

Chairman Gessert called the ninth budget workshop to order at 7:14 p.m. Present were Council Members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Gouveia, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Mayor William W. Dickinson was also present.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of BOARD OF EDUCATION - PAGES 132 & 133, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Shaw said that last year's budget had information in 3 different places and this year there is only 1 place and there has been a change in Pupil Personnel--all special education expenses have been moved to Pupil Personnel, pages 106 and 107 of the Board of Education Proposed Budget.

Mr. Polanski referred to page vii and page 75 Lyman Hall Business Department--\$15,900 for equipment on page 75 and \$5,300 on page vii and asked where the difference of \$10,600 appears. Mrs. Shaw said it appears under Sanyo Computer Equipment on page 122. Mr. Namnoun told the Council that at the time, Dale Wilson felt he would apply some special purchases under his own budget to strengthen the program to get up to 13-15 working stations since there are only 3-4 working stations now with incompatible computer software. It is intended to set up one system throughout the high schools to allow software to be traded back and forth since Lyman Hall does not have the program that Sheehan has at the present time. Mr. Rys asked about the \$25,588 for computers on page 122 and Mrs. Shaw said this refers to the special program request at the beginning of the book, page xii where computers have been found to be effective in the special ed curriculum. Mr. Namnoun pointed out that 50% of that is reimbursible from the state.

Mr. Rys asked if personnel was being added and Mrs. Shaw said all they have is Ed Mik and a technician is necessary for pickup and delivery of AV material to all the schools and one technician and half time clerk is needed.

Mr. Rys pointed out that the Council has reduced town gas and oil accounts and Mrs. Shaw said 75¢ was used for #4 oil. Mr. Soldan is cognizant that there will be available dollars in that account if the price holds but he wanted to make the Council aware of the two sides to every dime and since the budget was prepared, 3 additional vans will be required for special ed and savings of \$50,000 to \$60,000 on oil will disappear with the cost of the vans that were not provided for.

Mr. Rys asked about the contingency account and Mrs. Shaw said that when the budget was prepared, the teachers salaries had not come back from arbitration and this is the best estimate of this year's percentages of certified personnel and there were some other unsettled contracts in the contingency account and that money will move into the certified accounts when the contracts are settled.

Mr. Gouveia indicated that there was no idea of how many teachers would resign when the budget was prepared and replacements are made at the first or second step and he wanted to know if the savings is reflected in this contingency. Mrs. Shaw said \$25,000 was taken out because it was hoped that the minimum salary would raise significantly.

Mr. Gouveia noted an increase in line 530 Improvements to Sites, from \$16,400 to \$81,900, page 133, town budget book and Mrs. Shaw said that information appears on page 121 of their budget book, a great deal for repaving which has been underfunded for years. Mr. Gessert asked if summer personnel could be utilized for sealing blacktop and Mrs. Shaw indicated she would need to ask Mr. Cei. Mr. Cei said these areas have been Jennited in the past, 8 to 10 years ago and the areas being discussed are beyond the Jennite stage.

Mr. Killen moved to page xiii Fixed and Semifixed Costs which shows utilities at \$510,197 and the town book shows it as \$415,878 and there is a discrepancy in the certified teachers between both budget books. Mr. Murphy pointed out that telephone and postage is added to the utility line. Mr. Killen pointed out that certified is listed at \$12,408,997 in the pink book and \$12,853,078 in the blue book and Mr. Murphy-

said to add longevity, extra credits and differential--Mr. Killen pointed out that these items are broken down in the blue book. Mrs. Shaw felt it was a combination of line items.

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Mr. Killen has a problem with the contingency account since the town is limited by law to 2% of the expenditures and adoption of this budget puts the town well over the allowable limit. Mrs. Shaw said this money is for unsettled contracts and the budget will be done over in June and voted again with settled contracts in place. Mayor Dickinson felt that once money is appropriated for education, wherever the money is placed is out of the hands of the Council and it would not be a contingency account as far as the town is concerned, but if it were kept until settlement of contracts, Mr. Killen's argument would be well to take note of. Mr. Killen pointed out that the statute is labeled "contingency" and there is some \$3,000,000 odd in contingency when this budget is adopted. Mr. Gessert asked of the \$1,296,477, how much is allocated to certified personnel contract settlement and Mrs. Palsco said the total teachers settlement come out to \$1,114,000 but the step increases were already figured in but basically it is \$1,100,000 for personnel 10.4% settlement but 1.85% of that amount has already been put in the certified account. Mr. Gessert said \$1,000,000 can be taken from contingency and placed into certified, decreasing the contingency line to \$296,477.

