

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
June 28, 2016**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, was called to order at 6:35 P.M. The opening Prayer was given by Pastor Douglas Valentine, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, John J. Sullivan, Vincent F. Testa, Jr., Jason Zandri, and Christopher K. Shortell was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney, Gerald E. Farrell, Sr., and Comptroller, James Bowes, were also present at the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$2,790.88 (#736-752)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
  - 3b. Consider and Approve Merit Review Committee Approval of two Anniversary Step Increases - Personnel
  - 3c. Acceptance of donations to be used for activities and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,088 to Donations, Acct. # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3d. Acceptance of donations and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$759 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3e. Acceptance of donations and Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$55 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 –Y&SS
  - 3f. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$480 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3g. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,490 from Snow Blower, Acct. #10030000-57000-00454 to Cement Mixers – Cap. Acct., Acct. #10030000-57000-00458 – Public Works
  - 3h. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$5,800 –Ambulance Transport Enterprise Fund/EMS Transport – Fire Department

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| \$5,800 | From: Maintenance of Vehicle | Acct. #50020155-54320 |
| \$5,200 | To: Refunds                  | Acct. #50020155-58840 |
| \$ 400  | To: Telephone                | Acct. #50020155-53000 |
| \$ 200  | To: Gas & Diesel             | Acct. #50020155-53100 |
- 3i. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,000 (2016-2017 Fiscal Year) from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Council Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10010050-51000 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3j. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$15,000 (2016-2017 Budget) from Microfilming, Acct. #10010550-56600 to Demolition Code Reimbursement, Acct. #10010550-56770 – Comptroller
- 3k. Consider and Approve a Re-appropriation/Carry-forward of capital items in the amount of \$263,539.16 into the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget – Electric Division
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| \$142,348.87 | Office Furniture & Fixtures | Acct. #391 |
| \$ 52,190.29 | Transportation              | Acct. #392 |
| \$ 69,000.00 | Lab Equipment               | Acct. #395 |
- 3l.
- (a) Consider and Approve naming the Little League Field on lower Harrison Park the “Edward Riccio Little League Field” - Recreation;
- (b) Consider and Approve naming Field 5 at Pragemann Park the “Jack Doyle Field” - Recreation
- 3m. Consider and Approve Appointment of Shachar Baitch as Deputy Fire Marshal effective June 30, 2016 – Town Council
- 3n. Consider and approve Reappointment of Iris Papale as Alternate to the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring Mach 1, 2019 - Mayor
- 3o. Consider and Approve Appointment of Jean Garcia as an Alternate to the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission for a five year term effective immediately and expiring March 27, 2021 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3p. Consider and Approve Appointment of Maria R. Santiago as an Alternate to the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission for a five year term effective immediately and expiring March 27, 2021 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3q. Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2016.

**ADDENDUM TO CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3r. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,500 from General Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 – Fire Department

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3n. & 3q. & 3r.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**VOTE: 8-AYE**  
**1 ABSENT – SHORTELL**

**MOTION: PASSED**

4. *Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: 3o. and 3p.*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP FOR INTERVIEWS FOR ALTERNATES TO THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

**MADE BY: MARRONE**  
**SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Councilor Marrone stated that this issue has become controversial and he wants to interview these folks.

Councilor Testa asks where are we going with this and why are we interviewing? Councilor Cervoni replied that he put them on consent so they could be appointed but they were removed. Councilor Fishbein then indicated that precedent has been set to interview and then put the item on for a vote to fill the seat.

Councilor Marrone stated that they've heard several hours of testimony so he thought it best to interview.

Councilor Zandri asks if the interview will only be for these two candidates or will it be open to other candidates. Councilor Cervoni suggests nothing prevents anyone from coming forward with interest.

Councilor Fishbein said he saw an advertisement on government television for openings on the Commission.

Jean Garcia notes that there was plenty of notice for people to come forward. She doesn't understand the bad feelings between the Commission and the Trust.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**                      **SHORTELL: ABSENT**  
**FISHBEIN: YES**                      **SULLIVAN: NO**  
**LAFFIN: YES**                      **TESTA: NO**

**LETOURNEAU: YES**                      **ZANDRI: YES**  
**MARRONE: YES**                      **CERVONI: YES**  
**6-AYE:**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, inquires about the progress of solar panels and Councilor Cervoni responded that there is no word yet.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, commented that he had the pleasure of being in the Clerk's office and reviewed the Historic Commission's Annual Reports and they are well done.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, spoke about the pension fund and asks if we are still invested in international bonds. Jim Bowes indicated that we have moved some but it is not a definite plan against international bonds.

Ray Rys, 96 Pierson Drive, thanks the Mayor's office for getting back to him regarding the solar panels on Meriden line and notes we will receive taxes.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 7:00 P.M.

- 6. Consider and Approve Appointment of Raymond Ross as a member of the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission for a five year term effective immediately and expiring March 27, 2021- Councilor Fishbein**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPOINT RAY ROSS AS A MEMBER OF THE WALLINGFORD HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING MARCH 27, 2021.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN**

Councilor Testa notes that there is currently one regular opening and two alternate openings.

