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### NOVEMBER

11/13/84  
 11/27/84

### DECEMBER

12/04/84 Special Meeting  
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Scheduled Meetings	21
Special Meetings	17
Budget Workshops	<u>11</u>
Total Meetings	<u>49</u>

August 10, 1984 Robert F. Parisi resigned from Town Council.  
 September 11, 1984 Steven B. Holmes elected to Town Council  
 to fill vacancy created by Robert F. Parisi.  
 September 11, 1984 David A. Gessert elected Chairman.  
 September 11, 1984 Marie B. Bergamini elected Vice Chairwoman.

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Public Hearing  
Town of Wallingford  
Annual Budget  
1984 - 1985

The Public Hearing on the 1984-85 Annual Budget of the Town of Wallingford was held at Mark T. Sheehan High School on Hope Hill Road on April 11, 1984.

Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Mayor William W. Dickinson was also present.

Chairman Parisi introduced himself and all members of the Council as well as Mr. Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller and Mayor Dickinson. Chairman Parisi stated that for the most part, questions will be answered by the Mayor, Comptroller and Department Heads. The television coverage is an effort by the Town Council to make town government more accessible to the citizens of Wallingford. I want to thank those of you who were concerned enough tonight to come here and exercise your right to public input on the budget.

At this time, I'd like to ask Mayor Dickinson to speak.

Mayor Dickinson: Thank you, Bob. In the front of your budget book, you will find a message on the budget prepared by my office. I urge you to take a look at it. The budget process is a difficult one. I can say in no instance did I find a department looking to accomplish things not in the interest of the taxpayer and Wallingford residents. However, it is a difficult process because, against the request for new projects, continued funding of old projects, there must be a balance of what the taxpayer is able to afford.

The Mayor's office, and I'm sure I speak for the Council and any other elected officials in town, has to be concerned about the level of services provided for the citizens and I feel we have addressed that in this budget. This budget also, however, involves an increase in the mill rate. The whole process involves some things I don't like--I don't like to always have to be saying no; I don't like to always have to be looking to cut requests, many of them worthy. But, that bottom line is what the taxpayers can afford.

This year, we were faced with another dilemma other than normal inflation, contract demands and needed replacement of equipment. We were faced with a lack of new dollars. An instance given in this message is an accurate one. One of the very worthy programs in town, the meals offered to senior citizens, in the 1983/84 budget was funded at \$500. In the 1984/85 budget, it is \$9,000. That is the increase for one program because state and federal dollars aren't there. That is why, when you look at the budget, you are looking at an overall increase of possibly 7.7% but the tax increase is a higher one. It is because there are no new dollars of any significance.

Mayor Dickinson (continued)

The grand list increase was minimal, 3.6%, less than a mill in tax dollars. It is average with the region but certainly does not give us extra money to do extra things. We had a lot of careful decision making in going over the budget. As I said, it was not an easy task.

Generally, the requests had to be trimmed back because, as also was publicized earlier and I want to repeat it now, if I had granted all of the requests I received, you would have had a 7 mill increase. If anyone here would like to see a 7 mill increase, I would like to see their hand and please come and speak to me after the hearing because I'm sure you stand alone. That 7 mill increase was too high and represented too much for the taxpayer to bear. The process had to begin with knowing the trimming back necessary and we went department by department. I can say that I have no favorites in the town administration. No department was spared and I believe all were treated pretty equally, depending on the kind of needs expressed and the level of funding already existing.

I realize there has been controversy over aspects of the budget and never is it a pleasant thing to face a reduction in requests. The requests are usually made in good faith. However, within the environment we work, some changes were necessary. 245

Regarding the Board of Education, it was necessary to reduce the request by \$790,000. However, it's the old story--you look at a glass and see that it is half empty or half full. We granted \$1.3 million dollars. Compared to the 1983/84 budget experience, \$850,000 was reduced in the request and \$734,000 was granted for 1983/84. We have almost doubled the new money available to the Board of Education in this budget. I recognize that it is not going to be the best of all worlds for everyone. However, given that new money, I feel that quality education can continue to be offered and feel that we have the ability and expertise in the Board of Education and among the school administrators to accomplish that task. Regarding the town departments, the requests were trimmed by some \$2.3 million dollars and that includes equipment, capital requests and personnel requests.

Again, I feel we have provided a budget that will allow the town to function at existing or better levels. We have also tried to address some future needs. The Town Attorney, for instance, came in with a request for \$1,000,000 for reserves in order to handle pending litigation; that was reduced to \$215,000 but that \$215,000 is quite an increase over the \$50,000 granted in the 1983/84 budget. Why? We have a number of major pieces of litigation coming to judgment or settlement and we have to be ready to pay them.

We have included money to begin paying down existing bonded indebtedness--\$150,000. Why, you might ask--that is not available for a current program. That is true but when we look at our future indebtedness which will include \$15,000,000 in the next probably two years for a new sewer plant, I get very concerned about what that can do to the tax rate. I think now is the time to begin to reduce  
Mayor Dickinson (continued)

as best we can what we now face in order to ease into this larger burden and avoid one year where the full brunt falls upon each of us who must pay his share of the taxes.

My concern also has been for the clearing of roads and repair of roads. As all of you know, we have some significant water problems and road deterioration in town. We have budgeted for that. The Public Works Department wanted six new trucks. I might add that the Public Works Department came in with a budget exactly as the 1983/84 budget but they wanted equipment and needed replacements. I could not grant the six trucks--another tough decision. I feel that two trucks should begin us on a program of replacement that will enable us to clear the snow, clear the roads and start dealing with the infrastructure needs of the community.

Much of which I outlined just now is in the message you have in the budget booklet. It involves some sacrifices. It involves some tough decisions but overall, I feel it provides the money to provide services again at existing levels but hopefully addressing some of our future needs.

I'm glad to see all of you here. This is a process, this document that will affect the future of this community, not just next year but in years afterwards, because the decisions made today and in the next coming weeks as the Council takes up this process will affect what equipment, what services, what personnel we have to provide a quality life in Wallingford. Again, I welcome you here. I am interested in hearing your comment. I have no corner on expertise. I do want to thank all of those in the administration who have helped me with this process and I ask for your scrutiny and any direction you may be able to give to enable the Council to review this with the interests of all of us in mind.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Parisi: Thank you, Mayor Dickinson. I'd like to introduce the Vice Chairman of the Town Council, Mr. David Gessert and I'd also like to introduce our Council Secretary, Delores Fetta.

We will now turn to the Board of Education budget, page 130-131. (Recap given of the Board of Education budget.)

At this time, I'd like to introduce the Chairman of the Board of Education, Mr. James Annis.

Mr. Annis: Good evening. On behalf of the Wallingford Public Schools, the Board of Education on January 19, 1984 voted to recommend to the taxpayers a budget of \$18,700,000 for the 1984/85 year. This represents an increase of \$2,117,075 or 12.7% above current appropriations. Details on ensuing pages represents the Board's best estimates on needs for operating the schools in accordance with statutory requirements and Board adopted goals.

Mr. Annis (continued)

During budget deliberations, fiscal constraints were built in at all stages. Staff will be reduced at elementary and middle school levels and further reductions may occur at the secondary level after student scheduling has been completed.

Every possible attempt at fiscal responsibility was made in order to keep the final figure at a reasonable growth level. Increases in areas such as textbooks, supplies, equipment and other general areas were limited 4%. New proposals were scrutinized and reduced to \$82,425.

However, we are a labor intensive organization and over 49% of the proposed increase is allocated to contractual salary obligations. Most of these settlements are determined by the binding arbitration process. Of the proposed budget, approximately 72% is projected for salaries.

In addition to the spiraling personnel costs, the Board of Education has also faced horrendous increases in its medical insurance plan which has risen by 49%, or \$462,590. The Wallingford Board of Education will comply with mandates, absorb inflation, compete with the best qualified teachers, keep programs current and competitive in the most cost effective manner possible. We believe the proposed budget meets our essential needs and is a responsible budget. We urge your support and ask your approval on behalf of the students of Wallingford.

I'd like to introduce the staff and Board of Ed members at the table--Dr. Robert Nicoletti, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Vincent L. Inglese, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, Barbara Sibley, Vice Chairman of the Board and Curriculum Chairman, Jeanne Holmes, new member of the Board, Thomas Murphy, Business Manager, Roberta Shaw, Finance Chairman and also a new member, Frank Soldan, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Bravo, new member, Roger Appell, also a new member, Cle Palcso, Personnel Chairman and also a new member, Roger Rivers, Chairman of Buildings and Grounds and Al Cei, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and John Holuba.

Mr. Parisi invited questions from the audience regarding the Board of Education budget.

Mrs. Shaw: Before questions on the Board of Education budget, Mr. Murphy has a statement he would like to read to clarify some of the percentages presented.

Mr. Murphy: Please do not allow the percentage increases in the individual budget items to mislead you. (Explanation given of page 71, 61, 13 and letter read from administrator.) The general key word is need.

Mr. Parisi asked all department heads to keep in mind that tonight is the public's night to speak on the budget.

Mr. Romeo Dorsey, 122 South Orchard Street expressed disappointment in the Mayor's budget which requests a 2.7 mill increase in the tax rate because each year, the town ends up with a large surplus and this year is no exception. He was also disappointed that there was no funding for Community Lake since the East side of town has many nice recreational areas. The Council should look for ways to cut the budget, in particular the Board of Ed budget. I requested information about average absenteeism per teacher and was not given this information. Increases in teachers salaries are too high with the present rate of inflation. Take a good look at increases for the administrative staff. The taxpayers should not be overtaxed and it is up to the Council to reduce the mill rate.

Mr. Dorsey made reference to the charts presented in the Board of Ed budget, in particular page 17 and Mrs. Shaw addressed the questions presented. He commented that the previous budget showed more detail for the taxpayers benefit and Mr. Soldan agreed to supply him with more backup detail at any time. Page xxxiii was commented upon and the newspaper reference to a proposed layoff of 30 to 40 teachers to which Mr. Annis explained that a statement he made was taken out of context. In response to the percentage increase in teachers salaries, Mrs. Shaw replied 8%, overall.

Mr. Charles Cwirka, 21 Elmwood Road: There is talk in the legislature of a general tax base of 95%. If the general tax base is set at 100%, is it the intent of the Mayor and Town Council to pass this money to the Board of Education or will it be placed in the general fund?

Mayor Dickinson: At this point, that has not been discussed either within my office or with the Council. It would require a directive from the Mayor's office indicating that would be appropriate and approval by the Council to have it happen. I have no preconceived notion at this time of how such money should be treated. At this point, however, the money that we utilize represented a fairly minimal increase over the current g.t.b., around \$85,000 increase over this year's grant which caused some constraints in looking at where the new dollars are coming from in the budget. If that should be increased, we'll have to look at it at that time.

Mr. Dorsey asked for salary information from bottom to top and Mr. Inglese noted that a Bachelor's ranged from \$14,260 to a max of \$23,475, Master's \$15,565 to a max of \$26,135, Sixth Year \$17,230 to a max of \$29,160. Department head, coach, director of guidance included amounts contracted for beyond max. He requested information on the insurance account, 201, which Mrs. Eckard addressed and he suggested the Board search for a new carrier. Mr. Soldan stated this was done by the bid process and lowest bid contracted. Mr. Soldan noted that there is a proposed freeze on books, supplies, equipment and all other purchases not necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the students and this freeze is proposed to meet the shortfall.

Mrs. Jane Estes, 4 Laurel Lane commended the Mayor and Town Council for a very well put together budget, very detailed. The booklet from the Board of Ed is a disappointment considering they get 49% of our tax dollar. There is a decline in enrollment, yet cost escalation. A ban on supply purchases is suggested and the public is entitled to know what this entails. It costs approximately \$3,000,000 to operate two high schools and all 1,903 can be put into one facility since the secondary enrollment contains the highest decrease in students and surveys have been completed to support this theory.

Mrs. Shaw stated that the Board is considering a long-range plan and solution to the problem of the cost of running two high schools and will be interviewing a consultant soon.

Mr. Charles Andrade, 212 South Orchard Street commented upon the importance of teachers in the school system. He also mentioned system administration, page x, and the fact that the system is losing students but adding administrators and Mr. Inglese noted that the public is making demands for accountability which warrants an increase in Central Office administrators. Mr. Inglese noted that the former Superintendent of Schools attempted to operate as Superintendent and a curriculum person, practically killing for him and the Board provided an Assistant Superintendent. The same logic applied to buildings and grounds.

Mr. Andrade commented that there is one superior for every 3-1/2 men and Mr. Cei addressed the comment and gave details of all buildings under the care of grounds and maintenance and the magnitude of the job. Mr. Andrade questioned the necessity of two high schools and asked how many administrative cars there were to which Mr. Annis replied, four.

Mr. Andrade stated that administrative cars should not be allowed. Mrs. Shaw replied that the car policy is under review and will be changed.

Mrs. Nancy Hetzel, 7 High Street requested that the Town Council fund the Board of Education budget as presented and commented on Wallingford's ability to pay which does not match its funding levels. Comparisons were made with surrounding towns in regard to funding levels and staff salaries.

Mr. Dorsey stated that he was opposed to hiring consultants for data necessary by the Board of Ed and Mrs. Sibley stated that due to the extensive nature of the work certain studies require the use of a consultant and as a general rule, it must be a pretty sure thing for her to vote to use a consultant. Mr. Andrade also objected to spending approximately \$20,000 for a consultant to study whether or not Lyman Hall High School should be closed. Mrs. Sibley also noted that aspersions are cast if a report is done by someone within the system. Administrators are overtaxed and overburdened already and it would not be in the best interest of the school system if they undertook a task of this magnitude.

Mr. Dorsey questioned A/C 321 Utilities and the proposed conversion to gas burners and asked if costs would be recovered on such conversions and Mr. Cei said the determination would be made based upon which is more economically feasible, gas or oil. A 7% increase in utility costs was made based on information sought from the Electric and Water & Sewer Division, according to Mr. Cei.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Toni, 35 Concord Lane fully supports the Board of Education's budget.

Mr. Louis Passariello, 2 Stella Drive stated that Wallingford has the best school system in the surrounding area, the reason he moved to Wallingford. Moses Y. Beach is in need of a new boiler and more computer equipment. Mr. Proto at Moses Y. is a wizard at making things happen with few resources with which to work. The Board must be given the money to do the correct job and I have no objection to an increase in their budget.

Mr. Dorsey asked about 322 Contracted Services and Mr. Cei stated this pertains to plant and equipment and contains a provision for snow removal and ballfield maintenance, fire alarm maintenance, etc. He questioned 316 Data Processing and Mr. Murphy explained that this cost represents the two computers at Lyman Hall and Sheehan necessary for scheduling and report carding, two functions previously not done in house. In response to a question about 370 Tuition, Mr. Murphy stated that this expense involves placement to state and other mandated organizations.

Mr. Parisi appealed to Mr. Dorsey to be very specific with questions since the entire budget must be read this evening and time must be allowed for public input on all aspects of the budget.

Mr. Dorsey stated that the Board of Education budget should be cut an additional \$500,000 and \$200,000 of that could be obtained from the cafeteria fund.

Andy Reynolds, 8 Osage Drive, student, requests the Council to make education #1 priority. "If you think education is expensive, you should try ignorance."

Mr. Parisi thanked Andy Reynolds and commended him for being at this public hearing tonight.

Kenneth Daly, 549 North Elm Street, President of Moses Y. Beach PTO feels that a budget cut to education involves selling out the future to a short-term gain. Austerity is not budget cuts. Austerity is a program of reducing the growth in unit profits. The school system is a labor intensive industry and you won't reduce the unit costs. I've tried to test the budget cut and applied it to 40 budget items and looked for a way to apply the \$790,000 cut so that it would not affect instruction and I maintain it cannot be done. Only 6 to 8 items of the 40 budget items are discretionary and the remainder are directly related to the product.

The Board of Ed's budget has been cut year after year. Are we going to have an eye to the future or become a community which resents its kids? Some of you elected officials got my vote because you said you had an eye for the future. Now is the time to upgrade local instruction, not to downgrade it.

Martin Trueheart, 1110 Notch Road, Cheshire, President of the Wallingford Education Association stated that he represented 425 teachers in Wallingford. He objected to the \$790,000 cut to the Board of Education's budget which he stated has shocked the entire community because the Board of Education's budget presentation in January was too austere at the outset. This reduction will result in the elimination of programs, unsound class sizes and potential layoffs which will be demoralizing and devastating. Mr. Trueheart provided statistics of former programs within the system which have suffered with budget cuts. Budget cutbacks have convinced people that Wallingford cannot provide a good education for their children and they are sending their children elsewhere. 90 youngsters were sent to schools other than Sheehan and Lyman Hall last year and more than 150 this year.

Wallingford's school system is second to none. Will the Council continue the precedent set by its predecessors and permit Wallingford's per pupil expenditures to slip into the bottom 25% in the State, or even the bottom 10% with this budget cut? Political rather than educational concerns have been the priority of the governing bodies in Wallingford. I have three questions for you:

- (1) When are a Mayor and Town Council finally going to support quality education?
- (2) When are a Mayor and Town Council going to actively take the steps necessary to convince people that Wallingford public schools are an excellent institution in which to educate their children?
- (3) When are a Mayor and Town Council going to face up to the reality that an excellent education can in fact be financially painful and drive that message home to the constituents?

Thank you.

Carmen Banack, Brookview Drive wanted to address the cafeteria fund and Mr. Parisi stated that would be covered next. Mrs. Banack asked why Parker Farms School was left in such utter chaos and destruction by the Board of Ed and Mrs. Shaw noted that she would prefer questions which addressed the budget specifically.

Mr. Rich Carlson, 19 High Street stated that he supports the Board of Education's budget because the Town of Wallingford wants quality education, not more program cuts.

Mrs. Penny Birch, 6 Ridge Road stated that Wallingford educators have gone above and beyond the call of duty and a budget cut to education is a mistake because the children are the future of our country.

Mr. Andrade asked the Mayor what the unemployment rate was in Wallingford at this time and the Mayor replied 5.6%. He then asked Mr. Cei how much the Town of Wallingford was paying per year to have Sheehan High School maintained by contractual cleaning services and Mr. Cei replied \$147,000 this year. Mr. Andrade felt it would be most cost effective to have custodians within the system at Sheehan.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt there was too much talk about quality education and the education budget should be trimmed more and education should be limited to basics.

Mr. David Bersch, 628 6th Ridge Road asked the Mayor which line items the \$790,000 cut would be applied to.

Mayor Dickinson indicated that it has not been his intention, nor did he believe this budget, should affect the quality of education in Wallingford. When you compare the dollars being granted in this budget with the dollars granted last year, it is almost twice the amount. There are accounts, teaching and supplies up 32%, dues and fees 19%, textbooks 29%, heat and supplies 38%, capital budget 97%, improvements to buildings 34%, site improvements 1,404%, new non-instructional equipment 193%, replacement of non-instructional equipment 313%. At the end of every year, generally there's around \$200,000 in encumbered accounts, going into the next year. You must recognize that I am given budget figures and cannot be a mind reader. All I can do is work with the figures that are in front of me. If the percentages are not accurate, then perhaps on another occasion, we can work together with better, more accurate figures. With the responsibility of an entire town budget, with an eye toward what will happen not only with the mill rate but the actual tax rate, which in this instance will almost be a 10% increase, I have to address what I see in front of me. I am well aware it is not the figure the Board of Education requested or would appreciate. However, it is an increase well over what the town will be receiving. Instead of a \$790,000 cut, the town received a \$2.3 million cut. It's not an easy process and I'm not saying there are slush funds. I am saying that when you are dealing with a \$16/\$17 million budget, it becomes big business. Education has the most worthy purpose in the world and that is educating our young people and I am fully behind that purpose. I also have a responsibility as an elected official to look at the big business side of it. We are talking about a budget. We are talking about the responsibility of not only the education department, but also public works, fire, police, to reasonably address the needs of the town within budget constraints. The dollar figures are getting larger. If we had a lot of extra money, I think the education system is a good place to put it. If there are deficiencies, I hope that we can work toward eliminating those deficiencies over a series of several years. Again, in my opinion, we cannot do it

Mayor Dickinson (continued)

in one year. Again, in my opinion, this budget grants more dollars than were granted last year, by a large margin and we did not have layoffs and huge cutbacks last year. Ask the question, why is there sudden crisis now with almost twice the number of dollars in this budget?

I am here to work with everyone, the educators, the Council, the other departments but we do have people in town on fixed incomes. We do have people with some serious economic problems. I do not feel it would be responsible for me to come in with a higher than 10% tax increase at this time. We will have to address these problems but it is going to take more than one year. It is going to take some patience and I'm going to ask that from you. I am certainly available to all of you for your views and look forward to working with you in the future.

To answer your question, I do think there have to be areas where there are some excess dollars. It happens in every budget. It is part of the budget process and maybe it's wrong but it's almost always some kind of a game. It shouldn't be but the person who budgets always has to be worried about what the cuts will be. I can't look at a 13% increase in a budget and feel that is bare bones. If I granted that budget alone, we would have a 2-1/2 mill increase minimum just for the education budget. I don't feel that would be a responsible action on the part of the Mayor's Office. I recognize your concerns; I hope we can work with them. In the future, hopefully there will be many great things in the way of improvement but this year, this budget, can be dealt with, can be used in a responsible manner and will not necessarily mean large cutbacks in the quality of services.

Mr. Parisi: Now we can turn to page 146-147, Cafeteria. (Recap.)

Mr. Dorsey questioned the cafeteria inventory being priced at fair market value and Mr. Myers explained that is a USDA commodity purchased at less than fair market value and this pricing is in compliance with accounting principles for cafeteria funds. Mr. Dorsey stated that Mr. Lehmann bills for everything he provides and the Board of Education should reciprocate and bill him proportionate charges for rent, heat and electricity. Mr. Lehmann is only paying for a freezer. Mr. Dorsey also commented on the fact that Mr. Lehmann has a car from the Board of Ed which he uses to go home and return to school and he lives out of town.

Mr. Gessert noted that the Board of Ed earlier stated they were beginning to review the car policy and perhaps after this review, there will be some changes. 251

Mr. Dorsey asked how many persons were on Mr. Lehmann's staff and was told 71 full time and 22 part time. Elementary lunches are 85¢, 95¢ for middle school and \$1 for high school. Type A lunches are reimbursed by the government at 11-1/2¢. Free lunches are provided with proper documentation. \$1.03 is reimbursed on all free lunches.

Mr. Dorsey stated that the Council should take \$200,000 from the cafeteria fund and transfer it to the Board of Ed budget to reduce this budget by that time.

Mr. Parisi moved to pages 10 and 11, Special Funds, Board of Education and there were no comments from the public. He thanked the Board of Education.

Page 137 to 145, Department of Public Utilities. (Recap.)

Mr. Parisi introduced the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Richard Nunn.

Mr. Nunn introduced Ray Smith, Director of Public Utilities, Joe DeMaio and Al Kovacs, Commissioners, Al Bruno, Manager of the Water & Sewer Department, Ray Denison, Office Manager of Water & Sewer, Jim Kirkland, Assistant Sewer Superintendent, Rich Cassello, Office Manager of Water & Sewer, Vinnie Mascia, Water Department, Chuck Walters, Manager of the Electric Division, Mike Holmes, Assistant Manager and Walter Lee, Office Manager of the Electric Division.

Mr. Dorsey commented on the power inadequacies of the North Wallingford substation and suggested a larger capacity for future needs and Mr. Smith noted it is expandable and this is being investigated and he also responded to Mr. Dorsey's inquiry about Bristol-Myers requirements in this area. Mr. Dorsey commented that 10% to 12% profits are evident and wanted to know how much of this money will be turned over to the Town and how much will be rebated to customers. Mr. Nunn explained the Charter requirements which govern this procedure and presented details about the handling of excess profits. The picture is a very healthy picture. Mr. Ray Smith provided more details of handling excess profits.

Mr. John Winkleman, 141 South Airline Road wanted to know how much was cut from the demands of the Utilities Commission budget and Mayor Dickinson replied \$74,000. Mr. Smith noted they would attempt to maintain the same level of service to their customers.

Mr. Dorsey asked about average cost per sales and fourth meter reader and discussion at a meeting about writing off a \$179 bad debt and noted accounts receivable have gone from \$1.7 million to \$2.7 million in one year and suggested a review of this. Mr. Walters addressed these items.

Mr. Parisi moved to Water Division, page 141. (Recap.). There were no questions. Page 144, Sewer Department (Recap.). There were no questions. Mr. Parisi thanked the PUC Division.

Town Departments, beginning on page 27, Town Council (recap.).

Mr. Musso praised Mr. Parisi on the decrease in this budget. Page 28, page 29, page 30, page 31, page 32, page 33, page 34, page 35, page 36, page 37, page 38, page 39, page 40, page 41, page 42.

Mr. John Winkleman inquired about training expense on page 39 and Mr. Myers explained that the Department of Finance consists of 6 divisions and it was his general feeling that there was some need for some professional staff training.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 43, page 44, page 45.

Mr. Musso inquired about the \$60,000 increase request for the library and Mrs. Leslie Scherer presented the reasons for the increase, most of which are attributable to inflation. A request was made for a part-time video technician.

Mr. John Winkleman expressed his gratitude for such a modern library and inquired about adding videotapes and Mrs. Scherer said this is being considered.

Mr. Dorsey offered further commentary about purchased power within the Electric Division.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 46, page 47, page 48, page 49, page 50, page 51, page 52, page 53, page 54, page 55, page 56, page 57.

Mr. Gessert moved to page 58, page 59, page 60.

Mr. Musso objected to the budget request on page 60 for the Dog Pound but noted that Mrs. Gianotti is doing a fine job.

Mr. Gessert moved to page 61, page 62, page 63, page 64, page 65, page 66, page 67, page 68, page 69, page 70, page 71, page 72, page 73, page 74, page 75.

Mr. Jon Walworth, 28 Laurelwood Drive asked about approaching the capital budget, Sartori property facility and Mr. Gessert agreed to address a specific question at this time.

Mr. Steven Clark, 40 Apple Street, President of the Wallingford Youth Soccer League asked for the support of the Mayor and Town Council in responding to the needs of the children in soccer and asked specifically for the support in funding \$60,000 for soccer fields at the Sartori property. Most available fields are outgrown because the league has grown so rapidly. Please catch the spirit, the soccer spirit, and put your stamp of approval on the \$60,000 needed for new fields. The town contributes less than 2% of our financial needs and we are not complaining and are grateful for that. We are very proud that we are carrying ourselves financially.

Mr. Gessert: That was very well put and while I cannot speak for the entire Council, I would not be surprised if the \$60,000 got the support of the entire Council as we go through this budget process.

Mr. Jon Walworth, 28 Laurelwood Drive stated that certain fields must be taken out of play for repair. New fields are not only needed for growth but to allow for repair to existing fields. We would appreciate being given a schedule for commencement of new fields.

Mayor Dickinson stated that work has been done by Engineering on the Sartori property and work cannot be started at this time because of the wetness of the fields but will be started this Spring.

Mr. Dorsey urged the Council to review restrictions on the Sartori property because of federal monies.

Mr. Parisi thanked the Audiovisual Department at Sheehan under the direction of Ed Mik and the students who helped this evening and noted that proper recognition should be given to them while the public hearing was still being televised.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 76, page 77, page 78, page 79, page 80, page 81, page 82, page 83, page 84, page 85, page 86, page 87, page 88, page 89, page 90, page 91, page 92, page 93, page 94, page 95, page 96, page 97, page 98, page 99, page 100, page 101, page 102, page 103, page 104.

Mr. Dorsey asked the Mayor about his plans for Robert Earley. Mayor Dickinson stated that he wanted to take a direction for this school, either for municipal purposes or a sale. At this time, he did not feel it was necessary to appropriate funds. Hopefully the outlines of a direction will be available in May or June.

Mr. Musso wants Robert Earley seriously considered as a Town Hall and not sold because the building cannot be duplicated.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 110, page 111, page 112, page 113.

Mr. Dorsey requested information on 201A, page 132 and Mr. Myers noted that this request was for support vehicles. Mr. Dorsey asked about increasing the budget \$2,500,000 and each mill increase is equal to \$795,000. Starting the year with a surplus means taxpayers are overtaxed.

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Mayor Dickinson provided Mr. Dorsey with an explanation of generally accepted accounting principles and the necessity of having some money available for emergencies. Variables are too great to run a -0- to -0- balance. Another consideration to the marketplace is a reserve for emergencies. Mr. Myers stated that the Mayor is absolutely correct and the unappropriated funds of the town are running \$500,000 per year and it is a big negative to extract those funds and go to New York for bonding.

Mr. Musso requested new mikes in the Council Chambers and Mr. Parisi stated he had a quote today for \$12,000 for a new sound system.

Mr. Parisi asked if there were any further questions from the limited audience remaining and there were none. He stated that the Town Council will conduct its workshops and review each budget line by line. There will be 12 budget workshops open to the public, conducted in Council Chambers. The workshops are not open to comments from the public and have been conducted in this fashion for many years.

The public hearing on the 1984/85 annual budget for the Town of Wallingford adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary



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Robert F. Parisi, Council Chairman

#### Board of Education & Cafeteria

Budget workshops began on April 12, 1984 in Council Chambers. The first workshop was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:05 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Mayor Dickinson was also present, along with Mr. Thomas Myers, Comptroller.

The Board of Education was present as well as Dr. Robert Nicoletti, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Vincent L. Inglese, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, Thomas Murphy, Business Manager, Frank J. Soldan, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Parisi stated that discussion would be limited to the Council and Board of Education. The public hearing on the budget was held for general public input at that time.

Mr. Gessert: Page 130, line item 100 Contingency \$97,487. What are your plans for this contingency account?

Mr. Inglese: Those are dollars set aside for negotiations of contracts for the secretarial and maintenance unions.

