

ANNUAL BUDGET 1989-1990

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 19, 1989

7:00 p.m.

Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 1989-1990 Annual Budget. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present were Mayor Dickinson, Adam Mantzaris, Town Attorney and Thomas Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Moment of silence was observed for Lou Isakson and George Wilkinson.

Mayor Dickinson directed everyone's attention to the letter in the front of the Budget Book. This is the proposed budget that the Council will be reviewing after tonight's Public Hearing. This budget includes a total of \$62.6 million. If adopted as is, it represents a 2.8 mill increase. For General Government, which includes Public Works, Fire, and Police, the increase is 7.1% or \$1.9 million new dollars. The Education portion of the budget includes an additional \$3.5 million or an 11.8% increase over this year's budget.

One item of particular concern is the cost of health benefits. The increase in the cost of health benefits alone this year represents \$1.2 million, that's over 1 mill for just health insurance costs. We are going to have to make a serious effort to reduce those expenditures. The 40% increase in health insurance is passed on by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and there's not a great deal we can do about it right now. But hopefully with a program of absorbing more deductibles we can reduce that figure in a future year.

The budget also contains information on utilities. The Water budget emphasizes maintenance of pumping stations, transmission lines and increased sampling for monitoring of water quality. The Sewer Department budget contains the funds necessary to operate the new sewer plant and the Electric Department budget contains money sufficient for major capital improvements, the most significant of which is upgrading of the Pierce Plant.

After the deliberations and effort in putting the budget together, we recommend it for approval and we're anxious to hear the public's comments. It balances operational needs at a time when the State of Connecticut is labeled as having runaway operational cost problems. The Budget should provide money sufficient for quality services to be offered to the Town of Wallingford for the coming year. Thank you.

Board of Education

Jim Krupp, 2 Jonathan Road, asked in last year's Education budget what was the cut that was finally sustained from the Board of Education's request?

Robert Nicolletti replied I believe it was around \$756,000.

Jim Krupp asked what was the amount of surplus from last year's budget?

Tom Myers replied there was an available balance of approximately \$2 million.

Jim Krupp asked in the disposition of those funds were the majority of those items originally items that were cut from the budget as being unnecessary at that time?

Tom Myers replied to the best of my recollection, the only items requested were the snow plow trucks. The other items were capital projects.

Jim Krupp asked when the surplus became available was the Board of Education asked if it required any of those funds?

Robert Nicolletti replied no it was not.

Jim Krupp asked what is the approximate cost of a grade school computer lab?

Robert Nicolletti replied approximately \$21,000 which includes supplies, equipment and other materials.

Jim Krupp stated so for the cost of the plow truck at \$90,000 at least four grade school computer labs could have been purchased and equipped.

Robert Nicolletti replied very easily.

Jim Krupp stated I'm hear as a concerned parent about the quality of education for my children. I'm also here as a member of a business community that's becoming increasingly concerned about the erosion of the American competitive edge to our neighbors in the Far East who have proven better educational systems than we have because they've been investing the time and effort into it. I think we should reevaluate our priorities when we look at a \$1.6 million proposed budget cut in this year's educational request. A portion if not all of that needs to be restored in order to maintain some level of quality education. I think the priorities that we've seen in the past, the cuts and then where the surplus funds go show where the Administration's priorities exist and they certainly are not in education. I suggest some action be taken to lessen the adversary relationship that has developed between the Council and the Board of Education. When the Council and the Board of Education feud, the real losers are the kids in the educational system.

Glenna Chervak, Mohawk Drive, stated I don't have a child in school, but I think people are mixing up cost with education. I don't think more money means better education. We need dedication; people that can motivate the children and people at home that are making the children do their homework. It's a shame that people are going to the parents and saying if you spend more dollars you'll get a better education. That is not true.

Valerie Nolan, 7 Templeton Road, stated I am concerned about the decision to drastically cut the Board of Education budget. Three years ago the Council and the State agreed to raise teachers' salaries through the Educational Enhancement Act. The State gave the Town's General Fund \$1.5 million over this three year period. The State has backed out of this program and the Town Council expects the Board of Education to absorb this \$1.5 million cut as well as to sustain a \$1.6 million overall cut. The Wallingford school system is the 19th largest in the State of Connecticut, however, we rank 147th in per capita per pupil spending. You people should hang your heads in shame. I strongly feel that most of the people in this Town think that the Board of Education budget is for education and it is more than sufficient. The majority do not realize that this budget includes money for grounds maintenance, snow plowing and on-site maintenance. I will personally take it upon myself to reach the majority of the people to show them how the Town is being run and I will try very hard to make sure there's a more educated public going to the polls in November to elect the best people for this Town's government. Let's let the Board of Education deal with education and the Town deal with maintenance. I'll leave with you letters signed by Cook Hill parents asking you to please restore the Board of Education money that was cut.

Elden Cody, 77 North Masonic Avenue, asked what do the increases in the budget cover in the area of education?

Robert Nicolletti stated \$1.5 million is for an arbitrator award for the teachers' salaries. About \$300,000 is for increased projected special education tuition and a rather large hike in our insurances of \$872,000. We did have a sizable amount in contingency for projected salary increases. Another \$300,000 is for projected increases for custodians, clerical, nurses, administration and the school doctor. Approximately \$200,000 is our fourth year of our five year contract with Double AA Transportation. We put in some modest increases for such things as utilities. Those are some of the large areas. Some of our improvements to buildings and sites also constitute a \$300,000 hike. Some new instructional equipment, replacement of instructional equipment, additional money for teaching supplies and textbooks. The big hits were for salaries, insurances, pupil transportation and special education tuition. They consume most of the \$5+ million that we've asked for.

Elden Cody stated everyone always wants to shoot the budget belonging to education. That's the wrong way to go. The Japanese are ahead of us because we gave them our education system and they improved on it. We must continue to fund education. I cannot afford an increase in taxes, but I am willing to pay for it because we in turn will get that back.

Mary Imperatore, 53 Schoolhouse Road, stated remember children are our most precious commodity whether you have them in the system or not. Yet historically throughout this country's educational system they are most often short-changed on educational spending. Wallingford is a prime example of this. As parents and taxpayers we want them to excel, however, appropriate funding is not and has not been allocated for better education. The time has come to demand that our tax dollars be spent for educational excellence not mediocrity. Remember you get what you give and the children are our future.

Donna Lange, 88 Seiter Hill Road, stated I have not always agreed with the Board of Education, however, I have come to appreciate the amount of time they spend and the difficult job they have to do. I also recognize the complexity of the Council's job. There is a great deal of animosity between the Board and the Council. I think we have a good school system. We have had a lot of success stories in Wallingford and I would like to see that continue. However I don't think that's possible if the Budget Workshop becomes a battleground between the Council and the Board. Our children should not become pawns in some political game or battle of personalities. We expect the Board and the Council to work together to provide the best education possible for our children. It is an investment in the future. When the Board and the Council sit down to discuss the budget, don't jeopardize the education of our children. This is not a political issue, this is about our children and what's best for them.

George Bozzi, Jr., 17 Bayberry Drive, stated I am not a fan of this Board of Education. But I am in support of the Board of Education budget request as submitted.

Debbie Tagliatela, 2 Smoke Rise Road, stated I have with me 165 signatures supporting Dr. Nicolletti and the Board of Education's budget which I would like to submit.

Judie Soprano, 11 Briarwood Lane, thanked the Board for their fine work and the hours they have put in. Please support the Board of Ed.

Fran Stupakevich, 39 West Dayton Hill Road, stated I'm a teacher in the Town of Wallingford and proud of it. I've been paying taxes in this town for quite a few years now and I've backed the Town of Wallingford to the hilt. I have helped educate your children and I would love to have you help me educate my boy.

Virginia Vigleon, 9 Bernadette Lane, stated I also have some forms to hand in. That doesn't mean mine is in here because I'm not quite sure people exactly understood what they were signing. I suggest we do this every two years so we don't have to go through it every year. One main concern of mine is maybe the Board does need all the money they have asked for, but I would ask the Board to really consider where you put the money. I was in shock when I discovered half way through the year that the three third grade classes all shared one set of books because there was not enough money in the budget to buy three sets. The PTO offered to buy them but it was too late. The PTO also offered to buy our school a video camera. Again we were too late because it was already purchased by the Board. To me the school books are much more important for the children than a video camera. I suggest the money be allocated more wisely.

Tim Cronin, 47 South Ridgeland Road, stated I know you have a job to do and I doubt you'll let the full budget go through. Realistically you're going to have to make a cut in the school budget, I just hope it's not as much as the Mayor. Iris mentioned you might have to go line by line through the school budget.

Mr. Killen replied we can do that very easily.

Tim Cronin stated the only area that I can see where you can really cut is Account 112A for Salary-Custodians and Account 329E for Contract Services-Custodians. There seems to be a great inconsistency throughout the whole budget in each of the schools where they picked up these contractual services for custodial care. The price increases are quite high and at the same time there is no decrease in Salary-Custodians except at one school. As far as the rest of the budget, there is one particular school where there is a large increase in kindergarten services. I think it's needed, but I'm not too sure the cost is in line. Adult Education is requesting a counselor and I think the need is greater in the high schools and middle school areas. I know you have to cut some money, but I would like to see a happy medium, maybe \$500,000 instead of \$1.6 million.

George Lange, 88 Seiter Hill Road, stated one comment heard quite often at PTO meetings was the reason people moved to Wallingford was the educational system. It was brought out at several of these meetings that the mastery scores are up for Wallingford and as far as SAT's are concerned we are well above the national average. I urge you to go to your Workshop and don't make it a tug of war. Don't use our children as that tie in the middle of the rope. Work for the people of Wallingford.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

Charles Dugan, 8 Western Sands, stated for the last 3-4 months I've been battling against the Board of Education. At this time I would like to say they need the support of everyone on the Council and all the people in the Town of Wallingford. Our education is the greatest thing in the world. Instead of worrying about what we're going to cut from the budget, we should worry about what we can help them with to increase the elementary education space for our children.

John Lathrop, 18 Sylvan Avenue, stated I commend the Board of Education for the time they have put in. I would like to submit some forms in support of the budget.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, stated the taxpayers are going to pay plenty for the games the Board of Education is playing on the people of Wallingford. The Mayor did not cut enough off the budget. We have 19 more students in the system than last year. If the MER is \$4,000 a pupil, that's \$36,000. Their budget tops should be \$30,136,000. It's such a minor increase the teachers and administrators ought to be able to absorb it.

Ron Gagliardi, Cheshire, stated I'm a teacher in Wallingford. Our system should not have to suffer the costs that are proposed and neither should our children. Our world needs the best educated citizens in order to survive. I urge you to think globally with an eye toward the future.

Elden Cody stated the feeling here tonight is the Council and Board should put down their weapons; I suggest you two get together and join the majority.

Phil Wright, 160 Cedar Street, stated someone besides Ed Musso should speak up for the taxpayer. I agree we should be spending good dollars for good education for the children. But I wouldn't be so gullible or foolish as to think the Board of Education has done such a perfect job that their figures cannot be

questioned and that every dollar in this budget is essential for good education. I don't appreciate it when the Chairman of the Board of Education tells me how much money I can afford to spend. Let's spend all the money we need for good education. And to the Town Council, do your job. Don't be intimidated by the pressure group that's been urged to come out by the members of the Board of Education.

Barbara Czerniewski, 57 School House Road, stated I am here as an individual parent who is concerned about my children's education. I am also a taxpayer. I would suffer as much as any other person in this room in terms of having raised taxes. Those who have spoken against the education budget are people who do not have children in the school system. I support the Board of Education's budget as it stands.

Mary Imperatore stated I'm sure everyone read in the paper about a week ago about Connecticut's standing, as far as maintenance on their schools, which was at the bottom of the scale. If the budget is cut to the degree that the Council apparently wants to cut it, I understand through a member of the Board that the buildings and grounds will further suffer in maintenance. In the five years I've lived here up at Cook Hill School, I've looked at the outside doors of that school and watched them rot away due to lack of paint. A can of paint seems a small outlay as compared to replacing the doors because the time and effort has not been spent as well as the funding necessary to do that. I'm sure if you looked at all the buildings in the system you would see that this occurs on a much greater scale. That will also be affected by these cuts.

John Marriott, 33 Grieb Road, stated the prices for special education are skyrocketing. I heard the term mandated by State. It's a matter of federal and state law that as an administrator I, and the others in my staff, have a responsibility to provide the most appropriate program for each student. We are identifying significant numbers of students who reach us at the middle school level, who now because of turmoil in their life, because of juices flowing in the body or whatever, the identification process starts and education expenses increase because of the need for special education. It's there. I'm one of the people who's pushing in the interest of the kids in my school. I demand it. It requires bucks. Unfortunately we find that the buck is controlling. We did exert pressure in our building and we were successful. The Superintendent of Schools gave us relief in a form which we could live with.

Another big hit is Double AA Transportation. I deal with transportation from day one in September. As far as the contract you have in place now, it's running on time and any concerns I have as an administrator about the staff or clientele are addressed and corrected. I haven't had any students delivered other than to their destination. These are two big hits. I know the Town Council has concern that they don't control line items. That's historical. Reality is you don't and you have to go on good faith that the Board of Education will spend the bucks. The concern about maintenance is something I also have to live with. We have to push to get things corrected. The bottom line is the bucks aren't there. The cut that the Mayor has put in place is going to cause sizable harm for each and every building and student in this Town.

Mr. Killen stated John you hit on a word that was used before and that was mandate. There are a lot of mandates. Our problem is the State mandates and then says you pick up the tab. Most people haven't even questioned line by line here. But take a look at the difference in the salary for certified, it goes from \$17,057,430 to \$19,379,092. The State is doing it's best to weasel out of paying any portion of that they can. A lot of us up here were telling them at the time they were proposing this particular item that this was going to happen. It's very easy for the State to say you must do this and that and we will give you this. But if they don't give us, then what happens. They add it on to our line items and tell us now you have to worry about it. Sure the dollar controls because everybody doesn't have a child in school, everybody does have to pay taxes, including the members of the Board of Education and this Council. We do not go into the budget session with the idea that if we just cut here and cut there everything will come up roses. You all know better than that. I'm a little disturbed that no one has questioned any particular item so far this evening. It's all been cart blanche, let's give them what they want. All of those who are sitting out there now, if you would like us to adopt the budget in total, not just the Board of Education but the entire budget, will you please rise so I'll know where you stand. (A few stood) Thank you. That's probably a good ratio of how many people in town would like us to adopt the budget in total. It just cannot be down. You're forced to rely on our wisdom and sincerity in approaching each of these budgets to try to give you the best. The best that we can do and the best we think we can afford. I do want comments, but more than anything else I would like questions. I'd like to know that you people are well informed that you're not just coming out and saying if we throw an extra 1 or 2 million dollars in we're going to get better education. Do you know if you're getting the best for your dollar now? That's the question you want answered.

Tim Cronin stated the first part of the budget that will suffer will be the grounds. They've been suffering for years because that is the least on the priority list. We can live with the baseball field at Sheehan which is an outrage. We can live with all sorts of doors falling off, paint falling off. My wife is a principal and over the years I've heard stories from her regarding poor children who are neglected, abused, etc. These children need special services. They are crying out for them. If you cut too much off, the next area to be affected will be the special services.

Carolyn Hlavac, 85 Sawmill Drive, stated I'm a little concerned about the social studies books for the third grade that they're sharing, but I'll address that at the Board of Education meeting next Monday. On the Occupational and Physical Therapy I noticed it was going up from \$73,000 to \$114,120. Are you getting another person?

A. J. Namnoun replied we found a need to increase the current budget from \$45,000 to \$60,000. Next year we'll need \$73,000 and we are adding two and one-half people.

Carolyn Hlavac stated I know how stressed these professionals are going from one building to another and I think there should be an increase in that service. On page 119 is the tuition for outside services for special education?

A. J. Namnoun replied yes that is out place students mandated by Social Services throughout the State.

Carolyn Hlavac stated I am in favor of the Board of Education because my son is at a disadvantage at this time. He's only four, he needs these educational programs and he needs the funding for them. It's been proven if the kids get the best start possible at an early age they can obtain a higher functioning level.

Robert Nicolletti stated last year in a special proposal we replaced all the social studies textbooks for grades 4, 5 and 6. This year we have a special proposal to provide all students in grades 1-3 with a social studies textbook. One year we replaced all the reading books, one year the math books, etc. So the books are coming. The principals did not allocate from their budgets specifically because they knew they were part of a special proposal. Quite frankly, one of the first things that goes in any large budget cut would be this particular page. It's only \$4,600 and I'm going to see that hopefully it will remain in tact regardless. I heard doors several times and I'd like to explain. We are currently embarking upon a Handicap Access Committee. Rather than replacing the existing doors with the usual doors and hardware, they are going to be replaced with handicap accessible doors. It doesn't make sense at this point in time to maintain or replace the current doors. We're not going to put any money into a door that will be replaced anyway.

Dave Gessert, 90 Seiter Hill Road, stated I understand that when the Mayor arrived at his figure for the Board of Education he did several things. First he allowed for the increase in the salary accounts. He also allowed for the increase in the medical insurance coverage. He also allowed for increased costs in transportation. On top of that he allocated a 6% increase for every line in the budget. Everyone keeps talking about a decrease. The total increase for this year's budget is approximately 300% of the cost of inflation. I'm sure if there's a budget cut someone's textbook isn't going to get bought and this Council and the Mayor are going to get blamed. If you look at the bottom of page 119, last year they requested \$116,875 for textbooks. This year the request is \$14,000 lower. So if somebody's textbook is missing next year don't look at the people on the Council. The Board of Education is asking for less.

Robert Nicolletti replied we buy whole sets of textbooks and we usually purchase them on a special proposal. So the textbooks would not appear in the general textbook account. They would appear under special proposals. So you would have to add the two accounts together. There is not a shortage of textbooks. We do not go after the paltry sum of some \$400,000 for textbooks, supplies and materials. I do not cut the allocations for the building principals. I leave those in tact. The areas that take a hit are certainly the building accounts and that's why we have catch up phase 1, catch up phase 2, etc. You pay me now or you pay me a lot later. That's basically what's happening. So you really have to know what you're reading when you read our budget.

Dave Gessert replied it appears that when someone says their third grader doesn't have a textbook that there is a problem in the area of textbooks. I read a letter that went out to parents in the school system, I assume paid for at school expense, and one of the indications in there was that if this budget is cut your child won't get the textbooks he needs.

Robert Nicolletti replied that was neither written nor signed by me.

Joe Ferrara, 185 South Main Street, stated Mr. Gessert made it sound like the Mayor didn't cut anything. Yes the Mayor has left salaries in tact, yes the Mayor has left insurances in tact, etc. If you look at this you'd think the Mayor has left the whole budget in tact. But if you look at the bottom it says Mayor's recommendation is \$1,675,000. He doesn't say where to take it from. He doesn't have line control. So please, the Mayor did cut us.

Mr. Killen asked are you aware where the Mayor suggested the cuts? Has anyone asked him?

A. J. Namnoun replied the recommended cuts we have seen through the newspaper, besides the programs he left in tact which were salaries, transportation and tuition accounts, is that he offered a 6% increase across the board of the remaining items.

Mr. Killen stated you read this in a newspaper? Is there no communication between your body and the Mayor? We're all talking about the welfare of the children. It seems somebody better decide let's find out whether we can live with it or not. We're going to sit and talk with you face to face so I think between the three of us we'd better start putting out heads together here.

Mayor Dickinson replied the salaries were not left in tact. The salaries were budgeted at a 12.1% increase given the rate of increases between 9-10%. I provided for a 10% increase on all the salary accounts.

Virginia Vigleon stated I have a copy of that letter that was sent home. It says "many other fixed costs such as utilities, maintenance and repair, heating, and major capital improvements further restrict discretionary spending for textbooks, teaching supplies, and instrumental equipment". It's signed by Dr. Nicolletti.

Mr. Killen stated that's not the same one because Dr. Nicolletti says he didn't sign that one.

Virginia Vigleon stated the Board of Education has come to our school and toured our school. I cannot say whether I completely agree with the Board of Ed's budget. I couldn't begin to tell you that I even understand it. I do know that there is one set of textbooks for the third grade. They do have the old ones that they can use, but they all do share the one new set. I would like to invite the Town Council and the Mayor to walk through out school. It is a dump. Ceiling tiles are falling, there are leak spots all over the place, there are big garbage pails in the halls to catch the rain. I know we are slated to get a new roof. First it was April and now it's June. I can handle that, but I would like you to come through like the Board did and see some of the schools.

Robert Nicolletti replied we are scheduled for 10 new roofs. We have not done the normal maintenance. You don't do anything like that until you put a cap on the roof. We walk around with umbrellas in our offices as well. However, that's a function of neglect over the years primarily due to cuts in the maintenance budget.

Marcia Mareno, 55 Mansion Road, stated you commented before Mr. Killen you wondered if we thought we were getting the most for our tax dollar. Unfortunately I and some of the parents that are here don't want to pay for some of the things that are in the budget. Things like vandalism to the schools. It's just part of life. I support their budget because I want to see the schools upgraded. I support the budget in full.

Valerie Nolan asked why does the Board of Education have to deal with maintenance on the schools in their budget? I understand from Dr. Nicolletti that he will keep the quality of education up but these budget cuts are going to cause a decrease in maintenance.

Mr. Killen replied I believe it's State mandated. The Board of Education has charge of the school buildings.

Elden Cody stated not every child grows up as fast as every other child. The developmental education in Wallingford needs to expand. Some children can go to school at 5 years of age and whiz through. Other children need that extra year. If you don't give our children the opportunity to excel at that point in their life where they begin to grow, you've really failed the educational system.

Jeanne Holmes stated up until approximately three years ago we had discussions regarding the Board of Education taking over some of the responsibilities that through the years have always been done by the Public Works Department. We are now taking over approximately \$100,000 a year in grass cutting contracts for the school system. We are also spending \$45,000+ per year on a three-year contract basis for plowing the school driveways. Different things were cut out of the Public Works budget and they no longer wish to do it. This year the schools were plowed once at a cost of \$45,000 because you pay whether you use the service or not. That's \$150,000 that could be saved if Public Works did the plowing. I also want to note that 1/3 of our budget is brought back to the Town through State grants and reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Killen replied the plowing has been an ongoing thing. The problem is Public Works has not added any manpower in all this time, and to ask them to do it with their present manpower we'd soon be getting calls from people whose streets were not being plowed.

Charles Dugan stated regarding the condition of the sports complexes in the Town, Mr. Shay tries real hard to keep them up-to-date, but at the present time it's very hard with the budget that he has. The Council should tour the fields and see the condition they're in. It's a shame our kids have to play on those fields.

Edward Musso stated let the state legislators pay for the mandated programs. I'm against too many administrators and too many programs. The Board of Education budget should be cut.

Dick Callahan, 8 Old Pasture Court, stated I used to teach in Troy, New York, and the Board of Education budget was voted on directly by the citizens. Consequently, in 4 occasions during a 10 year period we had what they call an austerity budget. No freshman sports, new library books, maps, books, etc. During that period the effect, not just on the students at that time but in

later years, was tremendous. When you take something away the students just don't grow as quickly. I haven't looked at every line item on the budget and I don't know whether the money has been well spent or not. But any time you cut you never catch up again. That's what you have to keep in mind when you're talking about cutting the budget, not roofs etc., but the ultimate product which is the student.

Mr. Killen asked what is an austerity budget and how did this work?

Dick Callahan replied the Board of Education would submit a budget 3 times. If it wasn't approved by the citizens, they would go to an austerity budget which meant you would spend exactly what you did the previous year. No new books, programs, sports programs, etc.

Mr. Killen stated it was mentioned earlier that this Council is always hollering that we don't have line by line control over the Board of Education budget. We have mentioned it not because we want it, but because we are charged with raising the taxes and we have to raise it for both general government and education. It has been my wish that they would present two separate budgets and let the Town vote on it. I don't think my fellow Councilmen would have a problem with that. Our problem is we have to try to balance the budget and we're damned if we do and damned if we don't.

A. J. Nannoum stated I support the Educational budget as presented to the Town Council. I can assure you that the programs and dollars allocated specifically for different objects in past budgets have been spent specifically for the items they were allocated for. There was very little lateral movement within this budget. Ninety-two percent of our budget is a fixed cost budget. If the Mayor's cuts are sustained, that leaves \$1 million that we can use for other services. That includes fixing up the fields and maintaining our buildings in a proper way. I can only implore the Council to sit down with us and go over it line by line so we can prove to you that this budget is a responsible one and meets the needs and educational demands of this community.

Robert Nicolletti stated as A.J. said well over 90% of our budget are fixed and semi-fixed costs and that leaves precious little. We are prepared to prove to you that this is a fiscally responsible budget, and we hope and pray you will restore some of the monies the Mayor initially cut.

Jeanne Holmes stated I agree with them that our budget is responsible and I ask you to please support us and support education for Wallingford.

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Total Sales and Adjust: Last Year \$39,515,000; Request \$40,610,000

Total Operating & Other Income: Last Year \$40,194,800; Request \$41,466,975

Net Income: Last Year \$1,183,991; Request \$1,655,060

Total Production Operation & Maintenance: Last Year \$1,706,510; Request \$1,635,100

Total Production: Last Year \$30,083,310; Request \$29,840,662

Total Distribution Operation & Maintenance: Last Year \$1,556,450; Request \$1,551,440

John Marriott, stated on Line 583, Overhead Line Expense, there's a sizable jump. What is the explanation for this?

William Barry replied the biggest piece of that account is servicing switches for labor and material. Other things are voltage checking, infrared scanning, tools, supplies, and system coordination and loading studies.

Total Distribution & Transmission Expense: Last Year \$1,593,170; Request \$1,569,940

Total Customer Records, Administrative & General Expenses, and Other Expenses: Last Year \$7,334,329; Request \$8,401,313

Tim Cronin stated on Line 403 someone should look into the way they depreciate these items because it's a big chunk of money and it affects the net income.

John Marriott stated on Line 925 Injuries & Damages there's been a big increase.

William Barry replied the increase is due to an increase in premiums on insurance.

Tim Cronin asked how is the depreciation calculated?

Walter Lee, Office Manager-Electric Division, replied we depreciate each individual item in its useful life. Normally some are at 20 years, some at 3 and some at 8 years.

Grand Total: Last Year \$39,010,809; Request \$39,811,915

Total Capital Budget: Last Year \$1,982,360; Request \$4,529,050

Phil Wright stated that's a real big jump and I'm sure there's got to be a very large item here.

Ray Smith, Director of Utilities, replied two major items in next year's budget are the first year's expense toward a new gas turbine that will ultimately replace the Pierce Station. In addition a large appropriation is set aside for a new major interconnection substation which will be located in the northwest portion of town.

WATER DIVISION

Total Revenue: Last Year \$3,007,862; Request \$3,617,100

Total Operating Expenses: Last Year \$1,888,490; Request \$2,159,120

Total Revenue & Other Deductions: Last Year \$592,410; Request \$796,162

Total Operating, Revenue & Other Deductions: Last Year \$2,480,900; Request \$2,955,282

Net Income: Last Year \$526,962; Request \$661,818

Total Capital Program: Request \$847,275

SEWER DIVISION

Total Revenues: Last Year \$3,820,970; Request \$4,371,210

Total Operating Expenses: Last Year \$1,934,880; Request \$2,076,850

Total Revenue & Other Deductions: Last Year \$1,826,563; Request \$2,264,350

Total Operating & Other Deductions: Last Year \$3,761,443; Request \$4,341,200

Phil Wright stated under Line 641, Chemical Expenses, there's almost a 100% increase, I assume this has to do with the chemicals we're adding in lieu of the ultraviolet we're going to use eventually?

Roger Dann, General Manager-Water & Sewer, replied there are a couple of reasons for that. The amount you see for the current year's budget is actually a reduced amount relative to where we projected we would need to be as a result of having the waste water treatment plant come on line during the course of this year. So we've actually reduced that during the course of this year. As a result, what you're seeing in the next year's proposed budget would be the full impact of the chemical additions required for the operation of the waste treatment facility with all systems operating. A portion of that is for chlorination and dechlorination associated with disinfection for the upcoming season until such time as the ultraviolet system is complete.

Phil Wright stated on Line 926, Employee Pension & Benefits, is this increase because of an increase in the number of employees?

Ray Dennison replied that is tied to the labor for the division. There are certain things that track with that. It's not because of an increase in the number of employees, but we have to incur certain contractual increases in wages and as a result the pension contribution to the Town increases proportionately. Also in that account is a significant increase due to CMS and Blue Cross costs which are provided to the employees as well.

Tim Cronin stated I'm paying more for the water going out than I am for the water coming in. Why not put a meter on the water going out because then I would be paying a fair amount? A lot of my water goes on my lawn.

Roger Dann replied we would not typically recommend the installation of a meter on the sewer line because it would be subject to blockages. As a result we install a meter on the water lines where it will remain in service for a much longer time without additional problems and complications to the homeowner.

Tim Cronin stated the only problem is my water isn't going in the sewer, it's going on my lawn. Is that a fair way to do this? As a percentage of my water usage, the sewer has now increased over 100%?

Roger Dann replied in the current water and sewer rates there is a provision in which you are billed for only 75% of the consumed water usage for sewer. Therefore the 25% difference is in fact allocated for those uses of water which do not contribute or flow directly into the sewer.

Tim Cronin asked when are we going to resolve this situation where some of the customers are only paying \$15 for their sewer usage and I'm paying about \$350 a year? When is your revenue going to go up in that area?

Ray Smith replied that matter is in court and I don't think I can comment on that. It is being pursued.

John Marriott asked on Line 473-001, Industrial Contribution for Sewer Improvements, is this directed towards improvements for that specific industry or is it a contribution for the sewer treatment plant?

Ray Smith replied that is a new account and is not money appropriated for the sewer treatment plant. However, it is a contribution that we receive from developers toward general system improvements as they expand or come on to our system.

Joe Ferrara, stated on Line 902-000, Meter Reading Expense and Line 902-001, Labor for Meter Reading, we don't have meters on the sewers. I don't understand, what is that for?

Ray Dennison replied because the sewer bill is derived from the water meter reading we attribute, in a cost accounting technique, a portion of the meter reading expenses to the Sewer Division because the Sewer Division is benefiting from that meter and the reading thereof.

Joe Ferrara stated so actually we're paying over \$100,000 to read meters. Many times I get a postcard left at my home to read the meter myself. Wouldn't it be beneficial to send out postcards to everybody instead of spending \$100,000 for meter reading?

Ray Dennison replied first of all the \$100,000 is just not salaries for meter readers, obviously there are other things incurred in that. However, one of the programs which the division has undertaken is to be able to read meters with the outside or remote reading device. This was a two fold program started several years ago, the purpose of which was to be able to obtain a reading without having to enter the house which makes it a much more efficient reading technique. Secondly, it provided for installing all new meters in the Town to ultimately complete a change-out program which would benefit the divisions by accounting for water and sewer use that was being consumed, but was not being recorded on some of the older meters because they tend to slow down. With the installation of new meters we're getting a better revenue, and secondly the outside reading device is providing us with the ability to continue to read the meters in Town even though the Town is expanding without having to add a number of personnel to do so. In addition, the division is providing for certain funds in this budget to go to a quarterly billing.

Joe Ferrara stated it still seems to me it would be cheaper to send out postcards. I can't imagine that the old meters are off by the amount of money

it's going to cost you to change-over. I received a bill for \$250 and only \$100 was for water. I called the Sewer Department and they told me for every \$1.00 I spend for water I have to spend \$1.05 for sewer.

Ray Smith the sewer usage is predicated on 75% of the water consumption. The problem is right now it costs more to treat sewage than it does to produce water.

Net Income: Last Year \$59,527; Request \$30,010

Total Capital Program: Request \$534,550

Town Council

Last Year \$56,650; Request \$54,900; Mayor Approved \$54,900

School Handicap & Asbestos Removal

Last Year \$2,650; Request \$2,650; Mayor Approved \$2,650

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Last Year \$54,484; Request \$62,500; Mayor Approved \$42,500

John Marriott asked based on the success of the previous activities I'm puzzled as to why the Mayor reduced the expenditure?

