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. #461-8661-673; \$7,800 from Admin. & General Salaries Acct. #461-8920-920; \$1,700 Outside Services Acct. #461-8920-923; \$700 from Customer Rec. & Collection Acct. #461-8900-903; \$1,000 from Meter Reading Expense Acct. #461-8900-902; \$25,000 to Injuries and Damages Acct. #461-8920-925—Sewer Division
  - k. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,250 from Promotional Expenses Acct. #001-7030-600-6020 to Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-7030-101-1000—Economic Development Coordinator
  - l. Note for the Record—Approval of Mayoral Transfers to Date—Mayor
  - m. Note for the Record—Approval of Anniversary Increases to Date—Mayor
5. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
  6. Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/04
  7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
  8. Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Setting a Rate of Tax for Fiscal Year 2002-2003
  9. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 For the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2003-2003 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"—7:45 P.M.

10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property/Town Attorney
11. Consider and Approve the Contract for the Purchase of Property as Discussed in Executive Session
12. RECONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 For the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known As and In the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"—8:00 P.M.
13. Consider and Approve a Revision to Public Works Mechanic I Job Description—Personnel Director
14. Consider and Approve a Revision to Water Division Superintendent Job Description—Personnel Director
15. Consider and Approve a Revision to Water and Wastewater Engineer/Planner Job Description—Personnel Director
16. Consider and Approve Extension of Bid Waiver Limitation for Ciulla & Donofrio Legal Services for the School Building Committee—Town Attorney
17. Discussion and Possible Action on Whether to Sell Tax Liens on Properties with Potential Environmental Liabilities, Including but not Limited to, the Goldfeder Property—Councilor Mike Brodinsky
18. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss the Matter of the Town of Wallingford vs. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health—Town Attorney
19. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Matter of the Town of Wallingford vs. State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health as Discussed in Executive Session—Town Attorney

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 14, 2002

6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Toman & Vumbaco. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present. Town Attorney Janis M. Small replaced Atty. Mantzaris later in the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

A blessing was bestowed upon the Council by Rev. Anderson, Evangelical & Reformed Church

ITEM #3 Correspondence – Mr. Knight stated there were no items of correspondence.

ITEM #4 Consent Agenda

ITEM #4a Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#757-771) Totaling \$19,752.99 - Tax Collector

ITEM #4b Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #4c Approve and Accept the Minutes of the April 23, 2002 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #4d Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of CT. Dept. of Public Health for the 2002-03 Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant in the Amount of \$7,318 – Health Dept.

ITEM #4e Consider and Approve a Request from Wallingford Center, Inc. for Use of the Parade Ground from Noon Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 P.M. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and use of the Town Hall Prince St. Parking Lot and 88 South Main Street Parking Lot from 6:00 P.M. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> until 9:00 P.M. Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for Celebrate Wallingford 2002 – Chairman Parisi

ITEM #4f Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$35,000 to Outside Contractor Acct. #001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Services Acct. #1065-060-6020 – Police Dept.

ITEM #4g Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Tri-Axle Dump Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9183 to Boom Truck Acct. #001-5015-999-9930 – Public Works Dept.

ITEM #4h Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$3,575 to Information and Environmental Programs Acct. #232-3070-601-6550 and to State Grants in Aid Council on Substance Abuse Acct. #232-1040-050-5000 – Youth & Social Services

ITEM #4i Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,500 from Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. #207-3070-101-1000 to Youth Projects Acct. #207-3070-607-6600 – Youth & Social Services

ITEM #4j Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 from Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8620-624; \$8,300 from Operating Labor & Expense Acct. #461-8640-642; \$4,600 Maintenance Transmission & Collection Lines Acct. #461-8661-673; \$7,800 from Administrative & General Salaries Acct. #461-8920-920; \$1,700 from Outside Services Acct. #461-8900-903; \$700 from Customer Rec. & Collection Acct. #461-8900-903; \$1,000 from Meter Reading Expense Acct. #461-8900-902 for a Total of \$25,000 to Injuries & Damages Acct. #461-8920-925- Sewer Division

ITEM #4k Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,250 from Promotional Expenses Acct. #001-7030-600-6020 to Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-7030-101-1000 – Economic Development Coordinator

ITEM #4l Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #4m Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Consent Agenda, Items #4a-c and #4e-m, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

NOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Items removed from the Consent Agenda

ITEM #4d Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Contract with the State of CT. Dept. of Public Health for the 2002-03 Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant in the Amount of \$7,318 – Health Dept.

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

Mr. Farrell wanted to know what data was going to be collected and what was going to be done with it?

Sanitarian George Yasensky explained, there will be a random survey conducted of approximately 400-500 households in Wallingford via telephone using a specific questionnaire set up by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Parts of the questionnaire will be handled by Hartford also. It is to give Wallingford an idea as to what programs would benefit Wallingford if offered through the Health Department office. It could be something such as smoking cessation, diabetes clinic, hypertension clinics, nutrition clinics, etc. The monies would have to be used to hire a private firm to do the polling for the Health Department lacks the resources to dedicate to a task this size.

Mr. Knight asked if the responses will be anonymous?

Mr. Yasensky answered, yes.

Mr. Farrell clarified, it is to conduct a survey on general health questions and not about a specific health problem.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEMS # 10& 11 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Items #10 & 11 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property - Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 6:42 P.M.

Present in executive session were all councilors and Atty. Mantzaris.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council exited executive session at 6:59 P.M.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Contract for the Purchase of Property as Discussed in Executive Session

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

Mayor Dickinson stated that the property of interest is known as 12 Lake Street. The property fronts the Community Lake area and falls within the Conservation Commission's plan to acquire property in that area. The purchase price is \$150,400. The contract includes environmental assessment provision as a contingency. An environmental review must be done if something is found there that cannot be cleaned up, we would be able to not purchase the property. There is a life estate involved which means that the owner would continue to live there for the length of their life and that places the value at \$150,400. Subsequent to when we started discussions with the owner we applied for a state grant which meant we needed a second appraisal. The second appraisal came in valuing the property at \$190,000 and the life estate at \$110,000. This property was once owned by Frank Zebota who was Judge of Probate for the Town of Wallingford.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller place, Yalesville asked how much land is the parcel comprised of?

Mayor Dickinson replied, 1.65 acres.

Mr. Melillo asked if the property has wetlands on it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't believe wetlands were indicated. Without flagging, you wouldn't be certain. We are not aware of wetlands at this point. At the point the owner no longer lives there, the Town would be looking to remove the house for it is not meant for development purposes, for structures and it falls within the plan to own property that fronts the Community Lake area. If there were wetlands there, it would not, in my opinion, make me believe that we should not purchase the property.

Atty. Mantzaris stated, the property, after reserving the life estate, will be made subject to an open space easement which precludes development except for structures appropriate to a public park or to the extension of the linear trail.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated, usually the party selling the property is responsible for the testing and cleaning up of contaminations should they exist. Why is it that the Town will pay?

Mayor Dickinson answered, typically the purchaser makes that inquiry and we would make the inquiry prior to our actual purchase of the property as a contingency. If we are not satisfied

with the environmental review then we would not be purchasing the property. Typically, I believe it is an expense of the purchaser.

Mr. Sheehan asked, but we are going to pay for the environmental review when we are the buyer. It is incumbent upon the seller to provide toxic-free or environmentally safe land and it is up to us whether we want to purchase it or not, not go through the study. When you do it now, the State of CT. passed a law that if you have an in the ground oil tank and you are going to sell your property, you have to get it out of the ground, not the person buying the house.

Mayor Dickinson replied, this is analogous in some ways to an inspection a purchaser would do regarding termites or infestation of other insects. Typically, the purchaser pays for that, not the seller.

Atty. Mantzaris stated, the property is environmentally clean. If we want to buy it, it is clean. If we test it, we have to pay for it, it is a typical buyer's expense.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail asked whether or not the Mayor felt the Town should apply for a state grant for the purchase of the property?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we have already indicated to the state an intent to apply grant funds to this purchase.

Mr. Lube asked, based on comments that have been made in the past about some of our appraisals, I am prompted to ask if the life use on one appraisal is \$150,000. and on the second is \$110,000., there is a credibility gap as well as a financial gap. Don't you feel you have to resolve that discrepancy to satisfy the state?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the gap is between \$190,000 and \$166,000. For the life use, the difference is \$150,000 to the \$110,000. The grant that we are applying for is not like others, it is not an open space grant. We would be entitled to the full amount of our purchase price so it is not the same conditions that are associated with an open space grant.

Mr. Lube replied, the grant hinges on the appraisals does it not?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I am not sure it does with this grant program. We have to support the fact that we are spending the money but we would be applying for 100% of the money expended for purchase and it is not clear to me that it would be reduced as often as the case with an open space grant. There don't seem to be any real rules describing what is necessary to receive this money. It is anyone's guess.

Mr. Lube asked, don't you feel there is a credibility gap if there is a \$40,000 difference between the two appraisals?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there may be but there is nothing we can do about it.

Mr. Lubee answered, of course there is. You can attempt to resolve this discrepancy between the two appraisals and you do it either by negotiation with the appraisers or you do it by a third appraisal but you don't just run with the two because if you have a credibility gap it is not uncommon to just throw them out.

Mayor Dickinson stated, we believe that the course we are following is appropriate. I really don't think we should spend money for another appraisal and some of the assumptions made by the two appraisers are vastly different. One assumed there were two building lots, the other did not. All of that influences the values that they come up with.

Mr. Lubee replied, exactly and the one that had the two lots is the one that is the lowest. There is a tremendous amount of things that have not been resolved in these appraisals and I think you ought to go back to the drawing board.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, do the people living in the dwelling have any legal liabilities and responsibilities or will the Town have to take care of all of that?

Mayor Dickinson replied, they will have to maintain renter's insurance. The life estate holder will be obligated to make any repairs to the property, if the roof leaks or the furnace needs fixing or plumbing needs fixing or whatever. That is the obligation according to the corporation counselor at law of the life estate holder. All of those factors are the responsibility of the person living there.

Mr. Melillo asked what will happen with the property once the owners pass away?

Mayor Dickinson replied, the Town becomes the owner of the property. We come into possession of the property, we are the owner, we come into possession. The life estate is held by one individual.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated, you are buying this property for recreation and linear trail use. I know there is a lot of frontage there but how deep does the lot go?

Mayor Dickinson answered, it looks as though it varies from 100' to...

Ms. Doherty referred to her map stating, it says, "430' front and rear and 120' +/- deep and bounded." The frontage is 430' front and rear. It is all level land, there is a drop where Community Lake used to come up to it.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, can you put a softball field there?



Mayor Dickinson stated, one side of the property, according to this map is 200', the northerly side. The southerly side is 100-120'.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, would the linear trail cut into that property?

