A. Gessert, Acting Chairman

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Summary/Town Council Meeting

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Appointed Steven B. Holmes to Town Council to fill vacancy created by resignation of Robert F. Parisi on August 10, 1984
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Appointed and confirmed Joseph F. Pavlick as Alternate on Planning and Zoning Commission, to fill vacancy created by Louis A. Troccolo
Tabled appointment of Richard R. LeClaire to Regional Planning Agcy.
SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 1984 on following: 7:45 p.m TOWN OF WALLINGFORD ALARM ORDINANCE 8:15 p.m AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16(e) OF THE PURCHASING ORDINANCE, NO. 272, ENTITLED "COMPETITIVE BIDDING" 3-8:30 p.m AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 149 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES FROM \$507,500 TO \$529,115 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION.
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Established various new line item accounts and approved following:

A transfer of \$78,340 from 805-326 Council Contingency to the following accounts \$3,740 to 203A-570, \$3,000 to 203A-901, \$13,800 to 203R-165, \$17,250 to 203R-166, \$17,250 to 203R-167, \$9,300 to 203R-571, \$13,400 to 203A-Capital, \$600 to 203A-401, Paramedic Service, Fire Department.

Approved the following transfers for the Fire Department: Transfer of \$1,100 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485; \$1,600 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,600 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203CH-Capital to 203R-485, \$600 from 203CH-Capital to 203R-485, \$2,400 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$490 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$600 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$400 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,200 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$470 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$470 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$329 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$470 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$329 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,300 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, a total of \$13,724 to A/C 203R-485.

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Noted for record Ordinance Committee Meeting minutes of 8/1/84

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Approved appropriation of \$7,000 from 805-319 to 130-902 Municipal Building Appraisals, to include Parker Farms School

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Accepted Town Council meeting minutes dated 9/4/84

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Discussion of Town Attorney's opinion regarding the propriety of Electric Division maintaining separate accounts for funds received in its operation 19-20 Meeting adjourned

Town Council Meeting
September 11, 1984

7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman David A. Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk, were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Vincent T. McManus, Jr., Town Attorney, and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

Invocation by Reverend Bruce W. Bunker, First Congregational Church:

Almighty and everlasting father, he who loves us and judges us to be accountable and responsible for the many gifts and talents given us. We would praise you for the wonder of your creation and thank you for the magnificence of our life here in this nation and community. Give us open minds and hearts so that we might listen and speak to each other; give us strength to do your will through our decisions this evening. Forgive us our partisan strife and ego trips. We pray particularly for all the children of this, our community. Help us to give them a good and real future of hope and confidence through education and safety. We pray for those who will be victims of lust, wileness and neglect. Enable us to save them. We pray these and all prayers to you, in and through

Amen.

Mr. Gessert asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence on the loss of Stephen M. Hopkins, Constable of Wallingford, one of the town's longest standing public officials, having served for over 38 years with dignity and honor. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Gessert noted a letter from Nancy Ricci regarding a meeting on 9/25/84 of RID in the Community Room of the Library. He also asked the Mayor to respond to a traffic problem on Wharton Brook Drive where residents have asked the Police Department for assistance.

Public Question & Answer Period

your most holy name.

Mr. Romeo Dorsey, 122 South Orchard Street objected to \$100,000 being spent for a construction manager for the Police Station conversion project and Mr. Gessert explained there is no general contractor, saving this cost, and each portion of the project will go out to bid. Mr. Dorsey also asked that the Council move on the Community Lake project and suggested hiring a professional dredger. He also suggested that this new Council consider the Robert Earley renovation since the former Mayor indicated the former Council held this project up and there is a \$1,000,000 surplus in the budget, buildings which could be sold and excess funds within the utilities. He felt this project could be undertaken without going to bonding. Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that the current union requests are excessive and felt that Donald Powers, Labor Negotiator, should not be replaced at this time since he is one of the best and most feared by unions. He objected to \$78,000 being spent for a paramedic program and felt the town already has enough "special hazard" persons with hypertension, etc.

There were no further questions from the public and the question and answer period was closed.

Mr. Krupp placed in nomination the name of the candidate endorsed by the Republican Town Committee, Steven B. Holmes. Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bergamini placed in nomination the name of Noma Beaumont to fill the vacancy on the Town Council. Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Killen. Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. Nominations were closed.

Council members Diana, Krupp, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted for Steven B. Holmes; Council members Bergamini, Gessert and Killen voted for Noma G. Beaumont.

Mr. Gessert congratulated Steve on his appointment and he was greeted with applause from the audience.

Mr. Krupp moved to waive the two week waiting period for immediate confirmation, seconded by Mr. Polanski; unanimously approved; motion duly carried. Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati swore in Steven B. Holmes and he joined the Town Council meeting immediately.

Mrs. Bergamini placed the name of David A. Gessert in nomination for Town Council Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Polanski; unanimously approved; motion duly carried.