Mayor Dickinson replied the actual dollar figure was \$42,500. The rest of it was a grant from the State. We're not sure that grant is going to come this year, but the dollar figure of \$42,500 is what we provided last year. The Town's contribution would be the same.

Edward Musso asked what happens if the State doesn't give it? Will they curtail the collection?

Mayor Dickinson replied at this point there is no money from the State. If it costs us more or if the State comes up with money, we'll deal with that when it happens.

Charter Revision Committee

Last Year \$5,000; Request \$11,000; Mayor Approved \$11,000

Transit Authority

Last Year \$33,629; Request \$33,629; Mayor Approved \$33,629

Board of Selectman

Last Year \$750; Request \$750; Mayor Approved \$750

Mayor

Last Year \$191,858; Request \$192,355; Mayor Approved \$192,355

Joe Ferrara stated I think the Mayor deserves an increase larger than he's asking for or that he was budgeted for. I think it's a shame the Chief Executive Officer of our Town is making less than some department heads in Town.

Dave Doherty replied I will make a proposal on that during the workshops to increase the salary.

Tom Cronin stated I disagree with that. The Mayor is an elected official. Very often the department heads are well educated people in their fields, they have been working for years in their field and they deserve pretty much what they get. At any time we could elect a Mayor that has almost no experience in government and I can't see paying someone with no experience and no knowledge \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year.

Mr. Killen replied I don't know about the knowledge part, but from the hours the Mayor is required to put in, he deserves much more than what he's getting.

Edward Musso stated it's a shame the Mayor makes less than a teacher. The Mayor deserves a lot more regardless of experience. If he doesn't have the experience, he gets an education fast.

Program Planner

Last Year \$74,586; Request \$75,266; Mayor Approved \$75,266

Holidays & Celebrations

Last Year \$20,575; Request \$26,875; Mayor Approved \$26,875

John Marriott stated on Line 6100 there's a big jump. Is there anything unusual happening? I hope it includes the \$9,000 for fireworks.

Mr. Killen replied there's no one here from Public Celebrations, but I'll get the answer for you.

Town Attorney

Last Year \$174,528; Request \$197,952; Mayor Approved \$187,952

Audit Contract

Last Year \$45,200; Request \$49,200; Mayor Approved \$49,200

Board of Tax Review

Last Year \$4,575; Request \$4,575; Mayor Approved \$4,575

Comptroller

Last Year \$453,262; Request \$482,839; Mayor Approved \$464,436

Joe Ferrara asked telephone expenses for the Comptroller is \$7,200?

Tom Myers replied you have to remember that this is the central finance office for the Town. We're answering telephone calls from bond holders and all parts of the country plus telephone inquires to New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, etc.

Tax Collector

Last Year \$253,327; Request \$265,954; Mayor Approved \$242,636

Assessor

Last Year \$437,757; Request \$569,626; Mayor Approved \$519,976

Purchasing

Last Year \$107,959; Request \$112,824; Mayor Approved \$112,824

Central Services

Last Year \$104,116; Request \$107,036; Mayor Approved \$107,036

Library

Last Year \$941,000; Request \$1,064,194; Mayor Approved \$1,056,150

Edward Musso stated I don't think the Library should get any increase, in fact I think they should get a decrease.

Work Study Program

Last Year \$10,375; Request \$10,975; Mayor Approved \$10,975

Board of Ethics

Last Year \$200; Request \$800; Mayor Approved \$800

Personnel & Labor Relations

Last Year \$188,255; Request \$197,836; Mayor Approved \$197,706

Personnel Pensions & Appeals Board

Last Year \$250; Request \$250; Mayor Approved \$250

Risk Management Office

Last Year \$82,937; Request \$78,005; Mayor Approved \$78,005

Police Administration

Last Year \$344,064; Request \$363,040; Mayor Approved \$332,390

Raymond Rys stated on the Personnel page it indicates a Sergeant as open and it also indicates an Administrative Lieutenant as new. I don't know if the Council has the police report available to them, and then again I don't know if I interpreted it right, but it seems there were indications by the individual who did our report that two new Lieutenants should be added. I saw a Sergeant and a Lieutenant and I wondered what the reasoning was for that.

Dale York replied the study you mentioned did in fact recommend a new Administrative Lieutenant. The Sergeant was a training sergeant to work under him or with him. The Chief was ready to make that Administrative Lieutenant and we had gone through the testing process to promote Sergeants when he suffered a heart attack. So that is on hold for right now.

Mayor Dickinson replied my recollection was it was an additional Lieutenant. Actually a redistribution of duties within the department, and in order to redistribute, based upon the study, we needed one more Lieutenant.

Raymond Rys stated I'm sure it indicated two Lieutenants in the administration reporting directly to the Police Chief.

Mayor Dickinson replied I believe the report did indicate a desire to avoid too much of a hierarchy and have direct reporting to the Chief, but I don't think that translated into any more than one additional Lieutenant position. We'll review the report again.

John Marriott stated on Line 5700, Training, Tuition and Books, the department request is \$54,920 and the Mayor has approved \$43,700. I'm particularly concerned that the Police force we have get all the training that is possible. Their job gets more complex every day. Is this training for existing or new staff? What impact will this reduction have?

Betty Herman replied this training line is for outside schools. It also includes ammunition for the training sessions, college tuition for the men getting their college degree, and some training for the accreditation process that we're going through.

John Marriott asked so if the Mayor's cut stands it will impact on existing force in terms of their increased training?

Betty Herman replied yes.

Tim Cronin asked is there any chance we could get a mini police station in Yalesville. Maybe using one of the old fire stations? I'm not happy with the response time in Yalesville.

Dale York replied I don't believe that is considered because of the patrol structure in the Town, given the growth in the Town and the personnel we have. We sometimes have to stack up calls in the order of priority. I do think though our average response time is very good compared to other police departments around.

Police - Accident Investigation

Last Year \$214,109; Request \$246,619; Mayor Approved \$234,124

Police Crime Prevention

Last Year \$52,587; Request \$55,177; Mayor Approved \$55,177

Police - Detectives & Narcotics

Last Year \$473,776; Request \$575,728; Mayor Approved \$523,823

Raymond Rys stated it shows an appropriation of 11 1/2 personnel. Are we utilizing a person 1/2 in one department and 1/2 in the other?

Darrell York replied that's a clerk who spends half her time in the Detective Bureau and half in Crime Prevention.

Raymond Rys stated I feel the number of personnel should be increased so they can stay on top of the case loads.

Police Patrol

Last Year \$2,446,316; Request \$2,814,723; Mayor Approved \$2,657,978

John Marriott stated the present practice is the patrolmen responds, takes the case under study, prepares the initial report and then at some point does his investigation. He may come to the end of his shift, have a couple of days off, and start on another shift. I find it very frustrating when you try to get follow-up contact with the individual officer involved. I left a message for the officer to call a week ago. Maybe they should give a case report to somebody else on the shift to contact people on those case records.

Joe Ferrara stated on capital equipment what is the traffic control at Elm and Center for \$60,000? Is that a traffic light?

Betty Herman replied yes and then we have to pay for the electricity to run it.

Police Records Division

Last Year \$90,890; Request \$94,906; Mayor Approved \$93,806

Police - Traffic Maintenance

Last Year \$226,462; Request \$334,907; Mayor Approved \$217,907

Police - Youth Service

Last Year \$77,608; Request \$78,867; Mayor Approved \$78,867

Tim Cronin stated this is one of the most important departments we have next to education. I want to know why you haven't asked for more staff in this division. They only have 3 staff there. The least you could do is request another staff member.

Darrell York replied the feedback we get from the public and the schools is that the job is being done. We have other areas in the police field that are suffering worse than that one is for help.

Dog Pound

Last Year \$96,040; Request \$101,598; Mayor Approved \$100,488

Ambulance

Last Year \$49,588; Request \$121,760; Mayor Approved \$51,760

Fire - Regular

Last Year \$2,420,166; Request \$2,742,897; Mayor Approved \$2,614,578

Fire Surgeon

Last Year \$43,340; Request \$43,715; Mayor Approved \$43,715

Fire Emergency Center

Last Year \$28,425; Request \$41,160; Mayor Approved \$32,860

Fire Marshal

Last Year \$142,621; Request \$148,353; Mayor Approved \$148,628

Edward Musso asked why did the Mayor give them more than they asked for?

Mayor Dickinson replied we reduced some line items but then added \$1,500 for a computer. They were using one and we felt it was time they actually purchased it.

Fire - East Wallingford - Volunteer

Last Year \$46,077; Request \$143,000; Mayor Approved \$47,370

Fire - North Farms - Volunteer

Last Year \$186,635; Request \$83,240; Mayor Approved \$36,440

Fire - Cook Hill - Volunteer

Last Year \$34,670; Request \$38,600; Mayor Approved \$33,045

Fire - Yalesville - Volunteer

Last Year \$34,885; Request \$123,935; Mayor Approved \$34,635

Jury Committee

Last Year \$625; Request \$625; Mayor Approved \$625

Building Inspection

Last Year \$173,471; Request \$190,365; Mayor Approved \$162,815

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Last Year \$800; Request \$850; Mayor Approved \$850

Civil Preparedness

Last Year \$60,688; Request \$52,221; Mayor Approved \$50,356

Health

Last Year \$71,274; Request \$71,292; Mayor Approved \$71,792

Visiting Nurses Association

Last Year \$214,060; Request \$236,535; Mayor Approved \$236,535

Welfare

Last Year \$302,808; Request \$308,510; Mayor Approved \$307,685

Social Services Contribution

Last Year \$369,178; Request \$434,037; Mayor Approved \$421,512

Veterans Service Center

Last Year \$66,232; Request \$67,407; Mayor Approved \$67,407

Recreation

Last Year \$351,775; Request \$448,308; Mayor Approved \$366,408

Phil Wright stated I don't understand how we're going to cut almost \$100,000 from this budget with all the activities we have and the problems we have at Cyanamid field. Is there something in here that they've requested that's totally out of line?

Mayor Dickinson replied a good portion of it is in the capital outlay. They had earmarked additional fields for refurbishing and we're still in the midst of doing some from the last year. I didn't want to budget money that wouldn't be used this year.

Community Pool

Last Year \$71,825; Request \$78,160; Mayor Approved \$70,160

Joe Ferrara stated on head lifeguards you went from \$2,600 to \$2,300. The salaries also went down for the lifeguards.

Stan Shepardson replied we're cutting off a 1/2 week this year. Last year we went 9 1/2 weeks, this year we're only going to go 9 weeks.

Sheehan Pool

Last Year \$17,556; Request \$17,766; Mayor Approved \$17,766

Engineering Administration

Last Year \$307,149; Request \$322,502; Mayor Approved \$319,002

Engineering - General Improvements

Last Year \$162,500; Request \$442,000; Mayor Approved \$227,000

Public Works - Administration

Last Year \$111,005; Request \$121,468; Mayor Approved \$121,468

Public Works - General Highway

Last Year \$1,208,748; Request \$1,449,098; Mayor Approved \$1,361,648

Parks

Last Year \$118,581; Request \$150,400; Mayor Approved \$135,500

Snow, Ice Control and Sand Pickup

Last Year \$465,900; Request \$793,700; Mayor Approved \$468,700

Central Garage

Last Year \$377,385; Request \$425,636; Mayor Approved \$407,636

Solid Waste Disposal

Last Year \$277,598; Request \$174,500; Mayor Approved \$174,500

Tree Program

Last Year \$35,000; Request \$35,300; Mayor Approved \$35,300

Street Lighting

Last Year \$354,215; Request \$368,000; Mayor Approved \$368,000

Railroad Station

Last Year \$53,600; Request \$24,000; Mayor Approved \$24,000

Washington Street Recreation Center

Last Year \$8,200; Request \$12,300; Mayor Approved \$12,300

701 Center Street

Last Year \$116,397; Request \$72,100; Mayor Approved \$76,550

Washington Street Senior Citizens Center

Last Year \$17,400; Request \$151,900; Mayor Approved \$115,900

John Marriott asked why the big jump?

Frank Adams replied it's all under capital outlay; they're renovating the building.

Edward Musso stated I think a lot of those things aren't necessary.

Traffic Control and Sign Shop

Last Year \$2,500; Request \$2,500; Mayor Approved \$2,500

Civil Preparedness Center

Last Year \$2,800; Request \$4,700; Mayor Approved \$4,700

Town Hall

Last Year \$128,290; Request \$146,180; Mayor Approved \$146,180

Registration of Voters

Last Year \$74,304; Request \$79,784; Mayor Approved \$76,684

Primary Elections

Last Year \$20,995; Request \$32,656; Mayor Approved \$32,656

Town Committee Elections

Last Year \$0; Request \$19,131; Mayor Approved \$19,131

Phil Wright asked could someone explain what this item is?

Tom Myers replied in the past this was combined with Primary Elections, but they split it for accountability purposes.

Town Clerk

Last Year \$167,580; Request \$169,242; Mayor Approved \$173,242

Planning and Zoning

Last Year \$126,766; Request \$164,491; Mayor Approved \$133,264

Joe Ferrara asked why are we spending \$3,500 for advertising in P&Z?

Linda Bush replied we are required by State law to advertise our public hearings. As a courtesy we also publish our agenda every month.

John Marriott asked could you explain Line 6500, Erosion Control Contract?

Linda Bush replied we have a serious problem with sedimentation and erosion control. My office holds bonds on all construction projects for that. It's difficult to get the bond money the day of an incident so we have a separate account. If the Town deems it necessary, we will hire a private contractor to correct a problem and then bill it against the developer's bond. It's a revolving fund.

Inland/Wetlands Commission

Last Year \$18,049; Request \$21,549; Mayor Approved \$21,549

Zoning Board of Appeals

Last Year \$11,950; Request \$12,075; Mayor Approved \$12,425

Joe Ferrara stated I assume the Zoning Board of Appeals has less cases than P&Z but yet they have more for advertising.

Mayor Dickinson replied I suspect they have many more cases than Planning & Zoning.

Mr. Killen stated they not only have to advertise the hearing, but they have to advertise the results.

Economic Development Commission

Last Year \$12,400; Request \$12,400; Mayor Approved \$12,400

Conservation Commission

Last Year \$2,700; Request \$2,700; Mayor Approved \$2,700

Edward Musso asked is this the same as the Land Trust?

Mayor Dickinson replied the Conservation Commission is appointed to advise Planning and Zoning and Inland/Wetlands on conservation issues. This involves appropriate open spaces to acquire, it might involve a subdivision and possible encroachment on an area that would connect one open space to another, it could also help Inland/Wetlands in advising if an area has to be built upon, what area of a wetland should it be.

Debt Service

Last Year \$3,486,997; Request \$3,505,082; Mayor Approved \$3,505,082

Tim Cronin stated I noticed the Mayor doesn't like to use the Debt Service quite as much as some others in the past. Couldn't you spread out the costs of the sewer additions to the entire community through Debt Service rather than user services?

Mayor Dickinson replied we do support the Sewer payments in the amount of \$500,000 per year. We are trying to avoid, however, having General Government subsidize the utilities. The utilities are enterprise funds and as such they should support themselves.

Pension Fund

Last Year \$2,260,000; Request \$2,445,000; Mayor Approved \$2,430,000

Insurance - General Government

Last Year \$1,554,800; Request \$1,843,000; Mayor Approved \$1,595,000

Insurance - Employees

Last Year \$1,068,500; Request \$1,485,300; Mayor Approved \$1,485,300

Council Contingency

Last Year \$147,568; Request \$565,697; Mayor Approved \$810,933

Tim Cronin stated a surplus or deficit is poor budgeting. I'd rather have this Town end up in a deficit. At least I would know you have to tighten up the budget. I don't think there should be a contingency fund in a town budget.

Mayor Dickinson replied Line 3190 is the true reserve for emergency which is \$139,764. Line 3230 is the contingency that's mainly wages on pending contracts.

Tim Cronin stated as far as Line 3190 I still don't think you should have a dime in reserve.

Probate Court

Last Year \$5,350; Request \$1,920; Mayor Approved \$1,920

Public Utilities Commission

Last Year \$84,969; Request \$87,919; Mayor Approved \$87,919

Capital and Non-Recurring

Last Year \$2,340,000; Request \$2,035,000; Mayor Approved \$2,035,000

John Marriott stated Phase 3 was the area from Christian Street to Stevens Street. Concern was expressed by several people including myself about the drainage on this project because of significant erosion as a result of water collected on the westerly side of East Main Street being transferred over and discharged on the easterly side at an elevation of 30-40 feet above Catlin Brook. That project went ahead with those catch basins and connecting runoff water lines and the discharge was set on that easterly side. Several residents whose property was affected went to the DEP and you know the story that was created. The bottom line is we're looking at \$100,000 that wouldn't be there

if the job had been done properly. I'd like to see the plan that's been approved by the State DEP. Is that connecting line going to pick up those catch basins which are discharging at the high point, bring them down to the low point where it enters the brook with minimum erosion problems? Is it going to be on the existing paved area or the other side? And is it going to involve significant excavation of the paved area which we already paid good money for?

Mr. Killen replied we should have taken this up while John Costello was still here. We will hold a public hearing on this so you will have an opportunity to ask those questions at that time.

Ray Rys stated Grove Street, Route 68 to Chimney Hill was listed in last year's budget at \$180,000 and was scheduled for 89-90. I also noticed that Toelles Road, Route 5 to Quinpiac River appears under the 1990-91 budget but didn't appear at all last year. My question is did the Grove Street project go up substantially or are we doing something else?

Mayor Dickinson replied I believe the price had gone up. Much more has to be done there than they expected. Mr. Costello felt that Toelles Road, given the amount of traffic on it, was in worse condition and should be dealt with. I believe that's what his thought was.

John Marriott asked can someone have Mr. Costello check to see if on the Phase 3 construction, regarding the slope which is of concern to me because of the erosion, if an existing bond is being held and can that be tapped or can the contractor be tapped to come back and make the necessary corrections. If that is not possible, is the Town prepared to correct it? I think we should, otherwise we'll have to get the State DEP in here.

Mr. Killen replied I'll find out for you John.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parisi, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Katrina M. Manley
Council Secretary

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The First Budget Workshop was held on Monday, April 24, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present were Mayor Dickinson, Adam Mantzaris, Town Attorney and Thomas Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

DOG POUND, Page 52

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to reduce Line 2000, Utilities and Answering Service, from \$3,000 to \$2,700, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty, Papale, Parisi, Zandri and Killen voted no; Adams, Holmes and Solinsky voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Utilities and Answering Service, from \$3,000 to \$2,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 4000, Supplies, from \$3,000 to \$2,700, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Adams, Papale and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5000, Maintenance of Vehicles, from \$1,500 to \$1,300, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 6000, Veterinary Fees, from \$2,500 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams, Papale and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 6050, Cremation Fees from \$3,700 to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Adams voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DOG WARDEN, Page 162 - Personnel and Salary A/C 2020

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to table Page 162, A/C 2020, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

BUILDING INSPECTION, Page 64

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$2,200 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3200, Transportation Expense, from \$1,600 to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 64 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

BUILDING INSPECTION, Page 168 - Personnel and Salary A/C 2050

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 168, A/C 2050 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

BUILDING INSPECTION, Page 124 - Capital A/C 2050

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Page 124, A/C 2050 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Doherty, Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WELFARE, Page 69

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 69 as presented; seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WELFARE, Page 169 - Personnel and Salary A/C 3060

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 169, A/C 3060 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

WELFARE, Page 124 - Capital A/C 3060

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 124, A/C 3060 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PROGRAM PLANNER, Page 27

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 27 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PROGRAM PLANNER, Page 149 - Personnel and Salary A/C 1302

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 149, A/C 1302 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION, Page 103

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 103 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION, Page 178 - Personnel and Salary A/C 7011

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 178, A/C 7011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION, Page 68

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 68 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, Page 98

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reduce Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, from \$1,700 to \$1,400, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Adams, Doherty, Papale, and Zandri voted no; Bradley, Holmes, Parisi, Solinsky and Killen voted yes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 98 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTIONS, Page 176 - Personnel and Salary A/C 6010

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 176, A/C 6010 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, Page 127 - Capital A/C 6010

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 127, A/C 6010 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS, Page 99

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Page 99 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTIONS - PRIMARY, Page 176 & 177 - Personnel and Salary A/C 6011

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 176 & 177, A/C 6011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, Page 100

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 100 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTIONS - PRIMARY - TOWN COMMITTEE, Page 177 - Personnel and Salary A/C 6012

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 177, A/C 6012 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION, Page 76

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to reduce Line 4020, Paper for Reproductions from \$2,000 to \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted no; Solinsky was absent; Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Killen voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 4040, Microfilming, from \$300 to \$200, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 4410, Surveying Supplies, from \$900 to \$800, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 76 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING, Pages 170 & 171 - Personnel and Salary A/C 5010

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to delete Project Engineer position and reduce A/C 5010 by \$25,413, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Pages 170 & 171, A/C 5010 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, Page 125 - Capital A/C 5010

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 125, A/C 5010 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING-GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS, Page 77

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 77 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SIX YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET, Page 139

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 139 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS, Page 78

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 79 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Papale passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION, Page 172 - Personnel and Salary A/C 5020

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 172, A/C 5020 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION, Page 125 - Capital A/C 5020

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 172, A/C 5020 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS, Page 79

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to reduce Line 4440, Materials & Supplies, from \$14,000 to \$13,000, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Motion and second withdrawn

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 79 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL, Pages 172-174 - Personnel and Salary A/C 5030

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Pages 172-174, A/C 5030 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL HIGHWAY, Page 125 - Capital A/C 5030

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 125, A/C 5030 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PARKS, Page 80

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 80 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS, Pages 174 & 175 - Personnel and Salary A/C 5031

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Pages 174 & 175, A/C 5031 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5031

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 126, A/C 5031 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SNOW, ICE CONTROL AND SAND PICKUP, Page 81

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 81 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SNOW, ICE, SAND PICKUP, Page 175 - Personnel and Salary A/C 5040

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 175, A/C 5040 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Papale and Parisi voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to reduce Overtime from \$74,000 to \$68,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams, Doherty, Papale, Parisi and Zandri voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Bradley and Killen voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Overtime from \$74,000 to \$70,000, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Parisi and Killen voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS - SNOW, ICE & SAND, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5040

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 126, A/C 5040 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to eliminate 1 Snow Plow Truck, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Papale, Parisi, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Doherty voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 126, A/C 5040 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CENTRAL GARAGE, Page 82

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 5000, Maintenance of Vehicles, from \$65,000 to \$62,000, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 82 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL GARAGE, Page 175 - Personnel & Salary A/C 5050

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 175, A/C 5050 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL GARAGE OVERHEAD, Page 175 - Personnel & Salary A/C 5050

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 175, A/C 5050 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, Pages 83 & 84

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 83 & 84 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TREE PROGRAM, Page 85

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 85 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

STREET LIGHTING, Page 86

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to approve Page 86 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RAILROAD STATION, Page 89

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 89 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RAILROAD STATION, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5110

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 126, A/C 5110 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WASHINGTON STREET RECREATION CENTER, Page 91

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 91 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WASHINGTON STREET RECREATION CENTER, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5130

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 126, A/C 5130 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

701 CENTER STREET, Page 92

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 92 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Parisi voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

701 CENTER STREET, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5140

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 126, A/C 5140 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WASHINGTON STREET SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, Page 93

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 93 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WASHINGTON STREET SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5150

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 126, A/C 5150 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SIGN SHOP, Page 94

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 92 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS CENTER, Page 95

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 2010, Utilities, from \$2,400 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Papale voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 95 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS CENTER, Page 127 - Capital A/C 5190

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 127, A/C 5190 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley and Killen voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Doherty, Papale, Parisi and Zandri voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Paint-Garage from \$1,900 to \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN HALL, Page 96

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 96 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

45 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Page 127 - Capital

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 127 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

First Budget Workshop

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April 24, 1989

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

Meeting Recorded by: Rosemary Rascati

Transcribed by: Katrina M. Manley,
Council Secretary

The Second Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday, April 26, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, Page 70, Line 6750

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move the page, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain the new position?

Jack Sheehy replied the new position is entitled Social Service Assistant. The Senior population is increasing and more services are required. At the present time the Director is spending a great deal of time working in the areas of energy assistance, etc. The Assistant would free up the Director to be doing many of the other things that should be addressed in the Senior program. The Assistant would work with energy assistance, income tax aid, benefits assistance, etc. A job description is enclosed in the package we gave you. We're looking for someone with a bachelor's degree in social work. It would be a part-time position of 20 hours per week at \$10 an hour.

Mr. Solinsky asked do you have an estimate on how much additional money would be needed for that in the way of benefits and other costs?

Sandy Rogerson replied we are not paying any benefits other than workman's compensation and social security taxes. The total to cover the new position would be \$11,307.

Mr. Killen stated my problem is in looking through the entire budget there are only three new positions created. It's a lean year and I'm reluctant to grant this.

Mr. Bradley stated the percent increase for the first couple of salaries is 10% and 5-6% on some of the others.

Jack Sheehy replied the overall increase is 7% which is based on a 7% cost of living increase and a merit increase budgeted for full time staff at 1.7% and this is dependent upon evaluation results.

Mr. Bradley stated other non-union within the Town that we've seen so far is 6%.

Jack Sheehy replied the 10% was a clerical error.

Mr. Killen suggested the Committee figure out the correct figures and bring it back to us.

Mr. Zandri asked is there any reason why the percentage should be any different from the rest of the Town departments?

Mr. Killen replied not in my mind.

Mr. Zandri stated based on that I would assume this would fall in line with 6%.

Sandy Rogerson stated I believe the salaries were always worked a year behind because of the timing of when the contracts came up. It was always based on the current year and that would be 7%. When we budget next year we will again use the current year because of the timing of the contracts. That was a precedent that was set a number of years back and that's how we've always based our budget. I received the 7% figure from Stan Seadale.

Mr. Killen stated we'll have to do salaries at another time with Stan Seadale so we'll wait for his input.

Mr. Doherty stated I also have trouble with this new position. We're spending \$98,600 in the Senior Citizens Building this coming year and I think a salary position on top of that is too much.

Mr. Holmes asked what's involved in filling out the energy assistance forms?

Sandy Rogerson replied it's a lengthy process in terms of gathering a person's financial information. There's also a followup to make sure the application has gone through the system. That's only part of the justification for the new position. We haven't added any new positions since 1982. There has been a lot of growth in services and just to maintain the services we have now has been very difficult. We've tried to supplement the workload with volunteers but there are certain things you can't cover with that.

Mr. Solinsky stated the money we're putting into the building is necessary. If we don't put it in this year, it's going to cost more next year. I think we should isolate the position from the money we put into the building. If the position is necessary, then fine.

Mr. Killen stated let's move on to the Visiting Nurse's Association at \$16,425. Do you pay them on an hourly basis?

Sandy Rogerson replied yes. This particular program is just the time the Visiting Nurse is at the Senior Citizen Center.

Mr. Killen asked what is Excess Town Contribution?

Sandy Rogerson replied that would be the surplus from 1988-1989.

Mr. Bradley stated on Items 11 and 12 Equipment and Maintenance & Repair, I'm a little confused on Item 11 Emergency Replacement of Office Equipment versus Maintenance & Repair.

Sandy Rogerson replied Maintenance & Repair is for our copier service contract, repairs to the computer or alarm system. The equipment is something like a calculator or office chair, something that breaks that can't be repaired and we need to replace it.

Mr. Bradley asked what do you do if you have an item under Emergency Replacement that's larger than the amount in the account?

Sandy Rogerson replied it would probably come out of the donations from the Seniors fundraising.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 6750, Wallingford Committee on Aging, from \$140,333 to \$129,026 which would eliminate the Social Service Assistant, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Holmes stated you're cutting a flat amount of money and it won't guarantee the position won't be filled.

Mr. Solinsky stated I think this position is needed and we should leave it in there.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

VOTE: Adams, Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Bradley, Doherty, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Table Page 70, Line 6750, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING-MINI BUS, Page 70, Line 6760

Sandy Rogerson stated the cost of a ride on Wallingford Transit is \$.35. Through this program the Seniors pay \$.20 and the Town subsidizes \$.15 per ride.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 70, Line 6760 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING-MEALS, Page 70, Line 6770

Mr. Killen asked is this a self-supporting program?

Sandy Rogerson replied no. The \$10,641 is the amount requested from the Town to support that program which is up from \$4,560. We did not have control over this increase. There's been a change in the way the area agency figures the Town's contribution. This is in response to a reduction in federal and state dollars. Wallingford is contributing \$.50 per meal. The suggested donation from the Seniors is \$1.50. The actual cost of the meal is \$2.87 so the other portion of that comes from federal and state dollars. Those Seniors that cannot pay \$1.50 do not pay \$1.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 70, Line 6770 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

CONTRIBUTION-WALLINGFORD CENTER, Page 70, Line 6851

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move Page 70, Line 6851, in the amount of \$36,750, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley asked are there increases in the Personnel and what is the percentage of increase?

Scott Heyl replied our overall operating budget has remained the same. Our promotion budget has increased, but our personnel budget has remained constant for the last two years. We have a full-time staff of two and some part-time help.

Mrs. Papale asked are you contemplating moving your office and would it be for the same amount of money?

Scott Heyl replied yes we are and we have budgeted a little higher for rent and utilities. The location hasn't been determined but we have 3 locations in mind.

Mr. Bradley asked what are the office expenses for?

Scott Heyl replied it includes a copy machine lease, service contract, telephone, postage, printing, miscellaneous equipment (including software for the computer), liability insurance, miscellaneous supplies, and dues and subscriptions for a total of \$8,500.

Mr. Holmes asked what are your plans for the \$23,000 listed for Promotion, Marketing and Special Events?

Scott Heyl replied last year the Celebrate Wallingford Festival cost almost \$14,000 to stage. We have \$10,000 budgeted for that event and we anticipate private sector contributions to make up the difference. The Season of Celebration which includes the holiday lighting program cost us \$8,000. We also have an ongoing retail campaign award for \$5,500. The dollars under Award, Public Celebrations and the Visitors Council do not contribute in any way, shape or form to the administration of Wallingford Center, Inc. We run the programs and those dollars help with those programs. The private contributions under Anticipated Revenue are for the administration of Wallingford Center, Inc. We would solicit additional extra funds to cover any shortfall for Celebrate Wallingford.

Mr. Holmes asked as far as last year's budget were you over or under?

Scott Heyl replied we just received our financial statements and last year we were very close to the wire. We were \$2,051 off our projected budget.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the charge or goal of Wallingford Center, Inc.? I would think the main goal would be the special events that take place for the residents. I'm a little concerned when I hear a mix of promoting these for the business sector in the Town.

Scott Heyl replied our main goal is the revitalization of downtown Wallingford. It's a comprehensive program that involves organization, promotion, design, economic development, etc. You cannot effect a successful revitalization effort by focusing on any one component.

Mr. Zandri stated I get concerned when we get involved with store fronts.

Scott Heyl replied we do not fund the work, we provide design services for it.

VOTE: Bradley and Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CONTRIBUTION-EMERGENCY SHELTER, Page 70, Line 6885

No one was in attendance to represent the shelter.

Mr. Doherty stated last year we provided \$8,000. Sixty-one individuals were provided with service. They averaged about 13 people nightly. The place has been redone and looks very nice. I haven't heard any complaints from neighbors. It seems it's running quite successfully.

Mr. Killen asked do you have any idea what the overall cost was to run the shelter during the months it was open?

Mr. Doherty replied no. I know they applied for state funds but whether they got them or not I don't know.

Mr. Killen stated I'm glad the shelter is there, but I'm not particularly happy with the taxpayer's dollar. I think the private sector should be supporting the shelter.

Mr. Doherty replied maybe we should hold off until we get some figures from Tom Zappalla.

Mrs. Papale asked was Tom invited to be here tonight?

Mr. Killen replied I didn't invite him. I expect that anyone who is asking for money in this budget will be here when their department or organization is discussed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to Table Page 70, Line 6885, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked the Council to review the rest of the items on Page 70.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 6840, Contribution-Region II Mental Health?

