

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 1988

6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall were Council Members Bradley, Holmes, Parisi, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen. Council Members Doherty arrived at 9:00 p.m., Adams at 10:05 p.m., and Council Member Papale was not present. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller, and Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move ITEM 20 up and that they would go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion to move out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 2. Consider and approve a transfer of Uncollected Taxes to the Suspense Book, moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Richard Piekarski, assistant to the Tax Collector, said that most of the personal property listed that had not been paid was from businesses that had already gone bankrupt. The Motor Vehicle listed had been reported to Motor Vehicle Department and was now on their Delinquent file. He explained that the "Collection aggressiveness is still there.", and he expects to collect at least 35% of the total amount.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 3a. Consider and Approve Transfers of Funds - Electric Division for \$5,000 from Operation Supervision and Engineering to Overhead Lines Operation.

Michael Holmes explained that he could have looked further into other distribution accounts, but he preferred not to have to take out other funds later on during the year.

VOTE: Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM3b. Consider and Approve Transfers of Funds - Electric Division for \$8,000 from Maintenance Supervision and Engineering to Miscellaneous Distribution, moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Bradley and Zandri voted no; all other ayes; motion failed. (Adams, Doherty and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 13. Public Question and Answer Period - 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Caroline Massoni, 41 Hillsvlew Road, inquired why the temporary stenographer used in the May 24th meeting was late in filing the minutes to the Town Clerk. She also brought up the fact that her comments at the May 24th meeting were not complete

in regard to her question to Mrs. Papale concerning the Code of Ethics. Mr. Killen explained that during the interim while they have no Town Council secretary, the rules were going to have to be more flexible in regard to the time limit for the minutes of the meetings. Mrs. Massoni also added that the two public hearing dates were not included, nor their times. She warned that during this interim time the minutes should be reviewed more carefully because of the special situation.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, asked why the front door of the Town Hall was locked when he arrived for the Town Council meeting. Mayor Dickinson answered that they had decided the rear entrance was better for the public to enter because of the elevator access.

Mrs. Delma Caretta, 20 Sunrise Circle, presented a petition signed by 165 people concerned with the problems in the East Main Street Construction. She and her neighbors were particularly concerned with the fact that a telephone pole is "standing in the middle of the road", and feared that a "tragedy is ready to happen there". She added that after waiting so many years for improvements there, they were disappointed to see everything stopped at this time, and asked that things be improved there as soon as possible. She also read and presented a letter from Mr. Anthony D. Autorino, Jr., Vice President of Double A Transportation, Inc. (attached)

Mayor Dickinson agreed that it was a hazardous area and the telephone poles had to come out. He is making every effort to act, but also not make things more difficult when "we reach the court level which is what we are going to have to do since the Town has been sued on." He added that at the meeting after next, John Costello will come in with standards that he is proposing to be used on the highway and the Council will be asked to review those standards.

Mr. Andrew Piazza, 37 Sunrise Circle, wanted to know whose fault was it that we did not get the permit from the EAP for the construction in the East Main Street project.

Mr. Adam Mantzaris answered that it would be brought up in the lawsuit. He also added that it is unclear at this time how much should be stopped on the project at this time, but he is looking into the problem on a daily basis.

ITEM 4. Consider and Approve Waiver of Bid for 16" Cement Lined Iron Pipe - Water Division, moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Roger Dann said he proposes that we accept the credit for \$2,500 and that "purchase occur directly between the Water Division and the contractor, Stone and Webster. Therefore, it does not in any way jeopardize the state of federal funding for the waste-water plant."

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 14. Public Hearing on Neighborhood Assistance Program  
Mr. Parisi read the resolution which would state a list of programs eligible for investment by business firms. Mr. Parisi moved and Mr. Bradley seconded it.

Don Roe discussed the guidelines to this resolution (attached) and explained that some of the programs listed would be eligible up to 90%, while some others would be listed at 50%. Rehabilitation is probably in the lower category, and energy conservation gets up to 90% credit.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 15. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 237 Entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for the Removal of Abandoned, Unregistered, and/or Inoperable Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts. Mr. Zandri moved and Mr. Bradley seconded.