Mr. Gessert: Line item 332 Travel-Mileage--is this for staff?

Mrs. Eckard: Page 39 of our budget book provides an explanation for that. 20¢ per mile by negotiated contract is provided to those staff members who are required to travel back and forth between schools, such as itinerant teachers, nurses, etc.

Mr. Gessert asked why \$16,048 was being budgeted for next year since only \$3,250 was spent for six months and Mr. Annis stated that bills are submitted periodically to the Board which are paid in one lump sum. All bills will be in by the end of June. Mrs. Eckard stated that the majority of this money is used by the Vo-Ag teachers at Lyman Hall for recruiting and these bills will be coming in this spring. Mileage is corroborated.

Mr. Gessert: The bill paying process brings another question to mind--how long does it take to pay a bill at the Board of Education? Do you have any idea of the cost of discounts not taken?

Mr. Murphy: We are taking discounts and trying to pay in a 14 to 17 day turnaround.

Mr. Gessert: I received a sheet today, an account 60 days overdue, for \$16,563.20, Lyman Hall electric bill. What was the discount lost? This refers to A/C #20-1890, as of March 20.

Mr. Murphy: No discount since we pay commercial rate.

Mr. Krupp pointed out that procurement policies and activities may or may not affect cost impact on the Board. Paying within 120/180 days causes vendors to build carrying costs into prices and paying on a timely basis could reinstate credibility in the market place. Mr. Annis stated that until an entire order is received, there is no payment and this area is being investigated by the Board now.

Mr. Krupp asked if the Board of Ed worked with the Town's Purchasing Department to obtain volume discounts on those items commonly used by both the Town and the Board. Mr. Murphy stated that the Board put out a total bid for all teaching supplies for the schools with a stipulation that the bidder must supply them with 75% of the bid items with a 90-day price hold and discount price listed. Mr. Soldan noted that the biggest bulk of their bid items are not in common with the Town but they had a meeting with Mr. Dunleavy and the Town Attorney and did agree to make all efforts on both parties in good faith to work these areas out in common that are possible.

Mrs. Shaw questioned the Board being 180 days behind with payments and does not think that is an accurate statement for the majority of bills. Mr. Annis said only 10 or 15% are beyond 60 days and Board members are very critical of this. Mr. Appell said the Board questions this area at every meeting and noted it is bad business to pay any bill before all merchandise is received.

Mr. Krupp asked what the absenteeism rate is among teachers to which Mr. Inglese replied 2.9%, excluding absences for approved attendance at conferences and the rate for secretarial staff is 3.3% for the years 1982/83. 1983/84 recap is not yet complete. Mr. Krupp asked if planned staffing headcount incorporated a percentage to compensate for absenteeism to which Mr. Soldan answered no. Mr. Inglese noted that there are circumstances when teachers can supply coverage without the use of a sub but there are no teachers within the system specifically there for substitute coverage.

Mr. Krupp noted there are 28 administrators in the system with an average increase of 9.25% in the budget and 12 are receiving increases of 10% or more and 5 of those 12 are receiving increases of 12% or more. Others are in the 7 to 8% range. The increases are disproportionate and some of these increases are excessive in light of current inflation and compared to professional staff increases. Random samples over a 2 year period show total increases ranging from 15-1/2% to 27-1/2%.

Mr. Inglese stated that these are negotiated increases and there are some people on the salary schedule who are not at their max and they are gaining while climbing to max. They are carefully calculated and it is not a question of one person getting a fixed amount and another getting an undetermined amount based on a judgment. It is based on a carefully worked out formula.

Mr. Krupp stated that this negotiation is discretionary on the part of the Board and is not subject to binding arbitration, etc. Mr. Gessert noted that some increases ranged from \$25,500 to \$32,100 and the increase at SNET last year was 4% and SNET is a liberal company.

Mr. Gessert noted that it was stated at the public hearing on 4/11/84 that all of the dollars sacrificed in the Board of Ed's budget would hurt the education of the children. Some of the dollars in the Board's budget are being used for things other than education such as office draperies, furniture, etc.

Mr. Parisi asked where in the Board of Education's budget bonds for schools are shown and Mr. Soldan stated these bonds are in the Town's budget.

Mr. Parisi inquired about the interest on these bonds and Mr. Soldan replied that this interest is in the Town's budget.

Mr. Parisi asked about social security for custodial staff and pension on non-certified personnel, insurance on property-- Mr. Soldan replied that these items were included in the Town's budget.

Mr. Parisi noted that the total of those categories is \$1,291,946. Are those figures represented in the per pupil cost? Why aren't they because they are in the Town's budget. Add \$1,291,946 into your per pupil cost and give me a figure and then, Mr. Inglese, tell me about the surrounding towns. I want the people to know those things, too, so that when we present a per pupil cost, let us present an honest one. These things are not reflected in the per pupil cost. 255

Mr. Diana noted that he called Hamden today to determine fair share funding with surrounding towns. Hamden includes bonding, interest on bonds, social security on non-certified personnel, pension costs, etc. and their total of the percentage of total town budget is 44%. If you tack on those figures from our budget to your budget, your budget represents 53% of this town's budget. You can dispute this with all the rationale you want but these are facts and figures are figures and do not lie. The Mayor's approved budget as it now stands without any further budget cuts represents 53% of the taxpayers dollar and that is exactly what you are asking for.

Mr. Annis stated that he could not be responsible for what parents say but he did not think any of that information came from the administration.

Mr. Parisi stated that the per pupil cost did not take into account certain amounts which were included in the Town's budget. Mr. Gessert stated that these costs would amount to an additional \$213 per pupil cost. Take into account also the cost of busing.

Mr. Diana -

A recent advertisement in the Record-Journal paid for by the Wallingford Education Association claimed, "EDUCATION IN WALLINGFORD IS IN TROUBLE." I happen to agree with the position taken by the WEA. You bet your life it's in trouble; it's in deep trouble.

When the Board of Education cuts a reading program for our children and solicits to hire a consultant for a possible cost of \$20,000, you bet we are in trouble.

When the Board of Education stores several thousands of dollars of unwanted equipment at Parker Farms School and claims publicly it will have to cut back on paper and supplies for our children, you bet we are in trouble.

When the taxpayers of this town give the Board of Education 53% of the town's budget and the teachers, taxpayers and town officials have no say in how it is spent, you bet we are in trouble. I just made a statement that 53% of our budget was designated for the Board of Education. The Mayor approved budget is \$17,910,000. However, included in the town's budget of which most people are not aware, is \$88,200 for property liability insurance, \$50,000 for social security, \$325,000 set aside for pensions, \$515,000 principal bond payments for schools, \$313,746 interest paid on those bond payments. That totals a staggering \$1,291,946. Add that figure to the Mayor's approved budget and we are paying the Board of Education a whopping \$19,201,946, 53% of the budget.

It was mentioned last night at the public hearing that surrounding towns spend much more on education than Wallingford does. It was also mentioned that for us to be up to the area towns in funding, we would have to give our Board of Education a budget of \$19,500,000. We are in actuality giving \$19,200,000, a mere \$300,000 short of said funding. I think it's time I mentioned that the people on this Council are not fools. The citizens of the town are not fools. We are not looking to cut the education from the education budget; we are looking to cut the non-instructional waste from the educational budget.

Could you imagine in this day and age with all our public awareness, our citizens groups, our consumer protection laws, our watch-dog committees that we have a budget which represents 53% of the town's money and we have nothing to say about how it is spent?

Please don't insult our intelligence and tell us you don't have enough money and ask us in good faith to give you more. We are in fact providing the funding for the Board of Education and are providing your share and we, as town officials, expect our fair share of education.

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Mr. Diana (continued)

I have the greatest amount of admiration for the principal at Lyman Hall and his staff for what they are trying to do with the Vo-Ag program. I've toured that school and seen the program at work and over the long haul know we will be very successful with it. I know in my heart that the principals and staff at all the schools in Wallingford are trying their very best.

Naturally, it's tough when you have these kinds of budget restraints. We are going to have to tighten our belts and do what is right for all the citizens of this community.

Instead of cutting education for our children, the Board of Education might want to consider cutting a proposed consultant; they might want to consider cutting the thickness of their carpets; they might want to consider cutting back on the plushness of an office and they might want to start cutting back on the items that are not related to education.

I am very proud of our town and am proud of our school system. As past Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, I had many opportunities to speak about our town and about why the quality of life here is so good. I bragged about our schools and I boasted about them in our latest town prospectus. I felt then and I feel now that our schools are second to none and have earned our admiration.

Nobody loves our children as much as I do and I would do anything to see our children properly educated so their future will be brighter and happier than ours.

I ask the new Board of Education to accept the budget when approved and do what is necessary to maintain and upgrade the quality of education while being accountable to the people for their decisions.

Mr. Parisi noted that this was a personal statement by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Polanski noted that only 31% of this money is direct payment by the taxpayer and some monies come back through State funds.

Mr. Gessert inquired about the amount of oil left in the tank at the Electric Division and Mr. Murphy replied that as of 3/31, there were 57,268 gallons of #4 oil and 8,000 gallons belonged to Public Works. 10,000 to 12,000 gallons were removed in April and brought to the schools.

Mr. Gessert noted there was a utility account and a heat supplies account and Mr. Murphy stated that the utility account was for water, sewer and gas.

Mr. Murphy noted that next year's #4 oil is budgeted at 80¢ per gallon, need computed on a 5 year average. #2 oil is budgeted at \$1.25 per gallon, same as last year. Lyman, Sheehan, Dag, Moran and Moses Y use #2 for hot water burners. Mr. Gessert stated he is paying \$1.10 per gallon for #2 and purchases only 275 gallons per delivery. Mr. Soldan stated that they tried for credibility with these estimates. An explanation of heating supplies on page 57 of the Board of Education budget book reflecting a \$128,873 or 38% was given by Mr. Murphy and they had 94,055 gallons of #4 oil left in the tanks in June of last year and they only anticipate about 35,000 to be remaining in June.

Mr. Rys turned to page 30, contractual services and noted the \$10,558 increase at Sheehan. Have you considered the possibility of replacing contractual services with in-house services and made cost comparisons on a system wide basis?

Mr. Cei noted that the contract expires as of 6/30/83 which was for a 3 year period and this year's cost of \$147,000. In addition, there are three of our custodians there based on an agreement reached through town negotiations. Salary on the three at Sheehan is \$48,865 plus the increase just granted. Fringes are not included and these are longevity \$175, shift differential \$416, clothing allowance \$450, estimated building checks and callbacks \$2,542. A cost analysis is done and contractual services have proved to be a saving.

Mr. Parisi noted that the Recreation Department is billed \$2,500 for pool upkeep by contractual services and this additional charge and all similar additional charges should be added to the \$147,000 cost.

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Mr. Gessert pointed out that school functions after school hours require a custodian on duty. Does that duty require the custodian to perform work during that period or simply observe a basketball game for the evening? Mr. Soldan stated that the next time this happens, he should be called and would certainly check on this. Mr. Inglese stated that custodians normally work the 3 to 11 shift so they are not being paid extra and do in fact push the bleachers back out of the kindness of their heart because this is not part of their duties.

Mrs. Bergamini asked how administrative raises were negotiated and Mr. Inglese stated that the Board of Education negotiates administrative and central office staff and middle management has a right to the arbitration law but not central office staff. Mrs. Bergamini asked if raises were ever denied because of poor performance, say during the last 3 years. Mr. Annis said that the answer is yes.

Mr. Krupp noted page x, A/C 111 and stated that the student population is 27-1/2% poorer than 10 years ago with 4 less schools but there is a 131-1/2% increase in specialists and a 33% increase in nurses and Mr. Soldan replied that the Board has moved to provide adequate nursing services, per Statute.

A/C 112 Clerical staff increased 12%. A/C 113 Longevity is up 20%--will this continue to accelerate at a faster rate than percentage of salary increases? Mr. Annis noted that this was due to an older staff and will increase accordingly.

A/C 201 Insurance--has anything been pursued to obtain a lower cost? Mrs. Eckard stated they are required to go through the Town Purchasing Department for public bid on any non-instructional items. Mr. Parisi has asked The Wallingford Board of Independent Insurance Agents to contact the Board of Education for a presentation similar to the one they gave to the Council. Mr. Parisi also noted that the list for instructional and non-instructional materials is being prepared and Mayor Dickinson noted that there was a meeting recently and this matter is on a good course.

Mrs. Bergamini recalled that the Board of Education asked the Council to waive the bid to negotiate their own insurance but Mrs. Eckard disagreed. Mr. Soldan stated they came to be allowed to go to public bid per Charter requirements. The Wallingford agents did not want it to go to public bid.

Mr. Krupp stated that there is nothing whatsoever that prohibits any member of the Board of Education or the Board of Education from investigating and determining what the cost would be to enter into a cooperative with another group and come to this Council to waive the bid. We are talking about a projected increase of some \$460,000 comprised in your budget and every available avenue should be investigated.

Mr. Gessert stated that if better alternatives for insurance can be found, they should be investigated and Mr. Murphy stated this matter was checked out.

Mr. Polanski asked how the Board of Education insurance costs compared to the Town's costs and Mrs. Eckard addressed this issue. Unemployment costs are deducted when computing the percentage increases in the insurance figures. The Board of Education pays identical rates for Blue Cross and Blue Shield as the town, verified by their representative David Warner, who said he would be happy to meet with the Town and the Board to verify this.

Mr. Murphy stated that Blue Cross covers 532 members, Blue Shield covers 529, Dental covers 531 and major medical 513. There is a deductible involved. Mr. Myers noted that the Town's Blue Cross coverage is for 250 people, exclusive of Electric, Water & Sewer Divisions, in answer to a question by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mrs. Eckard noted that money has been transferred into this account this year and they are still \$115,160 short and if you think this is bad, you haven't seen anything yet because in September, 1985 if the rates remain the same, there will be an additional \$93,975 added to the dental bill.

Mrs. Bergamini stated that this simply cannot go on. This sort of coverage is just too costly for the taxpayer and such extensive coverage is not offered in private industry.

Mrs. Palosc commented on the requirement for specialists for children with special needs and noted that this was a State mandated program, not Board of Ed.

Mrs. Papale noted that she paid an average of \$1.00 per gallon for #2 fuel oil, as opposed to the \$1.25 paid by the Board of Ed.

Mrs. Papale inquired as to how many teachers were retiring this year and was told three by Mr. Inglese. Mrs. Papale stated she received a call that there were seven retiring. There are rumors and these rumors bother some people on the Council. Every year when the Mayor cuts the Board of Education budget, there were threats, but this year, there were more threats relayed to the Council than ever before.

Mr. Inglese stated that in this budget, they have banked on \$148,000 for turnovers and that type of thing, based on past experience. Unless there are retirements, it will be difficult to deal with this \$148,000 built in.

Mrs. Bergamini and Mrs. Papale commented on the calls they received from teachers who are fearful of a job loss and Mrs. Bergamini said the Council was not given a chance to act upon the Mayoral cut before conclusions are jumped to. She will make a list of what staffing changes or eliminations as presented to her and compare this to what in fact happens after this is over.

Mr. Soldan noted that a responsible administration must assess the impact of a Mayoralty cut and there was no threat made from his office. The teachers have a self imposed threat from the magnitude of the cut. His original budget contained a reduction of 2 elementary school teachers and 1 middle school teacher. There may be more at the high school level once the course selection is completed.

Mrs. Papale asked how many of the staff at Parker Farms School were lost and Mr. Soldan replied two.

Mr. Annis stated that he was getting phone calls stating the same information that the teachers were given. Mr. Inglese stated that this emanates from reaction to the cut and people with the least seniority have the greatest concern. The Board of Ed has not yet dealt with the issue of the cut.

Mrs. Sibley commented that rumors are heard and carried along but you must have concrete evidence.

Mr. Killen asked about page xiii and noted that fixed and semi-fixed costs were \$609,511 and wanted to know which portion were semi-fixed. That page lists utilities at \$425,000 and on page xxxi that figure \$343,587. Mr. Murphy referred him to the account known as communications, account 340 which combines postage and telephone and telephones were taken out and put into utilities and that is the difference. Mr. Killen stated that postage and telephone were not fixed costs. We need a real breakdown of fixed and semi-fixed costs if there is to be any leeway at all in this budget. Years ago, there was a better rapport between the Council and Board of Ed and a give and take attitude, not the kind of animosity built up like this. You know you will have to make an adjustment because there is no way, shape or form that this Council will give back to you every penny that the Mayor cut. My suggestion to you is to try to work out how this adjustment can be made and come back to us.

Mr. Diana turned to item 340, page 43, State wide WATS line and direct line to Hartford and Mrs. Eckard explained how this installation has been a cost effective measure and has been tracked. She also noted that all calls are screened and phone bills checked for abuses and if there are any, these persons are billed for the call plus \$1 for handling and the checks are made payable to the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Polanski noted that Meriden's heat and utility bill was \$866,000 for 14 schools and Wallingford's was \$810,000 for 12 schools. Is Wallingford pursuing an energy saving program? Mr. Cei stated that Wallingford has embarked on energy saving and this program involves many areas with great savings. Details were given of all measures taken in this direction.

Mr. Rys asked for details concerning 316 Data Processing and Mr. Murphy explained that this was for the lease and maintenance contract of the computer at the two high schools.

Mr. Killen noted that 322 was for Contractual Services and 323 and 329 included contracts which would appear to be fixed or semi-fixed.

Mrs. Bergamini inquired about the Board of Ed repairing soccer fields (2) behind Sheehan and Mr. Annis noted that there was no money allocated in this budget for that purpose. The last budget contained \$301,164 for sports which includes fees, coaches salaries and insurance. What exactly is the cost of sports and which sports do you offer?

Mr. Murphy noted there is a breakdown from the two high schools but they have no handle on cost at the elementary level.

Mr. Inglese listed the following sports offered--football, soccer, field hockey, swimming, cross country, basketball, volley ball, golf, tennis, track, softball and baseball.

Mrs. Bergamini noted that the list of sports offered is extensive and with golf and tennis, all areas seem to be covered. If you are looking for cuts, perhaps this is a place to start. I think you have bent over backwards and this is an extreme.

Mr. Parisi asked, out of frustration, if there was a chance that the budget presented would ever come close to budget format, similar to the town's budget format. It would make dealing with this document easier because it would be easier to understand. Mr. Killen agreed this would be a step in the right direction for simplification purposes. Mr. Parisi noted that this might enable the Council and Board of Education to meet and wrap the entire budget process up together in 15 minutes.

Mr. Krupp addressed 312 Membership Dues ACSF, a 162% increase. Mr. Soldan stated that one of the objectives he had when he became Superintendent was to improve the quality of staff and administration development. Membership dues are paid for the high school principals association and this account also includes monies for conferences.

Mr. Krupp noted that 322 shows an approximate \$47,000 increase or 30%, page 29 and Mr. Cei replied that this represented the care and maintenance of fields at Dag and Moses Y, a security alarm on full line control and elevator service contracts. In response to a question by Mr. Killen, Mr. Cei noted that these items come under 2540, plant operation and maintenance. Mr. Murphy noted that this also includes \$20,605 for maintenance agreements for copying machines and duplicating machines at the schools, a 4% increase over last year.

Mr. Krupp: Line 318, page 23. . .since we have a Town Attorney, why is it necessary to spend \$16,000 for legal services?

Mr. Soldan: Past history has demonstrated that from time to time, the Town Attorney cannot accommodate all of the business that we give him. This is there for those optional areas where he is over committed. He has first preference and options on all areas. I have no problems recommending elimination of this item and letting the Town Attorney handle all of our business.

Mr. Krupp referred to 370, page 47, Tuition which shows an increase of \$140,000 or 38% and Mr. Murphy replied this is for public and private placements for special ed, 370 and 370A, mandated by the State. Mr. Krupp had difficulty reconciling the fact that we are mainstreaming more special education students and yet are projecting a 38% increase in expenditures for outside tuition. Mrs. Shaw addressed that by noting that, unlike hospitals where charges are regulated, special schools can raise fees on an unlimited basis. Mr. Krupp suggested nudging CABA to create this lobby and Mrs. Shaw noted that the lobby on the other side is stronger.

Mr. Annis noted that these costs are difficult to track from month to month because bills are received from DCYS which must be paid. Mr. Soldan noted there are troubled youth of all ages and tuition bills are received from institutions who work with students with drug and alcohol addictions who are placed in treatment centers by their doctors and parents and the educational portion of their bills must be paid.

Mr. Annis noted that there was a newspaper account of a \$60,000 deficit in that account and students were brought in to reduce that deficit from \$60,000 to \$7,000.

Mr. Killen stated that these programs cause a loss of all effective control.

Mr. Krupp noted that 410 Teaching & Miscellaneous Supplies showed an increase of \$87,493 or 32% and Mr. Murphy distributed a letter noting how this money is spent and referred to 540 on page 73 which is reduced by 66%. Principals are exercising their choice over those accounts under their control.

Mr. Krupp turned to page 67, object 500 which shows a 97% increase and Mr. Cei stated that there was \$100,000 in the 1983/84 budget and due to the reduction in that budget request, this was cut to \$57,000 and now that figure is added to this year's request. Mr. Krupp inquired about the \$8,000 for the Board of Education's new board room being included in the \$57,000 figure and Mr. Cei stated that no monies from that account were used for the board room. Page xxii shows the details of that \$112,000.

Mr. Killen asked about the \$12,500 slated for parking at Moses Y. Beach and Mr. Cei noted that new parking is slated on the grass area in front designed by the Town's Engineering Department.

Mrs. Shaw noted that the new board room totaled \$3,564.

Mr. Krupp noted 545, 193% increase. What types of capital improvements fall into this account, non-instructional equipment and Mr. Cei addressed this. 546, page 79, 313% increase. Mr. Krupp selected this particular item which says non-instructional. Mr. Cei replied this was due to last year's cut and the bulk of the \$15,250 figure was needed to replace a 4 wheel drive truck used for plowing, maintenance, etc. Mr. Soldan pointed to the amount expended in 1982/83 and, again, this depends on needs.

Mr. Krupp noted \$17,315 for dues and fees and noted the largest increase was at Central Office. Mr. Soldan repeated that he made a commitment to the Board to get the business manager out to attend organizations and meet colleagues and make better budgets for you next year. Bob can go out as curriculum organizer, enabling him to perhaps bring knowledge to improve the structure of the system. We cannot get it sitting in Wallingford in blinders. Mr. Murphy stated that \$6,760 is for expenses for the Board of Education, CABE membership meetings, etc.

Mr. Polanski inquired about A/C 430 Library Materials and Mr. Annis addressed that.

Mr. Krupp: What I understood at the Board of Ed meeting at which the computers for Lyman Hall and Sheehan were discussed was that we were laying out approximately \$40,000 per year for the services that these computers will replace and purchase of the computers and the various services would be made for approximately \$15,000 per year plus miscellaneous expenses. Where is the reduction in cost of \$25,000 per year reflected?

Mr. Murphy: In 1983/84, it was in this account and also in the rental account and also in teaching supplies, 410 and was also in maintenance and repair for the maintenance contract. The \$25,000 savings will not start to realize itself until the 3 year lease is paid.

Mr. Krupp: A Board member or Council should be able to look at the budget and see how much is paid for data processing services but this information is spread over 4 or 5 different accounts. Mr. Soldan agreed to get this information to Mr. Krupp and Mr. Killen requested a copy for the entire Council.

Mr. Polanski, page 19, \$19,000. Mr. Soldan noted this was another 261 mandate. Mr. Polanski asked about information sent to the State for the per pupil listing and wanted to know who decides what information is used to rate the towns and how much they spend per student? What is used for information?

Mr. Soldan: There is a EDO-1 report, annual, which requires specific answers to specific questions. It is the major report tied to the aid the town receives the following year. I agree with the hidden costs that the town provides to support education. If that is not within our budget line, I don't believe it can be reported for this purpose. Mr. Parisi suggested adding a page with this information.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Cei if he was aware of the insurance coverage on boilers and he said he was well aware of it and has been for the last 20 years and has utilized their services with the Whittelsey Avenue School boiler. The boilers are inspected every year by the insurance company.

Mr. Krupp: We've been given a lot to think about tonight and it is premature to reach a final decision.

Mr. Inglese noted there were several Council members who attended the Board of Education workshops and this contributes to taking away the obscurities of the numbers and details. I commend their attendance. Mrs. Bergamini noted that 2 or 3 Council members would attend and this was agreed to.

Mr. Annis distributed data to the Council which he asked Mr. Soldan to compile about the \$790,000 budget cut and the increase of \$1,327,075 and noted that 4 accounts have eaten up more than the increase.

Mr. Annis: In years past, we did wait until we came before the Council before we got panicky and this time I asked the Superintendent how he would survive a cut and an increase and what he would do with it so that this Board would know long before hand exactly what his intentions were and if there was some way we could alter it. This was prepared now so that the Board could have time to digest it.

Mr. Diana: The document shows you are going to cut out programs for \$76,000. Mr. Annis stated there are two in mind--reading and math. Mr. Soldan noted these were his recommendations and the Board may reject them and this is only a preliminary estimate of impact. The math program is \$25,000 and the reading program is \$47,625, page xi.

Mr. Diana: Assuming these things happen, why would we hire a consultant for \$20,000 and get rid of a math or sports program?

Mrs. Shaw: This Board started out with 2 different options, both of which had their merits. Our concern was that if we went to the consultant, we as a Board might not be particularly involved and even more of a concern than that was that the community might not have an opportunity for input into this long range plan. If we do use a consultant, we will set up the working relationship, the plan to work with the consultant. I am very committed to giving a broad range of people in this community an opportunity to have input into this plan. That is what you have on one side. The other side is using the administration as it currently exists to do this major study of our facilities which is extremely time consuming. Very critical to all this is to end up with a final result that is going to be credible in the eyes of the town. If the final result is closing another school in this town, you know that is going to be a major upset in this town. We have a Superintendent from the elementary schools, two Assistant Superintendents from Lyman Hall and our Board is all Lyman Hall affiliated--we either have children in Lyman Hall or we graduated from Lyman Hall because that was the only school. We feel it is most appropriate to have somebody from the outside doing this study if we are going to end up with a credible product. It should be made clear that we are not starting out with this plan with the idea of closing a high school. We are gathering data upon which we can make some hard priority decisions in the years ahead.

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Mr. Diana: The comments I made earlier were comments in general. In some of the discussion tonight, some of the Board of Education members felt that my comments were directed to them specifically because of the manner in which I read it and so forth. I think it's important for me to say that this Board of Education now is probably, in my opinion, the finest board that has ever been fielded. My criticisms are not to those people specifically--my criticisms are to the system in general. I know you have state and federal mandates. It's those comments when I say we have a 53% budget and have nothing to say about it--that's exactly what I mean by it and just wanted that one point clear.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Soldan if he had the six cuts in mind as outlined on the data distributed tonight and Mr. Soldan said he had a workshop with administrators last Saturday and his comments were reduced to writing on Wednesday. The Board has not met on this. Mr. Soldan anticipated a reduction of two teachers at each high school as the result of scheduling and this had nothing to do with the Mayor's cut and this was publicly stated. Mr. Polanski wanted assurance that it would be publicized that the Board has not yet met on other proposed cuts and no decision has yet been made. Mr. Killen asked about the revenue from Hartford and Mr. Murphy said he calls once a week to get the figures and will let the Council know when this is firm.

#### Cafeteria - pages 146, 147

Mr. Krupp: This is the first year the cafeteria fund has incorporated its year-to-date actuals and I thank the Board of Education for making that change. It helps to judge the individual items, etc. and is appreciated.

Revenues, interest & discounts--there's a 7 month history of an average of \$2,000 a month. Why the \$16,000 estimate for next year? Mr. Lehmann noted that interest was lower at the banks presently. Also, the milk will be paid within 5 days, taking a 10% discount and this has been done with other items. Mr. Krupp has heard the Wallingford cafeterias provide one of the finest lunches around at the cheapest price and a large portion of this is due to the ability to negotiate because of prompt payment, etc. Mr. Krupp commended Mr. Lehmann for that and referred to a previous comment he made about what can be accomplished by negotiating effectively with one's vendors.

Mr. Lehmann noted that the final arbitration award was made on March 5 and \$35,000 to \$38,000 was back pay to employees, along with pension funds, social security, 5% on the pension fund and this amount comes closer to \$40,000 which had to be removed from the \$170,000. Upon auditors recommendations, an account was established to compensate for a 90-day sick leave which is paid to employees upon retirement.

Mr. Krupp: Year to date you show an operating loss of \$8,763--do you anticipate that number breaking even by year end? Mr. Lehmann replied yes. Mr. Krupp noted that truck and auto took a large jump and Mr. Lehmann explained the necessity of major repairs to the van. Mr. Lehmann's Board of Education car is also in that account.

Mrs. Bergamini: Do your 31 full time employees get all the fringe benefits of the other employees in the school system?

Mr. Lehmann: After the last binding arbitration, all widows are getting Blue Cross and CMS. The others were offered Blue Cross only by them paying 50% and we pay 50%, only full time employees. Part time employees do not get benefits or uniform allowance or holidays. Mr. Powers and Mr. Inglese negotiated. A four year contract was 8, 6, 6 and 6 and goes to 1986.

Mr. Gessert asked how the 90-day sick leave paid upon retirement came into being. Mr. Soldan stated that these are arbitrator awards and the arbitrator is appointed by the Governor. Mrs. Bergamini stated that this is a significant drain on the contingency account. 263

Mr. Lehmann stated that he very much enjoyed working for the Board of Education, Town Council and anyone connected with the Town of Wallingford. He was very happy to say that the food service operation is taking care of all needs. Presently, equipment is being upgraded with our own funds. You can be proud of your cafeterias which are in A-1 shape and I will do my very best to make everyone happy here.