Mr. Polanski referred to page 133 of the blue book and pointed out that if the number of students was not changed this year, taxpayers will be paying \$3,989 per student for education and he hopes we are getting \$3,989 worth. Mr. Gessert pointed out that 49.7% of the budget last year being for education and this year it is just under 54% at \$23,515,788, taking the majority of the town budget.

Mrs. Papale referred to the \$363,406 for Vo-Ag and the payment received at the end of the year and Mr. Murphy said it is billed twice yearly and Mr. Gessert pointed out that as of the end of February the line showed -0-. Mr. Murphy will check into this and Mr. Gessert suggested a quarterly billing procedure.

Mrs. Papale questioned the Choral Room on page 133 and said it is still pending due to the fact that Project Catch-Up has not been closed out yet and Mr. Soldan said the Board has done all they can but the committee established by the Council has a responsibility. Mr. Cei said the reimbursement for those projects was completed by the Comptroller and Bonding Attorney but the fact that it hasn't been closed out does not affect reimbursement. Mr. Gessert asked if Project Catch-Up is complete and Mr. Cei indicated there are a couple of items remaining at Dag Hammarskjold which are in process and Mr. Gessert felt that if the contractor has not completed his work, the Council should be advised and this can be turned over to the Town Attorney. Mrs. Shaw said the Board voted to close the project to allow for reimbursement almost a year ago and Mrs. Papale said the town still has not received the \$50,000. Mr. Namnoun said the items still pending are the schematic for the electrical panel outlet but because of the pressure on the committee to get this money reimbursed, the Board of Ed has completed everything it can do.

Mrs. Papale said she received a couple of phone calls suggesting that the Council was not going to give the Board of Education money to reopen Parker Farms School unless Yalesville or another school is closed and this upset her because this was brought up months ago and the newspaper indicated that this must be done today, or else, and this is not what the Council indicated. Mr. Annis said he did not say this but he confirmed it but he is not responsible for the way it came out in the paper. Mr. Gouveia felt that whether we agree or not, the closing and reopening of schools is a political football game and Yalesville and Parker Farms are the 2 goalposts and the problem has existed and responsibility should be taken for the future and the past forgotten.

Mr. Gouveia did not want the public to think that taxpayers will be paying 54¢ of each dollar for education because in reality, \$7,000,000 is received from the state. Mr. Gessert stated that 53.6% of the town budget is slated for education and Mr. Gouveia wanted this made clear so the Council is not misquoted in the paper.

Mrs. Papale felt if the Board of Education realized what was going to happen with the renovation of Parker Farms School, why did the Board wait so long before holding a public hearing? Mrs. Shaw said this was their error because it should have been done in November, December or January but they have been very busy with labor contracts. 342

Mr. Gouveia received some calls regarding placement of principals and he felt that with 1 or 2 exceptions, the elementary school principals in town are outstanding and instead of confronting the problem, people who are doing an outstanding job are being penalized by moving them. Mr. Gouveia agrees with the concept of rotating school principals but 6 or 7 at once is ridiculous. Mr. Inglese pointed out that this is a budget workshop and there is a Education Liaison Committee and Mrs. Papale pointed out that all subjects were discussed with every other department when hearing their budgets. Mr. Gouveia said that education is the same as every other department and if you don't want to be part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. Mr. Gouveia has several subjects he would like to discuss with the Board of Education and he would like to restore money to the Board of Education budget and he is disappointed that the Board has not come up with compelling reasons as to why money should be restored to this budget and if this budget is cut, the children will suffer by cut programs and he is greatly bothered by that.

Mr. Gessert felt that Mr. Gouveia should be encouraged to ask questions but the policy about moving principals around has merits and demerits that could take an hour to talk about. Mrs. Palsco felt that a Liaison Committee meeting could be called at any time and a meeting should be held to discuss mutual concerns. Mrs. Bergamini felt that Mr. Gouveia could call Frank Soldan and ask why principals are being moved and he would receive an answer. Mr. Gouveia brought up the negotiations and Mr. Gessert said the a couple of Council Members sat in as observers and Mr. Gessert felt that Mr. Gouveia could sit in during the next negotiation session and Mr. Gouveia felt the town could have done better but Mr. Polanski listened and he felt they did the best they could because he was present.