Mayor Dickinson answered, it may not actually touch this property. It may run along what was once the lake bed to the west of this property.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, are you still interested in buying the other property on Silk Street? You bought one on the other end. The house in between, are you thinking of buying that, too if you are going to have the linear trail go along the lake? There are something like six or seven houses in between this property and the one that you have on the other end of silk Street, where you were going to put the ball fields, if you were going to put them there.

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't think there is room to put ball fields.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I am talking about the other property if you want to go for a linear trail, are you going to buy the other properties for the linear trail? The properties between the house you want to buy now and the house you own on the other end of Silk Street when you come off of Hosford. They are on the lake side.

Mayor Dickinson asked, is this property you are talking about to the south of the Senior Center property?

Mr. Wasilewski answered, no, I'm talking about where you are buying the property that is north of the Senior Center. Are you going to buy other property on Lake Street?

Mayor Dickinson answered, there is no plan to buy other property on Lake Street.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, but if the linear trail went through and they are talking about putting the linear trail on that side of the lake and they really want to put it in, you have to seriously think about whether or not you are going to buy the other property or is this the end of it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the trail would probably be to the west of any of these properties. This would give access to the trail but the trail would not necessarily be on this property.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, you could have access off of Oak Street for the linear trail if you wanted to.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there is access from the Senior Center as well. There are multiple places of access.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, they had a road that they eliminated with the Senior Center that went right down to the lake. That is where they had the boat house from which to rent canoes and row boats. You have to consider whether you will buy more property on this same street or is this just something you want to have just in case you want to add some little recreation on this 1 ½ acres or the linear trail. There has to be more to it than just buying this one piece of property.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the overall view of the Conservation Commission has been to try and acquire properties as they are available to front on the Community Lake area. This is part of that.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, would the Town Council be interested in buying a nice piece of property in the center of town that you can put a nice park for the older people when they are walking to school? It will have easy access to the Library, Town Hall, Post Office? If you do, call me up.

Jeff Borne, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, 20 Sylvan Avenue stated, we reviewed the property back in February and probably the basis of our review has something to do with the discussion that is going on tonight. The Conservation Commission would like to point out that this property does fit in with the Quinnipiac River corridor priority area that we identified as important areas for the Town's open space consideration. This was a little unusual for most of the properties that we have reviewed because it does have a house. We thought it is important to look at the long term development of the Quinnipiac corridor. Some of the amenities of this include...when you drive out on Lake Street the terrain is high and flat and you don't know until you look out over the drop-off, it is about 40' from the grade at Lake Street down to what was the bottom or the bed of Community Lake. It is quite a view from behind the house and someday, presuming that the house will probably be gone, it would be a great in-town park just in and of itself, as a piece of open space providing a great view over what ever happens to that Community Lake. If a lake is established, it will be a great view out over the water. If a lake is never established, it is just a marvelous view over the flood plain which will be many years in developing itself from what is now the lake bottom. We would also point out that our consideration did take into account that there may someday be a looped trail that would come around that flood plain and we felt would probably be right at the base of that property. If water ever to come back in there, it would be lapping up right at the base of the property. There would be public access from that site. Just to the south, maybe 1,200' is the Senior Center and in between the Senior Center and this property is the Choate Boat House. We think that there is enough long term issues that when an opportunity like this comes up, it behooves the Town to seriously consider the chance to acquire it. We did make a physical walkover of the entire property if anyone has questions they would like to ask. The Conservation Commission has recommended that the Town consider this for purchase.

VOTE: Brodinsky, nay; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 & 14 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Items #13 & 14 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Public Works Mechanic I Job Description – Personnel Director (Appendix I)

Correspondence from Personnel Director, Terence Sullivan states, the spray painter position in Public Works has been vacant for several months. The Town is interested in merging the spray painter duties into the Mechanic I job description that more accurately reflects the work to be performed. The two positions are on the same pay scale and there is little in the way of body work that is being done and the current mechanics have performed some of these tasks. Having a fully-qualified mechanic will assist the department in getting the work out.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, has this revision to the job description been the subject of any controversy in the past?

Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director replied, not to my knowledge. We referred this job description to the union, they didn't have any problem with it, didn't respond and, in fact the former employee left six or seven months ago. It seemed like a good opportunity to make a merger.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, if this job description is changed and we vote in favor of this, will this be the subject of some controversy even though it hasn't been in the past?

Mr. Sullivan answered, not to my knowledge. If this is approved tonight we hope to post it tomorrow and get working on the recruiting.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, finally, what is the financial impact of making this change; immediate and long term; future hires, wages rates, everything stays the same?

Mr. Sullivan answered, there is no financial impact. The pay scale stays the same but what Henry McCully gets out of this is another mechanic to get the work done. It makes a lot of sense to do this.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Water Division Superintendent Job Description – Personnel Director (Appendix II)

Correspondence from Personnel Director, Terence Sullivan states that the only significant change is the addition of a requirement for the employee to possess and maintain a Class II Water Distribution System Operator Certification pursuant to State Dept. of Public Health Regulations

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is this position currently open?

Mr. Sullivan answered, no, it is occupied by Richard Vanski, current Water Superintendent.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, the reason for the change is purely for the licensing purposes?

Mr. Sullivan answered, yes. The State Dept. of Public Health has changed its regulations which require certification and it is better for the utility to have as many people qualify for the certification. We met with the union and they don't have a problem with the language. Mr. Vanski does not have the certification but will.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, has this change been the subject of any controversy and if we pass it, will it be the subject of any controversy?

Mr. Sullivan answered, no. We met with the individual and the union. Mr. Vanski is also the president of the union so in many cases he represented himself. We have agreed to pay for the applications, certification exam and he has agreed that he is going to have to maintain this. Every three years there is a requirement, much like building officials and fire marshals to go to training. We pay for training and we pay for the test.

Mr. Brodinsky asked if there were any short term and/or long term financial effects?

Mr. Sullivan answered, the short term impact is the cost of the registration and long term ongoing training requirements which is something the division has budgeted for. It is not a lot of money.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve One (1) Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position to Fill a Vacancy in a Term Which Expires 1/8/04

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Appoint Mr. Vincent Cervoni to the Position, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati performed the Swearing-In Ceremony at this time.

ITEM #15 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #15 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve a Revision to the Water & Wastewater Engineer/ Planner Job Description – Personnel Director

Correspondence from Personnel Director Terence Sullivan explains that the changes are merely inclusions of actual duties that have not been reflected in the job description for several years.

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

Mr. Brodinsky asked, has this change or issue been the subject of any controversy and do you expect that it will be the subject of some controversy if we pass it?

Mr. Sullivan replied, this body approved this job description back in October 1993. Since that time, at some point in the past nine years these duties were either picked up or assumed somehow. We have met with the union and the employee. There is no disagreement as to the accuracy of this description and it does reflect what the current incumbent does. The driver's license was just an oversight from the last time so we added it while we were at it. There is no financial impact.

Ms. Papale asked, who is currently employed in the position?

Mr. Sullivan replied, Eric Kruger.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Move Agenda Item #16 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve Extension of a Bid Waiver Limitation for Ciulla & Donofrio Legal Services for the School Building Committee – Town Attorney

Correspondence from Town Attorney, Janis M. Small states, on February 26, 2002 the Town Council authorized a bid waiver in order to hire Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio to provide legal services to the School Building Committee. There was a twenty (20) hour limitation on the waiver. This request seeks to extend that waiver to include the following services: RFP process completion; contract preparation and negotiations; draft special and general conditions; and on-going legal advice as project moves forward with construction. Atty. Donofrio has dealt with school town projects in the past and has significant knowledge in the legal issues facing the committee. His experience is invaluable. Ciulla & Donofrio has provided municipalities with legal advice for many years including working on our previous school renovation project. Both the committee and I find their work to be professional, timely, and of the highest quality. The firm's municipal rate is \$185.00 per hour for Atty. Donofrio's services.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, the last time this came before the Council we were told there was going to be a 20 hour limitation and that is the reason why we waived the bid and the concern was that we did have some sort of knowledge. Now we are being asked for four more items. I was the only individual who voted in opposition of this item last time it was before us. Now I feel like I am getting nit-picked. Now we are being approached with four more issues. When did Janis or the building committee know that they were going to need these services? I have a feeling that they were done at the same time that we did the last bid waiver.

Atty. Mantzaris replied, I don't think anyone knew about these items, Jim, until the hang up with the designer of the school. That is my best guess on this. I can't give you any better than that.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, do you think these items came up after the Konover Swinerton situation existed?

Atty. Mantzaris answered, yes, I do.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is there a limit on the hours?

Atty. Mantzaris replied, we are not asking for a limit on the hours; it is not going to be opened forever, we just feel that it is hard to put hours on it as it was the first time, frankly. This firm has worked for the town since the 1970s; Bob Ciulla has, he wasn't part of the firm. It is a very reputable firm, very fair; an honest group of attorneys and we are very comfortable working with them. What they have done has always been good for Wallingford.

Mr. Vumbaco stated that he was not questioning their knowledge, just the process.

Chairman Parisi asked, was there any reason why a local attorney did not get a chance to bid on this or price it out or what ever your procedure was? I did receive a call on it at home from a local attorney. I am relaying the question that I was asked and didn't know the answer to.

Atty. Mantzaris answered, we are not aware of any local attorneys that, frankly, have this kind of expertise that we need in this kind of a contract. That is why local attorneys were not; it is not that don't consider them, we do use local attorneys in our office but that is why it didn't happen here.

Mr. Knight stated, most of the this came up when the School Building Committee decided to go with construction management. Most of the things that are referred to here have to do with writing the construction management contract and allied matters. It was after Konover Swinerton decided to back out but I think that they were also heading towards construction management.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, that was the point that I was making; these four items should have been anticipated in advance and not just now and all of a sudden we need to do this bid waiver.

Chairman Parisi stated that did not feel the committee knew that they were heading that way. That was the sense of the matter he had.

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

VOTE: Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-03 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose" – 7:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title and Section 1 of the Ordinance in their Entirety into the Record and to Waive the Reading of the Remainder of the Ordinance Incorporating Its Full Text Into the Minutes of this Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The title of the ordinance and section I were read into the record at this time.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,641,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2002-2003 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,641,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$1,641,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of municipal capital improvements 2002-2003 consisting of Roadway Reconstruction of: (i) High Hill Road; (ii) Constitution Street - East Main to Center; (iii) Chimney Hill Road - from Chimney Sweep and including Benham Road; (iv) New Cheshire Road; (v) Grieb Road Bridge; (vi) Animal Building Improvements; and for appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, or so much thereof as may be accomplished within such appropriation, including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs, said appropriation to be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose and inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$1,641,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. Said bonds shall be issued in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the project determined after considering the estimated amount of the State and Federal grants-in-aid of the project, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.



Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of purchase agreement shall be subject to approval of the Town Council.

Section 4. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked if the projects will be sent out to bid.

