

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 26, 1994

7:15 P.M.

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1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Resolution of Appreciation to Robert Leitzman for His Charitable Contributions of Community Support Extended to the Town of Wallingford on Behalf of American Cyanamid/Cytec Industries
3. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 from Erosion Control Acct. #001-7010-600-6500 to Secretarial Services Acct. #001-7010-600-6040 - Town Planner
4. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#274-280) in the Amount of \$4,157.10 - Tax Collector
5. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$250 from Secretarial Expenses Acct. #001-1110-600-6040 and \$350 from Copier Rental and Supplies Acct. #001-1110-600-6120 for a Total of \$600 to Overtime (Secretary) Acct. #001-1110-100-1400 - Town Council Office
6. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 4/7/94 and 4/12/94 Town Council Meetings
7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
8. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid for Work Performed by a Town Employee - Water Division
9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Status of Membership of the Golf Course Study Committee - Town Council Office
10. Consider and Approve an Appointment to the Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee - Town Council Office
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12. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$12,000 to Increase Outside Services Acct. #923-000 and to Increase Prior Retained Earnings Account by \$12,000 and to Decrease Net Income by \$12,000 - Sewer Division
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14. Discussion Pertaining to the Lease Between the Town of Wallingford and the Housing Authority for Use of the McKenna Court Gymnasium as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen

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15. Remove from the Table to Consider and Approve a Forest Management Plan and Budget Amendment for Approximately 2,000 Acres of Land Owned by the Town of Wallingford - Program Planner
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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 26, 1994 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 7:25 P.M. by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Mr. Gouveia who was vacationing out of the country. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., arrived at 7:27 P.M., Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris was present for the roll call and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers arrived at 7:28 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 from Erosion Control Acct. #001-7010-600-6500 to Secretarial Services Acct. #001-7010-600-6040 - Town Planner

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#274-280) in the Amount of \$4,157.10 - Tax Collector

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$250 from Secretarial Expenses Acct. #001-1110-600-6040 and \$350 from Copier Rental and Supplies Acct. #001-1110-600-6120 for a Total of \$600 to Overtime (Secretary) Acct. #001-1110-100-1400 - Town Council Office

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 4/7/94 and 4/12/94 Town Council Meetings

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Killen and Papale abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Ryan Stample, 19 Martin Avenue approached the Council and informed

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them that he recently purchased a home on Martin Avenue. He has noticed that there are dances and other functions held at the Recreation Center (formerly Simpson School) on a daily basis in the evenings. His property is loitered, urinated and littered upon by youths who are in the vicinity due to the dance. When approached and asked to move the youths become indignant, vulgar and antagonistic. He does not attribute the problem to the children attending the dance for they are inside participating in the function. It seems to be an element of youth who know that there will be a gathering at the location so they loiter outside the premises to see their friends. There was a display and usage of drugs recently behind the school and the police had to be summoned to the location. He pleaded with the Council and Mayor to address this problem so that the residents in the neighborhood could enjoy their yards and not fear potential destruction to it. He asked if there is any other location to which the dances and classes can be moved.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the dances are patrolled at all?

Mayor Dickinson responded, the last dance did not have a police officer outside the premises. There usually is one inside. The previous dance did have an officer directing traffic on Center Street. He felt that the answer is to assess the situation and if the Town cannot provide sufficient safeguards this year we may have to cancel the remainder of the dances. He will need to consult with the Recreation Department on this matter.

Mr. Stample stated that the neighbors have informed him that this problem has been ongoing for the past three years. Some residents informed him that they have visited the Mayor's Office several times regarding this issue. One has placed four phone calls requesting a call back from the Mayor, all to no avail. It is not just a matter of cancelling the dances. There are alcoholics, overeaters, anonymous, dog obedience, and ski classes held at the school. Recently he has discovered that probationary hearings are being conducted there as well. He admits that the Visiting Nurses' Association is a good organization and daytime classes are acceptable, however, all functions should cease by 6:00 or 8:00 P.M. It is a neighborhood with children who are at risk to the traffic and behavior of the element of youth described earlier. The functions end at 10:00 and 11:00 P.M.

Mr. Zandri felt that until the problem can be resolved the Town should have auxiliary personnel or police officers stationed outside on a regular basis.

Tom Dooley, Supervisor of Programs, Parks & Recreation Department, shared his concerns with the Council. He stated, since January this dances are posing a much greater problem in liability for the Town than they have in the past due to attitude changes we are seeing amongst this particular group of middle school use. There is concern on the part of all of the members of his department over this issue. They do feel there is a need to continue to provide these social functions but is not sure if it is feasible to do so. Programming must be provided for residents of the town and most adults cannot

attend the programs until after dinner time.

Mr. Rys asked if the rules have changed that govern the dances?

Mr. Dooley responded, they have become much more rigid with regards to entering the dances. Anytime after 7:30 P.M. the child must be escorted by a parent. The number of chaperones inside the dances have been doubled. His staff cannot be responsible for what is happening outside. In the past a police officer has made rounds outside.

Mayor Dickinson noted that those who attend the dance are not allowed to leave and hang around outside and enter the dance again. In fact, they are not allowed to leave unless they are picked up.

Mr. Dooley explained that the youths are not allowed to leave before 10:00 P.M.

Mayor Dickinson feels that what may be happening is that other youths are collecting outside who are not attending the dance.

Mr. Dooley does not want the dances to appear to have a police state atmosphere where uniformed officers are very visible.

Mrs. Duryea felt that we must also think about the people who live on Martin Avenue. They have had enough of this problem. We showed that in our recent study (Simpson School Study) and she has been pointing this out for the past two years at least. We are not getting anywhere. The Recreation Center does not belong where it is, we need a new one. It is a necessity.

Mr. Zandri reiterated his statements regarding the need to hire outside security or police staff. Until such time the problem will not go away.

Eileen Valentas, 34 Martin Avenue, expressed her concern regarding the residents in the neighborhood with health problems. She is afraid that emergency personnel will be unable to reach someone who is in need of their services due to the traffic and congestion. She served on the Simpson School Study Committee and stated that the group worked very hard to present a final report to the Council and Mayor. What has happened since it was presented? Nothing.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the Town did come close to purchasing a building for the center, unfortunately, it did not come to fruition. We are actively seeking another site. We cannot simply close the center until such time another location is identified.

Ms. Papale informed the residents that the Council and Mayor are fully aware of the problem that exists. Hopefully it will not take a long time to find a building for the center. Wallingford needs the social functions for their teenagers. So many times we hear that nothing is available to keep them occupied and out of trouble. Many youths enjoy the facility and adhere to the rules. She agreed with Mr. Zandri that we should hire security personnel until another viable solution is arrived at.

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Ms. Valentas asked, why can't these programs be placed in some of the schools?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the use of the schools is almost impossible. There are functions held on almost a nightly basis.

Mrs. Duryea informed everyone that Dr. Cirusuolo did state that the dances could be held at the schools. Apparently the recreation department had a problem with that.

Mr. Stample asked, why not rent a hall such as the Knights of Columbus or PNA Club and charge admission to cover the expense? They have security there.

Mr. Dooley responded that Dr. Cirusuolo has given the green light to hold some of the functions in the schools. He stated that both Dag and Moran have wooden gym floors and it is difficult to run the size of the dances they have on those floors. The school administration has a lot of concerns over that. The recreation department is reluctant to go into someone else's property. Even though Dr. Cirusuolo has expressed his support, each of the school's principals have a certain amount of autonomy and we are unwelcomed guests.

Ms. Papale stated that when she attended the Wallingford school system all the dances were held in the gyms, are they making the floors different now?

Mr. Solinsky suggested that the Council's Public Safety Committee meet with everyone to try and iron out the program.

Doris Bevan, Martin Avenue pointed out that Mrs. Duryea has been the only Councilor to visit the area and view the problem first hand. All the rec center programs have expanded over the years, but not the facility. The programs should not be allowed to expand until a new location is found for them. She felt that the programs were expanded with the hopes that there would be enough public outcry to have the center moved. This would result in pressure to find a new location.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the Council should let his office, the Recreation Department and Police Department review the issue to make a determination. It is possible that the dances may have to be cancelled.

Mr. Zappala felt that the suggestion of renting a hall for the event was viable.

Mr. Killen asked that the Public Safety Committee be allowed to follow up on this issue.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street could not believe that the Council approved a \$46 million budget for the Board of Education without so much as a question and yet at other workshops the Council nickles and dimes departments.

He asked the Mayor, is it at his sole discretion which department

attends out of State seminars? He then asked, where is the \$100,000 coming from that is being given to the Board of Education out of the present budget for repairs to Highland School? Finally, he asked if the Town received any funding assistance from the State or Federal Government to purchase the Wooding/Caplan Properties?

Mayor Dickinson responded, yes, it is at his discretion that department heads will be authorized to attend seminars. Most departments have not attended seminars in the past three to four years. Where there is good reason, whether it be exposure to other professionals and educational meetings, the personnel will be allowed to attend. They are not for everyone. Secondly, the Town has been informed by the BOE that they have received notice by the State DOE that \$106,000 would be paid to the Town in order to make up for a deficit of funds that should have been paid in F.Y. 1992-93. There was some discrepancy in the filing of forms apparently. Approximately \$106,000 will be received from the State and he recommends that be appropriated for Highland School. Thirdly, to his knowledge, no federal or state funds have been used to purchase the Caplan/Wooding Property.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated that it costs the BOE approximately \$10,000 per individual for benefits per year. It is his understanding that the BOE offers 40% of the benefit cost, \$4,000, as payment for a benefit waiver if one family member waives their right to the medical coverage. The money is recorded to the IRS as taxable income. The money is not considered, in any way, as part of their retirement. Last year the number of people who took advantage of the offer was thirty-five. This year it has increased to fifty. Multiply fifty times the \$4,000 and it calculates out to \$200,000. That is a sizeable amount of money that is saved by the BOE. He asked the Mayor to explain why he is adamantly against offering this same incentive to general government employees?

Mayor Dickinson responded that currently we are involved in a challenge as to whether or not that should be included in pension calculations. That is one enormous concern. Another concern is, where both parties work for the Town of Wallingford, we have the same exposure on our insurance. Approximately 50% of those who waive the benefit have a spouse working for the Town as well as themselves. As a result there is no reduction in exposure as far as medical claims so we don't benefit from it. We are running the risk of being challenged in the area of pensions. Health insurance operates on a dollar for dollar basis, so even if we pay additional money into Blue Cross/Blue Shield, that money doesn't go anywhere. If it is not paid in claims it is held in reserves and then reduces what your rate increase would be next year, depending upon experience. When we pay the employee that money is indeed lost as far as any kind of rate offset and raises some concerns in his mind as to what the real risk is if we are dealing with intangibles. He indicated that he would be willing to speak on this with those with more knowledge. The Martin Seagle Company may be able to shed more light on the issue.

Mr. Wright asked the Mayor, are you saying that you do not believe

that the \$4,000 is a savings?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it won't be if we end up paying pensions based upon the higher salary that includes the \$4,000.

Mr. Wright asked, has this been tested? Has it be questioned by the BOE? No one has questioned it yet.

Mayor Dickinson answered, it is the subject of a labor challenge by one of the employees. He is of the belief that employees should be paid for work performed and not in tune with paying people to waive a benefit. We should pay in accordance with employment classification.

Mr. Wright stated, we constantly preach poverty and when an opportunity comes along all he sees is efforts to scotch it.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid for Work Performed by a Town Employee - Water Division

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

This issue is before the Council for a waiver due to the Town Attorney's recent discovery that employees who have their own businesses have been supplying services to the Town. Pursuant to Chapter XVII of the Town Charter and Section 10 of the Purchasing Ordinance, no employee can provide outside services to the Town unless it is by public bid or the Town Council waives the prohibition against using town employees for outside services. The Water Division retained the services of one of its employees without being aware of this requirement, therefore the waiver is applied for now so that the invoices can be paid.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Status of the Membership of the Golf Course Study Committee - Town Council Office

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Add the Names of Beverly Belliveau, Tom Zappala and Howard Griesing to the Committee, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Resolution of Appreciation to Robert Leitzman for His Charitable Contributions of Community Support Extended to the Town of Wallingford on Behalf of American Cyanamid/Cytec Industries

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

The resolution was read into the record by Mr. Killen who proposed that Mr. Leitzman be honored this evening (appendix I).

Mr. Solinsky stated that the resolution contained quite a list of accomplishments. One item missing was when the Police Department had discovered hazardous material stored in its basement of which Cyanamid helped us dispose of it.

Mayor Dickinson also pointed out that there was significant contribution on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Cyanamid/Cytec is very active nationally and locally they put us on the map at the forefront of establishing that committee, disclosure of information in planning for hazardous events in the community as well as coordinating with the Fire Department. The list goes on and on. Bob Leitzman was a principal factor in all of that of which we have to be very grateful.

Mr. Solinsky stated that Mr. Leitzman's efforts are all appreciated. Cyanamid was a household word in Mr. Solinsky's life for his dad worked at the plant for more than forty years.

On behalf of the Council, Chairman Solinsky wished Mr. Leitzman and his wife the best of luck and thanked him for his many efforts.

Mr. Killen stated that a lot of people will miss Mr. Leitzman as a person, not just because of the accomplishments, but because of what Mr. Leitzman epitomized. He found it very easy to call upon the Manager of a plant and find that he was just as easy to talk to as the watchman outside. That made all the difference in the world. It is a sore loss to not only Cytec but the Town of Wallingford (applause).

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

At this time Chairman Solinsky and Mayor Dickinson presented Mr. Leitzman with the resolution.

Mr. Leitzman thanked everyone for the recognition. There was never a time while working in Wallingford that he didn't feel as though he were a good part of the community. He has always felt welcome and appreciated that very much. He appreciated the phone calls so that everyone remained in touch. He thanked everyone on behalf of himself and his wife, who he stated was his biggest supporter and help in terms of advice and direction in terms of what needed to be done. It has been a real honor to work in the Town of Wallingford (applause).

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve an Appointment to the Recreation Center/
Ice Rink Committee - Town Council Office

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Knight explained that a neighbor of his, Doug McKay, has expressed interest in joining the committee to review and study the feasibility of establishing an ice rink in the Town of Wallingford. He felt that he would be a valuable addition to the committee due to the fact that he is associated with the construction industry and very involved in the sport of hockey.

Doug McKay, 294 Ivy Street, expressed his desire in serving on the

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community.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Add the Name of Doug McKay to the Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 SET A PUBLIC HEARING for May 24, 1994, 7:45 P.M. on Adoption of an Ordinance to Change the Public Bid Limit from \$2,000 to \$5,000 - Purchasing Advisory Committee

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen was of the opinion that CT. General Statute 7-148v which permits a municipality to change its bid limit by adoption of a municipal ordinance, notwithstanding provisions of the Town Charter, is written with the intent to permit the Town to establish an ordinance where one does not exist. He did not interpret it to mean that the existing ordinance can be changed.

Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris understood the statute to mean that it was designed to override any contrary Charter provision up to \$7,500. He felt the ordinance can be amended by power of the statute.

Mr. Killen disagreed.

Atty. Mantzaris will research the issue prior to the public hearing at which time he will present his findings.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$12,000 to Increase Outside Services Acct. #923-000 and to Increase Prior Retained Earnings Account by \$12,000 and to Decrease Net Income by \$12,000 - Sewer Division

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Zandri asked for an explanation of the budget amendment.

Roger Dann, General Manager of the Water & Sewer Division stated that the need the division has is to provide the additional funds in outside services in order to provide for consulting services associated with revisions to our wastewater treatment plant discharge permit. In order to obtain those funds, since this was not known prior to the submission of budget requests, the division is proposing to use retained earnings, increase the amount of retained earnings being utilized in the current year's budget and accordingly then appropriate those funds into the outside services account. The impact of doing that since the outside services is in the operating portion of the budget is to decrease net income. By increasing the expenditures we decrease net income. However that is compensated for under the source of funds portion of the budget by increasing use of retained earnings.

Mr. Killen asked if \$12,000 was the low bid?

Mr. Dann responded, the bid came in just under \$10,000 and he is requesting just a bit more in anticipation of potential needs for certain additional services if that becomes necessary. He did not know that it will be necessary but wanted a little extra room.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Discussion Regarding the Department of Police Service's Authority to Post Signs on Private Property as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Killen apologized for his item should read public property and not private property.

He referred to the ordinance entitled, "Ordinance Establishing Traffic and Parking Regulations, Violations, Penalties, Enforcement, Collection and Hearing Procedures".

Section 1. General Authority and Provisions

a. Authority to Adopt Rules, Regulations and Restrictions

The Traffic Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations and restrictions relative to the routing of traffic and the parking of vehicles not in consistent with the statutes of the State of Connecticut or this section which in its judgment may be deemed necessary for the proper regulation and control of vehicular traffic upon the highways and town-owned or operated property within the Town for the safety and convenience of the public.

b. Erection and Maintenance of Signs

The Traffic Authority is further authorized and empowered to erect and maintain signs on each highway and Town-owned or operated property designating the time or terms of such regulations or restrictions on any highway or Town-owned or operated property coming under the jurisdiction of the Town and the traffic authority....