Mr. Gouveia felt that the town has grown rapidly in the last decade and the percentage of the town's money spent on education has not kept up with the increase. He does not know what the \$477,093 reduction will do to education and he feels money should be restored to education, for the children.

Mr. Gouveia moved to restore \$200,000 to the Board of Education budget - NO SECOND.

Mr. Gouveia moved to restore \$150,000 to the Board of Education budget - NO SECOND.

Mr. Gouveia moved to restore \$1 to the Board of Education budget - NO SECOND.

Mr. Polanski moved to placed \$100,000 in 805-326 earmarked for Board of Education until the money is received by the state, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gessert hoped that the new programs will be restored and Mrs. Shaw said the Board was supportive of the programs when the budget was prepared.

Mr. Holmes asked what items would be affected by the cut and Mrs. Shaw said she is still completely in support of the budget presented by the Board of Ed and she feels that money is needed to run the school system according to town standards.

Mrs. Palsco said there is a lot of adjusting to the certified account and she is not sure that will be reduced significantly since elementary students are increasing and fluctuating from school to school which makes it difficult to plan ahead with any certainty and Mrs. Palsco explained the many components involved which require staff additions which were not budgeted for and many dollars will not be saved in the certified account.

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Mr. Holmes asked if better students were being turned out and Mrs. Shaw said one indicator was received back this year--the standardized achievement test in which Wallingford students did very well and in many areas, they were comparable to West Hartford in terms of scores. Mrs. Palsco mentioned that the last statistics were for 1983-84 and Wallingford was 140 out of 169 and the last statistics moved up 3 notches, the first budget Mayor Dickinson worked and it is assumed next year will go up more significantly, reflecting last year's budget but this is due to a long process of underfunding education and it can't be caught up all at once. Mr. Inglese said the nation was suffering over a period of a few years with math scores in every age level and the expected state level of proficiency about 4 years ago was 79% of students who had reached the level of proficiency and last year 91% of Wallingford's students in almost all the key categories of basic levels had been reached and that is quite a feather in the cap of the school system and Mr. Inglese would like to think that some of the scores have risen because of special efforts in some of those areas.

Mr. Diana asked if special ed students would not be allowed to take the tests as has been done in the past and Dr. Nicoletti said all towns have the opportunity to exempt special ed students for 4th grade mastery skill related test but special ed students are tested for their skills. Dr. Nicoletti said the Council is reaping the fruits of its investment after only 1 year of testing. Mr. Ingelese said the scores are compared to the same type of community and not the larger cities where the scores are traditionally lower. Dr. Nicoletti would be happy to present a statistical analysis to the Council next year when Wallingford's scores are in and he has made this presentation to people from Bristol-Myers and 30 realtors and they are gaining tremendous confidence in what Wallingford is going.

Mr. Diana explained that some things are very distasteful but he asked that for a one year experiment, a duplicate filing system be set up in the Comptroller's Office with the Board of Ed checks and invoices to allow Mr. Diana to see where the dollars go and if he could be proven at the end of the year by way of those invoices that there is minimal non-instructional waste, he does not believe there ever would be any trouble funding the Board of Education through any Council. Mrs. Shaw asked what that would tell that is different from the actual expenditures and Mr. Diana felt this should be viewed from a business standpoint and Mr. Gessert suggested that Mr. Diana could review the invoices at the Board of Ed offices but Mr. Diana preferred to see the check copy and invoice at Mr. Myers' office.

Mayor Dickinson wanted the current procedure made clear and Mr. Murphy explained that checks are drawn by his office and the checks and invoices go to Mr. Myers twice a month and the checks are returned by date of check. Mayor Dickinson felt that the Comptroller's Office could make a copy and maintain a file but he feels that Tom would require additional staff. Mr. Diana estimated that the cost of this experiment would be about \$25,000.

Mr. Diana turned to page 123, line 826 Education Insurance and asked what the recent report of finding \$81,000 in insurance and Mrs. Shaw said the major medical costs may have come in a little lower. Mr. Diana said he attempted to cut \$86,000 from the insurance budget last year and it passed and after a recess, it was brought back up and restored. Mrs. Shaw said they did need the \$86,000 because of Hurricane Gloria, Lyman Hall being struck by lightning and the Fire Marshal's mandates at Yalesville School.