Mayor Dickinson replied the dollars are based on so many cents per population. It supports the Regional Health Board comprised of residents of the community, including Wallingford, who oversee the mental health issues in the region.

Mr. Bradley asked how was this handled in the past?

Mayor Dickinson replied they asked for monies last year, but it came in late so there was no contribution as a result. They rely on communities to support their efforts and they do provide services for Wallingford residents. The reason they now look to communities is because state and federal funds have been cut back.

Mr. Bradley stated this is how these contributions start and grow over the years.

Mr. Killen stated Line 6881, Contribution-Youth Service Bureau, will be handled on Tuesday, May 2.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 6882, Contribution SSBG Food Programs?

Tom Myers replied SSBG stands for Social Service Block Grant and these are matching funds that are required under the grant entitled Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Zandri stated nothing has been spent out of this account for the last three years so maybe some money can be deducted.

Mayor Dickinson replied Don Roe knows more about this program, let me see if he is upstairs.

Mr. Doherty asked what is Line 6860, Contribution-Quinnipiac River Water Association?

Mr. Killen replied that is a committee which is fighting for a cleaner Quinnipiac River. They were here last year asking for dollars.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 70 - Lines 6710, 6730, 6740, 6780, 6790, 6810, 6840, 6860, 6870, 6883, 6884, and 6880, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RISK MANAGEMENT, Page 42

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move the page, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Bradley stated as of 4/14 you spent \$1,078 on your telephone account which comes out to \$1,361 for the year. Why are you asking for \$1,600?

Mark Wilson replied my office deals with the Workmen's Comp commissioners, none of which are local phone calls. We are also looking to retain a third party administrator who more than likely will be out of the calling range of Wallingford. The business I conduct isn't local. I've already gone over my budget for this year. I feel the \$1,600 is necessary.

Mr. Zandri stated if you project the maintenance of equipment out, it comes to \$245. Is there any particular reason you are requesting \$500?

Mark Wilson replied we have two typewriters that are under an annual maintenance contract for a total of \$210.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, from \$500 to \$300, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley stated as of 4/14 you only spent \$361 out of your Training account. I don't have a problem funding training as long as you're going to use it.

Mark Wilson replied I am on the Board of Directors of Prema. We have an annual conference which is coming up in May and that's when that account will be depleted to pay for airfare, lodging and registration fees. It will cost approximately \$1,400.

Mr. Bradley asked that sits in Training versus Seminars & Dues?

Mark Wilson replied Seminars & Dues is for small, local seminars.

Mr. Adams asked is this conference something that is initiated by yourself? You put in to attend this conference on a yearly basis. I feel this should be included under Seminars & Dues. I believe the whole concept of training as a line item is because it's in the Charter as one of the responsibilities of the Personnel Director to handle the job-related and education training of all the employees of the Town. So again this is something that should be under Seminars & Dues.

Mark Wilson replied the Mayor brought up the same point. But the way it's done here is consistent with how it's done in other departments.

Mr. Zandri stated to date it's \$305 and projected out its \$385. Do you have something anticipated in the next couple of months?

Mark Wilson replied no. It's very difficult right now to attend the seminars that I should be going to.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 7990, Seminars and Dues, from \$900 to \$600, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley stated on Line 9000, Professional Services-Investigation (Workmen's Comp), as of 4/14 you've spent \$4,975.

Mark Wilson replied I started using that account actively in September. This account is used for difficult or serious cases under Workmen's Comp. This service is also used to direct employees to the best or expeditious treatment that will return them to work as quickly as possible.

Mr. Doherty asked how many cases have you referred to this service?

Mark Wilson replied we have 1,000 employees, 170 workers comp cases and 15 of these were referred to this service.

Mr. Parisi asked you mean we have 20% of our work force on workers comp per year? Maybe this is something we should look at.

Mark Wilson replied that is the reason I'm asking for a third party administrator. I can sit back and continue to pay workmen's comp bills, but what you need is lost control, someone that can put on safety programs, you need to investigate where these trends are developing, identify the people who have a reoccurrence of accidents, etc. The Risk Manager's office needs to be proactive and not reactive.

Mayor Dickinson stated I believe out of the 170 cases, 70-100 are for lost time and the others are workers comp where you would be paying a medical bill but it doesn't involve lost time.

Mr. Zandri asked why is Line 9010, Professional Services, put in Contingency?

Mr. Killen replied it gives you more control over it; you don't have to feed it out all at once if you don't desire.

Tom Myers replied we have \$35,000 in Contingency for claims administration.

Mr. Zandri asked why so much?

Mark Wilson replied I feel that to properly run a workers comp program you need a professional workers comp service. This is for a third party administrator to give me the aid I need to handle our workers comp program.

Mr. Zandri asked how much money did we spend on workers comp this past year?

Mark Wilson replied a ball park figure is \$562,000 and includes salary and indemnity payments.

Steve Scott, third party administrator with Alexis a risk management service company, stated a third party administrator would have the expertise in handling workers compensation claims. This would free up Mark to do the items listed above. You could expand the office, however, it's unlikely you would be able to find the expertise you need to handle the claims for the cost a service company could do it for you. Another reason to hire a third party administrator is sometimes the town has difficulty dealing with close friends and relatives who may work for the town. In those cases it's nice to just distance yourself from that person.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the cost of a good claims person?

Steve Scott replied we just hired an adjuster up in Boston with 4 years of experience at \$31,000 plus benefits and a car. I'm not sure \$35,000 would be needed but it would be cheaper than hiring someone.

Mr. Zandri asked how many hours do you put in to do this work now?

Mark Wilson replied about 70% of my time goes into administering the workers comp program. It's more than just paying a bill. We've been just going along

and making due with our workers comp program. It's really time that we get it done right.

Mr. Holmes asked would this require a waiver of bid to hire this company?

Mark Wilson replied I would like to go out for bid.

Mr. Zandri stated I don't really see how this service is going to save us anything. I think it's basically going to be doing the paperwork end of this. If someone gets injured on the job, then the Town is going to pay that claim.

Mayor Dickinson replied I think the issue is the follow-up, especially on serious cases. Yes we are liable to pay, but the question is how long are we paying at a given rate. How long do you go before you get an indication from a doctor as to maximum recovery? An indication as to whether the person can return to work? There's a lot of on-going case management that right now we're looking at one person to handle it all and he's saying he can't do the proactive things to help prevent the injuries.

Mr. Zandri stated this year we're talking about not adding any positions and, as far as I'm concerned, this is adding a position. I wouldn't mind adding a position if I felt in the long run we're going to save the Town money, but I don't see that and there's no indication of that from the discussion so far.

Steve Scott replied I think in the long run you can look at a savings. Industry wide 70% of all workers compensation claims are legitimate. Mark is afraid that he, like a lot of other towns where there isn't professional management of cases, will become a target. Case management is very important.

Mayor Dickinson stated I don't think you can prove what you would save, but this is an outgrowth of our effort to find out about self-insurance. There were certainly deficiencies in the report that was done, but what it uncovered was we have a woeful act of any statistical base and one of the major areas was workers comp where we do have a self-insurance program. We are not as up-to-date on workers comp as we should be. The only way to find out is to get more experience dealing with it. Every time we've had discussions with the attorney we learn new things about what should have been done or what has to be changed. Frankly I'm a little worried about it. Maybe with some experience with a firm we can gain a little more insight into it. Whether we would continue it forever is an open question, but we certainly lack the information.

Mr. Zandri asked do we have any figures to show what was the cost to the Town prior to going to self-insurance?

Mayor Dickinson replied I'm sure it can be looked up but there's an overlap in many of the figures. The workers comp figures don't necessarily sit in one account.

Jack McGuire replied what you could do is project what you would be paying today for workers comp and compare it to self-insurance.

Mayor Dickinson stated we can develop some figures prior to your final deliberations on the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Table Page 42, Risk Management Office, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Bradley was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE, Page 153 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1620

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept Page 153, A/C 1620 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Bradley and Holmes were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

INSURANCE, Page 113, Lines 8250-8270 & 8350-8410

Mr. Bradley stated it looks like on Line 8350 at the rate we're going we may be close to overexpending that.

Mark Wilson replied it's hard to call that account.

Mr. Zandri stated the figures I have project out to \$246,000 and the last two years' history was \$225,000 and \$240,000. If you add 6% to the \$262,000 appropriated last year, you come up with \$275,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 8350, Self Insurance-Workers' Comp, from \$300,000 to \$275,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Solinsky stated you said you paid out \$562,000 this past year. Where did all the money come from?

Mark Wilson replied it's combined from all the Workers Comp accounts.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 113, Lines 8250-8270 & 8350-8410 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried!

TOWN ATTORNEY, Page 29

Mr. Bradley stated so far nothing has been spent on Line 3200, Transportation Expense. Is this a flat payout?

Adam Mantzaris replied yes it is a flat payout to each of the 3 attorneys.

Mr. Parisi asked what is Line 4210, Legal Expenses?

Adam Mantzaris replied we use that for paying stenographers for depositions, sheriffs for serving papers, court entry fees for serving lawsuits, etc.

Mr. Zandri stated on Line 9010, Professional Services, one of the things that's been popping up on this item is the control of when do we get involved with lawsuits. How do we keep a handle on when to pursue cases and whether or not

it's in the best interests of the Town? We have town agencies suing town agencies and I'm wondering if we shouldn't be reviewing those things before they go out.

Adam Mantzaris replied as far as Planning & Zoning, the Zoning Enforcement Officer is mandated by state statute to enforce zoning laws in a community. We have to get involved in those suits. I think the Zoning Enforcement Officer could go out and hire her own attorney and we would have to foot the bill. I'd like to keep control of it in this office rather than have the Zoning Enforcement Officer do this.

Mr. Zandri stated we have to go out to bid when it comes to anything over \$2,000 but not when it comes to the law suits?

Adams Mantzaris replied we did come to you on the PUC case to waive the bid on that. It's true I didn't do that on the P&Z vs. ZBA, but as far as I can interpret the law, the Zoning Enforcement Officer has the authority to enforce zoning regulations of a town and that means going to court. In those cases I didn't think there was any choice but to go to court.

Mr. Killen asked what is the criteria used to decide when to use an outside attorney?

Adam Mantzaris replied with P&Z and ZBA this office represents both bodies so we can't handle either body; there's a conflict of interest. We are the legal representative of both bodies.

Mr. Killen stated but if one initiates an action there's nothing to prevent you from following the letter of the law. The Charter reads the Town Attorney shall represent the Town in all suits for and against it.

Adam Mantzaris replied I don't agree. Which one would I represent it, the first one to come to me?

Mr. Parisi stated it seems the Council is losing it's power to control funding and money which it is charged by the Charter to do.

Mr. Zandri stated if the Council really wants control they have to move these dollars out of the department into the Council's control and they would be asked for as the need arises.

Adam Mantzaris replied but that's not the way to run a legal department. I've told you I will come to you when I expect to be spending more than \$2,000 on a particular case. Sometimes I've got to put a lawyer on a case within a short period of time and if I don't have the money in the account I can't hire him.

Mr. Killen stated I can understand lack of expertise in certain cases, conflict of interest, or if the Town Attorney can't physically appear, but we need to set criteria of when we go outside.

Adam Mantzaris replied we haven't gone outside since the beginning of this fiscal year except for the P&Z vs. ZBA cases. Except this week I did send out

the CRRA lawsuit against us to an expert in zoning. I didn't come before you because I don't expect to be spending over \$2,000.

Mayor Dickinson stated we're talking about a \$100 million corporation and there is not a Board of Directors in any corporation that has day by day control over their legal department. They wouldn't be able to keep up with what goes on in a large business. If you have specifics that you're dissatisfied with what the Town Attorney has done, then you should raise those specifics. But if it's just a general concern about things, we're confronted by all kinds of assaults in the legal arena all the time. Do any of you have the expertise to render a judgment on a legal matter? That's why you're paying an attorney to do it. I'm a little mystified as to what is the real problem here. You're always going to have trouble with P&Z and ZBA. The reason is because P&Z has an interest in seeing that the planning and zoning regulations are enforced as they are. When the ZBA says no we're not going to enforce that regulation in this case, there are going to be occasions when P&Z says no. Ninety-nine percent of the cases ZBA approves will be overturned on an appeal because of the very difficult standards that the law sets.

Mr. Killen stated I think Adams is very well aware that this is not directed at him, but is directed to the Town Attorney's office as we have seen it operated. The Charter says the Town Attorney shall be the legal adviser of the Council, the Mayor and all town offices, boards and commissions in all matters affecting the town and shall upon written request furnish them with a written opinion on any question of law involving their respective powers & duties. He's there before they go running off to court and they should ask his opinion. They are arguing about what their duties are not whether a specific case is pertinent or not. If he gives them a written opinion and they still want to go to court, I'm going to start looking down my nose at them.

Adam Mantzaris stated as far as Geno's suggestion, I don't think there's been any abuse in the office and I would agree to putting the money in contingency but I hope you'll wait and see if it's abused. I understand why you make the suggestion but I hope you'll leave it the way it is.

Mrs. Papale stated I find nothing wrong with the way the office is being run. Since Janice has come on board the two of you work well together and things are getting done. If the money doesn't go into contingency, would you come to us and tell us about every case that you would be doing?

Adam Mantzaris replied I would come to you with every case that I think will cost over \$2,000 for outside attorneys and ask you to waive the bid for it. If you didn't want the case to go forward, you would vote against the waiver and the case wouldn't go out.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 29 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY, Page 149 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1320

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 140, A/C 1320 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY, Page 121 - Capital A/C 1320

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 121, A/C 1320 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

INSURANCE, Page 113 - Line 8280 Self-Insurance Claims

Mr. Killen asked is it going to run that high?

Adam Mantzaris replied it's been the historical amount since I've been in the office. I didn't use much of it this current fiscal year up to now, but I can't imagine a law office not having \$20,000 for claims in the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Killen stated I can understand your wanting the money there but my feeling is let's give you \$10,000 now and \$10,000 after the first of the year when the surplus becomes available.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 8280, Self-Insurance Claims, from \$20,000 to \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

INSURANCE, Page 113 - Line 8300 Self-Insurance Molinari Claim

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Line 8300, Self-Insurance Molinari Claim, as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6882 Contribution SSBG Food Program

Mayor Dickinson stated I talked with Don Roe and he said the Meals on Wheels Program, because of the grant schedule, does not conform with our fiscal year. It's only 6 months into that year which means they're using up the grant funds first. Every year we've spent between \$10,000-\$12,000. The reason he left it at \$15,000 is because the price per meal has gone up, but again it varies with how many meals are served. That's why you don't see any expenditure.

Mr. Zandri stated but you still have two years with nothing charged against that account.

Mayor Dickinson replied I don't have an explanation. We'll check further.

The item remained tabled.

COMPTROLLER, Page 32

Karen Plover stated the Telephone account could be reduced to \$6,450.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to reduce Line 2000, Telephone from \$7,200 to \$6,450, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked what will you be spending your Professional Services-Acct on this year?

Tom Myers replied this year we used the money to fill open positions by hiring outside independent professionals usually through Account-Temps for the Deputy Comptroller, Internal Auditor and Accountant positions. That's basically what this account is used for. And in some instances it is beneficial to me when new people come on that I use external sources to assist them in training and acclimation of municipal finance duties.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approved Page 32 as amended, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER, Pages 149-151 - Personnel & Salaries A/C 1400

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 149, A/C 1400 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the overtime used for?

Tom Myers replied it's the Finance Department's philosophy that we maintain a current status at all times. The minute the workload increases or we receive workload from an external source that we cannot control in Finance, such as the union contracts, we go to overtime.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COMPTROLLER, Page 121 - Capital A/C 1400

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 1400 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Comptroller's office requested the 2 Computer Printout File Cabinets be replaced with 1 PC Printer for the same dollars.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to delete Computer Printout File Cabinet and put in a PC Printer for the same dollars and approve Page 121, A/C 1400 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

AUDIT CONTRACT, Page 30

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 30 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Tom Myers noted the price has gone up on the utilities side because of the intricacies in the utility business and the complexities in preparing financial statements and auditing.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DEBT SERVICE, Page 107

Tom Myers stated there is a new issue in Lines 8500 & 8510 and that would be the second phase of the asbestos removal. We're remaining very current on our bonding program. The last time I issued bonds I neglected to mention in my report to the Council an important change I made in our issuance. I made the bonds callable which is unique in the municipal area. I feel the position we've developed in Wallingford through the efforts of the Mayor and Council make callable bonds a viable instrument for us to pursue. On the call years we can pay off the bonds at an early maturity and save ourselves some interest factors. In the future should our bonding programs reach the level where we would not be an active issuer we might want to take \$1 million of our retainage and call in some bonds. That would produce a savings for the community. Right now we're facing major debt issuance over the next several years for electric generation, water filtration improvements, transmission system, schools and education, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 107 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND, Page 140

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 140 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked on Electric Division, \$1,155,000 is what they expect to earn this year?

Tom Myers replied it's an amount other than 55% of net income.

Mr. Killen stated according to my understanding of the Charter and State Statutes their net earnings or income is supposed to be turned over to the Town of Wallingford. I don't see it being done by taking a portion this way. I can't settle for that particular figure because it's an arbitrary figure.

Tom Myers replied we made an analysis of the financial position of the Electric Division. Net income is running above the budgeted amount because expenses are down and revenues are up. This affects the amount of money or cash available in the Electric utility which is somewhere around \$13-14 million. We also heard in our discussions with the Mayor, the PUC Chairman and Ray Smith the need for upgrading the Pierce Station. The benefit of upgrading the station is we can

put the station on line and wholesale electricity to Northeast Utilities. It would be a double business venture. The overriding question and one of the topics we've always discussed at budget time is how much cash available should the Electric utility have. We have decided, with the help of our independent auditors, using accounting principals and good business practice, that given the financial condition of Wallingford and our resources the logical baseline for the Electric utility is to have one month's purchase power expense in cash at all times. That means \$3 million in cash and investments. They have been paying \$1,100,000 as of fiscal 88-89 to the General Fund. It was decided to increase this by 5% every year. We arrived at 5% by averaging out the last ten year's tax increases. This will help the utility to plan their rate.

The next question is what to do with the amount of money that is accrued as of June 30, 1989. That money would be used to upgrade the Pierce generating plant. It is estimated to cost around \$25 million. That's the overall plan under which this budget was developed.

Mayor Dickinson stated we are looking to provide a little more certainty to the budgeting process, provide for investment in the utility, and ultimately it would mean repeal of the existing ordinance which arguably causes a fictitiously high profit factor in order to have the Town receive \$800,000+ for the Capital Non-Recurring. The whole process is looking to provide a little more of a business basis for determining what the utility budget should contain and what their financial statement should contain.

Mr. Zandri stated you're talking about retaining a \$3 million cushion. Once you establish that \$3 million and you have it in an account, why would that fluctuate from year to year or month to month?

Tom Myers replied the only way it would fluctuate would be by exceptional transactions, i.e., large purchases of materials and supplies above the norm.

Mr. Zandri stated I don't understand why the utilities retain any earnings. They are the only department in the Town running a business and keeping the money.

Tom Myers replied the utilities retain earnings as every other business does because the principals of accounting and business procedures that are followed by the private sector demand that financially healthy businesses have a certain amount of retainage. It saves the business money because, unless a complete disaster hits, they avoid having to borrow money. It is a weak business that has to borrow money to meet operational needs. The \$3 million we're talking about here is not a fund available for expenditures or a balance that is unappropriated. It is cash in the bank to be used to pay bills and to meet the cash needs of the utility so that a strain is not put on operations.

Mr. Zandri stated I disagree because I've heard items being transferred out of retained earnings going into regular accounts.

Tom Myers replied the retained earnings account is different than the \$3 million cash position that I've just referenced. Retained earnings could be unappropriated non-cash items. I know that sounds confusing and I know that they do

transfer from unappropriated or retained earnings. They can do it because right now they are sitting on a big lump of money and historically they have sat on a good size piece of retained earnings. There's no question about it.

Mr. Killen stated they have never admitted to that. The problem is you want us to accept them at face value and we cannot because the figures prove that they don't tell us the truth.

Tom Myers stated I understand that and it would be my hope that if we embark on this program that we would be able to monitor it. The utility would have a better means to garner control of their operations and they would feel less susceptible in their rate setting process that they had to set a rate that would produce a certain amount of net income so they could turn over a certain amount of money to the General Fund.

Mr. Killen stated it would have been the simplest thing to ask that we rescind that particular ordinance with the 55/45 if they're going to use that as an excuse as to why they had to raise that. If we didn't have that 55/45 in there, they wouldn't have given us anything. This is the part that bothers me. We're sitting on \$2.5 million to protect our bond issue. We're talking about putting another \$3 million aside for the Electric Division. I'm tired of putting monies aside. I'll leave town or die one of these days and I'll get absolutely no benefit of the monies that have accumulated on my behalf that someone else is going to enjoy. If the dollars are there today, I want to spend them today.

Tom Myers replied that is one philosophy, but then there's the other philosophy that we would like to leave ourselves in a better condition than we found ourselves in. Strictly from a financial standpoint, these are good, sound financial practices.

Mayor Dickinson stated what bothers me about the ordinance is it does not ensure really that we receive any funds. If they don't have a net profit, we get nothing. A better course is to make the contribution to the Town an actual debt. It's a business debt or payment in lieu of taxes and they budget that regardless. If they don't set a rate that meets that then they have not met their obligation for that year and they will have to make it up another year. That puts the Town in a far more secure position as far as receiving money from the utility.

Mr. Killen replied the State Statute establishes that their funds will be turned over to the Town of Wallingford. They set up a budget and we agree there will be so much income and so much expenditures and the rest comes in to us. The ordinance is in direct conflict with the State Statute. The only reason the ordinance has had any bearing is because the Electric Division has hidden behind it.

Mr. Parisi stated you said they make investments. How are the profits from the investments handled?

Tom Myers replied they investment funds as prescribed by the Finance Department. The interest earned on the investments is a factor in the rate setting. When they set their utility rates they use the interest earned on investments as a

factor to keep their rates down. The interest earned is accounted for through the utility accounting system and is a positive factor in the rate setting.

Mr. Parisi stated so the income could fluctuate on the investments and therefore create a false or inaccurate rate. They could say we didn't make money this year and it isn't because of a lot of reasons it's because of maybe poor investments.

Tom Myers replied that could be, but it could be the other way around. There were years when the sales of electricity were not there and the utility made money strictly from the investments.

Mr. Killen stated for years I've been expounding this particular theory and it was always thrown back in my face that if we didn't have the money to invest we would have to raise the rates. They just changed their rates knowing my position hadn't changed. They had every opportunity to make sure they did not factor those particular investments into that rate. They didn't choose to do so. That is why I have no faith in anything they put in front of me.

Tom Myers replied what they're really saying is the Council would have to override their rate setting and take the interest income out.

Mr. Killen stated the last sentence in Attorney McManus's opinion states, "This ordinance is in effect an effort to legislate what is done with the profit of the Electric Division and does not affect a requirement that all receipts from the sales of gas or electricity shall be paid over to the Treasurer of such municipality." All receipts shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town of Wallingford. It doesn't say which ones they chose to, which ones I chose to, etc.

Mr. Zandri stated we hear about certain investments that benefit the rates. I want to make sure everybody realizes that not only Wallingford residents are benefiting by these rates. There's people living outside the borders of this Town that are benefiting by this Electric Division.

Tom Myers stated I would like to remind the Council that all funds in the Town of Wallingford are in the custody of the Department of Finance. The utilities do not have their own bank accounts. The accounts are the Town of Wallingford accounts and they are managed and directed through the Department of Finance. The Town Council is the fiscal body of the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Killen replied if the Town Council wants to invest some monies, how can they do it? If the monies exist somewhere without our knowledge, it doesn't do us one bit of good. We've been given knowledge that they don't have the proverbial pot. And yet those figures do exist but it doesn't help us because we don't have that as knowledge. We don't have that knowledge because they don't play straight with us.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to table Page 140, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING, Page 118

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to table Page 118, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOIE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

Meeting Recorded by: Rosemary Rascati

Transcribed by: Katrina M. Manley,
Council Secretary

The Third Budget Workshop was held on Thursday, April 27, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

ASSESSOR, Page 34

Mrs. Papale asked on Line 4000, Office Supplies, why did the Mayor approve more than you requested?

Frank Barta replied I had supplies in my Xerox rental account and the Mayor removed the supplies from the rental account in the amount of \$400 and increased my office supplies by \$200. So it's a net reduction of \$200.

Mr. Killen asked on Line 4100, Advertising, is that amount necessary considering you expended 0 dollars last year?

Mr. Barta replied we're preparing for revaluation and part of that is an income and expense form that has to be supplied to all rental property in Town. There are also deadlines that have to be met by June 1. I'm going to need advertising to make people aware of this.

(Mr. Holmes arrived at 7:18 p.m.)

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, if you project out this year's maintenance it comes to about \$1,086. What is the need for \$1,700 in that account?

Mr. Barta replied in previous years the Electric Division picked up the maintenance fee on my computer and my printer. It's now been delegated to me. As far as this year, I'm still expecting an \$800 maintenance charge for the computer itself.

Mr. Adams asked on Line 5700, Training, who is responsible for setting up your training?

Mr. Barta replied I am.

Mr. Adams asked what is the difference between Training and Seminars & Dues?

Mr. Barta replied seminars generally take 5 days and are not held around here. A training course is something that is held in the area that is available to subordinates also.

Mr. Zandri asked is there a definite program set up? I'm concerned we're putting up dollars and then transferring out of that account because we don't have specific programs set up.

Mr. Barta replied no. We didn't expend the money this year because there was nothing available that was reasonable. I generally use the money.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:22 p.m.)

Mr. Bradley stated you mentioned you're on the Electric Division's computer. Have you looked into getting off their system?

Mr. Barta replied yes but it cannot be justified right now. Maybe at the time of evaluation it can be justified.

Mr. Bradley asked is Line 9020, Outside Services-Data Entry, something new?

Mr. Barta replied yes. The income and expense statements related to revaluation have to be compiled into a computer system. I need someone to enter the information.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 34 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ASSESSOR, Page 151 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1430

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 151, A/C 1430 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ASSESSOR, Page 121 - Capital A/C 1430

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 121, A/C 1430 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Doherty stated you requested three vehicles. Are you in that bad shape?

Mr. Barta replied the pride of my fleet has 125,000 miles on it and doesn't start when it rains. The other two have 90,000 and 110,000. I'll settle for one car.

Mr. Killen stated maybe we can come back to that later.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS, Page 28

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 28 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Johanna Fishbein stated Replacement of Flags is a new item. The flags are used by the Town for many events and are owned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The cost for replacing the flags is \$1,250 or \$25 a piece. I felt that \$500 would be our fair share towards this. At Christmas time we found we didn't have an adequate sound system on the green. We would like some extra speakers. We don't have a firm cost figure, but if we don't use all the money it will be returned. Our present system is probably 10 years old. The last item is \$1,500

for Choate's 100th celebration in the fall. I feel Choate-Rosemary Hall is a landmark in Wallingford and the committee felt that perhaps a congratulations sign be put up in an appropriate place and also maybe a tree could be planted from the Town to Choate-Rosemary.

Mr. Bradley asked who else uses the public address system?

Mrs. Fishbein replied anybody who calls us, particularly organizations and athletic leagues. Someone from our organization usually accompanies the sound system. If not, the organization has to sign a paper stating they are responsible for any damage done to it.

Mr. Bradley asked how patriotic is the federal government towards donating flags?

Mrs. Fishbein replied we haven't looked into that.

VOTE: Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TAX COLLECTOR, Page 33

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 33 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 2000, Telephone, what is the need for the additional dollars?

Norman Roscoe replied the phone system we currently have is extremely inefficient and it should be modified to it's previous mode. When we were in the old building we had a two button phone system. When we moved into this building we were shown a Centrex System and assured that it would be very efficient. It's not working out. There is no way to pick up on another's phone from your phone. We have very busy phones and heavy public contact.

Mr. Zandri asked why was this overlooked when we moved into the building?

Mr. Roscoe replied it wasn't overlooked. It was suggested to me that I would love this phone system. I said I like what I have and they said no this will be terrific for you.

Mr. Killen stated maybe they decided if they let one person have it tailored to fit him, they would have ten people. So they said to all of them this will work fine.

Tom Myers stated when Norman talked to me about this I said the proper time to address a changeover would be during the budget process. We have 50 different offices in here and I got messed up somehow. I think we should just correct it.

Mr. Killen replied let's let this stand until we get some background on this.

Mr. Killen stated on Line 4080, Postage, you've only spent \$4,500 and you asked for \$16,800 this year.

Mr. Roscoe replied I'll be sending out the Grand List for 1988 in June and that's when we'll get the thousands of dollars worth of postage. I'll also be sending out more Trans-O-Grams to delinquent taxpayers.

Mr. Bradley asked for an explanation on Line 9010, Professional Services-Data Entry.

Mr. Roscoe replied we can't get qualified summer help any more and it's taking too long to update and record our records after the July and January peak levels. Last year we had part time help and it worked out well. I requested we double it because we really have a lot of office work to catch up on after these tremendous collections come in. I don't need another person in the office, I just need someone during these heavy periods.

Mr. Zandri asked have we ever looked into the possibility of staggering the tax payments throughout the year to avoid these peak periods?

Tom Myers replied we can certainly look into it.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TAX COLLECTOR, Page 151 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1420

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 151, A/C 1420 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TAX COLLECTOR, Page 121 - Capital A/C 1420

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 121, A/C 1420 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PURCHASING, Page 35

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move the page, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen stated on Line 2000, Telephone, you've only spent \$1,100. Why the big increase?

Don Dunleavy replied we never know from one year to another what our activity will be in phone calls. But you'll notice we did not ask for more than what we requested last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$2,570 to \$2,300, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 6120, Copier Rental, how much copying is done on this machine?

Mr. Dunleavy replied this particular machine was transferred to the Personnel Department when we moved to this building. I have been picking up all the expenses for it. If this shows up in the Personnel Department's budget then you can eliminate this line item in my budget.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 35 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PURCHASING AGENT, Page 152 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1450

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 152, A/C 1450 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

CENTRAL SERVICES, Page 36

Don Dunleavy stated now instead of mailing the bids to the vendors we send them copies of the legal notice and inform them to phone in or come in and we will make the bid specs available. This should save us money in postage and copying. We're also updating our mailing list and vendor list to find out those people who are truly interested in doing business with us.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 36 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

CENTRAL SERVICES, Page 152 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1460

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 152, A/C 1460 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS, Page 40

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 4000, Office Supplies, what is the reason for the increase?

Stan Seadale replied we'll be supplying our own copier paper and we've also put three office chairs in there.

Mr. Killen asked why aren't these chairs capital items?

Tom Myers replied if an item is less than \$300 it isn't considered a capital item. That's been our standard for the last 8 years. As far as the copier supplies, \$300 probably should be transferred down to Line 6120, Copier Rental & Supplies.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reduce Line 4000, Office Supplies, from \$2,100 to \$1,800 and increase Line 6120, Copier Rental & Supplies, from \$1,250 to \$1,550, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley stated I still think chairs should be capital items.

Mr. Zandri asked has anyone ever looked into purchasing the copiers?

Mr. Myers replied we've been leasing copiers for the last ten years because at that time the technology was moving very quickly. On the lease program you could upgrade your copiers and get a much better machine for the same price. In the future as our leases expire we will probably start looking into purchasing them because tax exempt leases have become a disadvantage.

Mr. Parisi asked on Line 5700, College Reimbursement-Management, is anyone participating in this?

Mr. Seadale replied there are several people utilizing it.

Tom Sharkey replied this is also seasonal. We should spend roughly \$2,600 with the dollars being expended mostly in January and June.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reduce Line 5700, College Reimbursement-Management, from \$3,300 to \$2,700, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 5750, Physical Exams, is there a general increase this year?

Mr. Seadale replied there were quite a few police officers involved here and the expense is very high with police and linemen.

Mr. Sharkey replied we know we have 4 openings in the Police Department and at least 2 openings in the Fire Department.