Mayor Dickinson explained, work will be performed by parties who are not employees of the Town. The plan would be to bid the work. High Hill Road, Constitution Street, Chimney Hill Road, New Cheshire Road are probably all Town of Wallingford projects except for paving which will be done by an outside contractor. With regards to the Grieb Road bridge, it probably is an outside contractor and the improvements to the Dog Pound will probably be done by outside contractors. Public bidding is the preferred route but it does not necessarily bring us the best price. Public bidding is meant to assure that more than one or two parties have the chance to do work for a governmental agency but it doesn't necessarily mean that it is the best price.

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville asked, isn't the \$1,641,000., the money that comes from the Electric Division to pay for these projects?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the Electric Division money is the primary source of funds to pay for bonds that have been sold.

Mr. Agosta asked, will the roads be chip-sealed or blacktopped?

Mayor Dickinson answered, my guess is that this is all reconstructed roads so it would not be chip-sealed.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works stated, all the roads mentioned are reconstruction; full-depth, reclaiming and drainage improvements.

Mr. Agosta asked, with regards to the center of town, no chip seal is used for road projects, is that correct?

Mr. McCully answered, we have 635 streets in town and we use whatever means we can to maintain all the streets. Our policy in the past is not to chip seal in town but we do roads; there

are a number of factors. We have meetings with all of the utilities. I know in advance if the Water Division is going to be putting in a new water main such as on Constitution Street and three or four years we try and baby the road along until after that happens, this way we are not faced with another trench down a newly-paved road. We also consult with the Gas Company if they are updating their mains and lateral services and also the Sewer Division. A lot of factors go into a road before we actually decide if we are going to pave a road.

Mr. Agosta stated, many people complain about the chip seal being down there too long and that the Town does not come by and sweep it up quickly and the stones hit cars and are thrown up on their lawns, driveways, etc.

Mr. McCully answered, generally, the road is swept up within 1 week after the chip seal. You have to give the oil a chance to set. There is a little bit of stone that will go into people's driveways and it is no more than sand that you would get in your driveway in the winter and it hasn't really been a problem in the past.

Mr. Agosta stated, the guys do a pretty good job but that was brought to my attention and I wanted to bring it up tonight.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the projects that we are approving do not involve chip seal.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked if the Mayor is seeking any state funding on the highway reconstruction?

Mayor Dickinson answered, these projects would not involve any state funding. I am not aware of any on these projects, no. The Grieb Road bridge may involve some state funding however highway projects are not.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, do you get any money from the Water Division for Constitution Street when they dug up the road and now it has to be repaved? Don't they usually cover some of the paving? You get money from the Water Division because they dug it up?

Mayor Dickinson answered, at times there has been a sharing of resources where Public Works has to be doing a road and the Water Division or Sewer Division have done work. At times I think they have shared the resources as far as not having one division be paying for the paving and then have Public Works pave it again. Generally, the Water Division is responsible to repair whatever the street that is there, they are not obligated to completely reconstruct and repave the entire road.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, they contribute some of the cost of repaving.

Mr. McCully answered, I have participated with Roger Dann (Gen. Mgr., Water & Sewer Divisions) in the past on some overlaying projects where he has a square yardage cost for final trench repair. A couple of times in the past he has passed that money over to me and I have put that together with my paving monies to overlay certain roads. We haven't gotten to that stage with Constitution Street at this time.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, when the Water Division contributes to it, that goes into your account?

Mr. McCully answered, they will simply create an open order at Tilcon for paving to use a certain amount of money that would be allotted for final trench repair and we would simply draw on that account but it would reduce the cost of my paving of a certain road.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated that he was glad to see that Constitution Street is finally going to be taken care of. He stated that capital projects are always confined to street repairs or reconstruction. There is a lot going on in this town and it is not only on the streets. He looks at street projects as part of the normal course of maintaining the town. Reconstruction projects belong in the capital project category but minor repairs and cosmetic work does not fall under that category. Only once did we see a project that wasn't road work, it was the linear trail. Some money could be well-spent other places than on roads.

Mr. Melillo stated that there is a strong possibility that federal funds could be available for these projects. The closer we get to election (State) the better the chance of getting funding. He wanted that kept in mind.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, it was said that the money we get from the Electric Division goes towards these projects, correct?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I indicated that the money received from the Electric Division issued for the payment of principal and interest primarily on this program.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, that doesn't say that money comes from their surplus. This is money that comes from the P.I.L.O.T. (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payment, not from their surplus.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there is a payment that they must make every year and it is a formula in an ordinance but it is an expense that they must pay. I suppose you could look at it as a P.I.L.O.T. payment.

Mr. Wasilewski replied, but nothing to do with what they have in the kitty that we can't touch.

Mayor Dickinson replied, it is part of their operating obligation similar to what the Town has to pay for anything.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, what I am asking is, with that extra money that they have squirreled away, we don't get any of that.

Mayor Dickinson answered, we all get that in lower electric rates.

Mr. Wasilewski answered, they still have a lot of money left over.

Mayor Dickinson replied, that is an entirely different subject as to how the Electric Division should be operated. If we have questions about that, that can be handled at another time. As you know our electric rates are the lowest in New England and part of the reason for that is because of the way we manage the assets of the Electric Division.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,641,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Various Municipal Capital Improvements 2002-03 and Authorizing the Issue of \$1,641,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Vumbaco asked Mr. McCully if all of High Hill Road is being done or just a portion of it?

Mr. McCully answered, High Hill Road will be done in two phases; the first phase will be Carpenter Lane to the Town line; and the second phase would be done in the following year. The State of CT. has proposed some improvements at the intersection of Route 68 and Durham Road for the future which may include a traffic light. We have some drainage concerns at the bottom of that section of High Hill Road and we are trying to work with them.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is there going to be road widening or just purely paving and drainage?

Mr. McCully answered it will be drainage and just using basically using existing widths. There may be some adjustments in the road. Our road reconstruction program is not necessarily to go in there and make highways out of these roads.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is the Grieb Road Bridge project replacement only?

Mr. McCully answered, the Town Engineer handles that project.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Act Upon an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 for the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known as and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and

Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose – 8:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Read the Title and Section 1 of the Ordinance in their Entirety into the Record and to Waive the Reading of the Remainder of the Ordinance Incorporating Its Full Text Into the Minutes of this Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$157,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION (SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SELLER USE RIGHTS) OF APPROXIMATELY 1.65 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AND IN THE AREA OF 12 LAKE STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$157,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$157,000 is appropriated for the acquisition of (subject to certain use rights to be retained by the seller) approximately 1.65 acres of real property in the Town of Wallingford commonly known as 12 Lake Street, as more particularly described in Volume 748 Page 0969 of the Wallingford Land Records, for open space purposes, and for engineering and consulting fees, appraisal, testing, commissions, environmental remediation, surveying, title insurance and such other expenses necessary or appropriate for such acquisition, and including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto. The Mayor is authorized to negotiate the terms and purchase price for the purchase of the parcel and to sign purchase contracts and documents necessary to transfer title to the Town of Wallingford.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$157,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. The total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each

of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of purchase agreement shall be subject to approval of the Town Council.

Section 4. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance. Any agreements or representations to provide information to Repositories made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked, do you lump this (last bonding ordinance and this one) into one bonding ordinance when you go to borrow the money?

Comptroller Thomas Myers answered, typically, we do not bond ordinance by ordinance. It would be summarized with this and other ordinances.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, it would be a good idea if we did what Habitat for Humanity does; lets the people pay back the organization via an interest-free loan. We could go down to the Electric Division and did the same thing, then we wouldn't have to pay any interest and we would pay them back eventually and save ourselves a lot of money.

Mr. Melillo stated that this is a repeat of an earlier item.

Chairman Parisi explained that a vote had to first be taken to approve the contract for the sale/purchase of the land before the bonding ordinance could be presented.

Mayor Dickinson explained, it is not a legal necessity to do it that way, it just makes more sense to have approved the contract rather than do it in reverse order. It is not an absolute necessity. We have already approved the contract and purchase price, this is the funding for that. That price will not change, we are not continuing to negotiate.

Yes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated that he is skeptical of the viability of the appraisals for the subject property, having the large disparity that they have. He stated, the Mayor has expressed reluctance to go out and spend an additional \$3,000-\$4,000 for a third appraisal but this does not mean that we have to live with the two appraisals that have been received. It is not unusual for appraisers to receive instructions from their employers to go into a closet and resolve their differences. Obviously, someone is very right and someone is very wrong. You cannot have two appraisers saying two different things and expect a layman to resolve these differences, it has to be done by the appraisers themselves and it is a doable thing if the Mayor sees fit to do it. Otherwise I am willing to bet you that the Town will not receive a \$157,000 reimbursement and if I am right, you will hear about it every night. On the subject of the last session where we adjourned the public hearing, the Chairman indicated that he was intending that it be re-advertised as a re-convening of the hearing, was that done?



Chairman Parisi replied, it was advertised, yes.

Mr. Lubee stated, the reason for my asking that and to confirm that is because it wasn't done with the Noise Ordinance and I wondered why. Why did we do it with this one and not with the Noise Ordinance?

Atty. Mantzaris replied, the public hearing had been closed in the Noise Ordinance in the first session.

Mr. Lubee replied, no it wasn't. It was adjourned to re-convene.

Atty. Mantzaris repeated, the public hearing was closed at the first session. The second session took up the Council's discussion on the Noise Ordinance. That did not happen with this particular one.

Mr. Lubee asked, did you hear and have testimony at the second hearing? I don't think that is true but I thank you for your response.

Chairman Parisi stated, if that's true, I stand corrected. As I remember, I thought that is the way it was.

Mr. Vumbaco directed his comments to Mr. McCully stating, I took a walk out there, it was a Saturday, the day of the Quinnipiac clean-up. I met with the owner and we took a look at those retaining walls and she said that you had been out there and the Mayor has indicated that he doesn't see a problem with them but it looked to me as though every one of them was cracked and the front was pulling away from the side sections that hold it. What is your observation of that?

Mr. McCully replied, it is quite obvious that the retaining walls need extensive repairs and my suggestion would be that, at the point we take ownership of the house and the house is demolished, it be graded. It can be graded in tiers. There are many ways we can stabilize that slope down to the lake.

Mr. Vumbaco asked how can you grade it and tier it without taking up a good piece of the flat open space that we are purchasing? That is a 40-50' drop.

Mr. McCully answered, we can stabilize that slope and remove those retaining walls. I would recommend that we remove the retaining walls altogether. You can put in a section, you can put steps down to the lake, there is a lot of ways that you could stabilize that slope.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, are you confident that you are not going to take much of the flat land that is up there?. That is one of the main reasons why we are purchasing it.

Mr. McCully answered, you would probably have to go back a little ways to take some of the steepness out of the slope. I am quite sure you could accomplish that.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, do you have any idea how much that would cost?

