

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2001

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Correspondence
3. Presentation of Jackets to Sheehan High School Volley Ball Team State Champions – Mayor
4. Consent Agenda
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 - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,500 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-7030-101-1000 to Mtgs., Dues and Seminars Acct. #001-7030-701-7990 – Economic Development Coordinator
 - f. Consider and Approve Accepting a Vocational Agricultural Equipment Grant In the Amount of \$398,150 – Board of Education Business Manager

- g. Consider and Approve An Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$5,475 To Revenue – Town Clerk Acct. #1010-020-2030 and to Town Clerk – Restoration of Old Records Acct. #6030-999-9912 – Town Clerk
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- k. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$15,000 Increasing Source of Funds – Contribution in Aid Acct. and New Services Acct. #433-345 – Water Division
- l. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds Totaling \$20,000 to Liability Ins. & Workman's Compensation Acct. #461-925 of which \$430 is Transferred from Pumping Labor & Expense Acct. #461-624; \$4,100 is Transferred from Operating Labor & Expense Acct. #461-642; \$11,295 is Transferred from Maint. of Transmission and Collection Lines Acct. #461-673; \$400 is Transferred from Customer Records & Collection Acct. #461-903 and \$3,775 is Transferred from Administrative & General Salaries Acct. #461-920 – Sewer Division

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- 5. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
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- 8. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
- 9. Consider and Approve One Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 1/8/2004
- 10. Consider and Approve Confirmation of a Mayoral Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Public Utilities Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/2004 – Mayor
- 11. Consider and Approve Confirmation of a Mayoral Appointment/Re-Appointment To the Personnel Pensions and Appeals Board for a Five (5) Year Term to Expire 12/31/2005 – Mayor
- 12. Consider and Approve Confirmation of Three (3) Mayoral Appointments/Re-Appointments To the Board of Ethics for a Three (3) Year Term to Expire 3/1/2004

13. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Approve an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #479, (An Ordinance Exempting Certain Motor Vehicles From Taxation) Entitled, "An Ordinance Exempting Disabled Owners And Parents of Disabled Children from Motor Vehicle Taxes" (Proposed ordinance substitutes new language in accordance with CT. General Statutes) – 7:45 P.M.
14. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes With Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Real Estate – Mayor
15. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Pending Litigation in the Matter of Vincent R. McManus v. Town of Wallingford – Town Atty.
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The following is a list of motions made and acted upon by the Wallingford Town Council at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:31 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati were Councilors Brodinsky, Centner, Farrell, Knight, Papale, Parisi, Rys, Vumbaco & Zappala. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Assistant Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present. Mayor Dickinson left the meeting at 6:43 P.M. and returned approximately 7:30 P.M. to attend a D.A.R.E. Graduation ceremony.

A blessing was bestowed upon the Council by Deacon Efrem DeJesus, (Ret.), in English followed by Spanish, and Rev. Sydney Parker (Ret.).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 Correspondence

No items of correspondence were presented.

ITEM #3 Presentation of Jackets to Sheehan High School Girls Volley Ball Team – State Champions – Mayor

Mayor Dickinson and Chairman Parisi presented each team member with their own jacket which identified the youth as a State champion.

ITEM #4 Consent Agenda

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Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve Consent Agenda Items #4a-o, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Withdrawn

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$9,800 from General Purpose – Contingency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Consultant Services – Addition to the Dog Pound – Pent Road – Animal Control Officer

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works explained how the project will add approximately 400 sq. ft. to the existing animal shelter. A new roof and some interior renovations are planned. The bathrooms need to be upgraded to meet ADA (American with Disabilities Act) regulations.

Mr. Knight asked, the Town purchased a number of cat cages but there seemed to be, at the time we purchased them, a question about whether we had enough room for them; is that the point of this addition?

Mr. McCully answered, I have taken a couple of tours through the shelter and we feel that the 20' X 20' addition, plus some interior creative movement of work space will open up

additional space. There are a lot of items being stored that need to be organized and the addition will help with that. With good planning, the addition should serve them for many years.

Mr. Knight stated, there have been complaints from past years about the condition of the floors, etc. Has that been cleared up? Is there any other work being done besides the addition?

Mr. McCully answered, the heating system is going to be upgraded as well. We are going to take the existing furnace, which takes up space, and we are going to put a small, roof-top unit in to provide heating and some cooling. It will allow us to use that space, by putting the heating unit on the roof.

