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7:30 p.m.

- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance to flag.
- (2) Public question and answer period.
- (3) Consider request of Charles F. Walters, Electric Division, to change two Lineman First Class positions to Apprentice Lineman.
- (4) Consider & approve a transfer of \$2,000 from Accessory Electric Equipment to Station Expenses, requested by Charles F. Walters. Addendum item for Electric Division.

- (5) Consider resolution establishing a municipal district for the purpose of establishing a Convention and Visitors Commission

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and

REMOVE FROM TABLE subject of by-laws of the Wallingford Visitors Council and Meriden Tourist District and consider and approve such by-laws, requested by Donald W. Roe, State & Federal Program Administrator.

- (6) Consider & approve a \$30,000 budget amendment for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Committee, requested by Councilman Peter A. Gouveia and Councilman Raymond J. Rys, Sr.

Amend Revenue Budget \$13,750 to State of Connecticut (Grant)  
\$10,000 American Cyanamid (contribution)  
\$ 6,250 Unappropriated Fund Balance  
\$30,000 TOTAL

Amend Expenditure \$ 2,500 Miscellaneous Expenses  
27,500 Hazardous Waste Removal Contract  
\$30,000 TOTAL

- (7) Consider statement for the record recognizing the many years of dedicated service of Robert J. Gannon, Chairman of The Wallingford Parks and Recreation Commission, prior to his death in October, 1986, requested by Ivan S. Shepardson, Park and Recreation Director.
- (8) Consider resolution for a Youth Service Bureau Grant in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, requested by Marty Barracato-Camire.
- (9) Consider and approve transfer of \$615 from Correct Sanitary Lateral by Previous Construction to Maintenance of Equipment, requested by John J. Costello, Town Engineer.
- (10) Consider and approve 2 transfers requested by Linda A. Bush:  
(a) \$1,200 from Contingency to Advertising and  
(b) \$ 450 from Contingency to Copier Rental.
- (11) Consider and approve a transfer of \$8,000 from Unemployment to Advertising, requested by Stanley A. Seadale, Director of Personnel.
- (12) Consider and approve a transfer of \$950 from Unemployment to Publications, requested by Stanley A. Seadale, Director of Personnel.
- (13) Consider and approve a transfer of \$12,400 from Patrol Division General Wages to Crisis Management Team, requested by Deputy Police Chief Reynolds.
- (14) Consider and approve a transfer of \$910 from Clerical Wages to Professional Services-Accounting, requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.
- (15) Accept Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 1987.

ADDENDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 1987

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SWEEPING CONTRACT, AWARD OF CONTRACT AND FINANCING. Information available after bid opening on Monday.

AUTHORIZE SALE OF ITEMS NOW STORED AT ROBERT EARLEY.

CONSIDER PERSONNEL ROSTER ADJUSTMENT-ELECTRIC DIVISION. Change one Chief of Shift and two Switchboard Operator Positions to Utility Operator.

Town Council Meeting

March 24, 1987

7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman David A. Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Miss Robin Caruso were Council Members Adams, Bergamini, Gouveia, Holmes, Killen, Polanski, Rys and Gessert. Council Member Papale was on vacation. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Comptroller Thomas A. Myers and Town Attorney Vincent McManus. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

Public Question and Answer Period.

Mr. Musso commented that he believes that the Parker Farms School should be stopped right where it is and added that whatever has been spent is a bad investment. He also added that he spoke to a contractor about building additional classrooms and he was told that it can be done for \$100.00 a square ft. He believes that they should add on to the schools that are in operation. He feels that this would save the taxpayers a lot of money by doing this and it would also benefit the children.

Mr. Geno Zandri, Jr. referring to the incinerator, asked why the project was increased from \$34 million to \$51 million dollars and Mr. Roe replied that he believed that a letter was sent to Mr. Zandri explaining this increase. Mr. Zandri responded that he did not receive a letter and Mr. Roe replied that he would check his files and send Mr. Zandri another letter. Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Roe to send the Council Members a copy of this letter also.

Mr. Edward Bradley asked where the Ordinance was regarding the hazardous spills and Mr. Killen replied that it is in the Assistant Town Attorney's Office and he is awaiting his reply before he can go forward with it, and added that he did not know if it has been worked on yet.

Attorney McManus commented that there are some problems with the wording and problems with the current state statutes.