Mr. McCully answered, we have a bull dozer in house at public works. The demolition can be a winter project for my department. I envision that it is something that we can do in-house.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I was the only one who voted against the contract and I would like to share my concerns as to why I did so. I support the Quinnipiac Linear Trail as it runs from Wallingford north to Meriden as it may hopefully run from Wallingford south to North Haven. What may have been discussed tonight is not that linear trail, it is something else that has never come before the Council for discussion, approval or for cost estimate and if there was some mention about using this property to get access to the lake or access to a trail, that other trail, what ever it may be is still very theoretical. As far as getting from this property to the lake bed, there are very serious problems and we have just learned that there are, in my opinion, some serious expenses. It is a very steep retaining wall and, after visiting the property with councilman Vumbaco, is in bad need of repair. There is an expense attributable to that and I know and Mr. McCully knows a lot more than I do about grading that. I think it is going to be Engineering magic to slope that down to be a useable access. This property is not appropriate to buy for access to the lake bed for that reason; why buy property so high up that has dangerous retaining walls that we have to spend money on? I see my vote against this as support for the linear trail rather than any obstacle to what they are trying to do. I would rather see our efforts, our money, our grant money, our engineering time and energy spent on the real linear trail and not the loop trail that runs around. The other concern I have is, is this lake going to come up and, if so, at whose expense? Is money being spent on a speculative hope that there will be a lake there? After that the retaining walls are taken down and that cost is added up. Is that going to take permitting from Inland Wetlands? It is pretty close to the lake bed and seems like a substantial activity.

Mr. McCully answered, any work within 50' of the wetlands would require a permit to work there.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, if for some reason we don't get the permit, now we own a property with steep and dangerous retaining walls that we are going to have to rebuild or repair because we can't slope as you envisioned. I have a concern about that and it is another reason why I am not moved to vote for this. I have concerns about the price and how it was figured. There is a real difference of opinion as to how you value life estate. All these concerns added up together; again, given my support for the linear trail moves me to vote against this. I agree with Mr.

Borne that this would be a nice place to have a view. I just question whether people are going to use it. We have the Senior Center right down the street, we have Community Lake Park across the lake. There are a lot of places for people to go to get access to the lake and I am not sure we want to buy properties that have nice views, there are just too many of them and it is just not practical. If we have all these other problems; permitting; the lake may not come up; what is going to happen to those retaining walls; I just can't support this.

Ms. Doherty stated, the owner of this property came to the Town. The trail did not go out to this piece of property. We are using a grant that the trail had applied for from the state in being that this land was available and near closing and the end of the grant was coming near, that is why we are using this money. I just want to clarify that.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating \$157,000 for the Acquisition (Subject to Certain Seller Use Rights) of Approximately 1.65 Acres of Real Property Known as and in the Area of 12 Lake Street and Authorizing the Issue of \$157,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky, nay; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked, how many tenants do we have over at 88 S. Main Street? How many departments occupy that building?

Chairman Parisi stated, the Credit Union is on the first floor and I think WPAA has the second floor. They are moving down to Center Street. What are their (Credit Union) rental fees?

Mayor Dickinson stated, that he did not have the figure off-hand.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, was it something like \$600.00 when they first moved in?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I really don't remember what those amounts are. We can look them up. The Town Attorney probably has the rental agreements.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, have they increased their rent at all in all of these years.

Mayor Dickinson replied, I don't know that they haven't. There could be a formula that increases, I don't know. We would have to check.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, would the Town consider getting rid of that property seeing how it is only the Credit Union that is there. What do we need the property for now? It is only a Credit Union and the price of real estate today, we could get a fancy price for it. You spent a lot of money on that property and you are not getting it back in rent. I suggest that the Town put it on the market and get rid of it, we don't need it. We did spend close to \$300,000 for that property and building, etc. We are actually losing money on it and I think it should be put up for sale. I think you would get a buyer for it quite quick because it is in a central location.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked why the Town had not been in contact with the State Dept. of Public Health prior to its decision regarding the use of Vietnam Veterans fields?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the Town was in touch with the State Health Department. They have a permit procedure and the Town filed an application with them and I stated that we were challenging an application with them on one occasion if not more than one occasion at Council meetings. We look to follow procedure and the State Health Department has not ruled on our application. They have ruled that they, by the statute, cannot permit the use that we have requested. In answer to your question, the State Health Department was contacted in December, 2001 and in the early part of this year. They have chosen to take a course of action that we don't agree with but we have followed their permitting procedure.

Mr. Melillo stated, the important thing is that we have found ourselves in the same situation as we are in with regards to the Cooke property. There is a legal dispute going on right now, isn't there?

Mayor Dickinson replied, there is but they're different questions. The lawsuit that is now before the CT. Supreme Court deals with the overall jurisdiction of the State Health Department over Town-owned land. Our issue on this case deals with their treatment of an application pursuant to their regulations and what actions they are obligated to take when in receipt of an application. Even though it appears to be the same, there are different issues at the heart of the two questions.

Mr. Melillo asked, do you intend to pursue challenging the legal jurisdiction of the State Dept. of Health?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is a matter that is on the agenda for discussion with the Council.

Mr. Melillo stated that the Mayor should scout around for land that is acceptable to the coaches of the little leaguers and all other coaches.

With regards to Community Pool, Mr. Melillo asked what is going on with the paint flakes?

Chairman Parisi asked the Mayor if he was ready to hand out Jackets to the Sheehan High School champions?

ITEM #2 Presentation of Jackets to the Sheehan High School Track Class S State Champions 2002 – Mayor

Mayor Dickinson recognized the Sheehan High School Track Class S State Champions. He stated that Coach Farley has coached thirty-three years before he got the first state championship.

Coach Farley briefly described how exciting the competition was for those present. He next called out each of the athlete's names, presenting them with a jacket as they came up to the stage.

(applause)

The Mayor presented Coach Farley with a jacket as well.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Setting a Rate of Tax for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

(see individual motions that follow on separate sheets)

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

Annual Budget Adoption  
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002

I. Mr. Knight \_\_\_\_\_

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. Farrell \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motio Passed

II. Mr. Knight \_\_\_\_\_

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF \$108,428,280 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

Mr. Farrell \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

III. Mr. Knight \_\_\_\_\_

MOVED: ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AT 22.7 MILLS.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF \$100 SHALL BE MADE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE JULY 1, 2002, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 2002, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2003. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2002 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2002 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144A. DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE PAID ONLY IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-146.

PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT OF LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE WAIVED.

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (15.00) HANDLING FEE.

Mr. Farrell \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

IV. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS HEREIN STATED:

**Electric Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	\$41,795,285
Operating Expenses	41,477,744
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>317,541</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>1,098,211</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>200,359</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,215,393</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,732,502</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>517,109)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,625,191</u>

**Water Enterprise Fund**

Operating Revenues	<u>5,985,215</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>4,870,679</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>1,114,536</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>245,343</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>675,604</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>684,275</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>3,040,025</u>

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>4,270,659</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>5,584,299</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	( <u>1,313,640</u> )
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>540,492</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>337,121</u>
Net Income (Loss)	( <u>1,110,269</u> )
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,281,500</u>

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

V. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF THE CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,364,483 REVENUES AND \$2,364,483 EXPENDITURES.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

VI. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed

VII. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye.

Motion Passed



## SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>CAFETERIA</u>						
Revenue	1,545,926	846,760	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	
Expenditure	1,509,070	895,745	1,796,726	1,701,013	1,701,013	
<u>TITLE I</u>						
Revenue	222,851	185,000	222,851	240,033	240,033	
Expenditure	218,645	203,879	222,851	240,033	240,033	
<u>ELEMENTARY SCIENCE GRANT (Bristol Myers)</u>						
Revenue	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Expenditure	34,236	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	
<u>TITLE VI (Chapter 11)</u>						
Revenue	32,712	20,000	32,712	34,958	34,958	
Expenditure	27,397	14,449	32,712	34,958	34,958	
<u>TITLE VI-CLASS REDUCTION</u>						
Revenue	67,668	50,000	67,668	83,648	83,648	
Expenditure	67,668	83,751	67,668	83,648	83,648	

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY						
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003						
	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUN APPRO
<u>TITLE II (Eisenhower Math &amp; Science)</u>						
Revenue	22,033	17,033	22,033	28,875	28,875	
Expenditure	19,410	10,645	22,033	28,875	28,875	
<u>TITLE IV (Drug Free Schools)</u>						
Revenue	29,549	15,000	29,549	29,455	29,455	
Expenditure	22,991	3,697	29,549	29,455	29,455	
<u>VOCATIONAL ED (PERKINS)</u>						
Revenue	43,881	10,000	43,881	43,903	43,903	
Expenditure	43,880	-	43,881	43,903	43,903	
<u>ADULT ED TUITION</u>						
Revenue	121,495	104,613	116,928	117,000	117,000	
Expenditure	107,949	55,566	116,928	117,000	117,000	
<u>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	197,691	137,944	197,691	202,662	202,662	
Expenditures	197,691	42,072	197,691	202,662	202,662	
<u>ADULT ED ACTIVITY</u>						
Revenue	641	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Expenditure	732	300	1,000	1,000	1,000	
<u>FAMILY LITERACY</u>						
Revenue	46,802	45,000	46,802	49,510	49,510	
Expenditure	46,802	34,356	46,802	49,510	49,510	
<u>PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL</u>						
Revenue	47,014	35,000	47,014	46,656	46,656	
Expenditure	47,014	26,451	47,014	46,656	46,656	
<u>IDEA - PART B</u>						
Revenue	506,703	400,000	505,670	671,051	671,051	
Expenditure	498,223	330,492	505,670	671,051	671,051	
<u>PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED</u>						
Revenue	39,049	25,000	39,049	41,701	41,701	
Expenditure	30,698	4,292	39,049	41,701	41,701	
<u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>						
Revenue	56,233	28,142	52,000	52,000	52,000	
Expenditures	50,367	22,072	52,000	52,000	52,000	
<u>ADULT ED-ON COMMON GROUND</u>						
Revenue	8,748	10,000	8,748	28,248	28,248	
Expenditures	8,748	2,855	8,748	28,248	28,248	
<u>SCHOOL WIRING</u>						
Revenue	-	222,268	175,724	-	-	
Expenditure	175,724	219,229	175,724	-	-	
<u>ADULT ED TECHNOLOGY</u>						
Revenue	-	-	120,000	-	-	
Expenditure	-	-	89,312	-	-	

## SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>WILKINSON HOLOCAUST GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	2,000	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>INSURANCE CONTRACT</u>						
Revenue	498,983	373,687	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	498,983	295,831	-	-	-	-
<u>SUMMER SCHOOL</u>						
Revenue	35,990	34,800	38,480	35,460	35,460	35,460
Expenditure	35,966	34,739	38,480	35,460	35,460	35,460
<u>SNET COMMUNITY ACCESS</u>						
Revenue	17,956	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	2,665	-	-	-	-	-
<u>MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</u>						
Revenue	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	92,400
Expenditure	82,800	46,200	82,800	92,400	92,400	92,400
<u>ACHIEVEMENT GRANT</u>						
Revenue	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	5,833
Expenditure	5,833	-	5,833	5,833	5,833	5,833
<u>FRICAN DONATION PROJECT</u>						
Revenue	10,390	1,500	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	1,439	-	-	-	-	-
<u>SCHOOL TO CAREER GRANT</u>						
Revenue	60,921	26,982	59,421	78,385	78,385	78,385
Expenditure	60,921	11,992	59,421	78,385	78,385	78,385
<u>IT'S ABOUT CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	19,390	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	19,390	-	-	-	-	-
<u>OPEN CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	316,424	311,854	274,000	274,000	274,000	274,000
Expenditure	315,686	-	274,000	274,000	274,000	274,000
<u>SUMMER REM READING</u>						
Revenue	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
<u>BC/BS THERMAL IMAGING+A44</u>						
Revenue	2,500	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	2,331	-	-	-	-	-
<u>SISTER SCHOOLS GRANT</u>						
Revenue	-	1,808	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-

## SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

	FY 6-30-01 ACTUAL	1-31-02 ACTUAL	2001-02 APPROVED	2002-03 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>SCOW</u>						
Revenue	56,959	20,174	72,260	75,255	75,255	
Expenditure	56,959	37,468	72,260	75,255	75,255	
<u>SSBG</u>						
Revenue	4,351	2,392	4,783	4,783	4,783	
Expenditure	4,351	-	4,783	4,783	4,783	
<u>YSB (DCYS)</u>						
Revenue	254,361	4,844	270,267	276,065	276,065	
Expenditure	254,361	-	270,267	276,065	276,065	
<u>COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE</u>						
Revenue	19,884	7,775	22,501	22,000	22,000	
Expenditure	15,047	1,271	22,501	22,000	22,000	
<u>CRRA (SERVICE CONTRACT GRANT)</u>						
Revenue	28,943	27,989	37,319	38,450	38,450	
Expenditure	28,943	17,665	37,319	38,450	38,450	
<u>TOWN AID ROAD</u>						
Revenue	329,298	-	330,698	330,765	330,765	
Expenditure	329,298	315,490	330,698	330,765	330,765	
<u>DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM</u>						
Revenue	13,630	19,000	38,000	60,000	60,000	
Expenditure	13,630	680	38,000	60,000	60,000	
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>						
Revenue	240,174	-	291,563	353,645	353,645	
Expenditure	240,174	291,563	291,563	353,645	353,645	
<u>LOCIP ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT</u>						
	202,395	-	-	-	-	
	202,395	-	-	-	-	
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS</u>						
Revenue	9,417	6,236	14,796	17,414	17,414	
Expenditure	9,417	3,859	14,796	17,414	17,414	
<u>RECREATION DEPT PROGRAMS</u>						
Revenue	593,703	16,141	550,500	575,000	575,000	
Expenditure	476,246	385,673	550,500	575,000	575,000	

VIII. Mr. Knight

MOVED: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THREE COPIES OF THE  
FINALIZED BUDGET. TWO TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND  
ONE TO BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All ayes.

Motion Passed

(comments made/opinions offered on individual motions follow  
on subsequent pages.)

With regards to Motion I to Adopt the Total General Fund Revenue Budget of \$108,428,280 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002, the following comments were made:

Mr. Vumbaco stated, I wanted to go on the record to say that I opposed this budget. It is more a matter of philosophy than it is of the numbers that are being presented this evening. I, personally, do not believe in budgeting for surpluses or in an attempt to build our fund reserve. I do not believe in overtaxing the public. Historically, in the past 10-11 years, I did an analysis and presented it two years ago, last year and I have looked at it again this year. It showed that in this community we have always overestimated our expenses and underestimated our revenues. This has proven to be true, the numbers don't lie, it is a result of looking the year end audit numbers. A couple of weeks ago during the budget workshop of the Council, a discussion of the budget was held and not many issues were brought up. I, personally, have been asked twice why my concerns weren't brought up that night and I believe I didn't do it for the sake of saving time and effort. The past two budget seasons that I have been involved with as a Councilman, issues were presented, motions were made only to be voted down. I felt that was going to happen again this year. The police department issue that was raised by Mr. Rys was a good example of that in an attempt to adjust the budgets. Going back in history and looking at the budget of the Police Department, they have consistently come in well over their budget numbers yet there was no action taken to reduce it. Looking at the numbers and going forward this year, in fiscal year ending 6/30/02 and the proposed budget, I don't believe that the scenario is going to change. I still feel that we are overestimating our expenses and underestimating our revenues, thus building a reserve or fund balance on the backs of our taxpaying citizens. Year ending audit 6/30/01 shows a fund balance reserve of about \$16.5 million. Just taking into consideration the sale of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield stocks would add \$2.9 million +/- to that bringing that balance up to \$19.4 million. Even if I was to give the process the benefit of the doubt and believe that we will break even in the year 2002 and break even in the year 2003, and the fact that the \$8 million that we are using to fund this year's budget is completely used, it still leaves a balance of \$11 million in the fund reserve which is unappropriated. I realize that \$5 million is set aside to keep our Aaa bond rating which leaves me and my simple calculations a result that has over \$6 million. Again, that is taking into consideration that there is no movement back into the reserve fund balance in the next two years which I don't think will be the case. I know it is difficult for a democrat to say this but I believe these are people's dollars and I don't find this any differently than what the State of CT. went through recently and the federal government where they sent refund checks back to the taxpaying citizens because they felt that, in the past, the reserves were built on the taxpayers' back. I believe it is the people's dollars and a good portion of the fund could be used and returned back to the public to help offset the average residential tax increase of 17% this year. That 17% figure is taken from the letter that is in the front of the budget book that gives the average of \$137,000+/- as the average assessment and what the tax bite will be for the tax paying citizens. Comparing that to where we were last year, we are looking at a 17% increase for the residents. I think any change or any more additional use of the reserve could only help to reduce that, especially for our seniors and some other residents who cannot afford this large tax increase. I have seen that in the past all

we have done is move money out of the fund reserve to balance the budget and at year end we take the money out of the budget and move it back into the fund balance because we always end up with what I call a surplus, the Mayor calls it a budget variance. Usually the amount that we move back into the fund balance is greater than the amount we use to balance the budget, thus we end up building fund reserves. My personal opinion, again, and I don't want to debate philosophies here is that I believe we are overtaxing the public. I truly believe the mill rate could be even lowered a greater amount if only by one mill by using a portion of the \$6 million or so that will be left over, I don't think it will put the town in any kind of a financial problem. I also believe that what has been done in the past has always been called good fiscal management. I, personally, believe that that's part of the case, but I also consider it over-taxation therefore I cannot and will not support this budget this year.

With regards to Motion II to Adopt the Total General Fund Expenditure Budget of \$108,428,280 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002, the following comments were made by Councilors, the Mayor and public:

Mr. Brodinsky stated, Councilor Vumbaco said very eloquently what was also on my mind but I would also like to add some additional comments. The broad question is, whether or not we do well in Wallingford. The government of Wallingford does pretty well, the question is whether we do well because of the budget or in spite of the budget. I suggest that if we have done well, we have done well not because of the budget but in spite of it. To give two examples; the budget that was passed for fiscal year 2001 and the other was the budget that was passed for fiscal year 2002. I voted against those budgets for a couple of reasons but one reason was, each of those budgets called for an operating deficit. In other words, according to those budgets we would be spending in 2001 \$1.4 million more than we would be taking in from outside sources. In order to vote in favor of that budget, you would have to want to have an operating deficit of \$1.4 million. This year, 2002, the proposed budget called for an operating deficit of \$4 million. In order to vote for that budget, either you didn't believe it or you didn't understand it. I don't see how you can have it any other way. If you vote for a budget that calls for an operating budget of \$4 million, I guess that is what you want, or you don't believe it and I prefer to vote for things that I believe in. If I don't believe that we are going to end up with a \$4 million operating deficit in 2002 or \$1.4 million deficit in 2001, why should I vote for that? That was the budget that was presented and that is one reason why I voted no and I think the same thinking went into this budget that went into the past two budgets. Because of that I remain just as skeptical. Another question that I have is whether or not this budget is really a management tool or more of a political tool. The inaccuracies in our budget are well-documented. Councilman Vumbaco referred to some of that. We have performed an analysis as he indicated going back to 1990 and year after year we have these large; the Mayor calls it a budget balance which is a phrase born in Wallingford and has never migrated out of town; it is not a true accounting term, but it is another phrase for a variance which is the same thing as errors in forecasting. We have these large errors in forecasting because we always seem to budget for more expenses than we spend and we always seem to budget for less revenues than we take in.

The result of combining those two figures are these variances which end up very frequently to be a surplus even though the budget called for an operating deficit and that is somewhat frustrating to me. If you talk about what opportunities are available to reduce spending or to reduce the increase in spending, I think it is very legitimate to take a look at what one or more departments do with the tax money that we allocate to them. We see year after year that departments are given more tax dollars than they spend. Something very remarkable happened at the budget workshop just a few days ago. Republican Ray Rys made a motion to reduce the Police Department's budget by \$50,000. Any time anyone wants to discuss reducing expenses is worth some discussion but after he made the motion you could hear a pin drop from the right side of the aisle; you could hear a pin drop. I seconded that motion and was proud to because it is always time to discuss reducing expenses. You might say, "Ray what are you thinking? It is the Police Department. They are symbolic of truth, justice the American way. They are like the Fire Department. You can't touch a hair on their heads." I think it was a very courageous motion and is also a well-placed motion because the Police Department, again, has a history of leaving more money on the table. We give them tax dollars, they don't use it. Over the last three years we have given the Police Department, your tax dollars, \$1.5 million more than they have spent. Why isn't it legitimate to say, let's talk about reducing that by \$50,000? Well, of course, that motion was voted down. Anytime you talk about reducing expenditures, especially with respect to a department that hasn't used the tax dollars that we give to them, then you can start talking about maybe reducing the mill rate increase or reducing taxes or at least reducing the increase in taxes. Once you start doing that and you start saying, maybe we don't need all of these tax dollars, then you are subject to a protest. I am going to exaggerate the next point to help me make a point; as soon as you start saying that maybe we don't need all of these tax dollars, you get these cries of protest, "you are going to impair the bond rating"; "oh, you are going to impair Wallingford's health and well-being", "oh, life in Wallingford, as we know it, is going to end because you are jeopardizing the financial health of the Town" and that is wrong. It is always time to talk about reducing expenses, reducing an appropriation, especially to a department that doesn't need it and then you can be in a position to talk about perhaps reducing the tax dollars that will come in. I was very glad that Ray made that motion and I think it is too bad that we didn't have more discussion on it and we should have more discussions like that at future budget meetings. There is something else that happened that is quite remarkable at the budget workshop and that had to do with a very small amount of money. It was a discussion on the Registrar's (of Voters) budget. As most of you know, the voting districts are being reduced from 14 in number down to 9. That means that more people are now going to be showing up at each voting district because more people will be registered in these nine districts, yet the amount of money allocated to people working at the polls was reduced so that there was no question during the debate that there is a large potential for lines to get into vote this coming election. There didn't seem to be any doubt about it. How long the lines? Yes, no one really knew and somebody on the right side of the aisle said that people in Africa wait all day to vote as if maybe that was a standard that Wallingford should go by. For the sake of \$3,000 or something like that, the amount that we were debating, we could have added that to the budget, hired poll workers and reduced the potential for lines. I think by doing that we would have



shown respect for the time of our citizens. When people go out to vote, they are taking time from their jobs, their families; their time is valuable, too. I think our priorities were turned upside down on that one. As long as we are starting out with a new voting system with new voting districts, we should have started out on the right foot to make sure that everything went smoothly to make sure we minimized the lines but, we didn't do that. For those reasons and the ones that Mr. Vumbaco indicated, I am also going to vote no.