Mr. Killen read a letter from Linda A. Bush, town planner, which stated that she thought the proposal for a covering for any cars not registered would prove fruitless. She also claimed that it would encourage people with 'junk cars' to let them store these vehicles for as long as they wanted, creating undesirable situations.

Mr. Killen also read another letter from Steven P. Neer who gave the opinions of the Wallingford Housing Authority on the subject which warned of the possible problems arising from the abandoned motor vehicle. He explained the trust fund from towing costs and the need for changing the criteria for taking certain cars into custody.

John Roy, 21 Hintz Drive, suggested that the Town should consider permits being offered to people who are genuinely restoring an antique car and then giving them a certain time frame in which they have to finish the work on that vehicle.

Mr. Solinsky said he would like to see a time limit placed on this in the form of an amendment. Mr. Solinsky made a motion for an amendment to limit work done on the vehicle to one year. Mr. Parisi seconded. This motion was then removed from the table.

Mr. Parisi made a motion to send it back to the Ordinance committee and Mr. Holmes seconded.

Mr. Parisi added that we should seek the opinions of legitimate collectors of these vehicles and then "if we should re-write it we should be very clear on what we want."

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

Mr. Holmes moved to move up Item 17, Mr. Parisi seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 17. Consider Acceptance of \$1,400 from the Lions Club to the Town of Wallingford and Budget Amendment to Implement the funds, Mr. Holmes made a motion and Mr. Parisi seconded.

Mr. John Roy, representing the Wallingford Lions Club, wanted to make a gift from the Lions Club in the form of a donation for a bench in front of the Town Hall.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 5. Consider and Approve Transfer of \$4,504 to Postage Account - Purchasing Department, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Don Dunleavy wanted to change the figure of \$4,504.00 to \$,504.00 to Copier Rental and Supplies. He also wanted to change \$3,500.00 to \$7,500.00 to Postage.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Doherty, and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 6. Consider and approve Waiver of Bid Procedure for services not exceeding \$2,000 - Purchasing Department, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Bradley. (attached)

Don Dunleavy, purchasing agent, stated that for the past few years he has had to go through this necessary requirement to permit the departments to do their normal services to the Town.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there was a need for the employees to be able to use the closest vendor to purchase items they need, thus saving time and money.

VOTE: Councilmen Bradley, Holmes, Solinsky and Killen voted aye; Parisi and Zandri voted no; Doherty passed. (Adams and Papale not present for vote) motion did not carry

ITEM 7. Consider and approve a transfer of \$1,250 to Advertising Account - Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Bradley seconded.

VOTE: Doherty, Holmes, Parisi, Solinsky, Zandri and Killen voted aye; Bradley voted no; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

ITEM 8a. Consider and approve transfers for Police Department for \$1,526 to fund accounts for the balance of the fiscal year. Mr. Doherty moved and Mr. Bradley seconded. (attached)

Chief Bevan explained that whatever money does not get used will go back in the General fund.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Papale and Parisi absent from vote)

ITEM 8b. Consider and approve transfers for Police Department of \$10,320 to Custodial Services and Traffic Line Painting - Fiscal Year 1988-1989., moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Chief Bevan was asked how many bids he had to choose from and he answered four bids. He also said he used the figures from last year's budget to decide.

VOTE: Killen voted no, all other ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale absent from vote)

ITEM 9. Consider and approve following transfers - Public Works Dept. Mr. Bradley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded.

(a) \$85.00 to Landfill Permit Refund

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams, Papale and Solins absent from vote)

(b)\$1,800 to Wages - General, moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

(c) \$3,000 to Metal Disposal, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Doherty.

Henry McCully was asked what could be done about the metal piling up and what was the Public Works Department going to do about this problem.

VOTE: Bradley and Zandri voted no, Doherty, Holmes, Parisi and Killen voted aye; Solinsky passed. (Adams and Papale absent from vote) Motion failed.

(d)\$1,000 to Overtime, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

Mr. Doherty made a motion to suspend the rules and Mr. Holmes seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

A motion to Reconsider ITEM 9c was made by Mr. Zandri and seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Bradley voted no; all others ayes (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

Mr. Zandri made a motion to vote on ITEM 9c again, and Mr. Bradley seconded.