Mr. Soldan extended an invitation to any Council member who needs additional back-up information to please let him know.

There were no further questions or discussion and the Board of Education and Cafeteria budget workshop adjourned at 10:55 p.m. on April 12, 1984. There were no votes taken.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

#### Fire Department & Ambulance

The second budget workshop was held in Council Chambers and was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:05 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Mayor Dickinson was also present, along with Mr. Thomas Myers, Comptroller.

Page 66, Fire Marshal - Mr. Harwood and Mr. Scionti present.

Mr. Polanski inquired about WATS and tie lines to Hartford and was told there were none. Mr. Gessert commented on the disadvantages of WATS lines because of abuses being difficult to trace.

Mr. Gessert asked about 570 Training \$300 and Mr. Harwood noted this is for upgrading of training, DEP regulations, etc. 900 Data Processing from 0 to \$750 provides a record of everything done. Wayne Lefebvre presented an explanation of why their present record keeping system needs to be revamped.

In answer to a question by Mr. Killen, Mr. Scionti said they have 1-1/2 vehicles between them and it is no longer cost effective to keep repairing one vehicle which is in need of many repairs. Mr. Killen and Mr. Krupp questioned the \$3,100 gas & oil figure for next year in view of expenditures year to date. Mr. Scionti noted this was only an estimate.

Mr. Killen moved an \$800 cut to line item 300, Gas & Oil, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi reviewed all other line items on page 66 and there were no other questions. There were no questions on page 164, Personnel Detail & Salary Calculations.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 134, Capital Requests.

Mr. Diana asked about the gas detectors and Mr. Scionti gave details re DEP, etc.

Mrs. Papale asked about their present car and Mr. Harwood noted it was a 1978 Plymouth in dire need of repairs. Mayor Dickinson noted that it was his intention to make one of the police vehicles being replaced available to the Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Scionti noted a car had been promised in the past. Mr. Krupp asked that Mayor Dickinson be given a chance and other Council members agreed that the Mayor will fulfill his promise. Mr. Killen noted that confusion exists about whose control all these vehicles is under. Mrs. Papale stated that they will have a car because safety is a prime consideration.

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Mr. Krupp moved page 66, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to accept Capital Requests, page 134, Fire Marshal, 203 FM, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of 203FM on page 164, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 67 and Mr. McElfish introduced East Wallingford's Chief Dacunto. Mr. McElfish noted the increase in capital outlay for protective clothing, mandated by OSHA.

Mr. Killen questioned the increase in 201 Utilities, page 67 and Mr. McElfish noted the \$800 increase was obtained after research and projected increased utility costs.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 201 Utilities from \$7,050 to \$6,000, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (Page 67, 203EW)

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Killen and Papale voted aye; Council members Gessert, Krupp, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp moved to cut line 201 Utilities by \$500, to \$6,550 and this motion was seconded by Mr. Rys. (Page 67, 203EW)

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert asked about line 429, Public Fire Education Supplies and Mr. McElfish noted that this cost is allocated where used. Mr. McElfish noted that anything under \$300 is now in Small Equipment and explained which items were covered in this account. Mr. Gessert asked why 571 Training was higher than last year and Mr. McElfish noted that the federal programs were previously at no cost but now there is tuition, as well as the state programs.

Mr. Gessert moved page 67, 203EW, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 134, Capital Requests, 203EW.

There was some discussion about the \$69,000 approved in last year's budget for reburshing which will now be used for a new cab and chassis, approved by the Council in March, 1984.

Mr. Krupp asked about the safety harnesses on page 134, 203EW. Mr. McElfish noted they have this equipment for Engine 8 and have requested it for Ladder 2. This equipment will be used for training and in actual instance for which there is potential. This would eliminate transfer of equipment when ladders are transferred. Mr. McElfish stated that all fire fighting personnel will have to have OSHA approved equipment by 7/1/86, including volunteers.

Mr. Diana asked Mayor Dickinson why the \$188,095 request was cut to \$14,500 and it was noted that this line contains a pumper at \$150,000. There were a number of items eliminated because they individually totaled less than \$300 and would be in the Small Equipment account.

Mr. Polanski asked if there was a survey available to state what fire fighting equipment Wallingford should have, determined by the size of town, etc. Mr. Gessert stated that such a survey was done in the early 1970's and some equipment was replaced because of it. Mr. McElfish distributed a vehicle status report to all Council members this evening. Mr. Dacunto stated they would like to have the pumper put back in the budget and the radio pagers. (Request was for 10 and Mayor granted 4.) Mayor Dickinson responded to Mr. Parisi's question on the pagers and noted that every company was granted 4. There was some discussion about various types of paging equipment.

An explanation was given of the Scott Air Pac and Tanks and mandates for OSHA approved equipment. Mr. McElfish presented details of instances of injuries sustained because of improper equipment in other areas resulting in fines, etc. Connecticut is one of 23 states in the country to adopt federal OSHA standards. Fire departments in Danbury and Waterbury have been cited.

Mr. Dacunto stated they would like the portable 2 way radio put back in and Mrs. Bergamini noted there might be extra money left from the \$69,000 allocated for reburishing which could be used.

Mr. Killen asked how long after ordering protective gear is it received and Mr. Hacku stated that due to the bidding procedure and long wait after the order is placed, it takes 4 to 6 months.

Mr. Polanski stated that there are supplies at Parker Farms which might be able to be used by other departments and wondered if this avenue was pursued before ordering new equipment. Mr. McElfish stated he had been there.

Mr. Diana asked if we were facing a prospect of replacing many trucks and other major pieces of equipment down the road because of a false economy created by not spending the dollars now. Mr. McElfish feels we are and he has prepared an apparatus plan. The proposal was presented to the Mayor and Mr. McElfish stands by the Mayor's decision. As an example, North Farms has a vehicle with a pump in poor condition which will cost \$5,400 to overhaul.

Mr. Parisi asked Mayor Dickinson if he was going to be working on a replacement plan for vehicles in general and the Mayor stated that this is an objective and must be done. Mr. Hacku stated that a custom ordered truck will take two years to get. There was some discussion about converted oil trucks and the potential dangers involved and a general discussion about the Fire Department's recommended vehicle and apparatus replacement plan. Mr. Hacku wanted the Council to be aware of problems with certain vehicles which are in poor condition and do not handle properly. By purchasing two vehicles, the 1955, 1959 and two tankers could be eliminated.

Mr. Krupp moved the acceptance of Capital Requests, 203EW, page 134, as recommended by the Mayor. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen stated that he served on the Council when one of the tankers purchased was presented with glowing reports and this is one of the things that comes and haunts us. Professionals are paid to make these decisions and if they do not meet department's needs, the department head should indicate that. Mr. McElfish's recommendation not to spend the \$69,000 to refurbish but instead buy a new cab and chassis is the kind of information we need to move in the right direction.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no and the motion was passed.

Page 64, Fire Surgeon, 203S. Mr. McElfish referenced the paramedic program on line 570 and noted that the only capital equipment is a pager for Dr. McGaughey. Dr. McGaughey stated \$500 could be cut from his expenses because his insurance costs have remained stable and several Council members opposed that cut. Mrs. Bergamini noted Dr. McGaughey is the best value in town.

In response to a question by Mr. Gessert regarding the paramedic program and selection of candidates, Dr. McGaughey explained the screening process and exam required and noted that it is up to the medical advisory committee to determine if they want two paramedic units in town and Dr. McGaughey thinks it could be easily justified. Mr. Polanski stated he had an experience with the ambulance unit last year and considered their performance outstanding.

Miss Barbara Martin, Executive Director of the regional EMS Council explained the service which coordinates 20 towns into a system able to raise to the advanced life support level. The Council is responsible for standards, training, developing mass casualty planning, evaluations, soliciting grants for communications equipment and development of the EMS system. Dispatching is not handled by the Council.

Mr. Killen asked how the \$4,680 request figure was arrived at and would the \$3,000 determine what would be received and Miss Martin stated this would certainly impact the program. The line item report was given to Mr. Killen for his review.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 64, 203S, seconded by Mr. Gessert. (See amendment to motion on page 20.)

Mr. Killen asked how the \$81,964 was arrived at in line 570, page 64. Mr. McElfish presented the details of tuition fee, classroom hours, in-hospital practical work, field operations and calculated pay rate of time and one-half with total cost for the educational phase \$53,490. Qualified paramedics will be paid a \$750 bonus per a November union agreement, for a total of \$4,500 which includes 6 men, 24 hour per day coverage required and replacement cost of \$15,996, continuing medical education \$3,078, seminars and lectures \$100 tuition and replacement costs \$350 per man for a total of \$2,700, subtotals \$26,274 and first year grand total \$79,764.

Mrs. Bergamini noted this program was not instituted last year because of demands made by the union and that is why the money was put in contingency--do the factors still remain this year? Mr. Gessert noted that last year's obstacles may be gone. Mr. Killen wanted to know when this program will be instituted and how much is needed and Mr. McElfish stated the class would begin in October and will take 4 to 5 months but you must pay a replacement cost for the person on duty who will be in class. Dr. McGaughey noted there would be no problem filling the slots.

Mr. Killen stated that his feelings on contingency were well known and he would either vote for this in the budget or he was not voting for it. Mr. Gessert noted that when 805-319 is voted upon later, that item would be voted upon there.

Mr. Diana amended his motion on page 19 to accept page 64, 203S, with the exception of the contingency. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi and Mr. Rys who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Capital Request, 203S, page 133, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi and Mr. Rys who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to page 68, 203NF and asked Chief Wilkinson how the remodeling project was coming along and the Chief noted they would probably be able to move in next weekend.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut 201 Utilities from \$3,300 to \$2,700, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. McElfish noted that this station increased in size by 1/3 and Mrs. Bergamini stated it should be more efficient now with a new heating system, etc. There was some discussion about the apparatus being moved from North Farms for the renovation project and Mr. McElfish said the move was approved by the Mayor. Mr. Gessert compared North Farms utilities with others and noted that North Farms was lower and Mr. Krupp stated it appeared to be a good faith budget.

Vote: Council members Bergamini and Diana voted aye and all other Council members voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Rys noted year-to-date expenditures in line 500 and Mr. McElfish reported that money has been transferred into that account just recently.

Mr. McElfish noted that Engine 7 has been taken out of service as a result of a letter from Lt. Carroll stating the poor condition of the pump. There is a 1955 American LaFrance there now. Refurbishing of Engine 7 is in the Yalesville budget. Mr. Wilkinson noted that most fires in the North Farms area require a pumper because of limited hydrants and pumping puts a great deal of stress on the engine. When the tank is filled with water, it is only half full 3 days later.

Mr. McElfish stated that the apparatus is receiving very good care by the personnel and in the past, this was not always true. Public Works has been giving excellent service, tremendously improved under Mayor Dickinson's administration. Mr. Deak has a list of what has been replaced just this year alone. 267

Pump overhaul on Engine 7 will cost \$5,400 and the tank leaks. We will get the unit back in service with existing parts and get it working as best we can. We may convince you tonight to refurbish one unit--under Yalesville which is the pumper we were going to take from North Farms to be refurbished at \$30,000. Mr. Killen noted that perhaps the \$5,400 could be obtained from various accounts this fiscal year and used for the pump overhaul. Mr. Gessert asked about the refurbishing job for Cook Hill and Mr. Hacku noted that it was excellent. Mr. Hacku noted also that the Fire Department has two very good pump mechanics but it could be that the drive shaft is out of round in this pump and that can only be taken up so many times.

Mr. Gessert said it was his understanding that the Water Department had a vehicle with 1,500 gallons of water on board used to flush out lines, etc. Is it possible for you to call upon them in an emergency? Mr. McElfish noted he does have an agreement with Hunter's Pool Service tractor-trailer unit in case of a major breakdown, water main or sustained incident. I was not aware of the Water Department vehicle and I will check on it. Hunter's vehicle contains 5,500 to 6,000 gallons of water.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 68, 203NF, as approved by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 134, Capital Requests, 203NF.

Mr. McElfish noted that a heavy duty attack pumper was requested, custom built, which would carry 2,000 gallons of water and a class A pumper. That was not approved but had it been, Engine 7 would have been transferred to Yalesville and been refurbished.

Mr. Krupp requested clarification of capacity being less than the gpm number and Mr. Wilkinson noted that 1,000 gallon tank can run 20 to 25 minutes with a smaller line, etc.

Mr. Diana asked about Forrest Sit Harnesses and Mr. Lefebvre noted these were for off road rescues. Fire fighting harnesses are not suitable for walking 1 or 2 miles into the woods for rescues from high places. Mr. Krupp noted that this item at \$55 each could be placed in the small equipment account.

Mr. Gessert moved to accept Capital Requests, page 134, 203NF, as presented by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye except for Mrs. Bergamini who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. McElfish asked if it were possible to reinstate the money to refurbish Engine 7 since the pumper was eliminated. Mr. Parisi noted this will be discussed when we come to Yalesville since it is in that budget.

Page 69, 203CH - Mr. McElfish introduced Chief Sweeney from Cook Hill Fire Station. There was a limited discussion about encumbrances and expenditures in lines 201 and 300.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of 203CH, page 69, as presented by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 134, Capital Requests, 203CH. Mr. Sweeney explained the request for \$1,200 Fabricate & Install Two Bucket Seats.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to restore \$1,200 for this item, 203CH. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of 203CH, Capital Requests, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 70, 203Y - Mr. McElfish introduced Chief Dayhill and Captain Mik from the Yalesville Fire Station. Mr. McElfish explained the higher operating costs and noted that the capital outlay includes a request for protective clothing mandated by CT Department of Labor, OSHA Division and various other items. Refurbishing of the 1974 GMC/American LaFrance was noted.

Mr. Parisi read the line items in 203Y on page 70.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of 203Y, page 70, as approved by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Killen asked if the \$2,000 would still be needed for maintenance of vehicles is refurbishing of Engine 7 was approved and Mr. Dayhill noted this money was needed for Engine 5 and 6.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 135, Capital Requests, 203Y. Mr. Dayhill presented details of the fire fighting gear and pagers and stated that the Mayor approved 4 pagers but they would like a total of 8. Mr. Dayhill presented the Council with a document summarizing a revised request totalling \$14,495, an additional \$685 over the Mayor's approved amount of \$13,810. Mr. Krupp suggested 6 pagers to keep the dollar amount approximately the same and Mr. Killen noted that their figures have been revised and their compromise is just what the Council looks for and appreciates.

Mr. Killen moved acceptance of Capital Requests, 203Y, page 135, as presented in the revised request totalling \$14,495. (The refurbishing of the 1974 GMC/American LaFrance is excluded.) Mr. Gessert seconded the motion.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Please note that the Council will reconsider refurbishing of the 1974 GMC/American LaFrance Capital Request on page 135, 203Y at a later date during this current budget workshop session. It was noted that if this is approved, it will ultimately end up at North Farms.

Please also note there will be another discussion on the two-way radio for the ladder truck for the East Wallingford Fire Station. Mr. Diana stated that he would like to see this kept in the budget.

Page 61, 203A - Mr. McElfish noted the increase in capital items. Mr. Lefebvre explained that more money was needed in line 300 due to an anticipated increase in calls. There was discussion about transfers and transports and it was noted that for the past 3 or 4 years, the ambulance responds to emergencies and Mr. Parisi stated his concern that the vehicle be available for emergencies because there were abuses in the past. Mr. Lefebvre noted that it is no longer being abused.

Mr. Gessert asked which terminology would be used when carrying someone from Wallingford to Meriden and Mr. Lefebvre stated this is a transport or carry. Approximately 3.6 carries per day.

Mr. Krupp noted this amounts to 1,314 per year. Mr. Gessert noted that this number of carries amounts to approximately \$130,000 at \$100 per carry and Mr. Lefebvre clarified this by saying that there are 3.6 calls per day and not the actual number of carries. Mr. Gessert stated that the reason he asked is that budgeted revenue is \$60,000 for this year and the actual for 7 months was \$33,000. There is still \$60,000 in revenue budgeted for next year, in spite of an anticipated increase in calls.

Mr. Lefebvre stated that not all town residents carried are charged and 100% collection is not reached. Mr. Gessert noted that over 90% are collected. Mr. McElfish noted that the billing is handled through the Treasurer's Office after the reports are sent there. Mr. Lefebvre noted that a resident does not have to pay if he or she has no insurance but the ambulance must charge. Mr. Gessert stated that this is in fact the way the service is supposed to operate.

Mr. Lefebvre stated that a copy of the state run form is sent to the Treasurer indicating all details of what the crew did on that run and this is done for every single run and the ambulance data base calls out the runs and not the carries and in order to obtain this information, he would have to count these from his files.

Mr. Gessert turned to one of his favorite subjects, maintenance of vehicles, and asked what the current status was of the two vehicles and it was noted that things are running on a smooth course now. There was a problem with a wire shorting but this has been replaced. Accepting the low bid is not always the correct course and occasionally necessitates asking the Council to waive the bid.

C-Med was explained and it was noted that they provide communications to the hospitals but do not dispatch. Mr. McElfish noted that the ambulance would make an out-of-town run in accordance with a mutual aid agreement but this has only occurred once in 3 years. Mr. Lefebvre extended an invitation to the Council for a tour of the C-Med Center, once budget workshops are completed. It was noted that C-Med would dispatch a unit to Wallingford if the Wallingford ambulance was in service and not available for a call in town with a 3 minute response time.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 300 Gas & Oil from \$5,400 to \$4,800, page 61, 203A. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to accept page 61, 203A, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 133, Capital Requests, 203A - Mr. Lefebvre explained the necessity of the request for anti-shock pants which were developed by the military. This request is for a size to fit a child.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of 203A, Capital Requests, page 133. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 65, 203EC - Mr. Lefebvre presented the details of the line item 900 request for programming which is needed to customize programs which are top heavy in some areas with data and other areas are redundant and not necessary. The keypunch machine has been cut out (\$1,165 rental) because a keypunch will be given to them from Bill DeRoy. (See line 613 on page 63.) This request would enable the management to obtain relevant information to use as a management tool with a better system in the future. There is a requirement to fulfill requests to insurance companies and investigative companies about accidents and fires and the current system is not efficient.

Mr. Gessert wanted to be sure that approval of more computer equipment would be worthwhile and Mr. Lefebvre stated he would not commit that sort of money to anything foolhardy.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 65, 203EC, as presented by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 134, Capital Requests, 203EC - There was some discussion about the Bearcat Radio Scanner, and the swivel desk chair which is used by the dispatchers 18 to 20 hours per day.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of 203EC, Capital Requests, page 134, as approved by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi turned to page 62, 203R.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 200 Telephone to \$12,000 from \$14,899. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert and Mr. Krupp noted that money was transferred from this account during the past year.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 201 Utilities to \$24,000 from \$26,000, seconded by Mr. Polanski. Mr. McElfish noted this covered the manning of 2 stations for 24 hours per day.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Parisi and Polanski voted aye and Council members Krupp, Papale and Rys voted no. The motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert asked about line 100 Personal Services and it was noted that this will be covered before the Capital Request. Mr. Polanski said he had requested a table of organization of all departments to determine if all positions are filled. Mr. Hacku had this request prepared just today and distributed the document to the Council. Mr. McElfish stated that there was just one vacancy in the Fire Department existing now, due to a retirement on 3/2/84. This position may be filled within 2 weeks.

Mr. Krupp noted line 500 on page 63 which shows a 10% increase over last year. There was a request in personnel for a fire mechanic, not funded by the Mayor. On top of page 62, Other, had 1 approved by the Mayor and Mr. Myers noted that this is for a 19 hour per week clerk and is not a new request but is an existing position as noted on page 160.

Mr. Killen asked about line 428 Laundry and Mr. Lefebvre noted that the major bedding is laundered at the end of the fiscal year and this is charged on a per pound basis. There is an increase projected with the laundering contractor, Whiteway.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 428 Laundry to \$2,600 from \$3,125, on page 62. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye and Mrs. Papale voted no. Mr. Parisi was not present for the vote. This motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp noted that line 511 showed a 73.3% increase in one year and Mr. Lefebvre noted there are six buildings to be maintained and due to the age, repairs are necessary. He also noted there is a bill right now for repairs to the diesel generator at Central Headquarters which may necessitate a transfer before this fiscal year ends. Mr. McElfish stated that two fire stations need to be painted and this has not been done for several years. Career personnel do take care of a great deal of the interior painting but are not expected to paint outside. This item was removed from the capital budget and put into the operating budget last year and the Council cut the request. Mr. Krupp stated that while he was not happy about this increase, after having toured Parker Farms School, he is aware of what neglect can do to a building. Mr. Lefebvre noted there are areas of particular concern and it would be helpful if he could show the Council these areas.

Mr. Polanski asked if there was a plan detailing priority repairs with a schedule of costs which would allow the Council to be well informed. Mr. Lefebvre noted that roof repairs for 95 North Main street have been put into the budget for 2 consecutive years and these repairs are completed. The next priority is getting the shake siding repaired at Central. Mr. McElfish stated that the 73.3% increase is a very responsible figure. Mr. Diana agreed that a preventative maintenance program must be pursued. Mr. McElfish commented that their own personnel have saved the department considerable money by doing major repairs for only the cost of materials and there is a list of the major projects completed. Mr. Gessert asked if the proper appreciation was given and it was noted that Chief McElfish has an awards program and these people are thanked but without remuneration because that would be a conflict. Mr. Krupp stated that in good conscience, he could not recommend a reduction in line 511, in spite of the increase.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of pages 62 and 63, 203R, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Page 160, 161, 162 and 163, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations.

Mr. Gessert inquired about the time lapse in filling open positions and Mr. McElfish stated that the turnaround time is 2 to 3 weeks. There was some discussion about the length of time it takes to reach max, etc.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of pages 160, 161, 162 and 163, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Krupp: The only observation I will make is that I don't know why firemen wear red--they should wear gold because that is what they are worth! (APPLAUSE.)

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Chief McElfish asked Martin Rigoulot, President of the Local Fire Fighter's Union, to make a presentation to the Council about protective gear and the OSHA requirements, 1910-156, Section 1, General. Section I of the firefighter's contract allows \$200 for uniforms and Section II is for protective clothing, two different issues according to Connecticut OSHA. The cost is approximately \$470 per person for a complete outfit of protective clothing and this outfit would last approximately 3 to 5 years. Mr. Rigoulot wanted to make the Council aware of the fact that there are some persons without proper protective clothing. Mr. McElfish stated that he has not had a chance to discuss this with Mayor Dickinson yet because he was just informed about this situation at 4:10 p.m. today. Mr. Gessert asked how much it would cost to properly outfit all personnel and Mr. McElfish stated it would cost \$20,000 to \$28,000 at \$470 per person for 58 personnel. As department head, Mr. McElfish stated it was his responsibility to inform the Council of this matter.

Mr. Gessert stated that protective clothing is very important and perhaps funds can be allocated this fiscal year since the income from the sale of Whittelsey Avenue School is not included in this budget.

Mrs. Bergamini thanked Mr. McElfish and Mr. Rigoulot for the information presented which will allow the Council a chance to think about this. Mr. Krupp noted that Council intervention at this point would be premature and thanked the Chief for noting the financial impact of this but noted that administration has not had a chance to evaluate this situation yet.

Page 133, Capital Requests, 203R. Mr. Lefebvre gave details of the ceiling repairs at Company #1 on North Main Street. There was some discussion about the 1974 Graveley snowblower for which parts have been ordered to repair it.

Mr. Rys asked about the firefighting gloves and Mr. McElfish noted that these were OSHA approved. There was some discussion about a recent injury to a firefighter who had OSHA approved gloves which dropped during the course of a rescue.

Mr. Rys moved to reinstate \$880 for 40 pair of fire fighting gloves, seconded by Mr. Krupp. (Page 133, 203R.)

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp asked about the Motorola pager and Mr. McElfish noted this would have been for Chief Lefebvre. Chief Lefebvre stated that his present unit does not have the capability or range of the Motorola requested.

Mr. Rys inquired about the bay door and Mr. Lefebvre stated it was damaged and causes a great heat loss. Mr. Krupp asked for information about the 5 gallon cans of alcohol type foam and Mr. Hacku addressed this item.

Mr. Krupp moved to reinstate \$500 for the purchase of five 5 gallon cans of alcohol type foam, page 133, 203R. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved to reinstate the radio pager at \$390, 203R on page 133 but the motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of 203R on page 133, as amended and this motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and this motion was seconded by Mrs. Papale and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:15 p.m.

A motion to move out of Executive Session was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. and the second budget workshop session was adjourned.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The third budget workshop was held on April 16, 1984 and was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Mrs. Papale was not present. Also present were Mayor Dickinson and Mr. Thomas Myers, Comptroller.

Present from the PUC and Electric Division were Richard A. Nunn, Chairman of the PUC, Raymond F. Smith, Director of Utilities, Charles F. Walters, General Manager, Michael C. Holmes, Assistant General Manager and Mr. Al DeMaio, Commissioner.

Page 126, Public Utilities Commission

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 601 Commission Expenses to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Nunn noted that the PUC has followed suit with the Council salaries and expenses. At one time, this expense budget was higher.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye. Mrs. Bergamini voted no and Mr. Diana was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen inquired about line 900 Outside Secretarial Services and Mr. Myers and Mr. Nunn explained that the position on page 174 is for a permanent part-time employee and line 900 is for outside coverage on the occasions their secretary is not available.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 126, as amended. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present for the vote and motion passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 174, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Councilmen Diana and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Page 137, Electric Division.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 505-2 Electric Labor and Mr. Walters stated that this increase was due to two general contract increases of approximately 14% to 15% and no increase in labor. There are additional costs in the budget this year because of the CL&P request to run summer and winter capacity tests which caused an increase in oil, operation and maintenance. The expenditures you see for the plant, if you were to neglect the \$150,000 for manning that shift, about \$170,000 and the return on that is about \$1.2 million that we save in charges from CL&P if we were to do it strictly with them. It is a worthwhile operation.

Mr. Rys moved to 502-1 Boiler Labor and Mr. Walters noted that this was in connection with the two capacity tests per year. Mr. Nunn noted that 506-2 for 1983-84 is currently in 506-1 and 506-2 and represents a \$300 increase from last year. It was a recommended accounting procedure to break it into two accounts. 273

Mr. Krupp moved to 513-3 and Mr. Walters stated that this involved some of the lesser equipment in the plant and not major items, based on past experience. Funds are necessary to anticipate problems with running the capacity test. Mr. Smith noted that gross savings on Rider A are approximately \$1,200,000.

Mr. Rys asked if more work was anticipated in 513-2. A letter dated 4/16/84 detailing the budget request for this line was distributed to the Council.

Mr. Killen asked if there were any reason line 445 Other Sales to Public Authorities could not be increased to \$600,000 and Mr. Walters stated that this was their best estimate after having spent a fair amount of time making the determination.

Mr. Killen moved to increase line 445 to \$600,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Walters noted that their estimates have been within 1% of being right. Mr. Killen noted that he has looked their entire budget over and it is easier to increase \$15,000 there than to cut in various other areas. Mr. Krupp noted that the year-to-date actual in that account is running in excess of \$600,000 for this fiscal year.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 444, Public Street/Highway Lighting and Mr. Smith stated that street lights are on a flat rate basis, all costs billed 1/12 each month, based on a historical average developed by the consultant. Mr. Gessert stated that some lights are on 24 hours a day and Mr. Walters stated that these are photoelectric cells which purposely stay on if they fail and by putting a new photoelectric cell in, the problem is corrected. The ice storm created a delay in time available for some of these other projects.

Mr. Krupp noted there appeared be some discrepancy in year-to-date actuals and appropriations in line 444 and Mr. Walters noted that the street lighting in Northford was changed from being the same rate as the Wallingford municipal account to drop to line 445 and the total remains about the same as last year of line 444 and 445 combined.

Mr. Gessert moved to lines 440, 442 and 442-3 and asked why commercial sales are down. Mr. Walters noted that the tail end of the year is the least remunerative and Mr. Smith stated that last summer was very hot and the sales figures for seven months included last summer's sales. Mr. Walters stated that they are \$500,000 low in 442 right now on a proportional basis, as of 3/31/84.

Mr. Killen moved to Late Payment Charges and Mr. Walters stated they do not foresee a great deal of change in that area due to the fact that rates are expected to remain stable and there is no significant increase expected in kwh consumption.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 137, as amended and this motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who passed and the motion was passed.

Page 138 - Mr. Killen asked that subtotalling of these areas be considered to help the Council. Mr. Smith noted that these accounts are mostly labor oriented accounts and expenses of material and equipment. Mr. Smith proposed that the PUC be given authority to move expenses within that account which is purely a bookkeeping matter and would simplify the matter of transfer requests, etc. which do not change the bottom line within those accounts. Mr. Krupp noted that there was formerly no line item control in that area and this practice was brought to a halt because of events in the mid and late 1970's and, while he did not in any way mistrust the integrity of the PUC, he would adamantly oppose returning to the former methods.

Mr. Smith stated there is a great deal of administrative time wasted in processing these changes which do not affect the bottom line. He is not looking for budget amendments and appreciates the Council's concern about this getting out of hand. The reason for transfers is stated clearly in the PUC minutes. Mrs. Bergamini stated that the communication between the PUC and Council now is fantastic and better than it has ever been but to give up this kind of control, there could be many factors in the future to risk this getting out of hand.

Mr. Krupp referred to line 580 and noted that year-to-date actual is about \$26,600 and asked why it was now \$37,400. Mr. Holmes stated this line contains safety training for linemen, management wages for various people and the addition of a distribution engineer included in this account at 25%, or \$6,000. This \$24,000 salary is split into 580, 590 and in some of the capital accounts. Mr. Holmes explained how wages are accounted for within various line items, depending on how much time is spent on certain functions. Management wages are established by a specific percentage in particular accounts and stay that way but production employees are not. The actual labor for linemen, for example, is charged to the specific line in which the labor is performed.