Mr. Diana asked if the MER is lower this year and Mr. Murphy said it is \$33.34 this year, \$36.62 for 1986-87, increased by .0985%. Mr. Diana asked if the FamilyGram was done through the bidding process and what its cost was. Mr. Murphy said it was \$480.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if the \$100,000 placed in contingency will go toward the new programs and Mrs. Palsco felt they could not give a hard commitment but the intent is to keep the new programs since she does not see much movement in the certified account but the oil account has some money

but she does not know where the \$377,000 cut will be sustained. Mr. Annis is committed to the new programs but does not know where the money will be found. Mrs. Bergamini felt that this \$100,000 is a windfall. Mrs. Shaw felt that if it were a decision between blacktop and new science books, she is certainly more interested in new science books and computer equipment. Mrs. Bergamini felt that a great deal of money is being spent on computers and outdated science books are being used and she cannot understand this rationalization. Mrs. Palsco said this Board has been committed to improving the textbooks but science has not been a major focus in the elementary schools and this is what they want to change through a phase in but there are other aspects in the system that are also important. Mrs. Bergamini heard a rumor that a request was made of Bristol-Myers to put lights on the field and she would rather have seen a request for new science books. Mr. Soldan corrected that and it was pointed out that \$25,000 was donated by Bristol-Myers for a Yale internship and Choate scholars but the request for lights was made by a private organization who was interested in a particular athletic activity. Mrs. Bergamini felt that some day people would realize that the recreation budget in Wallingford represents 3 mills.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Namnoun how he felt about the \$100,000 and he felt that maintenance is one of the first items traditionally cut and there are deplorable conditions in the elementary schools and he feels this area will be cut.

Mayor Dickinson felt that one program represented \$7,500 and he felt that realistically, that program would be possible to address.

Mr. Polanski commented that the Board of Education is elected to get the most that they can for the students of Wallingford and the Council is elected to do the best for the Town of Wallingford and the intent of the Council with the extra \$100,000 is an interest in new programs and how the Board of Ed goes about this is their problem since the Council has problems of their own.

VOTE: (motion on page 194) Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

VOTE: (motion on page 191) Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that in 4 months, the police have received 64 false alarms, from January 1 to May 1 with the worst at Lyman Hall at 18, Pond Hill at 12, Sheehan at 10, etc. and it would be appreciated if this matter is addressed again because it occurs too often. Mr. Gessert noted that taxpayers are fined for false alarms and the biggest offenders do not receive a fine. Mr. Holmes indicated that the Crime Prevention Officer is looking for maps and he asked that they be provided to him and he felt there should be better coordination between Monitor Controls and the schools.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of CAFETERIA FUND, PAGE 149 & 149A, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous; motion duly carried.

A 5 minute recess was called at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Rys returned to the subject of the pavillion at Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Field on East Center Street at a cost of around \$9,000 for material and labor provided by the Viet Nam Veterans to build the pavillion.

Mr. Rys moved to put \$9,000 into Recreational Capital to allow Viet Nam Veterans to erect a pavillion at their Memorial Field, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes felt this would enhance that park and he supports the proposal. Mr. Killen didn't vote for this the other evening because he considers this improper budgeting and if there are surplus funds available, appropriations can be made but he does not support this kind of thing. Mr. Polanski asked if this

could be funded with this year's budget rather than next year's and Mr. Gessert felt it would be entirely up to the Council since other things have been funded that the Council felt were necessary. Mr. Polanski felt it should appear on an agenda to allow input from the public. Mayor Dickinson suggested that it be funded out of some other line, rather than unappropriated balance since \$9,000 should be available somewhere. 345

Mr. Killen pointed out that it must be approved by the Mayor if the money is to be taken from the surplus and the Mayor will review this with Mr. Myers and come back to the Council. The Mayor suggested taking funds from another line item to fund this and Mr. Killen pointed out this isn't in the present budget and you can't transfer between 2 items if only 1 item exists at the time. Mayor Dickinson explained that the money is within the budget but a new project is being created. Mr. Killen read from the Charter a section pertaining to additional appropriations and he felt there was not a line in the Charter authorizing such an amendment with existing funds, only with funds coming from an outside source.