All Council members voted to elect Mr. Gessert as Town Council Chairman with the exception of Mr. Diana who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys placed in nomination the name of Marie B. Bergamini as Vice Chairwoman, Wallingford Town Council, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Mr. Polanski placed in nomination the name of James A.G. Krupp as Vice Chairman, Wallingford Town Council, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Rys; unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Council members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Papale and Rys voted for Marie B. Bergamini, Vice Chairwoman and Council members Diana, Holmes, Krupp and Polanski voted for James A.G. Krupp, Vice Chairman. Mr. Gessert congratulated Marie.

Mrs. Papale moved the appointment of Joseph F. Pavlick to Alternate on Planning & Zoning Commission, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Louis A. Troccolo. Mr. Pavlick's term commenced 1/8/83 and will end 1/8/86, effective 9/11/84. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert commented that the Council interviewed Mr. Pavlick and there is no potential conflict of interest of which he or the Town Council is aware and he will be able to serve the town admirably.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved to waive the two week waiting period for immediate confirmation of Mr. Pavlick, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mrs. Bergamini indicated that the new P & Z regs will be reviewed and it would be prudent to have Mr. Pavlick on board.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Sworn in immediately.)

Mr. Gessert commented that Mr. Richard LeClaire expressed a desire to research the position on the Regional Planning Agency and this item will not be voted upon tonight.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to table the appointment of Richard R. LeClaire to Regional Planning Agency, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to set a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. on 9/25/84 on AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED TOWN OF WALLINGFORD ALARM ORDINANCE. This motion was seconded by Mr. Polanski; unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Diana moved to waive Rule V for the purpose of setting a public hearing to amend the existing Purchasing Ordinance, No. 272, entitled "Competitive Bidding." Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert asked if the ordinance should be reviewed by the Ordinance Committee before setting a public hearing and Mr. Krupp indicated that the proposal for Ordinance Committee review was voted down by this Council.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ages with the exception of Bergamini who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Diana explained that equipment stored at Parker Farms School will be sold in the near future and upon advice of the Town Attorney, it must be auctioned off. The intent of this amendment is to pre-price merchandise with a fair market value of \$200 or less. The amendment offers 3 choices to dispose of this equipment quickly.

Mr. Krupp moved to set a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. on 9/25/84 on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16(e) OF THE PURCHASING ORDINANCE, NO. 272, ENTITLED "COMPETITIVE BIDDING." Mrs. Papale seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read Mr. Myers' 8/29/84 letter, agenda item (10).

Mr. Rys read and Mr. Killen moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the following bids to purchase \$2,303,000 Various Purpose Bond Anticipation Notes dated September 14, 1984, due January 18, 1985, at par plus a premium, interest rate and principal amount set opposite each bid and accrued interest from September 14, 1984, be accepted:

NAME			PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	, RATE 2	PREMIUM
United Ba	enk & Trust	Company	s 2.303.00)0 6 7 4%	s 30.00

and all other bids be rejected; such notes shall be in approximately the form previously used for such purpose, and the Mayor, Treasurer and Comptroller are authorized to deliver such notes on behalf of the Town upon receipt of payment therefor and to renew the same within the time limits prescribed by law.

Mr. Rys seconded the resolution.

Mr. Krupp stated he had no problem with Capital Improvements of \$710,000 but continues to oppose the expenditure as one lump sum and has yet to see any firm statement that in fact indicates that a mandate does exist to expend funds for the MacKenzie Dam and further believes that for what has been indicated the work that is required to be done with this expenditure, the scope of the project that is being provided extends far beyond what that supposed mandate would have indicated. He cannot support the resolution.

Mayor Dickinson stated there is a state mandate from DEP dated a couple of years ago that ordered the town to correct deficiencies specified to exist at MacKenzie Dam. It is in fact correct that some of the repairs go beyond the order but they are being undertaken to prepare for the time a water treatment plant will be located in that area. The equipment there is at least 30 years old and has not even been used recently for fear of immediate breakdown. At this time, the Town of Wallingford does not have any engineering reports which refutes anything the Army Corps of Engineers produced to support their order and for that reason, Mayor Dickinson and members of the administration are in full accord that the issue is appropriate.

Mr. Killen asked how many bids were received on this purchase of \$2,303,000 Various Purpose Bond Anticipation Notes and Mr. Myers indicated 11 bids were received and he was pleased since this is a rather small issue. Mr. Myers noted the bidders and rates and this information is detailed in a letter dated 9/11/84 to Mayor Dickinson.

Mr. Myers introduced Attorney Fasi and Attorney Adinolfi of O'Brien & Hayes, Town of Wallingford Bond Counsel, to the new Council member, Steve Holmes.

Mr. Polanski asked what rate was being paid on the investment of this money and Mr. Myers stated 11% to 12%. Mr. Polanski asked if any money was received on the LHHS Choral Room Conversion and Mr. Myers stated he was in contact with Frank Soldan 9/10/84 and there is a state grant pending for which the Board of Education has applied. Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Myers to make it clear to the Board of Education that this matter should be resolved. Mr. Gessert suggested that Mr. Polanski request a meeting since he is Chairman of the Education Liaison Committee.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that the Methane Gas Venting System came in under budget and Mr. Myers explained that the note for \$150,000 is up for renewal on January 18, 1985 and at that time, he plans to reduce it by the available funds in the bond account. A debt acceleration policy was adopted in the 1984-85 budget and there is available some \$75,000 to further reduce that note so it should be reduced substantially when it is renewed in January, 1985.