Mr. Rys turned to line 588 Miscellaneous Distribution Expense on page 138, request of \$76,450, Mayor approved \$48,577, and an actual of \$58,961 for 1982-83. At the present trend, this year's figure should reach \$55,068. Mr. Holmes stated that to date, it is approximately \$44,000 expended with a projection of about \$60,500. Included in the \$76,450 was an additional person with wages budgeted at \$16,000 for this person. It was requested that the Council increase line 588 back to \$60,450. Mr. Holmes noted there is approximately \$34,000 of wages in that account, labor of \$3,800 and groundskeeping of \$5,300, John Street expenses and supplies of \$4,800, beepers \$1,400 and various other miscellaneous items throughout the year. Mr. Walters stated that they have extensive and definitive guidelines which they use to charge expenses to particular line items.

Mr. Polanski stated that transfers could be requested if this figure is not adequate. Mr. Walters stated that many of their budget items have remained the same for the last 4 or 5 years and certain cuts will necessitate the need for transfers later. Mr. Parisi commented that the Council is susceptible not only to figures but many other pressures and their response is based on many considerations. Mr. Smith stated that expenses were cut during the past two years to meet some very tight budgets and money is available now to address some of the problem areas which were put off before.

Mr. Rys moved to increase line 588 by \$7,000 (page 138) and Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Vote: Council members Diana and Rys voted yes and all other Council members voted no with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Killen noted that consideration was given to expenditures to date in lines 580 through 588 and lines 590 to 598 and the best calculated figure is reached by the Council by this consideration.

In response to Mr. Polanski, Mr. Walters stated that A/C 593 is for basic maintenance on overhead lines. Replacement of lines is under capital. Mr. Rys asked about the increase in line 596 and Mr. Walters said there will be work done in the fire alarm area in addition to other street lighting and signals.

Mr. Polanski raised the point about street lighting, etc. being paid for from the Town's budget and this should be considered when there is a discussion about monies brought to the Town when a new industry or company locates here.

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Mr. Gessert moved to 570 Maintenance of Station Equipment - the increase is due in part to testing and analysis of substation apparatus which was last done in December of 1979.

Mr. Krupp moved to line 571 and Mr. Holmes noted that this was for the 1/2 mile transmission line, main volt supply from CL&P and \$1,000 was set aside for maintenance in this area. Mr. Gessert asked about the mobile substation and Mr. Walters stated that arrangements were made with CL&P on a rental basis so necessary repairs could be made to some equipment and once the weather clears, their own equipment will be put back in service.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 903 Customer Records & Collection and discussion ensued regarding the Board of Education's delinquent bills and Mr. Walters noted this matter is being researched now to provide answers to questions asked by the Board of Education. Mr. Killen was surprised that the auditors have not looked into this matter. Mr. Myers noted that the auditors would come across this within the Electric Division's books rather than Board of Ed. Mr. Smith stated that these amounts would be included in the arrears figures. Mr. Walters stated that this matter will be resolved as soon as possible.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if the Electric Division was asking for any new personnel and Mr. Walters noted that they asked for a new engineer which has been approved and they asked for a laborer at the John Street location for groundskeeping and errand running and that, at this point, is not in the budget. A fourth meter reader was hired in March.

Mr. Krupp asked why line 903 was increasing by 13.1% and Mr. Walters stated that part of it was in two general increases, one became effective but was not shown in the past year's budget and the contract which can be shown now. Another area is a provision for a postage increase, anticipating going back to envelope billing, which will increase the postage on each bill about 4¢.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 903 on page 138 to \$345,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Nunn stated that none of these figures have any impact on the mill rate because the Electric Division is a self-sustaining profit making entity for the Town. The profits affect the mill rate and the profits are determined by the rates. Mr. Killen stated that profits can range from 5% to 8% and Mr. Nunn referred to a potential rebate which would reduce the profit. Mr. Killen noted that the Council has oversight over all PUC actions if they choose to exercise it.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Parisi and Rys voted aye. Council members Diana, Krupp and Polanski voted no. The motion was passed.

Mr. Rys asked if \$75,000 would be adequate in line 902 with the fourth meter reader added in March and Mr. Walters stated that \$79,436 was budgeted because there is a wage increase coming due in September.

Mr. Krupp stated that the fourth meter reader was approved on the basis that expenditures would be reduced in this area since higher priced meter readers were being paid overtime, etc. Actual figures year-to-date do not reflect that meter reader but the higher cost option you were following at that point. Mr. Walters stated a 7% wage increase, effective 9/1/84 must be taken into account.

Mr. Polanski asked about 904 Uncollectible Accounts and Mr. Walters addressed this issue and noted that attempts to collect all accounts are made.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 908 Customer Assistance, 180% increase and Mr. Walters noted that this is related to envelope billing with more paper cost, postage cost, etc. Mr. Killen stated he thinks the post card billing has worked out fine and Mr. Walters noted it does present difficulty in communicating with their customers.

Mr. Krupp noted that bills from the Electric Division used to indicate a discount if paid with 30 days and now indicate there is a 5% charge added if not paid within 30 days and Mr. Walters responded by saying that some people felt this was deceptive advertising.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of page 138, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys asked for a year-to-date figure on line 921 Office Supplies & Expense and Mr. Walters noted it was \$20,568. The cost for the switch to envelope billing shows up in several different accounts. Line 908 involves developing costs for this program. Mr. Polanski asked about other town departments being able to add inserts with the bills mailed by the Electric Division and Mr. Walters suggested that a policy be instituted for this purpose.

Mr. Rys moved to decrease 921 Office Supplies & Expense, page 139, by \$5,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp and Mr. Parisi who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini asked for an explanation of 923-2 Outside Services Legal and Mr. Walters stated that have discussed rejoining CMEEC. That is a \$30,000 increase over the past year's figure and all expenses are not in for this year yet. Mr. Smith stated that money was put in that account in anticipation of a wholesale rate increase. There is a Connecticut Cooperative which is an alternative to buying wholesale power from CL&P and one of the conditions to be able to join that would be some substantial negotiations involving Northeast Utilities for long-term supply contracts, to amend the contracts CMEEC presently has in place.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut line 923-2 on page 139 to \$65,000 and this motion was seconded by Mr. Killen.\*\*

Mr. Diana stated that he would prefer to see that money put into contingency. Mr. Killen stated that most of the Council members were aware of his feelings on contingency accounts and also noted that under the Charter, the Town Attorney was supposed to appear on behalf of the town. . .the recommendation should come from the Town Attorney that he cannot handle this. Mr. Walters stated that his been followed in the past but generally they have found they do not have the expertise for this kind of work.

Mr. Krupp asked if Mr. Myers could established a contingency account within the Electric Division and Mr. Myers stated they had the flexibility to add line items. Mr. Krupp asked what the return on investment would be on this \$80,000 and Mr. Smith said he has not presented the number because he doesn't have it yet.

\*\*Mrs. Bergamini withdrew her motion.

Mr. Krupp moved to reduce line item 923-2 (page 139) from \$80,000 to \$10,000 and to ask the Electric Division and Mr. Myers in conjunction to establish a new line item for contingency and place the \$70,000 into that account. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana. (Mr. Myers noted that the new account number would be 923-4.)

Mr. Parisi stated he did not understand the rationale and Mr. Krupp noted that \$10,000 covers the normal legal activities and \$70,000 provides the reserve needed for CMEEC, etc. Mr. Diana stated that this money would be reserved in contingency.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp asked about 923-3 Outside Services-Consultant and Mr. Walters noted that this ties in with the economics of rejoining CMEEC. There will be engineering studies necessary and this was part of the overall consideration. Mr. Diana asked about an in-house study rather than consultant and Mr. Smith said their staff is not large enough for this.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of the balance of the operating budget of the Electric Division on page 139, as amended. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen inquired about the drop in depreciation and Mr. Walters stated that in conducting the rate survey about a year ago, the consultant pointed out that the 5% rate being used was more than needed and a recommendation was made to 4%. Mr. Smith noted that 5% was more than the industry standard was, based on a 25 rather than 20 year life. The bulk is at 4% on about \$22,000,000 in the plant, as opposed to 5%.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 365 Overhead Conductors - Mr. Smith stated that a good portion of that is the new feeders that will be coming out of the substation in North Wallingford. The expense of the substation was strictly the substation itself, \$1,500,000 project budgeted over the past several years. At this point, feeders must be built which would tie back into the system. Lines along Route 68 will have to be increased East and West and new construction of Carpenter Lane circuits are anticipated. Mr. Holmes noted this is approximately \$65,000 and the major portion is several special projects such as re-conductoring of approximately 3 miles of cable on Schoolhouse Road and Parker Farms which has caused numerous outages last year, a total of \$125,000.

Mr. Gessert asked how the present crew would undertake all the projects mentioned and Mr. Smith noted that some of the projects for which they are presently putting together specifications such as duct systems and extensions will require contracting out.

Mr. Killen asked about page 5 of the Capital Budget which shows a February breakdown of \$674,450 Distribution Plant, a jump. Mr. Walters stated there are carryovers indicated at the bottom of the page, indicated by asterisks. The Electric Division has the capability of carrying capital funds for two years. A lack of enough engineers to draw specs and put these projects out to bid is one of the reasons some projects have not been done. Mr. Killen questioned putting these figures in without going forward on the projects and Mr. Walters commented that these projects can be carried through with available resources, primarily in personnel.

Mr. Krupp made a general observation on line items 361 through 373. Like the rest of the members of the Council, I am not ecstatic about moving the increases these represent. I recognize it may very well be necessary. I see a great deal of the word "new" in this section and would probably be more comfortable with a little more of what I see under 365 - re-conductoring replacements. I'm not sure of how much of this is new such as MEDWAY, etc. or how much is replacement of existing facilities. There a lot of lines out there which must be replaced and a lot of equipment which is marginal. I hope the emphasis is on bringing the existing facility up to snuff, and avoid the kind of catastrophe we had this Spring. Mr. Smith asked the Council not to get overly optimistic with the addition of one new engineer.

Mr. Polanski inquired about the cost of new pole installations being a 50/50 split with the facility requiring these poles and Mr. Walters responded yes and no and only the Electric Division's 50% is shown in the budget.

Mr. Rys moved to line 373 Street Lighting & Signal Systems and what has been expended this year and Mr. Walters stated approximately \$7,500 at this point.

Mr. Parisi asked about the installation of a traffic light and signal being installed and Mayor Dickinson referred to the request for Kondracki Lane. The Mayor removed this from the budget because the Deputy Police Chief indicated that until the drainage problem in this area is solved, there could be more accidents, especially in the winter. The East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department wanted the light there with a control so they could push a button and have the light change at that intersection. The problem of potential accidents until the problem of drainage is solved was a consideration.

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In response to Mr. Rys, Mr. Walters stated that the Electric Division hoped to get back to converting the mercury street lights to sodium as an energy conservation method. New construction work has taken considerable time lately. Mr. Rys asked if the \$35,400 in line 373 would be expended if granted and Mr. Walters noted that this area could be performed by a contractor with the Electric Division's work orders. Mr. Holmes noted that of the total \$35,400, \$18,000 is Research Parkway lighting.

Mr. Killen asked what portion of the North Wallingford project was included in this capital budget this year, \$1,400,000 budgeted and \$1,100,000 expended. Mr. Smith noted that as of March \$1,207,000 was expended and this was the North Wallingford Substation which was not bonded but financed over three years' appropriations out of the budget. Mr. Killen noted that the total capital budget shown through February was \$936,345 and the amounts in the budget book contain a \$30,000 difference. Mr. Walters said he would have to review this item by item to resolve the difference.

Mr. Rys moved to cut line 373 by \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Walters stated that all capital items come out of their retained earnings.

Vote: Council members Gessert and Rys voted aye and Council members Killen, Parisi and Polanski voted no. Council members Bergamini, Diana, Krupp and Papale were not present for the vote and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Polanski moved approval of the Capital Budget of the Electric Division on page 139 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and Mr. Rys who voted no. (Mrs. Papale was not present for the vote.) The motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi turned to page 140 and the balance of the Electric Division Capital Budget.

Mr. Parisi moved to the top of page 140, balance of Electric Division's Capital Budget.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to line 390 Structures & Improvements and Mr. Walters stated this item is documented on page 4 of the booklet presented to the Council by the Electric Division. Items included are a 170 s.f. addition to the Meter Department Office for meter testing to allow for fewer distractions while meters are being tested and door replacements for the storage building which go back to 1930 and are in need of care because of the poor condition. Mr. Killen referred to the carryover in line 390 and the unencumbered amount and asked when some of these projects would go forward. Mr. Walters stated that they do anticipate getting some of this work done between now and June 30--much of this work cannot be done in the Winter.

Mr. Parisi turned to line 392 Transportation Equipment and referred to the list of vehicles provided by the Electric Division and noted that some vehicles needed major repairs in spite of the mileage factor. Mr. Walters stated that there are no backup cars to depend on and could not afford to have a vehicle out of service for several days being repaired since these cars are assigned to persons with specific responsibilities to carry out. Mr. Walters also noted that if a vehicle sits without being used, it is worse for the vehicle than being used every day. Mr. Parisi questioned the bad luck factor as opposed to good maintenance. Mr. Smith noted that there is a lot of idling time on some vehicles which does not show up as mileage.

Mr. Parisi noted that the 4-wheel drive should be available for weekend emergencies and referred to a recent situation with an oil spill on Airline Road where a van was being used and a 4-wheel drive was needed to drive out on the field.

Mrs. Bergamini noted that the appropriation in line 392 was \$33,000 and \$66,437 was spent, 1/31/84 actual and Mr. Walters stated this was a carryover from last year for an outstanding purchase order for a bucket truck. There is a difference between operating budgets and capital budgets and committed funds in the capital budget carry over until actually spent.

Mr. Krupp referred to vehicles #22, #27 and #45 and stated that he could not accept that these vehicles should be replaced at this point in time. Vehicle #45, Dodge 1/2 ton pickup, is a little difficult to kill. In light of the fact that one of the observations made here is that some of this equipment deteriorates because it is not used sufficiently, it would seem that someone who would be using one of the new sub-compacts is better off using equipment sitting idle.

Mr. Krupp moved to reduce line 392 to \$92,800, in light of the above considerations. (No second or vote on this motion.)

Mr. Walters voiced an objection to this recommendation. He noted that vehicle #27 has already had 3 transmissions put in. This is the general line foreman's car. Mr. Gessert noted that these cars are being recalled because of transmission problems. The Electric Division did not receive a recall notice on this. There was some discussion about pursuing this matter with Pontiac Motors and Mr. DeMaio noted that a significant amount has already been expended on transmissions for this Phoenix and to consider the added cost of litigation, you could almost buy a new car. Mr. Diana stated that the problem of driving abuses must be considered. Mr. DeMaio agreed there are only two considerations here--there is either a problem with the Pontiac transmissions or there is a problem with the way this car is being driven.

Mr. Killen noted that a record should be kept detailing all repairs made to each vehicle and this record evaluated so the mechanic can be asked what precipitates the problems--either a lemon or the driver.

Mr. Parisi stated there was a request to leave line item 392 as requested and it will be watched for next year and if there is not a noticeable change, he would be the first to recommend a reduction in this line item.

Mr. Walters stated that a car for the fourth meter reader was included in the 1984-85 request and Mr. Killen suggested that any spares they had could be dove-tailed and used where necessary.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of lines 390 through 398 on page 140, the balance of the Electric Division Capital Budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who voted no and the motion was passed.

#### Page 175

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Page 175, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Electric Division, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

#### Page 176

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of the top of Page 176, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Electric Division, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Killen asked if the new engineer would be hired after the new fiscal year began and Mr. Walters stated it was budgeted that way but they had consideration from the Mayor and they understood if they could hire sooner, they would come back to the Council.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of the bottom half of Page 176, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Electric Division. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

#### Page 176, 177 and 178 - Contingency

Mr. Killen asked about the contingency and Mr. Walters noted it will be effective 9/1/84, whatever general increase is settled on.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Page 177, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Electric Division. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

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Mr. Gessert asked what percentage of overtime was paid to power plant employees and Mr. Walters stated it was about 5% of the payroll.

Mr. Krupp noted that actual prior amounts for overtime and longevity were not shown on page 178 and Mr. Myers stated that the Electric Division was approached while the Mayor and he were reviewing their budget with them regarding these figures. Next year, they will be able to expand on this and show overtime by division, production and distribution, and show the actual figures.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Page 178, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Electric Division. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

PLEASE NOTE -

Page 8 - Mr. Myers pointed out that the Council has acted on the gross income and operating expense of the Electric Division. Under CWIP, it shows that this division will support its own bond payments in the amount of \$275,000 and the contribution to the Town of \$821,725 would be slightly amended now, probably by \$15,000 to \$20,000 by tonight's changes. The estimated unappropriated balance of \$61,805 will change by the 45% of what changes were made tonight. It is important for the Council to review that.

Mr. Killen noted that the Contribution to Town line remains the same and Mr. Smith noted that this money is based on the accelerated revenues achieved thus far and between June and July, the financial statement will change dramatically if a rebate is given out. A million dollars will be withdrawn and the net income reduced accordingly.

Mr. Killen asked how often money from the Electric Division is paid to the Town and Mr. Myers noted that different methods have been used in the past. On years when the Electric Division's income has been in accordance with the budget, in December, 55% of actual net income and in June, an adjustment of 55% is made for the period of January through May and corrected the balance upon audit of the books. The other formula used is when the Electric Division's profits have not been as budgeted, or less than budget, rather than extract money and hurt their cash flow, we've taken 55% of actual instead of 55% of budget in December, adjusted it at the end of May or some time in June and waited for the audit to see if any further adjustments were necessary. Mr. Myers noted that the Town did get 55% through December, including their additional profits, but if they have a rebate and pay us 55%, then we could end up paying it back. Mr. Killen suggested the money be given to the Town now. This will be discussed by the Mayor, Council and Comptroller at a later date.

Mr. Smith pointed out that he directed a letter to the Commission and a copy of this was given to the Council this evening for information purposes with the Electric Division's rates compared with other towns, etc.

Page 84 Engineering 501

Mr. Killen welcomed Mr. Costello back, along with other Council members.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 84, Engineering 501, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen asked what had to be done with Quinnipiac Street bridge and Mr. Costello noted there is deterioration on the deck, mostly from road salt, and parts of the steel railing have rust. This work will be done by contract. Public Works has done work on the abutments on Ward Street Extension but have their hands full right now. Mr. Gessert asked about South Elm Street and Mr. Costello noted that the contractor was to begin today but is delayed because of rain. Mr. Polanski asked about state funding but that has not been well defined yet, according to Mr. Costello and those funds should be invested in a major capital improvement such as Oak Street bridge. Mr. Krupp agreed that bridge represents a dangerous situation. Mr. Killen noted that replacement of Oak Street Bridge has been scheduled since 1970.

Mayor Dickinson noted he put in \$25,000 for Quinnipiac Street Bridge repairs to complete this project rather than begin several others because there wasn't enough to fund all of them.

Mr. Parisi asked about sidewalk repairs and Mr. Costello stated these are in Public Works, page 136. The Sidewalk Ordinance assigns responsibility for maintaining sidewalks to the abutting property owner. One year, 700 letters were sent to property owners to repair sidewalks. There is a sidewalk inspector in Mr. Costello's department and two years ago, all sidewalks in town were inspected, responsibility determined, and Public Works was given a list on which they began repairs last summer. A check has not yet been made to see if all 700 repairs were made because Engineering has not had this opportunity to date.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of 501A Engineering, page 85. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 135 Engineering 501

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of Engineering 501, page 135. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Costello stated that the Chevrolet Suburban has about 70,000 miles on it and does not have excessive repair costs. Mr. Gessert extended his congratulations to Mr. Costello.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 166 & 167 Engineering - 501 Personnel Detail & Salary

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations for Engineering - 501 on pages 166 and 167. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Capital Budget 1984-85 (front of budget book)

Mr. Gessert stated he would like to see East Main Street-Old Durham Road-Phase II increased to \$150,000 and Clintonville Road-Phase V reduced to \$100,000. Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Costello if this phase would affect the intersection at East Main and Old Durham Road. Mr. Costello stated that the first phase was budgeted last year, a new culvert about 700 feet north of Steven Street which will be done this summer. The survey of the whole project is not yet complete. The intersection should be realigned to approximately 90° which will require some land swapping with Choate-Rosemary Hall. This is a major project which will take two or so years. Mr. Killen suggested completion of one major project in one phase rather than allocating monies for several projects spread over a few years. Mayor Dickinson asked for Mr. Costello's recommendation on more effective use of the \$25,000 reduction for Phase V of Clintonville Road and Mr. Costello felt that East Main Street was a logical place to put it.

Mr. Gessert moved to reduce the \$125,000 for Clintonville Road - Phase V to \$100,000 and increase the \$125,000 for East Main Street - Old Durham Road - Phase II to \$150,000. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Diana mentioned a sunken catch basin on Ridgewood Road, just after you enter from Highland and Mayor Dickinson will notify Public Works of this situation.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Myers recommended setting a public hearing at the 4/24/84 Town Council Meeting for the 1984-85 Capital Budget to coincide with adoption of the regular budget and in this way, this could be financed earlier. This would allow for more lead time for these projects. This capital budget must be adopted by ordinance and must allow for a 21 day referendum, etc.

Mr. Gessert moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter and this motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried and the Executive Session ended at 11:55 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The fourth budget workshop was held on the budgets for the Police and Water & Sewer Division and was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:05 p.m.,

Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys were present. Thomas Myers, Comptroller, was also present and Mayor Dickinson arrived later.

Page 52, Police Administration, 201A - Chief Bevan, Deputy Chief Reynolds and Chief Clerk Betty Herman were present.

Chief Bevan noted that gas was budgeted at \$1.18 per gallon last year and is now budgeted at \$1.10, town standard.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 52 - Police Administration 201A, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Killen asked the Chief if he was going to use \$18,900 for training tuition books and the Chief expected to, depending on how much training can be fit in.

Mr. Rys asked if there was an increase in the service in line 660 and Chief Bevan stated there was an increase from the New Haven office and this takes in 19 regional towns and the increase is being shared throughout the entire region. This is called the South Central Criminal Justice Board and they have a crime prevention lab, mobile crime lab, unusual occurrence van and they are putting together our SCAN project, South Central Area Network. They hold the purse strings from the federal government and are coordinating this entire system with Motorola. These are just some of the projects they have done.

For instance, I called the director there about the KKK rally. He works as the liaison officer coordinating all the regional towns where we enact the municipal compact and he puts it all together and guarantees that we will get so many men from each town.

There is also a lawyer on board to handle legal problems if needed.

Mr. Killen: Are the 1976 Pontiac and 1981 Ford the vehicles referred to in line 501? Chief Bevan stated that we own these and have had them since purchased new--the 1976 belongs to the Chief and the 1981 is used by the Deputy on the day shift and it's also used as a backup car. Mr. Killen asked how 2 cars ended up in administration and Chief Bevan said 2 or 3 years ago, one extra car was held back and turned over to the Deputy, rather than having him draw on another car from the fleet. Mr. Killen questioned what basis was used to increase the numbers of cars in existence now and the Chief said it was on a need basis and there are instances when you must be out in the field.

The Council reviewed the list of vehicles presented by Chief Bevan and discussed the condition of the vehicles and asked how certain vehicles, fairly new with low mileage could only be in fair condition. The Chief explained that these cars are driven by more than 40 men, around the clock and when you have a police car with 50,000 miles on it, it should be replaced because continual repairs will only result in throwing good money after bad. 283

Mr. Rys made a general observation about a police car with 19,000 miles it, most likely used on all three shifts. You must take into consideration that is used for the entire shift and while it only shows 19,000 miles, the idling time may very well mean 38,000 miles.

Chief Bevan stated that you should not be misled by "police package" cars. This means thicker seats, a tighter bolting mechanism to the frame, a taxi type transmission, an oversized radiator and oversized generator and five-bladed fan--that is what is called a police package. Mr. Parisi stated that the problem is whenever police packages are presented, this is a big selling point and when it's time to appraise them and to get rid of them, it's the other end of the spectrum. Reliability, dependability and longevity are determined by maintenance, as pointed out by Mr. Parisi. Mrs. Papale stated that cars which are driven by only one person would require fewer repairs.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 53, Police-Accident Investigation-201A1.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 53, Police-Accident Investigation-201A1. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 54, Police-Crime Prevention, 201CP, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Parisi asked about line 409 Crime Prevention Program and Chief Bevan noted this deals with visual aids. David Calabrese noted this was cut in 1983-84 but this is the figure he was operating with 2 years ago and is not an increase since then.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi turned to page 55, Police Detective & Narcotics, 201D.

Mr. Killen asked how many cars were rented and the Chief stated two. This item does not go out to bid because few vendors wish to bid because these cars are frequently changed. Mr. Killen asked if the bidding was waived and Mr. Myers stated certain items were incorporated in the annual adoption of the budget, items such as this where the bid should be waived annually.

Chief Bevan mentioned that the dry cleaning has been cut a certain amount and this item is spread throughout the budget. He may be back this time next year seeking more money for that account.

Mr. Krupp asked which items would fall under clothing and equipment for plain clothes officers and the Chief stated this was just for clothing and is a contract item. Mr. Krupp realized there may be no discretion involved but a uniform can only be used as a uniform and this \$225 clothing allowance does not guarantee purchases specifically for the job as opposed to personal wear or vice versa.

Mrs. Papale noted that the patrolmen have their uniform dry cleaned and the detectives should also have their plain clothes dry cleaned since they are both performing the same function for the town. Mr. Reynolds noted that the detectives have uniforms also, for outside jobs. It was noted again that this is a contract item.

Mr. Gessert moved to reduce line 320 from \$1,000 to \$750, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Killen.

Chief Bevan stated that this line would be needed to go out of state. For example, if two men needed to go to Los Angeles and bring a prisoner back, the entire \$750 would be used.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 55 Police Detective and Narcotics 201D, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 56 Police Patrol 201P.

Mr. Krupp asked why the 1984-85 request for gas and oil was less than 1-31-84 actual and Mr. Myers explained that the actual figure is comprised of two components. One is actual expense for gasoline purchased and used, and there is gas stored in our own tanks, and the other is the outstanding encumbrance. At the beginning of the year, a purchase order is issued for the estimate of gallons times the price per gallon. In fact, that is the combination of actual expenses plus committed money.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 650 Collect Data System which shows an increase. Chief Bevan stated that \$4,500 of that goes to the Regional Reporting System in the New Haven Data Bank which is not an increase this year. This includes the COLLECT system, Connecticut on Line Law Enforcement Collection Data Bank, at the State Police facility in Meriden. The state data bank bills us for the use of that computer and this goes into the Motor Vehicle Department in Hartford, Wethersfield and to the State Police and the cost is based on our usage. We have no control because we are given a breakdown of the cost by them, based on usage. We are billed once a year, usually in July or August.

Chief Bevan noted that an estimate is received in order to budget this item and at the end of the year, based on usage, there could be a slight surplus in this account.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 511 from \$3,000 to \$2,500 (no second or vote).

Mr. Reynolds noted there is a vehicle being repaired now and \$2,400 has already been spent to date in that account.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if everyone had a bullet proof vest and Mr. Reynolds stated that 2 or 3 more were needed because of incorrect sizes. Chief Bevan noted that the \$3,000 entails a \$300 to \$350 allowance per man, per year for uniforms. All men are provided with bullet proof vests and 3 more were purchased just recently.

Chief Bevan pointed out that pants, shirts, socks and hats are an annual item but the life expectancy on coats is about 3 years. When rain coats, street coats, dress coats and car coats wear out, it may go over the \$350 allowance. This account is totally depleted every year. These are all bid items. To completely outfit a new man, the cost is \$800 to \$900.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 56 Police Patrol 201P, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 57, Police - Records Division 201R, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 58, Police - Traffic Maintenance 201T, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen stated he reviewed pages 52 through 59 and compared the 1983-84 figure of \$299,996 and the Mayor approved figure of \$310,559 for 1984-85, an increase of \$10,563 and noted there is very little room for cuts of any kind. The Council agreed.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 59, Police - Youth Services, 201YS, seconded by Mrs. Papale. 285

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi moved to page 132, Capital Requests, Police and Chief Bevan mentioned that the car he is driving should be considered for phasing out and a replacement purchased. The Chief presented the following information for Council consideration. He has a brand new Toyota truck which he could transfer to the Dog Warden if her request for a new vehicle is approved and the money approved in the Dog Warden's account could be transferred by Mr. Myers into the Police budget.

This Toyota was donated to the Police Department under a promotional program by Toyota and they donated to the Red Cross, Fire Department also. This was the Mayor's suggestion, the Chief added. Mrs. Papale stated that the number one question is if that is the kind of truck she can use. Mr. Rys mentioned that he spoke with Mrs. Gianotti and the vehicle she wants to replace is the one Jane is currently using, a 1975 Toyota pickup with a cap, and the vehicle the Chief would trade off with her is a brand new Toyota pickup with a cap. The Council will discuss this with the Dog Warden on 4/18/84. SEE PAGE 58 OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES.

