

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 29, 2013

FY 2013 – 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, and Jason Zandri. Councilors Nick Economopoulos and John Sullivan were not present with excused absences. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James M. Bowes attended the meeting.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP
Library

*In attendance: Jane Fisher, Library Director
Robert Carmody, Treasurer Board of Library Managers
Dr. Cynara McPhail, President Board of Library Managers
Beth Brooks, Board of Library Managers*

Mr. Carmody presented highlights of the budget saying that it represents less than one percent (1%) increase over the prior year. He said that there has been a 40% increase in circulation since the new library with no increase in library staff. He added that 700,000 materials have been borrowed in the last fiscal year, which accounts for 15.5 items per resident. Almost 500,000 people have visited in the last year, and 28,000 people have attended programs at the library in the past year, representing more than half of the population of Wallingford.

Discussion with the Council and the panel included the following: insurance; snow damage; increased claims; collected fees – overdue materials and copier; Yalesville library and its renovations; Yalesville staffing; Library contingency fund details; annual report; number of bank accounts; extension, or not, of Sunday openings and relative costs.

Police Department

*In attendance: Chief Douglas Dortenzio
Beth Dighello, Executive Secretary*

Chief Dortenzio said the Police Department budget represents minus point four percent (-.4%) over the current fiscal year. He said the wages are flat, although there are three (3) different bargaining units have contracts that are in negotiation, binding arbitration or will come up during the year. The wages are not known, so as a result this budget will need adjustments. He discussed with the Council - Line 51600 Outside Contractor Pay that has a Revenue offset Line on page 11 of the budget; Line 53100 Gas & Diesel; Line 57112 software & hardware; 56718 Purchased Services-Software Support; police staff and levels; open positions; staffing losses; vehicles; and related fuel savings on new vehicles.

Planning & Zoning

In attendance: Kacie Costello, Town Planner

Ms. Costello explained the staffing changes in the Office of the Town Planner. Discussion addressed the following: Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and related costs; the state requirement for the POCD; Incentive Housing Zone meetings; traffic study; and internet in the Office of the Town Planner.

IWWC

In attendance: Erin O’Hare, Environmental Planner

Ms. O’Hare stated that the budget remains the same as last year. The computer is being replaced. She said that Line 56702 Purchased Services-Secretarial is used for injunction transcripts, if necessary. There was some discussion with regard to the purchase of the computer. The creation of IWWC was explained.

Conservation Commission

*In attendance: Mary Heffernon, Vice-President
Erin O’Hare, Environmental Planner*

Ms. O’Hare stated that there were no changes to the budget. They will be sharing the cost of the computer system upgrade with IWWC. She added that Trail Day this year will be held on June 2. There were no questions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL PRESENT (7) AYE; 2-ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date