Mr. Knight asked, when do you anticipate getting started on the project?

Mr. McCully answered, as soon as the funds are approved we can get the architect on board. Both Kathy (Lindenman) and myself will work on the project. I will oversee it out of my office. The \$9,000 is for consultation. The architect will prepare conceptual drawings, with the participation of the employees at the shelter, and then the project will go out to bid.

Mr. Knight asked, is the consultant on board already?

Mr. McCully answered, yes.

Mr. Knight asked, are you going to spend \$9,800 on a consultant?

Mr. McCully answered, yes, that was the low bid.

Mr. Knight asked, is the consultant the architect?

Mr. McCully answered, yes. He is going to do the planning; he will draw up the plans and specifications, contract administration, etc.

Mr. Knight asked, is it someone who is familiar with this kind of building?

Mr. McCully answered, there is no specialty to the building. It is just an addition to an existing structure. We should be going out to bid mid to late April, depending on how quickly we get the plans moving here.

Mr. Knight asked, how much is it going to run, do you think?

Mr. McCully answered, we are hoping the job will come in in the neighborhood of \$50,000; just over \$100 per sq. ft.

Mr. Zappala asked, why isn't the Animal Control Officer here?

Mr. McCully answered, I am handling this for her. As you enter on the left-hand side, we can bring the building out approximately another 20'. We will have to go for a variance, but that should not be a problem.

Mr. Zappala stated, I am wondering....if we are making more room to hold more cats. That is what I am worried about.

Mr. Parisi answered, me, too.

Mr. Zappala stated, if that is the reason, then I am definitely against it, and I love animals. I think we are doing everything possible to eliminate problems in that field but if we are making the shelter more accommodating to hold more cats, then my vote will be a little bit different tonight.

Mr. McCully answered, you have to look past that. Now that we are more involved with cats in the shelter, you need to look past that. You have to realize that the shelter, itself, has never been a planned operation. It has been added on piece meal; there has never been any real professional planning for that operation down there. We will be able to achieve that with this consultant. We will have much more efficient use of the space, inside. We have a young lady who sits in an office that is next a bathroom that is next to a furnace. That condition is not desirable in any work situation. I think, if we look past the cat issue; even if we didn't have any cats, this building is in serious need of renovation and serious planning for the future.

Mr. Zappala stated, I agree with you 100% on the matter of the office location and condition inside. If that is the purpose for this addition, I am 100% in favor of it. But if we are incurring these expenditures for her to hold more animals there, I think it is something that we should be looking closely at before we make any sudden decisions like this. I want to make sure we are not going to be spending \$50,000 for the Animal Control Officer (A.C.O.) to hold more animals then she should be holding, if you know what I mean.

Mr. McCully answered, I understand. This is a new problem with the cats. In my visit to the shelter, it is hard to get a handle on the situation because the population of the felines and dogs fluctuates. You can go down there at any given day and the place is full. The people then adopt the animals, causing the numbers to fluctuate. I don't think 400 sq. ft. is an extravagance. They do need to separate areas, such as the bathrooms and heating units,

from the workers who are housed in a small office situation. I think we can accomplish it with this.

Mr. Zappala stated that he agreed that there should be additional office space which appears much more professional-looking. He did not think the A.C.O. needed any additional space to hold any more animals. Before he approves any expenditure of funds, he would like additional information on precisely what the A.C.O. intends to do. He asked, are these funds for the consultant?

Mr. McCully answered, they are to hire the architect who will draw up the plans and specifications. We will put the work out to bid. The A.C.O. has requested more space for dogs, cats; the cats are a new issue down there and, obviously, an addition will create more space for more animals. She will be able to fit more animals in there. It also alleviates the congestion that exists there with the office, restroom and working next to the furnace that heats the place.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to table the item until additional information could be obtained, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE TO TABLE: Rys and Knight, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi stated that he would like to know what the weekly and monthly figures are for how many animals are taken in and how many we are disposing of if we are, in fact, disposing of any; euthanizing.

Mr. McCully asked, you would like the turnover of animals, on a monthly basis; cats and dogs?

Mr. Parisi answered, monthly; weekly; what ever way we have it, yes.

Mr. McCully stated, I will request that of the A.C.O.

