

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
May 6, 2025
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Thomas Laffin, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Christopher Regan, Craig Fishbein, Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Jesse Reynolds and Chairman Joseph A. Marrone. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Comptroller Tim Sena and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the Town of Wallingford Budget for FY 2025-2026

MOTION WAS MADE TO bond the full \$165,000 for IT Cap Ex Projects.
MADE BY: REYNOLDS
SECONDED BY: CARMODY

This motion was withdrawn.

MOTION WAS MADE TO eliminate the contingency fund all together.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: CARMODY

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: NAY
REGAN: NAY
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: NAY
MARRONE: NAY
2- AYE
7-NAY
MOTION FAILED

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AT 3:21pm AND RECEIVED BY
Kristen Panzo TOWN CLERK

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve budget adjustments, with the adjustments on page 3 of the packet to eliminate the claw back provisions except for the pool which was amended to the \$900,000 and the police officers were put back in on page 4. Change the Clerk Typist II to the Account Clerk.

MADE BY: REGAN

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY

CARMODY: NAY

FISHBEIN: NAY

LAFFIN: AYE

REGAN: AYE

REYNOLDS: NAY

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: NAY

MARRONE: AYE

4- AYE

5-NAY

MOTION FAILED

MOTION WAS MADE TO reduce the contingency by \$1.3 million dollars down to \$500,000

MADE BY: REYNOLDS

SECONDED BY: TESTA

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: NAY

REGAN: NAY

REYNOLDS: AYE

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

MARRONE: AYE

6- AYE

3-NAY

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO BOND \$550,000 WHICH INCLUDES THE DPW SNOW PLOW FOR \$300,000 AND THE SQUAD 8 FIRE TRUCK FOR \$250,000

MADE BY: MARRONE

SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

Amend previous motion by Councilor Laffin to add everything on the list provided by Councilor Regan and Councilor Laffin to include DPW snowplow loader for \$35,000, DPW rotary brush cutter for \$15,000 DPW, automotive lift for \$35,000, DPW crew cab flatbed \$70,000, excluding the Asset Management System for \$40,000. \$705,000 of items to be recommended for bonding that were removed from departmental capital line items.

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
8- AYE
1-NAY
MOTION PASSED**

MOTION WAS MADE TO remove all the items list on page 2 of the packet provided by Councilor Regan and Councilor Laffin from the Cap an Non account with recommendation that they be bonded.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: REGAN**

Councilor Laffin withdrew this motion.

MOTION WAS MADE TO add the Computer Replacement for \$165,000, the Police Cameras for \$182, 820 and the Police Cruisers for \$138,368. Being eliminated from the list on page 2 of the packet provided by Councilor Regan and Councilor Laffin is the Downtown Parking lot for \$80,000, 325 N Main Street for \$140,000, Library parking Lot for \$75,000 and the Lighting Upgrade at Doolittle Park for \$215,000.

**MADE BY: REYNOLDS
SECONDED BY: TESTA**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE**

TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
8- AYE
1-NAY
MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO return the \$923,131 from the community pool fund back to the general fund.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: REGAN

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
8- AYE
1-NAY
MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO cut the following non-profit and social services funding: America 250 for \$78,000, Center Street Cemetery for \$25,000, WCI capital streetscape improvement for \$50,000, WCI front façade improvement for \$25,000. WCI rear façade for \$25,000 and WCI restore to previous FY 25 levels for \$15,000.

MADE BY: MARRONE
SECONDED BY: TATTA

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: NAY
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: NAY
MARRONE: AYE
4- AYE
5-NAY
MOTION FAILED

**MOTION WAS MADE TO remove the Government TV Manager position for \$83,347
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: REGAN**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
8- AYE
1-NAY
MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO increase the revenue line 46010 Ambulance for \$200,000
and add \$200,000 to 51000 Fire Department Regular Salaries and Wages.**

**MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: REGAN**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
8- AYE
1-NAY
MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO use \$2,000,000 more from reserves to bring that line to
\$11,000,000 from the mayor's proposed \$9,000,000.**

**MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: REGAN**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: NAY
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: NAY
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE
4- AYE
5-NAY
MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO
MADE BY: TESTA
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

There was a voice vote, and everyone was in favor except for two councilors.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO remove the \$5,000 from the Literacy Volunteers and the rest of the funds of \$6,000 and the police cars.
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: TATTA**

There was a voice vote, and everyone was in favor.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO reduce the BOE budget by \$467,172 which coincides with their contingency.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

ROLL CALL

**ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: NAY
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: NAY
MARRONE: AYE
5- AYE
4-NAY
MOTION PASSED**

MOTION WAS MADE TO take \$20,000 out of the contingency fund and assign it to a fund hereby willing to track all of the FOI claims so we can reimburse the departments for their requests.

MADE BY: MARRONE

This motion was withdrawn.

MOTION WAS MADE TO remove the line item for the Youth and Social Services database software in the amount of \$29,450.

MADE BY: REGAN

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY

CARMODY: NAY

FISHBEIN: NAY

LAFFIN: AYE

REGAN: AYE

REYNOLDS: NAY

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: NAY

MARRONE: AYE

4- AYE

5-NAY

MOTION FAILED

MOTION WAS MADE TO allocate \$30,000 for Columbus House instead of the \$90,000.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: MARRONE

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: NAY

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: AYE

REGAN: AYE

REYNOLDS: NAY

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: NAY

MARRONE: AYE

6- AYE

3-NAY

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO reduce the library's amount by \$150,000.

**MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL
ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: NAY
FISHBEIN: AYE
LAFFIN: NAY
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: NAY
TATTA: AYE
TESTA: NAY
MARRONE: AYE
4- AYE
5-NAY
MOTION FAILED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Joseph A. Marrone III, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date