Mr. Seadale replied we look at past experience and say this looks like a safe number. But there's no way of knowing how much money we'll need.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5750, Physical Exams, from \$15,00 to \$14,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Adams stated I have no problem if we have to transfer additional money to this account, however, I would have a problem with transferring money out of this account.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi asked on Line 6010, Oral Board Expenses, what is this money for?

Mr. Seadale replied we take the Oral Panel to lunch.

Mr. Zandri stated for the past three years the worst situation is \$422 so I would think \$600 would be sufficient.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 6010, Oral Board Expenses, from \$650 to \$600, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Doherty, Holmes, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Adams, Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated I also want to reduce Labor Relations Expense based on past history.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 6020, Labor Relations Expense, from \$650 to \$600, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Doherty, Holmes, and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Adams stated as we go through the budget many of the departments have money in there for training and yet I don't see a Training account here. It is my understanding that part of your role is to be in charge of all training throughout the Town.

Mr. Seadale replied there is no training sponsored by the Personnel Department at this time. There is no time for it. I realize the Charter states it's our responsibility, but there's no way we can do it without additional help. This past year I went through my calendar and there were 96 scheduled meetings either with department heads or outside people. When you take into consideration the preparation that is also involved with these meetings there just isn't time for it.

Mr. Adams stated I would appreciate your efforts to look at this more carefully because staff development is very important. Through proper training we have better qualified employees.

Mr. Seadale replied training is taking place, but it's being done by the individual departments within their own budgets.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 40 as amended, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PURCHASING, Page 35

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to reduce Line 6120, Copier Rental, from \$1,455 to \$0, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PERSONNEL, Pages 152 & 153 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1590

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 152 & 153, A/C 1590 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the overtime used for?

Mr. Seadale replied most of our testing is done after hours.

Mr. Parisi asked who conducts the tests?

Mr. Seadale replied the Personnel technician administers the test.

Mr. Parisi asked why doesn't one of the salaried employees administer the tests so we don't spend the money for overtime?

Mr. Seadale replied if you want me to do the testing twice a week then fine.

Mr. Bradley stated you're looking for \$2,800 and I think the worst case here is \$2,500.

Mr. Seadale replied one of the things we will be doing is getting out the actuarial information on time.

Tom Myers stated Stan's office plays an intricate role in providing updated personnel data to the pension actuary by July 31. If that does not happen, it sets back a whole timetable of preparing actuarial numbers and information. Current actuarial data is a new requirement which has to be filed in the Town's annual financial statement. Stan's personnel might have to work overtime during the month of July in order to get this information completed.

Mr. Bradley stated I would like to see the dollars we actually do expend for this coming year.

Mr. Parisi stated I would hope in future years we will not have to expend overtime dollars in order to comply with a requirement.

Mr. Seadale replied the overtime dollars would be at straight time wages. The person doing the work is a part-time employee and we would be asking them to work more hours but at straight time.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated I had a question regarding the percentage used for pay increases for non-union personnel. When the union contracts were awarded this past year I made the comment that these percentages of 6% and 7% are not around any more. Who should take the lead, management or union, in setting the example of a lesser increase?

Mr. Seadale replied the union doesn't give a dam what you do to management because they have binding arbitration. If you're looking for us to set an example and hope they'll follow the example, it's not going to work.

Mr. Zandri stated I think somewhere along the line someone has to set the example so the example can be referred to. If I was in the union when my contract came up, I would look back at supervisory positions and say you received 6% and I deserve at least the same. We need to start being realistic.

Mr. Seadale replied the arbitration awards are at 6% for 1990. This may not be what's happening in the private sector but I can't control that. If you disagree with what's happening in binding arbitration, you should start talking with the Governor or the Legislature.

(Mayor Dickinson arrived at 9:55 p.m.)

Mr. Holmes stated the State Legislature enacted the binding arbitration laws and it would be up to them to change it.

Mr. Zandri asked if all non-union people receive the same percentage increase, then why is the Dog Warden receiving a different increase?

Mr. Seadale replied the Dog Warden is not a classified position. It's up to the Council to decide what she should get. It looks like the Dog Warden is receiving 5%, but I don't know where that number came from.

Mr. Zandri stated I want to review all these non-classified positions and be sure everyone is being treated equally.

Mr. Killen stated the motions we make each evening are of a temporary nature. Any particular item can be brought back at any given time, if you have further research.

Mrs. Papale stated we also had a question on the salary for the Wallingford Committee on Aging. It looked like she was getting 10%.

Mr. Seadale replied I don't have anything to do with that, that's a number she must have put in herself.

Mr. Zandri stated I think we should review all the salaries and use our judgment based on what has been explained here tonight.

Mayor Dickinson replied as far as the Dog Warden position, the intention was to provide her with the same percentage increase as everyone else. If that isn't the case, we'll have to check the mathematics. It should be the same as everyone else.

Mr. Solinsky stated if you calculate the Dog Warden's salary on the 52 week pay period instead of the 53 week pay period it comes out to 6%.

INSURANCE - EMPLOYEES, Page 114

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move the page, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Seadale stated when we did the numbers we had a preliminary report from Blue Cross that we were facing a 40% increase. We budgeted based on this increase, however, the final report gives a 45% increase. This is attributable to the hospital trend factor of 17% per year and Blue Cross is now utilizing their computers to take care of Major Medical. As a result of that, Major Medical went up 195%. Before you had to track your claims to find out when you reached your deductible. Now they track it and automatically start paying the Major

Medical claim after you've reached your deductible. You no longer have to file a claim, except for prescriptions. So we need to reduce Blue Shield by \$30,000 and increase Blue Cross by \$110,000.

Mr. Adams asked are there any alternatives such as CHCP?

Mr. Seadale replied we will probably be taking money from Blue Cross and putting it into CHCP. We've also signed up with Healthcare and got about a 10% sign-up. There will be some savings to the Town because the rates are lower right now. If they go higher, the employee will have to make up the difference. The union contracts all specify Blue Cross/Blue Shield. We have tried to put clauses in the contracts that say "or comparable". The clauses are generally resisted quite strongly. The problem is you can't shift to another carrier until you have everybody. The reason for that is our credibility for our numbers is 100%. We're credible completely on our own experience. Blue Cross lost over \$300,000 on the Town of Wallingford last year. That's why you're seeing this big increase. We're based on what our experience is, not the experience of everyone in the State of Connecticut was. If you break off a unit, went out and got comparable insurance and it was \$50 a month less, you would destroy the credibility of the remaining Blue Cross/Blue Shield group. So it's a very difficult task.

Mr. Bradley stated one thing they're doing on the outside is looking at flexible benefits.

Mr. Seadale replied we have not looked in depth at a cafeteria type plan. I know a little bit about them, but if Section 89 stands it will be extremely difficult to go into something like that. There are bills in Congress right now to appeal Section 89.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 114 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Parisi and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

INSURANCE, Page 113 - Line 8290, Self Insurance-Unemployment

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 113, Line 8290 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Parisi and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PENSION FUNDS, Page 112

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 112 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Holmes asked how many more years do we have left on the accelerated payments in our pension plan?

Mr. Myers replied within the next 5 years the plan should be fully funded.

Mr. Zandri asked are these fixed dollars?

Mr. Myers replied yes. It's 22% of payroll for each employee in the plan.

Mr. Zandri asked how did you come up with the number for Social Security?

Mr. Myers replied Stan calculates these three accounts and I calculate them and if there's a difference we try to reconcile it. I did not do my calculations until after he submitted his request. We settled on my calculation when we reviewed the account with the Mayor. That is why you see two different figures under Request and Mayor Approved.

VOTE: Parisi and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY, Page 115 - Line 3230, Contingency Reserve-General Government

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 115, Line 3230 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri asked how do you arrive at this figure?

Mr. Myers replied we take the membership of a bargaining unit and provide funds for the Town's negotiating position.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION, Page 43

Mr. Zandri stated last year during the budget sessions when I started asking questions on these different line items the answer I got was everything was totaled and then split up between the departments. This year I totaled up the departments and worked with a lump sum. On Line 2000, Telephone I get a total of \$28,768 requested and the Mayor approved \$25,581. When you project this year's telephone it comes to \$19,345. What is the increase for?

Betty Herman replied we have added three cellular phones at \$2,448. Most of the long distance calls are for the Detective Division. During the Mayor's workshops I discovered that I didn't have it proportioned out as well as I should have. I added 5% on what we had last year, plus the pagers, fax machine and the answering service for the drug hot line.

Mr. Zandri asked could you live with \$23,000?

Mrs. Herman replied it depends on whether we get the cellular phones or the fax machine, etc. I think we could if we don't have those.

Mr. Bradley stated you mentioned a fax and cellular phones. Weren't these cut by the Mayor?

Mrs. Herman replied correct.

Mr. Parisi stated why don't you just divide the total cut by the number of departments. At \$300 per department that would be a cut of \$2,400.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$1,360 to \$1,160, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; Solinsky voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated on Line 3000, Gas & Oil, you requested a total of \$42,125, Mayor approved \$41,175 and I projected out the cost for the year to be \$35,981.

Darrell York replied we're getting better mileage with our cars and we've asked for less money than we had last year.

Mr. Zandri asked can you live with \$40,000?

Mr. Adams stated why don't you wait and pull the money out of the Patrol Division which has the biggest account for Gas & Oil instead of taking it from each one.

Mr. Zandri stated on Line 4180, Printing, I get a total request of \$11,136 and a projected figure for this year of \$8,402.

Mrs. Herman replied normally toward the end of the year we do have forms that come in and I anticipate spending most of the money in the Printing account. On this particular department's line item we put in \$1,000 for the recruiting program which is mandated by the Accreditation Program.

Mrs. Papale stated so we're only making one change on this page?

Mr. Zandri replied you question why a line item went up and the answer you get is it's all lumped into one sum. So how can I calculate as to why this department went up or down. I can't follow my format in the time I have tonight.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 43 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried,

POLICE ADMINISTRATION, Page 154 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2011

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 154, A/C 2011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked is the position of Sergeant an open position?

Mrs. Herman replied yes. It will be filled when the promotions are made, hopefully very shortly.

Mr. Zandri stated one of the problems I've had while sitting on the Council is departments throughout the Town having open positions budgeted, not filling the positions and then transferring dollars out of those accounts for other purposes within the department. The intent of the dollars is to supply the community

with more service. I don't like to see dollars left in when there is no guarantee a position will be filled.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri that this money be transferred to Council Contingency and when the position is filled be transferred back, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Adams stated I think the Deputy Chief understands that we're concerned with that position being filled and we do not want to see this used as a kitty for any other expense. I don't think it's necessary to take this money and put it somewhere else when everyone understands where we're coming from.

Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Zandri.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION, Page 121 - Capital A/C 2011

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 2011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE - ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, Page 44

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move Page 44, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 5010, Maintenance of Vehicles (Owned), what is the reason for the increase?

Deputy Chief York replied we have an additional car. Our repair bills were less this year. We haven't experienced the transmission problems that we have in other years.

Mrs. Herman replied but historically from this time of the year till June we usually have more repairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 5010, Maintenance of Vehicles (Owned), from \$2,759 to \$2,359, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked on Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, what is the reason for the increase? You're going up \$1,200 without even coming close to this year's appropriation.

Mrs. Herman replied we still have outstanding bills for radar certification and repairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, from \$1,498 to \$1,200, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Adams and Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 44 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, Pages 154 & 155 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2012

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Pages 154 & 155, A/C 2012 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, Page 121 - Capital A/C 2012

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 2012 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Bradley asked what was the Personal Computer going to be used for?

Donald McNeil replied I'd like to use it for word processing, keeping statistical information and some accident occurrence data. We do have a system that does that now, but I'm looking for a little extra help in the office regarding enforcement, view obstructions, etc. I think the price is very reasonable and the request is a good one at this time.

Mr. Doherty asked what is the reason for the extra radar unit?

Lieutenant McNeil replied someone is always asking for extra speed enforcement. This would give us an additional tool to work with. We presently have 3 radar units in the Traffic Division and 2 in Patrol. I'd like to make more radar available to the officers that want to use it.

Mr. Doherty asked do the arrests hold up in court?

Lieutenant McNeil replied yes we're pretty successful with our speed enforcement. The best tool, of course, is a trained officer.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to restore the second radar unit, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Adams, Papale, Parisi and Zandri voted no; Holmes was absent; Bradley, Doherty, Solinsky and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

VOTE (on original motion): Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE - CRIME PREVENTION, Page 45

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 45 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked what is Line 4091, Crime Prevention Program?

Mrs. Herman replied this buys all of his supplies, film strips, kits, etc.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE CRIME PREVENTION, Page 155 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2013

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 155, A/C 2013 as presented, seconded by Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE CRIME PREVENTION, Page 121 - Capital A/C 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 2013 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Motion was withdrawn.

POLICE - DETECTIVES & NARCOTICS, Page 46

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 46 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Bill Butka stated regarding Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, if the Council entertains the documentation that was given to you, it would move from Capital A/C 2013 and 2017 a total of \$580 into Line 5200 along with \$2,408. This is for digital display pagers. We have an increase of investigations out of town and it's hard to get a hold of the men in the field. Our radio system does not work outside of Wallingford. With the pagers we can at least contact them. It would also make it easier to get a hold of them when they're off duty. We tried them out for about 6 months at no charge and it worked out very well.

Mr. Killen asked how does this fit in with Maintenance of Equipment?

Lieutenant Butka replied these would be rented not purchased. In order to buy them you would pay \$290 each, lease the telephone lines, pay an additional fee for maintenance and insurance. It's cheaper to lease them.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to increase Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment, from \$2,225 to \$5,213, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$10,630 to \$10,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 4180, Printing, from \$2,215 to \$2,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Lieutenant Butka stated we are using posters which will increase our printing. We design our own posters for our new tip line for narcotic investigations.

VOTE: Adams, Doherty, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killin voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 5000, Maintenance of Vehicles (Leased), what is that for?

Mrs. Herman replied that's if something happens and one of our guys is at fault and it is not covered under the lease agreement. We leave a little bit in there just in case.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 46 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE DETECTIVES, NARCOTICS & FORENSICS, Pages 155 & 156 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2014

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Pages 155 & 156, A/C 2014 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen asked what is the reason for the increase in No Sick Incentive? You've haven't expended anything in the last two years.

Mrs. Herman replied we have 10 men in that department and that's what I based it on.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reduce No Sick Incentive from \$2,500 to \$500, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Papale voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Pages 155 & 156, A/C, 2014 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE CRIME PREVENTION, Page 121 - Capital A/C 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to delete Pager for \$290, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE DETECTIVES & NARCOTICS, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2014

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 122, A/C 2014 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Doherty asked what is the Night Vision System?

Lieutenant Butka replied this is something we've been trying to get since 1973. This lights up the area during night surveillances. When we did surveillances for the Water Department at night time we borrowed three units from the State Police Department. It would also be used for narcotics surveillances. You can also attach a 35mm camera to it and take photographs for documentation.

Mr. Doherty asked how often can you borrow the State Police units?

Lieutenant Butka replied if they aren't using it. Luckily we were able to get it when we needed it. They usually don't lend it out.

Mr. Parisi asked what about this fax machine for \$4,000?

Lieutenant Butka replied this fax machine would be able to reproduce a photograph sent to us from another location. This would be a plain paper fax machine with 64 half tones. It would save time and money. Instead of sending detectives to other towns to pick up photographs, we would just receive them over the fax machine. The Chiefs of Police Association is recommending it. It would also help if they had them in the Courts because we could fax arrest reports.

Mr. Parisi asked so if you want to correspond with the court, etc., you have to do it by foot/car or overnight express?

Lieutenant Butka replied that is correct.

Mr. Doherty stated back to the Night Vision System. How about acquiring that with the drug seizure money?

Lieutenant Butka replied we have some money in there. This would have to be determined later because of the Chief being out.

Mr. Doherty asked how many times have you used the State Police equipment over the course of the year?

Lieutenant Butka replied about 5-6 times.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to restore the Night Vision System for \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the procedure for the drug seizure money?

Mr. Myers replied the money was put into a separate account pending a recommendation from the Police Department as to how they wanted to use it. When they decide that they will report back to the Council for their approval before any expenditures are made.

Mr. Bradley stated it seems like there's been a significant amount of time since that money came in. I can't think of a better opportunity to start offsetting some of these capital projects, especially putting it right back into drug enforcement. If this continues and we don't get any feedback, can we be the initiator and maybe make some suggestions or recommendations?

Mayor Dickinson replied I think any expenditure has to be with the approval of the Police Department. Your approval is authorizing the Town to send a check out, but the use of it is within the province of the Police Department. You can make suggestions, but they would not necessarily have to follow them.

Mr. Zandri asked how many dollars are in that account?

Lieutenant Butka replied \$55,000-\$60,000.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes was absent; Doherty, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to restore the Fax Machine for \$4,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Lieutenant Butka stated when we signed to take that money in, it was not meant to take away from the budget. The whole purpose was to get it back into the Police Department so that you didn't take away what we were already budgeting.

Mr. Killen replied the problem is the timing of it.

Lieutenant Butka stated we're also losing this federal statute as of October 1, 1989. It was mandated that the State should start their own forfeiture program and Connecticut has refused to do that for the last several years. They want to give the money to other things, such as education.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes was absent; Adams, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; motion did not pass.

VOTE (original motion): Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried

POLICE PATROL, Pages 47 & 48

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 47 & 48 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$9,650 to \$9,450, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked how many copy machines are in the Police Department?

Mrs. Herman replied we have three.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Pages 47 & 48 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE PATROL DIVISION, Pages 157-160 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 157-160, A/C 2015 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked how much has been expended on No Sick Time Incentive?

Mrs. Herman replied I think about \$1,200.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce No Sick Time Incentive from \$5,000 to \$2,500, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 157-160, A/C 2015 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE PATROL, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 122, A/C 2015 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked did we ever get the revolver situation squared away?

Deputy Chief York replied no. The committee has determined at this point that our present 581's and 13's we bought two years ago are not a suitable police arm. The committee is now looking into what will be a suitable sidearm. If we go with a pistol rather than a revolver, then we're going to try to work out a swap with Smith & Wesson. That's about all I know right now.

Mr. Zandri asked what will you be purchasing with the dollars in the budget?

Deputy Chief York replied we don't know right now. When we made this budget up we thought we would buy seven new revolvers for the new officers.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the time frame on getting this resolved?

Mayor Dickinson replied soon they'll test fire some weapons and a decision will be made thereafter.

Deputy Chief York replied it's hard to say because you're dealing with unknowns. I was supposed to have the four guns by the end of this week and one of the guns they sent was wrong. I also don't know what they will tell us on a delivery date. We're probably talking new holsters too.

Mr. Doherty asked could you explain your request for four new cells?

Deputy Chief York replied we have three male cells and two female cells and it's not enough. We're liable when we have to double up people in those cells.

Mrs. Herman stated on the Police Cruisers, we got the bid in today and we can reduce that by \$10,232.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce the amount for Police Cruisers from \$106,400 to \$96,169, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 122, A/C 2015 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE - RECORDS DIVISION, Page 49

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 49 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE RECORDS DIVISION, Page 161 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2016

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 161, A/C 2016 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE RECORDS DIVISION, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2016

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 122, A/C 2016 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked what was the Computer Printer for?

Mrs. Herman replied that was to put a second printer in the Records Division. If a girl is working there and a person comes to the desk to get a police report, she either has to wait or they make a Xerox copy from the file copy.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE - TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE, Page 50

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 50 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked on Line 5200, Maintenance of Signals, what is the increase for?

Rick Doll replied we're repainting the span poles. The lowest bid that came in was \$12,000. We haven't spent all the money from this year's budget because I was able to repair a lot of the signals myself. We also upgraded some of our equipment which has helped.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE, Page 161 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2017

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 161, A/C 2017 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2017

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 122, A/C 2017 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Papale asked what is the money under Traffic Control Elm & Center being used for?

Officer Doll replied we have approximately 9 intersections in Town where we have antiquated equipment. We're trying to upgrade them one at a time. We're also going to add green arrow advances on Elm Street.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to delete Pager at \$290, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 122, A/C 2017 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE YOUTH SERVICES, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2018

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 122, A/C 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE - YOUTH SERVICE, Page 51

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 51 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE YOUTH SERVICES, Pages 161 & 162 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2018

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 161 & 162, A/C 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

Third Budget Workshop

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April 27, 1989

Meeting Recorded & Transcribed by:
Katrina M. Manley, Council Secretary

The Fourth Budget Workshop was held on Monday, May 1, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Holmes, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Mr. Killen asked the Board of Education for some background information on how they arrived at their budget.

Jeanne Holmes replied our stand is that the allocation from the Council last year was a little over \$28 million. The budget presented to you represents a 17.17% increase over the 1988-1989 budget. Most of the increase is due to negotiating contracts, either presently negotiated or to be negotiated in the near future with teachers, administrators and classified employees. In addition, other required expenditures such as insurances, pupil transportation and special education tuition have been rapidly escalating. As far as the Enhancement Act is concerned, we're in the last and final year of it. We all know the problems the State is dealing with at this point in time and we will not be getting those monies again. So on behalf of the Board of Education and the children of Wallingford, the State has bailed out—please don't join their ranks. Don't bail out on our kids because they're the future of Wallingford. We think we have a responsible budget and we can defend it.

Robert Nicoletti stated on October 25 we had an administrative meeting, which includes principals, supervisors, and directors, and the budget guidelines were distributed and direction was given to them as far as their proposed budget for the subsequent year. The present year's budget is given to them and the next column is for them to fill out. This is only for certain discretionary accounts. The building Principals only handle repair of instructional equipment, field trips, teaching supplies, textbooks, library and A/V material, new instructional equipment and replacement of instructional equipment. Obviously they have nothing to do with contractual salaries or anything of that nature. Then I have meetings with these people and we discuss their budget in detail.

We had our first budget review on January 14, 1989, and that is an opportunity whereby the Board and any towns person may ask of each individual administrator how they went about putting numbers into their proposed budget. We had a Finance Committee meeting sometime in January and the Board of Education adopted the budget on January 23, 1989. So the budget preparation goes back to last October. It's a very involved process and part of our difficulty is trying to provide for next year's needs when this year has just begun. There lies some difficulty. I want to set something straight. It appeared in Mr. Moynihan's article that we had \$1.96 million in contingency and \$1.6 went to the teachers so we should give the other \$360,000 back. He failed to realize that we have other contracts such as custodians, secretarial, nurses, etc. So that contingency figure is a guess. When I went to our Personnel Department in October and said come up with a number that we can put into Contingency for our pending contracts, this is what they gave us.

Mr. Killen asked do you have the figures from the original requests?

Dr. Nicoletti replied the overall increase we were looking for is \$5.5 million.

Mr. Killen stated what was the request from the department heads overall at the very beginning?

Dr. Nicoletti replied if you look in the proposed budget you'll see. The Building Principals allocation is a function of their per pupil expenditure. I give them an allocation predicated on a per pupil amount.

A. J. Namnoum replied I think what Bert is looking for is their request was \$35.5 and we cut approximately \$240,000 off the original request.

CONTINGENCY

Mr. Killen stated the department request was \$1,960,000.

Mr. Zandri asked what percentage was used to come up with that figure?

Dr. Nicoletti replied it was roughly 10%.

Mr. Zandri asked aren't the majority of the contracts settled at a lower figure?

Dr. Nicoletti replied the teachers' contract was settled for approximately \$1.6 million. So if you take \$1.6 million from \$1.96 million it leaves \$360,000 to spread out over whatever we settle for custodians, clerical, nurses, etc. We have no way of knowing what that's going to be.

Mr. Zandri asked do you anticipate that will be higher than 9%?

Dr. Nicoletti replied I think the percentages are misleading. When we took 10% of the total sum, that is not necessarily made up of the sum of it's parts. So if you settle with one union at 7%, another at 9%, and another at 4%, they don't jive to what you're alluding to.

Mr. Zandri stated if you start off at some figure and say we'll pay you 10% and the contracts are coming in at 9% I would assume you can take 1% right off the top of that.

Mr. Namnoum replied we're anticipating our custodial costs for in-house people for salaries alone to be approximately \$500,000.

Dr. Nicoletti replied we're looking for a pool of money to distribute using the arbitrator's awards for five unions.

Vincent Inglese replied the first year of the teachers' contract came out to 9.38%. On top of that you have certain benefits that they won in this arbitrated contract such as all the coaches receive a raise. Then you have to add to that advisors' salaries, medical benefits, etc. So you may come out maybe just shy of a percentage point of that 10%. When you add in everything you will come up close to the 10%.

Mr. Zandri asked when you initially set aside your contingency you didn't take into account salaries for the coaches, nurses and everyone else?

Mr. Inglese replied yes we did.

Mr. Zandri asked then why wouldn't the percentage be there?

Mr. Inglese replied it is there, it's part of the 10%.

Mr. Killen asked has anyone bothered to compute whether the \$360,000 would cover the other awards, based on the teachers' settlement?

Nelson Kari replied if contingency dollars are left at the end of the year and contracts are still not negotiated, we send a letter to Tom Myers' office saying place encumber this money until the contract is negotiated. If the contract comes in lower, the money goes back to the Town. If the contract comes in higher, the Board comes up with the money from it's own budget.

Mr. Killen stated I know where you're coming from, but that still doesn't answer my question.

Mr. Zandri stated the point is as long as the dollars are in that account it's figured into the tax base. The closer you can hit that right on the money the better off it is for everyone.

Mr. Kari replied we get a percentage from Personnel based on trends throughout the state.

Mr. Zandri stated knowing what the teachers settled for and assuming the others won't go any higher, I would think you'd be able to adjust that line item.

Roger Appell replied using that as an assumption is not right. If the contract goes to arbitration, they are based on the same wages in the area for that individual union. Some of those unions have gotten 11%.

Mr. Zandri stated then let's pull out the dollars for the teachers' contract, which has been settled, and leave the rest alone.

Mr. Inglese replied we don't bother computing this for one reason. Let's say the total including fringe benefits came in at 9.75%. For us to say we don't need this .25%, not knowing what the awards will be in the other unions, would be foolish. Some contracts will come in higher and some lower.

Dr. Nicoletti stated we don't have a sizable surplus at hand to draw from. If we go over, the Board is personally liable. So as a consequence, we're going to make sure we're very secure with what we put in the budget to cover expenses.

Mr. Zandri stated let's say we took 1% off the \$1.96 million and when the final contracts come through they're greater than the 10% you figured. If the Board came back to the Council, could we fund that?

Mr. Killen replied yes, we can fund anything at any given time.

Dr. Nicoletti stated I have no problem with that as long as there are assurances you will cover the additional increases.

TAPE RECORDER MALFUNCTIONED - ONLY MOTIONS FOLLOW

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to follow the Board of Education 1989-90 Book starting on Page VII with Staff Analysis, seconded by Mr. Zandri

VOTE: Adams and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to delete \$90,00 from Classroom Teachers, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi voted no; Adams passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CAFETERIA BUDGET, Pages 145 & 146

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to consider Cafeteria Budget tonight and defer the Board of Education Budget till Monday, May 1, 1989, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Adams voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 145, Total Sales in the amount of \$1,081,313 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 145, Total Expenditures in the amount of \$583,437 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 145, Total Personnel Expenses in the amount of \$556,114 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 146, Total Operating Expenses in the amount of \$157,025 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 146, Capital Equipment in the amount of \$30,000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Cafeteria Budget on Pages 145 & 146 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Meeting Recorded by: Rosemary Rascati

Transcribed by: Katrina M. Manley,
Council Secretary

The Fifth Budget Workshop was held on Tuesday, May 2, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Bradley, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

(Mr. Holmes and Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

LIBRARY, Page 37 - Line 6000, Contribution

Mr. Bradley stated I have a question on salaries. Do you have a finer breakdown on what the average increase is?

Leslie Scherer replied it's a 9% increase except for a couple of people who have a step increase in addition to that. We based our figures on an analysis of similar jobs in other libraries and in the Town.

Mr. Bradley stated other Town employees are receiving 6%. What is the justification for 9% increases?

Leslie Scherer replied we have a very small staff doing a very large amount of work. The staffing sheet gives you a comparison of similar sized libraries, what their total budget is, their staff, salaries, etc. You'll see that Wallingford does a larger circulation, has far more patrons, far more reserves and a much smaller staff. With the 9% increase, the library salaries are still not as high as the Town's clerical salaries. The professional librarian staff is right in line with surrounding towns. We make every effort to be sure our salaries are competitive. We have real good people and we'd like to keep them.

Mr. Bradley stated it seems like you're trying to play catch-up. As you draw closer do you envision bringing your increases more in line to what the Town employees are getting?

Leslie Scherer replied definitely.

Mr. Zandri asked do you discuss these increases with the Personnel Department or is this strictly done on your own?

Leslie Scherer replied this is strictly done on our own.

Karen Roesler stated we're feeling the squeeze that everyone else is in finding good workers. We're afraid we're going to lose some of our good workers to other similar jobs that pay higher and then end up paying a starting salary to someone at a rate almost as much as we would have paid to keep the first individual.

Mr. Zandri asked is there anyway you could get your job classifications in align with job descriptions for the Town so in future years it would be a lot easier to justify the increase by comparison. It would be a lot easier to explain your increase because you should be able to get exactly what the Town is paying for that particular position.

Mr. Doherty asked how many computers do you have now?

Leslie Scherer replied 6 and we're asking for one more. This one would be for the public to use in the same way they use a typewriter. We have a lot of people who come in with their software and ask if we have a micro-computer available.

Mr. Doherty asked what about the fax machine?

Leslie Scherer replied we just received word we're getting a state grant for a fax machine so we don't need the dollars for that.

Mr. Holmes stated the library contribution has gone up 30% in the last couple of years. The library does a great job for the Town, but we still have to keep an eye on the bottom line.

Leslie Scherer replied most of the increase is salaries and medical benefits. We haven't increased the number of books we buy even though our circulation is way up and we haven't offered a lot of new services. We understand you're looking at the bottom line. We use a tremendous number of part-time workers and they don't get any medical benefits.

Mr. Doherty asked do you have any projections over the last several years in terms of circulation and patrons?

Leslie Scherer replied since moving to the new building I would say circulation is up 50%. The total use of the building has grown tremendously. We figure about 1,000 people per day. We used to have 18,000 library cards and now we're up to 24,000.

Mr. Doherty stated I think you have to keep that in mind when you consider salaries and operating budgets. To me this justifies the increases.

Mr. Killen asked what is your pitch for Sunday hours?

Leslie Scherer replied many libraries are opened on Sunday and they have found it's one of the busiest times of the week. It's a time when working parents come out with the children and enjoy the library as a family. We're talking about 13 Sundays which is not a large amount for the payback we would get in increased use and increased access. We will not force anyone on our staff to work on Sundays. At other libraries the experience has been there are people who like to work on Sundays. Maybe it's less of a baby-sitting problem for them. We feel we would be able to staff the library without requiring anyone to work on Sunday that didn't want to. We have a lot of requests to be open on Sunday. Anytime we are in the building on Sunday we see cars cruise through the parking lot and the phone never stops ringing. We would like to try this on an experimental basis for 13 Sundays in the winter. We feel it would be money well spent.

Mr. Zandri asked how would you staff the library on Sunday?

Leslie Scherer replied we know there are a number of people on our staff who are interested. If there weren't enough, we would hire people to work just on Sunday. We would pay time and a half as an incentive.

Mr. Zandri asked have you considered staggering the work week with present employees in order to cover that day? You might have staff that is willing to work that day and have another day off which would enable you to cover the Sunday and not have the additional expense of overtime.

Mr. Killen asked how many bodies would you require on a Sunday?

Leslie Scherer replied two reference librarians, one full-time clerk, three part-time clerks, one person in the children's room and one page. That would be seven people for four hours which is what we always have on for a circulation kind of thing.

Mrs. Papale asked what are non-town funds?

Leslie Scherer replied non-town funds includes \$27,500 for fines, \$8,700 in interest from the endowment, \$11,800 for copier fees, and \$800 for rent from the film co-op which uses some storage space in the library. We also have a Library Development Fund, which is spent on special projects, and all the contributions go into that. For example, the new computer in the children's room was purchased by the Library Development Fund.