Mr. Parisi stated, quite frankly, I feel very strongly that the department head should be here.

Mr. McCully answered, that was probably my fault. She could probably give you the numbers on the cats and the dogs but, as far as the addition goes, it is not really her forte.

Mr. Parisi answered, there is always discussion that comes up regarding a motion.

Mr. McCully answered, I will meet with the A.C.O. and report back to you.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Move Agenda Item #12 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve Confirmation of Three (3) Mayoral Appointments/Re-Appointments To the Board of Ethics for a Three (3) Year Term to Expire 3/1/2004

Motion was made to Re-Appoint Rev. Brendon McCormick, Mr. James Kendall and Mr. Willard Burghoff (Alternate) to the Board, seconded by Mr. Knight

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk, Rosemary Rascati, performed the Swearing-In Ceremony for Rev. McCormick at this time.

ADDENDUM ITEMS #18 & 19 Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Move Items #18 & 19 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #18 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Contingency – Gen. Purpose Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Contractual –Clothing & Other Expenses Acct. #001-5015-401-4800 - Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve the Transfer, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Correspondence from Henry McCully, Director of Public Works, explained the need for the transfer of funds (Appendix I).

Mr. Vumbaco asked, is this just for meals? Are we buying additional clothing due to bad weather?

Mr. McCully answered, yes. We have a clothing and safety shoe allowance, which all comes out of the same account. We are actually overdrawn in that account because of the last storm.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, overdrawn on what? What part is overdrawn?

Mr. McCully answered, the meal allowance portion of it.

Mr. Vumbaco stated, that is what I asked; is this for meals? This isn't for clothing, but just for meals?

Mr. McCully answered, it is the meal allowance portion.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 From Contingency – Gen. Purpose Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Overtime Acct. #001-5015-101-1400 – Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Correspondence from Henry McCully, Director of Public Works, explained the need for the transfer of funds (Appendix II).

Mr. Centner asked, how is the equipment holding up through all the use you are seeing with all this storm activity?

Mr. McCully answered, we have excellent equipment. I think that is the only reason why we have been able to keep up with the ferocity of the winter. We do have a new snowplow truck every winter of every year in my budget and we need to continue doing that. Last year we traded in a 21 year-old Mack (truck). At some point I may come before the Council and request a couple of trucks to catch up. Right now we are keeping up very well with the equipment. When we have heavy snowfalls like this, it takes a heavy toll on the springs of the trucks. When they go it is a big ticket item. This year it has been good. When they break, we fix them; when they don't, we save money.

Mr. Rys stated, with regards to the snow plowing, itself; I know it has been an horrendous winter and snow has been piling up but perhaps you can convey to your work crew that they try and keep the piles of snow that is being piled on corners where the sidewalks are, especially up in the Ridgeland Area. There are some areas where there are straight plows and you end up with 8' mounds of snow on the people's sidewalks, all the way up to their lawn. I did have 2-3 complaints that I referred to your office and the Mayor's Office. I just wanted to let you know that there is a concern out there. The people cannot clean the sidewalks off.

Mr. McCully answered, I agree. We have inspected those with my Superintendent. We do have some rookie snowplow drivers out there this year. They are "cutting their teeth" in the worst way this year. They are still learning the fine art of plowing snow. Going up and down straight roads, you or I could do that, but when it comes to cleaning intersections and finding out where we have handicap ramps and things like that, we are still educating

some drivers out there. Where sidewalks are completely buried, we are going up there and removing that snow. We are trying to alleviate some of the hardship on those extreme cases. I think, by the ordinance, people are still obligated to attempt to clean their sidewalks but, where it is horrendous, we have tried to alleviate some of that hardship.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$71,000 from Self-Insurance – Workers Compensation Acct. #8035-800-8310 of Which \$23,000 is Transferred to Police Heart & Hypertension Acct. #8035-800-8400 and \$48,000 is Transferred to Fire Heart & Hypertension Acct. #8035-800-8410 – Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Centner was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked Mr. McCully why Christian Street was partially blocked off near the bridge, just west of the cemetery? Is it due to road failure or is the bridge in need of repair? What caused a big hole in the road?