Mr. Killen asked how long these notes could go without permanent financing and Mr. Myers noted 2 years without a principal payment and in the 3rd and 4th year, you must have a principal payment equal to 1/20th of the original issue. Mr. Adinolfi explained that in sewer issues, the principal payment is 1/30th rather than 1/20th.

Mr. Diana asked why the notes must be voted upon in total rather than by individual purpose. Attorney Adinolfi explained that it is best to go to market with as large an issue as is reasonably possible to attract more bidders and obtain better rates.

Mr. Diana felt that some projects were not in the best interests of the town and Attorney Adinolfi explained that selling these on a project by project basis would not be in the best interests of the town as far as a competitive rate is concerned. Mr. Myers explained that these projects have already gone through the ordinance process and it is at that point that they are either adopted or defeated and have stood the referendum test at that time. This money cannot be borrowed or expended until after the referendum period and legal advertisement has transpired in the newspaper. Attorney Adinolfi explained that once a project has begun, one of the requirements under the arbitrage regulations is that the project proceed with due diligence; another is that 85% of the proceeds shall be expended within 3 years of the date of the original borrowing and you must expend not less than 2-1/2% of the total project cost or \$100,000, whichever is less, within six months of the original borrowing period.

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Attorney Adinolfi further explained that if you borrowed for 12 months on the initial borrowing and are in a rollover, there is little choice but to accept it because at that juncture, you have made the commitment and cannot back away from it. Mr. Myers stated that the option to not refinancing, or rolling over, is to have available cash from some other source and pay them off.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ages with the exception of Mr. Krupp who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert moved to item (ll)(a), appointment of Labor Negotiations Negotiator and explained that the Mayor is responsible for this appointment. Mayor Dickinson introduced Edward T. Lynch, Jr., Esq. of Michalik & Lynch in New Britain, CT who has done labor negotiations for the past ten years and Attorney Lynch did some labor litigation for the Town of Wallingford a few years ago. Stan Seadale is familiar with his services. Mr. Gessert suggested a meeting with Attorney Lynch and the Town Council at a future date which Attorney Lynch would be happy to do to develop a relationship with the Council and obtain their input.

Mr. Krupp noted that his concern lies in the area of thinking money is being saved on wage settlements and giving away the candy store on benefits. Attorney Lynch is aware of that and agreed the Council must be alert to that and would expect that when a contract is brought before the Council, those questions would be posed to be sure efforts are successful. Mr. Polanski noted that the Council is not made aware of the progress of the negotiations and simply receives a packet which it must either accept or reject and an early dialogue must be established.

Mr. Killen asked if Attorney Lynch had every served on a board of arbitration and Attorney Lynch stated he is a AAA arbitrator but is not often selected to serve because he is an adversary; once in a while, he is selected for teacher cases.

Mr. Romeo Dorsey expressed disappointment that Donald Powers was not reappointed Labor Negotiator because he felt his performance was good. He asked if Mr. Lynch represented a state union and Mr. Lynch indicated he has represented unions in the past and at the present time, he does not represent a union. Mr. Dorsey expressed doubt that Mr. Lynch could perform the job at hand for \$12,416. Mayor Dickinson indicated that Mr. Lynch will serve the town for the budgeted amount for the coming fiscal year and at this point, there is no need for further appropriation for the Labor Negotiator. Mr. Dorsey asked who would represent the town on binding arbitration on the police pension and Mr. Lynch indicated that a decision on that case is presently pending and will be decided soon.

Mr. Musso objected to Mr. Donald Powers not being appointed again and felt that the Council had never accepted him. Mr. Krupp pointed out that the Council had a lengthy meeting with Mr. Powers and it was unfortunate Mr. Musso was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Krupp moved to waive the bidding procedures to appoint Edward T. Lynch, Jr., Labor Relations Negotiator, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Diana and Papale who voted no and Holmes who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved a transfer of \$12,416 from 805-326 to 130-901 Labor Relations-Negotiator, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Killen asked Mayor Dickinson if \$12,416 would take care of the negotiations for the balance of the year and Mayor Dickinson stated that Mr. Lynch had indicated that was sufficient for this year.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Diana and Papale who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of a merit increase for John J. Costello, effective 8/17/84, fiscal year amount \$1,435. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous ages with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 9/5/84 from Donald W. Roe regarding a grant application on behalf of the Wallingford Committee on Aging, agenda item (13).

Mrs. Bergamini read and moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford
hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the Town
of Wallingford to submit a grant application to
South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging on behalf
of the Wallingford Committee on Aging for a dust
control system in an amount not to exceed \$3,700.00
and that the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford is
hereby authorized to provide such additional information,
to execute other documents as may be required, to
execute any amendments, recisions or revisions and
to act as the authorized representative of the Town
of Wallingford.

