

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:34 P.M. The Opening Prayer was offered by the Pastor Will Marotti of the New Life Church of Wallingford. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Tom Laffin, Craig Fishbein John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$20,039.89 (#36 - #107)Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$10,000 *Special Revenue Fund-Misc. Grants & Donations* to Expenses-Employee Wellness Program Fund #250-TBD and to Revenue-Donations Fund # 250 TBD – Health Department
- 3c.** Acceptance of Donation from the Wallingford Foundation *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3d.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$500 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3e.** Acceptance of Donation from the Michael Bolton Charities, Inc. for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund-Coalition for a Better Wallingford* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$300 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3f.** Acceptance of Donation *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$377 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3g.** Acceptance of Donation *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$340 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3h.** Acceptance of Donation *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$170 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3i.** Acceptance of Donation from Workforce Alliance *Youth & Social Services Summer Youth Employment* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$7,794 to State Grant Acct # 2274002-45100 and to Expenditures Acct # 22702015-51000 – Youth and Social Services
- 3j.** Acceptance of Donation from Wallingford Youth Soccer League (WYSL) for new soccer field goals valued at \$21,032. WYSL will remove and take possession of the old goals. - Parks and Recreation

- 3k. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$36,800 for *Special Revenue Fund-Misc. Grants & Donations* to State Grant Revenue Fund # 250-TBD and to High Speed Internet (Nutmeg Network) Fund # 250 TBD - Comptroller
- 3l. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$133 FY 2013-2014 to Operations-Transmission Load Dispatch Acct # 561 from Operations-Distribution Load Dispatch Acct # 581 – Electric Division
- 3m. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$2,416 FY 2013-2014 to Operations-Transmission Load Dispatch Acct # 561 from Operations-Distribution Load Dispatch Acct # 581 – Electric Division
- 3n. Consider and Approve Intermunicipal Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Service Connection - Sewer Division of Public Utilities
- 3o. Consider and Approve Agreement with Property Owners Philip E. Surato and Janice M. Surato, 44 Alison Road, Cheshire, CT and the Town of Wallingford - Sewer Division of Public Utilities
- 3p. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of September 9, 2014

Councilor Laffin announced two corrections to the minutes of September 9, 2014, Item 3p. and Executive Session #10. In the September 9th accounting of attendance, Councilor Laffin was inadvertently left out of the attendance. He should be included as attending that meeting. In *Executive Session #10 Attendance*, Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. attended, not Gerald E. Farrell, Jr.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA 3a. – 3p. AS CORRECTED.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL AYE (9)

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - *NONE*

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, spoke about street lights that are out. He said hundreds of lights are out and that the taxpayer is charged even if a street lamp is out. He said he drove around for five minutes one evening and found 8 lamps out. He asked the Mayor why the Police, who patrol the town, could not note some of the lights that are out and report them. Mr. Zandri acknowledged that he is not asking for this to be a primary responsibility.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, noted that the town did not receive the *Main Street* grant from the state for the refurbishment of the Simpson Court Rear parking lot. He added that the town also did not receive a *STEAP* grant. He then listed the towns who were awarded this grant along with their *STEAP* grants project. Mr. Gross named a few of Wallingford's projects that he thinks would fit the *STEAP* grant criteria for funding. He expressed disappointment that more grants are not applied for even if Wallingford is not awarded any.

Lucille Casagrande, 25 Turnberry Road, remarked that it is known that one of the best deterrents to crime is well-lit streets. She thinks that the Police Department might be concerned with this. She was reminded about the Railroad station because she recently noted that there are six lights at the station and only one is lit. She continued by recalling an old tradition at the Victorian station of lamps that were lit in the windows and lights that were placed so as to follow the roof line. Work at the Railroad Station was

meant to enhance the green but now apparently the lamps are missing. She spoke about how she thinks things in town keep going downhill and that it is a problem, especially since she has such a great concern for the downtown. She said some things can be easily improved. She said if you want a beautiful downtown, then it has to taken care of it. She said it is not being taken care of. She thinks the priority is money. She posed this comment, if you look at your bankbook, it can be full of money, and you can have a Triple A bond rating, and you are able to borrow a lot of money. She said that you can be happy with that while you are letting everything fall apart because the main focus is money and how much you have. She said that as a citizen of this town, along with other residents, she is tired of it.

Larry Morgenstein, Main Street, asked about the Mayor’s obligation and policy in terms of returning phone calls to people and said that he does not get responses to correspondence or phone calls.

6. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver in the Amount of \$8,000 for Kofile Preservation for the preservation of old maps – Town Clerk

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE A BID WAIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FOR KOLFILE PRESERVATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OLD MAPS.

In attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Mrs. Thompson explained that the Clerk’s Office has some older maps that have gotten moldy and in disrepair. She contacted a Vermont preservation company that has been used for over 20 years by the Clerk’s Office. She received an estimate of between \$7,000 and \$7,400, so she did not need to think about a bid. Once the funding was available, the company picked up the maps.

She then described a five foot by five foot map from the late 1800s of New Haven County that is significant and worth repairing but is in terrible condition. She said that the Engineering Department recommended that a copy be made so it can be reproduced for by title searchers, surveyors and the like. The cost will be approximately \$400, bringing the total to \$7,800 and over the bid threshold. She is asking for the bid waiver with a company that has worked for the town and is known by the town for 20 years and the fact that they now have the map for the twenty-week restoration process.

There were no comments from the Council or from the Public.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES	MANSFIELD: YES	SULLIVAN: YES
LAFFIN: YES	PARISI: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	RUSSO: YES	CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES

**9-AYE
MOTION PASSED.**

7. Town Council Resolution for Michael F. Misiti, former Chairman of the Wallingford Housing Authority.

Chairman Cervoni read words of great tribute and acknowledgement from Vice Chairman of the Wallingford Housing Authority, Robert Wiedenmann.

The Resolution was read by Vice Chairman Laffin.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MADE BY: PARISI

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

The Resolution was presented to Mr. Misiti by Chairman Cervoni. Mr. Misiti came forward to accept the Resolution and thanked everyone.

9-AYE

MOTION PASSED.

8. 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

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: PARISI

VOTE: ALL AYE -9

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: ALL AYE -0

MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:06 p.m. - 7:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NINE (9) TOWN COUNCILORS; MAYOR DICKINSON; TOWN ATTORNEY G. E. FARRELL, SR.; AND COMPTROLLER JAMES BOWES.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MADE BY: PARISI

SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

VOTE: ALL AYE -9

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date