Mr. McCully answered, where the support is for the bridge decking; some old brownstone is being pushed out and the mortar between had eroded away and was allowing it to wash out underneath. We had to call "Call Before You Dig" to identify underground utilities in the streets. We cut it out; we excavated it and had our Engineering Department come out there and we did some temporary repairs on it. We notified the Engineering Department on the condition of the bridge. The condition has been corrected for now; there was a huge sink hole there. You would have to consult with the Engineering Department. Evidently the bridge is safe to travel. They were out there and inspected the work. That is where we stand on that. I don't handle the bridges in town but we did do an emergency excavation there. We had to dig it up to visually see what the problem actually was. I believe the bridge may be under the bridge repair program; it may be a very old bridge. You may want to call Mr. Thompson tomorrow to see what the status is on it.

Geno Zandri, 37 Hallmark Drive stated that he had a question for the Mayor, who was absent from the meeting. He posed the question to Mr. Parisi and asked that Mr. Parisi pass it along to the Mayor. It dealt with the mold spores in the schools that were detected. He asked, when was the Mayor notified of the situation in the schools?

Mr. Parisi asked the Town Council secretary to make a note of the question.

Mr. Zandri stated, it is my understanding from listening to Dr. Cirasuolo's comments about the mold issue, that he plans on remedying this situation over a two year period. Personally, I think it is unacceptable. I think the seriousness of the issue should be remedied as soon as possible and I see no reason why we can't get it done over this current summer months.

Tony DeBaise, 278 North Main Street stated that he, too, was sorry the Mayor was not present to hear what he had to say. He stated, down at the Senior Center we have a few complaints of which I believe the Council is aware of. If you recall, we distributed a copy of a petition to the Council and Mayor. I am told by some people on this Council that we have very little potential of having anything done pertaining to our request stated on the petition. We, the active members of the Senior Center, are very much dissatisfied with our director down there. We are also very dissatisfied with many of the rules and regulations we have. There are ongoing problems; it seems that every other day there is some kind of confrontation down there. We had one today, that I would like to make everyone aware of. Perhaps someone will be able to correct some of these problems; insignificant though they may seem to somebody to us; to us they are important. We had a woman fall in the parking lot down at the Senior Center this morning. This woman is not a youngster; she is probably in her 80s.....a very lovely person. She fell in the parking lot. It had been raining most of the night; the parking lot was soaking wet; water was running down through the driveway and this woman was laying there, on the ground, pleading for someone to help her up off the ground. She had difficulty getting up on her own accord because she had a knee transplant in the not too distant past. The directive of the (Senior Center) director was, that no one was allowed to help anyone down at the seniors, other than by calling 9-1-1 and having an ambulance arrive. We wondered who was going to pay for that if it turns out that this person is not in the condition that requires an ambulance. In her case, she did not want an ambulance; she wanted someone to help her get off the ground, but no one was allowed to do that until the nurse eventually wound up going to her aid. The excuse is, in every turn, in every problem, in every complaint down there that has anything to do with medical, the excuse is that they are afraid of lawsuits. There are attorneys on this Council; we have a prestigious attorney on my left (Gerry Farrell, Sr.) who could probably answer part of this question. It is my understanding that there is a Good Samaritan Law in effect in the State of CT. Do you know about it, Atty. Farrell (Sr.)? Therefore it would appear to me that someone could inform someone, in control of the Senior Center, that someone who is injured, should be helped and aided. This is not the first time this has happened in recent months. In fact, this is the second one that is very pronounced. We have a problem with this. We even have a problem with the availability of having a first aid kit at our disposal. We get double talk and triple talk.

Mr. Parisi asked, did the nurse eventually help the person?

Mr. DeBaise answered, it is my understanding that she did. I was not there. This is second-hand information. It is my understanding that the nurse eventually did help this person out, but in the meantime, her underclothing was saturated with water; she was freezing and shivering and laying there in pain on the ground and no one came to her aid. I am complaining about this to you folks in the hopes that something can be done about that. I also would request that someone would look into some of the rules and regulations that we, as members, feel are ridiculous, pathetic and even worse than that. If anyone wants to discuss it, I am sure that there are plenty of members, including myself who would love to discuss it with someone in authority. Thank you.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that he had been contacted by several parents of elementary school children and presented with a pink flyer which lists many of the items and/or services that will no longer be offered at the Town's schools if the Mayor cuts the Board of Education's budget. He asked that copies be made by the secretary and distributed to all Council members. One of the services which may be lost is the "greeters" in the schools. These are individuals who monitor who comes into the schools from off of the street. Any stranger or criminal can wander into the schools without being stopped and questioned as to why they are in the building.

