

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

**TUESDAY
APRIL 14, 2015**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:33 P.M. The Opening Prayer was given by Reverend Dee Ann Dodd, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Wallingford. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Craig Fishbein, Tom Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor John Sullivan was not at the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney G. E Farrell, Sr. were also at the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$10,663.57 (#724-748)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector

- 3b.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund STEM Academy Special Revenue Fund #226* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$65 to Donations Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3c.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund STEM Academy Special Revenue Fund #226* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$35 to Donations Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3d.** Acceptance of Napier Foundation Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Revenue Fund #213* and Appropriation in the Amount of \$4,500 to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3e.** Acceptance of *Friends of Kendrick Park* Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$325 to Revenues-Misc. Grants & Donations *Special Revenue Fund #250* Acct # 2505002-47152 and to Expenditures-Kendrick Park Project Acct # 25050050-58830-10111 - Parks & Recreation

- 3f.** Acceptance of Federal Justice Assistance Grant and Appropriation in the Amount of \$18,000 to Revenue -DOJ Grants Acct # 100-002-2002-45214 and to Expenditures -Cruiser Video Storage & Maintenance Acct # TBD – Police Department

- 3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,200 to Transportation Acct # 10010750-55105 from Office Expenses & Supplies Acct #10010750-56100-58830 – Town Planner/Zoning Board of Appeals

- 3h.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$49,700 to Distribution Operations-Underground Lines Expense Acct # 584 from Distribution Plant-Underground Conductors Acct # 367 – Electric Division
- 3i.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$18,000 to Gain on Disposition of Plant Acct # 411 and to General Plant-Transportation Equipment Acct #392 – Electric Division
- 3j.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,000 to Comptroller-Operating Expenses Acct # 100-10407-58735 from Comptroller-Wages Acct # 100-10403-51000 - Comptroller
- 3k.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 to Town Clerk Server- Land Records & Accessories Acct # 100-10650-57000-TBD from Comptroller Wages Acct # 10010403-51000 (*Note: To replace item reduced in 2015-2016 Budget Request*) – Town Clerk
- 3l.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 to Program Planning-PCs and Accessories Acct # 100-10200-57000-TBD from Comptroller Wages Acct # 100-10403-51000 (*Note: To replace item reduced in 2015-2016 Budget Request*) – Program Planner
- 3m.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 to Dues & Fees Acct # 10011050-58810 from Office Expenses & Supplies Acct # 10011050-56100 – Economic Development Coordinator
- 3n.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 to Town Council-Office Desk & Chair (Acct # 100-10050-57000-TBD from Comptroller’s Wages Acct # 10010403-5100 (*Note: To replace item reduced in 2015-2016 Budget Request*)) – Town Council
- 3o.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct # 50020155-54325 from Maintenance of Vehicle Acct # 50020155-54320 – Fire Department/ EMS Transport Division
- 3p.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,250 to Telephone Acct # 50020155-53000 from Operating Expenses Acct # 50020155-58735 – Fire Department/ EMS Transport Division
- 3q.** *Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Mayor to enter into any subsequent Agreements regarding grants totaling \$3,200,000 and Establish new Phase III Construction Acct # 302 in the Amount of \$3,200,000 Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Phase III – Engineering*

Removed
- 3r.** Consider and Approve an appropriation of \$3,891 to CRRA Special Revenue Fund-Senior Center Mini Bus-Expenditure Acct # 2000-2015-57000-10027 and an Appropriation of \$44,400 to CRRA Special Revenue Fund State Grant Fund #200 and Reduction in Revenue Line Item CRRA Distributed funds \$40,509 Fund # 200 - Comptroller

- 3s.** Appropriate \$88,653 to Revenues and Expenditures Special Revenue Fund #235 Federal and State Grants as listed. This represents Federal and/or State Grants in excess of the amount appropriated in 2014/2015 Budget, which are direct school grants – Board of Education

GRANT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Title I	\$ 559,140	\$ 538,721	\$20,419
Title III	\$ 43,208	\$ 38,876	\$ 4,332
IDEA- Part B	\$1,227,251	\$1,185,836	\$41,415
Voc Ed – Perkins \$	51,403	\$ 50,095	\$ 1,308

NEW GRANTS

GRANT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
CCS Professional Learning	\$ 3,500	\$0	\$ 3,500
Immigrant & Youth Education	\$17,679	\$0	<u>\$17,679</u>
TOTAL APPROP			\$88,653

- 3t.** Schedule a Public Hearing for April 28, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. to be held in connection with an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,400,000 FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PHASE I AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,400,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

- 3u.** Schedule a Public Hearing for April 28, 2015 at 6:35 P.M. to be held in connection with an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$335,000 TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 75 TYLER MILL ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$335,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

- 3v.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of March 24, 2015.