Mrs. Papale seconded the resolution.

Ms. Diane Dwyer commented that the woodworking shop at the Center is very busy and the dust generated poses health problems and \$550 of this \$3,700 grant was raised by the senior citizens. Mr. Killen asked what happens if less than \$3,700 is received and Ms. Dwyer indicated that South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging would negotiate with the Mayor at that point but based on past rapport, grants have not been split up. Mayor Dickinson indicated it is conceivable that more money may be needed but it is well worth the money if the health of the senior citizens can be safeguarded.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read Donald W. Roe's 9/5/84 letter, agenda item (14), Payment-in-Lieu-of Taxes (PILOT) Program.

Mrs. Bergamini read and moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 128, 129, 130 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to extend financial assistance to local housing authorities, municipalities and non-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Wallingford make application to the State for financial assistance under Public Act 79-598, Section 17 of the General Statutes in order to undertake a program of Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore:

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

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State assistance imposed by Chapters 128, 129, 130 and 133 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Wallingford in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Commissioner of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford.
- 3. That in consideration of said Assistance Agreement applicant does hereby waive any payments-in-lieu-of-taxes by the Housing Authority to the municipality under the provisions of Section 8-71 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Mr. Rys seconded the resolution.

Mr. Krupp asked if it would be reasonable to expect that the amount received from this grant would exceed the \$20,000 required to be waived and Mr. Roe stated that if the track record holds, the answer is yes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read Mr. Roe's 9/5/84 letter, agenda item (15) and also read the following resolution, moved by Mr. Rys:

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford to sign and file with the Office of Revenue Sharing the Statement of Assurances for Entitlement Period 16.

Mrs. Bergamini seconded the resolution.

Mr. Krupp asked what the prevailing wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act were since the Council is certifying compliance and Mr. Roe explained that the Town of Wallingford does not utilize general revenue sharing dollars for construction projects in excess of \$2,000. Mr. Krupp asked if the town has ever been audited for compliance with this and Mr. Roe stated the town is audited yearly, as part of the regular town audit. Mr. Myers stated that the town has gone through 2 or 3 of these audits and is in compliance with federal revenue sharing regulations.

Mr. Polanski asked how much money was received and Mr. Roe stated that approximately \$850,000 was budgeted for fiscal year 1984-85.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 8/31/84 from Carmen T. Spiteri, agenda item (16).

Mrs. Papale moved a transfer of \$11,350 from 805-326 to 205-120 Electric Inspector Salary, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the funding for this position is for part time, considering building starts and the amount of time required for inspections and this can be reassessed if necessary. Mrs. Papale asked if a full time position was requested and the Mayor indicated it was but the work load requirement did not justify that and on an interim basis, part time would appear to be the way to go. Mr. Spiteri indicated that two large jobs are coming up--Bristol-Myers and Ahearn's 6 story condo building. Mayor Dickinson indicated that the permit fees received from Bristol-Myers will help fund outside inspectors for that work which will require full-time inspection.

500 Mr. Gessert stated that the experience with a part-time inspector will determine if the work can be handled and if not, consideration of full time will be made at that time.

Mr. Killen stated that a full time position was put into contingency at budget time and this must be worked out dollar wise and personnel wise. Mr. Diana indicated that a department head is requesting a full time person to which the Council agreed at budget time and he felt the Council should go ahead with a full time person and asked why this is being changed. Mayor Dickinson explained that. the argument was made to him without any justification as to hours. After discussions with Carmen and the Assessor, it became very clear to the Mayor that the justification was not there. Mayor Dickinson has a duty to suggest the expenditure of town funds in as conservative a manner as possible, in the interests of the taxpayers. The Mayor is not saying that never should the town have a full time electrical inspector but he is not going to be in the Mayor's Office and have criticism to the effect that we have employees that don't have work to do. Ten inspections per day might take one-half hour per inspection, on an average basis—that comes to five hours. The Assessor gave the Mayor a list of the number of permits in a year, up to the present time, and multiplying that out comes up with less than half the number of hours in a 40 hour week. How can the Mayor's Office authorize a full time employee given those facts? If those facts should change, accommodations will be made. Mayor Dickinson will not come to the Council suggesting the expenditure of funds for which he does not have solid justification and that is the basis for the transfer before the Council. Mr. Diana is not in favor of using outside firms to handle jobs and feels that if someone is brought on board and trained, he can be used. You could have stipulations for short funding for a full timer and if it wasn't necessary, the full time position could be eliminated.

Mr. Polanski noted that the money is in the budget if full time becomes necessary and it is the Mayor's responsibility to make sure a full time person is necessary before hiring because once hired, it is not easy to eliminate the position.