Mr. Parisi stated, that isn't anything we have control over; the Board of Ed has authority over that issue.

Mr. Melillo replied, the Town Council should have oversight over the Board of Ed. or any other department. There may be no paraprofessionals, either.

On a separate issue, Mr. Melillo stated that there is a great deal of wastewater that is flowing into the Quinnipiac River from its tributaries. The wastewater is not being treated the way it should.

Mr. Parisi asked, where is the water coming from?

Mr. Melillo answered, the tributaries. That is how it was explained to me.

Mr. Parisi asked, who is telling you this?

Mr. Melillo stated, a friend of mine who wants to stay away from this.

Mr. Parisi did not want to address anonymous comments or statements.

With regards to the Wooding Caplan Property, Mr. Melillo asked for a status report on the project.

Mr. Parisi replied, it is still working; it hasn't died yet. It is still in progress.

Mr. Melillo stated, if it is progressing, then there must be some fresh news.

Mr. Parisi answered, the architect is still working on it. It is moving forward in a very slow pace.

Mr. Melillo asked, who is paying the architect?

Mr. Parisi answered, the Town.

Mr. Melillo felt that the cost should have been shared between the Town and the private entities involved in the project.

Mr. Farrell added, there was a determination made a while back that we were going to pay for the preliminary drawings. It is still at that stage.

Mr. Melillo next asked about Simpson School.

Mr. Parisi responded, the Town is obtaining costs for various options. We have to find out if we can tear it down; if we do, are we limited as to what we can put back up, etc. The structure is safe and sound at this time.

Mr. Melillo next asked, what is the status of the fish hatchery idea?

Mr. Farrell replied, we are still pursuing that. There was a similar facility that has been created somewhere over in eastern CT. by one of the Indian tribes. We wrote to them to find out some information on that. The fish still swim forward.

Mr. Melillo stated, I read something about Yale University doing something similar to that. Maybe we should collaborate with them on it.

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve One Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 1/8/2004

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Re-Appoint Louis DePonte, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve Confirmation of a Mayoral Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Public Utilities Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/2004 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Re-Appoint George Cooke, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve Confirmation of a Mayoral Appointment/Re-Appointment To the Personnel Pensions and Appeals Board for a Five (5) Year Term to Expire 12/31/2005 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Re-Appoint Fred Monahan, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Note: Mr. Monahan was sworn-in by Town Clerk, Rosemary Rascati during a recess in the meeting.

ITEM #20 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$300 from Purchased Services Secretarial Acct. #1110-901-9000 to Overtime Acct. #1110-101-1400 – Town Council

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Chairman Parisi declared a fifteen minute recess at 7:30.P.M.

The Council resumed the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

Mayor Dickinson arrived at the meeting during the recess period.

ITEM #13 PUBLIC HEARING to Consider and Approve an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #479, (An Ordinance Exempting Certain Motor Vehicles From Taxation) Entitled, “An Ordinance Exempting Disabled Owners And Parents of Disabled Children from Motor Vehicle Taxes” (Proposed ordinance substitutes new language in accordance with CT. General Statutes) – 7:45 P.M.- Requested by Councilor Stephen Knight, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee (Appendix III)

Mr. Knight gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Ordinance. He stated, language was added to the definitions "persons with disabilities" to include a child; we added language that specifies that the exemption applies to a motor vehicle of a parent or guardian of a disabled child; we further defined "equipped motor vehicle" by referring to certain structural changes made to the vehicle, itself; we changed the exemptions to clarify that it can apply to more than one vehicle; and we made a change in Section 4 requiring a physician's letter. The ordinance includes more than what the state statute allowed in terms of the changes the state allowed. We wanted to change some language to further clarify some issues that had come up.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, have you had this checked out, legally?

Mr. Knight answered, absolutely. The ordinance was written by our Corporation Counselor (Adam Mantzaris) with whom I have great confidence.

Mr. Melillo was in agreement with the ordinance and urged the Council to approve and adopt it.

Geno Zandri, 37 Hallmark Drive asked, does this exempt the total vehicle from taxes, or just the costs associated with modifications to the vehicle?

Mr. Knight answered, the total vehicle.

