

Special Town Council Meeting

Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

January 4, 1988

8:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - Rev. Richard Simmons

Let us pray. Oh gracious God, we invoke thy blessing on this gathering. May there be a spirit of wisdom and understanding. May there be clarity of vision. May there be the ability to accomplish with skill and compassion, the tasks that are before us. These are our prayers, not only for the proceedings of this evening, but for all of the term of office that now begins. These are our prayers, for each person who enters upon, or resumes particular responsibilities. May each of them do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thee. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the American Flag.

Judge of Probate, Sonya Kischkum, swore in William W. Dickinson, Jr. as Mayor of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut. (APPLAUSE)

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. -

Thank you. This ceremony, marks the beginning of a two year term of public officials. It is necessary, to formally invest in our elected officials, the authority to exercise powers granted to them in the Town Charter. The granting of authority is vital and important to Wallingford and its' future. Our town is a living, breathing, growing community, which requires an active government. We sometimes believe, that people seek to be elected in order to have power. I ask you, power to do what? Power alone, is a mere title. A wagon that has no wheels or ability to take direction. It is responsibility that gives power purpose and direction. As elected officials, we pledge ourselves to act responsibly, for our community. It means that we must make decisions on behalf of the people in town. It means that we must plan for the future. Planning must address needs, whether in water and sewer services, education, public safety or road repair and not just for one budget year, planning must span five, ten year periods, wherever possible, and have the capability of surviving both good and bad economy cycles. Governing is not a simple and easy task, it is a difficult process. One reason, is that government is big. The town budget is over \$49 million dollars. When combined with utility budgets and pension funds, the total exceeds \$100 million dollars. Every person in town is effected by governmental decisions. Every person in town has his or her list of priorities, as to what should or should not be done. On this platform, we now assemble, willing to exercise our best judgment, willing to weigh a multitude of competing interests and then make decisions, we believe to be in the best interest of our community.

We ask for your participation, patience and guidance. With God's help, we will see Wallingford continue to prosper, during the next two years. We are proud of Wallingford, and we will strive, to make you proud of us. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1988

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD AUDITORIUM

8:00 P.M.

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1. Invocation - Rev. Richard Simmons. 1
2. Swearing in of Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. by Judge of Probate, Sonya Kischkum. 1

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Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

4. Swearing in of Town Council by Judge Kischkum:
 

Frank C. Adams, Jr.	Iris F. Papale	
Edward R. Bradley	Robert F. Parisi	
David J. Doherty	Thomas D. Solinsky	
Steven B. Holmes	Geno J. Zandri, Jr.	2
Albert E. Killen		2
5. Roll Call - Mayor Dickinson.
6. Mayor Dickinson Presiding at election of Council Chairman. 2-3
7. Remarks by Council Chairman.
8. Election of Council Vice-Chairman. 3-4
9. Swearing in of Board of Education:
 

Joseph A. Ferrara	Thomas P. Murphy	
Roberta G. Marianella	Roger E. Rivers, Sr.	4
10. Swearing in of Constables:
 

Michael Denino, Jr.	Robert A. Jacques, Sr.	
Martin H. Factor	Vivian R. Jones	
Harold C. Gehrke, Jr.	George R. Lane	4
Anthony A. Giresi		
11. Swearing in of Board of Selectmen:
 

Chester H. Burghoff		
Susan S. Duryea		4
Eugene S. Riotte		
12. Appointment of Town Clerk and swearing in by Judge Kischkum 4-5
13. Adoption of Rules of Procedure and Dates of Meetings for 1988. 5
14. Remarks by Council Chairman. 5-6
14. Benediction - Rabbi Chana Timoner. 6

Refreshments following ceremony.

Judge Sonya Kischkum swore in the following members of the 1988/89 Town Council:

Frank C. Adams, Jr., Edward R. Bradley, David J. Doherty, Steven B. Holmes, Albert E. Killen, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Thomas D. Solinsky and Geno J. Zandri, Jr.

(APPLAUSE)

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. read the roll call to which all Members of the Council answered present.

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. entertained nominations for the office of Council Chairman.