Mr. Rys withdrew his motion on page 197 and Mr. Holmes withdrew his second. Mr. Rys felt he would like to see a Charter Revision started this year.

Mr. Rys moved to establish \$5,000 in this budget for a Charter Revision Commission, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert mentioned that a letter was received from Mr. Seadale regarding a job classification but it was decided to deal with this after the Electric Division items.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that with the revenue shortfall this year, there was serious question about replacing vehicles and buying furniture, etc. in the capital budget. Mr. Gouveia felt that the Council should discuss this with the Electric Division representatives present and Mr. Walters appreciated this.

Mr. Michael Holmes told the Council that Distribution is that part of the plant for new facilities to extend service to new customers and refurbish and replace existing plant and the General Plant is just that to maintain service and continue growth. Mr. Holmes distributed a chart which depicts the growth in the Electric Division to the Council, from 1967-1986. Mr. Gessert felt that new meters, poles, wires, etc. are not being questioned but nobody on the Council dumps their cars at 30,000 miles. Police cars are turned over to other departments at 100,000+ miles and used.

Mr. Killen moved to remove the subject of the Electric Division from the table, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Michael Holmes said a number of accounts may be reduced due to elimination of new positions and one of the cars was for a new position which was eliminated.

Mr. Gessert felt that when a deficit is projected, some of the capital items requested must be eliminated. Mr. Steven Holmes agreed with Mr. Gessert and felt there were not many areas where an attempt was made to cut costs. He asked what the game plan was for the next 2 years to improve the utility's position financially. Mr. Walters said if replacing these vehicles until a positive financial situation, there will be a large backlog to accomplish a couple of years after that and financing will come out of the electric rates, either way and the decision was made to finance over 2 years. Mr. Polanski commented that no matter what is done, it comes out of the taxpayers of the Town of Wallingford. Mr. Polanski suggested there is another \$152,000 for cars which will be bonded and he felt it was time to look at this and determine which items are necessary such as carpeting for \$500 and the cars which he felt could last another year. Mr. Polanski felt that costs should be kept down.

Mr. Kovacs felt that Mr. Michael Holmes had some more deletions and Mr. Holmes said there are areas that can be reduced but there are also areas that should be increased. Mr. Holmes reviewed the 8 page document he submitted to the Council and pointed out where reductions could be made in various lines, with an increase in line 364 of \$20,000 and line 365 of \$30,000 representative of materials and labor for an overhead service for Research Parkway from Carpenter Lane to Route 68. Mrs. Bergamini felt that there was an agreement with FIP for underground and Mr. Holmes said this was an option. Mr. Steve Holmes asked why this wasn't brought to the Council's attention when the Electric Division presented their budget and Mr. Beaumont said the Capital Budget was tabled.

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Mr. Holmes moved the following changes to the Electric Division Capital Budget:

Increase line 364 by \$20,000  
Increase line 365 by \$30,000  
Reduce line 366 by \$35,000  
Reduce line 367 by \$110,000  
Reduce line 392 by \$ 7,000  
Reduce line 397 by \$ 1,500

Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

The net effect is a \$103,500 reduction.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys explained that the police cars are used in the pool for another 50,000 to 100,000 miles and at that point either the transmission or motor falls out and Mr. Deak sends them to auction where \$500 or \$600 is received and he noticed that the Electric Division receives \$500 to \$750 trade-in prices and Mr. Walters said they are disappointed in the trade-in values, too. Mr. Walters said they wanted to replace the Chevetttes with subcompact pickup trucks because of the trouble they have had with the Chevetttes. Mr. Rys felt that subcompact pickups are advertised at lower prices than the town can obtain them for but he doesn't know what the solution to this problem is.

Mr. Killen asked if the Electric Division checked with the vendor to obtain a price without a trade-in and also checked with Mr. Deak to determine what he could obtain for the vehicle in its present condition. Mr. Killen asked if the cars had a standard or automatic transmission and Mr. Holmes said they had an automatic and Mr. Killen couldn't understand having an automatic transmission with cars that stop and go all over town and Mr. Walters said they had standard transmissions in the past and with different drivers, they had even more trouble with clutches going. Mr. Beaumont commented on Chevette #42, #18 and #40 during the past year cost an average of \$2,100 each for repairs and an average of 23 business days out of service. Mr. Polanski asked if these cars couldn't last another year rather than bonding money to purchase new cars. Mr. Walters appreciates the Council's concern but he is concerned that a similar amount will have to be put into these cars next year. Mr. Gessert felt there was abuse judging from the repairs and he felt somebody should be held accountable and nothing will be lost on a trade-in a year later. Mrs. Bergamini questioned vehicle #19 and Mr. Holmes said this was the Assistant General Manager's and it's also used by office staff and distribution engineer and as a backup. Mr. Killen asked if there was an estimate of the cost to keep these vehicles running if the Council does not approve a trade-in and Mr. Beaumont hoped they would not get hit as heavily this year.