Mr. Killen felt that the ordinance is too broad in its statement of "Town-owned property" and its giving away of power from the Council to the traffic authority and to establish rules and regulations covering any town-owned land whether it be buildings used by the BOE or recreation, etc. This was not his intent at time that he voted on it. It should go back to the ordinance committee.

Mr. Solinsky stated that he was not aware that Mr. Killen was going to refer to the ordinance this evening and therefore did not make himself familiar with it.

Mr. Killen made a motion to turn this over to the ordinance committee for review, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Ms. Papale stated that when a Councilor requests an item be placed on the agenda back up material should be included. If the Council had been aware of the fact that the ordinance was going to be referred to they could have reviewed it.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Discussion Pertaining to the Lease Between the Town of Wallingford and the Housing Authority for Use of the McKenna Court Gymnasium as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Killen stated that it was brought to the Council's attention at the April 12, 1994 Town Council Meeting that the Town was losing the loss of the McKenna Court Gym. He contacted the Department of Law to obtain a copy of the latest lease which expired February of 1993. At the meeting that the last lease was approved by the Council the motion specified that we would strictly lease the gym floor area and nothing else yet, nothing was changed in the lease whereby the Town is responsible for paying the heat and electricity for the entire building.

Mayor Dickinson responded that the Town was paying only for the gym area, it was a proportionate charge on a monthly basis. The Town was responsible for repairs to the structure that the Town used. At one point there were discussions and involvement over how much of the new heating system was the Town's responsibility.

Mr. Killen read a portion of the lease into the record as follows: "The Town of Wallingford agrees to be responsible as required by the Wallingford Housing Authority for all costs of maintenance and utilities during the terms of this lease for the entire building shown on the plan referred to in Schedule A." In looking at the blueprints the entire building is Schedule A.

Mayor Dickinson added, but paragraph five states, "The Town of Wallingford shall reimburse the Housing Authority eighty-five percent (85%) of the actual cost of the utilities." That percentage represents the proportional use of the gym vs. the rest of the building.

Mr. Killen asked, why wasn't the Council made aware of the fact that the lease was terminating since the Council is the one who approves the act of entering into the lease?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it is a matter of both parties and the Housing Authority was interested in changing the terms. They wanted additional storage area. Stephen Nere, Housing Authority Director was interested in an additional amount of money from the Town. A considerable storage area for vehicles and maintenance equipment was needed since they were eliminating that type of use at their building

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on Wharton Brook Drive. There was interest in changing the terms (of the lease) and given the background and the continuing issue between Public Works and the Town and conversations over who owed what...he was also aware, in the past, the primary user was the Boys & Girls Club. They no longer use the gym. Since then the Recreation Department has expanded some other uses in the building but it was not the purpose at the time that we entered into the lease. Parking has always been an issue as well.

Mr. Killen reiterated his point that if the Housing Authority wanted to enter into an agreement they could not through the office of the Mayor alone. They have to appear before the Council. The Council was not made aware of any of the information.

Mayor Dickinson repeated that the Housing Authority was not interested in entering into the same type of agreement.

Mr. Killen explained again, any type of agreement has to come before the Council for their decision. The Mayor could then give his input to the Council on the matter.

Mayor Dickinson informed Mr. Killen that nothing had occurred regarding the expiration of the lease until two months ago when Mr. Nere indicated that he wanted to take over the gym and unless the Town was willing to provide enough money so that he could rent space elsewhere for garaging and storing his equipment and supplies, he wanted to terminate the lease and indicated that as his position. Given the background he (the Mayor) was not interested in prolonging a very uncomfortable arrangement between the parties up until this time. With knowledge that the Boys & Girls Club was not using it, it was an opportune time to put the matter to rest.

Mr. Killen argued that the Council was not given the opportunity to negotiate terms with Mr. Nere.

Mayor Dickinson repeated, Mr. Nere asked his opinion on the matter and his opinion was that the Town is not in the interest of the Town to supply additional money so that they could store supplies elsewhere so that we could continue to use the gym. That remains the Mayor's opinion.

Mr. Killen stated once again that the Council could enter into the contract even if the Mayor disagreed with the terms.

Mayor Dickinson reminded the Council that the lease expired last year. He stated that if there is Council support then a motion could be made to pursue renting space or entering into another arrangement with the Housing Authority.

Mike DeNino, 26 West Street commended the Council for their resolution to Robert Leitzman for he certainly deserved it. He stated that the Boys Club, karate classes, senior citizens are all out of the facility. Last night was obedience class for dogs. The seniors no longer want the building. They had a lot of complaints for the Housing Authority over the youths, vandalism and the animals messing on

the property before and after the obedience classes. Mr. DeNino talked to people yesterday hoping to rally a show of support tonight only to find that the seniors don't want the building because no one took care of it. An outfit is in there refurbishing the building now.

Mayor Dickinson stated, if work is being performed then it must be the Housing Authority doing the work. It is their building.

Mr. DeNino asked, what is going to happen to the voting district that was located there?

Kathryn Wall, Town Clerk responded that other arrangements are being made.

Mr. DeNino asked, where is all the money coming from to refurbish the building with desks, staff, etc.

Mayor Dickinson responded, it would be funded by the Housing Authority by either utilizing money received from the State of Connecticut or from their tenants.

Mr. Rys asked, if Mr. Nere gave the Mayor a written notice of termination of the lease? According to the agreement three months' written notice must be given to the Town of Wallingford to terminate the lease.

Mayor Dickinson stated that Mr. Nere informed him on the telephone.

Mr. Rys suggested that the Housing Authority write a letter to the Council informing them that they not longer want the Town in the building. Perhaps it is a moot point.

No action was taken.

The Chairman declared a five minute recess at this point in time.

Upon re-convening the meeting the Chairman requested that everyone stand to observe a moment of silence for Former President Richard M. Nixon.