Mr. Gessert added that they are trying to iron out these problems so the Ordinance will not be in violation with the state regulations.

Mr. Bradley asked if anyone knew when this would be forthcoming and Attorney McManus replied that the Assistant Town Attorney is working on it.

Mr. Gessert asked Attorney McManus if he could follow up on this and Attorney McManus commented that there are a number of Ordinances that they are following up on and this is one of them. We try to draft them so that they will work and it is a very time consuming process.

Ms. Johanna Fishbein commented that she was at the meeting representing Mr. Shepardson from the Parks and Recreation Department and was very interested in Item 7 on the Agenda regarding the many years of dedicated service of Robert J. Gannon, Chairman of The Wallingford Parks and

Recreation Commission, prior to his death in October, 1986 because in all of the 17 years that she worked for him, he was an ardent worker and always interested in the Town of Wallingford and the good of Wallingford and she would like to see a unanimous approval of Item 7 and would like to see a letter to his family recognizing his service from the Town Council's Office.

Mr. Gessert commented that this will probably be the least controversial item on the Agenda this evening and added that he was an outstanding citizen in every aspect and he was sure that the resolution will be supported and it will go on to his family with our expressions of appreciation for his efforts.

ITEM 3. Consider request of Charles F. Walters, Electric Division, to change two Lineman First Class positions to Apprentice Lineman moved by Mrs. Bergamini and seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Gessert commented that this was due to the inability to hire

any qualified Linemen First Class so they want to make two of the positions Apprentice Linemen, train them and move them up the ladder.

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Mr. Walters agreed with Mr. Gessert and added that over the last several years they have been successful in filling some of their vacancies with Journey Linemen which makes them almost immediately effective. They have to learn a little bit about the system but, they know their trade. Since last Fall, we have gone through our advertising procedure twice and the first time we got no responses. Just recently we had three people that replied, but only one showed up to take the test and he did not pass so we need to fill the vacancies to get our work done and second best is to get some apprentices. I would like to ask that you allow us to change some of the positions on pages 182 and 183 in the Personnel Roster to be filled by Apprentices.

Mr. Gessert asked if the Council approves the motion as presented if this would empower them to change the items in the budget and Mr. Myers replied that it will only change the listing because the salaries are distributed through many Towns. It will only change the labor listing showing that they won't have First Class Linemen, they will have Apprentice Linemen.

Mr. Walters added that if is approved, they would have to get back and revise the Personnel Roster that we have already submitted to the Mayor for next year and give it to you in a revised form.

Mr. Holmes asked if the advertisements were ready to go out and Mr. Walters replied that if they are not ready this week, they will be ready next week.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 4. Consider & approve a transfer of \$2,000 from Accessory Electric Equipment to Station Expenses moved by Mrs. Bergamini, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move up Addendum Item - Personnel Roster Adjustment - Pierce Station, requested by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a memorandum submitted by Mr. Walters which explained that this is to request that one Chief of Shift and two Switchboard Operator positions on the Electric Division Production page of the Personnel Detail Listing be temporarily changed to add the notation "filled by Utility Operator" and adding three Utility Operator positions. This action is requested due to inability to hire qualified personnel for the higher positions.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to adjust the Personnel Roster - Pierce Station, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen asked if the specs for their jobs are being changed around and Mr. Walters explained that this is to hire some people in who have some background in generating equipment. The intent would be that we put on a crash training program for these people and try to move them up into at least the Switchboard Operator position, hopefully within the year and if we are very fortunate, we hope to find a Chief of Shift potential individual within this group.

Mr. Killen asked if this had been cleared with the Union and Mr. Walters replied that it has.

Mrs. Bergamini asked how this has been advertised and Mr. Walters replied that these were advertised in the local paper, the Hartford paper, the Danbury paper, the New Haven Paper and we have got candidates. In fact, for the Utility Operator position, we advertised for one position and we got overwhelming number of candidates and quite well qualified.