Mrs. Papale asked does it cost more than \$884,000 a year to run the library? That was last year's appropriation. I was under the impression that you also received private donations and contributions.

Leslie Scherer replied the total budget for last year was \$944,458.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to reduce Line 6000, Contribution, from \$999,926 to \$980,630, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes and Parisi voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Line 6000, Contribution, as proposed by the Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri asked are you recommending we make the same cut as the Mayor which was to remove the Sunday hours?

Mrs. Papale replied yes.

Mr. Doherty stated I would like to try the Sunday hours for maybe a month or month and a half.

Mr. Parisi stated if they want to experiment with Sunday hours they should stagger the time as Mr. Zandri suggested. If they find the attendance holds up, they could come back the following year.

VOTE: Doherty, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen voted no; Bradley, Holmes, Papale and Parisi voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to reduce Line 6000, Contribution, from \$999,926 to \$998,796, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mr. Killen stated this would cut the fax machine, but leave in the Sunday hours.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Zandri voted no; Bradley, Doherty, Solinsky and Killen voted yes; motion did not carry.

Mr. Holmes stated seeing as we can't come up with a consensus, I think we should go with the Mayor approved figure of \$992,451.

Mrs. Papale asked you're not taking out for the fax machine?

Leslie Scherer replied our medical went up more than we budgeted so we could use the extra.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 6000, Contribution, as proposed by the Mayor at \$992,451, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Solinsky stated if we would like them to be open for a trial period of four Sundays, as suggested by Mr. Doherty, I think we should let them know.

Mr. Killen replied I think they will take it that way.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

LIBRARY, Page 37 - Line 6100, Contribution-Mini Access TV

Mr. Zandri stated I know we are looking at relocating the TV. Is that going to be something that happens during this year?

Scott Hanley replied this budget does not reflect any of the costs that might be incurred by a move. I have no idea when the move would take place. We have looked at several locations in the past and I know of some buildings that could be looked at. At this point it's up to the new study committee to examine possible locations.

Mr. Zandri asked what percentage did the salaries go up?

Mr. Hanley replied full time is a 9% increase and there is a slight increase in hourly.

Mr. Zandri asked is it possible to get a comparison between job description and salary?

Mr. Hanley replied there is a possibility, however, my job is to coordinate production of television programs and the two other similar descriptions involve working with AV materials more than television production.

Mr. Zandri stated I think it would be wise though to get something down which specifies what the duties are.

Mr. Doherty asked under Equipment-Video, what is the \$10,159 for?

Mr. Hanley replied there are 10 items which include an editing controller, video cassette player, rack mount unit, portable audio mixer, time base corrector,

cable channel controller, 3 headset boosters, 3 headsets, and color monitor with test features and rack mount.

Mr. Doherty asked what about Repairs, Maintenance-Video Equipment? Is this a maintenance contract?

Mr. Hanley replied no. Much of the equipment we have ranges in age from 8 years to 1 year. It's difficult to gauge performance of certain pieces of equipment. This is the same figure we used in last year's budget.

Mr. Killen asked have you ever figured out what the library's contribution is line by line? When the time comes to make the move you'll have something to compare it with.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Line 6100 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU, Page 147

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 147 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Doherty asked what is the reason for the increase under Community Service Worker?

Marty Barracato-Camire replied over the last year and a half we've gone through 4 workers. Right now we have 3 people filling the part-time position. We can't find anyone to work a steady part-time job for the qualifications we're looking for. We've had a 25% increase in referrals just from the schools alone. We've handled more referrals and crises in the last 6 months than we've ever had before. The part-time people we have are receiving phone calls at home on their off hours and we don't think that is fair. We lost two of our part-time people so we're asking for 1 full time person.

Mr. Doherty asked what is the reason for the new line Family Counseling?

Mrs. Barracato-Camire replied in the past the Police have included some money for counseling youth and families. This year it wasn't included in their budget. We're looking to contract with a Meriden agency to provide services in Wallingford. We find that some of our referrals to Meriden for counseling don't follow through because of transportation, etc.

Mr. Parisi asked why is there zero dollars under Drug/Alcohol/Counseling?

Mrs. Barracato-Camire replied last year the Meriden/Wallingford program "Another Street" opened up out-patient facilities for adolescents, so it's been replaced. We had contracted with someone to come down which didn't work out. They ended up with their own full time program so we contract with them now.

Mr. Holmes asked do you know what kind of usage that program gets?

Mrs. Barracato-Camire replied over the past year we've had 17 youth from Wallingford go through some aspect of the treatment program. Meriden has had 65. They've contributed \$65,000 and we've contributed \$10,000 so it's pretty much broken out evenly.

Mr. Holmes asked is there any figures on the success rate of those treatments?

Mrs. Barracato-Camire replied maybe 25%.

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain the furniture request under Capital?

Mrs. Barracato-Camire replied we provide low cost counseling to families in Wallingford. As a result we need counseling rooms separate from our offices. We've been getting by on donations of furniture and at this point the furniture is so torn people won't even sit on it anymore.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PLANNING & ZONING, Page 102

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 102 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Linda Bush stated before we start there are several corrections in the budget book. Under Mayor Approved, Line 5200 should be \$700, Line 5700 should be \$300 and Line 6120 should be \$1,000. So the subtotal is \$37,755 and the grand total is \$130,099. Under Appropriation for 1988-89, Line 3200 should be \$750 and Line 3210 should be \$1,500.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 4000, Office Supplies, what is the reason for the increase?

Linda Bush replied that line now includes my copier supplies.

Mrs. Papale asked what is Line 6750, Council of Governments?

Linda Bush replied this is a Town item that is always put in the Planning & Zoning Commission's budget. It's for the Town's membership in the South Central Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Doherty asked is there any breakdown on the services we get from that group?

Linda Bush replied I deal with the Regional Planning Agency portion of the Council of Governments. The Town is much more involved in the Council of Governments aspect of it than I am.

Mr. Doherty stated I think we should take a look at this group versus the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. They represent 110 out of the 169 towns in the State of Connecticut. This group must represent the other 60. We were members at one time.

Mr. Holmes stated I think we dropped out because the dues went up to \$30,000.

Linda Bush stated I'd like to discuss Line 9030, Professional Services. We requested \$25,000 for legal services. It is extremely difficult to enforce regulations if you have no authority behind that. The only enforcement I have as Zoning Enforcement Officer is to write letters. Some people pay attention to the letters and others don't. I keep a Zoning Enforcement Log and there are people that have been in there for several years. We don't go around looking for zoning violations. We get complaints from the residents of Wallingford. Last year I was told the Town Attorney's office would put some more effort into zoning violation enforcement. Unfortunately that has not happened. We took one violator to court in the entire year. I've sent many memos to the Town Attorney's office and they do not have the time to do our legal work.

Pat Piscitelli stated if you look over the list you'll find there are quite a few that are very significant. I think if we take the serious ones to task the others will fall in line.

Mr. Killen asked what was the Mayor's reaction?

Linda Bush replied he said this is a bad year in the budget. We know it's a bad year in the budget, but that doesn't change the fact that what we do is regulate. It's like telling the police don't stop speeders because we don't have the money to prosecute. You're creating a double standard and it's not fair.

Mr. Holmes asked how far do you think the \$25,000 will take you?

Linda Bush replied I haven't the foggiest idea. Sometimes just writing a letter or two from the Town Attorney solves the problem. Sometimes it has to go to court. We have no idea how much it will cost because we've done so few.

Mr. Doherty stated I support your request, but maybe only at \$8,000 because of the tight budget year.

Mrs. Papale asked why can't the Town Attorney's office handle this?

Linda Bush replied that is what you told me last year.

Mrs. Papale stated maybe it has to come from us to make them comply with your wishes. You are a Town department and they should be representing you. They have to be told this is part of their job. If I received a letter from Linda Bush and then received a letter from the Wallingford Town Attorney, I would look twice at the attorney's letter.

Mr. Parisi stated I would hope the Council or Council Chairman could strongly encourage the Town Attorney to write some letters on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Board. I don't think that's such a big deal.

Mr. Holmes stated maybe we should meet with the Town Attorney on this.

Mr. Killen stated we are the legislative body and we don't have control over the Town Attorney. That is an administrative duty.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to increase Line 9030, Professional Services, from \$0 to \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley stated out of the Town Attorney's office we have \$130,000 in salaries. The least they can do is write letters. It's up to the Mayor, if you're not getting cooperation, to motivate those people.

VOTE: Bradley, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen voted no; Parisi was absent; Doherty and Holmes voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 102 with the changes presented by Linda Bush, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PLANNING & ZONING, Page 178 - Personnel & Salary A/C 7010

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 178, A/C 7010 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PLANNING & ZONING, Page 127 - Capital A/C 7010

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 127, A/C 7010 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN CLERK, Page 101

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 101 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Zandri asked how many copiers do you have?

Kathryn Wall replied we have two. I looked into upgrading the newest one but the cost would rise from \$79 per month to \$100 per month.

Mr. Zandri asked is there really a need for two copiers?

Ms. Wall replied yes. We have a very big demand for copies and the copies more than pay for themselves.

Mr. Zandri stated maybe you would be better off with a copier that sorts and feeds than two basic copiers that do neither.

Ms. Wall replied I think we really need two copiers because of the volume of people that use the machines. For right now I'm happy with what I have.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN CLERK, Page 177 - Personnel & Salary A/C 6030

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 177, A/C 6030 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN CLERK, Page 127 - Capital A/C 6030

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Page 127, A/C 6030, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley asked what are you replacing for furniture?

Ms. Wall replied I hope to replace all five desks and a couple of the chairs.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, Page 66

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 66 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 4850, Small Equipment-RACES, what is the reason for the increase?

Ernest Frattini replied I talked with the radio people and with the extra radio equipment they have to get and repair they will need the \$350. Right now there is only \$30 left in the account. With the extra equipment next year they will spend all the money.

Mr. Doherty asked on Line 4760, Aux. Police Uniforms & Supplies, what is the reason for the decrease?

Mr. Frattini replied last year we added people so we needed extra uniforms and firearms. We haven't added anyone this year.

Mr. Doherty asked what's your force at now?

Jack Barbera replied we're down from 40 to 34 people. The organization runs good with 40 personnel. We have a recruiting drive every year and bring it up to 40. Unfortunately the State requires members to go to the MPTC training in Meriden which puts a hardship on the individuals. The training runs 10 weeks, 2 nights a week for 3-4 hours.

Mr. Zandri stated on Line 5790, Health Welfare Rescue Supplies, you haven't spent all the money this year. Do you really need the \$550?

Mr. Frattini replied by the end of the year those dollars will be spent. In the past we have spent all of that money.

Mr. Zandri stated not according to the figures I have in front of me.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5790, Health Welfare Rescue Supplies, from \$550 to \$500, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Parisi voted no; Solinsky passed; Killen was absent; Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 66 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, Page 169 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2090

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 169, A/C 2090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, Page 124 - Capital A/C 2090

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 124, A/C 2090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley stated the refurbishing was included in the 88-89 budget. Is there a reason why you didn't get to it then?

Mr. Frattini replied this is additional dollars.

Tom Myers replied the work is being done in two phases at \$30,000 per phase until the interior is reconstructed. The total project cost is \$60,000 funded over a two year period.

Mr. Zandri asked do you have a set of plans for the work that will be done in the building and an estimate?

Mr. Frattini replied we have a set of plans but we don't have an estimate.

Mr. Zandri stated you mean we're putting up dollars and we don't know what the total project is going to be?

Tom Myers replied because of budget constraints it was decided to provide so much money in each budget year until the project is complete.

Mr. Zandri stated but you lose sight of the total cost of the project. What is being done in the building?

Mr. Frattini replied ceiling, drop lighting, doors and stairs to the roof, change the front doors to open out, emergency lighting system, wall by the stairway from floor to ceiling per fire code, paneling on existing walls due to water damage, etc.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, Page 58

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 58 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty asked is Line 4270, Fire, Arson & Prevention Supplies a new line item?

Vic Scionti replied yes, this used to be listed under Miscellaneous.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 3000, Gas & Oil, what is the reason for the increase?

Vic Scionti replied we added another car this past year and we anticipate gas prices will increase.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, Page 168 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2035

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 168, A/C 2035 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2035

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Page 123, A/C 2035 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked what are you going to use the computer system for?

Mr. Scionti replied it will be used to track building inspections.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - EAST WALLINGFORD - VOLUNTEER, Page 59

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 59 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes asked on Line 2010, Utilities, what do you expect to spend in that account for this year?

Wayne Lefebvre, Assistant Chief, replied we haven't got all the billing in so it's hard to tell. We use gas which is more expensive.

Jack McElfish, Chief, replied we have \$1,020 left for April, May and June so we may be coming back for a transfer.

Mr. Bradley stated on Line 4520, Tires & Tubes, so far you haven't spent any dollars. Why is there an increase?

Chief McElfish replied this station operates four vehicles. Last year we had new tires put on the tanker. This year we haven't replaced any tires but we'll probably have new tires put on at least one of the vehicles next year. In my hand are transfers you'll be getting next Tuesday night to cover overtime costs. Some of them are from Tire accounts, in fact one is going from one Tire account to another. The tires run around \$300 a piece and if we need to replace 4 or 6 tires we need to transfer monies around. You have to realize we're projecting a budget 18 months in advance. Some tires wear out faster than others. We're also going to request a \$600 transfer out of this account to go to Vacation-Replacement.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the condition of the tires up there? Are we or are we not going to need new tires? Can't you tell by looking at them?

Chief McElfish replied not always. A lot of times the inside tire gets torn up and with a radial tire you have to place both or all four tires. Somewhere along the way we'll probably use the money in some of the departments. The ideal way to do this budget is just have one tire account for the Fire Department of maybe \$6,000 and then the money is there when we need it. Now we have to put so much in each little account, come back and plead our case, get the money transferred and then hold off and wait. This is the way we've always played games here.

Mr. Bradley asked what do you spend on an annual basis for tires?

Mr. Zandri stated as of 4/14/89 they spent \$2,865 on tires for all their departments.

Chief McElfish stated by the end of the year it should be close to \$4,100.

Mr. Parisi asked why are you transferring money out of Line 4520 for sick replacement or something?

Chief McElfish replied because there are no other monies available.

Mr. Parisi stated but dollars in Tires & Tubes is supposed to be spent on tires and tubes and dollars for Sick Replacement is for sick replacement. What we want you to do is estimate the accounts better. That's the game we have to play. It's just as frustrating for us to see this type of transfer. We're all frustrated over the process, but it's the one we have to live with.

Chief McElfish stated I've been here 7 times for transfers because the accounts were not funded at a proper level for Workers Comp, Vacation, etc.

Mr. Parisi asked are you saying we took the money out of those accounts?

Chief McElfish replied yes sir, you and the Mayor both in the previous budgets.

Mr. Zandri asked why are the dollars on Line 5850, Length of Service Award, put in Contingency?

Tom Myers replied I believe it was the Mayor's position to put \$5,000 in Contingency to begin the program—to have a study done and collect whatever data was necessary.

Mrs. Papale stated it looks like the Mayor put \$5,000 in each volunteer fire department.

Tom Myers replied that just says "CONT". It doesn't say how many dollars. He put \$1,250 in each volunteer department for a total of \$5,000. This money was to do an additional study or startup costs, whatever is necessary to get the program going. Wasn't a review committee appointed?

Tim Wall, Captain-North Farms, replied there was no committee appointed. You all received my correspondence and I've written two letters to Mayor Dickinson and haven't received a reply on either one.

Mrs. Papale stated I talked to the Mayor and it was my understanding there was \$5,000 for a future study. I've talked with Mr. Wall many times on this and I felt with all the details presented the study was done by Mr. Wall and the people involved. It's difficult to answer this without the Mayor here.

Mr. Zandri stated I think the question that came up that night was that the specifics of the program weren't defined enough to warrant him starting the program at \$20,000 not knowing what he was getting into.

Captain Wall stated I don't understand the intention of this \$5,000 funding.

Mr. Zandri asked are you saying if the program is funded for \$20,000 that that figure will remain the same each year?

Chief McElfish replied no. We had to get the budget in so it was my decision to at least put something in to start the program in January. We haven't formalized a program. We're looking at \$47,000-\$50,000 for a full year so if we adopted the program in January we'd be looking for half of that figure.

Mr. Zandri asked is the \$47,000 going to escalate each year or is that a fixed figure? We need to see the whole picture before committing ourselves.

Captain Wall replied the initial cost is the most expensive. The \$47,000 should stay in effect for 5-10 years. Once you get rid of your old timers the cost would go down. We're asking for a committee to be established and money has to be budgeted. So far all the phone calls and copying have been done at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Parisi stated then the next step is to form the committee and come forward with a complete program.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 4850, Small Equipment, what is included in that account?

Chief McElfish replied anything from hand tools to bunker gear. We're getting a mini-pumper so we will also need additional equipment for that vehicle.

Mr. Zandri asked what happens to the money that comes into the volunteer departments when you go out on calls on state roads? Why don't those dollars appear in the budget?

Chief McElfish replied they don't come to the Town's General Fund. Traditionally it goes to the volunteers. They fill out the forms and request the money from the State and it goes to their individual accounts to purchase equipment, have banquets, etc. You have to remember these are volunteers.

Mr. Zandri stated I'm not looking for it to go to the General Fund, but I do think it should be accounted for.

Tom Myers replied I think that is because State statutes indicate the payments are requested and paid to the volunteer units. This is because the units are incorporated separately as tax exempt entities. When the checks come in they are made payable to the volunteer fire department.

Mr. Zandri asked do you think some of those dollars could be used to help fund the retirement program?

Jay Woron, Chief-North Farms, replied we use the majority of the money for rescue equipment. We offset \$8,800 of options on the new pumper we're receiving. Some of the money has been used for capital improvements and once a year we have a banquet. We try to keep the balance of the money remaining down to a minimum by using it for equipment, in case we're ever audited.

Mr. Zandri stated I feel the equipment is really the responsibility of the Town and if part of that money was used to help fund the Length of Service program it might be a way to obtain a balance between the Town and the volunteers funding this program.

Ed Mik, Chief-Yalesville, replied we use most of our money for recruitment, although some is spent on equipment. The money goes back into the membership to help make them feel a part of the system, such as work parties after fires. We would not be very favorable to using the money for the pension fund. We feel that is something the Town should pick up.

Timothy Sweeney, Chief-Cook Hill, replied we also use our money for the membership. We hold some affairs for the children in the area and we bought some A/V equipment for training. Our department has discussed using the money for the pension and it was felt the money should stay within the department.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE EAST WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2036

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Page 123, A/C 2036 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Joe DaCunto, Chief-East Wallingford, stated the Mayor cut the Fire Fighting Gear and I'd like to get that back. We asked for 10 sets of gear and the Mayor approved 7 sets.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the aluminum siding for?

Assistant Chief Lefebvre replied the siding is for the gable ends of the building. The rest of the building is made of cement block. The wood is exposed to the weather and we don't want it to defoliate. The building is in a residential neighborhood and we want to keep it aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Zandri asked will a coat of paint on that help it last another year?

Assistant Chief Lefebvre replied it isn't in real bad shape right now because we just had it painted, but it's something we've been asking for over the past two years.

Mr. Zandri stated my point is if we eliminate that, we can restore the gear you need. I think you have to set your priorities.

Mr. Holmes asked are we on a regular replacement program for the fire fighting gear?

Assistant Chief Lefebvre replied if they wear out and rip we have to replace them. We bought ten sets last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Fire Fighting Gear from \$4,850 to \$6,720, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Bradley, Papale and Parisi voted no; Killen was absent; Doherty, Holmes, Solinsky and Zandri voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 123, A/C 2036 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - NORTH FARMS - VOLUNTEER, Page 60

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 60 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley stated on Line 3000, Gas, Oil & Diesel, for the past two years you've only spent \$600-\$700.

Steve Hacku, Assistant Chief, replied we're expecting another fill-up and right now we have a balance of \$500. We'll probably use another \$200 out of that.

Mr. Doherty asked would you address Line 5710, Training, and Line 4850, Small Equipment.

TAPE RECORDER MALFUNCTIONED - ONLY MOTIONS FOLLOW

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to increase Line 5710, Training, from \$1,155 to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Line 4850, Small Equipment, from \$2,895 to \$4,500, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 60 as amended, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE NORTH FARMS VOLUNTEER, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2037

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 123, A/C 2037 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - COOK HILL - VOLUNTEER, Page 61

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 61 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Line 5000, Maintenance of Vehicles, from \$2,200 to \$5,200, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 61 as amended, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE COOK HILL VOLUNTEER, Page 124 - Capital A/C 2038

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 124, A/C 2038 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - YALESVILLE - VOLUNTEER, Page 62

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 62 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE YALESVILLE VOLUNTEER, Page 124 - Capital A/C 2039

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 124, A/C 2039 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE SURGEON, Page 56

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 56 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 5760, Physical Exams, from \$30,000 to \$24,000, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 56 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE SURGEON, Page 168 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2033

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 168, A/C 2033 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE EAST WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2036

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to increase Fire Fighting Gear from \$4,850 to \$6,720, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

AMBULANCE, Page 53

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 53 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - REGULAR, Pages 54 & 55

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Pages 54 & 55 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION & SUPPRESSION, Pages 163-167 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2032

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Pages 163-167, A/C 2032 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE REGULAR, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2032

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 123, A/C 2032 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE EMERGENCY CENTER, Page 57

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 57 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE EMERGENCY CENTER, Page 123 - Capital A/C 2034

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to reduce Computerized Dispatch System from \$6,000 to \$0, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 123, A/C 2034 as amended, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Killen was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION, Page 72

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 72 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION, Pages 169 & 170 - Personnel & Salary A/C 4000

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Pages 169 & 170 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT, Page 124 - Capital A/C 4000

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 124 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COMMUNITY POOL, Page 74

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 74 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COMMUNITY SWIM POOL, Page 170 - Personnel & Salary A/C 4010

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 170, A/C 4010 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION COMMUNITY POOL, Page 124 - Capital A/C 4010

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 124, A/C 4010 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SHEEHAN SWIM POOL, Page 170 - Personnel & Salary A/C 4011

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 170, A/C 4011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky and Killen were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 a.m.

Meeting Recorded & Transcribed by:
Katrina M. Manley, Council Secretary

The Sixth Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday, May 3, 1989. Vice Chairwoman Iris Papale called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Zandri and Papale. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller. Mr. Killen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6885, Contribution-Emergency Shelter

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 6885, Contribution-Emergency Shelter, as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Tom Zappala stated the figures you have in front of you really don't show the expenses we went through to get the shelter livable.

Mr. Holmes asked is the rent of \$18,000 a yearly figure or only for the time you occupy the shelter?

Mr. Zappala replied that is a yearly lease.

Mr. Zandri stated according to the figures your operating expense have increased and yet the state grant and town contribution remain the same. What are your plans for making up the difference?

(Mr. Solinsky arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Mr. Zappala replied we're going to try to recruit money through state grants. This year we didn't have enough time or knowledge to do this. We'll just have to solicit money and hold fundraisers to make up the difference.

Mr. Bradley asked what is included under Miscellaneous Repairs?

Mr. Zappala replied I know we have to buy another microwave oven. We had to call a plumber twice this year to clean up the pipes. We also have supplies included in there also.

Mr. Adams asked have you looked into maybe subleasing the building during the months you're not open?

Mr. Zappala replied I have never looked into the option. I'm hoping to be open a little longer next year. I have no intention of getting involved with a soup kitchen or anything else. I don't have the energy.

Mr. Adams stated I wasn't really thinking of that. A lot of times we have a space problem in Town and there are requests for the use of facilities. Maybe that's an option where you could gain some income.

Mr. Zappala replied I'll look at the lease and talk to the landlord.

Mr. Solinsky stated I think that's an excellent idea.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTRIC DIVISION - OPERATING BUDGET, Pages 128-130

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 128 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Ray Smith stated as you know the power supply situation in New England is not good and is not expected to get any better in the next decade. Our plant is almost 40 years old and it's dependability is questionable. We have to remain competitive in the 1990's and we've laid out a program on how to remain competitive. We should be adding generation in the form of a combustion turbine at the rear of the Pierce Station property. The rate settlement gave us stability in our wholesale rates and also gave us some seed money for generation expansion. When we go back and bargain with Northeast Utilities in 1992, we have to be in a reasonably good bargaining position. We have to have something to offer. The Pierce Station saves us \$1.35 million annually in gross capacity charges. We have the ability to replace that capacity as it stands today up to 32 megawatts. That would save the ratepayers \$1.84 million annually. We are currently 15% below Northeast Utilities. Hopefully we can remain in that posture, but we have to have a game plan. In our financial forecast laid out by the auditor, it will require about \$9 million in borrowings in 1991, 1992 and 1993. We are in good financial condition, but we also have our monies earmarked for some very important programs. The most important of which is the generation addition. It's my estimate that we could probably build a 30-40 megawatt gas turbine for about \$15 million. That figure isn't cast in stone. If we could use 30 megawatts for our own and sell the other 10 megawatts off system, there will be enough income from that to pay the debt service for the \$9 million in bonds, not the interest but the principal payments for a 20 year period. I think it is very important that the Council recognize that this budget is the first year of the long range program and we hope we have the support of the Council. Our system also needs some improvements. One of those is a new substation in the Yalesville section of Town which will improve reliability.

Bill Barry stated the budget overall has a 2% increase. On March 1 of this year we had a 6 1/2% rate reduction. In preparing this we thought about what do customers want. I think they want two things: good prices and reliability. This budget is designed to do both of those things, keep us financially competitive and reliable. It focuses on the safety of our workers, which is most important, the environment, training, reliability and it keeps us current technologically. We developed this plan in the form of a pyramid. We started at the top with a mission statement, then went on to goals, objectives, actions, person responsible, target date for completion, resources needed and dollars. This will be monitored and evaluated at the end of the period. The major component of this is Pierce Station. We are attempting to orchestrate the Pierce Plant so that it complements the new plant in time. We want to extend the useful life of the Pierce Plant, through capital improvements, in the areas that will be useful after the construction of the new facility while we maintain the parts of the Pierce Station we won't need after the construction is completed.

Sales & Electric Energy, Page 128

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Total Sales & Adjustment as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Zandri stated I appreciate your presentation and I understand what your game plan is, but there are alternatives to borrowing money to undertake your capital improvements. The PUC Commissioners set the rates and have the ability to lower those rates less than what they did, therefore not going into a borrowing phase if they so choose.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Mr. Smith replied the rates are intended to carry through to December 1992. This is the ending date for the wholesale rate. Most likely we will be facing a wholesale rate increase and rate adjustments on the retail side will have to be made. We'll have three or four years under our belt of capital expenditures and we'll know how far along our project is.

Mr. Zandri stated you can change this whole picture depending on how you set your rates and the rates can still be favorable to the ratepayers because we would still be less than the other utilities in the area.

Mr. Smith replied it may behoove us to borrow more money if the interest rates drop to a certain level. That's always a balancing act. There are a lot of variables and options. We're in the best position we've ever been because of the large rebate we received. We wouldn't have had \$7.5 million if the settlement had come back and we were at ground zero. We would have been borrowing right up front.

Mr. Zandri stated the reason you have those dollars is because you were charging additional rates and when the settlement came in it came in lower. Those dollars came from the ratepayers. Getting back to the budget, what did you base your calculations on to come up with the expected revenues for the residential, commercial and industrial categories?

Mr. Smith replied we projected a 5% increase in sales over the prior fiscal year in kilowatt-hours. The 5% is anticipated growth.

Mr. Zandri asked are the residential, commercial and industrial rates different?

Mr. Smith replied residential is 8.25, commercial is 8.8 and industrial is 6.50.

Mr. Zandri asked if you wanted to increase the bottom line by \$1 million, do you know what the additional rate would have to be to accomplish that?

Mr. Smith replied sales are in the range of 480 million kilowatt-hours. Let's say if it's 500 million kilowatt-hours, probably 2 mills or 2/10 of a cent. It would be about \$1.40 more per month for the average residential customer.

Mr. Holmes stated there's been much discussion on where to apply the \$7+ million we received through the rate settlement. As Geno pointed out the ratepayers have ultimately paid that money. In my opinion, the best place to put that money is right back into the plant through the proposed plan. I'm sure we could find a way to take a portion of that to fund the mill rate, but ultimately, if it's been paid by the ratepayers through their electric use, it should go back to the station to improve that. It's an enterprise fund and that's the way the business should be run. If we do go forward with this proposal, the ratepayers will get their money back through stability of rates and a reliable station.

Mr. Zandri stated not only do the residents of Wallingford benefit by our utilities, but the residents of Northford also benefit. So we have to be careful on how we balance this business, and I call it a business because that's exactly what it is, and I think the people of Wallingford deserve a certain return on their investment. Please keep that in mind as we go through the budget. People outside the borders of Wallingford also benefit by what happens to this business.

Mrs. Papale asked what is the percentage of customers in Northford as compared to Wallingford?

Mr. Smith replied there's 2,500 customers in Northford and 17,500 in Wallingford. It's a little more than 10%. The people in Northford are also paying rates which means they are investing in the electric operations.

Mr. Adams stated one of my concerns is better communication and explanation to us of how the system works. When I sat down and talked with the people from the Electric Division I came away with a much better understanding. I am in favor of the five-year plan.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Electric Revenue, Page 128

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 450, Late Payment Charges, as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley stated it looks like there's a 20% increase on these numbers.

Walter Lee stated as of March we were up to \$313,000. If you project that forward, I think it's a fairly realistic/conservative figure.

Mr. Bradley stated you were budgeted at \$315,000 for this year. Do you think you'll go over that?

Mr. Lee replied yes we will.

Mr. Zandri asked are the late payment charges pretty steady on a monthly basis?

Mr. Lee replied strangely enough they are. There's a certain percentage of our sales that will always be late. It tracks very steadily. You have to remember that the revenue falls off in the last few months.

Mr. Zandri stated last year's figures come to \$416,000 so I would think this item could be budgeted at \$410,000.

Mr. Smith replied don't forget the first 9 months included 8 months under an old rate structure so besides the declining sales you also have a declining rate.

Mr. Zandri stated I would think this figure would be based on sales and the sales for this upcoming year are equivalent to this year. I would assume the late charges track in proportion to the sales so everything would come out equal.

Mr. Lee replied you have to remember this was drafted in January. Now several months later we have more data. I would feel comfortable with \$400,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Line 450, Late Payment charges, from \$382,175 to \$400,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Income, Page 128

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Net Income, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Zandri stated that figure will have to be adjusted now because of the change.

Tom Myers stated you should deal just with Lines 415, 419 and 421. Total Operating Income and Operating Expenses will be adjusted automatically.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 415, 419, 421 and CATV Rental as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes asked what is the reason for the decrease in CATV Rental?

Mr. Lee replied that's our joint pole rentals with Cable. It's administered through SNET and periodically we pick up the rent. We may pick up two portions in one year and nothing in the next so it averages out to \$4,800 over a period of time.

Mr. Smith replied on Line 419, Interest Income, that interest is from normal funds. It does not include interest we expect to receive from the rebate we just got at the end of March. The financial statements for the next few months are going to show that blended together. This is really based on the concept that was raised by this Council of establishing a sinking fund or capital generation fund. The original seed money should go into that fund as well as the interest that money would earn till it's expended.

Mr. Holmes asked do you foresee gaining more interest in that account over the coming fiscal year? What did you use to project that account?

Mr. Lee replied it was projected at 6.5%. Current rates are 9.5% or 9.7% and dropping.

Mr. Holmes asked do feel the \$400,000 is a conservative estimate and possibly you could generate a little more in that?

Mr. Lee replied yes this figure is conservative.

Mr. Zandri asked would you feel comfortable with an increase to \$440,000 on this particular line?

Mr. Lee replied yes.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Line 419, Interest, from \$400,000 to \$440,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 415, 419, 421 and CATV as amended, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Production - Operation, Page 128

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 500 to 506-2 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 500, Supervision and Engineering, what is the increase based on?