Mr. Farrell stated, I am pleased that the Ordinance Committee was able to amend the ordinance. It is important that it be expanded as much as possible. If anyone has a handicap like this and knows how difficult it is to be mobile, in our very difficult to get around society, it is important that we encourage people who do have disabilities to be independent. This exemption goes a long way in helping that. I am glad the ordinance was expanded to include children, who do not necessarily drive but whose parents have to have their vehicle modified.

Mr. Rys asked, if the ordinance is approved today, when will it take effect?

Atty. Farrell, Sr. replied, it takes effect for the tax assessment year of October 1, 2000. There are special time limits in this ordinance that apply to this tax year only, unlike subsequent years. It leaves the period in which one can file a claim to any time during this assessment year. In subsequent years that changes according to the ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Amend SECTION 5, APPLICATIONS, second sentence to read, "For motor vehicles purchased on or after October 2nd and on or before

July 31st of the assessment year for which such exemption is claimed, said application shall be filed not later than sixty (60) days after such purchase.”, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Knight stated that he would like to change the application time period from 30 to 60 days to give people more time and opportunity to file for the exemption. I think that was the intention of the Ordinance Committee and it inadvertently was left out of the ordinance.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Adopt the Ordinance as Amended, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #17 Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process to Allow the Town to Analyze Inventory, Fixed Assets and Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable Software Offered by Open Systems, Inc., Great Plains, Inc. and Sage Software-MAS90 – Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mayor Dickinson stated, we have returned several modules, so-called, to Gemini that we purchased. We believe that we can obtain these systems, some of which were returned, at a better cost and seek to do so with the advice of our consultant, McGladrey & Pullen. They have recommended the three companies; Open Systems, Inc., Great Plains, Inc. and Sage Software. We want to be able to analyze those and then select from those what will serve the needs best.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, what are the programs intended to do? What are they supposed to do? Who knows what they will do?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the inventory, fixed assets and miscellaneous accounts, all primarily reflect utility needs. I stand corrected on that. The inventory would primarily be utility fixed assets and miscellaneous accounts receivable that would be useable throughout the system; the Finance Department, as well as the utilities. They interface with the general budget programs to keep track of these components which are accounting issues and allow for the compiling of the reports, which have to be filed annually.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, do we have a ballpark price as to what this is going to come in at? Are we looking at a \$5,000 item? A \$50,000 item? I know the bids haven't come in so this is not to pin you down.

Mayor Dickinson answered, the estimates were that the software, by itself, was around \$10,000 and it might go as high as \$20,000 with training.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, who is going to analyze which is the better choice?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the consultant and the users of the programs; utilities and Finance Department; the people who will use them will certainly review what the software offers, hopefully get a chance to see it working. We will listen to what our consultant says and then make a choice.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, one of the concerns is that we may be digging ourselves deeper into this computer hole. It has been reported in the press that we have had some problems with the computer. I have been looking at some minutes; the most recent was March 6th where one of the fellows on the P.U.C. said that he was ready to kick the computer to make it work. I know there are no guarantees in life but, what assurance do we have that this is going to work for us?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the industry won't guarantee anything. We, after due deliberation, have felt that we do not want to utilize the Gemini product at this point. For that reason, we are looking for these programs elsewhere. The list of modules that are not being implemented include three that we are not going to proceed with; meter management, service orders and work orders. There has been some conscious weighing of information and deciding exactly what we really need and it was determined that these are the modules that we really can use and should have so we are going to look to have a product that we can work well with.

Mr. Brodinsky asked, is it your plan to contact users of these systems to see how they have made out?

Mayor Dickinson answered, yes. We would want reference lists and primarily we want an opportunity to see the programs in operation and get a sense of how they operate.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, Mayor, what are your thoughts on letting us know what you find out about these systems before we finally commit to it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we can do that. I don't know how meaningful that will be because you buy it and then, ultimately, it is the training and implementation that tells you whether or not it is what you want, but you have got to buy it first. You will never really know until people are trained, it is in operation, the information has been loaded up and then you find out. We can let you know what has been selected and go from there.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, that is why I asked if we will check with other users for references; maybe other municipalities to see how it is working.

Mayor Dickinson replied, that helps but what you find out in the industry is, a lot of operations use work-arounds. There are things they don't particularly like so they develop a work-around, so-called. They may say, this works fine, but you don't get a list of all the ways that they have made it interface with their other programs and then we go to use it and it does not "fit" exactly the same way. There are always variables.