Mr. Polanski pointed out that the Switchboard Operator position is not working with phones and Mr. Walters explained that this position will be controlling the electrical system in the Town.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 5. Consider Resolution establishing a municipal district for the purpose of establishing a Convention and Visitors Commission moved by Mrs. Bergamini and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

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Mrs. Bergamini read the following Resolution which was not read at the last meeting:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION

Section 7-136(a)(b)

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has established under Section 7-134 (a)(b) a program of funding for Convention and Visitors Commission;

WHEREAS, in order for the Town to participate in this program a municipal district under the provisions of Section 7-330-332 must be established jointly with the City of Meriden; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that such district whose purpose shall be to operate a Convention and Visitors Commission should be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

that it approves the formation of a municipal district with the City of Meriden pursuant to Section 7-330 for the purpose of establishing a Convention and Visitors Commission in accordance with Section 7-136 (a) (b) and hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford to execute such documents and agreements as necessary to establish such district and commission.

Certified a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at a meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, Date and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

Mr. Roe pointed out that these was a typing error in the first paragraph which reads Section 7-134 (a) (b) and it should read Section 7-136 (a) (b)

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to Remove From The Table the subject of By-Laws, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept the By-Laws (as amended), seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Holmes referred to page 5 under Financing Section B. and asked what types of Administrative expenses are anticipated and Mr. Roe explained general financial and accounting expenses, auditing expenses, clerical, mailing and postage etc.

Mr. Gouveia asked how many members Meriden will have and Mr. Roe replied that Wallingford will have 9 and Meriden has 13.

Mr. Gouveia asked if Article III was correct in assuming that if any other town wants to join the District, they may do so by applying to

Mr. Gouveia added that he would like to see a 2/3 majority because at least this would require some votes from Wallingford. 210

Mr. Roe stated that he does not think this would be a problem to Meriden.

Mr. Gessert added that basically we stand an opportunity to get some additional revenue back from the State. They are not going to charge anybody more for it than they are being charged now.

Mr. Roe added that the revenue is tied to the performance of the Motel industry in the two communities. It can vary from year to year and varies from month to month but it is tied directly to that payment to the State and they in turn, return 1½% back to the communities.

Mr. Gessert asked if this goes back to our General Fund and Mr. Roe replied that it goes back to the District Fund.

Ms. Chait added that the money will be allocated to what is raised in that individual community. So, you will only get back what is collected from Wallingford rooms.

Mr. Killen commented that under the section regarding Officers (page 1), the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship will rotate between Meriden and Wallingford each year, and as I understand it, the members of this Board are going to be chosen from diverse groups and you are going to turn around and try to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from Wallingford and Meriden and you are going to take a 2/3 vote to elect them. This is going to be quite a trick.

Mr. Roe agreed with Mr. Killen and added that a two Town organization is not going to be easy. We really see the decision making being done by each community independently.

Mr. Killen added that the only other question he had was under the first Article (Name), it should read: The name of this organization shall be the Wallingford Visitors Council and Meriden Tourist District.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Roe added that they will be back before the Council at the next meeting because they need to have a packet of materials (before May 1) for the State. We proposed a composition for the Wallingford Delegation and I will be seeking a ratification for us to proceed and come back to you with names of people who have indicated an interest to serve in those capacities. There will be one representative from each item listed on Page 9.

ITEM 6. Consider & approve a \$30,000 budget amendment for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Committee, requested by Councilman Peter A. Gouveia and Councilman Raymond J. Rys, Sr.

Amend Revenue Budget	\$13,750	to State of Connecticut (Grant)
	\$10,000	American Cyanamid (contribution)
	\$ 6,250	Unappropriated Fund Balance

\$30,000 TOTAL

Amend Expenditure	\$ 2,500	Miscellaneous Expenses
	27,500	Hazardous Waste Removal Contract

\$30,000 TOTAL

Mrs. Bergamini read the following letter submitted by Mr. Gouveia and Mr. Rys, Sr.:

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

On behalf of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Committee, we respectfully request that you approve and place the following item on the Agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

Consider a budget amendment as follows:

REVENUE:	\$13,750.00	From: State of Connecticut (Grant)
	10,000.00	From: American Cyanamid Co. (Contribution)
	6,250.00	From: Unappropriated Fund Balance
Total	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	

EXPENDITURE: \$27,500.00 To: Hazardous Waste Removal Contract  
 2,500.00 To: Miscellaneous Expenses  
 Total \$30,000.00

This action is necessary at this time so that a contract can be signed with North East Solvents Corp., haulers for the collection. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact either of us.

Mr. Polanski asked how the Homeowner knows material will be accepted and Mr. Gouveia replied that the Committee is now moving into the second phase which is to educate the public.