Mr. Holmes addressed the digger-derrick and said they have 2, one a 1975 and one a 1973 and one or the other is in the shop every day. Mr. Rys asked what is wrong and Mr. Holmes said age, deteriorating parts, hydraulics, etc. and it works about 2 days a week and the other 3 days it's in the shop. Mr. Rys asked what a complete overhaul would cost and Mr. Holmes would estimated about 50% of the cost of a new digger-derrick and another problem is lack of parts. Mr. Rys asked about the possibility of leasing and Mr. Walters said leasing is much more expensive and Mr. Diana wanted it kept in mind that the insurance would be cut out for the Electric Division, lowering the costs.

Mr. Gouveia moved acceptance of line 329 TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT. Mr. Killen will not vote for the trade-in and he would rather see something else done such as checking with Mr. Deak to find out if he can get at least that much. Mr. Rys asked why Mr. Deak would have to do this and Mr. Killen assumes that Mr. Deak has had experience in knowing what a similar vehicle might bring.

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Mr. Killen doesn't know if he is doing the public a favor by spending \$1,500 for repairs one year and trading the vehicle in the following year. Mrs. Papale felt that this was a difficult decision for her to make and Mr. Kovacs felt it was difficult for anybody.

Mr. Walters pointed out that #19 is the only vehicle there that is part of a planned trade-in program and it is running reasonably well but their attempt was to get as much trade in value as possible. Mr. Gouveia withdrew his motion above.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of 392 TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF #19 with the stipulation that these vehicles are not traded in and with the stipulation that prices are checked even though they must go out to bid and if a better price can be obtained, ask the Council to waive the bid. Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion.

#34 Replace 1974 Digger/Derrick	96,000	
LESS TRADE - NO TRADE-IN	( 6,000)	90,000
#42 Replace 1981 Chevette	7,000	
LESS TRADE -NO TRADE-IN	( 500)	6,500
#18 Replace 1982 Chevette	7,000	
LESS TRADE -NO TRADE-IN	( 750)	6,250
#40 Replace 1982 Chevette	7,000	
LESS TRADE -NO TRADE-IN	( 750)	6,250
✓#19 Replace 1981 Reliant - out	9,000	
LESS TRADE	(1,000)	8,000
#33 Replace 1982 Dodge Dip.	11,000	
LESS TRADE-NO TRADE-IN	(2,000)	9,000
#14 Add Subcompact Auto.	8,000	8,000
#21 Add 1/2T Pickup Truck		
Dist. Tech.	11,000	11,000

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Diana and Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes was under the impression that the department was up to snuff with computer equipment and Mr. Walters said they obtained the minimum to operate with and this new equipment will allow greater flexibility.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to eliminate:

3 new desks	\$1,525
3 new desk chairs	1,050
2 new foyer chairs	320
1 new credenza	220
1 new book case	210
1 new table	180
1 new magazine rack	180
6 new acoustical screens	1,200
TOTAL	<u>\$4,885</u>

Mrs. Papale seconded the motion. (MOTION RESCINDED ON PAGE 202.)

Mr. Holmes said the distribution technician is working without a chair and the distribution engineer is working at a desk that Mr. Holmes does not feel is suited for the dump and hopefully, a new supervisor is coming on board. Mr. Diana pointed out that he purchased used office furniture at Schiavone's in North Haven and Mr. Walters said they would be glad to try that but he understands they must go through the bid process.

Mr. Holmes added that the cost for refurbishing is the cost obtained from the State Department of Corrections.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes would like to use the \$3,915 left from the \$8,800 for refurbishing or perhaps buying equipment at Schiavone's. There was considerable discussion as to the motion necessary to allow the Electric Division use of the \$3,915 at their discretion to refurbish and/or buy used equipment and Mr. Polanski pointed out that line 391 spans page 5 and 6 and he would like to come up with a total figure and perhaps the entire account can be reduced.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to reduce line 391 an additional \$3,915, seconded by Mr. Gouveia. Mr. Gessert felt that Mr. Polanski meant to change line 391 with the bottom line limited to \$30,000.