Mr. Rys asked what the mileage was on the vehicle he wants to replace on line 201A1, page 132, and the Chief stated 97,000, a 1979 Chrysler and approximately \$700 has been spent on repairs during the last year. Mr. Killen wanted to know the disposition of the 4 cars to be replaced, if approved by the Council. The Chief felt that it was the Mayor's intention to have the 4 cars being replaced become the second line for fleet vehicles. The 1983's would replace the 1982's and the new vehicles would replace the 1983's and the support vehicles would be phased out and go to Mr. Deak and the disposition would be made from there. The support vehicles are listed under Liaison, Traffic and Youth Services; you also have Crime Prevention. Mr. Killen was concerned about who decides at any given point which vehicles are gotten rid of, turned in, and a purchase made for a more economical car. Someone should be charged with that task for town pool cars. Mr. Gessert stated he has made that suggestion many times over the past ten years and perhaps the Council can form a committee to make cost determinations and constructive suggestions for the sake of economy. It was noted that one of the phased out vehicles will be reserved for the Fire Marshal.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of 201D - Police Detective and Narcotics Capital Request on page 132. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Chief Bevan pointed out that he will have an approximate \$20,000 surplus and if the Council chooses to encumber this, it can be moved into next year and he can still buy two more cars. (201A). This will be left from gas and oil and will come from the positions unfilled until presently and there is some \$5,000 left from the bidding process of last year's capital items. In January, an estimated fund balance to the end of the year was about \$75,000 to \$80,000 and if the Council would consider encumbering \$20,000, it can be used for the specific purpose of buying two more cars. Mr. Myers noted this proposal would have to be approved by the Mayor and presented to the Council to transfer money from various line items in the Police Department to a capital account for two cars. Mr. Myers discussed the upcoming rally with the Chief recently and noted that the cost for this is still pending, an unknown factor. Mr. Parisi stated the suggestion is noted and will be considered before the end of the budget year.

Mrs. Bergamini asked about the two manual typewriters in 201P and Mrs. Herman stated they can only be purchased at 1 or 2 places and are not manufactured anymore.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of Police Patrol - 201P, Capital Requests, page 132. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale asked about the traffic light on Kondracki Lane, 201T. Chief Bevan stated he put that item in because of the Volunteer Fire Department and stated that this light should be equipped with a sensor when the fire engine responds in that direction and the sensor when hit would give them a green ball when they approached that intersection at a reasonable rate of speed. Mr. Parisi noted that he planned to discuss this a little further with the Mayor. (SEE PAGE 37 OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THIS ITEM.)

Mrs. Bergamini recalled that about 8 years ago, a PTA or similar organization petitioned for a traffic light on that corner because all the children on the other side had to be bused because it was such a dangerous corner. At that time, it was decided that the incline in that area would prohibit the installation of a light in that area. The Chief noted that if the DOT got involved, they would design a pre-warning as an approach was made to the incline and this pre-warning is absolutely necessary. The drainage problem in that area must also be addressed.

Mrs. Papale moved to reinstate \$15,000 in Police Traffic, 201T, for the installation of Town's portion of overhead signal-Woodhouse Avenue & Kondracki Lane. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Vote: Council members Diana, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted aye and Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Krupp and Rys voted no. The motion did not pass.

This item will be discussed with Mayor Dickinson and considered again before the end of the budget workshop sessions.

Lines 201R, 201T and 201YS, Capital Requests, page 133, all -0-.

Mr. Polanski noted from the Table of Organization presented by Chief Bevan that 43 patrolmen are anticipated sometime in the future. Chief Bevan based this need on projected population by 2005 of 42,500. A request of two men every other year would bring the force up to what it should be in this social climate, about 2-1/2 men per 1,000 residents. At the turn of the century, the force would be close to 77 to 80 men. If you compare Wallingford with the City of Middletown which is 42 square miles and a population of 42,000, they have close to a 100 man department. Mr. Polanski asked how many personnel were civilians and the Chief noted 11. There are 7 clerical, 1 Police Planner, 1 Youth Officer and his assistant, and 1 laborer civilian.

Mr. Krupp: The blue book shows 8 management and permanent and 37 contract--are the 8 lieutenants and sergeants? Mr. Myers noted the 8 are officers and the 37 includes 34 patrolmen and 3 civilian dispatchers who work in the patrol division.

Mr. Krupp: Of the 34 patrolmen, how many vacancies existed as of the end of last year and how many currently exist? Chief Bevan stated they went into the budget year 3 or 4 short and shortly thereafter, 1 or 2 more got through and right now, they are 1 man short and 33 positions are filled. We will reinterview 3 people for that position.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if supernumeraries are included and Chief Bevan stated they are not shown here--this list only shows full time sworn people. They are another line item in personnel.

Mr. Polanski noted that Chief of Police "appoints or may remove all officers and employees of the Police Department." Is this on your own word or is it necessary to get approval and confirmation from the Mayor to appoint or remove an officer? The Chief stated the Mayor is the Director of Public Safety so he would go to the Mayor.

Mr. Parisi turned to page 153, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Police Department, 201A.

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Chief Bevan noted that the sixth position on the page Clerk Typist II for which I have Account Clerk, taken out by the Mayor. As explained to the Mayor, she was changed to an Account Clerk because that is what she is doing in my department and there is a difference in the job description. In a Clerk Typist II position, it states, among other things, may examine, verify, reconcile, requisition orders, bills, invoices and pay-rolls. She prepares and an Account Clerk, it states, prepare vouchers, etc. Mr. Gessert noted this can only be done with the approval of the Personnel Department and the Mayor. Mr. Parisi stated the Council would be more apt to act on the recommendation of the Personnel Department after this matter was discussed there, rather than trying to make the decision during the budget process. Mr. Killen and Mr. Parisi would prefer to discuss this matter with the Mayor before making a decision.

Mr. Polanski: How many people in your department are in the police pension fund and how many in the Town pension fund? Chief Bevan stated 59 are in the hazardous plan and all others are in the Town plan. Mr. Myers stated there is only 1 pension fund with 2 parts to it, a regular plan and special hazards plan. The only ones covered by special hazards are electric linemen, firemen and policemen and everybody else is in regular. At one time, there were 5 or 6 plans but they were consolidated and merged, with 2 different units.

Mr. Parisi moved to 201A Overhead, and Mr. Polanski asked what the degree allowance was for and Chief Bevan stated it was for the Police Planner. After 30, 60 and 90 credits, so much is received; when you receive 120, you have a Bachelor's and it's \$500, a flat payment every year, payable the first pay period in July, a contract negotiated item. That has been in the contract since the 1960's.

Mr. Parisi moved to 201A1 Police Accident Investigation. Mr. Gessert asked if patrolmen were reduced at all when this division was established and Chief Bevan stated not at that time and since that time, the patrol division has increased. This division was established to handle strictly accidents and selective type enforcement, radar enforcement, and for the first 3 to 5 years was paid for by federal funds.

Mr. Gessert asked where the efforts to reduce drunk driving came under and Chief Bevan noted it was a combination of patrol and the A & I unit. Arrests this year are in the 70's or 80's and last year, it was 59. Mr. Gessert asked if portable intoximeters were available yet and the Chief noted he was not aware of any.

Mr. Parisi moved to Police Crime Prevention - 201CP, page 154. There were no questions and Mr. Parisi moved to Police Detective and Narcotics - 201D pages 154 and 155. Mr. Gessert asked about the turnover rate and Chief Bevan stated if the resignation form states "personal reasons" there are no questions asked. One wanted State Police and another moved to a smaller town with a 4 man department. Some object to giving up holidays and weekends. Mr. Polanski asked how long it took a patrolman to reach maximum and was told 4 years; all but 9 patrolmen have been on the force over 4 years. Mr. Polanski mentioned that he sent the Chief a letter today complimenting a very courteous officer.

Mr. Parisi moved to Police Patrol Division 201P, page 155, 156, 157 and 158. Chief Bevan noted that two new patrolmen were reduced from the budget and this request was made so 2 new men could be brought on every 2 years to bring the department up to strength at the turn of the century. The new facility is being geared to this amount of men and no budget year is an easy budget year but rather than request 10 or 15 men at one time, it would seem easier to get 2 every other year.

Mr. Polanski asked how many men have degrees and how many are working on degrees in the criminal justice system? Mrs. Herman stated that 14 are working on degrees and 2 have them. Mr. Krupp asked if this was a relevant degree requirement and was told yes, it must be allied to criminal justice.

Mr. Parisi inquired about School Traffic Guards and Chief Bevan stated the reduction was due to Parker Farms School closing. The rate was increased because the Mayor felt the nature of the hours and the job itself was worth more than the current rate. There are fifteen people.

288 Mr. Diana mentioned that the school system just eliminated some buses and this must be considered to be sure there is enough money in this budget to allow for more guards if needed. Chief Bevan asked which routes were eliminated and Mr. Diana was not aware of exactly which ones but recommended that Chief Bevan send a letter to the Superintendent of Schools asking him what his requirements would be for crossing guards so that this matter could be documented now.

Mr. Gessert asked about the summer help and Chief Bevan stated that two youths are hired, one for traffic maintenance and the other in a clerical position. Mr. Gessert preferred to see summer help employed at parks rather than in an office.

Mr. Parisi moved to Police Records Division - 201R on pages 158 and 159, then to 201T, page 159.

Mr. Killen asked if there was a change in the number of personnel in 201R, Paid Holidays and Mrs. Herman noted there is only one holiday that falls on a weekend this coming year and next year this figure could increase, depending on the calendar.

Mr. Parisi moved to Police Youth Services, 201YS and Mr. Krupp asked if both people in 201YS Overhead were going to earn their degrees this coming year and Mrs. Herman stated they have their degree. There is \$100 left in the 1983-84 actual. Mr. Krupp asked if this payment was made up front and Mrs. Herman noted if they are employed as of July 1, they are eligible for the degree allowance for the following, not prior year, by contract.

Mr. Rys moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and this motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp. The meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. The Council took a brief recess and the regular meeting resumed at 9:50 p.m.

NOTE: Pages 153 through 159, Personnel and Salary Calculations, Police Divisions were not voted upon at this meeting.

#### Water & Sewer Division Budget

Present: Al Bruno, Ray Denison, Richard Cassello, Vincent Mascia, Jim Kirkland, Richard Nunn, Ray Smith, Joe DeMaio and Al Kovacs.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of the Water Division Operating Budget on pages 141 and 142, as approved by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Papale.

The Council took a few minutes for a final review of these pages and no questions were presented.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Councilmen Krupp and Diana who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi turned to page 143, Water Division Capital Budget.

Mr. Gessert inquired about the dam and Mr. Bruno stated there was a discussion at the PUC meeting this evening and it was tabled until further information can be gathered from the engineer and staff and hopefully, this will be ready for May 1. The Commission was not satisfied with the figures presented.

Mrs. Bergamini inquired about the \$1,000 for a typewriter and Mr. Cassello stated it is an IBM Selectric with a long carriage, replacing an Olivetti 45, about 4 years old.

Mr. Krupp asked what the wood chipper was needed for and Mr. Bruno stated there is an ongoing program in the watershed area to remove deciduous trees and replace them with pine. The branches and brush must be hauled to the dump, 8 to 10 miles away, and the chipper can keep the crew on site and the chips used as mulch. Mr. Krupp asked what the savings would be with a chipper and Mr. Bruno noted 5 to 8 trips are made to the dump and there is considerable down time.

Mr. Rys complimented the members of the Water Division on trading vehicles toward the purchase of a pick-up, cab and chassis. Mr. Parisi hopes that this practice might spread throughout the PUC.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Bruno for a list of vehicles, year purchased, year of vehicle, type of vehicle, mileage, condition and expected date of replacement. This information is necessary before every budget session begins from every department and division to allow the Council to be well informed about this. 289

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 143, Water Division Capital Budget, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Polanski asked if the Water Division had any data processing charges and Mr. Cassello stated it was in line 903 on page 142, and does not show as a separate line item since they are billed by the data processing department.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of the Sewer Division Operating Budget, pages 144 and 145, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of the Sewer Division Capital Budget, page 145, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Krupp stated he was under the impression from the ordinances he has seen that sewers are paid through special appropriations--there is a line for Improving Sewer Lines, \$200,000. Mr. Bruno stated this is a maintenance type item. Mr. Krupp added to the observation made by Mr. Rys earlier and noted that the auto and truck w/trade is very admirable.

Mr. Gessert asked which vehicles are taken home on a daily basis. Mr. Bruno stated he takes one home, Mr. Mascia, Mr. Kirkland, the Water Superintendent, the call man, the pump station maintenance man, all Water Division employees except Mr. Kirkland.

Mr. Parisi suggested that the man on call for weekend emergencies needs a 4-wheel drive and Mr. Bruno noted they have a 4-wheel drive and will take this under advisement.

Mr. Gessert raised a question of a vehicle used for flushing and Mr. Bruno stated there is one in the Sewer Division with 1,500 gallons of water. This was mentioned to the Fire Department during their budget workshop session should the need ever arise and Mr. Gessert noted it might just need a connector. Mr. Bruno said it is available and he would be more than willing to work with the Fire Chief.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of pages 179 through 198 Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations, Water Division and Sewer Division. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Bruno noted there are no new positions since the requests were taken out by the Mayor. There is an opening for a Maintainer I in the process of being filled in the Water Division and in the Sewer Division, Plant Superintendent is vacant at this time.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

In the interest of expediency, Mr. Gessert suggested to the Chairman a review of several budgets slated for presentation on April 18 and if there are no questions, the Council could act upon them this evening.

Mr. Parisi moved to Transit Authority, page 31.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of page 31, Transit Authority, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved approval of page 32, Board of Selectmen, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of page 35, Holidays & Celebrations, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of page 38, Board of Tax Review, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp pointed out that the Council may wish to consider money in contingency for judicial proceedings for the Board of Ethics considering the Charter Revision and the last public hearing in this regard. Mrs. Bergamini preferred to wait until this was necessary.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of page 47, Board of Ethics, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 49, Personnel Pension & Appeals Board, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Myers explained why the Pension Fund Commission is -0-. All the costs to operate the pension fund should be charged to that fund for a true accounting. In this way, you know what the town puts into the pension, what the pensioners collect, what the investment income is and what it costs to maintain that fund.

Mr. Rys moved approval of page 71, Jury Committee, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of page 73, Sealer of Weights & Measures, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of page 76, Vital Statistics, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Myers noted that unless anyone has any objection, Vital Statistics, will be a line item in the Town Clerk's budget next year.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of page 112, Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Papale who passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved approval of page 113, Development Commission but later withdrew this motion since the Council would prefer to have this commission present for discussion.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of page 114, Conservation Commission, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 125, Probate Court. There was some discussion regarding fees collected by the Probate Judge and the statute governing the town's obligation for the line items in the Probate Court's budget. This matter will be researched and there was no motion or vote on this page. (This budget was approved on April 18, 1984.)

Page 127, Cemeteries. Mr. Myers stated this money is transferred to the Cemetery Association quarterly. Last year, their budget was presented in line items and the \$980 was for a leaf blower and trimmer, capital outlay.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of page 127, Cemeteries, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

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Mayor Dickinson mentioned the Toyota truck Chief Bevan is willing to trade with the Dog Warden if the \$9,000 request for her van is approved. There was some further discussion about the vehicles within the Police Department and the condition of the vehicles. Mayor Dickinson noted that the 1983 patrol cars have 25,000 to 30,000 miles put on in a year and these cars are running all the time. They should be replaced after the second year because in the third year, you have a car with 100,000 miles and this car is running all the time. The Mayor granted 4 cars but felt 5 were justified and the money not available. Mr. Rys suggested that the car in Accident Investigation be replaced with mileage of 99,000 and a new car in this division with only two persons driving it would last several years.

Mr. Polanski asked who made the determination regarding phasing out of pool cars when they are no longer serviceable and Mr. Gessert stated they are auctioned off.

Mr. Killen stated that page 117 Car Pool Expense would make more sense if the number of cars this expense represented were detailed. Mayor Dickinson will research this matter and inform the Council.

Mr. Krupp asked if everyone using a town car to take home has permission in writing from a Department Head in accordance with Ordinance 294 which specifically requires that. Mr. Polanski mentioned that insurance on these vehicles may not apply to unauthorized use.

Mrs. Papale mentioned the Clerk Typist II position which Chief Bevan referred to and Mayor Dickinson felt that the Personnel Department should review this, look at the job specs and if they are incorrect, new ones should be drafted to reflect the actual activities involved and if the pay grade should be changed, it should be done by this procedure.

Mr. Rys moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 11:25 p.m.

The fourth budget workshop was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The fifth budget workshop was called to order by Vice Chairman David Gessert at 7:05 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Chairman Parisi was out of town. Also present were Mayor Dickinson and Comptroller, Thomas A. Myers.

Budgets presented were Dog Warden, Probate Court, Civil Defense and Elections.

Page 60 Dog Pound 202

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 60 Dog Pound 202, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Diana asked what 901 Professional Services entailed and Mrs. Gianotti stated this was for hiring a replacement when she or Jane were on vacation. Mr. Myers commented that hiring under professional services eliminates the need to hire as a part-time employee and pay social security, etc.

Mr. Rys inquired about the heating situation and Mrs. Gianotti stated that the furnace pipes were disconnected to allow the fans to draw through the chimney and electric heaters were being used. This temporary measure will be corrected once the trench in back is completed, after approval from DEP.

Mr. Killen moved to line 440 Dog Food \$3,000 and Mrs. Gianotti stated that there are donations from the public and she would only use whatever funds were absolutely necessary.

Mr. Krupp complimented Shirley and Jane on the marvelous job they do.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Dog Warden - 202 - on page 159. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Dog Pound - 202 - on page 133, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mrs. Gianotti pointed out that the Toyota they have is not practical because they need a van with more than one access. Also, driving to the burial ground with a heavy load causes the truck to sink because the road is muddy, etc. Mr. Gessert suggested having Public Works handle the trip to the burial site on a monthly basis with their heavy equipment. Shirley pointed out that the vet usually comes after 4:00 p.m. and this would limit the availability of Public Works.

Mr. Killen suggested that the cost of making the road to the burial site passable be looked into, as well as Mr. Gessert's suggestion. There is a possibility that Public Works could spread crushed stone in the area causing the problems and the need for a 4-wheel drive vehicle would not be necessary. Mr. Myers commented that Mr. Dunleavy obtained a \$9,000 price for a regular van but its conversion to a 4-wheel drive would add an additional \$9,000 to its price.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if there were a special type of van made which would be able to be washed as often as necessary without rusting out and Shirley noted that there is a coating which could be applied to inhibit rust and she will check on prices.

Mr. Rys suggested a fiberglass liner on the floor of the van and this will be pursued before the end of budget workshops.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert turned to page 125, Probate Court 806.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 125 Probate Court 806, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (Motion later withdrawn.)

Mr. Gessert asked if anyone had checked the Statutes because of a question raised about which portion of expenses are borne by the office and which are borne by the Town.

Judge of Probate Mary Scott noted this is covered under CGS 45-12 and 14 and by many years of precedence. Mr. Killen asked if the telephone per se would be included just as other supplies and Mrs. Scott noted that all the years she worked for Judge Sabota it was paid for by the Town. Mr. Killen read an italicized part, "When the Probate Court administrator by regulation requires that the Courts of Probate shall use certain records, books, forms, supplies or equipment, they shall be furnished by the Probate Court administrator and the expense thereof paid from the fund established under Section 45-4(h)." Mr. Killen wondered if the Courts were required to take of these expenses under their own State funds. Mrs. Scott noted that the State fund does not take care of any of their supplies or their telephone, other than the regular probate forms that they send.

Mr. Polanski asked what happens to the funds collected from wills and estates probated? Mrs. Scott said, at this point, outside of paying her clerk, 68¢ out of every dollar is paid to the State of Connecticut. The State provides forms and there is an administrative office in Hartford if she needs to check with them and she receives a set of Connecticut General Statutes every year. Mrs. Scott said this money goes into the State Treasury, the same as any other tax.

Mr. Krupp quoted from Section 45-12, a paragraph of subsection A:

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"The expense of record, books and of supplies which the Judge deems necessary shall be paid upon his order by the town or towns composing the district in proportion to the grand list last perfected."

Mr. Krupp moved to strike line 200 Telephone from page 125. (Mr. Diana withdrew his motion on the preceding page.) This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys. (Reinstated on page 62.)

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye and Council members Diana, Killen and Papale voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 125 Probate Court 806, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to page 74 Civil Defense 209 and Mr. Rys noted for the record that he will pass on all votes taken with regard to Civil Defense. Mr. Ernest Frattini was present.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 74 Civil Defense 209, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Killen noted that history does not show \$1,000 used for gas/oil and Mr. Frattini noted it was requested in the event of winter storms or a problem arising. Mr. Diana asked about 428 Dry Cleaning and Mr. Frattini stated that represents 23 people now.

Mrs. Bergamini inquired about the telephone and Mr. Frattini stated one is at his home for emergencies and the other at the old Borough Electric building, right next to Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Bergamini asked what instances Auxiliary Police are used in.

Mr. Frattini--April 12 wrestling match, May 5 & 6 St. Peter & Paul Bazaar, July 4, and Choate race coming up, Memorial Day Parade, Loyalty Day Parade on May 6, Halloween.

There is training required and new ammunition must be used for training, by law. There was some discussion about the disadvantages of using reloads.

Mr. Gessert asked about the status of the uniforms and Mr. Frattini stated they were all set and up to date. Wallingford Auxiliary Police have also been recognized as the best trained by Inspector Kelly from the West Haven P. D. East Haven and West Haven Auxiliary came to Wallingford and asked for their assistance after the new 480 hour law was passed.

Mr. Killen asked if a C. D. Advisory Board was in existence now and was advised it is not--he would be happy to go over a list of names of people who might be helpful.

Mr. Gessert noted that the expenditure on page 74 is very modest for the return of the service of the 23 men to the town.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved Civil Defense - 209 - on page 135, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Krupp asked why the ten hand guns were specified as Smith & Wesson Model 15--has this gone out to bid already? Mr. Frattini stated it had not gone out to bid; they feel it is a better gun and is within the price range. Colts will be traded in as well as some 22's. Backups are 6" target Colts. Mr. Rys noted that misfiring is one of the reasons new guns are necessary. Mr. Krupp asked if all ten hand guns were in equally poor condition and Mr. Frattini stated they were reconditioned in 1981 and they are now 45 years old. They also have shotguns and the 4" Colts are not dependable enough to be used as backup weapons.

294 Mrs. Papale asked if the 13 windows would be replaced with the \$4,000 figure and Mr. Frattini noted that the higher figure was a mistake by the bidder because it was approximately \$300 per window.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 164 - Civil Defense - 209. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed and Mr. Killen who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved to page 106 Elections 601. Mr. Krupp asked about the data processing expense of \$3,000. Mrs. Goodrich explained that lists were prepared by hand and printed but will now be prepared through the data processing equipment through the town, and they are billed for this operation. It was noted that parallel systems were necessary the first time this information is processed on the computer, to be absolutely sure of the system, especially in view of the upcoming election. Mr. Krupp asked how much line 418 would be reduced after this year and Mrs. Goodrich said the computer produced list could be reproduced by Xeroxing or a similar method and hopefully, line 418 would be significantly reduced. In the long run, there will be great savings over the cost of printing the list.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of page 106 - Elections - 601. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

NOTE: LINE 660 WAS RESTORED TO \$900--SEE PAGE 62.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of Elections - 601 - page 172. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert turned to page 136 - Elections - 601 and Mr. Rys stated that he had just completed purchasing a significant amount of CRT Tables in Hartford for approximately \$120 each and he would be happy to supply the name of this firm for future reference.

Mrs. Goodrich noted that the Registrar's Office is in need of a typewriter because both of theirs cannot be repaired any further. Repairs were made just prior to budget time so this need was not anticipated at that time. Mr. Diana suggested there may be equipment available at Parker Farms School. Mr. Gessert suggested checking around for spares and he will also check to see if a spare can be found which may be in better condition than theirs.

Mr. Krupp moved to reconsider page 125 and reinstate line 200 Telephone \$720. The precedent has existed and the Town has funded this item and on that basis and the fact that some good faith effort is being made to control this cost, I move to reinstate that item. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (Probate Court 806.)

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept page 125 - Probate Court - 806, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Moriarty and Mrs. Goodrich returned and explained that the \$900 request for election day lunches was based on an even \$5 per lunch and the cut was made on a percentage basis. Would the Council consider the original request of \$900?

Mr. Rys moved to increase line 660 Election Day Lunches on page 106 to \$900, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 106 - Elections - 601, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the fifth budget workshop adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The sixth budget workshop was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Councilman Gessert arrived after the meeting was in session. Mayor Dickinson also arrived after the meeting began. Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller was also present.

Town Attorney, page 36

Attorney McManus explained that another line is needed on the telephone in the Town Attorney's Office. A year's expense is \$1,080 for the regular phone bill with long-distance charges of about \$90 a month, additional line \$500, installation \$200, a total of \$1,780. There is a great deal of down time with just one line.

Attorney McManus pointed out that the legal department has little money for investigators and the office does not have a copy of the federal rules of civil procedure and the library is very limited. He suggested hiring two full-time attorneys, staffing the office and giving them a library.

Mrs. Papale moved to increase line 200 on page 36 to \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen asked why the Mayor was not swayed to increase the Town Attorney's budget and Attorney McManus pointed out that a business with a budget of \$35,000,000 to \$36,000,000 has a good legal department who handle contracts, etc. Wallingford could save the taxpayers money with a good strong legal department.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp asked why printing expenses were so high in fiscal year 1983 and Attorney McManus noted the Code book printing came from this budget.

Legal expenses and outside research involves a computer outfit which provides information with a few key words and gives leads to begin research. It's a fast way to get into a subject and is at least 66% reliable and on one occasion was very helpful. Mrs. Bergamini noted that the PUC attorney is not strictly limited to PUC work and can help out with other matters.

Mr. Parisi asked about billing the PUC for their attorney and Mr. Myers noted they are billed on page 18, \$24,595 and this figure goes up every year.

Mr. Krupp asked if 601 Outside Research was something really needed and Attorney McManus stated he preferred to do his own research but as a practical matter, he would prefer to contract out for research rather than have none. Mr. Diana asked if it would be more cost effective to spend \$1,000 for outside research with the magnitude of litigation pending versus possibly compromising the outcome of the verdict later on.

Attorney McManus stated that for a long time, the Town has been penny wise and pound foolish with the legal department. There is significant litigation pending and it doesn't pay not to prepare for it.

Mr. Diana moved to reinstate \$1,000, line 601 Outside Research, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Killen stated the reasons why various line items are reduced. Mr. Diana stated that department heads are encouraged to save money wherever possible and surplus at the end of the year is cut--this causes people to use money unnecessarily to limit the possibility of a cut the following year. Mr. Parisi stated that the object of the budget, once it is passed, is to have everyone live with it.

Vote: Council Members Bergamini, Diana and Polanski voted aye; Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi and Rys voted no and Mr. Gessert was not present and the motion did not pass.

Line 650 is for dues, Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys and Attorney McManus did not object to having this line item removed.

Mrs. Papale moved to delete line 650 Dues - CAMA, \$150, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Line 901 Professional-Services Statutory - Mr. Myers explained that this line represents certain labor negotiations, tax appeals, etc. such as the Stop & Shop case.

Mrs. Bergamini moved page 36, Town Attorney, as amended. seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Page 149, Town Attorney - 132 - Attorney McManus explained to the Council that this job requires many more hours per week than were indicated, the reason for the increase requested.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to increase the Town Attorney (132) to \$23,760 and the First Assistant Town Attorney to \$20,160. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Killen asked why salaries were being reviewed in this particular area now since no others have been reviewed and Mrs. Bergamini noted that information requested is delivered faster now and feels this should be rewarded. Mr. Krupp supports the increase and feels we are fortunate to have Mr. McManus as the Town Attorney.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Krupp, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Killen and Papale voted no and the motion passed.

There was some discussion regarding the legal secretary salary and the 1984-85 request which applies to the former secretary.

Mr. Krupp moved to increase the Second Assistant Town Attorney to \$12,155, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Parisi felt that percentage increases should be uniform for all three attorneys and Mrs. Bergamini stated it has always been a lower percentage for the first and second assistants.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Killen, Papale and Parisi voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Rys moved to increase the Second Assistant Town Attorney to \$13,260, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Council members Krupp, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Diana, Killen and Papale voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Capital Request, Town Attorney-132, page 132, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Page 122, 804-828 and 804-828-1 - Attorney McManus arrived at this figure after a review of pending litigation but noted it may not be sufficient.

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Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of 804-828 and 804-828-1, page 122, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Mr. Myers stated that should pending cases not be judged during fiscal 1984-85, the Town will reserve those funds.

Page 45 Library - Present were Leslie Scherer, Karen Roesler and Peter Parisi.

Mrs. Scherer stated the library has income of \$37,500 which includes endowment money, fines collected and money made on the copier.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 45 Library, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Scherer noted that a position requested was not granted and Mr. Parisi said the Council was aware of that. Mrs. Scherer noted that the library business is 30% to 40% ahead of what it was with no additional staff added during the past five years. Mr. Krupp noted that the Mayor recommended a 7.6% increase for the library, slightly better than the Town's average of 7.4%, and this year is not the year for this consideration.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Page 75 Health - Dr. Delbert Smith and George Yasensky were present.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 75, Health, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Health Department - 301 on pages 164 and 165, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Building Inspection, page 72 - Mr. Carmen Spiteri was present.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 72, Building Inspection, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Page 164 Building Inspection - 205 - Mr. Spiteri stated he needed an electrical inspector very badly. Mrs. Papale noted the funds for an electrical inspector are in contingency and asked the Mayor for an explanation. Mayor Dickinson stated a review will be made to determine what still is not covered in the way of subdivisions, etc. and specs must be written for this position. Someone must be checking on subdivisions which is just not handled now. Mayor Dickinson asked if there were any projects unable to be handled and Mr. Spiteri stated that up to now, no, but major projects are coming.

Mrs. Bergamini noted that projects such as Bristol-Myers are inspected by a clerk of the works on a full-time basis. Mayor Dickinson noted that this would be paid for out of the fees received on this project. Mrs. Bergamini agreed outside inspectors are needed on projects of this magnitude and funds for these inspectors come from the building permit fees collected.

