

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

**NOVEMBER 6, 2014
W O R K S H O P**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:38 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, and Councilors Tom Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Craig Fishbein, Larry Russo and John Sullivan were absent from the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Doreen Zaback and Don Roe were also at the meeting.

1. Discussion regarding:

- a. The Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with Covanta Projects of Wallingford, L.P.**
- b. Amendment to Host Municipality Fee Agreement between Wallingford and Covanta Projects of Wallingford, L.P.**

Documents regarding Covanta were distributed to the Town Council at the last Town Council meeting. With respect to those documents, Councilor LeTourneau, who requested the meeting, believes there is not enough of the information or reason to warrant a host fee reduction or enough in the operation to demand to lower the host fee

Councilor Parisi asked what will change and what are the differences.

Councilor Testa asked if during the negotiations, Covanta provided financial records or an analysis that warrants or demonstrates the need to reduce the fees.

Mayor Dickinson said that they did not but we know that this is a problem elsewhere. Covanta would prefer the contract to be cancelled. He said that he doesn't suggest leaving of falling out and of the contract or influence it brings. Town is required by state to supply a waste disposal place for waste generated in town.

Councilor Testa said the problem is with the other towns in lowering tip fees. He said he does not want trash burned here. He asked what happens on default?

Councilor Mansfield stated we are one of the most **expensive** hosts around. We entered into a contract towards mutual profitability.

Chairman Cervoni made comments with respect to the economy.

Note that the handout to the Council from the Resource Recovery Project Coordinator, Doreen Zaback, with respect to tax impact on the town is part of the record of the meeting.

At 8:09 P.M., Councilor Parisi moved to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilor Letourneau. All Councilors present voted Aye; the motion passed; and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
From notes submitted by Councilors Laffin and Cervoni.

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town clerk Barbara Thompson

Date