Mr. Barry replied you'll see in this budget places where there are large increases and large decreases. This is part of zero-based budgeting. We have reduced some accounts that were used as spreading accounts and reallocated those monies. The major reason for this increase, aside from some small reallocations, is that in 1988-89 the Power Plant Superintendent position was funded from January. In 1989-90 that position will be there full time.

Mr. Bradley asked is this account only salaries?

Mr. Barry replied there are also some dollars for training, asbestos handling training and \$20,000 for asbestos containment equipment. Also included is the implementation of safety and health requirements at \$13,000.

Mr. Zandri asked is there a breakdown on each of these accounts?

Mr. Barry replied if you look in this book you can find the contents of the 500 accounts. The far righthand column tells you what account each item is allocated to. This is a new procedure and is an imperfect process. It is not impossible that you could add this up and it wouldn't come out exactly to the dollar figure because we've made some adjustments as we prepared this for presentation. But it's very close.

Mr. Zandri stated if we could have these different line items and then have a reference against that line item as to what is in there it would be a lot easier to track from year to year. In the future maybe this is something you should do. It would be a lot easier to go through the budget that way. I understand how this is represented, but it makes it very difficult to follow.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 506-1, Station Supplies, what is the reason for the increase?

Mr. Barry replied most of that is based on an anticipated increase in activity at Pierce Station. The major increase in that account is \$5,000 for safety equipment and \$5,000 for hazardous substance and supplies equipment. The same would hold true for Line 506-2, Station Expenses.

Mr. Bradley stated on Line 506, Miscellaneous Station Labor, it looks like you're right on for this year. What is the reason for the increase?

Mr. Barry replied the major component of the increase is the implementation of safety and health activities. We also have allocated some of the Chief Electrician and Maintenance Electrician time to the Pierce Station because we anticipate increased activity. The Pierce staff is predominately maintenance and mechanically oriented, not electrically oriented.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Production - Maintenance, Page 128

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 510 to 513-3 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Zandri stated on Line 512-2, Furnaces and Boilers, this year was budgeted at \$481,580 and in 9 months you've only spent \$65,636.

Mr. Barry replied we went 9 months of this year without a Superintendent. Because of that there was no one there to write specifications, therefore there is a significant underexpenditure. In all of these accounts, at the end of this year I estimate there will be somewhere between \$550,000-\$580,000 underexpended. The enterprise system will require that those monies be dropped to the bottom line and will inflate the bottom line. After lengthy conversations with Mr. Myers, after July 1 I will come back to this body and ask to transfer the dollars back out and into the Pierce Station accounts. Most of those dollars represent work that will be done by outside contractors. I talked about orchestrating that facility to be ready to accommodate the new generation facility in 1992-1993. We will need those dollars to accommodate that. A significant piece of this money will be used to retube boilers. That is not a capital expenditure. It's not being used to extend life but to make it safe and usable today.

Mr. Zandri stated you obviously have a game plan for that particular furnace and boilers. My question is will that work be completed in fiscal year 1989-90?

Mr. Barry replied yes.

Mr. Zandri stated if the dollars are in there, I expect the dollars to be spent.

Mr. Adams stated I too would like to see everything that is supposed to be done, get done. It's very necessary for us to stay on schedule.

Mr. Holmes stated it should also be noted that the PUC transfers money in and out of line items on a regular basis. I don't know if that's reflected anywhere in these reports, but it's hard to track historical data if money has been transferred.

Mr. Barry replied that is a valid point. This does not reflect that.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Production Operation, Pages 128 and 129

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 549 and 555 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Zandri asked is Line 549, Miscellaneous Other Power Generation, a new account?

Mr. Barry replied yes. All of the money in Line 549 is intended for environmental areas. We're going to have an environmental audit done of our entire facility, implementing the recommendations of that audit, construction and training of personnel with regard to a PCB response unit, disposal of waste oil and removal of fuel tank at Johns Street.

Mr. Bradley asked do you have an inventory of what transformers contain PCB's?

Michael Holmes stated no we don't. Under federal law we must assume that all transformers are PCB contaminated unless we have proof otherwise. We have no program in place to purposely go out and test these units because of the expense. However, any unit taken out of service, damaged or otherwise, is sampled and disposed of if contaminated. In the future we will be tracking the locations of non-contaminated transformers.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 555, Purchased Power, what do you base that figure on? Also is the billing done on a monthly basis per consumption for that month or is it spread out over 12 months?

Mr. Smith replied that goes back to the sales data of this year and increased by 5%. It is based on a per monthly basis on actual conditions.

Mr. Zandri asked I'm looking at the 9 month figure of \$20,453,355. How do the last three month's figures relate to that?

Mr. Smith replied they typically fall off the last 3 months of the year as far as sales. During our peak months we purchased 50 million kilowatt-hours per month and this time of year we might be down to 44 or 42.

Mr. Zandri asked do you have the last three months of last year available?

Mr. Smith replied not with me.

Mr. Zandri stated I bring this up because if you project this figure out you come up with \$27,271,140 which is about \$1 million less than you budgeted. So it becomes a very critical figure as far as this budget is concerned.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to table this item until figures are available, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Distribution Expense - Operation, Page 129

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 580 to 588 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Parisi asked on Line 583, Overhead Lines Expense, why the significant increase?

Michael Holmes replied part of that is a reallocation of labor, specifically \$23,000 from engineering and labor. We are now charging wages directly to this account for engineering.

Mr. Parisi stated the point is \$28,794 is unexpended. That's the case in a lot of these accounts. I understand about estimates and guesses, but when you take a historical number of 9 months and average it out and then add it on to the other end and there's a surplus of \$40,000, then 50% of that is surplus.

Mr. Barry replied there are two other components. Line 583 shows a 32% increase over what was requested last year. But Lines 582 and 580 show a 31% and 50% decrease over last year. The bottom line for that group is less than .03%. Part of the unexpended dollars is because there hasn't been anyone there to spend it. We had significant vacancies during most of this year.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Distribution - Maintenance, Page 129

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 590 to 598 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 595, Line Transformers, is there a program you're putting in place this year?

Michael Holmes replied \$80,000 is directly related to PCB handling, lab test of oil, and disposal of PCB apparatus.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Transmission Expense, Page 129

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 570 and 571 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes asked on Line 570, Maintenance of Station Equipment, do you have any projects ongoing at this point in time that will expend that line item?

Michael Holmes replied currently we're planning on doing a little more maintenance on the transmission equipment before the year is out so we expect that most of that will be expended. I believe the funding allocated was for maintenance of motor-operated disconnect switches in our 115 kV yard.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Customer Records & Collection Expense, Page 129

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 901 to 904 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 902, Meter Reading Expense, what is the reason for the underexpenditure?

John LaFramboise replied we had a vacancy in the department and new people came on into the fiscal year. If this was projected on a full staff, we would come fairly close to what the actual budget was.

Mr. Barry replied included in this account is a load management study for \$8,000.

Mr. Doherty stated I keep hearing the same thing that we didn't do this because we were understaffed. Were you a little bit optimistic in terms of filling these staff positions that you would be able to do all these things?

Mr. Smith replied yes we were optimistic when we sat before you last January. Unfortunately it took us longer to fill these positions and as a result some of the programs didn't go forward.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Customer Service and Information, Page 129

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to approve Lines 909 and 909 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Administrative and General Expense, Page 130

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 920-1 to 408-2 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes stated one item that really jumps out is Line 925, Injuries and Damages.

Mr. Lee replied if we use this amount we will come out about \$30,000 short. We estimated our premiums prior to receiving further information from the Risk Manager and he has indicated the premiums will be about \$30,000 higher. There is also an addition of \$66,000 for safety related items.

Mr. Bradley stated on Line 932, Maintenance of Plant, it looks like there will be a surplus there and also looking at FY 89-90 there's quite an increase.

Mr. Lee replied next year's budget includes a janitorial contract that was not in there before, fuel for an emergency generator, maintenance contract on air conditioner at Johns Street and maintenance of general plant, a portion of which reflects the laborers wages. We're assuming a lot of the maintenance and janitorial.

Mr. Holmes asked could you explain Lines 920-3, Material Maintenance, and 920-4, Auto Maintenance?

Mr. Barry replied these dollars were in a spreading account which was quite large. This year it's about \$250,000. In order to track the activity of material maintenance and auto maintenance we created two new accounts.

Mr. Holmes asked now that you're pretty much up to speed as far as staff, do you think in Line 923-3, Outside Services-Consultants, the amount requested can be reduced?

Mr. Barry replied I believe we will spend the \$75,000 allocated. There are times, especially now, when we are undertaking very enthusiastic tasks and we will need some outside help to come in and make sure we're on track.

Mr. Zandri asked are most of the salaries here under contract?

Mr. Barry replied yes.

Mr. Zandri asked on the non-union people what percentage was used for adjusting their salary?

Mr. Barry replied the only non-union person is myself and the percentage was 6% which came directly from the Personnel Department.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Expense, Page 130

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 426 to 431-2 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Parisi and Zandri were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Production Operation, Pages 128 and 129

Motion made by Mr. Holmes to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated the actual figure for Purchased Power for 9 months is \$20,497,148 and the figures for the last 3 months of the previous year total \$7,154,131. The total comes to \$27,651,279 and I would assume within that figure there's six months at the higher rate.

Mr. Smith replied the payments were made on memo bills so it was adjusted. They did two bills for us and we started paying based on the anticipated bill. So there are no months in there at a higher rate.

Mr. Zandri stated so this payment would be the equivalent of what we would pay this year.

Mr. Smith replied you also have to allow a 5% increase for growth.

Mr. Zandri stated I still don't understand why there is an \$8 million surplus in that account after 9 months.

Mr. Smith replied this year's number is high, but next year even with the 5% growth it is going to be less than this year's. Fuel adjustment could go up and then that number will change too.

Mr. Zandri stated I'm going to watch this next year and one of these years I'm not going to listen to estimates and just deduct the amount that's been surplus in those accounts.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the Electric Division Operating Budget, Pages 128-130, as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTRIC DIVISION - CAPITAL BUDGET, Pages 130-131

Production Plant, Page 130

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 311 to 316 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Zandri asked on these capital items I'd like to know the game plan as far as time frame and manpower availability?

Mr. Barry replied the major pieces of capital items will be contracted out. It would be foolish for a utility of our size and nature to keep people on staff to do things of the magnitude we're talking about here. The game plan is to revitalize the Pierce facility such that we build the new combustion turbine out back and we orchestrate that so that at the completion of it in a single cycle mode we move to a combined cycle mode. We put in a waste heat boiler, we take the processed steam from the single cycle unit and turn the existing 3 turbines on demand. That will eliminate the need for the existing boilers. The generators and turbines we will need so we want to make some improvements in those.

Mr. Smith stated we have signed a contract to have capacity available through 1992. The alternative is to pay another \$1,350,000 per year. Our first commitment is to get the combustion turbine completed and be ready to bargain with that. We think the turbines are salvageable, but it's going to take an in-depth study to go inside the condensers and turbines.

Mr. Zandri stated you have a very aggressive program here, not only within the capital items but the line items themselves. There has to be some sort of a game plan as far as time frame. Is there any kind of projected schedule as to when this work will be completed during the course of that budget year?

Mr. Smith replied as far as the turbine, we are out for RFP's right now for engineering to perform efficiency studies or evaluation studies. I don't think we'll be into the plans and specifications stage until early next year. Assuming you can get bids within 3-4 months, right now you have a 14-18 month lead time on turbines. We could make a July 1992 date, but an end of 1992 with the turbine is more realistic.

Mr. Barry replied we have put together a rough options report. This report is broken down into 4 categories: each one of the complete units (boiler, turbine and generator) and then the overall Pierce Station and those systems within that are common to all the energy production activities there. We have to change the oil in the transformers because of contamination with PCB's. We have some work in here on the electrical side of the house. It's not impossible that we could have a contractor working on the electrical side and change the PCB oil at the same time. A great deal depends on what we find out. On the short term, I hope to have Unit 2 back in service in 3-4 months. Beyond that a lot depends on what the inspections produce. I agree that this is an enthusiastic undertaking, but my main reason to believe we can do it is because so much is contracted in very specialized labor.

Mr. Zandri asked on any project isn't there a schedule of events from the design phase to the construction phase and the time frame?

Mr. Barry replied we do not have that for every one of these capital projects. That is a standard business and management practice that I agree with and there are places where we have it and places where I wish we did.

Mr. Zandri stated if you're contracting a lot of this out, the only factor should be on whether you can get a spec out.

Mr. Barry replied or whether you can do two projects at the same time. There are things at the Pierce Station that cannot be done at the same time.

Mr. Zandri stated that's why a game plan is needed. My concern is having dollars in a budget that you can't justify spending within that budget year.

Mr. Barry replied I don't agree we can't justify it, we just don't have a day to day timetable. In our objectives there are very specific target dates to accomplish and complete a project with dollar estimates. Beyond that we have a very rough options report for Pierce Station.

Mr. Zandri stated I would hope in the future any major projects would have some sort of a time frame associated with dollar costs so it could be more accurately projected in a budget year.

Mr. Barry replied I agree and the point is well taken.

Mr. Bradley asked on your target date is that start date or completion date?

Mr. Barry replied the target date is a start date.

Mr. Doherty asked on Line 314, Turbo-Generator Units, what exactly is the \$1.2 million going to cover in terms of cost for this year?

Mr. Smith replied primarily the design, engineering services, permitting requirements, environmental modeling, etc. The lion's share of the structure type equipment is scheduled for the following year. It will be one major contract with an engineering firm that will be doing two or three different things.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Distribution Plant, Pages 130-131

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 360 to 373 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Transmission & General Plant, Page 131

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 353 to 398 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes asked on the substations throughout the Town, are there any plans to implement the security proposals prepared by the Police Department?

Michael Holmes replied within this year's budget we are including funds for security primarily at the Johns Street and East Street facilities. We are also investigating and have taken some small security measures at our newest substation and North Wallingford substation. We are continuing to look at that but we have not identified specific funds within the budget.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 353, Station Equipment, what does this include?

Mr. Barry replied that is replacement of two motor-operated disconnects at East Street Substation. That's our end of our tie with Northeast Utilities.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated there's been some discussion back across this table before on Retained Earnings. The thing that concerns me is Retained Earnings does not appear anywhere in this budget. I don't understand why this money is not accounted for in the budget.

Mr. Smith replied Retained Earnings is not an item that you specifically budget. Retained Earnings is really a catchall accounting term. It's the difference between assets and liabilities. It has nothing to do with the budget--what you're budgeting is what you're planning to appropriate for next year's expenses.

Mr. Zandri state the Electric, Water and Sewer Divisions are the only departments in the Town that have money they retain after a budget year. In other words, if there's excess dollars in their budget they retain these dollars. I just feel this money should be accounted for.

Mr. Smith replied the money is totally accounted for. I'm sure Mr. Lee and Mr. Myers present statements on a regular basis and the auditors look at those and confirm that those statements are accurate.

Mr. Zandri stated if there is an excess at the end of the year, that money should go into a particular account and be accounted for in a budget process. Right now I don't think anybody in this Town knows how much cash you have in that account.

Mr. Smith replied the Levitsky & Berney Report projects what we will have in cash at the end of this year and also what's going to be in Retained Earnings. This year shows \$11 million in cash and Retained Earnings of \$21 million. Two years from now we're going to have \$23 million in Retained Earnings and only \$2.7 million in cash.

Mayor Dickinson stated I think Tom Myers should really address the issue of the financial statements versus the operating budgets. What has been stated is true. You won't find Retained Earnings in an operating budget, but all of those dollars are accounted for and they are part of the year-end financial statement.

Tom Myers stated the reason Retained Earnings does not appear in the budget is because it's not an operating account. It is neither an income nor expense account. Operating accounts are accounts that are used to measure performance of any entity--revenues coming in, expenses going out, the result of which is an income or a loss at the end of the accounting period or fiscal year. Retained Earnings is affected by the results of operations. If you have a net income at the end of the accounting period, Retained Earnings normally increase. If you have a deficit or net loss, Retained Earnings decrease. Retained Earnings is the most difficult concept for a non-financial person to understand. It's a combination of net worth of an entity (and net worth is physical plant less depreciated value) plus available earnings that have accumulated over a period of time. Retained Earnings is usually a measurement of a company's worth and has some significance for companies that continually borrow money or issue common stock. I think Mr. Zandri's point, do Retained Earnings ever enter into a budget, is a good question. Yes, Retained Earnings can be affected through the budget process. Retained Earnings change as a result of revenues coming in and expenditures going out. Next year the Electric Company has revenues coming in of \$41,466,000 and expenditures of \$39,811,000. That would give us a net income or profit of \$1,655,000 and would increase Retained Earnings by the same amount. However, that increase is affected by depreciation expense which is an expense charged in the utility rate but not paid out to anyone to recover plant and equipment use. As items wear out they are replaced and are added back in giving available funds to the utility of \$3,325,000. \$180,000 will be used to pay debt and \$4,529,000 will be used for 89-90 capital leaving a deficit of \$1,383,000. Where does the deficit money come from--Retained Earnings. What the Electric Division's budget says is their program to expand in order to continue operations needs more funding than is provided through the course of a normal one year operation. If there was not sufficient Retained Earnings, they would have to take out a loan, issue bonds or raise the customer's electric rate. Usually healthy companies that look to expand or increase their service have some degree of Retained Earnings in order to provide a combination of financing through Retained Earnings and by borrowing. The Town of Wallingford in general does this. We normally do not try to borrow every dollar we need in order to expand services.

Mr. Zandri asked do we transfer out of Retained Earnings for any thing other than capital?

Mr. Myers replied in the past we have, but I don't think we've transferred significant amounts. We could have amended operating budgets instead of transferring monies from Retained Earnings, but that becomes a position of utility management and if the money is available in Retained Earnings it certainly is a source.

Mr. Zandri asked is there anything that would prevent you from having a line item entitled Reserved for Capital?

Mr. Myers replied no.

Mr. Zandri stated then there's no reason why this money can't be accounted for in the budget under a line item specified for that reason. I'm just talking about cash, not plant. I realize there's additional dollars in there from the settlement, but I don't care if there's only 10 cents in the account, it should be accounted for and used for capital projects.

Mayor Dickinson stated the only way the Retained Earnings can be spent is with an appropriation through the Town Council. You receive a monthly financial statement which indicates what the balance of Retained Earnings is. So I really don't know what additional information you're looking for. The bottom line is it can't be spent without Council approval.

Robert Beaumont stated but Retained Earnings can fluctuate downward depending on what has happened within that particular month. On a monthly basis we could have a net income or a net loss. The income is added in and a loss would reduce it.

Mr. Smith stated June is typically a loss month and Retained Earnings will drop.

Mr. Zandri stated we discussed this last week with Tom Myers and he felt any business should have a certain amount of cash on hand to operate. He came up with a percentage and the dollar amount came to \$3 million that would be needed as cash on hand. So I don't see any reason why you can't set aside \$3 million in an account to run the operation and the surplus goes into a capital account. At the end of each year the profit would go directly into that capital account. If your budget is right, your \$3 million should be there at the end of the year.

Mr. Smith replied the cash could be there but there are going to be variations. I support what you're saying as far as putting the money into a special account and let it build on itself until it's expended for the generation project. The question is what do we call the account: restrictive retained earnings, reserve for capital accounts, sinking fund. Whatever you want to call it is fine. It doesn't have to be done as part of this budget process. It can be done at any Council meeting.

Mayor Dickinson stated anything would have to meet the general accounting standards and right now what we do meets those standards. We don't have the ability to create and do things differently because we want to. We have to live by the accounting standards.

Mr. Zandri stated I would like to get a response on my suggestion as far as whether it can be implemented. Tom Myers can get back to me if he can't give an answer right now.

ELECTRIC DIVISION SUMMARY, Page 6

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 6 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes asked do we have to amend this page because of the changes made previously?

Mr. Myers replied yes, Gross Income is \$41,524,800; Operating Expenses is \$39,811,915; Net Income is \$1,712,855; and Working Capital is \$3,383,668.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve page 6 as amended above, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Doherty stated on Taxes-In Lieu I think we should increase this and give the taxpayers a return on their investment.

Mr. Smith stated one of the things I have problems with is taxpayers are stockholders. As a taxpayer I never invested any money in this utility. Just because I moved into Wallingford doesn't mean I'm suddenly an investor. This is a basic philosophy question. The utility has been self-perpetuating on the original investment made by some people in 1900.

Mr. Zandri stated if we sold this facility at \$40 million and invested it at 10% with a return of \$4 million a year, whoever moved into Town under those conditions would benefit by the return on that investment.

Mr. Smith stated they benefit because the ratepayers have kept putting money into that over the year to make it grow. The voters have to decide that and some voters are people who live in apartments. If the tax bill on that apartment goes down and his electric bill goes up, he may not benefit. So he may decide that's not the way he wants to go.

Mr. Zandri stated the ratepayers in Northford love this situation.

Mayor Dickinson stated if you sold the facility, the first year looks great but after that the return looks worse and worse because it never increases. The real debate is what is the purpose of the Electric Division. In my opinion the purpose is to provide electric energy to the businesses and homes in Wallingford. It is not meant to offset tax rates. Should they pay something in lieu of taxes - yes. But to the extent that their rates are high enough to offset the mill rate and that money is being used for other purposes then the rate structure is wrong. If it's run as a business, then the revenue it produces should be geared primarily for the production of electric energy and the sale of that energy.

Mr. Zandri stated I don't feel the amount in here in lieu of taxes is the right proportion for the value of that particular business.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Taxes-In Lieu from \$1,155,000 to \$1,500,000, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mr. Adams asked if this is increased will it have an affect on the rates?

Mr. Smith replied not this year but somewhere down the road. We'll just have to borrow more money or increase the rates.

VOTE: Adams, Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted yes; motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to increase Taxes-In Lieu from \$1,155,000 to \$1,300,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Papale and Zandri voted yes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the Electric Division Summary, Page 6 as amended, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Parisi voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ELECTRIC DIVISION, Pages 179-180 - Personnel & Salary

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 179-180 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WATER DIVISION - OPERATING BUDGET, Pages 132-133

Roger Dann stated during this year water and sewer charges will increase. These increases are required in order to complete construction of the new waste water treatment plant, to accomplish the construction and operation of a new facility for the Oak Street wells, and to complete the design and begin the construction of a new water treatment plant. Beginning with the September billing we will be implementing a quarterly billing system. This should allow our customers to better monitor and budget for their water and sewer charges and also lessen the impact of the required rate increase. The Water Division has requested funds for several programs. The first one is continuation of an increased maintenance effort in the area of pump station maintenance. We began this program this year and it resulted in significant improvement in the pump stations. We're also looking to implement a new program which will improve the maintenance of the water transmission mains connecting the Paug and McKenzie reservoirs to the area of the I-91 connections where the transmission mains branch out into the various portions of Town. This will rehabilitate or replace all inoperable valves on these mains over the next several years. We will also continue the successful meter changeout program with increased emphasis on the replacement of larger meters. This program has resulted in the installation of over 4,300 new remote reading meters since it was instituted. Distribution system modeling, which includes the preparation of a computerized model of the water distribution system, is also included.

The Sewer Division budget is impacted primarily by the operation of the new treatment facility for a full year, with the exceptions of the ultra violet disinfection system and low level pumping stations which will be completed later in the year. It is anticipated that all other major plant systems will be in operation by July 1 of this year. The increased utilization of this facility is evidenced through increased expenses in the areas of chemicals, operational labor, maintenance and depreciation. Other initiatives on the part of the Sewer Division include the continuous addition of ferric chloride in order to minimize

hydrogen sulfide odors associated with the waste water treatment plant and an increased maintenance program with a collection system through the use of television equipment to improve in-house inspection and maintenance. Finally, this budget has addressed a concern which I believe we share with many members of the Council, namely the underexpenditure of funds for personnel salaries and benefits. In recognition of the fact that during the year various vacancies will occur as a result of normal personnel turnover, this budget proposal has included a 5% reduction in funding for base salaries and benefits to reflect the anticipated level of underexpenditures which will occur.

Ray Denison stated the PUC established the rate for the Water & Sewer Division in December 1985 which is to fund us through August 31, 1990. This rate was designed to fund operations, capital acquisitions, and debt reduction programs. With the exception of a minor contribution from the Town for the sewer treatment plant, the Divisions are completely self-supporting and without any assistance from the tax rate. Also the Water & Sewer Division drastically cut this budget long before we ever got here in order to make it fit within the rate. There are items that have increased significantly, but there are also items that have decreased significantly. We did not budget using across the board increases. We evaluated each account and the needs we may have in that account for the upcoming year.

Revenues From Sales, Page 132

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 461-000 to 462-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Zandri asked is a rate increase figured into these numbers?

Mr. Dann replied yes and that reflects the bulk of the increased revenues. There's also increased projections with regard to usage associated with the lifting of the moratorium.

Mr. Parisi asked why is there a rate increase when you show a profit of \$661,000?

Mr. Denison replied our operations have increased and the net income of \$600,000 is used to fund our capital and debt reduction. So the net income may look high, but so are other related requirements for cash such as the capital and debt reduction. When you take these into consideration you come up with an Estimated Unappropriated Balance of \$45,643 as shown on Page 7 under the Water Division Summary.

Mr. Dann stated in this current rate increase we included the initial stages of the design and construction of the new water treatment facility. We have set aside in this budget a total of \$500,000 which is specifically targeted for that purpose.

VOTE: Adams and Holmes were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Income, Page 132

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 415-000 to 474-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Parisi asked what is Line 419-000, Interest on Investments?

Mr. Denison replied during the billing period the influx of cash is pretty much right up front and that sustains us through to the next billing. So we're investing it and obtaining interest in that and any other funds that might be held in reserve as well. Interest on Accounts Receivable is late payment charges to delinquent customers.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Source of Supply Expenses, Page 132

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Lines 601-000 to 617-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley asked what is Line 613-000, Maintenance of Lakes & River Intake?

Mr. Dann replied that is a labor account and includes the labor necessary to perform maintenance of the three reservoirs.

Mr. Bradley stated I'm looking for one item in particular that I brought up last year. Last year I raised the question regarding McKenzie Reservoir and the red pine that was dying down there. I asked if there would be a planting undertaken for that year and you answered yes. I haven't seen anything.

Mr. Denison replied the last year or so we've been concentrating on removing the dead red pines. We planted on the south side a few years back. When we get the clearing done we will transplant some tress into that area.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Pumping Expenses, Page 132

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 623-000 to 633-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Water Treatment Expenses, Page 132

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 641-000 to 652-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Transmission & Distribution Expenses, Page 133

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 663-000 to 677-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Customer Account Expenses, Page 133

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 902-000 to 903-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 903-000, Customer Records & Collection Expense, what is the reason for the increase?

Mr. Dann replied we are in the process of converting to a quarterly billing schedule. That will require additional meter readings and there are other costs associated with more frequent mailings.

Mr. Zandri asked why are we going to a quarterly billing?

Mr. Dann replied as rates have increased it is placing a very difficult burden on customers, particularly those on a fixed income, to adequately budget for the increased rates. By spreading those payments out to four instead of two the individual payments will be lower and hopefully easier to budget. It also helps the customer monitor their consumption.

VOTE: Holmes and Papale were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Administrative & General Expenses, Page 133

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 920-000 to 932-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley asked on Line 923-000, Outside Services Employed, what is the reason for the increase?

Mr. Dann replied there are two programs in particular that impact on that account. The first is the State required aquifer mapping program and the second is the distribution system model.

Mr. Bradley asked is there any money in this budget for doing research for new groundwater resources?

Mr. Dann replied no and I don't believe it's in the five-year budget. There were funds allocated in this budget for a new position entitled Senior Engineer. The intent for that position was to be able to perform some of the long range planning functions in-house instead of using consultants. As I stated, the Senior Engineer position is funded within this budget, however, the Mayor removed the Senior Engineer position from the Personnel page on the basis that there is no current job description. We will have to provide a job description and negotiate with regard to salary for that position. We anticipate coming back to Council with a job description in order to fill that position by January 1990.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Revenue Deductions, Page 133

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 403-000 and 408-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Deductions, Page 133

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 427-000 and 427-011 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve the Water Division Operating Budget, Pages 132-133 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WATER DIVISION - CAPITAL BUDGET, Page 134

Regular Capital Additions, Page 134

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Lines 312-090 to 397-090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Capital Additions From Contributions, Page 134

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Lines 344-090 and 345-090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Doherty asked on Line 344-090, Distribution Systems from Developers, where is the money coming from specifically?

Richard Cassello replied it's a non-cash item. It's the capital additions by developers that are turned over to the Water Division to be added into our capital assets. We might receive from a developer several thousand feet of water line including hydrants which would have a value. That value when added to our capital plant has to show as a capital addition. It's offset by Contributions in Aide of Construction.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve the Water Division Capital Program, Page 134 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WATER DIVISION SUMMARY, Pages 6 and 7

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to approve Water Division Summary, Pages 6 and 7 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WATER DIVISION, Pages 186-190 - Personnel & Salary

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Pages 186-190 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Bradley asked is that new position in here?

Mr. Dann replied no the Mayor removed it from the Personnel Section however the funds remain. There is no job description for the position so it is probably inappropriate to advertise a salary for the position. We will have to go through the process of a job description and also a negotiation process with regard to salary.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Doherty asked for a brief summary of the two filtration systems at the wells and the status of the water treatment facility.

Mr. Dann replied the well treatment facility is on schedule and we anticipate signing a contract tomorrow for the construction. We're looking at completion during the course of this year. With regard to the water treatment facility, we are into the design phase. We have completed a preliminary layout of the facility and will be meeting next week with the State Department of Health Services to obtain some preliminary approvals on the layout. We should go to bid on the project in December of this year.

SEWER DIVISION - OPERATING BUDGET, Pages 136-137Revenues From Usage, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Line 461-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Adams and Holmes were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Incomes, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 419-000 to 473-002 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Adams and Holmes were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Pumping Expenses, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 623-000 to 633-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Adams and Holmes were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Sewer Treatment Expenses, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 641-000 to 652-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Parisi asked on Line 642-000, Operation Labor & Expense, what is the reason for the increase?

Mr. Dann replied we have added an Attendant 1 position for the waste water treatment facility.

Mr. Denison stated the arbitration award for the Attendants at the sewer treatment plant just came in a few weeks ago and we were not aware of it when we put this budget together. At some point in time we will probably need funds in this account to cover the additional hourly wage that we did not anticipate when we prepared the budget.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Collection System Expenses, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 665-000 to 673-001 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Customer Account Expenses, Page 136

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 902-000 to 903-001 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Administrative & General Expense, Page 137

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 920-000 to 930-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Revenue Deductions, Page 137

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 403-000 to 404-000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Other Deductions, Page 137

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Lines 427-039 to 427-040 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve the Sewer Division Operating Budget, Pages 136-137 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SEWER DIVISION - CAPITAL BUDGET, Pages 137-138

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the Sewer Division Capital Budget, Lines 120-090 to 132-090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Doherty asked could you comment on the Durham Road pump station?

Mr. Dann replied that pump station is located within a watershed area. It is an aging pump station and has no containment should the pump station fail. An overflow of sewage within the watershed area could take place in a very short period of time. In last year's budget we provided \$300,000 for construction of a containment structure. Subsequently, we decided rather than build a containment structure we decided to do a complete project, a pump station and containment basin. In this year's budget we added \$190,000 and in the Five-Year Capital Program we've reflected going ahead with the construction next year. Our goal for this year is to determine siting, acquire the land and then proceed with the engineering.

Mr. Zandri asked do you have an alarm system set up should the current pump station fail?

Mr. Dann replied yes we have several alarms set up in the event of power failure, high water level, pump failure, etc.

Mr. Bradley asked are you also increasing the capacity of the pump station?

Mr. Dann replied we will be reviewing the capacity to insure we build a station sufficiently sized for the projected drainage area. We're also looking for contributions in the amount of \$70,000 from developers with projects that require drainage into that pump station. The total project cost will be \$2 million and we're trying to set aside as much as we can now so that the amount of bonding required will be reduced.

Mr. Bradley stated my concern is that as industry does come in that they pick up their fair share of this station.

Mr. Dann replied we're very aggressive in attempting to insure that we get a good return from any given project that will impact on our system or force us to upgrade our system.