Mr. Spiteri stated he has 40 residential units being built this month and again emphasized his need for an electrical inspector. Mayor Dickinson asked why there was a pressing need since it was indicated earlier that Mr. Spiteri could handle the current projects. Mr. Spiteri stated he has been handling it, but he has building, electrical, plumbing, housing code, etc. Mayor Dickinson recognized that but noted that in the long run, all the loopholes which exist in inspections must be covered. Subdivisions don't receive much and the Mayor does not want that to continue. Boundary markers must be checked, site plans must be checked to be sure that conditions placed on a plan by P & Z are carried out and these conditions must be inspected to be sure they are complied with. Mrs. Bergamini and Mrs. Papale stated this is Carmen's job as Zoning Enforcement Officer and Mrs. Bergamini is not suggesting Carmen can do this but the Zoning Enforcement Officer attends all P & Z and ZBA meetings and when they stipulate something, it is his job to make sure all stipulations are followed to the letter and this has not been done in Wallingford.

Mr. Spiteri stated he can't handle what he has now and this is something new to him. Mr. Myers noted this is a Charter requirement and Mayor Dickinson stated the Charter is clear on that. . . "Building Inspector. . . Mayor shall appoint and may remove, subject to such rules and regulations. . . a building inspector who shall be the enforcement officer of the planning and zoning commission and the enforcement officer of the building code and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by council, or as required by the Mayor."

Mr. Killen stated the Charter is very clear and Mr. Spiteri states he cannot handle all these functions as they are spelled out. Mayor Dickinson noted that is the reason specs for the electrical inspector are being reviewed and this job must be done, regardless of who does it. Mr. Parisi noted that maybe the electrical inspector can take over some of Mr. Spiteri's duties which will allow Mr. Spiteri to perform zoning enforcement functions. A Housing Code Enforcement Officer is also needed, Mr. Spiteri stated. Mrs. Bergamini emphatically stated that zoning enforcement is a function desperately needed and this area must be pursued. Mayor Dickinson stated that before any moves are made, he will meet with Carmen to work out details of specific job functions but responsibility in all areas of inspection must be resolved because the current problems cannot continue. They will be cleared up with someone doing that job.

Mr. Diana moved to table acceptance of Building Inspection-205 on page 164, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana and Killen voted aye; Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Parisi suggested that the Mayor and Mr. Spiteri meet on this matter soon and the Mayor stated he would like to have an electrical inspector on board before July 1, 1984. Mr. Killen asked Carmen if he would still receive the \$1,500 as Housing Code Administrator if a Housing Code Enforcement Officer were hired and Mr. Spiteri noted this has existed since day one, 1972. Mr. Spiteri has appeared in court as administrator because the previous inspector did not have the necessary qualifications for the position.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of Building Inspection - 205, on page 164. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Council members Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Bergamini and Diana voted no and the motion was passed.

Page 77, Visiting Nurses Association - Present were Tom Richardson, President of the VNA, Muriel Lemay, Executive Director and Office Manager Judy Pulaski. Mr. Richardson stated their Finance Committee met on 2/8/84 and their proposal is before the Council and there is no increase requested over the previous budget. Mr. Parisi commended the VNA for this budget presentation.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 77 Visiting Nurses Association, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Diana, Gessert and Rys who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Parisi commented there are many social agencies who assist persons such as the Welfare Department in Wallingford and hopes there is a good line of communication between all these areas. Mr. Francesconi noted the changes in line 700 which includes fees to doctors, dentists, etc. and line 704 and the detail of this item was documented for the Council. A new law is in effect, allowing hospitals to notify town welfare of a bill to be paid; former notification was necessary within 7 days. Bills denied in the past were not challenged by hospitals and this is not the case now. Judges have said the hospital has to perform a service and the municipality has a vehicle to obtain 90% reimbursement and they must pay the bill. The liability is in the statute, but as a cost containment, they were denied for various reasons for many years. Mr. Myers noted the reimbursement is reflected in the revenue budget. Mr. Francesconi read an opinion he received from Adam Mantzaris regarding this matter.

Mr. Francesconi recapped pending bills and stated there is no way to refuse this liability. Mr. Krupp asked if it were possible to contract with HMO if these costs must be paid by the Town because the paying authority should be able to determine what technique will best serve cost containment. This is not possible to do according to Mr. Francesconi.

Mr. Parisi stated that a cost containment program is fine but you cannot break the law by not complying with statutes pertaining to hospitalization of the poor residents in town. Mr. Killen asked what the figures were predicated upon and Mr. Francesconi stated 90% reimbursement by the state.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 78, Welfare, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Gessert and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of Welfare - 306 on page 165, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Gessert and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Senior Citizens - present were May Warzocha, Chairman of Committee on Aging and Diane Dwyer, Director.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of lines 675, 676 and 677 on page 79, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Gessert and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

May Warzocha complimented the Town Council on the fine job they were doing.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 80, Veterans Center, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Bergamini, Gessert and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of the Mayor approved budget for the Veterans Center - 309, page 165, seconded by Mr. Diana. (See new motion on page 70 amending Veterans Center, page 165.) Mr. Burns referred to a letter dated 4/18/84 which he sent to the Mayor and Town Council explaining the functions of the Veterans Center and the money which comes into Meriden and Wallingford from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund which amounted to \$136,000 in the last fiscal year, a small part of the efforts of the Center. Statistics were presented of services rendered and a request was made for new part-time help since the loss of CETA help. Mr. Burns noted that the Mayor put funding for part-help in contingency but there is no guarantee that will be implemented. Mr. Burns feels he should be ranked on the same scale with the Welfare Director.

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Mr. Burns feels than an appropriation of \$3,952 for a part-time clerk is justified by the fact that he brings in \$12,868,000 to the veterans of Wallingford and Meriden. Figures and ratios were provided justifying that figure. Mr. Burns stated that Meriden shares 50% of the cost of this entire budget presented. Mayor Dickinson stated that this request is in contingency as well as other requests for new positions and upgrading and this will be resolved at a later date.

Mrs. Papale moved to increase the salary of the Veterans Director by \$1,100, for a total of \$23,087, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

In response to a question by Mr. Krupp, Mr. Burns said about 60 veterans are serviced per week and 80% are repeats. Viet Nam veterans comprise 25%, World War II veterans and the older veteran with chronic illnesses.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who arrived late and passed and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved Veterans Center - 309 on page 165, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 48, Personnel and Labor Relations, with the exception of line 903, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Killen asked how long line 903 was going to go on and Mr. Seadale stated the \$8,000 is based on the Actuary performing a study every two years. Mr. Myers stated the actuarial study is a valuable document necessary for bonding and he would prefer to see this done every single year, but agreed with Mr. Seadale on every other year provided that is the year Wallingford goes to market for bonds because one of the first things the bond market wants to know is the condition of the pension fund and the actuarial soundness of that plan. Certification of the financial statements by the auditors is also required. Wallingford is not in a negotiable position when we go to New York to sell bonds.

Mr. Seadale noted that the actuary also helps with interpretation of the pension contract which is very complex and wrote the short form pension booklet for all Wallingford employees this year.

Mr. Krupp asked why this item did not go out to bid and Mr. Seadale stated the bid is waived and he has no problem with putting this out to bid. Martin-Segal worked on an hourly basis previously but because of particularly heavy costs one year, it was decided to fund \$8,000 per year with no time and hour studies. Union cost proposals are sent to Martin-Segal and a cost to the town determination is made by them. Mr. Seadale would be happy to put a package together for the Council, details of all services performed by Martin-Segal.

Mr. Parisi suggested that this item be put out to bid and Mr. Myers noted it probably should be done by a Council committee similar to the one for the audit proposal and Mr. Seadale should be present. A request for proposal is slightly different from a bid because selected companies are invited. Mr. Polanski asked if a proposal would save a substantial sum as opposed to the current fee charged by Martin-Segal and Mr. Seadale stated if the charge is \$100 per hour, you will get 80 hours worth of work and an actuarial study is done at a cost of \$9,000. Mr. Killen stated it would be helpful to know how many hours the actuarial study entails. Mr. Diana asked if Martin-Segal, because of the length of time they have dealt with Wallingford, has such a good working knowledge of the town it would be better to remain with them. Mr. Myers agreed this is a valid point and this circumstance does exist.

Mr. Seadale will return to the Council with representation of the services performed by Martin-Segal.

Vote: (Acceptance of page 48, excluding line 903): All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 152, Personnel - 159, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

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Mr. Gessert mentioned to Mr. Seadale that the Delinquent Tax Collector position should be reevaluated due to outstanding performance and Mr. Myers stated that he wants to address this issue but the request must follow through the chain of command. Mayor Dickinson stated to the Council that the proper procedure should be used in this matter and if proper procedure is not used, the wrong message is sent. An overall review will be made by Personnel and an analysis made on the part of administration.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion passed.

Mrs. Bergamini noted that she requested the job specs for the secretary to the Town Attorney be written to include emergency coverage as Council secretary when it was learned that Mrs. Reiske was retiring and was unhappy this was not done. She and Mr. Killen felt that the starting salary for this position was very close to the salary earned by the person she was replacing who had held the position for 24 or so years.

Mr. Gessert moved to reduce line 808 on page 121 to \$1,600,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Krupp asked why there was a \$35,000 increase in line 800. Mr. Seadale stated the State of Connecticut has charged the Town of Wallingford with failure to pay social security taxes on certain jobs, Council members, Town Attorneys, etc. It is being contested but have the money there just in case.

Mr. Gessert explained that his reduction of \$27,500 in line 808 is because this funding is based on every position being filled for 12 months and the fact that some employees take their portion back when they terminate.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 121 Pension Funds, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of line 829 on page 122, Insurance. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp asked for an explanation of line 836 on page 123 and Mr. Seadale stated the Town is obliged by contract to pay sick leave to people who retire and who have 90 days and this policy was instituted long before he came. The entire Council remains adamantly opposed to paying 90 days sick leave for any reason other than illness and feels this item should be removed from the contract.

Mr. Krupp asked if alternatives are being examined for line 831, Blue Cross, and Mr. Seadale stated proposals suggested are not accepted for comparative insurance. Blue Cross has some built in advantages such as experience rated and 5% off the hospital bill. Mr. Krupp compared expenditures year-to-date and the annualized figure amounting to \$378,361 and Mr. Seadale noted there is another factor, a coverage going in on one unit on the 11/83 contract which involves a dental plan for family coverage. Mr. Seadale will provide the Council with a booklet detailing coverage for all employees.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 831 Blue Cross to \$450,000, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Bergamini, Papale and Polanski who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved to cut line 836, page 123, completely, seconded by Mr. Killen. (RESCINDED.)

Mr. Seadale noted that the contract states any person who retires will be paid for his accumulated sick leave, up to 90 days and this is a contract right. Sick leave does not go into pensions for anyone hired after 1975 and we are working on items such as this. They still get the 90 day sick leave but it is not included for pension calculations.

Mr. Diana rescinded his motion to cut line 836, page 123 after discussion about the fact that this is a contract item.

302 Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 123, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Krupp and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 40, Tax Collector, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Tax Collector - 142, page 132, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Fields explained this was to replace a 20 year old battery operated system.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Tax Collector - 142 on page 150, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 41, Assessor, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mrs. Bergamini asked why line 520 increased by \$2,000 and Mr. Barta stated this is to have his office furniture refurbished by the correctional institute.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Assessor - 143 on page 151, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 132, Assessor - 143 - Mr. Barta stated he needs a new computer terminal since his is 7 years old. Mr. Krupp suggested Computer Hot Line for refurbished and guaranteed computers and Mr. Barta stated this terminal has decreased \$1,500 in price over the last 7 years and is the best for his operation and he prefers a Burroughs because it fits the main frame.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of Assessor - 143 on page 132, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 43, Purchasing, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Dunleavy noted there will be a 15% increase in postal rates next year and the \$35,000 request is based on rate increases becoming effective 11/84 but the increase may not become effective until 1/85. It was noted that 60,000 pieces are tax bills, mailed at 17¢ each, a total of \$9,000 of this \$35,000 requested. Tax bills must be mailed through the U.S. Postal System to insure proof of delivery. Mr. Gessert asked if the possibility of sending tax bills with utility bills has been examined which could be accomplished by merging computer lists. Mr. Dunleavy stated utility bills are mailed by sections, in accordance with the meter reading which is done by sections and the entire town is not billed at the same time. At the request of the Council, Mr. Dunleavy will discuss this matter with the Electric Division.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 408 on page 44 to \$29,000, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Bergamini and Killen who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 44 Central Services, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and the motion was passed.

Page 132, Purchasing - 145. Mr. Krupp pointed out for future reference if the request comes up that the Purchasing Department is probably the only operation in town which does not have a computer and his observation is they need one and it could do tremendous wonders for the productivity in that department. 303

Mr. Dunleavy explained to the Council that his department was given a used typewriter and his request for a new one eliminated but because the typewriter he was given is just 10 pitch and all typing on their forms requires 12 pitch, it has restricted use. He agreed to live with the Mayor's budget.

Mr. Gessert moved to reinstate \$790 for an IBM Selectric Typewriter, Purchasing - 145, page 132, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 132, Purchasing - 145, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 151, Purchasing Agent - 145. Mr. Krupp asked for an explanation of the Purchasing Aide situation. Mr. Dunleavy explained that in his absence, the operation of his department falls on his Chief Clerk and the request to elevate this position to Purchasing Aide would allow delegation of all the responsibilities necessary for her to carry out this function. It has come to his attention that all requests of this nature will be examined and should correctly be sent to Mr. Seadale first. Council consideration is requested to go forward with this discussion.

Mayor Dickinson stated that all these requests are in contingency and will be sent to Mr. Seadale to work out the overall view. Mr. Krupp agreed this position is desperately needed but did not realize it was in contingency. Mr. Killen stated it should be debated when contingency is reviewed and not at this time. All requests must be reviewed together, not selected positions. Mayor Dickinson feels the Personnel Office should be utilized on personnel matters and recommendations will be brought to the Mayor's Office. Mr. Dunleavy agreed the Mayor has a very valid point.

Mr. Myers pointed out that last fall, Mr. Dunleavy, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Fields, Mr. Barta and he met on 3 or 4 occasions and discussed staff level positions within these departments. It was felt that budget time was the time to present details justifying any increases, etc. Mayor Dickinson asked that these requests be put into contingency, reviewed by the Personnel Director, sent back to him and hopefully be brought back to the Council. The Council must vote to bring this out of contingency. The procedure should be appropriate. Mayor Dickinson's obligation is to the operation of the town in general, not just the Finance Department. The Mayor appreciates the concerns of this department. Mr. Parisi agrees this is an administrative function but a recommendation can be made by the Council based upon their observations. Mayor Dickinson stated that he can be very objective based upon the fact that his exposure is very limited compared to the continued exposure of some Council members, but not on a total picture. He is in a position to look at the total picture with very little bias, in any direction. We are discussing personnel matters, not judgment matters such as purchasing a new truck, etc., and personalities are involved with a long enough exposure. Mr. Dunleavy agreed that no action is necessary tonight. Mrs. Papale stated that the Finance Department has been neglected, considering the work they do. Mr. Killen stated that the Mayor has no prejudices and would like the opportunity to pursue this matter along the proper channels and he must have room to move. Mr. Krupp views this strictly from a professional standpoint and fully endorses the concept of Mr. Dunleavy's proposal and thinks it is necessary.

Mr. Gessert endorses the concept to establish a Purchasing Aide as a backup to the Purchasing Agent, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Killen stated that concepts are made to adopt certain forms of government which never end up that way. One of the most important things the Mayor is attempting to do is to revise situations such as this and if we are going to make these decisions, why should he waste his time?

Mr. Parisi agrees it is basically an administrative function but he believes every department should have a competent person to step in if the person in charge becomes ill. Mr. Dunleavy's opinion and proposal and opinion are respected; we will defer to the Mayor's request, understanding the Council's position. It is not within the Council's bounds to be meddling in administrative matters.

Vote: Council members Diana, Gessert, Krupp and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Killen, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Purchasing Agent - 145 on page 151, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Dunleavy referred Mr. Killen to page 18 of the 1984 Budget Workshop Minutes, dated April 13, 1984 regarding a 4 to 6 month wait for protective gear for the Fire Department. The Purchasing Department received a request from the Fire Department on 11/7/84 which was opened for public bid on 11/23/84, the minimal waiting period, and a recommendation received on 12/10/84 with a stated 75 day delivery period and the gear received on the 80th day.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to reconsider Town Attorney - 132, page 149. Mr. Gessert was given an explanation of this reconsideration since he was not present when page 149 was voted upon.

Mr. Krupp moved an increase to \$13,260 for the Second Assistant Town Attorney, page 149, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and the motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the sixth budget workshop adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The seventh budget workshop was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:10 p.m.

Present were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor Dickinson and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

Public Works was the only budget scheduled for this workshop and Mr. Steven L. Deak and Mr. Michael Cassella were present.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 86, Public Works Administration, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 87, General Highway, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

In answer to Mr. Rys, Mr. Deak stated the clothing allowance was increased due to a union contract. Mrs. Bergamini noted that if the union contract obligates the town to supply uniforms, the men should be required to wear them while on the job. A laundry service of \$200 is allowed on uniforms and rain gear must be furnished.

Mr. Gessert asked what line 570 Training represented and Mr. Deak stated it was to train new men to run snow plows and other pieces of equipment and this training is done by a professional not within the Public Works Department. Mr. Gessert could understand training for operation of a crane but not to drive a truck.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed. 305

Page 88, Parks 503A. Mr. Krupp asked about the \$2,500 in line 511 and Mr. Deak stated the fence repair at Parker Farms School cost about \$900. Line 520 is for lawnmower and other park equipment .

Mr. Krupp moved to cut line 520 to \$1,500 based on previous actuals, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Council members Diana, Gessert, Krupp, Parisi and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Killen, Papale and Polanski voted no and the motion passed.

Mr. Diana pointed out that it was mentioned to him this week that strapping tape was used to repair the chain link fence at Parker Farms School, in front of the dugout, and Mr. Deak will check into this tomorrow.

Mr. Rys asked about line 510 and Mr. Deak noted the door at Doolittle Park was vandalized and other parks which need repairs due to vandalism. There was also damage to the Pat Wall field. Mr. Krupp noted there is \$3,000 in A/C 521, line 510 for maintenance of building at Parker Farms--why wouldn't the \$900 fence repair charged to line 511 on page 88 be charged to Parker Farms? Mr. Deak noted that 510 is for glass breakage and a roof repair necessary at Parker Farms. Mrs. Bergamini explained that ballfields come under the recreation budget and always have. Playground equipment is charged to Parks also.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 88, Parks 503A, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Diana reserved the right to refer to this page again.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 89, Snow, Ice Control & Sand Pickup, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Rys asked if line 521 was preventive maintenance and Mr. Deak noted part of it was and some is to replace the chain on some spreaders which are 15 years old and this is a very expensive repair. Salt causes damage to the metal which must be sanded and repainted.

Mr. Gessert mentioned that he was told a sweeper went up and down one street several times and Mr. Deak said a heavy sanding required several passes before all the sand is collected.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 90, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (No vote taken--new motion made.)

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Deak if any complaints were made to him about vehicles repaired for various other departments since complaints have been made to the Council. Mr. Deak has not received complaints and has asked department heads to indicate any problems to him. Mr. Cassella noted it is not fair to Central Garage for these complaints to be addressed to the Council and they should be directed to Mr. Deak. Mr. Parisi asked if the garage had the proper tools and Mr. Deak said they had an excellent garage. Mr. Deak noted the garage is capable of overhauling a gasoline engine but must send the block out. Complete work order records are on file for all work performed. Diesel engine failures are extremely rare.

Mr. Killen noted that many line items were left virtually intact on pages 90 and 91 and Mr. Deak stated he tried to present a very realistic budget and any money not used is turned back.

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Mr. Rys moved to cut line 452 Tires & Tubes, page 90 to \$6,500, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Papale and Polanski who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert noted that of the \$62,500 in line 500 for Maintenance of Vehicles, \$30,000 is picked up by the Board of Education as reimbursement for plowing at schools.

Mr. Killen referred to line 524 Maintenance of Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting and Mr. Deak stated the system in the garage needs replacement of batteries, an expensive item.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 90, Central Garage, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 91, Landfill - Mrs. Papale asked if the work has started on the trench at the landfill to correct the methane gas problem. Mr. Deak just received approval from the State of Connecticut this afternoon. Mayor Dickinson noted that the equipment bid was due to run out and he was reluctant to rent the equipment without approval of the plan from the state.

Mr. Krupp moved to line 418 and noted previous year actual was \$2,700; why the need for \$4,200? This year's expenditures and encumbrances come to \$3,346. Mr. Deak noted permits are issued April 15 and this year's figures are not properly reflected. A two year supply is purchased at once to reduce the cost.

Mr. Krupp moved to reduce line 418 to \$3,500, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved to line 453 and Mr. Deak stated this is the estimate for 4 tires for the payloader #25. Although #27 and #28 is noted in the budget book, it is an error because tires were purchased for those last year.

Mr. Rys moved to line 520 and asked if the \$1,200 request was for any anticipated problem. Mr. Deak stated there is a steam jenny, compressor, scale and computer and there is a problem with the printer in the scale house which is due to be repaired tomorrow. This \$1,200 is for maintenance of this small equipment.

Mr. Rys moved to decrease line 520 on page 91 by \$600, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Council Members Killen, Krupp and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp asked why lines 900 and 901 were not combined and Mr. Deak explained that the State of Connecticut has a different requirements, one for the landfill area and one for the hydroxide area. Mr. Deak presented the Council with a copy of the letter detailing the requirements and stated that line 900 should be increased to \$5,750 according to the letter received today. Mr. Krupp stated he was adamantly opposed to waiving the bidding on this monitoring to begin with and he continues to be opposed to it. Mr. Deak noted this item can be put out to bid for the coming year.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 453 to \$7,300, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert and Rys voted aye; Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp moved to increase line 900 on page 91 from \$2,000 to \$5,750. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana and Gessert who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 91, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (SEE MOTION BELOW.)

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana and Gessert who voted no and the motion was passed.

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The Council took a brief recess and returned to page 91.

Mr. Gessert moved to reduce line 333 Repair Payloader #25 & #26 to \$30,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 91, as amended, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no and the motion was passed.  
Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 92, Tree Planting, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 93 Street Lighting. Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 93, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Deak noted monthly bills are running approximately \$28,000. Mrs. Papale noted that transfers were made from street lighting to other accounts from line 646 last year and Mr. Gessert felt that certain lights are on 24 hours a day. Mayor Dickinson referred to a study done and it was determined to be more costly to send a crew around turning off selected lights than it would be to leave them on.

The Electric Division has been very busy repairing lines from the ice storm.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut line 646 Street Lighting to \$311,000, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 93, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved page 94, seconded by Mrs. Papale. Mr. Gessert commented on the condition of the lobby floor leading to the Town Clerk's Office and Mr. Parisi suggested placing a runner in that area for the winter months and commented that the tile floors in the municipal building are more difficult to maintain than carpeted floors. Mr. Krupp moved to line 524 and Mr. Deak stated he has a contract to have the fire alarm and emergency lighting system checked and necessary repairs made. Mr. Krupp compared year-to-date expenditures and encumbrances and noted that although only \$90 has been spent, the same amount is being requested for 1984-85. Mr. Krupp moved to cut line 524 to \$200, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Deak noted this work has been delayed because of the winter storms, etc. and he is just addressing this situation now.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Papale and Parisi who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 94, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 95 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 96, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys. Mr. Rys referred to the \$9,271 expended in 1983, line 201, and the 1984-85 request was \$7,800. Mr. Deak explained that the second floor is now being used for Adult Education with an increased cost for utilities. Mr. Gessert asked if the cost of utilities used for educational purposes is charged back to the Board of Ed--Mr. Deak replied it is not. Mr. Killen suggested a review of all buildings under the Town's ownership to determine who is utilizing these buildings and what agreements and responsibilities exist for this utilization.

Mayor Dickinson stated that in most instances, use of any building would be determined by the Council, with the exception of Robert Earley since the Council granted the Mayor's Office the authority there. Mr. Killen noted that a lease for the northern end of the railroad station came before the Council but nothing pertaining to the southern end and this is handled by the Recreation Department.

Mr. Gessert suggested a review of land and noted the proposed substation on Route 68 is now located within MEDWAY and perhaps this prime piece of property can be disposed of. Mr. Diana asked that Mr. Deak give the request for a listing of all Town owned buildings a high priority.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 97, as presented, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Krupp asked what Muni Building - Other referred to and Mr. Deak noted it was the annex where P & Z is located; next year this page will be identified as 370 Center Street.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen referred back to page 97 and Mr. Krupp recapped the explanation given by Mr. Myers. The actual year-to-date in the book includes the encumbrances. If an expenditure is overestimated and an encumbrance is placed against it and the balance of a purchase order is subsequently cancelled, the balance of an encumbrance is also cancelled which reduces the year-to-date actual.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 98, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Krupp continued to object to picking up the entire portion of heating that building since a portion of it is used by the federal project.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved page 99, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Killen commented that rooms in the Simpson School building are kept much too warm in the winter.

Mr. Rys moved to cut line 524 to \$300, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Killen, Krupp and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Diana, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp moved to cut line 524 to \$500, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Killen, Papale and Parisi voted no and the motion passed.

Mr. Polanski suggested a review of all buildings owned by Wallingford and a determination made of which will be sold and a study made on buildings to be retained to make them more energy efficient. Mr. Deak noted that such a study has been suggested for many years but no progress has been made in this area.

Mr. Killen suggested that buildings and future use come under the Town Planner and the time has come for this sort of planning. Mr. Diana noted that moving the Town Hall to Robert Earley will allow for disposition of many buildings. Mayor Dickinson stated that the lynch pin is resolution of the current Town Hall building.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 99, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 100 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys. Mr. Parisi noted he would pass and noted that Cleen-Rite has had the janitorial contract for the past 4 or 5 years with no increase in price. Mr. Deak noted that Mrs. Dwyer was very pleased with the performance rendered by Cleen-Rite. 309

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 101, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen mentioned that the Council should consider renegotiation of the lease regarding the Taber House. Mr. Parisi pointed out that proposals regarding the Taber House are due to be presented at the May 22, 1984 Town Council Meeting and if none of the proposals are acceptable, there are only two options-- it stays up or it goes down. Mr. Killen wondered if money was put in the library budget to maintain the Taber House during the coming year.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 102 as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Krupp who were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 103 as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted aye; Diana and Krupp were not present for the vote; Rys passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved to cut line 524 on page 104 to \$500, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Krupp and Parisi were not present for the vote and Mrs. Papale voted no. The motion passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 104, as amended, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Krupp and Parisi were not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved page 105 for discussion, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 201 Utilities to \$18,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Deak noted he cannot maintain the building for \$18,000 since \$19,000 has already been expended this year and he has run out of money. Mr. Killen said he was very well aware of that.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen and Rys voted aye; Diana, Papale and Polanski voted no; Krupp and Parisi were not present for the vote and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of page 105, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Papale and Polanski voted aye; Gessert, Killen and Rys voted no; Krupp and Parisi were not present for the vote and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Parisi and Mr. Krupp returned and another motion was presented. Mr. Krupp stated he did not want the Parker Farms School to continue to deteriorate.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 105, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Gessert, Killen and Rys who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works-General-503, Capital Equipment on page 135, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the \$150,000 for repairs to Parker Farms Estates is for storm drains, curbs, sidewalks and a number of streets in this area must be accepted by the Town before work commences. The work involves catch basin repairs, culverts, paving, riprap, etc.

Mr. Gessert asked why the repairs to Parker Farms Estates subdivision was not listed under capital repairs in front of the budget book and Mr. Deak stated it was not new construction. Most of the cost is for paving which will be done by a contractor. Mayor Dickinson mentioned that there are many streets in town which have not yet been accepted and they are more than ten years old. Mr. Polanski asked if it were possible to get some money back from the contractor on unaccepted streets and Mayor Dickinson stated that all the bonds have been lifted because of the age of the streets and it would be difficult to prove a contractor's mistake as opposed to wear and tear due to weather, etc. Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that this situation exists because it was allowed by P & Z in the past and Liney Hall Lane is a prime example with an inadequate bridge which presents great difficulty for fire equipment. Mr. Deak stated that the discussion presented at the 4/24/84 Council meeting regarding High Hill Road is another prime example. The egress at the bottom of High Hill Road is much too narrow.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works-General-503, General Improvements, page 135. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

(Note: New motion reinstating \$30,000 for repairs to trenches on depressed sanitary sewers on Jeffrey Drive.)

Mr. Cassella explained that since this budget was presented to the Mayor, further deterioration has occurred on Jeffrey Drive, making the street nearly impassable.

Mayor Dickinson mentioned that no bonds for the repair of items such as these is more than one year old. Sewer Division suggested a two year bond which would be more costly. Mr. Parisi asked if these projects were inspected by the Town and the Mayor indicated if it is bid out such as this was, Bienstock & Lucchesi does the inspection. Mr. Killen stated it is someone's responsibility to be sure the ordinance pertaining to projects of this nature is carried out and specifications met. Mr. Cassella agreed that the only solution is a two year bond.

Mrs. Papale moved to reinstate \$30,000 on page 135 for repair of depressed sanitary sewer trenches on Jeffrey Drive, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who was not present for the vote and the motion was passed.

Page 136 Public Works-General-503, General Improvements.

Mr. Rys asked where \$10,000 worth of school safety sidewalks would be placed, and Mr. Deak indicated North Elm and Dutton. This is a Board of Education request to enable children to walk to Moses Y. Beach School. Mrs. Papale said the \$10,000 appropriated last year has not yet been completed.

Mr. Gessert moved to cut school safety sidewalks to \$5,000, page 136, seconded by Mr. Rys.

