

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

*Town Council Chambers*

March 9, 2010

The following Minutes are a record of the Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:33 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Jerry Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Nick Economopoulos and Craig C. Fishbein were excused from the meeting due to travel outside of the state. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

The meeting began with an Opening Prayer, led by Deacon Eugene C. Riotte, Most Holy Trinity Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Parisi asked those present for a Moment of Silence at the request of Councilor John Sullivan to honor the memory of former Town Councilor, Marie Bergamini, who died February 16, 2010, at the age of 83.

Councilor Farrell read a letter from Town Planner, Linda Bush, regarding the importance of responding to the census letter that will be mailed to everyone soon, or to the census taker at their home. The letter stated that the census is important because it impacts our representation in Congress and the distribution of Federal Funds.

Chairman Robert Parisi introduced Boy Scout Troop 2 who were attending the meeting in conjunction with earning their Merit Badge *Citizen in the Community*. Scouts who were in attendance included - Scout Nick Cruz, Scout Eric Solkoske, Scout Bailey Vargas and Scout Tedd Violet. Scout Leaders Tom Cruz and Dan Hasresko were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk called the Roll.

**3.** Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#597 - #623) totaling \$48,652.95  
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Reappointment of the Public Celebrations Committee for a two-year term effective immediately and expiring February 1, 2012 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi
- 3c.** Reappointment of Constables Timothy Wall, William Nolan and Joseph DaCunto for a two-year term effective immediately and expiring February 1, 2012 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi
- 3d.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,500 to Office Expenses and Supplies Acct #001-7011-401-4000 from Purchased Professional Services Acct # 001-7011-901-9001– Environmental Planner
- 3e.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$688 to Regular Salaries and Wages Acct # 001-7011-101-1000 from Purchased Professional Services Acct # 001-7011-901-9001 - Environmental Planner

- 3f.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$40,000 to Outside Contractors Acct # 001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Service – Revenue Acct # 001-1065-060-6020 – Police Chief
- 3g.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$3,000 to Monitor Replacements Acct # 001-2005-999-9905-00 and to Miscellaneous Revenue Acct # 001-1075-070-7040– Police Chief
- 3h.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$50 Youth and Social Services Special Fund to Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000– Youth and Social Services
- ~~**3i.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of February 23, 2010 Withdrawn~~

Mr. Farrell announced that Item 3i. has been withdrawn from the agenda until a later date. He made a motion to approve Items 3a to 3h. of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fishbein.

All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed.

**4.** Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

*None*

**5.** PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, made comments in relation to where snow is being dumped on Garden Road with regard as to its proximity to the Quinnipiac River. He said that he talked about this subject last year. He said that Public Works said that it is not a problem. He referred to an article in the Record-Journal from 2/25/10 that the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection advised dumping in an upland area and that Garden Road is not an upland area. He asked if the town is doing anything about this, and if there has been a directive to tell Public Works to stop. Chairman Parisi said that we can check into it. Mayor Dickinson said that first you have to confirm that there is a problem. He said that we are all looking for ways to cut expenses. He said that at times we have used farmland and have gotten complaints from people around the farmland and the back-up alarms. He said at this point he will not make a commitment until it is clear that we are doing something wrong.

Kurt Mather, 25 Laurelwood Drive, asked if there would be any discussion regarding the Board of Education budget. Chairman Parisi said that it isn't on the agenda tonight and will be covered on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the night of the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gross asked if the budget hearings would be televised. Chairman Parisi said that it is fairly certain that the Public Hearing will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> but that he has not had any discussions with regard to television so he can't answer that yet. Mr. Gross asked about workshops. He next referred to the audit reports from Blum and Shapiro and that in past years they have given an analysis. He wanted to know when they might be coming.

Chairman Parisi said that he is not sure if there is a requirement. Mayor Dickinson

said that they would only come if the Council is interested in doing that. Chairman Parisi said that if Councilors have questions it could be scheduled but that right now, it does not look that way.

**6.** Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

*Withdrawn*

Mr. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rascati, to adjourn from the meeting.

All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed. The Town Council meeting of March 9, 2010 adjourned at 6:40 P.M. with no further business to pursue.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded.

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Robert F. Parisi, Town Council Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date