## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 2005

6:30 P.M.

## **MOTIONS**

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman James M. Vumbaco Called the Meeting to Order at 6:35 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Council Secretary Sandra Weekes were Councilors Vincenzo M. Di Natale, Lois Doherty, Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Vincent F. Testa, Jr., and James M. Vumbaco. James Bowes, Comptroller, was present. Councilor Michael Spiteri was absent due to illness. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., arrived at 6:40 P.M. and Town Attorney, Janis Small, arrived at 6:45 P.M. The Town Clerk was absent from the meeting.

## Moment of Silence

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
- 2. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

- 3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#285-348) totaling \$19,051.67 Account # 001-1000-010-1170 Tax Collector.
  - 3b. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$600 to establish and fund a new account entitled "Preservation Microfilming" to Indexing Expenses Acct.# 228-6030-999-9904 and to Preservation –Town Share Acct.# 228-1010-020-2030 Town Clerk
  - 3c. Consider and Accept of Donation of \$2,000 from Wal-Mart Foundation Safe Neighborhood Heroes Fire Department

- 3d. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$2,000 to Rescue Air Bags Acct. # 001-2030-999-9048 and to Misc. Revenue Acct.# 001-1075-070-7040 Fire Department
- 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$200 to Acct. Maintenance of Equipment Acct. # 001-5010-570-5200 from Regular Salary & Wages Acct. # 001-5010-101-1000 Town Engineer
- 3f. Consider and Accept a State Highway Grant in the Amount of \$5,786 Police Department
- 3g. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$5,786 to Police Overtime Acct.# 001-2005-101-1400 and to Revenue Highway Safety Acct. # 001-1050-050-5883 Police Department
- 3h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 to Salaries & Wages Acct. #001-2050-101-1000 from Purchased Prof Svs Secy Acct. # 001-2050-901-9000 Building Department
- 3i. Consider and Approve use of the Parade Grounds for the Season of Celebration on December 2 & 3, 2005 by Wallingford Center, Inc. and the Wallingford Public Celebrations Committee Chairman James M. Vumbaco
- 3j. Approve Adopting the Town Council Calendar of Meetings for 2006.
- 3k. Approve minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Oct. 11, 2005.
- 31. Approve minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Oct. 25, 2005.
- 3m. Approve minutes of the Town Council Meeting of Sept. 28, 2004.

Ms. Papale made a motion to accept Consent Agenda Items 3a. to 3m. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Eight (8) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent from the meeting. The motion passed.

Ms. Papale acknowledged for the record the generous gift of \$2,000 from Wal-Mart to the Fire Department. (Consent Agenda Item 3c.)

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

- 5. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining Board of Education
- 12. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining Personnel
  - Ms. Papale made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to:
  - #5. Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining as asked for by the Board of Education and
  - # 12. Section 1-200 (6) (E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining as asked for Personnel. Mr. Testa seconded.
  - Eight (8) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent from the meeting. The motion passed.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:41 P.M.

Ms. Papale made a motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Farrell seconded.

Eight (8) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent from the meeting. The motion passed.

The Council exited from Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.

Item #5

Executive Session Attendance: Council (8), Mayor Dickinson, Superintendent Henrici and Assistant Superintendent Dale Wilson, Board of Education Chairman Michael Votto, Board of Education members Karen Hlavac and Jennifer Cozzi-Hernandez

Item #12

Executive Session Attendance: Council (8), Mayor Dickinson, Personnel Director Terence Sullivan and Assistant Personnel Director James Hutt. Discussion and Possible Action with regard to the Wallingford Education
 Association contract for the period September 1, 2006- August 31, 2009
 Board of Education

No Action taken.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue, asked who owns the dam on West Dayton Hill Road.

8. Consider and Approve Adoption of Revised Personal Property Tax Incentive Program for Manufacturers as Recommended by the Economic Development Commission - Economic Development Commission

Richard Nunn, EDC Chairman, introduced Rosemarie Preneta, Joe Mirra and Doreen DeSarro. Their presentation addressed both Items 8 & 9.

(A copy of the presentation documents are incorporated into the record of this meeting.)

Ms. Papale made a motion that the program establishing a personal property tax incentive for manufacturers presented to the Town Council be approved with the following amendment:

Paragraph (a) of Section 2 be deleted, and the following substituted in its place: the Town of Wallingford may by affirmative vote of the Wallingford Town Council enter into a written agreement with the owner(s) and/or lessee(s) of certain property located within the town, which agreements may provide for the temporary fixing of the personal property assessments, subject to the requirements as set forth in this document.

Mr. Testa seconded.

Ms. Papale withdrew her motion.

Mr. Testa withdrew his second.

Ms. Papale made a motion that the Program Establishing a Personal Property Tax Incentive for Manufacturers presented to the Town Council be approved with the following amendment:

Paragraph (a) of Section 2 be deleted, and the following substituted in its place: The Town of Wallingford may by affirmative vote of the Wallingford Town Council enter into a written agreement with

the owner(s) and/or lessee(s) of certain property located within the town, which agreements may provide for the temporary fixing of the personal property assessments, subject to the requirements as set forth in this document. The Town Council authorizes the Mayor to execute agreements on its behalf.

Mr. Parisi seconded.

Eight (8) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent from the meeting. The motion passed.

9. Consider and Approve Concept of a Real Property Tax Incentive Program for Manufacturers as recommended by the Economic Development Commission - Economic Development Commission

Ms. Papale made a motion that the Program Establishing a Real Property Tax Incentive for Manufacturers presented to the Town Council be approved with the following amendment:

Paragraph (a) of Section 2 be deleted, and the following substituted in its place: The Town of Wallingford may by affirmative vote of the Wallingford Town Council enter into a written agreement that shall provide for the temporary fixing of real property assessments, subject to the requirements as set forth.

Mr. Farrell seconded.

Eight (8) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri was absent from the meeting. The motion passed.

10. Revaluation Update - Finance Department

Comptroller James Bowes introduced Assessor Shelby Jackson and Chief Appraiser Dennis Hlavac. Mr. Jackson presented the revaluation update.

 $(A\ copy\ of\ the\ presentation\ slides\ are\ incorporated\ into\ the\ record\ of\ this\ meeting.)$ 

Mr. Parisi left the meeting for the evening.

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

- 13. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matters of Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford, PPL Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford, and PPL Leasing Company, LLC v Town of Wallingford Law Department
  - Ms. Papale made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to:
    - #11. Section 1-200 (6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property by the Mayor.
    - #13. Section 1-200 (6) (B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matters of Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford, PPL Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford and PPL Leasing Company, LLC v Town of Wallingford by the Law Department.

Mr. Knight seconded.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Parisi were absent. The motion passed.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:46 P.M.

Ms. Papale made a motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Farrell seconded

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Parisi were absent. The motion passed.

The Council exited from Executive Session at 9:16 P.M.

Item # 11

Executive Session Attendance: Council (7), Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes.

Item # 13

Executive Session Attendance: Council (7), Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes.

14. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the pending tax appeal matters of Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford, PPL Wallingford Energy, LLC v. Town of Wallingford and PPL Leasing Company, LLC v Town of Wallingford – Law Department No action taken.

Chairman Vumbaco wished the citizens of Wallingford a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Papale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted aye. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Parisi were absent. The motion passed.

There was no further business to consider, and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Wellkes

Sandra R. Weekes Town Council Secretary

Meeting recorded by Sandra Weekes

AT 4 HOOM P M AND RECORDED BY

Town CLERK

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman/

Barbara Thompson Town Clerk

Date: