

Held on  
April 14, 1993

CONTINUATION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF

APRIL 13, 1993

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Discussion and Possible Action on a Request by Councilor Albert E. Killen to the Mayor for Additional Information on the Budget
3. Consider and Approve a Resolution Petitioning the Connecticut General Assembly to Fully Fund or Administer State Mandated Programs Deemed Necessary by Them - Mayor's Office

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A continuation of the Town Council Meeting of April 13, 1993 was held on April 14, 1993 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairperson Iris F. Papale at 7:00 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Councilors Doherty, Duryea, Holmes, Killen, McDermott, Papale and Zandri. Councilor Parisi arrived at 7:08 P.M. and Councilor Solinsky arrived at 7:07 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present. Town Attorney Janis M. Small was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

WAIVER OF RULE V Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures for the Purpose of Discussing the Economic Development Task Force, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi and Solinsky were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Establish a New Business Development Task Force, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Doherty read correspondence into the record (appendix I) from Don Roe, Program Planner.

Out of the original committee of thirteen members, four have expressed interest in continuing their service with the group.

Mr. Doherty had asked the Comptroller to compile an analysis of the revenue impact on the Town by the three firms who recently announced their plans to leave Wallingford. Those firms are Unimax, Revere and Coastcast. The Town will be losing \$340,136 in property taxes, \$745,200 in utility bills for a total of \$1,085,336. We should respond to this impact immediately. By establishing the business task force we can begin to review and address this issue. Meriden is experiencing similar problems and have identified the need for their community to rivet their attention on economic development. They have proposed a regional biomedical pharmaceutical center for their community which Mr. Doherty finds intriguing. He felt that perhaps our task force should meet with Meriden to work together on this issue. Grants, loan guarantees, tax breaks, tax incentives, tax loss carry-forwards are other options that the City of Meriden will begin reviewing as they have begun to take bold, aggressive, innovative measures on this issue. Our Town has the potential to draw in other medical companies with our Medway park on the East side of Town.

Mr. Holmes supports re-charging the Economic Development Commission with coming up with strategies to try to deal with this situation.

He felt that the economy is going to continue its depressed state for some time, forcing the taxpayers of Wallingford to take on extra tax burdens.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that we have to be careful of what incentives we offer these companies. He was not in favor of the task force.

Mr. McDermott stated that there is a strain on the small business sector and anything that the Town can do to help them he is in total support of. He was of the opinion that the task force can become a well-organized group that should travel to Hartford, perhaps with other surrounding communities to make their voices heard at public hearings. He supported it fully.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2 Discussion and Possible Action on a Request by Councilor Albert E. Killen to the Mayor for Additional Information on the Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked what the current surpluses are of the Town of Wallingford?

Mayor Dickinson stated that the Town does not have sufficient surpluses to pay off its debt and have money left over afterwards.

Mr. Killen stated that we have unappropriated surpluses.

Mayor Dickinson stated that we have funds that are not immediately appropriated which he would not consider surpluses. In terms of funds that are not appropriated, the General Fund had \$5.9 million of which \$2.2 million is in this budget as a continuation of the phase-in of revaluation. \$3.6 million is placed in the Aa credit reserve account.

Mr. Killen stated that we appropriated money two years ago for revaluation. We have had two budgets since that time and each one of them have had surpluses. What has happened to those surpluses in those particular instances?

Mayor Dickinson stated that the general fund balance is \$5.9 million, as shown in the audit, and of that \$2.2 million is in the current budget and it is identified as an offset to revaluation; \$3.6 million is the Aa credit reserve.

Mr. Killen felt that you cannot appropriate money that you do not have - he will check back through the audit to see where the funds are. The dollars have to exist somewhere.

Mr. Killen asked what the contribution is into the pension fund?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the actuary recommends 11.3% of salary.

Mr. Killen then asked, how fully funded is the fund at this particular time?

Mayor Dickinson responded that we are approximately \$4 million unfunded.

Mr. Doherty asked what the total of the fund is at this time?

Mayor Dickinson answered, approximately \$60 million. A contribution has to be made each year regardless if you are fully funded. Nine percent has to be budgeted to remain current.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve a Resolution Petitioning the Connecticut General Assembly to Fully Fund or Administer State Mandated Programs Deemed Necessary by Them - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Doherty read the Resolution of the Town of Wallingford into the record (appendix II).

