

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers**

**January 14, 2014**

**RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Dean Warburton First Congregational Church of Wallingford, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$2,364.98 (#441-#452)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$9,082.41 (#453-#473)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3c.** Consider and Approve Merit Review – Personnel
- 3d.** Acceptance of Donation from the Evonik Cyro Industries and Appropriation in the Amount of –
  - \$2,000 to Donations Public Safety Account 250200247152 and
  - \$650 to Donations Public Health Acct # 250400247152
  - and to
  - \$1,000 to MRC Police Expenditures Fund #250 to be determined
  - \$1,000 to MRC Fire Expenditures Fund #250 to be determined
  - \$650 to MRC Health Expenditures Fund #250 to be determined-Mayor
- 3e.** Consider and Approve Resolution for the Wallingford MRC (Health Department) to enter into agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to conduct education and training to citizen volunteers to provide support and depth to local emergency response teams and to accept \$3,500-Health Department
- 3f.** Acceptance of MRC NACCHO Award and Appropriation in the Amount of \$3,500 to MRC-NACCHO Acct # 250400247152 and to MRC-NACCHO Acct to be determined – Health Department
- 3g.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$500 *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* to Donations Acct # # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3h.** Acceptance of funds from Trail of Terror for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$5,000 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 -Youth and Social Services

- 3i.** Acceptance of funds from Trail of Terror for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$10,000 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 -Youth and Social Service
- 3j.** Acceptance of registration fees for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund STEM Academy* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$480 to Donations Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830 -Youth and Social Service  
~~Acceptance of funds from STEM for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$10,000 to Donations Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830~~
- 3k.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$1,000 *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* to Donations Acct # # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3l.** Acceptance of Donation in the Amount of \$2,080 for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund STEM Academy* from the Wallingford Education Association for \$2,000 and from registration fees for \$80 and to Approve and Appropriation to Donations Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830 -Youth and Social Services
- 3m.** Acceptance of funds from private donors for *Youth & Social Services Special Holiday for Giving Fund* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$4,654 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3n.** Consider and Approve a Transfer for \$5,000 from Contingency- General Acct # 10019000-58830-20 to Fuel Crisis Acct # 10040150-58220-Mayor
- 3o.** Establish a New Line and Approve a Transfer for \$2,000 from Fire Marshal -PC & Accessories. Acct # 1002020-57000-00231 to Fire Marshal – Laptop Accessories Acct #1002020-57000-New Line to be determined – Fire Marshal
- 3p.** Consider and Approve a transfer in the Amount of \$500 from Continuing Education & Training Acct # 10020200-55700 to fire Operating Expenses Acct # 10020200-58735- Fire Marshal
- 3q.** Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Appropriation of \$4,458 to State Grant Revenue Fund #225-To be determined and to Expenditures-Cook Hill Firehouse Renovations Acct # 225-To be determined
- 3r.** Consider and Approve a transfer in the Amount of \$3,000 from Contingency Acct # 10019000-58820 to Town Clerk-Office Expenses Acct # 10010650-56100-Town Clerk
- 3s.** Consider and Approve a transfer in the Amount of \$15,000 from Contingency-General Acct # 10019000-58820 to Professional Services-Specialists Acct #10010300-56714- Law Department

- 3t. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver regarding Farmland Lease Properties Program for ~~Field 8A~~, Field 8B, 5-year term, # \$350/annual fee and Fields 9B and 9C (together), 5-year term, \$151.20 annual fee – Conservation Commission
- 3u. Set a Public Hearing for January 28, 2014 at 6:45 P.M. with regard to an Ordinance entitled *Penalties for Violations of Zoning Regulations*– Ordinance Committee
- 3v. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of December 10, 2013
- 3w. Approve Minutes of Special Town Council Swearing-In Ceremony of January 6 10, 2014

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**3a. TO 3w.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE (9)**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Cervoni asked if a representative from the *Trail of Terror* was present. He said the Council wished to acknowledge the substantial gift of \$15,000 that *Trail of Terror* made to Youth and Social Services.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding tentative agreement with AFSCME Council 4 Local 1183 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016 - Personnel**

*In Attendance: James Hutt, Assistant Personnel Director  
Dennis Ciccarillo, Esq., Town's Labor Attorney*

Following the points in his memo, Mr. Hutt reviewed the highlights of the agreement. Some of these memo points include- new hire sick leave accrual; elimination of terminated vested retiree sick leave payout; increase in insurance premium cost share; insurance co-pay increases in various settings; changes in funeral leave; life insurance increase; new hire longevity sunset; removal of Parks & Recreation executive secretary from the bargaining unit; new wage schedule increase of 1.95%-7/01/13; 1.95%-7/01/14; and 07/01/15-1.95%; funeral leave change; working crew leader hourly increase for 2014 & 2015 and a change in location of dispatcher breaks.

Council 4, Local 1183 unit includes Police Dispatchers and Clerical, Sewer and Public Works Employees.