VOTE: Bradley and Zandri voted no; all others voted aye; Motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

A motion was made by Mr. Parisi to Waive Rule V, seconded by Mr. Holmes for a \$600 Transfer from Public Works.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

Mr. Parisi moved for a \$600 transfer from Utilities from the Senior Citizens Center to Utilities for the Washington St. Community Bldg., seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present.)

ITEM 10. (a) Consider and approve transfers for Building Department for \$711.00 to Clerk Typist Salary, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale not present for vote)

(b) Consider and approve transfers for Building Department for \$486.00 to Map File Account - Fiscal Year 1988-1989, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Doherty.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Adams and Papale absent from vote)

ITEM 11(a) Consider and approve an appropriation of \$63,800 for Town Attorney covering Professional Services, motion moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Att. Mantzaris cited three cases: Northeast Datacom, Local 1326 Cost of Living Retirement, and Planning & Zoning vs. Zoning Appeals. These three cases make up the amount of \$68,000 of the \$74,000 request. The \$6,000 balance makes up ordinary transfer requests.

VOTE: Killen voted no; all other ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 11(b). Transfer of \$10,200 to Professional Services - Town Attorney

Mr. Paul Gough, 1 Kingston Avenue, commented that he felt the Town Attorney's Department is not any different than any other Town Department and because the transfer is over \$2,000, it should follow the Charter's laws.

VOTE: Killen voted no; Bradley, Holmes, Parisi, Solinsky and Zandri voted yes; Adams and Doherty passed. (Papale absent) Motion duly carried.

A motion to move up ITEM 20 was made by Mr. Parisi, Mr. Holmes seconded it.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Papale absent from vote)

ITEM 20. Consider Acceptance of Police Department Union Contract, Motion made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Holmes said this three-year contract seems to be beneficial and will attract new officers to the force.

Mr. Parisi stated that he would like to see the contract in full and not just a summary. He also felt that the Town Council should get to see the contract at least one meeting ahead in order to be able to study its contents.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes; Adams passed. Motion duly carried. (Papale absent)

ITEM 12a Consider and approve Transfers for Comptroller's Department, Mr. Bradley moved, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Myers stated that he had a staff change since he prepared the document which would necessitate an amendment. The total dollars would remain the same, making a reallocation of the funds between the accounts.

A motion to move that the corrections be added was made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Myers changed \$796 for Part-time wages to \$400, and \$495 for overtime clerical wages to \$895.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Parisi and Papale absent from vote)

ITEM 12.(b) Consider and approve Transfers for Comptroller's Department for \$1,940 to Office Partitioning.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; (Papale and Parisi absent from vote) Motion duly carried.

ADDENDUM To consider and approve a transfer of \$533.00 requested by the Engineering Department, moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Parisi and Papale absent for vote)

ITEM 16. Consider Adoption of Resolution Ratifying the United States Constitution, moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Neil McKenzie gave a brief and informative history of the events at the Hartford Convention in 1788. He explained the decision made by Wallingford's two delegates at the time, not to ratify the U. S. Constitution. There were also 26 towns, out of 69, whose delegates felt that they did not want to ratify.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi made a motion to move up ITEM 19 and Mr. Holmes seconded it.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Papalé absent from vote)

ITEM 19. Consider and approve Waiver of Bid for Employee Assistance Program - requested by Personnel Department, moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Sharkey said that "we are not looking for the funding, just the waiver of the bid."

Mr. Killen said he was bewildered because he did not even know that the Electric Division had this assistance program for its employees.

Mr. Sharkey informed him that he had put it into his budget last year.

He added that only three or four employees are actively using the program at this moment, but it also takes into account the family members. He felt that it was well worth the program because of the counseling services also provided with the drug and alcohol related problems that it entailed.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Papale absent from vote)

ITEM 18. Report from Phil Hamel on Town's Progress and participation with state mandate on recycling by 1991 - Requested by Councilman Geno Zandri.

Mr. Hamel reported on the background the State's recycling legislation which allocated 10 million dollars for recycling in 1986 and again this year allocated another 10 million dollars. The legislation generally mandates recycling by 1991 of 25% of solid waste. Mr. Hamel also explained that the South Central Council of Governments has commissioned a consultant's report on recycling, which should be ready September 1. The 20 towns that are members of the organization will be asked whether they want to participate in a cooperative recycling effort. Mr. Hamel added that Mayor William Dickinson Jr. and he will be making their recommendations soon, but the town will be lucky to recycle 25 percent of its waste.