Councilwoman Papale -

Mayor Dickinson, at this time, I would like to put the name of Albert E. Killen in nomination for Wallingford Town Chairman. We have seen many politicians in the Town of Wallingford, on the Council and on other committees, be elected and leave, they come and they go. But, Albert E. Killen, as we all know him as Bert, has been involved in Wallingford for many, many years, not only as a politician, but as a friend to all of Wallingford. We have people that are known as Mr. or Miss/Mrs. Democrat or Mr. or Miss/Mrs. Republican but, I feel that Bert is known to all of us as "Mr. Wallingford". I am very pleased to be able to Bert's name in nomination, for I feel that Bert will be very fair with all nine of us on the Council. Bert, as we all know, has always done his homework and I am sure that he will continue to do so and even make our job on the Council, just a little bit easier than it is because, I feel that Bert will have everything done, way before we even get up there. I also wanted to mention something personal, my admiration for Bert. In the last few years, different things have come up on the Council floor and Bert and I, one time, we disagreed on (what some people might call) a major issue.

When I left the Council Meeting that evening, I really felt very bad for the way things went. Not sorry the way that I had voted, but just for the reasons that Bert had given me, that's why he wanted this vote to go the other way. We talked about it for a few hours and I explained to him my feelings and he explained to me his feelings. The bottom line is that, I met Bert two days later and we were back to politics, this was part of history and we went on to run the Town of Wallingford. The Town of Wallingford is a business and that is an important thing, and I know that Bert does consider that and with that, again, I would like to put in the name of Albert E. Killen for nomination.

Councilman Doherty -

Mr. Mayor, I would like to take this time to second the nomination of a man who I think is an excellent leader and will provide that leadership for this Council, and that is Albert E. Killen.

There being no further nominations, Mrs. Papale moved that nominations be closed.

Councilman Adams seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Council Members voted aye and nominations were closed.

VOTE - Albert E. Killen, Council Chairman - All Council Members voted aye and Albert E. Killen was elected Council Chairman.

(APPLAUSE)

Council Chairman Killen -

I am going to ask, as the roll is called (nominations for the position of Council Vice Chairman), that each person signify the person for whom they care to choose their ballot for, for Vice Chairman. Everyone is eligible to vote for everyone else and there is nothing in our rules that calls for nominations. At the same time, I am not precluding anyone from issuing flattering remarks, if they so desire, in naming their choice. With that in mind, I will ask the clerk to call the roll:

Councilman Adams -

With 12 years of experience, and certainly with the best interests of the Town of Wallingford, I cast my ballot for Iris Papale.

Councilman Bradley - abstained

Councilman Doherty -

I would like to second the remarks of Councilman Adams and cast my vote for Iris Papale.

Councilman Holmes - Iris Papale

Councilwoman Papale - Iris Papale

Councilman Parisi - Iris Papale

Councilman Solinsky - Iris Papale

Councilman Zandri - abstained

Chairman Killen -

I would like to cast my vote for Iris Papale and would like to remark that this comes very easily. I am not giving her a return for what she has said to me. Iris and I go back a few years together and I hope I am not giving her age away, she is not my age, I assure you. I have served with her, as she has said. I have agreed with her and disagreed with her and if there is anyone that can handle this particular job, whether I am here or not, certainly Iris Papale can, and I will second the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Holmes moved that nominations be closed.

Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Council Members voted aye and nominations were closed.

Vote - Iris Papale, Council Vice Chairwoman - All Council Members voted aye with the exception of Bradley and Zandri who abstained and Mrs. Papale was elected Vice Chairwoman.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Killen called the following Members of the Board of Education forward:

Joseph A. Ferrara, Roberta G. Marianella, Thomas P. Murphy and Roger E. Rivers, Sr. and they were sworn in by Judge Sonya Kischkum.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Killen called the following Constables to step forward:

Michael Denino, Jr., Martin H. Factor, Harold C. Gehrke, Jr., Anthony A. Giresi, and Robert A. Jacques, Sr. and they were sworn in by Judge Sonya Kischkum.