At this time Mr. Knight noted that Gary Gentile, Wallingford reporter of the Record Journal will be leaving his job to take a position with the Hartford Courant. He stated that he enjoyed working with Mr. Gentile over the past few years and enjoyed very much the interplay that Mr. Gentile established with various public figures in town. Gary brings to his craft not only an excellent writing style and thorough knowledge of the issues but also brings a sense of fun to the process. He extended best wishes to Gary in his new position (applause).

Addendum

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Move the Addendum Item Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Addendum Discussion Regarding the Notice Given to the Town Council on April 21, 1994 Regarding Open Space as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Killen read the notice into the record (appendix II). He stated that the Council gave the Mayor authorization to apply for the grants and the Mayor has taken it upon himself to decide that the Town is no longer interested in purchasing the open space. He asked, what role does this Council play in your scheme of things?

Mayor Dickinson responded, this is not the first time the issue of open space has come up in the context of the number of projects that we are looking to undertake. It has been mentioned in context of the size of the school project growing from an estimated \$15 million to \$30 million. As a result he could not say that there is plenty of money to do everything. The Recreation Department is still an ongoing concern that needs to be moved. It is difficult to say that the open space is the highest priority. It will absorb money from the school project as well as the recreation project. If we want to set this as the highest priority, and I feel that it is not inappropriate to do so, then we all have to recognize that it will, quite possibly, absorb money that will not be available for something else.

Mr. Killen answered, we don't have that option for you have already told the State that we will not accept the grant.

Mayor Dickinson corrected Mr. Killen for he has not yet notified the State. Notification was not going to be sent without giving the Council the chance to deal with the issue at this meeting. It is on the agenda.

Mr. Killen reminded the Mayor that he (Mr. Killen) put the item on the agenda as an addendum because the letter came to the Council after the agenda was set. It was not an item placed on the agenda by the Mayor. A letter was simply left in their mail box. We should have had the letter before the deadline for the agenda. He is tired of having the \$30 million figure for the school projected held in the face of the Council each time a project is discussed. There is no negotiating on the Mayor's part by stating that if the amount comes in lower than \$30 million we will consider tackling a project.

Mayor Dickinson responded, he would be misrepresenting the public if he talked about a figure less than the top figure utilized in the estimates. It may come in lower but it could quite possibly come in at \$30 million.

Mr. Killen wanted this item on a future agenda to vote on the purchase. Open space does not come along all that often, if you let it go its gone.

Mayor Dickinson stated, it is possible to make a motion tonight if the

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majority of the Council feels that it should be pursued, recognizing that it may impact their ability to accomplish all of their goals. We would have to take action tonight for there is no time to waste and we may have to apply for an extension from the State as it is.

Mr. Solinsky stated that the purchase is a high priority in his mind. We don't get this chance often. If we don't purchase the William's property and houses go up the Town is encumbered by more services, water, sewers, etc. It is adjoining Town land already. He asked the Mayor about the status of the Hintz property.

The Mayor explained that the Hintz property is across North Turnpike Road and creates a green strip which takes someone from the Quinnipiac River, across the Town of Wallingford property (once the Dapkus property) and on up through Moran Middle School, Sheehan High School to Highland School. The Williams' property is the best of the three choices as far as adding to our holdings of water company property. There is an additional piece owned by a property owner within the water company area that is not subject to the grant but really should be purchased as well because it would consolidate all of the water company property and eliminate private owners within the Tyler Mill Road area. The cost is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000+.

Mr. Solinsky did not feel another vote is necessary since the Council voted on the issue once before.

Mayor Dickinson did not want to proceed with the purchase unless everyone is fully aware that this will use up resources. If there is not a majority of people prepared to approve it now...for us to go through the additional appraisals, request for an extension from the State...he did not want to proceed only to find that there is not a majority of support from the Council.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the numbers he had as the Town's participation for the purchase, \$655,000. and the State's portion of \$436,000 was accurate?

Don Roe, Program Planner responded, yes, but that is excluding the piece in the water company property.

Mr. Zandri stated, it goes back to how you use the funds that are available to you. He has determined a way to pay for the property without jeopardizing the school project by one dime in this upcoming budget. The Council has already transferred out from the Electric Division an amount in excess of \$700,000. If the will is that we want to purchase this land for it is in the best interest of this community, we can do it without jeopardizing the school project and we don't have to raise taxes. It is an option. It comes down to whether or not you have the will to get it done.

Mayor Dickinson was not supportive of using utility money for this purpose. The money was not raised for this purpose, it is necessary for utility projects. If we cannot to it within the means of general government then it should not be accomplished.

Mr. Zandri responded, it is not utility money as far as he is concerned it is Town money that belongs to the residents of the community. If utilizing those dollars means a benefit to the community, that is precisely what they should be used for.

Mrs. Duryea stated, once before she voted against purchasing open space while we had ongoing projects. She is under the impression that it is not so much the school project as it is the recreation center and/or Community Pool that will have to go if the Council pursues the open space. She asked the Mayor if she was correct in her interpretation of his remarks?

Mayor Dickinson responded, he wished he could be more specific but without knowing exactly where the school project will come in it is very difficult to tell the Council that something is out. It is probably more accurate to say, how long will it be delayed before the Town could take up the project? The money spent on the open space project will absorb resources that will be unavailable for any one or all of those projects.

Mrs. Duryea stated that she has been an advocate of a new recreation center for three years now, but nothing is happening. The Mayor is not putting money aside to replace or repair the roof at Simpson School nor to fix the heating system. It is frustrating.

Mayor Dickinson asked, why spend \$300,000 on a building that everyone feels we should be out of?

Mrs. Duryea responded, we are not going out of it. We must do something while we are there.

Mayor Dickinson responded, we are working to get out of the building. There is another building that is being looked at. There is no sense in spending \$300,000 when we know that the parking is inadequate, it won't help the neighborhood, we are dealing with a recreation center for a population of 40,000 people in a school that is very old and its lay out is inadequate for the purpose.

Mrs. Duryea pointed out that the same excuse that we are going somewhere else has been used for the past five years. We haven't gone anywhere in the five years we are still there and we are still looking.