Mr. Rys added that if someone brings an unacceptable substance to the project, it will not be accepted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to approve a \$30,000 Budget Amendment for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Committee:

<u>Revenue</u>	\$13,750.00	TO	State of Conn. (Grant)
	10,000.00		American Cyanamid (contribution)
	<u>6,250.00</u>		Unappropriated Fund Balance
Total	\$30,000.00		
<u>Expenditure</u>	\$ 2,500.00	TO	Misc. Expenses
	<u>27,500.00</u>		Hazardous Waste Removal Contract
Total	\$30,000.00		

seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Myers pointed out that when the Budget Amendment is approved, this will automatically establishes the account.

Mr. Musso commented that he was confused about the materials that will not be accepted by households. They should be required to take whatever anyone brings there.

Mr. Polanski asked if we have received any money from the State and Mr. Myers replied that this is reimbursable. Mr. Myers added that the state money will be here before the fiscal year is out.

Mr. Gessert commented that he agrees with Mr. Polanski regarding the amount of time it takes the State to reimburse.

Mr. Killen added that it bothers him that people have to transport things that they won't even handle and they should not even have them at home. I wish there was some way we could find out what we are going to do with these things because they are not going to go back to a persons home.

Mr. Gouveia explained that the Committee expressed those feelings to them and they didn't know what to do with them either.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she would like to know what household materials the substances listed on page 6 are in.

Mr. Gouveia explained that this will be defined. Mr. Gouveia added that the most the Town will spend will be \$6,250.00 and it is very conceivable that we may not spend more than \$2,000.00.

Mr. Gessert commented that the critical thing is to get people to show up. I think it would be a shame to go through all of this effort, all of this time and then have only a couple hundred residents show up. I would like to see a large percentage of people show up because everyone has this stuff laying around.

Mr. Gessert asked what other groups are involved in this project and Mr. Gouveia replied that almost every civic group is involved in this.

Ms. Fishbein asked Mr. Gouveia if they are going to have a list as to what is acceptable for the public to see and Mr. Gouveia replied that the pamphlet will contain what is acceptable and not acceptable.

Mr. Bradley commented that the whole thrust of this is to get the people out and the hazardous waste in but, the jury is still out on the hazardous

waste that is collected from the households. You should educate the people on what they are storing in their homes and also on the environment. If we can save one well or two wells from becoming polluted, money spent will be well worth that effort.

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A gentleman from the audience asked if this was a one shot deal and Mr. Gouveia replied that the Committee is already looking to continue this next year.

Mr. Adams suggested that it would be visually educational to have this on Cable Access.

Mr. Gouveia added that beginning this week, there will be something on Public Access.

Mr. Rys added that the Library is also setting up a telephone line.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 7. Consider statement for the record recognizing the many years of dedicated service of Robert J. Gannon, Chairman of The Wallingford Parks and Recreation Commission, prior to his death in October, 1986.

Mrs. Bergamini moved and read the following statement:

THE WALLINGFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION does hereby place on record this statement of deepest appreciation and highest regard for the many years of extraordinarily dedicated service given by its Chairman, Robert J. Gannon, prior to his death in October, 1986.

Mr. Gannon's interest and action extended not only to the many facets of the recreational programs in the Town of Wallingford, but also to environmental concerns with which the Commission was involved.

With this statement, the Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby address Wallingford's Mayor and Council members, that they may be fully advised of the devotion and dedication given, in a quiet but constant manner, by Robert J. ("Bob") Gannon, both as a member and long-time chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission and as a private citizen of the Town of Wallingford.

seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert commented that Ms. Fishbein has already commented on this and he added that if this is adopted, he would like to see this adopted unanimously and an appropriate letter will go out to Mr. Gannon's family.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 8. Mrs. Bergamini read and moved the following Resolution:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
FOR A YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT

WHEREAS, in compliance with Sec. 17-433 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, the State Department of Children and Youth Services is expected to offer the Town of Wallingford a grant for Fiscal Year 1987-1988 for purposes of operating the administrative unit and service program of the Wallingford Youth Service Bureau, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and the best interest of the residents of Wallingford to accept said grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Section 17-443.
2. That it recognizes the responsibility for the provision of local grants-in-aid to the extent that they are necessary and required for said program.

