

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers

January 25, 2011

6:30 P.M

MINUTES

The following Minutes are a record of the Wallingford Town Council at their Regular Meeting, which was held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairman Robert F. Parisi. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Corporation Counsel Adam Mantzaris were also in attendance.

The meeting began with a prayer by Reverend Dean Warburton, First Congregational Church, Wallingford. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#509 - #536) totaling \$4,403.72
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and Approve the Appointment of William Birney to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a regular member for a five-year term ending January 8, 2016
- Chairman Robert F. Parisi
- 3c.** Consider and Approve the Appointment of Thomas Vitali to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three-year term ending January 8, 2014 - Chairman Robert F. Parisi
- 3d.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$4,200 to Maintenance of Meters
Acct # 597 from Customer Records and Collections Acct # 903 – Electric Division
- 3e.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,700 to Customer Installation Expense
Acct # 587 from Customer Records and Collections Acct # 903
– Electric Division
- 3f.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$60,000 to Materials & Supplies
Acct # 001-5015-401-4100 from Contingency-General Purpose
Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 – Public Works
- 3g.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$75,000 to Overtime
Acct # 001-5015-101-1400 from Contingency-General Purpose
Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 – Public Works
- 3h.** Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of November 23, 2010
- 3i.** Approve minutes of Special Town Council meeting of December 7, 2010

MOTION & SECOND

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a. to 3i. Mrs. Rascati seconded.

VOTE All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed.

Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Circle, complimented Public Works with regard to snow plowing. He asked that snow plowing in and around Moses Y Beach School and E. C. Stevens School be attended promptly to for the safety of the children, including curb plowing.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, was interested in whether the Mayor gets input on the budget during formulation time. And thinks that it would be a good thing. He asked if the budget will be put online. Mr. Gross made comments on direct deposit. Mayor Dickinson stated that a bi-weekly payroll would help. He said that state law mandates the issuance of pay stubs to everyone. He also commented that he still does not see the savings. Mr. Gross next made comments on snow being dumped on Garden Road in the near proximity to the Quinnipiac River.

The Town Clerk swore in Thomas Vitali to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three-year term ending January 8, 2014.

WAIVE RULE V.

- 8.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$4,850 to Self-Insurance Claims
Acct # 1603-800-8280-00 from Contingency Acct # 7060-800-3190 – Town Attorney

MOTION & SECOND

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Waive Rule V for the purpose of taking up a request for an Appropriation of \$4,850 to Self-Insurance Claims from Contingency as requested by the Town Attorney. Mrs. Rascati seconded

VOTE All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed.

MOTION & SECOND

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Approve an Appropriation of \$4,850 to Self-Insurance Claims
Acct # 1603-800-8280-00 from Contingency Acct # 7060-800-3190 as requested by the Town Attorney. Mrs. Rascati seconded

Mr. Testa questioned part of the Town Attorney's letter where it stated that the remaining funds in that account are being used for the relocation of displaced tenants. Corporation Counsel, Adam Mantzaris, explained that the displaced tenants are in regard to a house flood and a foreclosure but that these funds are not related to the Moore settlement.

There were no other comments.

VOTE All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed.

- 6.** Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

Withdrawn

AGENDA ADDENDUM

7. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining - Personnel

MOTION & SECOND

Mr. Farrell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining as requested by Personnel. Mrs. Rascati seconded.

VOTE All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

MOTION & SECOND

At 8:15 P.M., Mr. Farrell made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Rascati seconded.

VOTE All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed. The Council exited Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE: Nine (9) Town Councilors, Mayor Dickinson, Corporation Counsel, Adam Mantzaris, Personnel Director, Terence Sullivan and Fire Marshal, Carmen Rao. Mr. Rao exited the meeting at 8:00 P.M

Mr. Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rascati seconded the motion. All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Town Council Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date