Mr. Knight asked, is there a possibility of looking at each potential purchase individually? His concern is that open space in towns in Connecticut is slowly but surely slipping away and when it does it slips away forever. It is not that we are taking a forest and cutting the trees and making a farm that will be there forever and the forest grows, we plant houses on that property. Hamden lost many opportunities to purchase areas of land that would have enhanced the overall value of the community and reduced the pressure of development in certain areas. This issue takes a higher priority than Community Pool because we will lose this opportunity and, once lost, will never return.

Mr. Solinsky asked, why was the island chosen?

Mayor Dickinson explained that the reason was to protect and preserve for the future a resource that is unique on a stretch of the Quinnipiac River. It is twenty-two acres in size and the only island on the river. It would be a resource that the Town would have that would truly be beyond anything that we could imagine in terms of benefit in the future. It does require a commitment that we may never have a direct benefit from.

Mr. Zappala asked, how long have we known that we have needed a school project?

Mayor Dickinson responded, two or three years?

Mr. Zappala asked, why did we buy the Wooding/Caplan Property?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the property was purchased before we got into the issue of expansion on the schools.

Mr. Zandri stated that it was bought for the purpose of meeting the needs of the Police Department and Fire Department.

Mr. Zappala is in favor of purchasing the open space.

Mr. Knight made a motion to Proceed with the Purchase of the Properties Discussed within the Grants and also the Piece Owned by a Private Party Within the Property Owned by the Town Along Tyler Mill, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Ms. Papale asked the Mayor, what are we doing besides the school expansion? Although open space has never been a priority of the Town in Iris's eyes, what will she be giving up by voting to purchase the open space?

Mayor Dickinson answered, if you are totally committed to a \$30 million school project then you should think seriously about not going ahead with this purchase.

Mrs. Duryea stated, the school project is not going to cost the town \$30 million. The State funds 50% of the project. We are scaring people by using the \$30 million figure. It is simply a scare tactic.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that at one point it was a \$7.5 million project that grew to \$15 million.

Ms. Papale asked, if an opportunity arises in the next few months to purchase a building for the recreation center after we have purchased the open space, will it be overlooked or jeopardized because of this action?

Mayor Dickinson could not respond yes or no. It would depend on the size of the recreation project. This absorbs money. He could not answer the question without knowing the size of the recreation project.

Ms. Papale asked, am I making a choice between open space or a recreation center?

Mayor Dickinson responded, you may be, depending upon the size of the dollar amount associated with the recreation project. If it came in at \$4 or \$5 million you would be making a choice, however if a building could be purchased for under \$1 million with a total price of \$2 or \$2.5 million, the open space purchase may not impact the recreation center.

Mr. Killen pointed out that in November of 1990 the money was approved for going out to bid for appraisals on this open space purchase, what is taking so long on this project?

Don Roe, Program Planner responded, the final approval was obtained in 1991. It has been due to the fact that other capital projects have been before the community.

Mr. Killen answered, the Council was not told at the time that we were applying for the grant that it would take back seat to something else that would come along. We were told we were applying for it to use the money. If we vote for this purchase this evening, in your estimation will it go forward?

Mr. Roe answered, in my estimation, yes.

Mr. Zandri informed Ms. Papale that she should look at each budget year to help her make the decision. In the upcoming budget year there is no funds appropriate for a recreation center or pool. The only thing that is being accounted for is the school project. The money is also in the budget to purchase the open space. It is simply a matter or whether or not you want to get this done.

Ms. Papale responded, the money that would be used to purchase the open space does not have the Mayor's approval for such purpose.

Mr. Zandri stated, the Council has the option of making its own decision. The budget can be vetoed and then it is the option of this Council to vote on it.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street felt that the Town should take two schools each year and bring them up to code. We should leave Yalesville School alone and not spend the money. The Town will miss the boat if the Council does not purchase this open space. He was disgusted with the condition of the Wooding/Caplan property. Nothing has been done with it since it was purchased. We have lost \$20,000 per year off the tax rolls. He felt that \$30 million is too much money to spend on the schools.

Philip Wright, 160 Cedar Street stated that every project is being held hostage by the Mayor because of the BOE expansion project that every man, woman and child knew was going to come. All of a sudden nothing can happen because of the project. We are going to raise the budget this year by \$4 million. Salaries comprise \$3.2 million of that increase. If we had a moratorium on raises then we could

accomplish all kinds of projects with that money. If we look at \$76 for the average homeowner for a \$4 million increase in the budget, then what we are talking about is...if we spend \$1 million on open space we are bringing that figure down to \$20 per person. He could not understand how everything can be held hostage to the school project. He favored purchasing the open space and taking advantage of the 40% savings. He felt that the people of the town would not mind paying \$22 more per year for the open space.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive stated, priorities have to be set, hard choices have to be made for resources are finite. A priority list must be established with cooperation between the Council and Mayor.

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail echoed Mr. Wright's views on the Mayor holding all projects hostage to the school expansion project. No formal plan has ever been presented by the Mayor. This Council adopted a resolution to apply for grant funds. Now we are hearing that a letter is being sent to the DEP stating that we are no longer interested. There was no input from the Council what so ever. As a taxpayer of the Town he was upset from being shut out of the process. Not all open space has a direct benefit to the Town. The Council must discuss this issue and review it carefully to get the process going. By doing this the taxpayer is also informed of the money that is being spent and for what purpose.

Lester Slie, 18 Green Street stated that the seniors are being scared by the \$30 million dollar figure. Most people are upset that nothing is being accomplished in Town and are blaming it on the school project. No figures should be attached to the project until actual costs have been obtained.

Mr. Killen stated that in looking at the Mayor's six year plan over the past years, do you see Community Pool in it anywhere, do you see the school project in there anywhere. how about the Wooding Property? None of those projects are in there. Four years ago the Council voted to go ahead with this purchase but it was pushed aside for other projects, not by the Council but by the Mayor.