Mr. Krupp stated he is sure there are valid points on both sides but if the Council had been convinced at budget time that a full time person was required, the funds would not have gone into contingency. The funds were put into contingency because this issue had not been resolved and the Mayor is presenting a resolution and if the funds are required after a period of time, the funds are available within the budget. Mr. Killen stated that a slush is created if these funds are not used. Mr. Krupp pointed out that a full time position was requested and the reason the funds were moved into contingency was because the matter had to be resolved and there wasn't a deliberate intent to create slush funds.

Mr. Diana suggested that a part time person might not be as well qualified as a full timer. Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that only a person qualified would be considered for the job because of the nature of the work.

Mayor Dickinson indicated that he is the last person who would want to jeopardize any of the safety standards in town. However, for the Council's consideration—if the work has been handled to date without an electrical inspector, how is it that suddenly a full time inspector is necessary? Mr. Spiteri stated he has not been doing all the jobs such as Zoning Enforcement and Housing Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor pointed out that there is a job for a Housing Code Enforcement Officer which has not been filled and this is a separate position. Mr. Gessert stated that if the job is not able to be performed by a part-timer, this matter will be back before the Council for reconsideration.

Mr. Edward Musso felt that the Mayor has done wonderful research and got all the facts and he does not believe a full time person should be hired at this time.

Mayor Dickinson wanted the Council aware of the fact that a mileage allowance is included with this position and this will be in the area of \$1,200.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Diana, Killen and Papale who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert explained that item (17) was amended and the basketball court on Wall Street will remain intact rather than turned into a parking lot. Mr. Krupp moved to authorize demolition of the bandstand at Doolittle Park, seconded by Mr. Rys. (MOTION WITHDRAWN.)

There was some discussion about having Stan Shepardson present to answer questions the Council may have and Mr. Krupp withdrew his motion and Mr. Rys his second.

Mr. Krupp moved to table item (17), "Consider authorizing demolition of structure at Doolittle Park and renovating basketball court on Wall Street into parking lot." Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert suggested that demolition of the bandstand be reconsidered and alternatives should be explored. Mr. Krupp asked that someone from Planning & Zoning and Mr. Shepardson be present when this item is presented again and Miss Bush explained that the request for a parking lot off Wall Street was removed from the P & Z agenda and a parking lot for approximately 40 cars off South Elm Street was approved by P & Z on 9/10/84.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Edward Musso objected to the tabling motion on this item and expressed an interest in the bandstand in the event a vote is taken to demolish the structure.

Mr. Gessert read Mr. Myers' 8/10/84 letter, agenda item (18).

Mrs. Bergamini moved a 1983-84 adjusting transfer of \$1,225 from 503-300 to 503-130 in the amount of \$697 and to 505-130 in the amount of \$528. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Myers explained that this transfer is necessary because of a miscoding between employees of Engineering and Public Works and this was discovered when reviewing the workmen's comp cases for the year and reviewing reserves.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Krupp who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 8/16/84 from Linda A. Bush, Town Planner, agenda item (19).

Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$688 from 701-418 to 701-903 Professional Services, P & Z, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen stated the Council is again making a new appropriation since there is no money in 701-903 and he is not in favor of this. Miss Bush explained that this bill was incurred in October, 1983, tabled by the Council in December and Mr. Pine informed Miss Bush he would like his money. Mr. Killen stated again that this is really an appropriation and not a transfer. Mr. Polanski felt this money should have come from the 1983-84 budget year and Mr. Killen felt the money should have been encumbered then since Mr. Pine was under contract. Mrs. Bergamini explained that this bill was incurred due to an extra appearance of Mr. Pine at a public hearing and a transfer was not requested due to an oversight.

Mr. Polanski suggested that Miss Bush research the least expensive way to have the zoning regulations reprinted and check to see if they can be done in-house.

 $\frac{\text{Vote}}{}$: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen, Papale and Polanski who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved to set a public hearing at 8:30 p.m. on 9/25/84 on AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 149 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES FROM \$507,500 TO \$529,115 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Mr. Krupp understands that this public hearing is set in light of the fact of an overexpenditure against an appropriation which is 13 years old and Mr. Myers stated that is correct.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Holmes who were not present and Mr. Krupp who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 8/17/84 from Raymond A. Denison, Office Manager, Water & Sewer Divisions, agenda item (21)(a).

Mr. Krupp moved a transfer of \$10,000 from 623-000 to 925-001, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

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Mr. Krupp asked if these transfers will bring the Water & Sewer Division up to reserve level and Mr. Denison indicated they would not since the maximum is \$25,000 and there were specific awards during 1983-84 which used up funds. Mr. Myers explained that this is an adjusting transaction for 1983-84.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Rys who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$5,000 from 626-000 to 634-004, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Rys who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved a transfer of \$1,928 from 623-000 to 923-002, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Polanski asked what proportionate charges were and Mr. Denison explained it is for services provided by Purchasing Department, Town Attorney, audit fees, etc. charged by the Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Krupp indicated that this is a fixed cost and Mr. Myers noted that the final cost is based on actual expenditures and there are variables during the year. Mr. Gessert noted that this amount is billed annually and asked if it were possible to have it billed quarterly and Mr. Myers recommended billing quarterly and adjusting at year end which would produce a positive cash flow effect—town side and negative on the utility side.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 8/20/84 from James J. Clynes of Northeast Utilities, agenda item (22).