Mr. Brodinsky stated, I appreciate the unknowns. What prompts my comments is....one of the members of the P.U.C. called the system they had "a pig in a poke"; that is their words, it wasn't my words, in referring to some computer system and the computers that they had. They were rather graphic in their frustration with it. Now we are going one step further and I am just asking, in very general terms, rhetorically speaking, what can we do to raise our comfort level when the time comes, that we are not getting another "pig in a poke"?

Mayor Dickinson stated, unfortunately, I am probably one of the ones who is as frustrated as others and I can't sit here and say there is any guarantee but we have got to try.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, are the modules from Gemini you are sending back are similar to the fixed asset, miscellaneous accounts receivable, inventory, as well as a few others?

Mayor Dickinson answered, those are the modules that we are sending back.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, those were part of the original purchase contract with them?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is correct.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, theoretically, the dollars have been somewhat approved for these modules already? Now the consultant is saying that we don't want to use those, go out and find equal or better software for a cheaper price?

Mayor Dickinson answered, it is not so much the consultant saying that; it is the departments making up the Pyramid Committee. We have determined that we would like to try something else and the consultant does not disagree with that.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, you have already approved modules that were part of the original package that was approved for purchase; not paid for, I am assuming? Or maybe paid for and you are sending them back for credit? The bottom line is that there has been an appropriation before for these modules and now you are just switching them for a different

company. Is the purpose for the bid waiver because you are picking three specific vendors and not going out to open bid?

Mayor Dickinson answered, right. It is difficult to bid software. We did bid the Gemini product and we have some difficulties. In this instance, we are choosing with the consultant's recommendation, three vendors that they feel can supply our needs. We will analyze them and if it turns out that people have concerns, we may not take any of them. If any of these is the one we want, we would purchase this module and, hopefully, it can be implemented and brought up and running with not too great an effort.

Mr. Vumbaco asked, will part of the analysis be to make sure the software is compatible with the Gemini system?

Mayor Dickinson answered, absolutely, it will have to be.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, why did we hire a consultant for this situation? By the way it was stated, it sounds like the departments know better than anyone else what their needs are for the system. Why hire a consultant?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the consultant has been assisting the town from the beginning. This is part of their work assignment. It is not a new consultant. They were part of the selection of the hardware and software; the network itself. This is part of their effort to recommend alternative modules.

Mr. Melillo asked, these are three different companies listed; are they going to bid against each other or are they going to work with each other?

Mayor Dickinson explained, we will take a look at their products....and make a determination which of the three will best fill the needs of the Town. It could possibly end up that we don't like any of their products but we want to look at those three because they have been suggested or recommended by the consultant.

Mr. Melillo stated, you are limiting the bidding process to three companies. He stated that he was opposed to limiting the number of firms bidding.

Mayor Dickinson replied, not all companies offer this type of program that fits with government. This has to be compatible with a government accounting program. These are companies who offer programs that we feel may be compatible. The entire industry would not, I believe, offer this type of program.

Mr. Melillo felt there were a lot more than three companies who would offer such programs. He opposed waiving the bidding procedures.

Mr. Parisi stated, it is a very specialized application.

Mr. Brodinsky asked Comptroller Thomas Myers, will the new software in any way impact our ability to transition into those new accounting standards that are coming in next year or is this irrelevant to that?

Mr. Myers answered, these three applications are necessary for the Town to continue moving forward in accounting or inventory. The Electric Division has approximately \$750,000 worth of inventory; materials and supplies on hand. The existing system is not compatible with the new computer system. It is necessary but not directly linked to the new accounting model, other than fixed assets which is probably the one application that would have the most links to the new accounting model.

Mr. Brodinsky suggested that Mr. Myers keep one eye on the new accounting standards and how this might impact it. With that in mind, if it doesn't seem "just right" I will leave it up to you to decide whether we should wait a little while to get us some software that does incorporate those standards.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the CT. General Statutes With Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Leasing of Real Estate – Mayor

ITEM #15 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(B) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Pending Litigation in the Matter of Vincent R. McManus v. Town of Wallingford – Town Atty.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council entered executive session at 8:11 P.M.

Present in executive session were all Councilors, Mayor Dickinson and Asst. Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

The Council exited executive session at 8:26 P.M.