Mr. Doherty asked don't we have a precedent with the interchange zone?

Ray Smith replied we have a precedent from that particular project because it was unique. What we've been working toward is an overall game plan or formula for a given drainage area that we could apply across the board. The hangup is there are prior assessments on some of those properties and there is a concern from the Legal Department as to whether they could be construed as a double assessment. With the interchange zone you had all the developers coming forward at once, but now you have people who are coming in at different times.

Mr. Doherty asked for a quick summary of the sewer treatment plant and the moratorium.

Mr. Smith replied the moratorium has been lifted and we recommended to the Planning & Zoning Commission that as of April 1 the projects go forward. This was predicated on the assumption that the project was far enough along that the remaining portion should be completed by July. Unfortunately that has not quite happened and there's still a risk involved. There is action legally and both sides are meeting with attorneys. We've talked internally about perhaps terminating the contract. There's still a dispute of over \$2.5 million. We owe him money but we don't think it's that much.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SEWER DIVISION SUMMARY, Pages 7 and 8

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve the Sewer Division Summary, Pages 7 and 8 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SEWER DIVISION, Pages 190-193 - Personnel & Salary

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Pages 190-193 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Dann stated the Senior Engineer position mentioned earlier would apply to the Sewer Division also because it's 50% funded within the Sewer Division budget.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, Page 117

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 117 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Beaumont stated on Line 6010, Commission Expenses, the amount should be \$3,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to approve Page 117 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, Page 178 - Personnel & Salary A/C 8070

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 178, A/C 8070 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

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The Seventh Budget Workshop was held on Friday, May 5, 1989. Vice Chairwoman Iris Papale called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Holmes, Solinsky, Zandri and Papale. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller. Mr. Killen was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve the following pages as presented:

Jury Committee, Page 63
Sealer of Weights & Measures, Page 65
Conservation Commission, Page 106
Board of Selectman, Page 25
Personnel Pensions & Appeals Board, Page 41
Probate Court, Page 116

Seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

HEALTH, Page 67

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 3200, Transportation Expense, what is this for?

Tom Myers replied I believe this was for the Assistant Sanitary Inspector. He uses his own vehicle and gets reimbursed at 22.5 cents per mile. He submits a monthly reimbursement slip, but in the past when the money ran out they never came to the Council for additional funds.

Mr. Zandri stated right now this projects out to \$1,520 for this year.

(Mayor Dickinson arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3200, Transportation Expense, from \$2,000 to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Solinsky stated maybe we should ask them what this is all about before we cut it. He should be given an opportunity to defend his budget before we cut it.

Mr. Zandri stated there will probably be other budgets we'll cut tonight and those people won't be here either. It should be made clear to him that if he runs out of money next year, he should come back to the Council for a transfer.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky voted no; Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 67 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Zandri voted no; Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW, Page 31

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 31 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER, Page 71

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 71 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SCHOOL HANDICAP & ASBESTOS REMOVAL, Page 20

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 20 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Doherty abstained; Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, Page 21

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 21 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Bradley asked what are we anticipating from the State?

Mr. Myers replied nothing.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE, Page 23

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 23 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

BOARD OF ETHICS, Page 39

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 39 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM, Page 38

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to approve Page 38 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Page 104

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 104 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Page 105

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 105 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Doherty stated I'd like to cut \$4,000 from their total budget. I don't believe we need to be promoting any economic development.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 6020, Promotional Expenses, from \$7,000 to \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mayor Dickinson stated I really think the courteous thing would be to have the Commission here to talk to them about it. They are looking to attract quality firms (non-polluting firms) and a lot of money has been invested in the industrial park. We're paying on bonds for putting in roads and utility lines and if ultimately you don't get the money back then the investment isn't realized. Their argument would be give us some means of attracting quality firms. In reality the \$7,000 doesn't go very far. This is also for the industries that are already here to provide a healthy environment for them.

Mr. Zandri stated some residents of Wallingford have a concern about the over development. I also have some questions on the dollars for postage and the big increase for printing.

Mayor Dickinson replied the printing was for the prospectus.

Mr. Holmes stated we should promote the Town and also the right kinds of industries to locate here. This is an important part of the community and it's future.

Mr. Doherty stated I'm willing to withdraw the motion because they deserve the courtesy of responding to a cut. We can do it first thing Monday night.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Table Page 105, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DOG POUND, Page 52

Mr. Zandri stated I projected out Line 3000, Gas & Oil, and it comes to \$1,326.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3000, Gas & Oil, from \$2,400 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams, Holmes and Solinsky voted no; Parisi was absent; Bradley, Doherty, Papale and Zandri voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 52 as previously amended, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Bradley and Zandri voted no; Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DOG WARDEN, Page 162 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2020

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to remove Page 162, A/C 2020 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 162, A/C 2020 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

INLAND/WETLANDS COMMISSION, Page 178 - Personnel & Salary A/C 7011

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to remove Page 178, A/C 7011 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve the Environmental Planner position as a full-time position, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Zandri stated the question on this was whether the position was going to be filled immediately and whether funding would be required for a full year.

Mayor Dickinson replied I anticipate the testing would probably occur before the fiscal year begins. So the starting date would be on or about July 1.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6750, Wall. Committee on Aging

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to remove Page 70, Line 6750 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated we were supposed to get a clarification on the percent increase in salaries from the Wallingford Committee on Aging. It works out to about 10%, but there are some other factors involved. A lot has to do with the starting dates of their salaries. They're supposedly one year behind everyone in percentages.

Mr. Myers stated you could always put the dollars in question in contingency.

Mayor Dickinson asked how much money are we talking about?

Mr. Zandri replied it's a difference of \$3,000.

(Mr. Parisi arrived at 8 p.m.)

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Page 70, Line 6750 from \$140,333 to \$137,333, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Adams, Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Parisi stated I don't understand what you're trying to do.

Mr. Zandri replied a question came up about the percentages on the Senior Citizens salaries because it's 10%. We wanted to look into this further and in the meantime put 4% into Contingency.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to approve Page 70, Line 6750 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Zandri asked is there any logic as to why you want to leave the 10% in there?

Mr. Solinsky replied it's like the Library; they had higher raises but their raises were set back. Everything is not equal. They had 10% raises in there.

Mr. Zandri stated I feel that everyone should be treated equally and I can't understand why even the Library is being allowed to get 10% increases when the rest of the employees are getting 6%.

Mayor Dickinson replied in the Library I think the high increases were in the very low wage scale areas.

Motion was withdrawn by Mr. Solinsky.

Mrs. Papale stated are you suggesting we take out the 4% and put it into Contingency until the Senior Citizen Director is here to explain this.

Mr. Zandri replied yes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to reduce Page 70, Line 6750 from \$140,333 to \$137,333, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Papale to put \$3,000 into Contingency, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers asked would the Council consider doing the same thing with the dollars in question from the Economic Development Commission so this wouldn't have to be handled Monday night?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Page 105

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to remove Page 105 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Adams stated I think it's important for us to get the right type of businesses in Town, therefore, I think they have a function here.

Mr. Doherty replied we have various commissions in place, such as Planning & Zoning, that are there for that particular purpose to protect us. The Economic Development Commission is not a protection along that line at all.

Mr. Parisi stated the Commission goes out and looks for people and also takes the requests for information. Planning & Zoning does not go out and solicit business to come to Wallingford.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 105 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE, Page 42

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to remove Page 42 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams voted no; Parisi passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson stated I think the issue there was getting a comparison cost. Workers Comp costs have gone from around \$230,000 in 1984 to over \$600,000 this year. We could put the money for the outside firm into Contingency until we have that comparison, but I would doubt there would be a large savings given the experience we've seen and the cost going up.

Mr. Zandri stated the question was whether hiring this outside firm on Line 9010, Professional Services, was going to save us any money.

Mayor Dickinson stated I had to get the salary figures and the workers comp cost for the past five years. This has to be plugged into some sort of formula, but Jack Maquire was unavailable. It's really a question as to whether there would be a savings. Even if there were, the money should probably be left there for reserve purposes. It depends on how the insurance is structured.

Mr. Zandri asked how much money is in that line item?

Mr. Myers replied \$35,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 42 as amended, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty, Parisi and Zandri voted no; Adams, Holmes, Papale and Solinsky voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to remove the dollars on Line 9010, Professional Services, from Contingency and delete them, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mayor Dickinson stated I can understand the concerns regarding \$35,000, but you have to consider the size of the Town's operation with over 900 employees. We need followup on workers comp. That money would not be used to hire anyone until we get these insurance figures for comparison. I just don't think you should go without followup on these cases. The followup means someone is checking on why the individual is still out and why we're paying without a finalization. The Risk Manager's Office is a one man office and he can't keep up with it all. Therefore he's not doing risk management, he's doing claims handling.

VOTE: Adams, Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 42 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TAX COLLECTOR, Page 33

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to remove Page 33 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers stated this was tabled because of the telephone system. The problems there now are: 1) you can't put two people on hold; 2) you can't tell which phone is ringing; 3) staff is continually moving from desk to desk to answer phones; and 4) you can't transfer calls to the proper station. Given the volume of telephone contact in there, the phone system that was put into the Tax Assessor's office should have been put into this office. I think it was just a mistake. It will cost \$1,200 to correct it and then the additional charge is \$50 per month. I recommend we make the changes that are appropriate so the telephone traffic can be handled correctly.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 33 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers stated another question we had was on the alarm systems for the building. All the alarms in this building go into Monitor Controls at one box. So we're not paying four alarm bills, we're paying one bill at \$60 per quarter. Each of the four departments with an alarm pays this once per year. In the Tax Collector's budget I suggest you cut \$600 from Line 5210, Maintenance of Alarm System.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reconsider Page 33, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 5210, Maintenance of Alarm System, from \$743 to \$143, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PERSONNEL & LABOR RELATIONS, Page 40

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to remove Page 40 from the Table, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers stated the question was on analyzing the bill for Line 2000, Telephone. His telephone bill runs \$140 per month or \$1,680 per year.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Line 2000, Telephone, from \$2,200 to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers stated the next question was on office supplies. There is \$600 for chairs in the Line 4000, Office Supplies. In order to be consistent, I recommend we put this money in the capital account.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Line 4000, Office Supplies from \$1,800 to \$1,200, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to put \$600 into Capital, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6882 Contri.-SSBG Food Programs

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to remove Line 6882, Contribution-SSBG Food Programs, from the Table, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri stated the question was there was never any expenditure of dollars in this account. They haven't spent a dime in the last two years. My suggestion was to reduce this to \$10,000.

Mayor Dickinson stated the money is spent and this year it was reduced by \$5,000 because the number of meals served has gone down. However, the price has gone up. I don't know why it doesn't show there. It's not the same fiscal year, so that's one factor. It also occurs at the very end of the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reduce Line 6882, Contribution-SSBG Food Programs, from \$15,000 to \$12,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 70 as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Doherty stated I have several items that I think we should look at one more time based upon Mr. Myers comment that we possibly could lose State funding of \$215,000. I'm looking at the possibly of covering that loss in revenue.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6750, Wall. Committee on Aging

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to eliminate the new position by reducing Line 6750, Wallingford Committee on Aging, by \$11,307, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty stated all the departments who need new positions were told they can't have them this year. I don't want to cut this budget, but in fairness the same standard must be applied to everyone.

Mrs. Papale stated with the amount of people going down there, I think this is an exception.

Mr. Solinsky stated another exception is the Environmental Planner from part-time to full-time.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Holmes, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky and Zandri voted no; Doherty voted yes; motion did not pass.

VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION, Page 68

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 6550, Contribution, from \$236,535 to \$225,060, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty stated I suggest we increase Line 6550, Contribution, at the same rate of increase as last year which was \$11,000. They said they're adding 3 1/2 new positions so here we're supplementing those new positions by giving that big an increase.

Mr. Parisi stated the VNA is trying to reposition themselves within the community as far as the thrust of services offered. Therefore, they have to add personnel. This is a very important service to the residents of the Town.

VOTE: Holmes, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

LIBRARY, Page 37

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 6000, Contribution from \$992,451 to \$980,630, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked where do you recommend the cuts be made?

Mr. Holmes replied it's up to them to decide where to make the reductions.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Papale, Solinsky and Zandri voted no; Doherty, Holmes and Parisi voted yes; motion did not pass.

PUBLIC WORKS, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5040

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to remove 1 snow plow truck in the amount of \$90,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty stated we've added seven snow plow trucks in the last two years. If we hadn't done the special appropriation of three trucks, I would not make this suggestion.

Mr. Parisi stated I remember when the Public Works Department was in such bad shape we had to issue an \$800,000 bond. That happened because too many Mayors and Councils cut items such as these out of the budget and Public Works fell drastically behind.

Mr. Zandri stated I agree with Dave only because of the special appropriation of three trucks this past year.

Mayor Dickinson stated these trucks won't be here until February 1990 and that's another 6 months to a year that you're using vehicles that are already shaky. We've got quite a few that need to be replaced all at once.

VOTE: Adams, Holmes, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky voted no; Bradley, Doherty and Zandri voted yes; motion did not pass.

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, Page 124 - Capital A/C 2090

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to eliminate Refurbish Interior Civil Defense Building in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Doherty stated we have money left over from last year and I think they should use that money as far as they can before we budget another \$30,000.

Mrs. Papale stated this is our building and there are fire codes that have to be met.

Mr. Doherty replied they can meet the fire codes with the money they have now.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky and Zandri voted no; Doherty and Holmes voted yes; motion did not pass.

WASHINGTON STREET SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, Page 126 - Capital A/C 5150

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to eliminate Carpeting in the amount of \$12,200, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Doherty stated they have \$98,000 in capital items this year and a new position. This is sort of a trade off.

Mr. Zandri stated I went down there and the main area carpet is not bad at all. I know they did have a problem in the office, but it's not a very large office.

Motion amended by Mr. Holmes to reduce Carpeting from \$12,200 to \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ENGINEERING GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS, Page 125 - Capital A/C 5011

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to eliminate Beaumont Road Extension in the amount of \$75,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Doherty stated this is a big ticket item and maybe it can be postponed till next year when we'll have a clearer picture on the State funds.

Mayor Dickinson stated I debated this myself while putting the budget together. The reason I included it was the length of time this has been sitting. This goes back to the early 70's. Contact with the property owners has been made and it would eliminate that poorly maintained road that squirrels out onto Route 5 and provide a T intersection.

VOTE: Adams, Papale, Parisi, Solinsky and Zandri voted no; Bradley, Doherty and Holmes voted yes; motion did not pass.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, Page 84 - Line 6540, CRRRA-Tipping Fee

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 6540, CRRRA-Tipping Fee, from \$165,000 to \$100,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri stated we haven't spent any dollars in this year's budget. This is for trash pickup when we have cleanup.

Mayor Dickinson stated this is a guess and is based on 3,700 tons at \$45 per ton.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, Page 70 - Line 6840, Contribution-Region II Mental Health

Mr. Bradley stated this is a new item this year and I think it is redundant. The VNA has a psychiatric program with home visits.

Mayor Dickinson stated I'm not too familiar with their program. I suggest you leave in the small amount of dollars and invite them to come in before it's funded again and get a better understanding of their program.

Mr. Bradley stated my concern is these programs come in at a low amount and keep increasing over the years.

MAYOR, Page 26

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 26 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

MAYOR, Page 149 - Personnel & Salary A/C 1300

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to approve Page 149, A/C 1300 as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Mayor Dickinson stated the increase for the Mayor's salary starts January 1 so the increase is only for half the year. So actually the salary for the full year would be \$52,000.

Mr. Myers stated this is a 14% increase because you can only change the Mayor's salary during an election year.

Mr. Doherty stated I propose the Mayor's salary be increased to \$55,000. If you compare our Town to others of our size you find everyone is above us. Even the towns smaller than us have larger salaries.

Mr. Myers stated in terms of the half year, we'd have to add \$1,500 to the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to provide for an annual salary of \$55,000 for the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Bradley stated the base right now is \$45,000. Are there any other perks added to this?

Mr. Myers replied the Town automobile, which is available to the Mayor, is probably worth \$2,500 per year.

Mr. Doherty stated I asked the Corporation Counsel in Meriden if the City Manager has a car and he said the City Manager had a car at his disposal which means for his own personal use as well as town use. It went beyond what we had.

Mr. Solinsky asked is the Town car available for personal use?

Mayor Dickinson replied I don't use it for personal use. I suppose I could, but I don't feel it's appropriate.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson stated you're looking at this position and trying to pay what the position is worth. The issue of other department salaries will come up under the wage management study and I ask that you give the same impartial analysis when that comes out. We're talking about the same issue--how people are being paid for the type of position as compared to other areas.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Page 149, A/C 1300 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

MAYOR, Page 121 - Capital A/C 1300

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 1300 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Holmes stated I would like to see a fax machine added to the capital equipment.

Mayor Dickinson stated I won't sit here and say the Town doesn't need a fax machine. My opposition is the potential for abuse. Right now if you have to get something overnight it takes a little effort. My concern is now it will be so easy that every little memo is coming over the fax machine. It should only be used for critical things. We do have occasions to use it, but there has to be control on it.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to add a fax machine in the amount of \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley stated I think the Mayor should also have a PC.

Mayor Dickinson stated right now I don't think we're set up for it. I'd have to talk with Ruth. We do have a typewriter that has word processing capabilities. I'm not sure that we would need to store the type of information that a PC has the capability for.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Page 121, A/C 1300 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

POLICE DETECTIVES & NARCOTICS, Page 122 - Capital A/C 2014

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to reinstate the Fax Machine in the amount of \$4,000, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mrs. Papale stated when the Police Department was here wasn't it more or less agreed that they should use their narcotic money.

Mr. Bradley stated I talked to Lieutenant Butka after the meeting and it seems they don't want to spend the money that way. If this Council feels certain things should be reinstated, then the Council should send a joint letter to the Chief and make a recommendation on how the drug money is to be spent. That money has been sitting there for a long time.

Mr. Doherty asked doesn't the Police Department need Council approval before they spend the money?

Mr. Myers replied yes.

Mayor Dickinson stated I haven't had a discussion with the Chief on what his plans are for the money so I think you have to be careful regarding representations made by various members of the department. I can certainly find out what the overall plan is, but I can't sit here and say these are the best uses. If it weren't for the fact that he is out, I think he would have indicated at budget time what some of his ideas are.

Mr. Parisi stated I'm looking at this from an efficiency standpoint.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Papale and Zandri voted no; Holmes, Parisi and Solinsky voted yes; motion did not pass.

TOWN COUNCIL, Page 19

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to approve Page 19 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 4100, Advertising?

Mr. Myers replied that's for the budget ad. Those dollars are a little high, but there are some basic fees on the copier for above minimum usage. So maybe we should take \$350 from Line 4100, Advertising, and add it to Line 6120, Copier Rental. The copier is paid for but there is a meter charge above a certain number of copies.

Mr. Zandri asked do we really have a need for this copier machine in our office?

Tina Manley replied yes. Come in on a Wednesday night and you will see the need. I would also like a feeder and a sorter.

Mr. Holmes stated I walked in there Wednesday night and it was a nightmare in there.

Mr. Zandri asked is the main copier in Central Services available?

Mayor Dickinson replied it's available during the day.

Mr. Myers replied the machine in Central Services is available, but the office shuts down at 5 p.m. and powers the machine off. Whoever wanted to use that machine at night would have to be trained on how to set it back up for copies. But I don't see why Tina couldn't use the machine in Central Services.

Ms. Manley replied I requested a key when I was hired and I never got one. It was my understanding that the person who did the job prior to me had a key to Central Services.

Mr. Zandri stated this is a good point. She's working on an inadequate machine so why should we keep that machine when there's a sophisticated machine two doors down the hall.

Mr. Myers stated I'll take this up with the Purchasing Agent and let you know. I don't see why you can't use it.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve page 19 as amended by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Parisi passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN COUNCIL, Page 149 - Personnel and Salary A/C 1110

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to approve Page 149, A/C 1110 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN COUNCIL - Capital

Mr. Solinsky stated I'd like to put \$800 in capital for a new recorder for the Town Council meetings.

Mr. Zandri stated I don't think we should wait until next year's budget, I think we should do it now.

Mr. Myers stated right now you could take the money out of the Copier line. Why don't we waive Rule V at Tuesday's meeting and take care of this.

Ms. Manley asked could we also take \$300 and purchase a duplicator to take care of the tape situation?

Mr. Zandri stated we'll do both at the same time.

POLICE - DETECTIVES & NARCOTICS, Page 46

Mr. Myers stated I did not pick up on the fact that they want to rent the pagers. We added \$2,988 to Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment. I recommend we create Line 6150, Equipment Rental and put the \$2,988 in there.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 5200, Maintenance of Equipment from \$5,213 to \$2,225 and create a new Line 6150, Equipment Rental, in the amount of \$2,988, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY, Page 115

Mr. Myers stated I neglected to put \$5,000 in Contingency for the Length of Service Awards.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Line 3190, Reserve for Emergency, by \$5,000 and increase Line 3230, Contingency Reserve-General Government by \$5,000 for the Volunteer Fire Departments' Length of Service Awards, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Myers stated no one told the Recycling Committee to submit a budget so we need to add this.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to establish two lines for the Recycling Committee: Secretarial Expense - \$1,200 and Miscellaneous Committee Expenses - \$800. seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, Page 168 - Personnel & Salary A/C 2035

Mr. Zandri asked is the Fire Marshal going to be replaced and will the salary be the same?

Mayor Dickinson replied I would think you would want to replace the Fire Marshal as soon as possible. This should probably take 2 months. You won't know what the salary will be until you look into the marketplace.

Mr. Solinsky asked do we owe the current Fire Marshal any sick pay or vacation pay?

Mayor Dickinson replied he will be paid through July 5 so he would get the five days. I don't know if there will be any vacation left.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce the Fire Marshal salary by \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE BUDGET, Pages 12-18

REVENUE, Page 12 - Fund Balance, Line 1000

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Line 1000, Estimated Cash Balance, as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Pages 12-13 - Taxes, Lines 1010 to 1300

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Line 1010, Current Property, as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the reduction under Line 1010, Current Property?

Mr. Myers replied it's simply the title of the column. If all the budgets as requested were approved by the Mayor, we would have had to raise \$44,665,549 in taxes. After the Mayor cut the budget, we only needed to raise \$41,170,934.

Mr. Bradley stated so that actually represents current property. What's the collectible rate on that?

Mr. Myers replied 97.4%. This is a ten year average. This will be adjusted according to what further cuts are made in the budget. It gets approved when you approve the final budget so you really don't have to vote on it now.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Line 1011, Current Construction After October 1, as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the reason for the reduction?

Mr. Myers replied this account is for property that is under construction after the Grand List date of October 1. This picks up property from October 1 to March 31 and it prorates taxes. Construction in Wallingford has slowed down, therefore we have a reduction.

Mr. Holmes asked will the lift of the moratorium on the sewer plant have an affect on this? I was under the impression there were many projects waiting to go forward after the moratorium was lifted.

Mayor Dickinson replied my feeling is many projects did start even with the prospect of not being able to connect right away. Those that haven't been started will probably be delayed because the economic climate isn't such that they'd want to pursue construction immediately. Unless the economy picks up again I don't anticipate there being a big influx. Also, a lot of the approvals obtained through Planning & Zoning are not being started in the field.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 1012, Motor Vehicle-Supplemental, from \$485,000 to \$600,000, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Holmes stated the history on that account has always been favorable and auto sales have held pretty steady over the past year.

Mr. Myers stated car sales are down nationwide. This account cannot be predicted because it's auto sales that occur between October 1 and July 31. It's a prorated tax bill. In the past few years it's been up around \$600,000. We collect an average of 87% of what we bill. I took an average of what we collected over the past eight years and it came out to \$498,000. I rounded it down to \$485,000.

Mr. Holmes stated my feeling is the trend towards the end of the year will be to stimulate the economy through a reduction in interest rates and I think car sales will pick up towards the end of the year. That's my best guess.

Mr. Myers replied I understand, but I didn't want to guess that's why I did it on a trend basis. We need to be sure the Town of Wallingford won't get hurt regardless of what happens in the market.

Mayor Dickinson stated Tom has performed that type of analysis on a number of these accounts. So there is reason behind most if not all of the Revenue accounts.

Mr. Holmes stated I will withdraw that motion and make another one.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 1012, Motor Vehicle-Supplemental, from \$485,000 to \$550,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Papale voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Line 1020, Arrears Property, as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 1030, Interest & Liens, from \$150,000 to \$175,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 1050, Suspense, as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 1060, Pilot-McKenna Court, as presented, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Line 1061, Pilot-Ashlar Village, as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Doherty asked could we have an explanation on this?

Mr. Myers replied it's based on the assessments at 49%.

VOTE: Doherty voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 1062 to 1300 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Zandri asked how come there's no money in Line 1062, Pilot-CRRA, for the current year?

Mr. Myers replied I believe it's because the plant hasn't been accepted. Phil Hamel could answer this better.

Mr. Zandri stated they've used the landfill for part of the year so we should be getting something out of the \$125,000. That's money that's owed to us.

Mr. Myers stated Line 1300, Tax Equiv. Electric Division, would be as amended to \$1.3 million.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 13 - License & Permits, Lines 2010 to 2400

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 2010 to 2400 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 2030, Town Clerk from \$175,000 to \$180,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Myers stated I anticipate this to come in this year right around \$175,000. Most of these accounts are sensitive to the economy and the economy is slowing down in the region.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Papale and Zandri voted no; Solinsky was absent; Holmes and Parisi voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 2170, Inland/Wetlands, from \$10,000 to \$12,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 2010 to 2400 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 14 - Use of Money or Property, Lines 4010 to 4090

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 4010 to 4090 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 4010, Interest on Investments, from \$1,300,000 to \$1,350,000, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Parisi stated this is based on the projection that interest rates will stay up for another 5 months or so.

Mr. Myers stated I don't have any problem with that.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 4010 to 4090 as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Doherty asked for an explanation of Line 4080, Lease-Yalesville School.

Mr. Myers replied the lease expires on September 1 and I can't find out from anyone whether it will be renewed or not. The \$10,500 is for the balance of the lease because it doesn't run for the same period as the fiscal year.

Mr. Bradley stated we should keep in mind the reorganization. We don't want to renew the lease and find out we need the building.

Mr. Doherty stated even with reorganization they wouldn't be able to put that school back into the system this coming school year. I would say from September to June we'd still be able to lease it to them.

Mr. Myers stated we don't even know if Ben Haven School wants to lease the building.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Pages 14-15 - State Grant School Aid, Lines 5010 to 5180

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 5010 to 5180 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Mr. Doherty abstained; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 15 - State Grant In Aid Other, Lines 5500 to 5771

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 5500 to 5771 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Holmes asked what is your recommendation on Line 5750, State Revenue Sharing? Do we leave it in and then if we don't get it just cut capital purchases?

Mr. Myers replied it's very difficult to say. The word I get is it's gone. Other towns are taking the money out. I was prepared to say leave it in if we left the rest of the revenues alone, but now we're sitting here adding dollars to other revenue accounts. Right now I don't have a feel for it. The fact is the external revenue sources that have been handed down to municipalities in the State are drying up.

Mr. Doherty asked is there any possibility the State might give us half instead of cutting all?

Mr. Myers replied I haven't heard that but that's a compromise they certainly could look at.

Mr. Doherty stated I'd like to go along that line and cut half of it. I think that's the conservative approach to take bearing in mind what's going on up in Hartford.

Mr. Parisi stated I would take it all out. That would be budgeting prudently.

Mr. Zandri stated we could also take this money out and eliminate capital items in the same amount of money with the understanding that if we do get the money the capital items will go back into the budget at that time. This way you won't affect the mill rate.

Mr. Holmes stated if we take \$215,000 out of this, I'm going to go back to the capital budget and reduce it by the same amount.

Mr. Myers stated I recommend we use Mr. Doherty's approach. We're in a financial position where we can absorb that and it will not hurt the overall finances of the Town.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to reduce Line 5750, State Revenue Sharing, from \$215,000 to \$107,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 5500 to 5771 as amended, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 16 - Recoveries From Other Towns, Lines 5920 & 5930

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 5920 to 5930 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Pages 16-17 - Charges for Current Services, Lines 6010 to 6410

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve Lines 6010 to 6410 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Line 6010, Ambulance, from \$150,000 to \$160,000, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Myers stated I don't have a problem with that, but I don't know how much of the \$160,000 is arrears billing.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 6060, Public Works Services?

Mr. Myers replied that's recoveries they make for damages to highways, highway permits, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Line 6060, Public Works Services, from \$1,000 to \$1,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 6010 to 6410 as amended, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 17 - Proportionate Charges, Lines 6500 to 6572

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 6500 to 6572 as presented, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 17 - Other Revenue, Lines 7010 to 7170

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 7010 to 7170 as presented, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, Page 18 - Non-Operating Revenue, Lines 9020 to 9230

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve Lines 9020 to 9230 as presented, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Parisi asked what is Line 9040, Close Out of Overpay?

Mr. Myers replied according to State Statutes when a taxpayer overpays his taxes we're required to place the funds in a reserve until he makes application to receive them back. This account offsets the tax refund account.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND, Page 140

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve page 140 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Zandri stated the Electric Division has been changed to \$1.3 million and I'd like to reduce General Taxation by \$200,000. I'm taking off more than we're putting in there because the contribution last year was \$1,100,000 so it's actually increased by \$200,000.

Mr. Myers asked how are you going to balance the budget?

Mr. Zandri replied we'll have to take something else off somewhere down the line.

Mr. Adams stated why don't you just take the \$145,000 off!

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to remove Electric Division Contribution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to increase Electric Division contribution from \$1,155,000 to \$1,300,000 and decrease General Taxation from \$880,000 to \$735,000, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

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The Eighth Budget Workshop was held on Monday, May 8, 1989. Chairman Albert Killen called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Answering present to the roll were Council Members Adams, Bradley, Holmes, Papale, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Also present was Tom Myers, Comptroller. Mr. Doherty and Mr. Parisi were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Mrs. Papale stated at our last budget workshop on the Board of Education, there was a majority vote taken to go line by line through the Board of Education budget. Although we only have the final say on the bottom line, these are more or less recommendations where we feel increases or decreases should be implemented. I will be running the meeting because Mr. Killen has laryngitis.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF & ADMINISTRATION, Page VII

Mr. Zandri stated we left off with Item 4 - Specialist positions. There's a 3.5 increase in positions.

A. J. Namnoun replied one of these is a guidance counselor position working with Adult Education and the Youth Service Bureau. Another position is a librarian. Currently we have librarians serving our elementary schools only two days per week. We're trying to get another 1/2 day in there. This is the part-time position. Another position is for a psychological examiner. We currently have 4 and were encouraged to add another. Wallingford faces a real critical need in psychological examiners and we've been putting this off for a number of years. The last position is Teachers-IEP. There is a need for independent programs for socially and emotionally disturbed kids. They need almost one on one teaching. These programs really strike at the heart of the problems of the contemporary society.

Mr. Bradley stated you should be aware that on the other side of the budget we're looking at zero increases in positions. I can understand your need here, but you also have to realize the financial need of the Town and what may or may not be coming from the State.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the need for two Assistant Principals in each high school considering the decreasing enrollment?

Robert Nicoletti replied we tried to go with one Assistant Principal at Sheehan some years ago. The frequency of the difficulty is what the Assistant Principals deal with. So if you have 1,200 kids or 700 kids, you're always going to have a nucleus a troublesome students. As a consequence, it's too hard for one Assistant Principal, whose major function is discipline, to take care of 700 or 800 kids. Even though there are fewer students the problems are more compounded. This responsibility is coupled with scheduling, report card work, evaluations, etc. In terms of Assistant Principals, I would never make a recommendation that we curtail that until we're down to 400 students and then maybe I'll say 1 Assistant Principal per high school.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUESTS, Pages X - XIII

Mrs. Papale asked could you explain System-Wide Elementary - Social Studies?

Mr. Namnoun replied this is the system-wide social studies textbooks we discussed at the Public Hearing. This is the second phase. We spent about \$20,000 last year on this program. The following year we'll start with reading.