Mr. Krupp read and moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Town of Wallingford has received Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) from Northeast Utilities in the Run for Fun,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that the General Fund Revenue Budget Account 704, Miscellaneous Revenues, be amended from \$100 to \$150, an increase of \$50, and

The General Fund Expenditure Appropriations, Board of Education be amended from \$17,910,000 to \$17,910,050, an increase of \$50.

Mr. Rys seconded the resolution.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini and Diana who were not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Walters explained that the appropriations, transfers and budget amendment requested by the Electric Division are all 1983-84 adjustments.

Mr. Krupp moved the following appropriations/Electric Division:

Appropriation of \$77,000 (1983-84) from Retained Earnings to Contribution to Town; appropriation of \$7,999 (1983-84) from Retained Earnings to A/C 364 Poles; appropriation of \$20,945 (1983-84) from Retained Earnings to A/C 365 Overhead Conductors; appropriation of \$3,858 (1983-84) from Retained Earnings to A/C 369 Services; appropriation of \$21,143 (1983-84) from Retained Earnings to A/C 373 Street Lighting; seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved the following items: transfer of \$1,489 (1983-84) from A/C 583 Overhead Lines Expense to A/C 585 Street Light Expense; transfer of \$4,439 (1983-84) from A/C 903 Customer Records to A/C 904 Uncollectible Accounts; transfer of \$11,000 from A/C 923-2 Outside Services-Legal, \$13,000 from A/C 924 Property Insurance and \$13,779 from A/C 925 Injuries & Damages (1983-84), a total of \$37,779 to A/C 403 Depreciation; seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Vote: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Walters explained that item (21)(i) pertained to A/C 434 that was established for the June rebate and is in fact negative income. Mr. Myers explained that this was established as a negative revenue; instead of putting it in the expenditure portion of the budget report it was put in as a deduction from revenue. This was done so as not to overstate expenditures.

Mr. Krupp moved a budget amendment of \$16,000 to increase A/C 440 and (\$16,000) to increase A/C 434, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert read a letter dated 8/29/84 from Jack K. McElfish, Fire Chief, agenda item (24)(a) and (b).

Mr. Krupp moved establishment of new line item accounts 203A-570, 203A-901, 203R-165, 203R-166, 203R-167, 203R-571, 203A-Capital and 203A-401 with descriptions as provided on the attached transfers. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen challenged the establishment of new accounts at this time and Mr. Gessert explained this is an attempt to track this. Mr. Killen suggested that establishment of \$1 in each of these accounts at budget time would eliminate this problem.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp questioned the discrepancy in the amount of \$79,764 noted in Mr. McElfish's 8/29/84 letter and transfer requests totalling \$78,340 and it was noted that the clerk took the \$79,764 from the budget book and the signed union contract which lessened the amount of money at the time and one-half rate.

Mr. Krupp moved the following transfers for the Fire Department:

A transfer of \$78,340 from 805-326 Council Contingency to the following accounts \$3,740 to 203A-570, \$3,000 to 203A-901, \$13,800 to 203R-165, \$17,250 to 203R-166, \$17,250 to 203R-167, \$9,300 to 203R-571, \$13,400 to 203A-Capital, \$600 to 203A-401, Paramedic Service, Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. McElfish informed the Council that only 4 people are qualified at this time and hopefully 2 more will begin training in the spring. Approval is necessary from the Region to operate a paramedic service. Dr. McGaughey commented that he is very much in favor of this program. He also stated that a high degree of training is necessary to become a paramedic. Mr. McElfish noted that out of 205 calls in July, 64 were advanced life support type calls. Dr. McGaughey noted that a paramedic can begin work when he arrives at the scene and intermediates must phone for permission which is time consuming. In response to a question by Mr. Holmes regarding region approval, Dr. McGaughey indicated that this provides the region with a better handle on the paramedics within their area.

Mr. Diana indicated he is very much in favor of this program and asked about the concern of regional approval. Mr. McElfish indicated there is one paramedic service in this area and he does not think there will be a problem but there is a possibility that other services could protest and there are "ifs" in there. A meeting is set for 9/12/84 with the Medical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rys asked if paramedics could still operate without certification and Dr. McGaughey indicated they could as basic ENT's, not paramedics. A paramedic must be tested and recertified each year.

Mrs. Bergamini asked which 4 men have been selected and Mr. Mc-Elfish stated they are all firefighters, currently on the ambulance. The testing process is very selective and the course difficult. Mrs. Bergamini asked how the bonus was determined and Mr. McElfish indicated it was part of the union contract and this will not be paid until after the first year of service. Mrs. Bergamini expressed concern that the cost projections will escalate and Mr. Mc-Elfish indicated that 1985-86 costs are projected at \$46,000.

Mrs. Bergamini wanted to know what would happen if 1 man was not able to continue after 6 or 7 months in the program and Mr. Mc-Elfish felt that this possibility was very remote.