The Town Council asked about a variety of items in the agreement including explanations of certain items and detail about others; such as health

insurance; longevity; wages impact; lays groundwork; bi-weekly pay checks as a talking/negotiating point.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME, COUNCIL 4, LOCAL 1183 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016.**

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU  
SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN**

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge circle, asked if bi-weekly paychecks came up during negotiations. There was no more public comment.

Some Councilors were disappointed that bi-weekly paychecks were not brought up during negotiations and asked that it would be done in the future, as a separate negotiating item.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>FISHBEIN: NO</b>	<b>MANSFIELD: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>PARISI: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>RUSSO: YES</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES</b>

**8-AYE; 1-NAY**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO MOVE UP ITEM 11.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN  
SECONDED BY: PARISI  
VOTE: ALL AYE (9)  
MOTION PASSED.**

**11. Consider and Approve proposed changes to the Town Council's *Rules of Procedure***

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGES changes to the Town Council's *Rules of Procedure*.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: PARISI**

Two friendly amendments were accepted:

**(1) Rule IV; Line 2, by Councilor Fishbein**

The first line to read,

“Public input on an individual agenda item, *which will require a vote of the Town Council, .....*”.

**(2) RULE III, last two lines, by Councilor Mansfield.**

*“In no event shall any individual be allowed to ask more than three (3) questions or to speak more than three (3) times during each Public Question and Answer Period, which limit may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.”*

There was some discussion with respect to the removal/replacement of the introductory phrase "In no event." For amendment (2).

**MOTION TO TABLE THE QUESTION TO A WORKSHOP TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE FUTURE.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: RUSSO**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>MANSFIELD: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: NO</b>	<b>PARISI: NO</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: NO</b>	<b>RUSSO: YES</b>	<b>CHARIMAN CERVONI: NO</b>

**5- AYE; 4- NAY**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

5. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - *NONE*
6. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD  
Geno Zandri, Larry Morgenstein, Dana Camp and Jason Zandri all spoke.
7. Announcement of Committee Appointments  
Chairman Cervoni read the list of Council Committee Appointments to the three Town Council Committees – Ordinance, Merit and Technology.
8. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver to purchase Police mobile and portable radio equipment from Motorola, utilizing the current State of Connecticut pricing agreement in the Amount of \$264,649 – Police Department

*In Attendance: Police Chief, Douglas Dortenzio  
Deputy Chief, William Wright*

**MOTION MADE TO APPROVE Bid Waiver to purchase Police mobile and portable radio equipment from Motorola, utilizing the current State of Connecticut pricing agreement in the Amount of \$264,649.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: TESTA**

Chief Dortenzio referred to his memo to Mayor Dickinson and explained many aspects of the equipment involved in this bid waiver including system function and compatibility in relation to an aged system and unavailable parts resulting in a depleted inventory.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>FISHBEIN: NO</b>	<b>MANSFIELD: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>PARISI: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>RUSSO: YES</b>	<b>CHARIMAN CERVONI: YES</b>

**8- AYE; 1- NAY  
THE MOTION PASSED.**

9. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$264,649 to Mun. Rev. Sharing Grant Acct # 1009051-45125 to Police Radio System Acct # 1002005-5700- To be determined - Police Department

**MOTION MADE TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION  
Appropriation in the Amount of \$264,649 to Mun. Rev. Sharing Grant  
Acct # 1009051-45125 to Police Radio System Acct # 1002005-5700-  
To be determined.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>MANSFIELD: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>PARISI: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>RUSSO: YES</b>	<b>CHARIMAN CERVONI: YES</b>

**9- AYE; UNANIMOUS  
THE MOTION PASSED.**

10. Public Utilities Commission report regarding current status of Wallingford's purchase of electric energy through Energy New England (ENE) - Public Utilities Commission

*In attendance: George Adair, Director, Public Utilities  
Robert Beaumont, Chairperson, Public Utilities Commission*

*Also present: Richard Nunn, Commissioner  
David Gessert, Commissioner  
Rick Hendershot, General Manager, Electric Division (WED)*

Mr. Adair gave a thorough report of the transition from CMEEC to Energy New England (ENE), much of which is in his letter to the Town Council. He answered questions and explained the handout to the Council entitled *WED Power Supply Cost Comparison: CY 2013 Vs. CY 2014*.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

12. 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*

13. Executive Session pursuant to §1-225(f) and §200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of *Naugatuck Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Department

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §1-225(f) and §200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of *Naugatuck Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford*.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
VOTE: 9-AYE  
MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
VOTE: 9-AYE  
MOTION PASSED.**

**TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: 9:40 P.M. TO 9:50 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE:  
NINE (9) TOWN COUNCILORS; MAYOR DICKINSON AND TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR.**

- 14.** Motion to Consider and Approve the settlement of the *Naugatuck Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford* tax appeal matter as discussed in Executive Session.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SETTLE the *Naugatuck Wallingford v. Town of Wallingford* tax appeal matter as discussed in Executive Session.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
VOTE: 9-AYE  
MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
MADE BY: LETOURNEAU  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT  
MOTION PASSED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Secretary to the Town Council  
Meeting digitally recorded

*Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street*

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date