- 3. That the filing of an application by the Town of Wallingford in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, is hereby approved and that the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Department of Children and Youth Services, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Department, to execute a Grant Action Request with the State of Connecticut for state financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, revisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford.

seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Musso asked if the state was giving that grant of \$36,000.00 and Mr. Gessert replied that that was correct. Mr. Musso added that he does not approve of the Youth Service Bureau.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert added that Ms. Marty Barracato-Camire would be happy to show Mr. Musso around and if he needs any counseling, she will be happy to help him out.

ITEM 9. Consider and approve transfer of \$615.00 from Correct Sanitary Lateral by Previous Construction to Maintenance of Equipment moved by Mrs. Bergamini, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Mr. Gessert commented that he does not see how there could be any money left from the Correct Sanitary Lateral Account when there is a lot of work to be done in that area.

Mr. Costello explained that this Account is for when they run into a sanitary lateral, primarily when they have a storm drain problem. We don't have any Contracts going out this Spring. All of our Contracts went out last Fall. We don't anticipate any expenses in that Account.

Mr. Gessert asked what is being done as far as the other ones where Joe and Harry's Development cut our roads to shreds, and it is left there and Mr. Costello replied that this Account does not have anything to do with that but he added that they try to stay on Joe and Harry's back to go out there and fix the roads.

Mr. Gessert added that he thought the money was appropriated last year to get these things corrected all over town and Mr. Costello explained that we used some of the Municipal Infrastructure Trust Fund money to go around and correct some of the sanitary sewer trenches that had settled from up in the Ridgeland area.

Mr. Gessert asked if we have done all we are going to do and Mr. Costello replied no and added that we did all that we had money to do last year and if more money becomes available, we can hopefully do more this year. Filling trenches in Town is an ongoing problem. We try to stay on the Contractors as much as possible.

Mr. Costello added that he is looking into another method of repairing the trenches that is called The Infraray Heating Method that Northeast Utilities has been using with their Gas Trenches around Town and it seems to work pretty well. It is a permanent patch that is put down right from the beginning and then after a period of 6 or 8 months, they come back and actually heat up the surface of the old patch and add more material and re-roll it and you end up with no joint which is desirable. We may try that method on some more sunken trenches if we get more of that MITF money.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Rys who was not present for the vote and Papale who was absent; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to Waive Rule V for the purpose of discussion, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen: I asked the people that served in the past on the Restoration Committee to see if they were still interested and I received a letter from them and it states that some would be interested and they

want to know if we want to flush it out with the members that couldn't serve and I told John that I would bring it up tonight. I am trying to find out what the feeling is of this Council. I don't want to discuss it this evening, but I don't want to put it on an Agenda if no-one is interested in it. I feel that we are going to be getting more funds for Infrastructure and I mentioned last year, if you remember, I asked John if dams came under that and he replied that it does and I feel if the Town has to pay for replacing the dam in it's entirety, we will never get it done. We have to find out when the plans for excavation are going to be done down at the lake. I would like the Committee standing by if this Council desires this. I want to know if this should be put on an Agenda or not. 214

Mr. Gessert commented that he would not discourage this from being put on an Agenda.

Mr. Killen added that he wants to know if there is an interest in this body.

Mr. Gessert added that this Council should know where is that project going, how much more is going to be dug out, how long is that process going to take, what's going to be left, what are we going to be left with, what is the quality of it after they get through excavating on the east side of the lake and then you would have to ask if you want to go further. I think it should be updated because we have not had a report on it in a long time.

Mr. Killen said that he will put this on the next Agenda.

Mr. Killen: The other item I had was that I got the list of the Robert Earley Committee and I noticed that three members were ex-officio and I specifically asked that they be made members of the Committee (referring to past minutes), they were supposed to be added to the Committee, these are suppose to be voting members, this was the intent and the minutes will bear that out.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Killen to give him a copy of the minutes that say that and he will clear that on the next Agenda to appoint them as voting members.

Mr. Killen added that if they are working members and their vote counts, they would pay a lot more attention. I think they carry a lot more weight than the average citizen.

Mr. Gouveia added that this was his intent also.

Mayor Dickinson commented that he does not know if this would be appropriate. He has questions as to whether any Town Office should have a vote if all Town Offices don't have a vote. It raises a whole other aspect and I have no reason to think they would not do a very good job, I know they would and I think it might put them in an awkward position at times. I really would question whether it is appropriate for any Town Office that would use the facility, to have a vote on how it is decorated, etc.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that they will not be moving into Robert Earley and Mayor Dickinson added that it is not a question as to whether they will be there or not, I don't think it is fair for a Town Department to be put in that type of position.