With regards to Motion III to Establish the Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 at 22.7 Mills, the following comments were made by Councilors, the Mayor and public:

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville objected to the mill rate being set at 22.7 mills. He stated, Mr. Vumbaco and Mr. Brodinsky said mostly everything that I had discovered in doing my homework which didn't take me very long to do. I went back three years and found that there was a savings in the budget of \$4.6 million per year and that amounts to about 2 mills. To be fair to the taxpayers of this town, a 22.7 mill rate is wrong because we are going to save money again, this year that we are in and in time to come. Over the past three years, every department in this town showed a surplus, every department, not just one. Seven departments showed an average savings over three years of over \$1 million right off the bat. The Police Department saved \$500,000 per year; the Fire Department saved \$122,000 per year; Public Works saved \$274,000 per year average. This budget is so fuzzy it is unbelievable. I have reviewed many budgets in my lifetime and when I looked at these figures...22.7 mills is wrong, you are cheating the public. The people in this town have been overtaxed every year for all of these years.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that the Town Council should be listening to the words of wisdom from Mr. Vumbaco, Mr. Brodinsky and Mr. Rys, with regards to his proposed budget cut. Too many senior citizens have to choose between buying the proper foods or medications. They are not being related to nor respected the way they should. Senior Citizens should be getting the biggest tax cuts of all. This budget should not be accepted but re-worked to cut out a lot of fat.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated that the mill rate of 22.7 could be cut. He stated that he is puzzled that the only people who show up at the budget workshops and hearings are the same people who show up at every Town Council meeting. He wondered what it would take for the taxpayer of the town to sit up and take notice. Maybe revaluation and the resulting tax bill will be what gets their attention this year. Wallingford is growing; property values are on the rise as well. You cannot buy a house in Wallingford without spending an average of \$285,000. We are becoming Greenwich north. Someone has to pay for all of the services we want and that falls on the taxpayer. This recent revaluation, the homeowner took the brunt; a far bigger hit than industry and commercial property did here. I think we do a disservice to the taxpayer when , for the past number of years and it is a fact, we underestimate revenues and

overestimate expenses. This is the only place the town gets their money from is taxation. We have our own business that generates millions of dollars per year; sits on a \$20 million surplus and we have to bow our hand to say, "can you give us \$1.5 or \$1.8 million". I have heard the argument that if you touch any of that money we are going to wind up like Orange County, California, the town is going to go belly up. That won't ever happen. We have done it before; we built Cook Hill school with money from the Electric Division and we are still here, it is amazing. It is about time the taxpayer of Wallingford gets a break.

John Letourneau, 3 Regent Court stated that he has not attended many budget meetings such as this but what he is hearing tonight is a lot of negatives from the democratic side of the aisle and from one side of the room. He asked, is it that wrong that, at the end of the year, we have a little money left over? If, in fact, a town agency has not used all of its money, is it that bad that we have a little money left over? I think Mr. Brodinsky brought up a point where he equated that the State of CT refunded because they overtaxed. The State did refund, maybe because they overtaxed, maybe it was political, I don't know, but look where the State of CT is now. They are scrambling around. Where are they going to get the money from? Now it is as though they had this rainy day fund, they gave it back and now they are asking for it back again? Is this a road we want Wallingford to go down? I don't think so. I can speak from experience coming from another town where taxes have spiraled out of control and coming to Wallingford where taxes have been level for many, many years, spending has been under control. That I thank the Council and Mayor for. If it means that at the end of the year we have some money left over that gets put in the rainy day fund, that is o.k. If I am not mistaken, part of that rainy day fund that was accumulated, offset some of the revaluation in this town. No one has brought that up. In essence, you are giving that money back to the people in a roundabout way. It was put away in a savings account and I think that is something today that is lost quite a bit. You never hear, we are going to save up for something or we need a rainy day fund. Everything is instant gratification, you can put everything on a credit card, you can do everything instantly. I am proud to be part of a town that has a rainy day fund so when an emergency comes up, it means higher taxes but it is not astronomical; it is a little bit. If it is a little bit every year, that is fine. I would rather do it a little bit every year than come up here every ten years and say that the tax rate is going from 22 mills to 34 mills because there is no money and we have to get it someplace. If we don't get it from the taxpayer, we can't do it. A little bit every year doesn't hurt. Thank you for the budget and the work that went into it this year. This was the first year I sat in on some of the budget workshops and saw what went into it. It is a political process, you are all politicians and you are doing it. In my opinion, you are doing it right.

(Mr. Vumbaco response to Mr. Letourneau's comments appear under comments received following Motion IV)

Mayor Dickinson stated, we know there is a tax impact and I think everyone is concerned about it as was discussed on several other occasions, revaluation has had a significant impact. The average residential is going up \$200 and the average business is going down some \$800 and

that reduction in revenue means there is an increase in the residential side. The average residential property of \$137,000 assessment will go up some \$400. There is no question about that. We are using reserves to offset that, over \$7 million are coming into this budget that we are not raising in taxes. There are management decisions that have to be made but we have to keep in mind that this budget is \$108,000,000. If we end up a year with \$4-5 million what percentage is that? It sounds a lot by itself but when you compare it to the total size of the budget, it is not an unreasonable figure. Do we want to remain in a position to say there is a positive budget balance at the end of the year? I think we have to do that because at the point there is not a budget balance, there has to be an explanation to the public about why we manage the Town's assets in a way that there is a deficit. I believe the budget is a good one and certainly I recommend its adoption.

Mr. Agosta replied, this year's budget coming up there is a 15% increase in taxes to the average taxpayer. Over the last three years we have had a 22% increase, that's not chicken feed; that is quite a bit of money. You figure it out, I have the numbers. The Mayor says that he has to come up with a fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, in the revenues for the past three years, he has under-projected them by \$2.8 million a year and on the expenditures, he has over-projected them by \$1.8 million. How can you say that is being fair to the people? He is taking it from the people before they even have it in their pockets. If the Town doesn't need it, you don't tax them for it. You tell us that we are in good shape at the end of the year, but what about the people that have given their money so you can use it for whatever choice you have? It is nice to have \$19 million in a savings account, but that came from the people and it should go back to the people. For anyone to say that we are in good shape by getting there this way is ridiculous. You are overtaxing people.

With regards to Motion IV to Adopt the Budgets of the Divisions of the Department of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002 as Herein Stated, the following comments were made:

Mr. Vumbaco stated that he wanted to respond to Mr. Letourneau's comments made earlier to the effect that this was a democratic v. republican issue. He stated, at the beginning of my statements I said it is a personal philosophy of mine for budgeting purposes. I did not make it a party v. party issue and I was not proposing to strip down the account to zero like the State of CT. Under my proposal it was to reduce the mill rate approximately 1 mill and still leave over \$4 million in that account with budget variances coming in at the end of 2002 which has been the history for the last twelve years. I want to make it perfectly clear for the record that I was not attempting to bankrupt the Town of Wallingford and I was not making it a party issue. By bringing it up, that made it a party issue.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I think that Mr. Letourneau suggested that I said something about giving the money back like the State of CT. did. I never said that. My interpretation of Mr. Vumbaco's comments is that he raises a very serious question; when you look at the surplus,

when is enough enough? When is enough enough? When do you have enough in the surplus? That is a legitimate question. Reasonable minds can differ over that and if you have a responsible opinion and it certainly is not being negative, it is asking a constructive question and looking for a constructive answer. If I wanted to put Mr. Letourneau's comments in a false light, I would say "let's raise taxes, we need a bigger rainy day fund; let's throw in another mill, you never know how things are going to go. Let's add a little more insurance and a little more fiscal conservatism to our budget; let's pop it up another mill." I think what we are both trying to do is to find that delicate balance as to when enough is enough. Another comment was made, "is it bad that a department has a little bit of money left over?" The answer is, I wasn't talking about a little money. In 1999, for example and I can go back as far as you want, the Police Department had \$490,000 left over. I don't think that is a little money. In the year 2000 the Police Department had \$529,000 left over; tax money that we taxed and gave to the Police Department and they did not use. It is not a little bit of money. In the year 2001, the Police Department was given tax money that they didn't need in the amount of \$471,000., that is not a little bit of money. I will tell you what a little bit of money is; it is the \$50,000 that Mr. Rys suggested might be reduced from a budget of over \$7 million. That's the little bit of money. What we were talking about is, just bring it down just a little bit and if we can bring all the departments down maybe just a little bit, maybe \$50,000 here; \$50,000 there, you never know, it begins to add up. I got the argument that I knew I would get and I know I am going to get again and that is, "oh, you are going to the road to insolvency; we're going down the road to burn off our rainy day fund." It is the "going down the road" argument that makes a very nice sound bite, it is very printable in the newspapers, but it is not what I said or what Mr. Vumbaco said. We are raising the question, when is enough enough, when it comes to the surplus? And what do you do with tax money that are given to the departments and they do not use it? What do you do? And that is not going down any road, especially with the surplus or fund balances that we have. I think dissent is critical to a democracy and merely because someone dissents doesn't mean they are being negative, I thought of that as being very positive. I am just looking for a budget that I can believe in and a budget after budget that calls for an operating deficit which we know is not going to happen is not something that I can believe in. I don't mean this being negative, I am saying, give me something that I can believe in and I think that is being very positive. Also, looking for ways to be more efficient is very positive. Looking for opportunities to reduce the increase in taxes is very positive. It is always good for the government to get more money but that means that the taxpayers have a little bit less. I don't think it is being negative or positive but asking a legitimate question, "where do you find the balance?" I think we are at the stage in our fiscal health now that we need to ask that question more often.