There was discussion about the projected cost on Dutton Street and Mr. Polanski asked if the entire project could be eliminated. Mrs. Bergamini indicated that years ago, the Board of Education and Town agreed to a school safety sidewalk program. Years ago, sidewalk installations were not required by P & Z from developers. Today, sidewalks are required for every subdivision within one mile of a school. Now we are embarking upon this project because the state law requires children living within a mile from a school to be bused if there is no sidewalk. To avoid the busing, sidewalks are being installed. Mr. Deak stated sidewalks will be installed on Wall Street Extension in May, using last year's appropriation. Mr. Deak indicated that Mr. Costello's estimate for Dutton and North Elm, doing the work in house, is approximately \$10,000; curbing is required since the street is narrow.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana, Killen and Polanski who voted no and the motion passed.

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Mrs. Papale moved Public Works-General-503, General Improvements on page 136, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of Parks-503A, page 136, as approved by the Mayor. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Krupp asked why the electric start tractor was necessary and Mr. Deak said they are trading in a 24 year old tractor.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved to cut the request for snow plow trucks to \$80,000 for one. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mrs. Papale indicated that Public Works has not purchased a new truck since 1979 and understands Mr. Krupp's reasoning that one new truck be added each year but feels two are needed. Mr. Parisi felt that Central Garage is well equipped and can make necessary repairs on existing equipment. Mr. Gessert recapped a listing of vehicles and the value for which they are insured, and Mr. Deak explained that cash values on their equipment was too low years ago and damage to a truck destroyed by fire brought about a change in valuation, at replacement cost.

Mr. Killen requested listing primary use of trucks, mileage, condition and suggested date of replacement on the document supplied by Mr. Deak for the Council's information at budget time.

Mrs. Papale and Mrs. Bergamini feel that the request granted for two snow plow trucks is justified.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Krupp and Rys voted aye; all others voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of Public Works-Snow Removal-504 on page 136, as presented by the Mayor. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Killen, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted aye; Diana, Krupp and Rys voted no; Mr. Gessert left the meeting and the motion passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of Public Works-Central Garage-505, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Landfill-506 on page 136, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Deak pointed out that there are muddy areas on the landfill roadway and he requested \$5,500 for stone. Mr. Rys asked if this included the roadway for the Dog Pound burial site and was told it did not.

Mr. Polanski asked what the yearly cost was to operate the landfill and Mr. Deak indicated the budget book does not present a true picture since the fill dredged from the lake is brought to the landfill for cover and this is at no charge to the landfill. Income to the landfill goes to the General Fund and a charge for use is \$8 per ton.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Killen, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana and Krupp voted no; Gessert was not present. The motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp asked if the \$50,000 to close out metal hydroxide disposal at landfill is firm or just an estimate. Mr. Deak indicated that the state is changing their requirements and could very well come with another order which would entail a greater cost.

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Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Deak what could be done about the drainage problem at Woodhouse Avenue and Kondracki Lane and Mr. Deak noted the state must be contacted to correct the drainage problem. Riprap was put in this area but that is not a corrective measure. Mayor Dickinson indicated he discussed this request for a traffic light with Chief Bevan who said you must ask the state for a traffic study and once this is done, the state can be contacted regarding the drainage problem.

Mr. Parisi asked that an effort be made to repair the road to the Dog Pound burial site and Mr. Cassella indicated that he may have a gravel mixture once excavation is started at the landfill next week and an effort will be made to make this road passable for Shirley and Jane.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of 509, 511 and 514 on page 136, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to restore \$7,500 for Taber House - 516 on page 136, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (Withdrawn--see\*)

Mayor Dickinson explained that this item was removed because it was expected this matter would be resolved before adoption of the budget, not because of a value judgment on his part. Mr. Parisi emphasized that a decision will be made on that house on May 22, 1984 and Mr. Killen stated again that the lease must be renegotiated.

Mr. Myers noted this money is in contingency and should be moved out and put in this line item at one of the next Council meetings and he can carry it forward as a capital appropriation.\*

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works Administration-502, page 168, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works General-503, page 168, 169 and 170, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

In response to Mr. Krupp, Mr. Deak indicated there is one position open under 503 and testing is in progress for a replacement.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Public Works Overhead-503, page 170, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Public Works-Parks-503A, page 170, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Snow, Ice, Sand Pickup, 504, page 170, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Public Works Central Garage-505, pages 170 and 171, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Papale asked why the Foreman's salary is in contingency and Mr. Deak noted he is in the management union and the contract is being negotiated.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works Central Garage Overhead-505, page 171, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Public Works Landfill-506, page 171, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of Public Works Landfill Overhead-506, page 171, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Polanski asked if it would be feasible to hire an additional person for the Saturday work at the landfill and Mr. Deak stated the union would prohibit this.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of Municipal Buildings-509, page 172, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Deak explained that this request was made for a general Maintainer III to be available for various jobs in all buildings and to unlock the oil tanks for deliveries which arrive at 8:00 a.m. The tanks are locked because there was a problem with theft of oil in the past and the slip must be signed. Mr. Parisi felt that someone in the building is able to sign for deliveries and the Council could not justify this position.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Gessert and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of page 37, Audit Contract, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (Motion withdrawn--new motion.)

Mr. Myers pointed out that this audit is required by CGS 77-611 and noted past practice has been to retain the same audit firm for 4 to 5 years. This contract was awarded to Levitsky & Berney in 1983 and we are on our second year and the third year will be 1984-85.

Mr. Killen moved to reduce line 608 on page 37 to \$25,000, pending acceptance by the audit firm. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: Council members Diana and Killen voted aye; Bergamini, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted no and the motion did not pass.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 37, Audit Contract, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no and Mr. Gessert who was not present and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the seventh budget workshop adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The eighth budget workshop was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Parisi.

Present were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor Dickinson and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

Page 116, Town Transportation Allowance. Mr. Myers stated this allowance is for use of personal cars at 20¢ per mile. Payments of \$25 or less per quarter is a strict flat payment. 309 Veterans is by voucher, half recoverable from the City of Meriden.

Mr. Krupp moved to reduce line 142 to \$150, line 159 to \$50 and 309 to \$1,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Reduce line 142 to \$150: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Reduce line 159 to \$50: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Reduce line 309 to \$1,000: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Papale and Polanski who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mr. Killen referred to line 307 and Mr. Myers noted this allowance was for Walter Carmody (Holidays & Celebrations) and is never used.

Mr. Killen moved to strike line 307, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Polanski who voted no and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 116, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mrs. Bergamini asked who was covered by page 117; Mr. Myers stated it covers everybody in Town Government exclusive of the Board of Education, Electric and Water & Sewer Division who have a town car. It covers the Assessor, Assistant Assessor, car in the Tax Office, Health Department, Stan Shepardson's vehicle, Building Inspector, Youth Officer, Engineering.

Mr. Krupp and Mr. Killen would like a document justifying all the cars belonging to the Town of Wallingford. Mr. Myers was told the \$6,200 request for line 300 covers 11 cars and the procedure for gas vouchers explained. Mr. Krupp feels this is a great deal of gas for town business. Mr. Rys noted that gas was budgeted at \$1.10 per gallon this year and was budgeted at \$1.18 per gallon last year. Mr. Killen stated a study should be undertaken to determine which method is more cost effective, paying 20¢ per mile for personal cars or providing town cars.

Mr. Krupp moved to cut line 300 by \$500 and line 500 by \$500, page 117, seconded by Mr. Rys.

It was noted that the Council Chairman will appoint a committee to review town cars to determine more cost effective methods.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 117, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 81, Recreation. Mr. Polanski moved to line 580 and Mr. Shepardson noted a bill was submitted on 3/21/83 for \$1,170. Line 550 was explained for Mr. Rys; a portion of the soccer field on Woodhouse Avenue will be expanded. Line 901 details were given and this \$15 per hour custodial charge is for weekend and vacation use of schools. Line 580 is rental of the ice rink at \$80 per hour this year; \$75 last year.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 580 to \$1,500, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Krupp observed that non-profit organizations were excluded from the \$15 per hour charge for custodial service at school gyms and noted that the Town of Wallingford is a non-profit organization and the children of this community are using these facilities.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Parisi, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Krupp and Papale voted no and the motion passed.

Mrs. Bergamini noted for the record that the total on page 81 is \$201,735--please note that only \$2,000 of that goes to the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra. I wonder if some day someone will compare the number of children involved in sports and the number not involved and determine if they will ever get equal time.

Discussion ensued regarding softball leagues and players from out of town.

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Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 81, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Recreation - 400, page 165 & 166, seconded by Mr. Rys. (See new motion below.)

Mr. Shepardson noted that a new Superintendent of Programs was just hired at \$17,227.

Mrs. Papale moved to reduce the \$18,089 salary for Superintendent of Programs to \$17,227, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Polanski asked how many league officials the figure on page 166 represented and Mr. Shepardson noted around 60. Soccer and Little League pay for their own. There was some discussion about costs and income and it was noted the town does not break even. Documentation of the various programs was distributed to all Council members. Mr. Killen pointed out that the playground program encompasses a great deal more than play activities. Mr. Shepardson commented that 15,211 people are served by various programs in a six month period. Playground instructors are for summer activity only; program instructors are for year round activity.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Recreation - 400, pages 165 and 166, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gessert: For the record, Stan, would you entertain the thought of taking the maintenance and care of the parks under your office? Mr. Shepardson replied yes.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed and the motion was passed.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of Recreation - 400 on page 135, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mr. Shepardson mentioned that Recreation would be sharing the cost and use of a copier with Youth Service Bureau to eliminate the need to run up to Central Services.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 82, Community Pool, as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Krupp asked why there was increase in line 201 and Stan noted they were short this past year and needed a transfer.

330 Swim Team Transportation varies each year, depending on how many meets are away and this will be determined in June. There was some discussion about swim tags and it was noted that they are sold for \$3 and bring in about \$9,000 or \$10,000. These are basically used for identification and control purposes.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Community Swim Pool - 401, page 166, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Page 135, Community Pool - 401. Mr. Polanski inquired about the bridge repair and Mr. Shepardson explained this was for replacement of the bridge. Mr. Krupp asked if the possibility of using Workfare help was considered and Mr. Shepardson stated that the nature of the work necessitates professionals. The \$4,000 granted is for timber replacement, painting bathhouse and a new wooden and steel bridge.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Community Pool - 401, page 135, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 83, Sheehan Pool, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen asked how many people use this pool and Mr. Shepardson stated between 30 to 40 per night in the winter, on an average, Thursday through Sunday. Summer use averages 100 per day. Mr. Parisi felt Community Pool should be used in the summer and Mr. Krupp pointed out that flotation devices are not allowed at Community.

Expenses at Sheehan Pool for the summer are: supervisor \$1,600, life guards \$2,352, locker room attendants \$845, custodian \$1,540, and the \$4,200 for utilities for a total of \$10,537. It is also used for the swim team and meets. YMCA has a winter swim team. The summer league has around 75 children. Mr. Parisi suggested restricting the use of Sheehan to the swim team in the summer since the Board of Ed would run the filter anyway and let the general public use Community Pool. Mr. Krupp would not be opposed to supporting that suggestion if he could have some assurance that Community Pool would allow swimming aids for younger children. Mr. Shepardson is opposed to allowing flotation devices because of the danger involved if a child is not strictly watched by a parent. Recreation Department does not allow flotation devices at Sheehan either but it was noted by Mr. Krupp that there is a restricted area for their use.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Mr. Rys who voted no and Mr. Diana who passed and the motion passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Sheehan Swim Pool - 401A, page 166. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Messrs. Gessert and Rys who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Shepardson will supply the Council with documentation detailing costs of various recreational activities.

Page 110, Town Clerk. Mrs. Bergamini noted the increase in line 400 and Mrs. Rascati said this was for the cost of supplies for the computer. The \$7,200 request for microfilm is due to an increased number of deeds.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut line 404 to \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp and Mrs. Papale who were not present for the vote and the motion carried.

Mr. Rys moved to line 415 and Mrs. Rascati explained there are many maps to be bound and Mr. Rys noted there are unexpended funds in the 1983-84 budget for this purpose.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 415 to \$800, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote and the motion carried.

Mrs. Rascati noted that the \$12,000 in line 650 is because she is on a calendar year.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 110, Town Clerk, as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved to reinstate Town Clerk, p.172, 1-01-85 to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

There was some discussion about putting a cap on this and Mr. Krupp withdrew his motion.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Town Clerk - 603, pages 172 and 173, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

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Mr. Killen indicated there are savings indicated on these pages with the installation of a computer system.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion was passed.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 42, Treasurer, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Treasurer-144, page 151, as presented. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Mrs. Collins noted that an increase was requested for her Clerk Typist which was not approved.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Diana moved page 51 Safety, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Krupp moved to line 900 and noted there were no expenditures during the last year. Mrs. Collins pointed out that Wallingford is self-insured and handles their own claims through the Treasurer's Office and this \$1,500 is there for professional investigative services should they ever be required.

Mr. Krupp moved to move the \$1,500 on line 900, page 51, into contingency, seconded by Mr. Rys. (Motion withdrawn on page 96.)

Mrs. Collins pointed out if this money is ever needed, it will be needed immediately and cannot wait for a Council meeting.

Mr. Krupp withdrew his motion on page 95 after discussion of this need.

Mrs. Bergamini asked for an explanation of 570 Training and Mrs. Collins stated this was for safety bulletins, membership in the National Safety Council, etc.

Mr. Rys moved to cut line 900 on page 51 to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Councilmen Gessert, Krupp and Rys voted aye; all others voted no and the motion did not carry.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 51, Safety, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Krupp and Rys who voted no and the motion carried.

Page 152, Safety - 162. Mrs. Collins' account clerk works 19 hours per week and is presently working with Phil Hamel putting workers' comp reports on the computer in his office and discussion ensued about using the computer within the Electric Division and priority assignments. Mr. Krupp asked what level this account clerk represented and Mrs. Collins pointed out that she is capable of doing the pension payroll, 166 people, keeps the ledger accounts on cash received, reconciles bond and coupon statements and is a qualified bookkeeper. Mr. Myers noted this is money well spent for a qualified person.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Safety - 162, page 152, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Polanski who was not present and the motion carried.

Page 122, lines 835, 836, 840 and 841. Mr. Killen referred to the hypertension lines and discussion ensued regarding the pursuit of this subject through the legislature.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 835, 836, 840 and 841, page 122, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the runs and carries made by the ambulance and it was noted that the ambulance personnel keep a record of all details.

Page 111, Planning & Zoning. Present were Linda Bush, Town Planner, Pat Piscitelli and Pat Actor, Planning & Zoning Commission.

Miss Bush pointed out that their budget request was revised after meeting with Mayor Dickinson and line 200 increased due to heavy out of town calls to New York, etc. (Bristol-Myers). Mr. Gessert asked if Bristol-Myers has purchased the land yet and Miss Bush noted it will be purchased once all necessary approvals are in place and considerable monies have been spent by them on consultants.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 111, Planning & Zoning, as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Planning & Zoning - 701, page 173, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Planning & Zoning - 701, page 136, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mrs. Papale moved page 113, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Rosario DiNoia and Mr. Philip J. Hamel, Jr. represented the Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Polanski moved to line 602 and asked the price of a single page ad in a business publication to which Mr. Hamel responded approximately \$900. It was pointed out that \$8,000 was granted for 1982-83 and \$4,000 granted in 1983-84.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut line 602 to \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Krupp observed that we want this town to continue to grow. In reality, the return on an ad which is placed today could be anywhere from 5 to 12 years down the road before any ground is even broken on it. This \$8,000 is money well invested; what we are reaping today is because of what was done 5 and 10 years ago with the Economic Development Commission with a resultant increase in the tax base. I would oppose cutting that account.

Mr. Diana pointed out that Wallingford must be advertised not only to bring new businesses to town but also to fill vacancies which occur over the years. There are 3 to 5 inquiries a week to the EDC office. Curtailed advertising for just one year will cause a dramatic drop and it will take triple this amount of money to bring it back to that level again. The impact of this advertising will be demonstrated later.

Mrs. Bergamini referred to North Plains Industrial Park and also to the exceptions made for Barnes Park North and South. The point was made that it only cost Wallingford \$750,000 and would provide a lucrative return on the investment.

Mrs. Bergamini (continued):

The League of Women Voters did a study and proved that we had invested triple the sum of \$750,000 and it would take 19 years to get back what Barnes Park cost us. There are costs to the town to bring industry in--roads, sidewalks, schools, etc. There is a bonded indebtedness factor to be considered.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that considerable money has been spent in MEDWAY and FIP would be eager to advertise their property due to the investment they have there. There are many hidden costs to the town for new developments.

Mr. Hamel pointed out there is a \$1,200,000 return in tax dollars in Barnes Park North and South. The hidden costs do not compare with the tax revenue. FIP is marketing their property and we are fortunate to have them. Our advertising is done in 4 publications and reach many different markets. I received a letter today from a chief executive officer of a printing company, a result of an ad. The fact is Wallingford is well known with a good image and we want to keep it that way.

Mr. DiNoia pointed out that he has been on the EDC 15 years and momentum has been gained. One of your colleagues said last year, "The thing we've got to do is sell Wallingford" and we are doing the job and our advertising budget should not be cut.

Mr. Gessert noted that you could go border to border with blacktop and concrete. Mr. DiNoia stated that if the Plan of Development is followed, there should be no problem. Mr. Killen pointed out that major corporations request changes in zoning, etc. and the final product is not the presentation originally made. Reference was made to the office buildings in Barnes Park which were going to be tucked into the hills and are in clear view and the promise made at Oakdale which was never fulfilled.

Mr. Diana does not dispute these arguments but pointed out that the issue is, do we want to continue to bring industry into Wallingford. If the Council and administration collectively does not do the right things after new business arrives, shame on us, because that is our fault for not doing it properly, not theirs. Mr. Killen mentioned that it is not the ads alone which bring people to Wallingford; there are other factors such as Choate School, etc. Mr. Krupp stated that the advantage of those ads is favorable press coverage in the publications which carry those ads. The issues presented tonight are highly emotional and Mr. Krupp does not dispute them. There have been mistakes made in the past but they were not made by the Economic Development Commission. They went out with a mandate to attempt to attract industry to Wallingford which would be beneficial to the town and increase the tax base which could not be done by the development of homes on a square footage value basis--industry is the best investment for expanding our tax base.

Investment in advertising today pays back 5, 10, 12 years later. You must consider that industries attracted could use abandoned facilities such as abandoned schools which we have a plethora of in town, Stanley Judd which is just about shut down, etc. There are many opportunities for conversion of existing facilities. It is a worthwhile investment and after companies come to town, we, as public officials, need to control it more effectively.

Mayor Dickinson expressed concern for providing employment opportunities and a variety of businesses rather than 1 or 2 major employers would help to keep the town economically healthy. A company such as Bristol-Myers is an investment of major dollars and this is an enhancement to the town. Mrs. Papale agreed that this investment is for long-term gain.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen and Rys voted aye; Diana, Krupp, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted no and the motion did not carry.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 113, Economic Development Commission, as presented, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: Council members Diana, Krupp, Papale, Parisi and Polanski voted aye; Bergamini, Gessert, Killen and Rys voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of Economic Development Commission-703, page 173, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of Energy Conservation Budget, page 24, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Gessert observed that money is being spent on energy savings but there is no decrease in the utility bills. Perhaps a significant sum should be devoted to one building with a decrease in energy consumption resulting. Mr. Hamel gave details of projects completed and pointed out that there will be a college student on board this summer devoted to a study for this purpose. There are administrative costs involved also.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of Program Audit, page 25, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Food Programs, page 25, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Program Planner, page 25, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Hamel noted that Planner Part Time is for him to continue on to work on resource recovery and other projects for the Mayor.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Housing Code Program Budget, page 24, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Hamel noted this budget is to hire a Housing Code Inspector and this has been worked out with Mr. Spiteri. This position is outside the classified service, a Charter requirement.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Page 46, Work Study Program. Mr. Hamel noted that it costs the town less than 40% of wages for the students hired in line 100 and the students must prove their need for these jobs for us to receive the federal grant.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of Work Study Program, page 46, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Work Study Program - 154, page 152. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to page 12 and Mr. Hamel pointed out that the Council must pass a resolution on various programs before approaching the state for the grant.

Mr. Krupp pointed that SCOW exists to serve an ethnic group and is located in an office serving walk-ins. Field service would be more effective. Mr. Hamel commented on the fact that the budget is small with 1 full time and 1 part time person and someone must be in the office to man the phone and handle the office. Mr. Krupp pointed out that this is not a criticism of Mr. Hamel--if there is a problem with the literacy in another language, how does one know this office exists? There is a need for community penetration on the availability of this service. Mr. Hamel pointed out that the grant from the state will not allow serving only one group, such as Spanish. This is the primary group served but it must be provided to other low income groups as well. Mr. Gessert pointed out that this program has contributed significantly to involvement in many other areas such as adult ed, etc. Mr. Killen pointed out that volunteers must be sought from the Spanish community who can help with translations and in many other areas. There is a possibility of increased grants with expansion of the program with volunteers.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of page 12, Special Fund Summary, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

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Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Parisi who were not present for the vote and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of Youth Service Bureau Budget, pages 24 and 25, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Roe pointed that the monies for the YSB budget match the state DCYS grant. General revenue sharing dollars from the town this year were \$55,767 and the request is for \$56,153. Documentation was distributed to the Council detailing the overall budget which is not shown on pages 24 and 25 in the budget book. Mr. Roe pointed out that reimbursement to the General Fund from Revenue Sharing had not been charged against Revenue Sharing when the documents were prepared. Mr. Killen stated that these comparisons would be helpful during budget sessions.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Myers introduced Carol Howard, Deputy Comptroller.

Mr. Killen moved to cut line 418 Printing to \$6,200, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (Comptroller, page 39.)

Mrs. Howard pointed out that a new check supply is about to be ordered; this line also covers computer paper.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Krupp, Papale and Parisi voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Rys moved to line 525 and Mrs. Howard explained this was for the programming of the Mag Cards which produce the pay checks, accounts payable checks and statements every month. Mr. Myers noted if the money is not needed, it is not spent and if there is a problem with a computer program, it must be addressed immediately.

Mr. Killen asked why the current year capital budget has not been encumbered and Mrs. Howard pointed out that conversion to a computer is being considered. The computer at the Electric Division was considered for payroll conversion but delayed because a problem and if it necessitated typing 400 paychecks, it could not be done. Further research is needed before conversion is made.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 39, Comptroller, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 132, Comptroller - 140, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved approval of Comptroller - 140, pages 149 and 150.

Mr. Myers pointed out that this area includes two operations in one, financial administration which monitors and conducts the fiscal affairs of the town, and accounting and control, two different and distinct operations which have historically been merged and are known as Comptroller's Office. Carol runs the accounting and control operation.

There was some discussion regarding the new accountant's position which is currently in contingency and Mrs. Howard pointed out that this request was made as the result of audit recommendations. Two sets of books should be set up for the pension fund and debt fund, etc. and looking ahead to the future, there will be this need. An explanation was given of the duties of the Internal Auditor and pre-audit functions performed as well as auditing internal transactions and a pre-audit of the books before the monthly printout is run. It was noted that the Board of Ed's purchase orders are checked by the internal auditor for accounting proprieties.

Vote: All Council members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the new accountant's position requested for the Comptroller's Office does not mean total new dollars since money is coming into the Comptroller's operation as a result of billing the Utilities Divisions for the Comptroller's services which has not been done in past years. Mr. Parisi noted this is a fine business-like approach and government could use more of this type of approach.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the final discussion on the budget for the Board of Education.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the eighth budget workshop adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The ninth budget workshop was held on this date, called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert F. Parisi.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

Mayor Dickinson informed the Town Council that on the advice of the Purchasing Agent, painting of the Oak Street and Quinpiac bridges went out to bid again and the bids received were double the amount authorized by the Council to perform the work. The Council was concerned that the original bid and price was not adhered to and felt the matter was settled then.

Page 122 - Insurance - lines 825, 826 and 827.

Mr. Mark Miller, Mr. Terry Shortelle and Mr. James Gaffey present. Mr. Polanski asked what the \$214,300 figure represented and Mark Miller pointed out it included 16 different policies-- auto, Fire Department auto, general liability, Fire Department general liability, contractor's equipment, Fire Department equipment, volunteer firemen accident insurance plan. Terry Shortelle pointed out that the contractor's equipment referred to equipment which is mobile other than vehicles such as bucket loaders, etc. There is also a boiler machinery policy, fire policy for town buildings, bonds and securities coverage, umbrella policy, police professional liability, Fireman's errors and omissions, Public Officials errors and omissions, Town Clerk's errors and omissions.

Mr. Krupp asked in the increase in line 825 was due to increased premium or increased value of property being covered and Terry Shortelle stated it was due to both, i.e. new police vehicles. Mr. Krupp pointed out that there is a constant flow of new vehicles with some older ones dropped out of service. Mrs. Bergamini noted that many are kept in the pool and not necessarily eliminated when replaced with new vehicles.

There was some discussion about encumbered amounts and expenditures to date and Mark Miller noted that larger policies are paid on a monthly basis, others are semi-annually and others annually. Mr. Rys noted that his personal insurance has been combined for both home and auto and asked if this direction has been considered. Mark Miller noted that where it is practical, consolidation has been done. There is a \$1,000,000 liability on auto and the umbrella covers \$10,000,000 over and above that and the same applies to general liability. Mr. Rys asked if the town was over or under insured and Mr. Miller noted there are many claims during the course of a year and you never know what the court will award. You are not only buying coverage but claims handling; the company will handle many claims that the Town Attorney does not need to handle.

Mr. Polanski asked if all claims were reported to the insurance carriers rather than referring them to the Town Attorney. Mr. Gaffey stated the Town Clerk must be notified in writing and this notification is forwarded to the Town Attorney who, in turn, forwards the claim to the Insurance Board. Workshops have been held with department heads advising them of the procedure. Mr. Parisi suggested that The Wallingford Board of Independent Insurance Agents publish a booklet of claims procedures, etc. for all department heads which would be beneficial for any new department head and can be used for guidelines and information. Mr. Gaffey stated that a letter was written in the summer of 1982 outlining a 6 step process for submitting claims. Mr. Killen agreed that a set of guidelines is required to be very clear about responsibilities. Some situations may be interpreted with moral responsibility when in fact there is no legal responsibility involved. Mr. Gaffey feels that department heads are very knowledgeable about the claim procedure and there have been no problems at all in the last year and one-half. It was made clear to department heads that claims should not be prejudiced by their actions and this is very important from the company's standpoint, too.

Mr. Gessert referred to the values placed on equipment within Public Works, such as the Walters, etc. and Mr. Miller pointed out that vehicles are insured based on their cost new and then the age is taken into account when the premium is set. Some of the other equipment, such as grade-all, has been insured on an actual cash value but the recommendation has been made to purchase replacement cost and this is out to bid now.

Line 826 - Education Insurance - Mr. Miller noted there are 11 policies--auto, general liability, equipment, equipment for Vo-Ag, boiler and machinery policy, fire policy to cover school buildings, bonds for employees and money and securities coverage for cash in schools, Board of Education Errors and Omissions Policy, Umbrella Policy and they pay a portion of the Public Officials Policy. Mr. Polanski asked why this insurance was not within the Board of Education's budget and Mr. Gessert stated it does not give a true allocation of where the costs are and all other departments are allocated to them.

Mrs. Bergamini asked about the deductible on Vo-Ag equipment and Mr. Shortelle stated the policy expiring on 7/1/84 has a \$50 deductible on itemized equipment and different deductible options are being looked at now. The deductible on the mobile equipment is 1% of the value of the equipment, subject to a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500, depending on the value of the item. Claims of about \$50,000 to \$60,000 were paid in the last year alone to the Board of Education. The rate now is extremely favorable but the loss experience has not been good and the company insisted upon burglar alarms or they would not maintain their rate.

Mr. Krupp asked why the education insurance was in the town budget and not in Board of Education budget and Mr. Myers noted it was a long-standing policy for certain items placed in the general fund budget in that the Council is responsible for use of town property, buildings and land, by Charter. Mr. Krupp agreed that property insurance should be charged this way but questions the several other policies which do not pertain to property. Mr. Myers will look into this.

Mr. Myers has the originals of all insurance policies in his office and he gets each and every endorsement and each department has a copy of the policy and schedule of equipment pertinent to his department. Money from insurance claims is earmarked and available to replace or repair the damaged asset.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of lines 825, 826 and 827, page 122, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Stanley Seadale returned for line 903, page 48, and distributed documentation pertaining to Martin-Segal actuarial time charges, a copy of his original contract and amendment and pension booklet prepared in conjunction with Martin-Segal. A handbook prepared by the department was also distributed. It was pointed out by Mr. Seadale there are three pension negotiations currently in process.

Mrs. Papale noted that Martin-Segal is very familiar with the town and perhaps should be retained for that reason but felt perhaps the town can do just as well with a smaller company. Mr. Seadale pointed out that this service can be obtained on a flat rate or time charge basis.

Mr. Krupp stated that Martin-Segal is a very reputable outfit and the following comment does not reflect on them at all. He tends to be a little gun shy about doing business with someone simply because we've done business with them for years. That logic was used in the past. Do we have any feel for what alternative outfits might charge us and what the consequences might be if we go out to bid? Mr. Seadale stated he had a letter from another firm recently with no indication of price and has no idea of what other firms would charge but suggests they may be competitive. If this were put out to bid, it is Mr. Seadale's personal opinion that Martin-Segal may bid, higher than the \$8,000, based on what he states in his letter and the amount of time we have used him which is more than he anticipated.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of line 903 Labor Relations Actuary, eliminating designation of the actuarial firm. This motion was seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no; motion carried.