Mr. Krupp felt this is a worthwhile calculated risk and needed by a growing community such as Wallingford.

Mrs. Papale asked how the men were selected and Mr. McElfish stated the selection was made at the testing level, after a written test and interview by a panel of doctors. The course will entail 5 days a week, 8 hours a day for 16 weeks. The end result will be an extension of a hospital emergency room out into the field. Mr. Gessert complimented the Fire Department on the lives they have saved in the past and felt if they are willing to go through this course to better serve the Town of Wallingford, they are to be commended for it and he is certainly willing to fund it since there will be people who benefit directly from this program.

Mr. Polanski asked what commitment was involved for paramedics trained and Mr. McElfish indicated it was a 5 year commitment but if a person becomes burned out, etc., he would not be sent out. Dr. McGaughey noted that the men who perform this work are top notch and he has every confidence in the program.

Mr. Killen commented that during the month of July, Mayfair had half again as many calls as the town ambulance and Mr. Lefebvre explained that Mayfair became a paramedic service in July and became the senior service and had the right to take the calls. Mr. Killen felt a cost comparison should be made to determine the cost to Wallingford residents and Mr. Lefebvre indicated it is costing residents more for private service because they charge more and do not accept what Medicare offers as full payment which the town ambulance does. Emergency service will never be a cost effective program—trauma and heart attack is not cost efficient. This will be a service to save more peoples lives. Mr. Killed pointed out that the town ambulance started out as a free service and certain persons must pay and others don't. Mr. Lefebvre stated that the same billing mechanics are in effect and if bills are not sent, the town would be in line for a hefty lawsuit from the insurance companies. If a person cannot afford to pay or does not have insurance, the bill does not have to be paid.

Mr. Krupp noted that we are talking about a total program with a long-term benefit and the cost is less than one snow plow truck to the town.

Mrs. Bergamini noted that Mayfair responded to many more calls in July than the town ambulance and Mr. Lefebvre indicated that Mayfair is not dispatched as the primary unit—the town ambulance is always dispatched but Mayfair responded to any call needing advanced life support systems since the inception of their paramedic program in July. This was Mayfair's first month in operation as a paramedic unit and the town was trying to blend their services without incident in the field. Mayfair was taking calls then that they are not taking now and the August figure was lower.

Mr. Edward Musso voiced his opposition to this program and felt this is a special interest group and he preferred not to utilize their services.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Diana pointed out that the Council just approved an issue which will be very beneficial to the town but ventured to guess that 80% of this conversation was not heard by the public because of the PA system and he urged the Chairman to have this situation corrected.

Mr. Gessert read the 8/22/84 letter from Jack K. McElfish, agenda item (25).

Mrs. Bergamini moved the following transfers/Fire Department: Transfer of \$1,100 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485; \$1,600 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,600 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485, \$165 from 203R-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203CH-Capital to 203R-485, \$2,400 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$490 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$600 from 203EW-Capital to 203R-485, \$400 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,200 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$470 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203NF-Capital to 203R-485, \$275 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$450 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$470 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$329 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, \$1,300 from 203Y-Capital to 203R-485, a total of \$13,724 to A/C 203R-485. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bergamini asked what was wrong with the current bunker coats and Mr. McElfish indicated that many of them are not OSHA approved and the town is in the second year of a 3 year program and everything purchased now is OSHA approved equipment and by the deadline, 7/1/86, all the volunteers will be in OSHA approved equipment. The funds are available due to favorable prices received on certain bid items.

Mr. Killen asked what part the Council was expected to play in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Stanley Seadale on 5/10/84 and Mr. McElfish explained this item came up after the budget when the grievance was denied. Mr. Killen felt that the Council Chairman should have been notified of this action since the Council is the fiscal body of the town. Mr. Rys indicated that Chief McElfish had in fact notified the Council of this particular item during budget workshops. Mr. McElfish indicated that if the Council does not approve the funding, this is null and void. Mayor Dickinson felt that the Council was informed of this matter and it would be impossible prior to signing an agreement to settle arbitration matters to appraise everyone of the dollar figure since that would take a great deal of time. The fact of the matter is that this does require Council approval and administration was encouraged to settle this issue in a manner that would best affect the interest of the people in town.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved to note for the record the minutes of the Ordinance Committee of 8/1/84, seconded by Mr. Krupp.

Vote: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved an appropriation of \$7,000 from 805-319 to 130-902 Municipal Building Appraisals, seconded by Mr. Diana.

For clarification purposes, Mr. Krupp noted that Mr. Diana voted against this appropriation the last time it was presented and he (Mr. Diana) asked for the matter to be presented again. Parker Farms School was not included in the list of buildings to be appraised and Mr. Diana would like this building appraised within the \$7,000 originally proposed.

Mr. Romeo Dorsey objected to appraisals by professionals and felt this could be performed in other ways. Mr. Edward Musso also objected to appraisals and felt they were worthless and this information could be obtained from the Assessor's Office. Mr. Musso again expressed an interest in obtaining the structure scheduled to be demolished at Doolittle Park.