Chairman Parisi stated, everyone in the public is entitled to their opinion. We have to sit up here many, many nights and I, personally, have to listen to many criticisms but it is part of the job and that is just the way it goes. But we do have to sit and listen to the people and if they feel that we are wrong or we are right, so be it, that is their opinion, and I think we all should respect that.

Mayor Dickinson stated, as a factual matter. There would certainly be disagreement from my standpoint. We do not budget for an operating deficit.

Chairman Parisi replied, I understand that.

Mayor Dickinson stated, I just want to clear that up. That is not factually what the budget reflects.

Chairman Parisi answered, I have sat on this council for many years and I remember budget sessions that ended at 4:00 a.m. or 5:00 a.m. I remember cutting \$50 here; \$100 here and, in the end of three weeks, if you cut \$80,000 it was something and it didn't make a dent in anything. I am sure Mr. Myers remembers this also.

ITEM #17 Discussion and Possible Action on Whether to Sell Tax Liens on Properties with Potential Environmental Liabilities, Including but not Limited to, the Goldfeder Property – Council Brodinsky

Mr. Brodinsky stated, we have two properties in town, maybe more than two but two that I am aware of, that have large tax arrearages on them for the most part because they are dirty, they have contamination on them. My information is, and I don't think there is any disagreement on this, the owners have walked away. One of them is the Goldfeder property which we have discussed many times on this Council. The Goldfeder property is 125 Grove Street and as of May 31, 2002 the balance due on taxes, interest and lien fees is \$155,691. The other property, 928 North Colony Road, Yalesville Silver, and the amount of taxes, interest and lien fees as of May 31, 2002 would total \$142,813.18. The properties have been accumulating more and more tax arrearages and they remain unproductive, are becoming blighted, we need an exit strategy. We need to find out what we can and should do; we need some direction. Just waiting for something to happen, waiting for manna from Heaven, I don't think is the right way to go. I think we need to be more proactive. The traditional way of trying to collect back taxes is foreclosure. I understand that on Yalesville Silver property, the Town did go to foreclosure and no one bid so that did not accomplish anything and, in fact, it cost us some money. The Town has not foreclosed on the Goldfeder property and it is probably a long shot to do so because we may get the same result. I was thinking as to what we might do to accomplish a couple of things; one is to get the contamination remediated; the second is to get the property back on the tax rolls and maybe cover some of the back taxes or as much as we could negotiate for as much as the property will bear. There is a way of doing this. It has been done successfully in at least one other town and probably all across the country; that is to market the tax liens and hope for a buyer. If someone was interested in these properties because they were in the business of taking these properties and remediating them and turning them back into productive real estate, someone would pay some money...based on what the market would bear, they would foreclose, they would take title, they would do their mediation, they would then re-sell the property or

manage it and, from their perspective, they would make some money and that would be the incentive for them. The incentive for the Town is that we get the property remediated and it gets back on the tax rolls. My suggestion is that we see if there is any interest in marketing these tax liens. I understand that the City of Meriden has done that successfully, at least according to the corporation counsel there. This has worked in Meriden so it is not a "pie-in-the-sky" idea. It is a little "out of the box", a little bit of cutting edge, something that we have never done, represents a change; change is often threatening to a lot of people for they are used to the traditional way of doing things but I think we need a plan. I don't know if this will work or not; I don't know if anyone will buy these tax liens but I think we ought to try. I think back more than a couple of years ago when Jerry Farrell, Jr. had an idea for some water tanks; turn it into a fish hatchery. No one trashed the idea, no one scoffed at it. It didn't turn out but it was an idea out of the box and something a little different. I don't think anyone had turned water tanks into fish hatcheries before but people have bought tax liens before and have remediated the property. This is not just a theory, this is something that could possibly work. At a later time I will make a motion to do this. I will not do it now until I receive feedback from other members of the Council, the Mayor and public comment.

Mr. Farrell asked, what would be the mechanism that we would go through in searching for a potential buyer of such a tax lien? I know New Haven has had a corporation that has en masse bought a lot of their tax liens. How does one find characters of this sort.

Atty. Small answered, the traditional method would be to put it out to bid. I have done sales of tax liens before for the Town of East Hartford where we have, in each instance, tied the sale of the tax liens to promises by the purchaser that they, in fact, will end up owning and developing the property. We have required them to make certain commitments in exchange for discounting the tax lien. I think in those cases it might have been through economic development that a person was found who was interested. We have done that in East Hartford with some success. There may have been one failure but also some success. In New Haven, you are really talking about someone interested the financial investment as opposed to doing something with the property. You are not really talking about attracting, I wouldn't think, someone of that nature because they are just looking for the interest and the money where I would think Councilman Brodinsky is really talking about interest in someone who is actually interested in doing something with the property, getting it back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Farrell asked, is there a downside to putting this out to bid?

Atty. Small answered, no. Put it out to bid and see what happens. You may get no response, you may get some. There is no harm in asking. I don't know if you want to when you put it out to bid to put any qualifications in terms of whether or not you are willing to discount it and if so do you want to put a limit on how much you are willing to discount it, that type of thing. Do you want to put into the bid specifications that the Council's willingness to discount it will

relate directly to what they plan on doing with the property if they do, in fact, end up acquiring it.

Mr. Farrell asked, would the most appropriate thing this evening be that if there is interest in this that we assign you to research it? This is not something that we traditionally do. I find it hard to start envisioning the issues but maybe with some research on your part, you can come back to us and say, "these are positives; these are negatives; these are complications."

Atty. Small answered, I think in one instance in East Hartford we did a request for a proposal, not a straight bidding procedure. In some respects I need to know what you want. Do you have an interest if someone wants to just buy the liens? Do you want dollar for dollar? Are you willing to walk away from dollar for dollar and under what conditions? The actual transfer of titles done by an assignment of tax liens is a very simple form, I have done it before. It is not complicated at all. But if you are interested in pursuing someone who may, in fact, want to do something with the property, I think you are probably talking about a little bit more work. Because of the environmental, I don't know that you should expect to get a response but there is no harm in going to look.

Mr. Farrell stated, I don't have a problem investigating it and seeing what would be involved in doing this. I applaud Mr. Brodinsky for thinking out of the box as I try to do.

Mr. Knight asked, can you kind of enlighten us as to where, in other towns, they have taken what is likely to be a highly toxic property and sold the tax liens and someone has come in and remediated? I am not a great land speculator. I just wonder, with everything I have ever read about these kind of environmental problems, that unless there is a very clear indication of just what the extent of the problem is that there is very little interest and a bottomless pit of expense with some of these plants that have been in existence for forty or fifty years. Do you know of any state programs that would help us or a potential buyer, assisting him or her in providing that remediation for private property?

Mr. Brodinsky answered, in the Goldfeder file I believe there is some documentation indicating efforts by the Town to get grants to clean up the property and the applications were denied for one reason or another in 2000. Based upon that, I am not aware of any state programs and if there are any state programs, I think we have been very remiss in not pursuing them now. Only because the Mayor or Don Roe hasn't come forward with any possibilities, none exist. As far as specific examples, I don't want to pre-judge the market. Every property is unique; every property has different sort of contamination. Although someone may want to buy one contaminated property, they may not want to buy another because of the nature of the problem. That is always a possibility. My point is, it doesn't hurt to try. I thought Janis Small said that kind of thing was done in East Hartford. Were liens on dirty property sold in East Hartford?



Atty. Small answered, there may have been one that failed which we now own in East Hartford. There may have been some environmental issues. When you are talking about the mass in New Haven, they are not looking to get the properties, they just want the money. I don't have any recollection of that. In East Hartford, one of them was a whole series of condominiums that we ended up owning but there was one that had some environmental issues and I don't think they were considered major and there may have been another piece.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, in Meriden this was done. I don't have any of the details; how bad the property was contaminated. Every property is different and on the Goldfeder property we have some reports in the file and they can be available or not to perspective buyers as we decide. I am not sure about Yalesville Silver whether there are reports there.

Atty. Small stated, I think that in one of the cases in East Hartford, if not in more than one of the cases, we actually, in fact, started a foreclosure action so we may have in the foreclosure action done the environmental work, which you have to pay for. I think that was the case so at the time the person bought the liens, they had our environmental report. That is another avenue but you do have to pay for that report and I am not positive you recoup that.

Mr. Knight stated, that is where I was wondering whether we were really comparing apples to apples because if it is the extent of the environmental damage is known, that makes a business decision relatively straight forward. Where it is a potentially bottomless pit, which a lot of these metal-working plants tend to be, my understanding is...I was just wondering if we had anything definitive. You made mention of successful efforts and I wondered if you had anything specific.

Mr. Brodinsky answered, Meriden. They sell tax liens in Meriden for different reasons. Sometimes they sell them to raise the revenue like a collection. This is not this sort of a situation.

Mr. Knight asked, did they have a specific property that was environmentally hazardous?

Mr. Brodinsky answered, I believe so?

Mr. Knight asked, was the extent known at the time?

Mr. Brodinsky replied, I am not sure.

Chairman Parisi stated, why don't we get some information on this.