Mr. Polanski moved to rescind Mrs. Bergamini's motion on page 201, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski moved that account 391 OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT be limited to \$30,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia felt it was not fair to remove the \$3,915 and Mr. Polanski said \$30,000 can be spent at his discretion.

Mrs. Papale moved to delete account 390 STRUCTURES - \$36,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Walters said this is to provide storage, particularly in the winter for the larger hydraulically operated vehicles, increasing fleet vehicles which do not operate well in zero degree weather after having been outdoors all night. Mr. Killen said there is a garage where Civil Defense is located and that space might be available. Mrs. Papale felt if a business is not profitable, expenditures should be cut. Mr. Killen felt the vehicles should be enclosed but he does not have the whole picture here. Mr. Beaumont said the line trucks and larger vehicles are in the building but the pickups, cars, etc. are left outside. Mr. Gessert asked if existing personnel could perform the work if materials were purchased. Mr. Walters explained that a portion of this area must be sealed off to keep the heat from escaping.

VOTE: Unanimous nos with the exception of Mrs. Papale who voted aye; MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

Mr. Gessert suggested a maximum of \$20,000 and Mr. Kovacs felt that amount would not help unless their own personnel could do the work and if they shifted personnel around, it would cost a lot more than is saved. Mr. Gessert turned to page 1 and the \$24,000 fence and Mr. Beaumont explained that this is more for the liability and Mr. Killen felt if they climbed the fence and fell off the town would be sued.

Mr. Killen moved that line 311 Structures, Fence surrounding Pierce Station, Oil tanks, Cooling Tower be deleted at \$24,000, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini, and Messrs. Holmes and Rys who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved to accept Electric Division Capital Budget, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Gouveia asked if the reduction in the Electric Division budget would have any effect on the bond payments and Mr. Walters felt that less would have to be borrowed.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of ELECTRIC DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET, PAGE 139, 140 & 141, as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Killen asked if the town was going to get the full \$1,054,969 on page 14 this year and noted that 50% was received. Mr. Walters recalled Mr. Lee and Mr. Myers commenting on that and he explained they were just about on budget at the end of March but expect to be losing money in April, May and June because of the increased wholesale power costs and Mr. Walters is not sure they will make the \$1,054,969. Mr. Beaumont felt that if they broke even collectively, they would be doing quite well. Mr. Killen pointed out that a budget must be voted and this year, the \$880,000 came out of the air and he felt the \$1,054,969 could come out of the air also. Mr. Beaumont added that the \$880,000 is contributing to the \$4,000,000 shortfall.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gouveia and Killen who voted and Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia realized \$144,300 was saved on the capital budget and monies were cut the other day from the operating budget in the amount of \$76,300 and he felt the bond payments should be adjusted to reflect these savings and Mrs. Papale said that Tom Myers gives the Council a recap of all changes before the budget is adopted.

Mr. Gouveia moved to increase Contribution to Town in Lieu of Taxes from \$880,000 to \$920,000, Page 8, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Holmes said he will vote against this because of the \$4,000,000 loss this year and he feels this will add to that. Mr. Gessert clarified that Mr. Gouveia's motion affected the operating budget, not the capital.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Messrs. Holmes, Polanski and Rys who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried, and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

Mr. Holmes moved that the meeting come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried and the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 11:25 p.m.

Mrs. Papale moved to removed page 151 COMPTROLLER - 140 from the table, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved to change Comptroller's step range from present classification to 20.2, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved a double merit increase of \$605 for Deputy Comptroller, page 151 and a double merit increase of \$824 for Tax Collector, page 152, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of pages 151 and 152, as amended, seconded by Mr. Diana.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved to place Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs (2) one step and corresponding dollars, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gessert and Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert stated that he has a problem upping 3 salaries when one is doing the job.

Ninth Budget Workshop

May 7, 1986

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A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the ninth budget workshop adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Meeting recorded by:  
Lisa M. Bousquet, Council Secretary

Meeting transcribed by:  
Delores B. Fetta