Mr. Polanski asked what procedure was followed to fill job vacancies; many department heads have transferred funds from unfilled positions to other accounts. Mr. Seadale noted an authorization for employment is received by Personnel, signed by the department head, the Mayor and himself. If there is an existing list, the job can be filled with a month, if not, it can take 3 to 4 months. The job is advertised for a month, testing, physical exam, etc. Each job vacancy in town is listed on a board in Personnel and the stage it is at noted. All applications received are read to be sure all qualifications are met and letters mailed to applicants pertaining to the test which must be taken. Mr. Parisi would like a list forwarded to the Council of every vacancy which occurs, noting termination date and date of request to fill such vacancy, on a monthly basis. Mayor Dickinson suggested that this list be given to the Council at the time the budget is to be addressed, rather than a formal monthly report. Mr. Seadale keeps a running list of all positions requested to be filled, something not asked to be filled is not listed but those would be very few. There are extenuating circumstances delaying the filling of certain openings.

Mr. Krupp asked about the testing for a Clerk Typist II position and Mr. Seadale explained that this is not an entry level type of position; it requires many skills and is a very complex spec. Mr. Krupp asked when the positions in contingency for the Department of Finance will be evaluated and Mr. Seadale noted that he has not yet been told to go ahead with that project but will as soon as he gets the request. Mr. Myers noted that his budget presentation to Mayor Dickinson included funding for six months and the earliest these changes could be effective would be 1/85.

Mr. Diana asked Mr. Seadale to arrange for the new Council to meet the labor relations negotiator, especially if there are any contracts coming up. Mr. Seadale noted the following contracts to be handled: Board of Education custodians, Board of Education secretaries, water workers contract, electric production, ongoing with the IBEW on pensions, Fire Department on pensions and Police Department on pensions. Mr. Diana noted that two or three of those are areas of concern and the Council would have important questions for the negotiator. Mr. Seadale pointed out that this is an area where the Council should be cautious since they are a legislative body and the state statute designates the Mayor as the person in charge of negotiation. There are negotiations and when an impasse is reached, a mediator is requested and the state supplies a state paid mediator who tries to find some middle ground and may be successful. If an agreement is not reached with mediation, it goes to fact finding--once the fact finding is accepted or rejected, that is binding. A three man panel votes--one appointed by the town, one with the union and a neutral who will pick a position of either of the other two.

Mr. Killen suggested that the Council set some guidelines on information important to them and deal with specifics rather than obtaining a great deal of documentation from department heads which may not be helpful to the Council at budget time.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Seadale if he considered himself Director of Personnel for classified service only or all town employees and Mr. Seadale noted that he provides service for all requests. Mr. Killen would like Mr. Seadale to ask the Town Attorney what comes under his domain and if the Council seeks a recommendation, it could be requested from Mr. Seadale. Mr. Gessert asked about the fluctuation in rates for part-time clerks and Mr. Seadale noted that some rates are contractual if a department head feels this is indicated. 325

Mayor Dickinson referred to the contingency account, line 507, \$5,000 for tree planting and pointed out that this deals with the proposals for improvements downtown. Morris A. Tcath of Carousel and Christine Bolio of Bolio's Sporting Goods were present from the Beautification Committee. Ms. Bolio pointed out that the beautification project will entail about \$20,000 and it is planned to have a fund raising campaign to raise \$15,000 and add this to the \$5,000 they are requesting from the town. Ms. Bolio mentioned that one of the members of the Beautification Committee is a landscape architect who has done this work in numerous areas and is familiar with the proper types of plantings, such as trees with shallow roots which will not interfere with sewer lines, etc. and has a schematic of what currently exists under the street. The schematics were presented from the Engineering Department to the landscape architect. A rendition will be presented from the Vo-Ag department at Lyman Hall for landscaping the area in front of the railroad station and the esplanade at Simpson Court. Planting trees in concrete pots was considered but the mortality rate for such plantings is very high. Mayor Dickinson stated that improvements at the railroad station area are a high priority and there is a stone mason available within Public Works. The members of the Beautification Committee were thanked for their presentation.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 33, Mayor, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (See motion below placing 901 in contingency.)

Mr. Krupp pointed out that year-to-date expenditures included encumbrances outstanding such as in line 300, gas and oil, and in line 200 where it appears \$3,600 will not be spent this year; on what basis was \$3,600 requested for 1984-85? Mr. Myers pointed out that long distance charges are virtually unknown. Mr. Myers also noted that the car rental is a flat monthly payment but there is an additional charge if the mileage exceeds a certain number of miles.

Several members of the Council would like to meet the labor relations negotiator with Mayor Dickinson and Mr. Seadale present. It was noted his fee is paid monthly and Mr. Krupp asked if there was any accountability for his time and what the basis is for the fee determination. Mayor Dickinson said he writes the brief for fact finding and the brief for arbitration and does the formulation of arguments for submission to an arbitrator or mediator, etc. He handles 3 or 4 contracts in the course of a year and the Board of Ed's negotiator received \$10,000 for a single contract.

Mr. Gessert moved to place line 901 Labor Relations Negotiator in Contingency, 805-326, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Killen wanted to know if a contract exists and Mayor Dickinson inquired about it and has not seen it as yet. Mr. Killen pointed out that Public Act 75-342 requires such a contract. Mayor Dickinson will pursue this matter and noted he is looking at various areas in which to establish new postures. Mr. Diana commented that there are areas which have caused frustration to the Council and an attempt is being made to resolve some of these areas. Mr. Krupp asked if the Council would be asked to waive the bid for appointment of the labor relations negotiator and Mayor Dickinson noted that this does not go to bid and this appointment is made by the First Selectman or Mayor and becomes a personal representation, according to interpretation of the state law.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Papale and Parisi voted aye; Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted no; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 33, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Rys who voted no; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 34, Mayor's Conference, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mayor Dickinson explained what was included in line 606, one of which is an up-to-date set of Connecticut Statutes and other areas where there should be some reference works. Mr. Krupp would like to see the \$3,000 remain considering the exposure available for technological planning and the Council has been critical of planning in the past.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Mayor - 130, page 149, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Myers presented the following information for the Council to consider before adoption of the budget. Included is a motion to waive the bid for certain services on an annual basis for the labor relations negotiator, actuarial contract, audit contract, Council secretarial service and for clarification purposes, the car rental contracts for Detectives, Narcotics and Mayor should be included. It is important for the Council to know that these items will appear on the 5/8/84 agenda.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of page 27, Town Council, seconded by Mr. Krupp. (See motion adding line 602, Resource Recovery Fact Finding, \$4,500.)

Mr. Parisi pointed out that the budget was cut from last year. It was also noted that \$4,000 from EDC advertising was placed in line 410 last year.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that some Council members had seen a brief presentation by ORFA, a resource recovery system. At that time, she commented that the operation should be seen before the town is committed to an expenditure of this magnitude and the only existing plant is in Zurich, Switzerland. This was discussed and Mr. Gessert, Mrs. Bergamini and Mrs. Papale felt they were willing to view the operation in Switzerland at their own expense but suggest putting \$4,500 into an account allowing \$500 for each Council member to defray transportation expense and if only 3 members went, \$1,500 would be used. The trip to Pittsfield and the trip to Bristol-Myers was worthwhile and this suggestion is being made and comments welcome. Mr. Parisi felt in favor of sending up to 3 people but is not in favor of anyone spending their own money while working on behalf of the town. Mrs. Bergamini personally feels that the town should only make a contribution to the fare and not fund the entire amount. Mr. Gessert pointed out that he was very critical of a previous trip made to California to view a pyrolysis plant since the trip was paid for by the pyrolysis plant and middle ground must be reached in determining who will pay the cost of such trips. Mrs. Bergamini noted that the main reason she is willing to consider ORFA is because they are willing to consider the Yale Steel plant, a very important consideration.

Mr. Krupp moved to establish a new line item on page 27 entitled Resource Recovery Fact Finding in the amount of \$4,500, A/C 111-602. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Killen mentioned that many options are becoming available in resource recovery and next year may bring an entirely new concept. Mrs. Bergamini stated that if CRRA is chosen, it must be in conjunction with surrounding towns and North Haven took the trip to view ORFA and is leaning in that direction. Mr. Killen asked that the line be reduced by \$500 since he is sure he will not go but Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that Phil Hamel is one person who should be included.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 27, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved the establishment under the legislative section of Code 114, Charter Revision Commission, A/C 410 Advertising \$100, 418 Printing \$4,000, 601 Miscellaneous Expense \$100 and 604 Secretarial Expense \$800, for a total of \$5,000. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Mr. Krupp noted the resolution to establish a Charter Revision Commission will be on the 6/12/84 agenda. Mr. Killen wanted to be sure this commission would be established if the funds are earmarked and Mrs. Papale is not in favor of this at this time. Mr. Krupp pointed out that the Charter Revision Commission report is presented to the Council and this can be accepted in part or in whole or rejected and items which you do or don't want can be isolated. It then goes to referendum for ratification. Mr. Diana is opposed to a couple of items suggested for Charter revision. Mr. Krupp pointed out that timing is a critical factor and Mr. Killen suggested looking for areas needing change and assigning this charge to members of the committee. 307

Vote: Council members Diana, Gessert, Krupp, Parisi and Rys voted aye; Bergamini, Killen, Papale and Polanski voted no; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini suggested that the Council think long and hard about names to be suggested for this commission.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of Town Council - 111, page 149, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of Town Council - 111, page 132, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: All Councilmen voted aye with the exception of Mr. Diana and Mr. Killen who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Parisi referred to the list prepared on 4/23/84 of points for reconsideration or disposition during budget workshops and Mr. Myers recapped what total income of \$2,387,030 on page 8 of the budget book is used for within the Electric Division. Reference was made to budget workshop minutes of 4/16/84, pages 40 and 41. Mr. Myers noted that the \$61,805 will be accounted for but is presently unappropriated and if it is not appropriated, it goes back into retained earnings. The 55% to be returned to the town is 55% of \$1,494,046. Money accumulated in retained earnings has enabled the Electric Division to pay for the North Wallingford Substation in cash. Had a bond been issued for ten years on that substation, it would have cost basically \$750,000; a 20 year bond would be \$1,500,000 in interest. A projection of the capital needs is shown on page 140 for the next 5 years. Mr. Krupp noted if the \$61,805 which is estimated unappropriated balance is put back into the net income account, it would split out 55%-45%. It would seem more logical to allocate the budget to the needs in each of these categories. Mr. Myers noted the Electric Division uses a different capital process than general fund capital budget. Mr. Killen pointed out that other departments have needs which are not being met. Mr. Parisi noted that the Electric Division works for the town and is not a separate entity.

There was some discussion about capital improvements scheduled and it was suggested that the Council schedule a meeting with the PUC and address the matter with them. There was also some discussion regarding a review of the ordinance pertaining to the 55%-45% factor which pertains to the Electric Division.

Mr. Myers reviewed items remaining for tomorrow's workshop.

A motion to adjourn was duly made seconded and carried and the ninth budget workshop adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

The tenth and final budget workshop was called to order by Chairman Parisi at 7:00 p.m.

Council members in attendance were Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Parisi, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor Dickinson and Mr. Myers, Comptroller.

The Board of Education was present along with school administration since a vote had not been taken at the meeting of 4/12/84.

Mr. Krupp: In looking at the Board of Education budget, I, like most other members of the Council although I don't presume to speak for them, support the concept of quality education. At the same time, I find 12.7% in this bare bones budget a little difficult to accept. In looking at the certified account, 111, the salaries of those personnel required to support all the educational programs, I find the Board has proposed an 8% increase in that account which tends to indicate that from a salary standpoint this is what the Board feels it needs to sustain the educational programs planned for next year. The increase of \$1,327,000 or thereabout recommended by the Mayor represents an 8% increase and is in line with what the Board has indicated they need for those educational programs. As a result of considering those factors and having looked at other areas, I think that an 8% across the board is appropriate to sustain the level to meet these programs as defined by the certified salary account. I'm sure there are going to be various objections to this but I don't think this is an unreasonable stand. My main concern is education within the system and that account to me defines what is necessary to sustain the people who make the system go--everything else is window dressing. I don't think it's unreasonable to ask that the rest of the budget be held in line with what we are giving to our certified teachers.

Mr. Krupp moved that the Mayor's recommended budget for the Board of Education, pages 130 and 131, be accepted by the Council. Mr. Gessert seconded the motion.

Mr. Diana: Based on the fact that there will be no further cuts to the Mayor approved budget, do you anticipate any layoffs?

Mr. Annis: I would personally anticipate layoffs. That is subject to discussion and administration has presented us with their ideas which are not necessarily our ideas.

Mr. Polanski: Will the \$10,604,854 for certified staff be used completely this year, along with the \$1,620,098 for non-certified?

Mr. Annis: There was \$850,000 moved out of that account to satisfy the reduction experienced last year.

Mrs. Shaw noted that in March, a balance of \$30,000 would be left in that account in June, using commitment accounting.

Mr. Annis pointed out that there is \$167,000 deficit in the insurance accounts in 1983-84 and a \$7,000 deficit in tuition.

Mr. Rys stated that the budget was cut \$850,000 last year with no layoffs and this year's cut is \$795,000 with anticipated layoffs. Mr. Annis noted the closing of Parker Farms School with a pickup of \$171,000, \$165,000 on the school bus transportation bid, oil contract last year was \$1.25 and this year is 80¢ and there was \$158,000 picked up on that last year, long-term disability was \$26,000 and there were other accounts enabling us to overcome the \$850,000 shortfall. Mrs. Shaw pointed out that these were all one-shot deals.

Mr. Rys commented that literature was sent home with children regarding program cuts and Mrs. Palco noted that this was not from the Board or administration but a PTA group.

Mrs. Papale pointed out that the Board of Ed was asked to come this evening not to be scrutinized but to answer any questions since decisions about the budget should be made by members of the Board of Ed, not the administration. The Council is making an effort to have a good relationship with the Board of Ed members. Mr. Rivers has difficulty in understanding the decision in that regard, especially Mrs. Papale, Mr. Gessert, Mr. Parisi and Mr. Killen who have been on the Council for many years and have been through this process every year and yet have difficulty understanding the Board's budget. Mrs. Papale only has a problem understanding why teachers positions must be cut with the 8% increase granted by the Mayor.

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Mr. Rivers recognizes by statute the Council cannot tell the Board of Ed how to spend but they are able to make a suggestion as to where reductions can be made. Mr. Annis stated that they have not yet analyzed the ramifications of the cut; they received what administration has presented. Obviously, it will be analyzed and stay as far away from personnel as possible. Mrs. Papale said she raised 3 children who received a fine education in the Wallingford system and perhaps the pay of the administrators is too high and there must be a limit to the pay scale.

Mr. Gessert referred to percentage increases in certain items and suggested that if insurance costs have risen dramatically, perhaps this area should be reviewed. Mr. Annis stated that this item is negotiable and the union was approached with no results. Mrs. Shaw said that prior budget cuts have affected items such as maintenance and repairs, etc. and taking that cut into consideration when presenting another budget, it makes certain areas look like a tremendous increase and to avoid another costly project such as Catch-Up, it is necessary to have money for maintenance. \$140,000 for turnover is already not present in this budget, according to Mrs. Shaw.

Mr. Killen asked if the Board has done any work on adjusting the budget since meeting with the Council on 4/12/84 and it was noted by Mrs. Shaw that they are still in a position of defending their budget of \$18,700,000. Mr. Killen referred to the documentation of last year's revisions, made in August. His recommendation to the Board was to come back to the Council with the budget reworked wherever it could be. The fixed and semi-fixed costs were the areas in which you obtained the largest amount of money to adjust to the budget cut last year. Cuts have been made for years and adjustments have been made to these cuts and we still have a beautiful school system. Mrs. Shaw pointed out that programs have been lost and may continue to be lost and this is not moving forward.

Mr. Diana does not begrudge the administration the money they are earning and feels they earn what they get and are responsible for the education of our children. Administrative salaries at Central Office are about \$295,000 and refer to the \$20,000 for a consultant. There are capable people to make what may very well be an obvious decision and I ask that the Board of Education take a hard look at that situation and look in house. Mr. Annis commented that the last time they made the obvious decision, it caused a lot of trouble. Mr. Diana pointed out that the administration was 100% right in the decision; it was the Board who made the wrong decision.

Mr. Krupp keeps hearing the prospective coming from what was cut and thinks the prospective must be kept in mind. In look-at the fiscal year 1983 actual vs. the 1983 appropriation, the Board was only granted \$736,000 which amounted to a 4.6% increase in its budget; yet funds were available for consultants, to complete a new board room, to refurbish the business office and some of the administrator's offices, etc. In comparison to the \$736,000 increase which was granted last year, the Mayor's recommendation is \$1,327,000 increase over fiscal year 1983-84. Again, I return to the fact that you take the perspective that says 8% has been identified as what is required to sustain our educational programs, especially in comparison to what the Board has received through the past several years in terms of both dollars and percentage increases. This is far and above anything you have received, at least in Mr. Krupp's recent memory. It is a reasonable increase and there is leeway there and a number of areas that can be investigated and a more active stand can be taken to obtain the reductions without affecting either that certified account or the book account.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Council deliberated long and hard on this budget and he does not totally agree with the vote he will cast this evening. There is room for you to work with and I am going to vote in favor of the increase granted by the Mayor, and that is the way I view this, as an increase. I would hope that the educational aspects of our school system will be upheld and adhered to and that people will not lose their jobs. That is the spirit in which I am voting on this budget.

Mr. Annis feels this Board of Education is one of the finest ever fielded, intelligent people, and it is a real source of pride to work with these people. I can assure you whatever the result is in order to accommodate this budget we are about to receive, it will be an intelligent decision and it will be a decision that comes from the heart.

Mr. Parisi stated he is equally as proud of the Council, some of whom are voting far above what they believe, but it is a vote of confidence and hopefully, it will be a vote for a fine working effort for the coming year that will only benefit the Town of Wallingford which is what we all share in common.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 671, page 79, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Parisi and Polanski who were not present; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 673, page 79, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Parisi and Polanski who were not present; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 674, page 79, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Parisi and Polanski who were not present; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 678, page 79, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Parisi and Polanski who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of line 679, page 79, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who was not present; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut line 681 to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

It was noted that this amount was not used and the previous year only \$1,000 was needed.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Parisi who was not present; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of line 682, page 79, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 683, page 79, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of page 79, as amended, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Pages 118 and 119 - Town Conventions & Dues.

Mr. Myers pointed out that the larger accounts are normally for a national level conference for a department head and this usually occurs sometime after January 31 but before June 30. In line 203R \$507.50 was spent through 9 months.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to cut line 203R, page 118, to \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who passed because of inadequate information for a decision; motion carried.

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Mr. Killen pointed out that this particular area could better be judged with an encumbrance system. Mr. Myers will issue a memo to department heads. Mr. Diana would prefer to have more details pertaining to these line items. Mr. Myers explained that in the 1970's these items were included within departmental budgets and have been extracted and put into 799. Next year, each department head could address his particular account when his budget is presented to the Council.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 118, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Rys moved to cut line 205 to \$330, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Krupp noted that the dues portion of pages 118 and 119 is mandatory but it is not clearly defined as to how much is dues and how much is conventions. Mr. Myers pointed out that these same accounts appears in the Electric, Water & Sewer and Board of Education which do not appear in this town budget. Mr. Krupp asked for a subaccount, indicating what is dues and what is for conventions and this will be done for next year's budget.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert and Rys voted aye; all others voted no and the motion did not carry.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 119, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 120 - Debt Service, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Mr. Krupp referred to the increase in line 852 and Mr. Myers stated bonds were just sold, converting notes to bonds and the interest on bonds increased and interest on notes decreased. In line 851, \$160,000, Mr. Myers is recommending that the town begin to pay down temporary debt on the Police Station and the MEDWAY road since 15 and 20 year bonds are issued at a premium. Line 900 represents Adinolfi, O'Brien & Hayes, CBT, registration for the bond plus, whenever Wallingford goes to market bonds, there are certain denominations that are more attractive on Wall Street in New York.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Page 124 - Contingency Accounts - Mr. Myers stated that line 319 cannot be voted upon tonight and that figure will be determined when the mill rate is set.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 323, page 124, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Killen and Krupp who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Myers explained that line 326 is documented in the list prepared by Mayor Dickinson which was presented to the Council on May 1, 1984.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of line 326, page 124, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana, Killen and Krupp who voted no and the motion carried.

Page 128, line 801 - Mr. Myers noted that this figure will increase by about \$10,000 and the Council did not move this line.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of line 804, page 128, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Myers explained that in 1974, it was decided to put the Sheehan High School bond in the capital and non-recurring fund rather than the general fund. As a result of that, the taxes that were raised for that bond were put in a contribution to the fund and the bond was paid out of that.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Killen moved acceptance of pages 146 and 147 - Cafeteria Fund, seconded by Mr. Diana.

Mr. Krupp asked to see the schedule of capital items and it was not within the Board of Education's budget book.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Gessert and Krupp who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 101-1 on page 13 from \$55,000 to \$65,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert explained that construction in process as of 10/1 will be taxed according to the amount of work completed and in the past, it was not taxed until completely finished.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana and Papale who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 101-2 to \$230,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Myers pointed out that for fiscal year 1983, it was estimated that this account would produce \$250,000 and it produced \$179,992. There is no way to peg this figure and the \$220,000 figure is based on an estimate of cars sold after 10/1 which will receive a supplemental tax bill. Mr. Killen did not believe much more would be received in this line this year.

Vote: Council members Gessert, Krupp, Polanski and Rys voted aye; all others voted no and the motion did not carry.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 102 on page 13 to \$370,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mayor Dickinson stated that arrearage is not necessarily an ever replenishing pool and for various reasons, it can be collected, either because a property will be sold and taxes must be paid or it gets so large that legal means are used to collect and at times, it can be collected because someone responds to delinquency letters. Again, this may be conservative. Mr. Gessert pointed out the historical figure and the effort put forth in that office and feels \$370,000 is a reasonable figure.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Diana, Papale and Parisi who voted no and the motion carried.

Mr. Krupp asked why only \$22,887,410 was approved in line 101. Mr. Myers replied that the request of \$26,081,004 was based on all budget requests being granted as submitted to the Mayor, then this amount would have been needed from property taxes. The bottom line can change without changing this figure if the contingency account is altered.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 13, as amended, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who was not present for the vote; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 113 through 130, page 14, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed and Mr. Diana who was not present; motion carried.

Mr. Polanski noted line 202 and asked where monies collected on moving traffic violations appear and Mr. Myers noted the town formerly received a prorata share from the State of Connecticut but that was phased out 2 years ago and the town now receives nothing.

Mr. Gessert moved to line 210 and discussed the building permit fees anticipated from the Bristol-Myers facility.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 210 to \$140,000, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that interest rates are projected to increase and housing starts are down about 5% and money collected on building permits depends upon the economy.

Vote: Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Polanski and Rys voted aye; Diana, Papale and Parisi voted no; Krupp was not present for the vote; motion carried.

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Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of page 14, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys. (Lines 201 to 241.)

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion carried.

Mr. Myers pointed out that he had no objection to line 401 on page 15 being increased by \$15,000 or \$20,000 since interest rates are presently up.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase line 401 to \$670,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of lines 401 to 407 on page 15, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present; motion carried.

Mr. Killen asked what property line 406 pertained to and Mr. Myers noted it was the Santillo building.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of lines 501 to 506, page 15, as presented, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Rys who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 507 to 522, page 16, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Rys who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 550 to 571, page 16, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Rys who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of line 585, page 17, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed and Mr. Krupp who was not present; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of lines 592 and 593, page 17, as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mr. Krupp who passed; motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding line 612 about the tuition of \$1,000 per student for out of town students and a proposal which several members of the Council heard at a Board of Ed meeting to discontinue tuition to attract more students. An attempt was made to call Mr. Annis for clarification but he could not be reached.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 601 to 625 on page 17 with the exception of line 612, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried. (New motion on page 122.)

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 601 to 625, page 17, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 626 to 641, page 18, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

IX Proportionate Charges, page 18. Mr. Killen suggested that these charges be billed at the beginning of the year or at least 50% be billed and Mr. Myers agreed to bill in December and June if that is the desire of the Council.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 650 to 657, page 18, as presented, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried. (See new motion below.)

Mr. Myers noted that 701 represents what the Dog Warden collects from dogs sold and half of the license fees from the State.

Mr. Myers referred back to line 652 and noted that Legal could be increased by \$2,210, representing the increase to the salary of the Second Assistant Town Attorney.

Mr. Krupp moved to increase line 652, page 18, by \$2,210, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 650 to 657, page 18, as amended, seconded by Mr. Gessert.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Killen moved to line 702 on page 18 and asked if the sale of Whittelsey Avenue School appeared here and Mr. Myers stated it will appear in 1983-84, figured in surplus. In March, there was \$6,800 collected from sale of assets and Mr. Killen asked what this represented; Mr. Myers said it was from the sale of old police cars last summer. Mr. Killen objected to the fact that the Council received a report of what has been done and was not able to take any action in the matter.

Mr. Parisi moved to increase line 702 on page 18 to \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 701 to 705, page 18, as amended, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Diana pointed out that there are assets to be sold at Parker Farms School but Mr. Myers recommended line 702 only be amended to include sale of those assets with a definite figure rather than an estimate because that could cause a deficit in that account if assets sold are less than projected.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of lines 707 to 716, page 19, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 902 to 910, page 19, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 20, as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Krupp moved to line 917 and Mr. Myers explained this was the money from the sale of the old library, coming in to repurchase the bonds.

Mr. Gessert asked about the money to be received from the state for the choral room conversion at Lyman Hall; Mr. Myers said there is a \$50,000 note on that and no money has been received from the State of Connecticut. This matter has been pursued on 3 occasions with the Board of Education. Mr. Myers feels it would be well worth getting this off the books at this time since \$50,000 was borrowed on a note. Mr. Killen suggested a review of the correspondence between the state and Board of Ed in an attempt to resolve this situation.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini returned to page 17 and noted that the tuition discussed on page 120 of these minutes probably refers to line 615 rather than line 612 and this is where the misunderstanding occurred. 335

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of lines 601 to 625 on page 17, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (See original motion on page 120.)

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Krupp moved acceptance of page 21, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert moved acceptance of Revenue Detail Budget, page 24, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Parisi who were not present for the vote; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of page 10, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Parisi who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Killen moved acceptance of page 11, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Krupp and Parisi who were not present; motion carried.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of page 12, as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Several members of the Council noted the minimal expenditures for maintenance of unimproved roads compared to the appropriation and asked Mayor Dickinson to research this matter and he will check on the restrictions placed upon expenditure of these funds.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion carried.

The Council referred to the document dated 4/23/84 listing all items for reconsideration or disposition and proceeded with discussion of these items.

Page 135, Fire Yalesville - 203Y - There was no motion to restore \$30,000 for refurbishing of 1974 GMC/American LaFrance Fire Truck. (See motion below.)

Mr. Krupp moved to restore \$1,890 for a portable 2 way radio, 203EW, page 134, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that \$69,000 was appropriated for this vehicle and does not agree that \$1,890 should be added.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Bergamini, Gessert and Killen who voted no; motion carried.

Mr. Diana requested that the Council return to page 135, 203Y and moved to reinstate \$30,000 for refurbishing of 1974 GMC/American LaFrance Fire Truck, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Krupp pointed out that his basic reason for not voting for this refurbishing is the fact that \$30,000 is not available in the budget. There was discussion about this vehicle being placed at North Farms if the refurbishing were approved and Mr. Killen referred to pages 21, 22 and 23 of the budget workshop minutes.

Vote: Council members Diana and Papale voted aye; all others voted no and the motion did not carry.

Mr. Gessert moved to reinstate \$5,000 for repairs to the 1974 GMC/American LaFrance Fire Truck, seconded by Mr. Rys. (WITHDRAWN.)

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There was some discussion about the \$69,000 appropriated in 1983-84 for refurbishing and the fact that a portion of these funds may be available and Mr. Gessert withdrew his motion above.

Pages 153-159, Personnel & Salary Calculations/Police Divisions.

Mr. Rys moved to appropriate 6 months salary for Police Planner, \$12,727, Police Administration - 201A, page 153; and elimination of the position after six months. Mr. Parisi seconded the motion.

Mrs. Papale asked why six months rather than a year was necessary and Mr. Gessert pointed out it would provide an orderly transition of duties and functions. Mr. Parisi noted it would allow administration time to deal with the transition.

Vote: All Council members voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Papale and Mr. Diana who voted no; motion carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of pages 153 to 159, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no; motion carried.

It was noted that the traffic light on Kondracki Lane will be addressed through a study by the State of Connecticut.

It was pointed out that consideration of the request to consider \$20,000 surplus in the 1983-84 Police Department budget for possible purchase of two vehicles is not a matter for this budget workshop but rather part of the Council process.

Repair of the road to Dog Pound burial site was discussed with Public Works during their workshop session. Information regarding the fiberglass liner for Dog Pound van not available at this time.

Mr. Gessert moved to increase the Council secretary's hourly rate by 14% with no increase in line 604 on page 27, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (Effective July 1, 1984.)

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Gessert thanked the new Council members for their cooperation during this budget session for all the time and effort expended. Mrs. Papale commended the entire Council on attendance of all budget workshops.

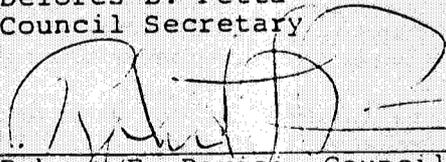
Mr. Gessert moved to adjust the Legal Secretary salary on page 149 to \$17,447, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no; motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the tenth and final budget workshop adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

Approved

  
Robert F. Parisi, Council Chairman

May 7, 1984

Date