Mayor Dickinson indicated that he spoke with Frank Barta, Assessor, and he does not have the expertise to perform this task. The Mayor also felt \$7,000 would not be sufficient to include Parker Farms School and suggested increasing the appropriation for this. Mr. Killen finds it ironic that the Assessor's Office does not feel capable of putting a value on buildings since he assumes that the gentleman is an expert when the tax bills arrive. He felt that recommendations can be made on the value of a structure depending upon what the building will be used for.

Mr. Krupp supports the point the Mayor has made regarding the Assessor's Office being expert at evaluating buildings for their intended use, not what their potential market value might be if they were to convert. For the purposes of planning, some type of a number must exist and the Council needs the visibility to make decisions on a planning basis.

Mr. Polanski suggested that Mr. Diana would not be willing to spend money for this appraisal if it were not necessary since Mr. Diana is Chairman of the Parker Farms School Committee. Mr. Diana felt this is the only way to add credibility to an asking price.

Mr. Killen asked the Chairman when the decision was made to dispose of the buildings for which appraisals will be obtained. Mrs. Bergamini felt that the purpose of the appraisal was to determine a price and perhaps sell some of the buildings and use the money to renovate Robert Earley to a Town Hall since this is what everybody wants, myself included provided we don't go to bonding since I will not vote to bond for that purpose. Mr. Killen asked if anyone in town government has been asked if they have a need for any of these buildings. Mr. Killen noted that there are requests from different groups within the town for whom quarters are provided, as well as dollars.

Mr. Romeo Dorsey felt that the recent revaluation should be used as a basis to determine the worth of these buildings.

Mr. Diana addressed Mr. Killen's statement concerning a need for the buildings and mentioned that the Council received a letter from Frank Soldan stating that the Board of Education no longer has a need for the Parker Farms School Building. Mr. Diana feels that building will be needed for a school again but we cannot sit around speculating on the need and we must take care of the property. There will be a meeting on 9/12/84 with a party interested in leasing or purchasing Parker Farms School and everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. This appraisal is the first step to determine the best use of the building.

Vote: Unanimous ages with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of minutes of special Town Council meeting of 9/4/84, seconded by Mr. Killen.

<u>Vote</u>: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to waive Rule V to incorporate an item of correspondence, seconded by Mrs. Papale, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Gessert noted the letter dated 8/29/84 from Mr. Myers regarding termination of overtime in the Purchasing Department due to completion of heavy workload.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Killen for discussion of agenda item (29), Town Attorney's opinion regarding the propriety of the Electric Division maintaining separate accounts for funds received in its operation.

Mr. Killen stated that the only purpose for putting this item on the agenda was to be sure he received this opinion. This matter will require some action and this is not Mr. Killen's ballgame—this is the way the law was written and the way it must be followed. Mr. Killen suggested a 3 person committee from the Council be appointed to meet with the Comptroller, Town Attorney and the Mayor to determine the ramifications of this particular ruling.

Mr. Killen moved appointment of a 3 person committee from the Council to meet with the Comptroller, Town Attorney and the Mayor to determine the ramifications of the opinion regarding the propriety of the Electric Division maintaining separate accounts for funds received in its operation, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Krupp asked Mr. Myers if he has had an opportunity to review this opinion and Mr. Myers has only reviewed it slightly, not in any depth. Mr. Krupp wondered if formation of a Council committee would be premature at this point in time since this is now an administrative matter and falls into the realm of the Comptroller. This statement was offered as an observation, not as an objection. Perhaps a better course of action would be to have the Comptroller review the ramifications and meet with the Council as a whole to indicate the ramifications and appropriate course of action. A Council committee could be formed subsequently.

Mr. Killen has no objections to Mr. Krupp's suggestion and stated that the only thing he is looking for at this time is expediency. Mr. Gessert suggested that the Comptroller complete his review of this matter within 30 days. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that there is no free lunch. You can think there is money someplace and it's all a windfall--you can take it from one pocket but you must put it back in from someplace. It is not a black and white picture--pay me now or pay me later. If there is a free lunch, this is the first instance the Mayor has ever seen of it. Mr. Killen indicated there is a free lunch and the sooner learned, the better off the whole community will be.

Mr. Myers indicated this is a complicated issue because this is a financial matter that will deal with financial posture of the community as a whole and will deal with the ability of the Public Utilities Department to operate efficiently and economically and it will deal with the Comptroller's Office responsibilities as Chief Fiscal Officer and Agent of this community and it will deal with the Mayor's Office and the Town Council as the financial body of the town that adopts the budget and is the legislative authority of this community. This is a multi-faceted problem which I will be of this community. This is a multi-faceted problem which I will be happy to go into in depth and report back to you as soon as possible. In light of the legal opinion received, I cannot have this matter sitting on the table and take no action on it. At some point, action must be taken and a course must be set before the next budget. The Mayor must be involved and this will impact administration. The Comptroller will report to the Council within 30 days.

Mr. Killen withdrew his motion on page 19.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

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David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

September 25, 1984 Date

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