Mr. Gouveia added that these are people that have definite expertise in the project at hand and he agrees with Mayor Dickinson to a point.

Mayor Dickinson added that if you are looking for the expertise, it is there but generally I think it puts them in a very difficult position.

Mr. Killen commented that he does not agree with Mayor Dickinson's comment and added that they were put on the Committee because they have expertise, which has nothing to do with their voting abilities.

ITEM 10. Consider and approve 2 transfers: (a) \$1,200 from Contingency to Advertising and (b) \$450 from Contingency to Copier Rental, Planning and Zoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve the transfer of \$1,200 from Contingency to Advertising, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen asked Ms. Bush if she went through all of her line items to find the funds and Ms. Bush replied that she has a couple of hundred dollars here or there, but nothing even close to this.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who voted no, Gessert who was not present for the vote and Papale who was absent; motion duly carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve the transfer of \$450 from Contingency to Copier Rental, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who voted no, Gessert who was not present for the vote and Papale who was absent; motion duly carried.

ITEM 11. Consider and approve a transfer of \$8,000 from Unemployment to Advertising moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Rys. (Personnel)

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 12. Consider and approve a transfer of \$950 from Unemployment to Publications, moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Rys. (Personnel)

Mr. Killen asked what the price for COBRA was and Mr. Gessert replied \$850.00 for the Software and \$75.00 for the Compliance Guide.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that COBRA is a new Federal Legislation that we have to comply with as far as retired personnel.

Mayor Dickinson added that we have to continue with Health Insurance for a period of time after employment and it gets very complicated.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she does not like to get picky but, was wondering what the extra money was being used for and Mr. Myers pointed out that there is probably some shipping in there.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ITEM 13. Consider and approve a transfer of \$12,400 from Patrol Division General Wages to Crisis Management Team moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Polanski told Mr. Gessert that he is opposed to transferring any monies scheduled for hiring of employees to any other line item and this money should be requested during the regular budget request coming up.

Mr. Gouveia asked how much money was spent on the Crisis Management Team so far and Sgt. Calabrese said \$10,000. Mr. Gouveia presented a document he received which projected costs of \$15,000 for this Team. Another document dated 1/27/87 stated that this Team will cost between \$46,000 and \$66,000 for this Team and last year's estimate was \$15,000.

Chief Bevan said that was to implement the plan, and that doesn't mean to train it, equip it and keep it up to date. Sgt. Calabrese said the original \$10,000 was for equipment and he distributed a list of the expenditures to the Council. Of the \$10,000, \$4,582.02 was for firearms and \$1,428.40 was for clothing, \$367.59 for ammunition for training purposes, \$991.24 was money utilized in a week's training materials with the FBI, and miscellaneous expenses were \$2,620.26 for utility gear, web gear, ropes, cases, etc. Sgt. Calabrese explained that implementing meant bringing it on line. Mr. Holmes felt that it was made perfectly clear that the \$10,000 originally requested was seed money and the costs were explained to be much higher.

Sgt. Calabrese said that as each day goes on, they are looking for other ways to supplement some of the items requested, such as in clothing where military surplus was purchased at considerably less than was anticipated. If this transfer is granted, it will enable the Team to be brought pretty close on line but minor essentials and communications would be lacking and nothing being requested is elaborate.

Mr. Killen asked what is being requested in the upcoming budget and Sgt. Calabrese said \$16,500, not including capital items such as radios, etc. and if this \$12,400 was granted, some of that would be reduced and Mr. Killen said the request has already been put in. Mr. Killen said that whatever he voted this evening he would take out of the upcoming budget and the problem with that is that he does not have the overall budget in front of him.

Mr. Rys asked if the Team is able to function and Sgt. Calabrese said they are at a standstill. Mr. Gessert compared the memo issued last year indicating \$15,000 and \$3,000 radios, \$100 radios and the report issued two weeks ago for various communications equipment and he has no idea of what was purchased and if the two lists match and Mr. Gessert did not feel the Council was told it would cost \$100,000 for this operation. Sgt. Calabrese said the most expensive thing would be the communication system and that will come up at budget time and he is asking for the equipment tonight. 214

Sgt. Calabrese said the original figure requested for the Crisis Management Team was \$30,000 and \$10,000 was given for equipment. The money requested now will put them pretty much on line with equipment, clothing but more money will be needed for communications. Some items were reduced to different items. The team would be on line minus the communications equipment.