Constables Vivian R. Jones and George R. Lane were not present to be sworn in.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Killen called the following Members of the Board of Selectmen forward:

Chester H. Burghoff, Susan S. Duryea and Eugene S. Riotte and they were sworn in by Judge Sonya Kischkum.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Killen: The next order of business is the appointment of a Town Clerk and I will ask the Council Secretary to call the roll.

Mr. Bradley -

Mr. Chairman, my fellow Council Members, ladies and gentle men. I came this evening to vote for a person for Town Clerk. The person had credentials that date back to 1946 and had previously served as Town Clerk for 12 years under the democratic administration. This person has served her party well and has also fulfilled the position of Town Clerk with dignity. It is with sorrow and reluctance that I read the following statement:

"For the sake of party unity and for the good of the Democratic Party, I hereby withdraw as candidate for Town Clerk. Sincerely, Carolyn Massoni".

Vote - for the position of Town Clerk, said appointment to become effective January 5, 1988.

Kathryn Wall - Adams, Bradley, Doherty, Papale, Zandri and Killen.

Rosemary Rascati - Holmes, Parisi and Solinsky.

The majority of the votes cast were for Kathryn Wall and she was elected Town Clerk.

Mr. Killen asked Kathryn Wall to come forward and she was sworn in by Judge Sonya Kischkum as Town Clerk, Town of Wallingford.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Killen -

One of the hard things about politics, is that it is kind of final. You take your best shot and sometimes you lose. It is not always the best person that wins and it is not always an inferior person that wins. Sometimes we lose a little bit of quality because of the nature of politics. We vote certain ways, the outcome might leave a bad taste in your mouth, and yet you say that this is the way it has to be done for the good of all concerned. I am very glad to welcome Katie Wall on board, because she has all of the credentials. None of us had any problem at all, after interviewing her, with voting for her. At the same time, Wallingford is losing a dedicated public servant. I feel it very strongly. She has served Wallingford well and I am very proud of her. If you want to know my

idea of what a public servant is, it is Rosemary Rascati. I want to thank her for the years she served us and I am very glad that she has been on board and I hope that she does not separate herself from us, because she has been an excellent example to all of us. Most people don't realize it, but the person that epitomizes our community, more than the Mayor, at times, is our Town Clerk. More people get to see the Town Clerk. They come in for business from out of town and the face she puts on and the way she acts and the way she conducts her duties, is very important. On behalf of Rosemary Rascati, I would like raising ovation.

(APPLAUSE and standing ovation from the audience.)

Mr. Holmes moved to adopt the present set of rules, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes, motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept the dates of meetings for 1988, with the addition of December 27th, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: All ayes, motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen -

You now see before you, the people that are going to guide you for the next two years. I want to say that Bill Dickinson and I will hopefully be on a first name basis and I offer to you, Bill, the best that I can do to make sure that our town is #1 in the State of Connecticut. It has always been that way in my life and I know that you will do nothing to change it and I certainly intend to do nothing to change it. I want to congratulate all of those who were sworn in this evening and I think the town will be very proud of them and they will conduct their duties well. I would like to say to the people in the audience, that I thank you for coming this evening but, I hope you will not make yourselves strangers. There is not much on television that can compare with a night at the Council Chambers. There are times you would be willing to come up there and hang us. There are times that I am willing to hang some of them myself. We do have our moments of comedy. We do not hate one another. We don't go in with a prepared script. We say what comes along and we do what we can for the best of Wallingford. The problem is, there are 9 of us and there are roughly 40,000 of you. We do need your input and we will be willing to explain to you, our reasons for doing things the way that we do. It is so much easier, if you are part of the process. We would all love to have your input. I would like to ask you to continue to patronize our local merchants, and I say that from the bottom of my heart. The downtown looks so beautiful because all of our merchants pitched in. The only way that we are going to continue things along this line, is if you people patronize our local merchants. They are doing their best to make Wallingford a better place. Please help them and you will be proud of our town. I would like to congratulate again, all those who were sworn into office this evening. I pledge to work with each and every one of them. My phone number is in the book. If you have a problem, I would be more than glad to listen to you. I promise you no solution, but I have a willing ear. Thank you again for coming.