Mrs. Papale asked what about the piano at Moran Middle School?

Mr. Namnoun replied we have a very strong music program at the middle schools. The piano at Moran is in dire need of replacement. The music teacher feels it is imperative this piano be replaced for instructional purposes.

Mrs. Papale asked what about the Food Service Program - Lyman Hall?

Mr. Namnoun replied you'll see a number of requests for Lyman Hall to replace convection ovens and equipment within this program. This is a viable program that meets the needs of the students that just don't fit into the main stream of the educational system.

Dale Wilson replied this equipment is in constant need of repair. There's also a safety aspect involved.

Mrs. Papale asked could you explain the need for 30 electronic typewriters?

Mr. Namnoun replied the current typewriters are 7-8 years old. They are used by the students and the Adult Education program. They are operating constantly and sustain considerable abuse by the novice typist.

Mrs. Papale asked do you think they could get along with half the amount?

Jeanne Holmes replied up until five years ago the Business Department at both high schools was a sorry sight. We were training our business students on equipment that was obsolete in the business world. So each year we've replaced equipment that was obsolete. Typewriters and computers are changing very rapidly and if we don't keep up with it our business students will not be hireable.

Mr. Wilson stated when you replace them you have to replace all of them and to put money into repairing the ones we have presently does not make sense at all.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce the Business Education Department's request for 30 typewriters from \$11,250 to \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams and Solinsky voted no; Holmes passed; Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Zandri asked on the Lyman Hall "chair desk combos" is it possible to purchase these over a two year period?

Mr. Wilson replied this is the first year of a two year program. A number of classrooms at Lyman Hall have furniture that are probably 25-28 years old. You have to start replacing these sooner or later.

Dr. Nicoletti replied we haven't replaced chairs there in 32 years. Capital improvements and furniture are the ones that take a hit. The wood is splitting and kids are tearing their clothing on the furniture.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Lyman Hall's request for 250 "chair desk combs" from \$16,250 to \$8,250, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Holmes stated when I vote I'm going to pass because it's not our responsibility to be going through this budget line by line. I can appreciate that some people want to make specific recommendations, however, we're going beyond our jurisdiction on this. I'd rather work with the bottom line figure.

Mr. Killen asked how can you work with the bottom line figure when you can't justify any of these figures?

Mr. Holmes replied in my opinion we should take what we feel the tax rate can bear versus our personal opinions on what education needs are.

Mr. Bradley stated if that's the feeling at this table, then they should make a motion on whatever cut they feel is necessary and we'll vote.

Mr. Zandri stated with the number of Council Members in attendance, if this is the way the vote is going to go all night long then we're just wasting our time. So make a recommendation and see if it flies. I'll withdraw my motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Solinsky to accept the Board of Education budget as amended by the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen asked can you justify it?

Mr. Solinsky replied the Board of Education asked for 12% for salaries and the contracts gave them 9% or 10% so the Mayor gave them 10%. The medical costs are a given and then the Mayor gave them a 6% increase on all the other costs.

VOTE: Adams, Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted no; Holmes and Solinsky voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Lyman Hall's request for 250 "chair desk combs" from \$16,250 to \$8,250, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams and Solinsky voted no; Holmes passed; Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Namnoun stated I think it's an important process that the Council get on record how they perceive the budget cuts.

Mr. Bradley asked how is a computer in the Lyman Hall Physical Education Department going to correct deficiencies?

Mr. Wilson replied its for a report that's given to students 4 times a year as part of our grading system. They deal with all the students and they need help with record keeping, attendance taking, etc. Right now it's being done by hand.

Mr. Zandri asked how critical is the IBM computer for the Lyman Hall Home Economics Department?

Mr. Wilson replied it's an improvement in the curriculum. For a number of years they've asked for this and I haven't included it. This year I did.

Mr. Zandri stated this budget is overwhelmed with computers and if I was going to cut any of them, this would be the one I would pick on.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce the Lyman Hall Home Economics computer from \$1,500 to \$0, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the justification for the Sheehan Planetarium computer?

Mr. Namnoun replied this is a teaching tool to help write and develop the Planetarium teacher's programs. The computer will graph out the spectrum of stars so the children can have complete worksheets. Right now any computer can do the job but it takes hours to get results back. This will produce results within seconds.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the time frame to implement Sheehan's request for 20 Hercules computers?

Mr. Namnoun replied these computers are in need of replacement. We're quite proud of the Mathematics Department at Sheehan as being the forerunner within the system in using computers. These are a necessary teaching tool.

Mr. Bradley asked how many do you currently have?

Mr. Namnoun replied we're talking about replacing computers in one room. There's probably about 20 computers. The replaced computers would be used in other departments.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to implement this program over two years and reduce Sheehan's request for 20 Hercules computers from \$27,900 to \$14,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

CAPITAL BUDGET, Page XIX

Mr. Zandri stated the intercoms were in the budget last year. Was any work done on these?

Mr. Namnoun replied no, they were cut.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to implement a two year program and reduce the request for intercoms from \$90,000 to \$45,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes passed; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Al Cei stated the program to replace oil burners has been in the Capital budget for a number of years and each year it's been cut. We have old burners that are highly inefficient. The new burners will be at least 25% more efficient and

reduce oil usage. The burners are 25-30 years old and parts are hard to get. We need to start replacing two burners a year per school.

Mrs. Papale asked how many burners will the \$50,000 cover?

Mr. Cei replied two.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Systemwide Replacement of Oil Burners from \$50,000 to \$0, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes passed, all other ayes; motion duly carried.

MOSES Y. BEACH, Pages 5-10

Program #2400, Support Services-Building Administration - Page 8

Mr. Bradley stated Line 3220, Alarms, seems to be a new item at some schools and at others it's carried on through.

Nelson Kari replied these alarms were previously under Al Cei's budget. So now instead of Monitor Control charges coming to Al Cei and then Mr. Cei having to verify the charges with the principals, these charges go directly to the principals.

Mr. Namnoun replied part of this money is for a service contract and the other part is an allocation for false alarms. A false alarm costs \$45 because Monitor Controls has to come out and reset the alarm.

Mr. Zandri stated if the Police Department also responds to the alarm then I don't understand why you're paying Monitor Controls \$45 to reset the alarm when this can be done by a school employee or the Police Department.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the reason for the large increase for Line 112G, Noon Hour Aides?

Dr. Nicoletti replied Noon Hour Aides are classroom aides as well. The actual figure for this year is much higher than what is listed. We have some special education students that require one on one at all times. We also have a policy in the elementary schools that when a classroom exceeds 25 students we use an aide to defray some of the workload.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 5410, Replace Instructional Equipment-Building Administration?

Dr. Nicoletti replied those dollars come out of the Building Principal's allocation. The money is for chipped tables and chairs at Moses Y. Beach. This will replace 75 tables and chairs. The chair replacements are in the 5th year of a 6th year program and the tables are in the 1st year of a 6th year program. We allocate a certain amount of money to each Building Principal on a per pupil basis. They have seven discretionary accounts that they may spend it in. So if you remove dollars from this account then we're really taking it from their allocation. These dollars are for textbooks, supplies, chairs, tables,

equipment, etc. We try to stay away from their allocations, although you're certainly entitled to an explanation as to what the Principal is spending his dollars on. But even if you recommend we cut from here, I will take it from somewhere else because that's part of their building allocation.

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 9

Mr. Bradley asked if you look at Line 322F, Contract Services-Pumbing, across the board, there's a 132% increase. What is the reason for these increases?

Mr. Cei replied the biggest increase is the service contract for repairs to the boiler pumps, circulating pumps, etc.

Mr. Zandri asked did we have service contracts last year?

Mr. Namnoun replied no. We found out it's been a very successful program at Sheehan and we felt it was necessary to go systemwide. If the plumbing system goes, you have to close the school down and make the day up at the end of the year. We think it's important to properly maintain this equipment.

Mr. Cei stated we've always done it on a call basis and last year we had some major repairs. So we felt it was better to go on a preventative maintenance program.

Mr. Zandri asked what is Line 322I, Contract Services-Clocks?

Dr. Nicoletti replied this account is more than just clocks. This includes attendance recorders or time clocks, time stamp machine for the mail, smoke alarms, fire alarms, etc.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the frequency of repair on these items? This is the kind of thing I would like to have a history on. If you have a history you could cost justify whether or not a service contract is warranted.

Mr. Zandri asked what is included in Line 322E, Contract Services-Mechanical?

Mr. Cei replied included in that account is repair of the bleachers which is estimated to cost \$9,000. There is a safety problem there that needs to be corrected.

Mr. Zandri asked what about Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating?

Dr. Nicoletti replied that includes a service contract for the heating and ventilating tension controls of \$5,500. We've been having problems at this school. We've had this type of system at Sheehan the last three years and found it's paid for itself. The equipment is monitored, inspected, controlled and repair immediately. The system runs more efficient.

Mr. Zandri stated I'm concerned because we've doubled these accounts to put this stuff under service contracts.

Mr. Namnoun replied the Board as a whole is in total support of service contracts and preventative maintenance. We feel it is the most prudent way to handle the buildings we have.

Mr. Zandri asked is there any way we can phase these service contracts in on a two year basis? We'll do the plumbing this year and the heating next year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to eliminate the service contract and reduce Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating from \$9,900 to \$4,400, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the reason for the increase on Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract?

Mr. Kari stated \$76,500 is high. The original bid was withdrawn and the contract came in at \$55,000. But before you make a motion, you should know that at one or two of the other schools we did not budget for a custodial contract but we will be going out to bid for this.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract, from \$76,500 to \$55,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes voted no; Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked how did you budget the dollars for Line 329D, Contract Services-Rubbish?

Mr. Cei replied we budgeted this at \$45 per ton. We estimated 390 tons per year plus there's a pickup fee.

Mr. Zandri asked are they billing you by container or weight?

Mr. Cei replied they bill by weight and then there is a service charge for hauling.

Mr. Zandri stated at my business we pay by the container not weight. Maybe this is something you should look into.

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain Line 5220, Building?

Mr. Nammoun replied there's \$8,000 to update the electrical service, \$4,000 for new lights and ceilings in the corridors, and \$23,000 to replace steam pipes in the tunnel.

Mr. Zandri asked on Line 321B, Utilities Electric, are you budgeting according to the figures from this year or did you escalate the figures?

Mr. Kari replied we escalated by 5%.

Mr. Zandri stated it's my understanding the rates will be dropping this year.

Mr. Bradley stated systemwide there's a 22% increase.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce across the board Utilities Electric, Page 106, to \$331,193, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

HIGHLAND, Pages 11-16

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 15

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes classroom furniture repair and refinishing, ceiling tiles, new mail boxes, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry, from \$4,400 to \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes, Papale and Solinsky voted no; Adams, Bradley, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the increase under Line 32D, Contract Services-Masonry?

Mr. Namnoun replied \$2,000 is for a new sign out down by the road to identify the school. The school is set back quite far. The sign will be similar to the one put up at Sheehan.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322D, Contract Services-Masonry from \$3,000 to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Adams, Holmes, Papale and Solinsky voted no; Bradley, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Zandri asked what is included under Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes carpeting in the classrooms and corridors. We have to replace the asbestos tile. We'll do this over a three year period.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to extend the program to 4 years and reduce Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$8,000 to \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked when is included under Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes blinds, curtain dividers in cafeteria, air conditioning in faculty room, cafeteria tables and chairs, custodial equipment, etc. The blinds are so old you can't get parts for them and it's less expensive to buy new tables and chairs than to repair them.

PARKER FARMS, Pages 17-22

Program #2530, Site Improvements - Page 20

Mr. Zandri asked what is included under Line 5300, Sites?

Mr. Nammoun replied they're going to extend the sidewalk from the back of the school to Town Farm Road, explore the possibility of providing an exit road to Town Farm Road, and renovations to the parking lot.

Mr. Zandri asked how much was the dollar amount for the exit road?

Mr. Nammoun replied \$12,500 but some of this has already been cut.

Mr. Cei stated we have an awful congestion problem at this school because there's only one entrance.

Mr. Zandri stated this is a brand new school and it shouldn't need any paving there.

Mr. Nammoun replied we're talking about paving town property not school property. For safety reasons we feel it is important to explore the possibility of exiting out onto Town Farms Road because there's only one entrance.

Mr. Zandri stated you have that problem at a lot of the schools.

Mr. Zandri asked how much is it to replace the sidewalk?

Mr. Cei replied it will cost \$8,500 for two long sidewalks, but that money has already been cut. What's left is \$4,000 for a survey and \$500 for school beautification.

Mr. Killen stated the survey should have been done by the engineers in the first place.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5300, Sites, from \$4,500 to \$500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Pages 20-21

Mr. Zandri stated I have a problem with all of the 322 accounts seeing as this is a new school. What is the amount for the heating contract under Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating?

Mr. Nammoun replied the service contract is \$2,900.

Mr. Zandri stated I'd like to remove the heating contract like I did at the other school.

Mr. Cei replied I'd hate to see you do that. We have all new equipment and by having a service contract that equipment is inspected, calibrated, and you insure it's running at peak efficiency. It protects the longevity of the equipment. I'd hate to see it neglected and later on we have problems.

Mr. Zandri stated there's no reason why that can't be maintained and serviced. You just won't have a service contract on it.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating, from \$55,00 to \$2,600, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes voted no; Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked is there a Custodial Contract included under Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract?

Mr. Namnoun replied yes for \$29,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract from \$41,500 to \$29,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes voted no; Solinsky was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what is Line 4130, Sup Operation Plant?

Mr. Namnoun replied that's for custodial supplies. This shows up in all schools.

ROCK HILL, Pages 23-28

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 27

Mr. Zandri asked what is included under Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Mr. Cei replied the biggest increase there is for \$4,500 for a safety fence to be installed along the perimeter of the upper loop where the cars come around by the kindergarten. Also included is \$1,200 for a service contract for all athletic playground equipment. This was recommended by the Risk Manager. We're also going to put a seal coat on the front entrance road that was paved last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds, from \$10,400 to \$6,400, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

STEVENS, Pages 29-34

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 33

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain what's included under Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes repair to the courtyard door, chair & desk repair, ceilings and tiles, partitions, door hardware, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry, from \$4,000 to \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what's included under Line 322D, Contract Services-Masonry?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes repair to the exterior masonry, front walk, and ceramic tile repair.

Mr. Bradley asked what is the major one?

Mr. Namnoun replied \$1,800 for the exterior masonry.

Mr. Zandri asked what's included under Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting?

Mr. Namnoun replied that's normal maintenance. This is primarily inside work specifically for the auditorium and the gym.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$5,000 to \$4,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain Line 322C, Contract Services-Electric?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes normal maintenance, a service contract, repairs to circuit breakers, and repairs to corridor and gym feeders.

Mr. Cei replied we worked on the feeders last year as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322C, Contract Services-Electric, from \$5,000 to \$3,500, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked do you have a service contract for heating?

Mr. Cei replied no.

Mr. Zandri asked could you explain Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract?

Mr. Kari replied the custodial contract came in at \$21,000 and one of the custodians will be transferred to Moran.

Mr. Zandri asked how many custodians are at Moran now in the budget?

Dr. Nicoletti replied two because we have a service contract this year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 112A, Salary-Custodians, from \$41,746 to \$21,746, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what's included in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes phase two of replacing ceiling tiles and walls. The ceiling tiles are falling down because of water damage.

Mr. Zandri asked what's included in Line 545D, Equipment New Non-Instructional?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes carpeting, floor tiles, etc. The carpeting is being done on a three year program.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545D, Equipment New Non-Instructional from \$6,000 to \$4,000 and to extend the carpeting program to four years, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked how bad is the teachers lounge furniture under Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Namnoun replied it's pretty bad and we sometimes meet in there. We'll be buying a couch, chairs, table, etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment from \$10,300 to \$8,800, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes as absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

COOK HILL, Pages 35-40

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 39

Mr. Zandri asked how much do you need for Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract?

Mr. Kari replied the contract came in at \$21,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract, from \$41,500 to \$21,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$6,000 to \$4,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what is included in Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes upkeep of grounds, clay, topsoil & seed, service contract for playground, and jenate the rear parking lot.

Mr. Zandri asked what do you have in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Namnoun replied this includes upgrade lighting and ceilings in gym. They don't have a stage or anything in there so they use the gym as the auditorium. This will provide better acoustics.

Mr. Zandri asked does Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, have carpeting in it?

Mr. Namnoun replied yes there is carpeting in the amount of \$6,000 and an air conditioning unit for \$700.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$6,700 to \$4,700, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

POND HILL, Pages 41-46

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 45

Mr. Zandri asked what do you have for custodians?

Mr. Kari replied we have a custodial contract and we'll be transferring one of the custodians.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 112A, Salary-Custodians, from \$41,746 to \$21,746, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Solinsky voted no; Holmes was absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what's in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes a new computer room and renovation of the incinerator room to provide for a music room.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$6,000 to \$4,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, Pages 49-55

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 54

Mr. Zandri asked do we have custodial contracts here?

Mr. Kari replied no.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the increase under Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating?

Mr. Cei replied we're proposing a new service contract for temperature controls in the amount of \$9,000. This is a big school. The same contract at Sheehan runs \$21,000 so this is proportionate. They will inspect and calibrate all the thermostats, valves, and temperature control panel twice a year and they are on call 24 hours a day.

Mr. Zandri asked if you hired a firm to come in and do that adjustment once a year, how much would it cost?

Mr. Namnoun replied I don't know.

Mr. Zandri asked how did you make out with this system at Sheehan?

Mr. Cei replied we saved money at Sheehan.

Mr. Bradley asked what do you have under Line 322E, Contract Services-Mechanical?

Mr. Namnoun replied that's normal maintenance, repair to motorized dials, dampers and controls, gym equipment service contract as recommended by the Risk Manager, and reconditioning of the gym bleachers. The bleachers are in dire need of repair.

Mr. Zandri asked what are you doing under Line 322K, Contract Services-Elevators?

Mr. Cei replied that's a service contract but we don't have the bids in yet.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322K, Contract Services-Elevators, from \$3,500 to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what's included in Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes upkeep of grounds, jinite seal, tree removal and a lawn service contract.

Mr. Cei replied we have two ball fields that were recently renovated and we're trying to keep them in top condition.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds from \$12,600 to 9,600, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$8,000 to \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what is included in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Namnoun replied there's a new computer room, renovation of lavatories, and repair of ceiling tiles and walls in the lavatories, stairwells and corridors.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5200, Buildings, from \$15,000 to \$11,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what is included in Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional?

Mr. Namnoun replied there's carpeting for \$10,000 and a kitchen exhaust for \$3,000. The kitchen exhaust has been requested a number of times. They use convection ovens and it gets very hot in the area at the end of the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$13,000 to \$10,000 and recommended a 4 year carpeting program instead of 3, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

JAMES MORAN, Pages 56-62

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 61

Mr. Zandri stated you have two custodians budgeted plus a contract.

Mr. Kari replied the contract came in for less.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract, from \$86,500 to \$62,500, seconded by Mrs. Papale,

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Zandri asked what do you have in Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes door hardware, toilet partition hardware, classroom furniture repairs and refinishing, repair ceiling tiles, repair chairs and desks, and the big item is \$3,000 for student locker repair service contract. This is phase 2 of repairing the lockers systemwide.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry, from \$8,100 to \$5,100, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Papale voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Adams, Bradley, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Mr. Bradley asked what's in Line 322F, Contract Services-Plumbing?

Mr. Cei replied the biggest item in there is \$9,000 to retube boiler No. 1.

Mr. Bradley asked what's in Line 322D, Contract Services-Masonry?

Mr. Namnoun replied there's a new sign, repair of the exterior and cafeteria brick wall repair.

Mr. Cei stated there's a bulge in the cafeteria wall. It's a structural problem and we're having the engineers look at it. As far as the sign, the sign reads James H. Moran Jr. High School. We have been James H. Moran Middle School since 1971. I think we need to correct that.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322D, Contract Services-Masonry, from \$12,600 to \$10,600, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Adams voted no; Holmes and Solinsky were absent; Bradley, Papale, Zandri and Killen voted yes; motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$8,000 to \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what's the reason for the increase in Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating?

Mr. Cei replied that includes a temperature control preventative maintenance service contract for \$9,000.

Mr. Killen stated you said you'd save heat by using this system, yet your fuel accounts have increased.

Mr. Namnoun replied the price of fuel is going up.

Mr. Killen stated I don't doubt it, but if you're wasting fuel anyhow there ought to be some savings in there.

Mr. Cei replied I think we will show a reduction in consumption, although the cost may be more.

Mr. Zandri asked what's in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes \$5,000 for a new computer room and \$27,000 for new gym bleachers.

Mr. Cei replied those bleachers were inspected by two different firms. The bleachers are a safety hazard and there are signs not to use the bleachers.

Mr. Zandri asked what is in Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Namnoun replied there's two air conditioning units, blinds, lavatory partitions, faculty furniture, cafeteria tables and light diffusers.

Mr. Bradley asked what's included in the furniture?

Mr. Cei replied sofa and chairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment, from \$17,100 to \$15,100, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what's in Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes \$10,000 for carpeting and floor tile in the classrooms and corridors and \$7,000 for a new basketball scoreboard.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$17,000 to \$14,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

LYMAN HALL, Pages 65-73

Program #2400, Support Services-Building Administration - Pages 70-71

Mr. Bradley asked what is the reason for the increase under Line 3160, Other Expense Data Processing?

Mr. Wilson replied this account is supplies. The reason there is an increase is I had stockpiled the forms for a couple of years and this year I'm out of everything.

Mr. Bradley asked what about Line 322N, Data Processing Maintenance Agreements?

Mr. Wilson replied that includes \$4,200 for Digital Computers and \$2,500 for software.

Mr. Bradley asked what's in Line 5410, Replace Instructional Equipment-Building Administration?

Mr. Wilson replied that includes two copy machine lease renewals for \$5,400,

Dr. Nicoletti replied this also includes the Special Proposals at the front of the book.

Program #2530, Site Improvements - Page 71

Mr. Zandri stated the first question I have is on Line 5300, Sites.

Mr. Wilson replied \$125,400 is for completing the paving job and \$12,500 for a security fence around "A" Building down to "C" Building. There's a lot of vandalism in that area.

Mr. Cei replied we're also spending \$18,000 on renovations for the girls softball field. That includes removal of the roadway from the cafeteria to the back parking lot to eliminate traffic back there.

Mr. Zandri stated I recommend you extend the paving for another year and take half of the budget out.

Mr. Wilson replied the student parking lot is in desperate need of paving. It should have been done year's ago.

Mr. Zandri stated do half the parking lot that is closest to the school this year and hopefully do the other half next year. We have to stretch these things out longer than we anticipated.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5300, Sites, from \$167,400 to \$107,400, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Pages 71-72

Mr. Zandri asked what are you doing about custodians?

Mr. Nelson replied the contract should come in around \$150,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract, from \$186,500 to \$150,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what is included under Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Mr. Cei replied we're going to top soil and seed the practice football field for \$36,000; \$5,000 to upgrade the football field with sod in the center area; \$3,000 to seal coat the faculty parking lot; \$2,000 to thin the trees along the perimeter; \$16,000 to install an irrigation system on the football field; and \$8,000 for a four foot fence around the football field for crowd control.

Mr. Namnoun stated the bids came in for the UCONN irrigation at \$39,000. We had a proposal go out to do the same thing at Sheehan and they figured on \$50,000 to sod and irrigate at Sheehan. We have only provided for \$22,000 at Lyman Hall.

Mr. Zandri asked what's the difference between reseeding versus sod?

Mr. Namnoun replied the field won't be ready. You'd have to stay off it for a year. The community uses these fields during the summer.

Mr. Cei stated there's no sense in putting down sod if you're now going to do the irrigation. You'll just be wasting money.

Mr. Zandri asked do you really think you're going to put an irrigation system out there and it won't be vandalize?

Mr. Wilson replied the heads are flush with the ground when they're not being used. I think that's the least of our worries.

Mr. Zandri stated I'll make one recommendation on the sprinkler system. Before you purchase anything, look into the types where you put the heads in manually when you're ready to sprinkle. If you put in the heads that pop up, you'll be back every year to replace those.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds, from \$42,200 to \$39,200, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what is the reason for the increase in Line 322F, Contract Services-Plumbing?

Mr. Cei replied the main increase in there is \$10,000 for phase 1 of renovations of lavatories. We're putting in all new partitions which are vandal resistant, ceiling tiles, lighting and sinks. They are in terrible shape.

Mr. Zandri asked how many years are you planning to do this in?

Mr. Cei replied I believe it's a 4 year program. We have 18 lavatories and it's very expensive. There's also a boiler service contract, repairs to oil burners and controls, repairs to boilers, repairs to steam traps and thermostats, and a service contract for fire extinguishers.

Mr. Bradley asked what's included in Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry?

Mr. Cei replied that includes gym locker repairs which is phase 2 of a 3 year program, classroom furniture repair and refinishing, and ceiling tile replacement.

Mr. Zandri stated I recommend we reduce locker repairs by \$2,000, classroom furniture by \$1,000 and the ceiling tiles by \$1,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry, from \$21,500 to \$17,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what do you have for Line 322J, Contract Services-Heating?

Mr. Cei replied the biggest increase is \$21,000 for a temperature control preventative maintenance service contract like we have at Sheehan.

Mr. Wilson stated we need a lot of work at Lyman Hall on the heating system. It get's very hot. There's a lot of waste. I expect we'll see a savings next year.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$15,000 to \$13,000, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what do you have in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Cei replied we have to update the wiring in the kitchen, we want to replace the exterior wood window frames with metal (phase 1 of a 4 year program), the last payment on the bleachers and replace access doors to the basement.

Mr. Bradley asked on the window sashes, can you use something that's maintenance free versus using steel.

Mr. Namnoun it would be bronzed, aluminized so there is no wood exposure.

Mr. Zandri stated there's also money in there for renovation of teacher's lounge and library furniture.

Mr. Wilson stated the library furniture is in terrible shape. It's always been cut and now money has to be put into the library furniture. We had National Honor Society induction last week and we had to bring in cafeteria furniture.

Mr. Zandri stated I recommend you take \$10,000 off the windows and \$1,000 each off the teacher's lounge and the library furniture.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5200, Buildings, from \$75,000 to \$63,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked do you have carpeting in Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional?

Mr. Cei replied we have \$10,000 for carpeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545D, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$15,500 to \$13,500, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what's in Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Cei replied that includes 3 air conditioners, replace gym scoreboard and audio sound, replace basketball stops, furniture for the social work secretary, cafeteria table and chairs, curtains for the stage and replace some of the blackboards, cork boards and counters.

Mr. Wilson stated the scoreboard is outdated. Last year I held back and let my sister school replace their scoreboard and now I'm in line to replace mine.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment, from \$48,100 to \$45,100, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

MARK T. SHEEHAN, Pages 75-81

Program #2530, Site Improvements - Page 80

Mr. Zandri asked what is included in Line 5300, Sites?

Mr. Cei replied that includes completion of paving for \$56,000, aluminum bleachers for the exterior softball field and school beautification.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 5300, Sites, from \$60,700 to \$50,700, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Pages 80-81

Mr. Zandri asked what do you have for custodians?

Mr. Kari replied this is the last year of a three year contract and I understand there have been some problems. The contract came in at \$139,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 329E, Contract Services-Custodial Contract from \$151,500 to \$139,500, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 322H, Contract Services-Painting, from \$10,000 to \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Adams asked what's in Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry?

Mr. Namnoun replied that includes door hardware, toilet partitions, gym locker repairs, classroom furniture, ceiling tiles and chairs and desks.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Line 322B, Contract Services-Carpentry, from \$16,800 to \$14,800, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Bradley asked what about Line 322E, Contract Services-Mechanical?

Mr. Cei replied the main increase is a service contract for all the equipment in the gym and the weight rooms as recommended by the Risk Manager. This also includes the pool, diving board, railings, etc.

Mr. Zandri asked what is in Line 5200, Buildings?

Mr. Nammoun replied this is for a new gym wall divider and removal of the old one. Just the removal will cost \$12,000.

Mr. Cei stated the old one keeps getting stuck. It's been recommended to use a screen curtain instead of a door. On this one I suggest you leave it in or take it all out.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 5220, Buildings, from \$36,100 to \$0, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked is there carpeting in Line 545E, Equipment Non-Instructional?

Mr. Cei replied there's \$10,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 545E, Equipment Non-Instructional, from \$10,000 to \$8,000, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what do you have in Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Cei replied furniture, blinds and drape repairs, lavatory partitions and hardware, and cafeteria tables and chairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment, from \$19,600 to \$18,600, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri asked what's in Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Mr. Nammoun replied that includes upkeep of grounds, field bleachers and seal coat the paving done last year for \$7,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to reduce Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds, from \$23,800 to \$16,800, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

SYSTEMWIDE, Pages 82-85

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Page 84

Mrs. Papale asked what is Line 3220, Contract Services-Maintenance of Grounds?

Dr. Nicoletti replied that's grass cutting and plowing.

Mrs. Papale asked what does the Town of Wallingford do as far as grass cutting and plowing?

Mr. Namnoun replied the Town covers nothing. We pay \$39,000 for snow removal whether it snows or not and \$105,000 for grass cutting.

Mr. Bradley asked what is Line 3220, Contract Services-Beeper Service?

Mr. Cei replied the increase is because I have a car phone now instead of a beeper.

Program #2600, Unassigned Costs - Page 85

Mrs. Papale stated I understand Line 1000, Contingency, is salaries. I also understand you put in a 12% increase for salaries.

Dr. Nicoletti replied it was 10%.

Mrs. Papale stated the Mayor told me the salary account was budgeted at 12% and the award came in at 10%.

Mr. Namnoun replied the salaries are \$19 million and 10% of that is \$1.9 million. That was put in Contingency. Of that \$1.9 million the teachers are getting \$1.6 million which leaves \$360,000 for the non-certified increases.

Dr. Nicoletti replied the teacher's award came in at 9.38%. The 10% is a composite of a certain amount of money for certified and non-certified. Some of the contracts haven't been settled yet.

Mr. Killen asked what would you need if all the contracts came in at 9%?

Dr. Nicoletti replied for the Non-Certified we would need \$180,000 so you could cut \$180,000. It's cutting it close, but we'll live with it.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to reduce Line 1000, Contingency, from \$1,960,000 to \$1,780,000, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale stated I'm sure the Mayor said there was 12% in there.

Dr. Nicoletti stated before the Mayor had the press conference he said he left the salary account, insurance account and transportation account alone and gave everything else a 6% increase. I'm pretty sure that's what he said. I don't know where the 12% comes in.

ADULT EDUCATION, Pages 87-88

Mr. Namnoun replied the Adult Education Program is losing \$25,000 in State funding next year. I encourage the Council to support this program and increase the proposed budget contribution from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

PUPIL PERSONNEL, Pages 91-96

Dr. Nicoletti stated Tuition is a big item there. Our hands are tied in this area because everything is mandated.

CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE CENTER, Pages 97-99

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance - Pages 98-99

Mr. Bradley asked what's included under Line 5460, Replace Non-Instructional Equipment?

Mr. Cei replied the big item is the copier machine for \$5,600.

CENTRAL OFFICE, Pages 103-105

Program #2320, Superintendent's Office Services - Page 103

Dr. Nicoletti stated under Line 112P, Salaries-Secretary Superintendents, we added a half there. Line 3180, Contract Services-Professional, is for legal fees and that may not be enough.

Program #2540, Plant Operations & Maintenance, Pages 104-105

Mr. Namnoun stated under Line 5200, Buildings, we're repairing the ceiling tiles, walls and electrical in the central office where the water damage is.

Mr. Bradley asked what about the increase in Line 3400, Utilities-Telephone?

Mr. Kari replied that's for all the modem work we anticipate doing.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOTTOM LINE

Motion was made by Mr. Adams to reduce the Board of Education original request by \$950,000 with a Bottom Line of \$34,365,558, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: Holmes and Solinsky were absent; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Namnoun stated I think the cuts you made tonight were responsible.

Mr. Killen stated I'd like to thank all of you for your cooperation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 a.m.