Mr. Rys stated that he supported the purchase of open space based on comments made by the public at an earlier meeting at which time they asked, can't anything be done about all these houses being built? Houses are built, children go to school systems, more teachers have to be hired, more roads are serviced by the Town, etc. It would be a wise choice of the Town to go ahead and purchase this open space that way we won't have the problem of adding more children to the schools and more responsibilities to the Town.

Mrs. Duryea commented that if it was not stated by the Mayor that other projects would be jeopardized by this purchase she would vote in favor of it. On the heels of that, she could not support it at this time.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Duryea, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Remove from the Table to Consider and Approve a Forest Management Plan and Budget Amendment for Approximately 2,000 Acres of Land Owned by the Town of Wallingford - Program Planner

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Don Roe, Program Planner explained that this program was before the Council approximately six months ago. At that time a presentation was made by the Town's forester. The Council did not take action at that time due to the fact that in that plan the forester recommended a change in usage and it was called into question. The end result was that during the winter months meetings were held with representatives of organizations and residents that utilize the facility to review the information that has been available to users, to review with the State Representatives who oversee the hunting permitted program to flush out what it all means.

There were some representations made about the State's liability under the permit required program and their absorption of that. That matter ended up being referred to our Department of Law and subsequently a letter has gone to DEP asking for Attorney General comment and opinion on the appropriate statutes and what does that liability protection really mean.

Before the Council this evening is the document previously presented with two revisions, one to the summary and another on page 51, recommended by the forester at the last presentation. There is no recommendation in the plan with regards to changes in usage. There is a possibility that the plan will come before the Council again at a future date with a change to the hunting program. That will depend on what response we receive from the Attorney General through DEP. The representatives from the TROTS organization, Wallingford Rod & Gun Club and Conservation Commission are all very comfortable with what is being presented at this time.

The text is the same as presented in the past, however, with regards to the timeline we are now one year behind schedule.

Mr. Zappala asked, is hunting still allowed in the area?

Mr. Roe responded, deer hunting is not allowed on the property, strictly small game shotgun hunting.

Mr. Zappala stated that it is dangerous to have hunting and hikers allowed in the same area.

Stan Shepardson, Director of Parks and Recreation stated, it was decided amongst all representatives of the groups involved, including DEP, that the two activities are compatible with one another. There are no pistols or rifles allowed. The DEP has informed us that hunting and hiking is allowed, under the same parameters, in many parts of the State. There have been no accidents to date except for

one.

Mr. Roe stated that we are seeking written confirmation of the facts that DEP have stated with regards to the practice of multiple uses of recreational areas within the State. The DEP explained thoroughly the restrictions set forth for the hunting program at its meetings with us. The Trail Riders Organization (TROTTS) no longer feel at the level of risk that they previously felt upon meeting with DEP. We will be providing the organized user groups additional information on personal safety measures that they can and should take, i.e., adding bells to their horses, wearing proper clothing, etc. It is most unlikely to mistake a horse for a rabbit.

Mr. Zappala felt the Town is jeopardizing the safety of the hikers and riders by allowing hunting, regardless of what DEP says.

Mr. Roe explained that the DEP stated the program has been in effect since 1948 without one incident.

Mr. Zappala refused to accept that fact. It is the Town's land and the Town is liable.

Mr. Roe stated that Mr. Shepardson and himself are not prepared to discuss usage of the property this evening until a response is received from the Attorney General and DEP. At that time it will be discussed.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Roe to explain what the cost is to the Town to be involved in this program and what the benefits are to us.

Mr. Roe responded, in looking at the inventory, it is trying to produce a healthier forest both in terms of forest area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department as well as the area under the jurisdiction of the Water Division. Regarding the Water Division property, the principal goal is water quality enhancement. What is being proposed is significant planning activities in the area to protect and enhance that forest resource. The program is structured so that the revenues from timber sales will be used to offset the cost of running the program. The forester performed an analysis of the forest and, based on that, made calculations on what is available for commercial harvesting.

Mr. Zandri asked if the forester is willing to take that figure as his salary?

Mr. Roe responded, in the past foresters have, essentially, taken a piece of that. We are covering the cost of the forester. We bid the forestry services for a five year period of time.

Mr. Zandri responded, we are basing this on the forester's judgment on what that can produce. The program can be structured to produce the forester's wages.

Mr. Roe answered, you can set yourself up for over-cutting of the commercial resources. The foresters that we have discussed the issue

with have stated that it can happen for there becomes an economic incentive to do that.

Mr. Zandri asked, are we here simply to appropriate the land?

Mr. Roe explained that there is an interest for the Council to approve the ten year forest management plan and to set up the accounting for the special fund. There were transfers previously submitted for approval as well. We will be going out to bid for a commercial tree cutter to run that aspect of the program. The forester has made estimations as to what our resources are and that they (resources) should offset the expenses.

Roger Dann, Director of the Water & Sewer Division explained, in order to get this off the ground and prepare the initial plan and prepare the bid specifications, initial marking associated with the first timber sale, it was necessary to budget money up front for the forest management and the forester.

Mr. Zandri asked, was the forester hired to produce the plan only?

Mr. Dann responded, yes, and to produce bid specifications which would be capable of being utilized in association with a timber harvest and there are other services we may utilize him for such as marking the timber to be harvested.

Mr. Zandri asked, if we decide not to go forward with this nothing is lost? He was under the impression that the forester was already hired and the program was half over and done with.

Mr. Dann stated, we have already paid the forester for the preparation of forest management. Some money has been expended. If you don't decide to go ahead with this you have lost a certain amount of seed money and that is the extent of it.

Mr. Zappala asked how the wood will be cut and sold?

Mr. Shepardson responded, we are planning on hiring a contractor to cut the wood. They would like to work out a plan whereas any scraps or trees that are not used are cut up and taken to an area where people can come in and get it for wood. Right now we are not even thinking of having them pay for it, just to have them get a permit and take a certain amount of wood.