BENEDICTION - Rabbi Chana Timoner

God eternal maker of us all, will you bestow your blessing upon our Country and our State, and upon the Town of Wallingford and upon its Mayor, William W. Dickinson, Jr. and upon all of the newly sworn in Members of the Council, all who exercise just and rightful authority, instruct them, out of your law, that they may administer all affairs of State, justice and equity, that peace, security, happiness, prosperity right and freedom, may forever abide among us. Unite all of the inhabitants of our town, whatever their origin and creed, to a bond of true brotherhood, to banish bigotry and hatred and to safeguard the ideals which are our towns glory and let us all say, Amen.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Refreshments were then served.

Susan M. Baron  
Council Secretary

APPROVED

Albert E. Killen  
Albert E. Killen, Council Chairman

1-12-88

Date

Kathryn Wall  
Kathryn Wall, Town Clerk

1-12-88

Town Council Meeting Summary

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Public question and answer period/discussed Town Clerk's job/ Grieb Court/need for low income housing/radon testing kits.	1-2
George R. Lane, Constable, sworn in.	2
Authorized Chairman of Asbestos Removal and Handicapped Access Building Committee to sign contract for handicapped access project	2-4
Appointed Alla Lee Harrison to Handicapped Access Committee.	3
Re-established Task Force on Homeless; added Dian T. Marandola and Eileen M. McMahon to Task Force with 9 member cap.	4
Waived Rule V to discuss Soup Kitchen; approved use of Room 225 in Town Hall for 2 weeks; approved \$500 transfer for Soup Kitchen.	4-7
Appointed David J. Doherty to Traffic Department.	7-8
Rejected waiving bidding procedure to authorize interview for hiring of traffic consultant requested by Town Planner.	8-10
Accepted Chalet Drive, Country Way & Fox Run Drive and accepted 1,770 sq. ft. from Dreimanis, Chimney Hill Road/right-of-way, Additional right-of-way from Rebesch on Quigley Road, Additional right-of-way from Tagliatela on Deer Run Road, Approximately .14 acres from Wiedenman along Harrison Road Approved abandoning 5 ft. of 30 ft. drainage easement	10-11
Did not authorize \$5,000 to \$8,000 cost for Whitman & Howard Study to determine economics of rehabilitating Simpson Pond.	11-14
Authorized changing name of Spring Street, between North Cherry Street Extension and running across Washington Street Extension, to Christoni Lane.	14
Approved transfers requested by the Police Department: \$25,000 from General Wages to Patrol Overtime	14
\$ 250 from Longevity #001-2012-100-1750, \$350 from Longevity #001-2014-100-1750, \$100 from Longevity #001-2015-100- 1750 and \$2,000 from General Wages, a total of	
\$ 2,700 to Wrecker Service	14
\$ 700 from No-Sick Incentive to Prisoner Meals	14
Approved writing off advance of \$20,000 to Wallingford Housing Authority - #148-H-E-171.	15
Public Hearing set for 7:45 p.m. on January 26, 1988 on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, UNREGISTERED, AND/OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS."	15
Noted for record financial statements and narratives of the Electric, Water & Sewer Divisions for the month ended Novem- ber 30, 1987.	15
Approved transfer of \$125,000 from Purchased Power to Fuel Expense & \$75,000 transfer from 555 to 501 (phone poll), Electric Division.	<u>page</u>
Released \$10,500 from Contingency to install system wiring in Robert Earley, Electric Division.	15-1
Approved transfer of \$1,500 from Miscellaneous Plant Equipment to Structures, Electric Division.	16
Approved transfer of \$1,100 from Power Operated Equipment to Electric Pumping Equipment, Water Division.	16-17
Waived bidding procedure for pilot study to be performed in conjunction with the ultimate design of a treatment plant at Pistapaug Pond Reservoir, Water Division. Bid awarded.	17-20
Approved a transfer of \$50,000 from Collecting & Impounding Reservoirs F/Y 1987/1988 to Filter Plant Pilot Study F/Y 1987/1988, Water Division.	20