Glen Schol, Municipal Remediation Services, stated, I have for the past five years been in the business of acquiring municipal tax liens and remediating contaminated real estate in various towns in the State of CT. I have worked with Mr. Charles Carneau who Atty. Small might



know in acquiring the tax liens and redeveloping a brownfield site in Berlin. In addition, we have acquired the municipal tax liens for closed remediated the property on Pierson Lane in Windsor and we have recently acquired the municipal tax liens on the contaminated parcel in the Town of Southington. We are also negotiating, in a very preliminary way, with one town where the tax liens on property had been presented for public bid. There were no bidders. I was advised of the sale and was not present at the sale. The reason for that is, in my experience as Mr. Knight mentioned, these properties are very risky from the point of view of the developer and it really requires a joint effort on the part of the municipality and Council and developer to walk through the process on a step-by-step basis so that the developer does not go bankrupt and the town doesn't become embarrassed in the process. It is something that we have done successfully and I should say that the Town of Berlin is enjoying their taxes as is the Town of Windsor as will be the Town of Southington on properties that were otherwise abandoned both by the municipality because of the fear of foreclosing and receiving a contaminated parcel as well as the banks. These properties are, as was pointed out, very difficult but they are manageable and there are ways that you can re-impose some of the burden which your residential taxpayers are bearing now after your revaluation upon the industrial sector by taking these properties that are otherwise fallow and turning them into something productive. This varies from the situation that Councilman Farrell mentioned in the City of New Haven because there the acquirer was a financial institution interested in the interest rate on delinquent taxes and use this as a junk bond pool to then finance and reap the difference between the rate of return the portfolio yielded and the then cost of funds. In this case, this is an effort to use the municipal tax liens as a development incentive for someone who is interested in the property and who feels the property has income potential. It is a way to take the income potential of the property and use that to develop the site. Again, to take the income potential of the site and use that as the way to develop the site. There are a variety of circumstances under which these properties can be acquired and for which you may want to utilize these procedures. There may be a tenant in some of these buildings that are just squatting. There may be owners who are collecting rents and ignoring their responsibilities to the Town. There could be lots of situations, it could just be abandoned properties that are crying out for someone to take care of them and turn them around and make them productive citizens. All of these are very achievable goals but it does, as Councilman Brodinsky said, vary on the property, on the environmental contaminations that are there but the sale of the tax liens allows the developer to obtain a certain level of control over the site to allow him then to start the process of determining the levels of contamination, determining the usefulness of the property, determining the degree to which capital is required to repair the property, etc. It is the assignment of the tax liens which is the first step in allowing a new private party to interject themselves in the development process and determine whether or not property can be successfully remediated. As I mentioned, it is a step by step process, the first of which is to get someone to look into this. That happens with the sale of the tax liens. As for the question of whether or not you want to bid, I should say that putting a bid of tax liens out is within the Council's discretion but I would say, through my own personal experiences that the Town of Windsor took that approach and it took them 6 months to one year before they finally negotiated the sale of the liens which is provided for in the statute

instead of the sale because they were unsuccessful. What happens is, in the time it takes you to go from decision to sell the tax liens, going out to bid, deciding what the requirements are, etc., etc., you are wasting more tax dollars which are potentially recoupable from the property. You are just putting off the decision and the tax lien goes from \$140,000 to \$160,000 to \$180,000 and all that you have done is thrown away those additional taxes which you might otherwise receive. I would personally argue that a bidding process does not always result in the best price. I would be happy to leave my card with counsel if you would like.

Chairman Parisi stated, I, personally, would like to get more information on this.

Atty. Small stated, in East Hartford, we had a circumstance where we actually took back a mortgage; we discounted the tax lien on the promise that the property was going to be developed. We took back a mortgage so that they would, in fact, do what they promised. If they didn't then we would get back the taxes that we gave up. In the case that went bad we ended up foreclosing on our agreement because they never developed the property and that is how we ended up with the property back.

Chairman Parisi asked Atty. Small to gather additional information for the Council.

Ms. Papale stated, we keep mentioning the Goldfeder property but the Yalesville Silver Property is not contaminated, is it?

Chairman Parisi answered, yes it is. I would bet it is, it was the same industry in which a lot of cyanide was used.

Ms. Papale stated, I was going to suggest that we start there because if we are all so worried about the contamination, let's go where there is no contamination.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I think where we are going is that Atty. Small will do some more research, talk to whoever she needs to talk to and come back with some recommendations maybe in executive session if it gets into the strategy of selling land. Is a month roughly o.k.? I will put this back on the agenda in one month. I want to thank Mr. Schol for coming tonight.

Atty. Small indicated yes.

Mr. Melillo stated that the matter should be pursued.

No Action Taken

ITEM #18 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes to Discuss the Matter of the Town of Wallingford v. State of CT., Dept. of Public Health and, Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Property

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Enter Into Executive Sessions, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 10:09 P.M.

Present in executive session were all councilors and Atty. Small.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Matter of the Town of Wallingford v. State of CT., Dept. of Public Health as Discussed in Executive Session – Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Authorize the Appeal of the State of CT., Dept. of Health Ruling Concerning a Change of Use Application in Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Brodinsky & Vumbaco, nay; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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Mechanic I

**POSITION TITLE: MECHANIC I****DEPARTMENT: Public Works**

**GENERAL Statement of DUTIES:** This is skilled mechanical work of the journeyman level in the repair and maintenance of diversified automotive equipment. **The work requires employee to have a through knowledge of tools, equipment and methods used in automotive and equipment repair work.** Repairs and overhauls **maintains a wide variety of automotive equipment including, but not limited to,** passenger vehicles, light trucks, **mowers** and related equipment. ~~performs major and minor repairs and replacement work, adjusting points, cleaning and replacing spark plugs, installs rings and bearings, effects proper adjustments; overhauls and repairs carburetor, transmissions and clutches; straightens and repairs damaged and bent parts; relines and adjusts brakes; replaces and repairs main or connecting rod bearings, universal joints and differentials; makes road tests to locate defects in operation and as a check on repair work before return of equipment to active use; performs related work as required including that of mechanic's helper.~~

**ADDITIONAL DUTIES:** Performs major and minor repairs on engines, transmissions, **differentials, brake systems and other systems on a variety of vehicles and equipment.** **Diagnoses and repairs current ignition, emission, electrical systems and other systems as necessary.** **Performs minor bodywork repairs. Paints vehicles and equipment with spray tool equipment or by hand.** **Conducts pre-repair and post-repair road tests. Prepares work orders or reports as required.** **Orders parts and supplies as directed. Performs related work as required.**

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under immediate supervision **of the Garage Foreman or other designated supervisor.** ~~on assigned tasks following instructions as to the manner in which the job is to be performed. Follows standard or established routines in servicing equipment, work checked while in progress and upon completion for performance and results.~~

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Normally none, but, ~~on occasion,~~ may supervise one or more workers of **the same** or a lower grade.

**Required Qualifications: KNOWLEDGE, Skill and Ability SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Thorough ~~Good~~ working knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and standard practices of the automotive **and equipment** mechanic trade. **Thorough ability to utilize test equipment to diagnose and repair vehicles and equipment.** **Good ability to repair and spray paint minor bodywork.** ~~knowledge of the operating and repair characteristics of a wide variety of automotive and related equipment; knowledge of standard automotive electrical systems; Good ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions. and to follow good automotive repair and maintenance practices.~~ **Good ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, vendors and the general public.**

**Required Experience and Training QUALIFICATIONS:** **Must be a high school trade/technical school graduate with coursework in automotive repair or possess a valid Government Equivalency Diploma (GED).** **Must have at least Not less than two (2) years experience** employment in the repair and maintenance of automotive **vehicles and** equipment. ~~and completion of the eight grade in school, supplemented by some formal course work in the trade OR technical training in a recognized trade school or apprenticeship in automobile repair and shop practice OR a suitable combination of the above experience and training.~~

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** **Must make a reasonable effort to be available for emergency call-ins to combat snow and ice storms and any other emergencies coming under the jurisdiction of the Department.** **Must possess and maintain a valid State of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Operator's License.** **Possession of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is preferred**

Approved  
6-14-78

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

SPRAY PAINT OPERATOR

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Will prepare and paint various types of Town equipment and vehicles in accordance with acceptable quality standards for this type of equipment. Duties will include performing minor body work such as straightening, bending, filling and smoothing then performing all necessary preparing, painting and finishing operations. Measures and mixes paints and other finishes as required. May be required to assist mechanics when work load requires. May also do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Reports to the Garage Foreman or as assigned.


SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None, except as specifically assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY: A working knowledge of the methods, practices and principles of light body work, spray painting and finishes. Some knowledge of automotive repair. The ability to mix finishes, prepare equipment and to inspect finishes.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: At least one (1) year of experience as a spray paint operator and experience in making minor body repairs.

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
Personnel Department  
Phone: (203) 294-2080  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor William Dickinson  
**FROM:** Terence P. Sullivan, Personnel Director   
**DATE:** May 6, 2002  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Revision to Mechanic I Job Description

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I respectfully request permission to approach the Town Council at its May 14, 2002 meeting to obtain its approval of a revision to the Mechanic I job description.

The Spray Painter position in Public Works has been vacant for several months. The Town is interested in merging the Spray Painter duties into the Mechanic I job description that more accurately reflects the work to be performed. The two positions are on the same pay scale and there is little in the way of bodywork that is being done and the current Mechanics have performed some of these tasks. Having a fully qualified Mechanic will assist the department in getting the work out.

I am enclosing a copy of the proposed revision to the Mechanic I job description showing where the changes are to be made and a copy of the existing Spray Painter job description.

Henry McCully and I will be at the Council meeting to answer questions. Please call if you have any questions.

TPS/

Enclosures

cc: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works

**SUPERINTENDENT – WATER  
Town of Wallingford**

**TITLE: SUPERINTENDENT-WATER**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

This is very responsible technical and administrative work involving the operation of the collection, storage, pumping, treatment and distribution systems of the Water Division.

Work involves responsibility for planning and reviewing work assignments, reviewing reports and directing changes in operations as necessary. Duties include evaluating personnel and equipment and their performance, handling citizen complaints, employee training programs, monitoring operations and safety procedures. This position also has the responsibility for difficult division operations and maintenance decisions. The work requires that the employee have thorough knowledge of the principles, methods, equipment, materials, processes and operations of water collection, storage, pumping, treatment and distribution and of the laws, regulations and standards pertaining to it.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:**

Works under the general direction of the General Manager – Water and Sewer Divisions.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

Organizes and directs the town Water Division through an Assistant Superintendent and staff. Maintains operations on a continuous basis. Remains on-call 24 hours a day.

Administers town compliance with state and federal regulation on all facets of collection, storage, treatment and distribution of drinking water.

Procures material and services, develops budget and controls and accounts for expenditures within fund allocations.

Gathers and analyzes information, determines recommendations and prepares reports. Determines operating procedures and policies.

Reviews proposed designs affecting the Water Division for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Counsels employees, supervises training, administers union contract language, and issues oral and written warnings and suspensions. Recommends higher level discipline. Interviews job candidates and recommends selection. Reviews employee performance evaluation and reclassification requests and makes recommendations. Assures safe work practices.

Meets with design engineers, developers and contractors pertaining to water projects.



**SUPERINTENDENT – WATER  
Town of Wallingford**

Prepares Water Division bids for new equipment, supplies and system repairs and reviews and recommends award of bids.

Coordinates operations with other departments and government agencies. Coordinates operations, personnel, materials and equipment necessary for projects and objectives.

Performs related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough knowledge of methods, equipment, materials and processes of a water utility.

Thorough knowledge of local, state and federal requirements regarding the operation of the utility.

Considerable knowledge of public administration principles and practices as applied to the water utility.

Considerable ability to administer policies and procedures including planning, scheduling, budgeting, decision making and report development and writing.

Considerable ability to communicate orally and to lead others in operational work groups. Good writing ability.

Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, vendors, contractors, customers and the general public.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

A bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university in civil or sanitary engineering plus seven years of progressively responsible experience in the water utility field with at least five years of supervisory experience, or an equivalent combination of education and qualifying experience substituting on a year-for-year basis. **Must possess and maintain a valid State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Class II Water Distribution System Operator Certification or obtain the same within six (6) months of hire.**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

~~None.~~ **Must possess and maintain a valid State of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Operator's License.**