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve the Settlement of Pending Litigation Entitled, Vincent R. McManus v. Town of Wallingford as Discussed in Executive Session

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Settle Pending Litigation Entitled, "Vincent R. McManus v. Town of Wallingford" as Discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Zandri
Kathryn F. Zandri
Town Council Secretary

Approved:

Robert F. Parisi
Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

3-22-2001

Date

Rosemary A. Rascati
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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

Appendix I

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable William W. Dickinson Jr., Mayor
FROM: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Transfer of \$10,000.00 to Account Number 001-5015-401-4800
Contractual-Clothing & Other Expense
DATE: March 9, 2001

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

In reference to the above subject transfer, additional funds are needed for Contractual Clothing & Other Expenses (meal allowances) due to the inclement weather. We currently have \$3,800.00 remaining in our budget (includes the storm on March 4-7). This transferred amount should carry us through until June 30, 2001 barring any further unforeseen circumstances.

Contingency – General Purpose

\$10,000.00

Very truly yours,


Henry McCully, Director
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable William W. Dickinson Jr., Mayor
FROM: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Transfer of \$25,000.00 to Account Number 001-5015-101-1400
Overtime
DATE: March 9, 2001

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

In reference to the above subject transfer, additional funds are needed for Overtime due to the inclement weather. We currently have \$21,000.00 remaining in our budget (includes the storm on March 4-7). This transferred amount should carry us through until June 30, 2001 barring any further unforeseen circumstances.

Contingency – General Purpose	\$25,000.00
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Very truly yours,


Henry McCully, Director
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE EXEMPTING DISABLED OWNERS OR PARENTS
OF DISABLED CHILDREN FROM MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION:

That Ordinance No. 479 "Ordinance Exempting Certain Motor Vehicles From Taxation", is hereby repealed, and the following Ordinance is substituted in lieu thereof.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities by §12-81c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Council hereby enacts an ordinance to exempt from personal property taxation any motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities or owned by the parent or guardian of a person with disabilities.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

A. PERSON WITH DISABILITIES means any owner of a motor vehicle who has a physical impairment, or any owner of a motor vehicle whose child or ward has a physical impairment, and whose physical impairment requires the special adaptive equipment referenced in the definition of Equipped Motor Vehicle in order to adapt the use of such vehicle to the physical impairment of the owner or to the physical impairment of the owner's child or ward. Persons with physical impairments of a limited duration shall not be considered as Persons With Disabilities.

B. EQUIPPED MOTOR VEHICLE means a motor vehicle which has undergone a permanent modification to its frame or other structural member by the bolting or welding of special equipment for the purpose of adapting its use to the physical impairment of the owner of such motor vehicle or to the physical impairment of the owner's child or ward. Such equipment shall include raised roofs with roll-bar systems, raised doors, special control stations, dropped floors, kneeling systems, wheelchair lift, ramp, hand controls, cart lift and any other device or mechanism necessary to permit its operation by the owner of such motor vehicle or to permit its accommodation for the owner's child or ward.

C. MOTOR VEHICLE means a vehicle as defined by §14-1(47) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION

Any, which shall include more than one, Equipped Motor Vehicle shall be exempt from personal property taxation.

SECTION 4. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION AND EXPIRATION OF EXEMPTION

The Assessor shall require written and signed documentation verifying that the installation of the special equipment is directly related to the physical impairment of the Person with Disabilities in order to adapt the operation or the accommodation of such motor vehicle to such person. Such documentation shall be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Connecticut. Any such exemption shall expire when the vehicle is sold.

SECTION 5. APPLICATIONS

Applications to establish eligibility for the exemption permitted by this ordinance shall be filed annually with the Assessor not later than December 31st following the assessment date with respect to which such exemption is claimed. For motor vehicles purchased on or after October 2nd and on or before July 31st of the assessment year for which such exemption is claimed, said application shall be filed not later than thirty (30) days after such purchase. Applications for exemption relative to the assessment year which commenced on October 1, 2000 may be made at any time prior to the expiration of such easement year.

SECTION 6. ASSESSMENT YEAR

This ordinance shall be first applicable to the assessment year which commenced on October 1, 2000.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Ordinance was enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford this _____ day of March, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford.

Rosemary A. Rascati
Town Clerk

APPROVED: _____
William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor

DATE: _____