Councilor Fishbein states that he has asked about these two groups, the Committee and the Trust, and he does not agree with the by-laws which allow one member to be put on the Commission. He then states that there needs to be communication and trust between the two Boards.

Councilor Sullivan indicated that he speaks in favor of this and notes that he has known Ray Ross for years.

Councilor Laffin states that he is still not sure what the Commission does, but he will support Ray Ross for this position.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Candice Brashears, 90 North Airline Road, stated they had no issue with Ray Ross but she assumed he would go on as an alternate first and then move up to a full member.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, stated that the Boards oversee each other and he doesn't think it's a good idea to have someone on both Commissions.

Mayor Dickinson indicated that the Historic Trust is not a Town Board and that the Town has no oversight.

Lucille Cassagrande, Turnberry Road, noted that two weeks ago the Trust wanted to disband the group and now wants to join the group.

Richard Straub, Cheshire, CT, The Trust never requested to disband the Commission, just asked for a seat.

Christina Tatta, North Farms Road, stated that she thought the Commission was started to receive grants for the Trust so she thinks Ray Ross is a good choice.

Candace Brashears, spoke about the Commission having tried to accommodate the Trust and include them at meetings. She notes that personal issues are between herself and the President of the Trust. She then goes on to state that the Commission was not put together to be a grant recipient and that the Trust seems to be giving the wrong impression of the Commission to the Council.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, states that he does not understand why the Commission is separate from the Trust.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, states that he is confused as to why Candace Brashears isn't being reappointed.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO CALL THE QUESTION**

**MADE BY: SULLIVAN**

**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: NO**

**LAFFIN: NO**

**LETOURNEAU: YES**

**MARRONE: NO**

**3-AYE:**

**MOTION: FAILED**

**SHORTELL: ABSENT**

**SULLIVAN: YES**

**TESTA: NO**

**ZANDRI: NO**

**CERVONI: YES**

Gina Morgenstein, South Main Street, asks who put forward this item. She doesn't understand the process.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, states that he is confused and thought there were two candidates for this.

Councilor Zandri indicated that he was not aware that this vote would eliminate Candace from the Committee.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: ABSENT</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: OBSTAIN</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>7-AYE:</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

7. Conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to approve applications received for Neighborhood Assistance Program – 2016 – Program Planning

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 2016**

*In attendance: Don Roe, State and Federal Program Administrator*

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

Don Roe gave a brief description.

Chairman Cervoni opens the Public Hearing

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Cervoni closed the Public Hearing

NO COUNCIL COMMENT

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: ABSENT</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>8-AYE</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

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 2016 – Program Planning

**MOTION WAS MADE TO 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 2016.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

Chairman Cervoni read the attached Summary List of programs.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: ABSENT</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>8-AYE</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

9. Conduct a Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. to consider and act on the following Ordinance entitled:

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 82, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION,  
SECTION 82-1.A, SCHEDULE OF FEES,  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD – Chairman Cervoni

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED**

*In attendance: Justin Rossetti, Building Official*

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN  
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN**

Justin Rossetti proposed a small fee change. He stated that we are inundated by loose change at the counter and bookkeeping wise this will be easier and it eliminates giving change back to customers.

Chairman Cervoni opens the Public Hearing

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Cervoni closes the Public Hearing

NO COUNCIL COMMENT

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: YES**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**LETOURNEAU: YES**  
**MARRONE: YES**  
**8-AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: ABSENT**  
**SULLIVAN: YES**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: YES**  
**CERVONI: YES**

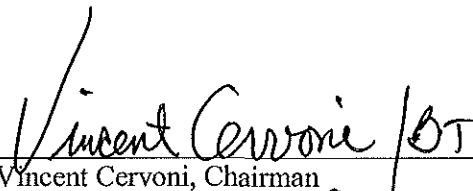
10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - *Withdrawn*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**VOTE: ALL-AYE**  
**MOTION PASSED**

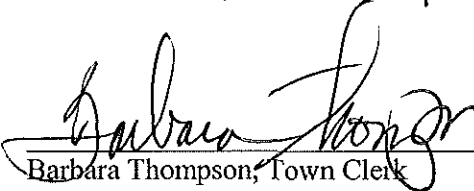
**The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted, .

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

  
Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

8-15-16  
Date

  
Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

8-15-16  
Date

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*Town of Wallingford, Connecticut*

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD**  
**SUMMARY LIST OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**  
**June 28, 2016**

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
First Congregational Church of Wallingford	HVAC Green retrofit	\$150,000
Columbus House	Wallingford Emergency Shelter Services	\$150,000
Columbus House	Wallingford Emergency Shelter Energy Efficiency Improvements	\$ 35,000
Gaylord Hospital, Inc.	Patient Programs and Services	\$150,000
Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven	Habitat for Humanity Homebuilding	\$150,000
In Memoriam Cemetery	Cemetery Operations	\$103,215
Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc.	Transitional Housing Program	\$ 21,599
Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club	Youth Development	\$150,000

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