Mr. Vincent Avallone, 1 Ashford Court, suggested to Mr. Hamel that "an extremely successful recycling program would prevent the town from meeting its commitment to supply trash to the incinerator."

Mr. Hamel said, "There's no evidence that we can't do both. I resent the implication that we have a vested interest in not recycling or not pursuing it diligently."

Mr. Avallone asked Mr. Hamel "how hard, or diligently, is Wallingford going to pursue recycling?" He said he feared the town would make only a token effort because of its commitment to provide waste for the trash plant.

Mrs. Kathleen Avery, 70 Masonic Avenue, asked Mr. Hamel why he had not asked any questions at the PAGB meeting in March when an official from the Environmental Recovery Systems of Denver spoke to the group.

Hamel answered that he thought that particular recycling system is still on the drawing board. He added that "until we have a proven process - and they can show me a plant that works - anyone can claim anything."

ITEM 21. Consider an Ordinance Appropriating \$155,500 for architectural services and fees incurred for the planning of Code Compliance for Handicapped Accessibility at Wallingford Public Schools and authorizing the issue of \$155,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issue thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose - Set Public Hearing

Mr. Adams made a motion to set public hearing on June 28, 1988<sup>1988</sup> at 7:45.  
VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Holmes, Papale and absent from vote)

ITEM 22. Note for the Record the Public Utilities Financing for April 1988, the Town Financial Statements for May 1988 and July 1, 1988 Reports on the next fiscal year, moved by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried. (Holmes, Papale and Parisi absent from vote)

ITEM 23. Acceptance of Town Council Minutes of May 24, 1988, tabled and Acceptance of Minutes of June 3 Meeting, also tabled.

Meeting recorded by:  
Gail Retzer, MANPOWER

APPROVED

Albert E. Killen  
Albert E. Killen, Council Chairman

July 28, 1988  
Date

Kathryn J. Wall  
Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

July 28, 1988  
Date

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Consent Agenda: Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 13 and 16.

Approved transfer of funds from various accounts to General Wage Account: 1-2

- \$510.00 from Union Business Replacement
- \$73.00 from Paramedic School Replacement
- \$2,270.00 from Holiday Pay
- \$800.00 from Overtime
- \$58.00 from Continuous Duty Pay
- \$1,021.00 from Vacation Replacement
- \$1,169.00 from Workman's Compensation
- \$1,200.00 from Utilities
- \$2,170.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$500.00 from Building Supplies
- \$109.00 from Maintenance of Equipment
- \$540.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$350.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$193.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$330.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$500.00 from Utilities
- \$377.00 from Gas/Oil
- \$600.00 from Utilities
- \$340.00 from Gas/Oil

Approved waiver of bid procedure for services not exceeding \$2,000 3-5

Approved waiver of bid procedure not exceeding \$2000 from the Board of Education 5-6

Approved Public Hearing appropriation of \$155,500 for architectural service and fees incurred for the planning of code compliance for handicap accessibility at Wallingford Public Schools and authorizing the issue of \$155,000 worth of bonds on the town to meet such appropriation. 7-9

Approved budget amendment in amount of \$851,111 to pay for Robert Earley Town Hall Project. 9

Approved resolutions and agreements to the state grant for the annual budget for Wallingford Community Day Care Center ITEM 11 WITHDRAWN. 9-10

Approved authorization to execute lease agreement re: Bertini Park. 10-11

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Approved holding for two weeks the appointment for vacancy as alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals 11

Discussion on Inland Wetlands Commission 11-12

Approved request to waive bid procedure on sale of merchandise for Parker Farms Building Committee 12-13

Approved job specifications for Inspector - Fire Marshall's Office 13

ITEM 21 WITHDRAWN.

Approved town clerk's request to waiver the bid for Cott and and Adkins Printers based on the fact that the price does not change as of this date without being notified 14

Waived Rule V to transfer funds to pay a part time legal secretary in the Town Attorney's Office 14

Tabled approval of Town Council Minutes 15

Adjourned. 15

RECEIVED ON FILE 7-1-88  
 AT 4:30 P M  
 ATTEST Kathryn D. Wall  
 TOWN CLERK