Mayor Dickinson said that while the Council is looking at how the original \$10,000 was spent, they should be given the proposal on how the \$12,400 will be spent and expect that this is not something that can be quantified very easily; literally, there is a lot of exotic equipment out there but obviously, there are constraints on financing.

Sgt. Calabrese said the original proposal did not have the items broken down and he removed all elaborate or exotic equipment from the list, strictly clothing and equipment and quite a bit was done with the \$10,000 and it was spent very, very cautiously. Some of the equipment was a requirement for the FBI training.

Mr. Polanski asked how many communities in the State of Connecticut have a Crisis Management Team and Sgt. Calabrese said Meriden has one and North Haven is starting one, along with the Cheshire Police Department. Chief Bevan said Wallingford is one of the few in the South Central Region that does not have a Crisis Management Team.

Sgt. Calabrese broke down how the transfer money would be spent, pretty much for the rest of equipment needed. The only thing left is radios and replacement items, still underneath the original \$30,000 requested. Sgt. Calabrese explained that since the proposal was put together, there have been changes in the radio technology and the companies have since put on the market something that would be considerably less and there are other avenues to go in communications. Mr. Gouveia read from the 1/27/87 report with the most expensive package \$44,000 for radio equipment and the least expensive \$24,000. Mr. Gouveia asked if any money was requested in the budget request for radio equipment and Sgt. Calabrese said \$41,000 was requested but there have been changes in technology which allows another avenue.

Mr. Gouveia asked if the \$12,400 transfer was approved tonight and the budget request for communications equipment was approved, would the Team be funded? Sgt. Calabrese said they would be. Mr. Gouveia asked if the Council wanted to spend \$60,000 for the Team or forget about the \$10,000 already spent? Mr. Gouveia took the lowest figure, \$24,000 and added the \$10,000 already spent and the \$12,400 transfer request which totals \$46,400 and Mr. Gouveia asked if the Council was willing to assume this for the operation. Sgt. Calabrese said this figure was hypothetical and he said the Police Department has some type of responsibility to be able to handle any situation that takes place and improper response, the first thing that gets attacked is were these people trained to be able to handle that situation? Mr. Gouveia felt that a \$40,000 would be a reasonable figure to use, and it may even be less than that.

Mayor Dickinson asked if it were possible in the interim that the current walkie-talkies could be used for training and Chief Bevan felt they would run into a problem with the charging units and keeping them in the training units and keeping them on the patrol and this will create a conflict. Mayor Dickinson felt that the fact of the matter is that actual training can be done with existing equipment and \$40,000 will not include all the equipment because every year, equipment will need updating and every year, money will be needed for training purposes. Chief Bevan said the training would continue on an annual basis and the equipment will not be used on a daily basis so it will last longer.

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Mr. Killen asked how many new men were requested in the upcoming budget and Chief Bevan said 12 patrolmen were requested. Mr. Killen felt that the heart of the whole police department is the patrolmen and if money is tapped out now, some of the bodies needed on the beat may be reduced to two because the Council will not want a 7 mill increase, especially in an election year. Mr. Adams felt that it's important to keep a program which has been funded ongoing and adjustments can be made during budget time. Sgt. Calabrese said that if there is a situation, all of the people on the road must be used to contain the situation.

Mr. Rys felt that a Crisis Management Team is utilized basically for the safety of all residents of the Town of Wallingford and this is an added feature to the Police Department, to save lives.

Mr. Polanski asked Mayor Dickinson if any information has been returned pertaining to his request of a management study of all departments of the Town of Wallingford; Mayor Dickinson said an individual from one of the firms met with Mr. Dunleavy and a proposal will be submitted and two other firms will be contacted to submit proposals and the Council will have to choose who they want.

Mr. Holmes feels that this issue should be voted upon solely as to whether or not this is a function the Council feels would be desirable in Wallingford and for those purposes only.

Mr. Gessert mentioned that .357 Magnums were purchased and he does not see them being worn; Chief Bevan said 33 were bought last year and receipt was taken of 33 two or three weeks ago and it's a matter of having them checked over and issued out, within the next month.

Mr. Musso felt that departments are growing too much and the town does not need a Crisis Team but should rely on the State Police instead or have specialists come in rather than funding this.

