

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
June 9, 2015**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:35 P.M. The Opening Prayer was given by Deacon Eugene Riotte, Most Holy Trinity Church of Wallingford. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Craig Fishbein, Tom Laffin, John Letourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Christine Mansfield was absent from the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G. E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also at the meeting.

- 3.** Consent Agenda
- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$17,001.15 (#811-830)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
 - 3b.** Consider and Approve a Transfer on Funds in the Amount of \$8,100 to Liability Insurance Acct # 46100925 from Chemicals \$4,600 Acct # 46100641 and from Customer Records and Collection \$3,500 Acct # 46100903 – Sewer Division
 - 3c.** Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$7,000 FY 2015-2016 to Operating Labor and Expenses Acct # 43100642 from Appropriation to Cash – Water Division
 - 3d.** Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$6,900 FY 2015-2016 to Distribution Operation-Station Expenses Acct # 582 from Retained Earnings – Electric Division
 - 3e.** Acceptance of Donation to *STEM Academy Special Fund #226* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$834 to Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150 -58830 – Youth and Social Services
 - 3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$398 from Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds Acct # 10030000-54315 to Office Supplies Acct # 10030000 -56100 – Public Works
 - 3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,950 from Utilities Acct # 10020150-53010 to Telephone Acct # 10020150-53000 – Fire Chief
 - 3h.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$200 from YSS Community Grants Acct # 10040100-58201 to EDC Transportation Reimbursement Acct # 10011050-55110 – Program Planning
 - 3i.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 to Office Expenses and Supplies Acct # 10010700-56100 from Contingency Acct # 10019000-58820 – Planning and Zoning
 - 3j.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of May 26, 2015

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA 3a. to 3j.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND BY:
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED,

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

None

6. Conduct a Public Hearing for 6:30P.M. June 9, 2015 to Amend Chapter 203 Taxation Article II Veterans Tax Exemption of the Code of the Town of Wallingford to Add an Additional Property Tax Exemption for One Hundred Per Cent (100%) Disabled Veterans – Ordinance Committee

MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND CHAPTER 203 TAXATION ARTICLE II VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT (100%) DISABLED VETERANS.

MADE BY: PARISI
SECOND: LETOURNEAU

Chairman Cervoni opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M. and asked three times for public comment. There were no responses; Chairman Cervoni closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M.

Councilor Sullivan thanked Councilor Parisi for bringing the amendment forward.

Councilor Fishbein, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, said he was totally in support of this change.

Chairman Parisi saluted Ordinance Committee Chairman Fishbein for all the research and other work he did to bring this Ordinance to the table tonight.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.

The time was too early to discuss the second Public Hearing scheduled for 6:45 P.M., so Chairman Cervoni called for the two Executive Sessions to move up in the agenda.

10. 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
11. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200 (6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of CT Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford.

MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO:

10. **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**
11. **Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200 (6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of CT Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:43 P.M. – 7:02 P.M.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION;

**ITEM 10. 8 COUNCILORS; COUNCILOR MANSFIELD WAS ABSENT;
MAYOR DICKINSON AND TOWN ATTORNEY FARRELL, SR.**

**ITEM 11. 8 COUNCILORS; COUNCILOR MANSFIELD WAS ABSENT;
MAYOR DICKINSON, TOWN ATTORNEY FARRELL, SR.
AND COMPTROLLER BOWES.**

12. Motion to authorize action with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of CT Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FIGURES DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN THE MATTER OF CT WALLINGFORD V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECOND BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

7. Conduct a Public Hearing for 6:45 P.M. June 9, 2015 to approve applications received for *Neighborhood Assistance Program 2015 – Program Planning*

In attendance: Don Roe Program Planning

Mr. Roe stated that this is a state tax program for non-profit organizations and that applications were sent to fifty-one (51) agencies. He said it has been advertised on the Government Television channel and on the town's website. This year they have six (6) applications as opposed to seven (7) in 2014.

Chairman Cervoni opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. and closed it at 7:07 P.M. after asking for public questions three times.

There were no comments from the Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

8. Consider and Approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit *Neighborhood Assistance* applications to the Department of Revenue Services and the Summary List of *Neighborhood Assistance Programs* for 2015 – Program Planning

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT NEIGHBORHOOS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES AND THE SUMMARY LIST OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

9. To Conduct a Public Hearing on June 9, 2015 at 7:00P.M. to Consider and Act on the following Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,270,000 FOR THE LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,270,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Chairman Cervoni convened the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. and stated that the \$2,270,000 Lyman Hall Track and Field Project bond ordinance, which is the subject of the Public Hearing is available to the public and may be obtained at this meeting from the Town Clerk.

Councilor Laffin moved, and Councilor Fishbein seconded, to read the Title of the Ordinance as proposed in its entirety and to waive the reading of the remainder of the Ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Cervoni read the Title of the Ordinance and Section 1.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,270,000 FOR THE LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,270,000 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 \$2,270,000 is appropriated for planning, acquisition and design of the Lyman Hall High School Track and Field Project including the construction of an eight lane running track (to replace a current 6 lane track) and an all-weather, multi-sport artificial turf athletic field, including drainage systems, fencing, bleachers, lighting fixtures and electrical systems, ADA and safety compliance issues, storage facilities, so much thereof or additional improvements as may be accomplished within such appropriation (the "Project"). The appropriation may include expenses for appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, alternative methods to achieve the indicated improvement, contingency, demolition, appraisal, testing, environmental remediation, surveying, insurance, administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs to the extent paid therefrom. Said appropriation shall be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose, and inclusive of state and federal grants in aide thereof.

Chairman Cervoni asked for comments from the public.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, through the Chairman, asked the Comptroller if the Town would be bonding. Comptroller Bowes said they would be and that it might be part of a package that could include some of the school roof project, a water tank for the Water Division, school boilers among other town projects. He would not commit to an interest rate as they have been fluctuating.

There were no more comments from the public.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:13 P.M.

COUNCILOR LAFFIN MOVED, AND THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PARISI, THAT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,270,000 FOR THE LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,270,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE BE ADOPTED.

There was no discussion from the Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR RUSSO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PARISI.

**8-AYE; 1- ABSENT (MANSFIELD)
MOTION PASSED.**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded.

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town Clerk Barbara Thompson

Date