Mr. Zappala felt that the price proposed to sell the wood (\$5 to \$10 per cord) is ridiculous. Why give it away so cheap? He has paid up to \$150 per cord at times.

Mr. Shepardson responded, we can talk about the issue and if it is the consensus of all involved to increase the price, then we can do so.

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forester and his practices to assure that the forests are enhanced?

Mr. Roe responded, administratively, Mr. Shepardson and Mr. Dann. In addition, the Chairman of the Conservation Commission sat in on the development of the bid specifications for the forester, interviews and selection process of the forester and will be monitoring the entire program as well.

Mr. Bradley asked if there will be allowances for new plantings?

Mr. Roe answered, yes.

Mr. Bradley asked if the town will get a return on the timber that is harvested commercially?

Mr. Roe stated that we will be going out to bid for the service and it will be incorporated into that bid document.

Mr. Knight would like to know when the Council could revisit the recreational aspect of the plan. He shares Mr. Zappala's feelings with regards to the mixed use of the property. It would be valuable to the Council and public to have an understanding of how the various groups will be using the property.

Mr. Roe responded, until we receive the response from the Attorney General's Office he is hesitant to have the groups in for discussion.

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Roe to advise the Council when he receives a response.

Mr. Solinsky asked, when is hunting season in effect?

Mr. Roe answered, approximately the end (third or fourth Saturday) of October to the end of February. The heaviest usage is October to December.

Mayor Dickinson explained, in general, the reason that we are seeking the State's opinion on it is to bolster the Town's position. At the very least we would post signs alerting anyone to what is taking place on the property. We want to know from the State that there is an indemnification of the Town of Wallingford and we don't have to be concerned.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Approve a Forestry Management Plan for the Town of Wallingford Water Division and Parks & Recreation Department as Prepared by Connwood Foresters, Inc., seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Roe, Shepardson and Dann will report back to the Council prior to hunting season on the status of the mixed usage of the property.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$22,150 from Revenues Acct. to Expenditures Acct. in the Forest Management - Special Revenue Fund, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 from Outside Services Acct. #923-000 to Transfer Out-Forestry Program Acct. #435-000 - Water Division

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring an Outside Attorney for the Purpose of Obtaining a Legal Interpretation of State Statute 7-222, Price, with Regards to Net Profits of Municipally-Owned Utilities as Requested by Councilor Geno J. Zandri, Jr.

Moved by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

Mr. Zandri explained that he has been corresponding with the Town Attorney's Office on this issue and is awaiting further information. At this time he would like to table this item until the next meeting at which time he hopes to have that information.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Table This Item Until the Next Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Item #17 had been withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Zappala to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Gouveia was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

Kathryn F. Milano
Kathryn F. Milano, Town Council Secretary

Approved by: *Thomas D. Solinsky* *May 24, 1994*
Thomas D. Solinsky, Chairman Date

Kathryn J. Wall *May 24, 1994*
Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk Date



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Robert A. Leitzman, Plant Manager of the Cytec Industries manufacturing facility here in Wallingford, formerly American Cyanamid, has been scheduled for transfer to another Cytec facility in Ohio as of May 1, 1994; and

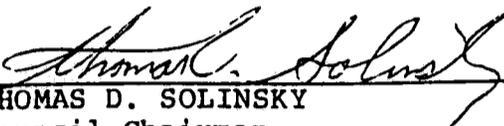
WHEREAS, Robert A. Leitzman, during his five and one-half years at the South Cherry Street plant, initiated the Community Advisory Panel which, for the first time, introduced the citizens of Wallingford to the actual operation of the plant. This has not only led to greater understanding between the plant and the townspeople, but has also led to greater participation by Cytec employees in community affairs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Leitzman, during his five and one-half years in our town involved Cytec and himself in numerous projects which helped make Wallingford a better place; some of which were a business-school partnership with Sheehan High School which provided guest speakers, plant visits, reading material and other assistance to education at the high school; although not in a partnership arrangement, similar assistance was also given to our other high school, Lyman Hall; initiated Community Day at the plant where our citizens enjoyed a picnic and plant tours; sponsored Celebrate Wallingford for the past three years which involved dollars and bodies support for what has proven to be a very successful and enjoyable event for all our people; active in the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of United Way; active support of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center; making it possible to eliminate one of Wallingford's at grade railroad crossings, commonly known as the Doolittle Crossing, by conveying land to the Town to be used by persons entering and leaving St. Casmir's Cemetery, a very significant improvement to our citizens' safety; and continued improvements to the Cytec Wallingford Little League fields, especially in preparation for the 1994 season.

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

That Robert A. Leitzman be and hereby is
recognized as an outstanding citizen of our
business community and of our town and we
hereby offer our sincere thanks and appreciation
for all that he and Cytex have done to help all
of us become better citizens and our community a
better place to live, and to wish him and his
family the very best of luck and happiness in
his new location.

Dated at Wallingford, Connecticut this 26th day of April, 1994.


THOMAS D. SOLINSKY
Council Chairman
Town of Wallingford


WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
Mayor
Town of Wallingford

Appendix II



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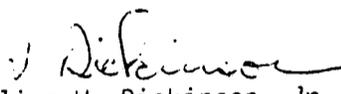
WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
MAYOR

April 19, 1994

TO: Members of the Town Council
Members of Planning & Zoning Commission
Members of Conservation Commission
Wallingford Legislators

FROM: Mayor Dickinson

Some time ago the Town received a DEP grant to assist in the purchase of several properties as additions to our open space holdings. As you may recall, even with the grant the expense to the Town would in all likelihood be in excess of \$1 million. Given the increase in projected costs of other capital projects before the Town the acquisition of these properties is no longer planned. It is extremely unfortunate but we cannot move forward at this time. Notice is also being sent to DEP that the Town will not utilize the grant.


William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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