Mrs. Bergamini said she did not vote for this at the outset and she will not vote for it now. She recapped the ambulance situation and the fact that there are now two ambulances, along with paramedics and it just keeps growing and growing and the 37,000 residents of Wallingford have to pay for all these programs. Mrs. Bergamini would be grateful to have patrolmen walking the beat.

Mr. Gessert said that for the record, he does not intend to vote for this at this time but he will consider the request for capital at budget time.

Mr. Bradley asked if the State Police would respond to the Town of Wallingford and if they would have to be reimbursed for their services and Chief Bevan said they have responded in the past and they do not have to be reimbursed; however, it has been said that it's about time Wallingford starts taking care of their own problems because it's a financial burden to the State Police.

Mr. Bradley hoped a good look would be taken at this to be sure the money is being spent wisely.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Gouveia, Killen, Polanski and Gessert who voted no and Mrs. Papale who was not present; MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

ITEM 14. Mr. Rys moved a transfer of \$910 from Clerical Wages to Professional Services-Accounting, Comptroller's Office, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who was not present for the vote and Mrs. Papale who was not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

ITEM 15. Mr. Gouveia moved acceptance of the Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 1987, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Adams and Holmes who were not present for the vote and Mr. Killen who passed and Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

ADDENDUM ITEM. Mrs. Bergamini moved a budget amendment of \$42,840 from Emergency Snow Removal Grant to Street Sweeping Contract, seconded by Mr. Rys.

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Mr. Gessert asked if this job would be performed as the Public Works performs this work, going back over areas which have a large deposit of sand. Mr. Deak said three sweepers will be provided and the sand dumped right on to Public Works trucks and in some places, perhaps four passes will be made. Mr. Gessert felt that the concept was good and Mayor Dickinson said this service is being utilized by a number of Connecticut municipalities. Mr. Gessert asked who would inspect the work and Mr. Deak said he would. Mr. Rys felt that this was a good idea and would reduce the town's liability. Mr. Killen felt that this is a very expensive item. Mr. Deak explained that sand is clogging up the drain basins and this creates other problems. Mr. Deak explained that cars must be moved for this operation and this information will be posted.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Musso requested meeting with the Council to discuss the Parker Farms School to discuss potential savings.

ADDENDUM ITEM. Mrs. Bergamini moved a budget amendment of \$16,598 from Emergency Snow Removal Grant to Overtime, Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson said there are some desks and chairs at Robert Earley and Council approval is needed to allow the Purchasing Office to try to sell this equipment.

Mr. Holmes moved approval of the sale of equipment and furniture at Robert Earley School which is no longer needed, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (As per 2/25/87 letter from Frank J. Soldan.)

Mr. Killen felt that some of the larger items should be listed so that if they are requested at a later date, the list can be referred to. Mrs. Bergamini said that this equipment must be moved to allow Mr. Cooke to begin work.

Mayor Dickinson said this equipment was first located at Parker Farms and then removed to Robert Earley and Frank Soldan and other personnel looked at it and then Bob Devine went through and looked at it.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Adams, Rys and Gessert who voted no and Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers requested that the Council waive Rule V to discuss a receipt of funds through the Town Attorney's Office.

Mr. Holmes moved to waive Rule 5, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:**

The Comptroller is hereby authorized to deposit the sum of \$109,500 from Thurston Associates regarding condemnation of properties (F.I.P. Corporation) regarding the extension of Alexander Drive to Thurston property and to disburse the same in accordance with instructions from the Town Attorney, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Attorney McManus said Thurston will pay for this and the town is just doing the paperwork on this matter; this will not cost the Town of Wallingford any money.

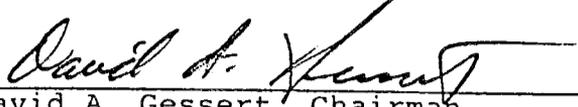
VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and  
the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

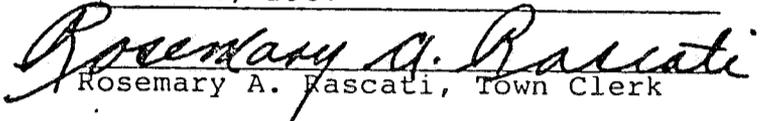
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David A. Gessert, Chairman

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Rosemary A. Pascati, Town Clerk

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