- 3w.** Consider and Approve the Re-Appointment of Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva to the Historic Properties Commission for a five-year term ending March 27, 2020 - Chairman Vincent Cervoni

- 3x.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of Robert Avery to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three-year term to begin immediately and to expire January 8, 2018 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni

- 3y.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of Nick Kern to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for a term to begin immediately and to expire March 1, 2019 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni

- 3z.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of James Heilman as an Alternate to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for a term to begin immediately and to expire March 1, 2017 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3aa.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of David Leonardo as an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to begin immediately and to expire January 8, 2018 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3bb.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of Thomas Wolfer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to begin immediately and to expire January 8, 2019 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3cc.** Consider and Approve the reappointment of David Desjardins as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to begin immediately and to expire January 8, 2018 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3a. – 3p and 3.r to 3cc.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)

The Town Clerk swore in:

Regular Members: Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva, Historic Properties Commission
Robert Avery, Board of Assessment Appeals
Nick Kern, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Alternate Members: James Heilman, Alternate, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 3q. Accept, Appropriate and Authorize the Mayor to enter into any subsequent Agreements regarding grants totaling \$3,200,000 and Establish new Phase III Construction Acct # 302 in the Amount of \$3,200,000 Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Phase III – Engineering**

Councilor Letourneau, who removed the item, yielded to the Town Engineer, John Thompson. Mr. Thompson discussed the project and its location, which will connect the Trail's current western terminus with Yalesville, crossing Fireworks Island. The Financial Summary that he handed out is part of the record of the meeting. The summary delineates both Federal and State grant funds that will finance this continuing project. He discussed the long and tortuous review process.

Councilor Letourneau expressed his concerns about the project's closeness to the river and about maintenance, stating that he cannot support this project.

Mr. Thompson responded to Mr. Laffin's inquiry with regard to Trail materials, saying that some of it will be paved but the boardwalks will be of a that is like the natural material but is not. Mr. Laffin supports the Trail expansion and noting that it will bring Yalesville closer to the new train station.

Councilor Fishbein asked if the town could be reimbursed for its investment from the grants if all of the grants' funds are not expended. It was determined that the Town cannot be reimbursed due to various grant criteria. He asked about river clean-up. Mr. Thompson said that the Trail Advisory Committee and the Public Works department would, together with a strong, outreach volunteer base, work out a maintenance plan. Councilor Fishbein stated that he would support this project.

Councilor Mansfield stated that she is interested in a long-term maintenance plan. Mr. Thompson acknowledged everyone's sensitivity to maintenance in the selection of materials. He said that the committed Trail Committee envisions connecting the Trail to those North Haven and to Cheshire.

Chairman Cervoni noted that choosing simulated new products were in an effort to reduce maintenance. He said he is clear that this is something that the people of Wallingford want. He announced the many emails the Council has received in support of this project. He read a few names of people who could not be in attendance tonight. There were some fifty-two (52) people in the audience.

Councilor Testa announced that he was in favor of the project as did Councilor Parisi.

Representative Mary Mushinsky and Kathy Granucci, Co-Chairwomen of the Quinnipiac River Trail Advisory Committee, recalled some of the ten-year history of collecting grants and told of finding an endangered species on the island that caused a re-design and re-location of a bridge. Rep Mushinsky reported many negotiations with neighbors of the project. She said that the island is historically significant and that a special sign will be erected recounting the island's fireworks industry.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: Yes

Russo: Yes

Laffin: Yes

Sullivan: Absent

Letourneau: No

Testa: Yes

Mansfield: Yes

Chairman Cervoni: Yes

Parisi: Yes

Aye - 7; Nay - 1; Absent -1 (Sullivan)

The motion passed.

The Town Clerk swore in David Desjardins, Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

The following took part: Ray Ross, Silver Pond Apts., Gina Morgenstein, Bob Gross, Long Hill Road and Paul Chiardullo, 2 Bayberry

6. Discussion and Possible Action authorizing the Mayor to sign Revised Interconnection Station Agreement between the Town of Wallingford Department of Public Utilities Water Division and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority - Public Utilities

Councilor Mansfield recused herself since she has a business relationship with South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority.

In attendance: *George Adair, Director, Public Utilities*
 Robert Beaumont, Chair, Public Utilities Commission
 Brian Hickey, Interim General Manager, Water-Sewer Divisions

Mr. Adair stated that the Agreement addresses the Council's concerns brought up the last time the Agreement was discussed. He listed those concerns, some of which include: 'Emergency', 'Right to Deny', 'Ownership of Facility', 'Long-term' and others. He said that this will be an asset to the town and urged the Council to approve the Agreement so that the PUC can move forward with the design and with construction.

Councilor Fishbein asked with regard to decreasing revenue if the division is looking for revenue. Mr. Adair said that is not what they are seeking, and it is not the objective. Mayor added that the town has a duty to cover emergency during a shortage and that we want to continue to manage ourselves.

Attorney Farrell stated that the Law Department agrees with the Agreement as stated by Mr. Adair and by Mr. Beaumont.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: No	Russo: Yes
Laffin: Yes	Sullivan: Absent
Letourneau: No	Testa: Yes
Mansfield: Yes	Chairman Cervoni: Yes
Parisi: Yes	

Aye - 6; Nay - 2; Absent -1 (Sullivan)
The motion passed.

7. 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

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR FISHBEIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR RUSSO.

VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (SULLIVAN)
MOTION PASSED.

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
From notes taken by the Town Clerk
Meeting digitally recorded.

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town Clerk Barbara Thompson

Date