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

*Kathryn F. Milano*

Kathryn F. Milano  
Town Council Secretary

Approved by: *Iris F. Papale* 5/11/93  
Iris F. Papale, Chairperson Date

*Kathryn Wall* 5/11/93  
Kathryn Wall, Town Clerk Date



*Town of Wallingford, Connecticut*

Appendix I

**RULE V**  
DONALD W. ROE  
STATE FEDERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR  
WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL  
45 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT 06492  
TELEPHONE: (203) 294-2060

April 13, 1993

Wallingford Town Council  
45 South Main Street  
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

ATTN: Iris F. Papale, Chairperson

Dear Council Members:

At last night's budget workshop, there was interest expressed in resurrecting the Business Development Task Force that was established in 1991. It would appear that the Task Force was never formally dissolved and thus could be reconvened with existing members (see attached list) should this be satisfactory to the Council. At this point, current members are being contacted to check their availability to serve. An update on this will be provided to you at your meeting tonight. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, I will be unable to be in attendance but will follow-up on whatever action the Council takes.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Roe  
EDC Coordinator

DWR:lmw

Attachment

R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Wallingford has been operating under severe budget constraints, and

**WHEREAS,** Connecticut municipalities have been required to assume increasing responsibility for many state-mandated programs, and

**WHEREAS,** the local property tax is an ineffective and unfairly applied source of revenue, and

**WHEREAS,** these factors make the formulation and passage of a municipal budget more difficult and often result in the loss of essential local services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford does hereby petition the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation, during the 1993 legislative session to prevent the implementation of legislation, executive orders, regulations or policies not 100% funded or administered by the State of Connecticut, and which impose a financial burden on municipalities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we further petition the Connecticut General Assembly to enact legislation to require the review of all existing programs, which place a financial burden on municipalities, by June 30, 1995 to determine their necessity, by which time those deemed necessary must be 100% funded or administered by the State of Connecticut.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 27, 1993

7:30 P.M.

\*\*\*\* NOTE START OF MEETING TIME AND EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:30 P.M.\*\*\*\*

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from Utilities - 88 S. Main Street Acct. #001-5240-200-2010 and \$1,000 from Janitorial Contract - 88 S. Main Street Acct. #001-5240-600-6290 for a Total of \$3,000 to Utilities - Sr. Citizens Acct. #001-5150-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works
  - b. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$432 from O/S Secretary Acct. #8070-900-9090 and \$227 from Comm. & Directors Salary Acct. #8070-100-1100 for a Total of \$659 to Part Time Secretary Acct. #8070-100-1350 - Director of Public Utilities
  - c. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 from Aux. Police Acct. #001-2090-400-4760 to Training/Education Supplies Acct. #001-2090-500-5780 - Civil Preparedness
  - d. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$800 from Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2020-500-5000 to Utilities & Answering Service Acct. #2020-200-2000 - Animal Control Officer
  - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 from Clerk's Wages Acct. #012-9000-100-1300 to Typewriter Replacement Acct. #012-9000-999-9901 - Youth Service Bureau
  - f. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#192-198) in the Amount of \$6,988.01 - Tax Collector
  - g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$425 from Small Equipment Acct. #2035-400-4850 to Protective Vest Acct. #2035-999-9909 - Fire Marshal
4. Confirm the Appointment of Irene Sunday as a Regular Board Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals to Fill a Vacancy Which Expires on 1/8/96
5. Consider and Approve the Re-Appointment of Allen Bulmer to the Board of Tax Review for a Term of Three Years to Expire on 1/8/96

6. Confirm the Mayoral Appointment of Laurie Manke, E. Randolph Erskine and Jack Winkleman, Alternate to the Board of Ethics for a Term of Three Years to Expire on 3/1/96 - Mayor's Office
7. Approve and Accpet the Minutes of the 4/13/93 Town Council Meeting
8. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
9. PUBLIC HEARING on a Proposed Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance to Provide Deferral of Property Taxes for Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled" - 7:45 P.M.
10. Consider and Approve the Dissolution of the Recycling Committee
11. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application to the State of Connecticut for Assistance to the Youth Service Bureau
12. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-19(b)(9) of the CT. General Statutes Relating to Strategies and Negotiations With Respect to Collective Bargaining - 9:30 P.M.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on the 88 S. Main Street Building Project as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen
14. Consider and Approve Naming the Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee and Establishing a Charge for Such Committee
15. Consider and Approve the Sale of Town-Owned Land Known as Lot 26A on Barnes Road - Mayor's Office
16. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 From Professional Services Acct. #001-1320-900-9010 to CRRA v. P&Z; CRRA v. ZBA Acct. #001-1320-900-9060 - Dept. of Law
17. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Pending Litigation
  1. Tax and Water-Sewer Foreclosures
  2. Trespass Case
  3. Towing Ordinance and Towing Regulations

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APRIL 27, 1993

Correction to Minutes

Page #4 - Line #5 to read as follows:

"Mr. Parisi asked if the liens are enforceable  
if they expire after fifteen years?"

Voted upon and passed at the Town Council Meeting of  
May 11, 1993.

*Kathryn F. Milano*  
Kathryn F. Milano  
Town Council Secretary  
May 13, 1993

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