

Town Clerk

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2006

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi Called the Meeting to Order at 6:37 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Vincenzo M. DiNatale, Lois Doherty, Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Rosemary Rascati, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi was absent from the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

Vice-Chairman Knight announced that Mr. Roland Chapo had passed away. He said that he had been appointed Selectman (not a Constable as announced) for many years in Wallingford and requested that people remember Mr. Chapo in their thoughts.

There was a Moment of Silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Roll Call taken.

2. Correspondence

None

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#320 - #340) totaling \$7,376.64 Acct. #001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector

3b. Acceptance of Highway Safety Grant – Police Department

- 3c. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$2,998 to Revenue Highway Safety Acct # 001-1050-050-5883 and to Police Overtime Acct # 001-2005-101-1400 – Police Department
- 3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$7,600 to Professional Services Acct 001-5010-901-9040-00 from Contingency-Community Lake Soils Testing Program Acct 001-7060-800-3190-00 – Engineering Department
- 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,000 to Professional Services Acct 001-5010-901-9040-00 from Contingency-CT DEP sponsored Meetinghouse Brook Project Acct # 001-7060-800-3190-00 – Engineering
- 3f. Approve Town Council minutes of October 10, 2006
- 3g. Approve the minutes of February 21, 2006

Ms. Rascati moved to accept the Consent agenda 3a. through 3g. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion. All Councilors present (8) voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent. The motion passed.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati announced that they would be abstaining from the vote for items 5 to 13 as they were not sitting on the Council at that time.

5. Approve Town Council minutes October 12, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of October 12, 2004. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent. 6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

6. Approve Town Council minutes September 14, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of September 14, 2004. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

7. Approve Town Council minutes July 13, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of July 13, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors Doherty, Farrell, Knight, and Testa voted aye. Mr. DiNatale and Ms. Papale abstained, as they had not attended the meeting. Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
4 aye, 4 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion failed.

8. Approve Town Council minutes June 22, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of June 22, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight and Testa voted aye. Ms. Papale abstained as she had not attended the meeting. Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
5 aye, 3 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

9. Approve Town Council minutes June 8, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of June 8, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

10. Approve Town Council minutes April 26, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of April 26, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

11. Approve Town Council minutes April 22, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of April 22, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

12. Approve Town Council minutes April 20, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of April 20, 2004.
Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

13. Approve Town Council minutes April 13, 2004

Ms. Rascati moved to approve the Town Council minutes of April 13, 2004. Mr. Farrell seconded the motion.

Councilors DiNatale, Doherty, Farrell, Knight, Papale and Testa voted aye, Mr. Brodinsky and Ms. Rascati abstained. Chairman Parisi was absent.
6 aye, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

The motion passed.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail, inquired about the time and purpose of the purchase of 390 Center Street.

Phil Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street, had comments regarding Simpson School property development and how *Connecticut Magazine* rates Wallingford as a town.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked if the town had done a cost analysis on the cleanup for the Simpson School site.

Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, wanted to know to whom the Board of Education is responsible and accountable. She asked if they can be recalled. The Mayor said that they follow policies governing Purchasing and Accounting and that they are responsible to the voters and to the State of Connecticut Board of Education.

15. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$411 to Office Expenses Acct # 6010-401-4000 from Contingency-General Acct # 7060-800-3190 – Registrars of Voters

Ms. Rascati made a motion to Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$411 to Office Expenses Acct # 6010-401-4000 from Contingency-General Acct # 7060-800-3190 as requested by the Registrars of Voters.

Chester Miller, Registrar of Voters, appeared. He said that funds are needed for a postcard mailing to approximately 1700 households to notify voters of a change of venue for voting in November.

All Councilors (8) present voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.

The motion passed.

16. Report from the Registrars regarding Selection of a Chief Moderator as required by state law – Chairman Robert F. Parisi

Chester Miller, Republican Registrar of Voters, was present.
Democratic Registrar of Voters, Diana Hotchkiss, was not at the meeting.

Mr. Miller said that the Chief Moderator rotates between parties and that this November a Democrat has the rotation to be Chief Moderator. He said that the Democratic Registrar did not submit any names; and therefore, there can be no agreement between the registrars. It was determined that many poll workers are needed. There was discussion to have the Democratic Town Committee involved in selecting a certified Chief Moderator and in selecting qualified poll workers. Training for poll workers for the upcoming election is Wednesday night, October 25, 2006. Janis Small, Town Attorney, will contact the Democratic Registrar of Voters in an attempt to resolve this issue, and failing that, the names of qualified persons will be drawn from a lot according to Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-50b.

17. Discussion and possible action on the Simpson School project including a presentation by the Developer – Town Attorney

Withdrawn

18. Discussion and possible Action on a Resolution expressing a willingness to accept, as a Town road, land adjacent to Simpson School as requested by the State – Town Attorney

Ms. Rascati read the item and the Resolution correcting the date to October 24, 2006. Ms. Rascati made a motion to adopt the Resolution accepting as a Town road land adjacent to Simpson School as requested by the State of Connecticut as presented by the Town Attorney. Mr. Farrell seconded.

(Resolution - Appendix I)

Ms. Small said that the road at the end of Martin is a driveway that goes into Simpson School and connects to Savage Commons. It was deeded to the Housing Authority when the town sold that property to the Housing Authority. The town didn't retain any rights to that driveway even though the town used it. She thinks that it was a mistake, and it came to light during the RFP process. She has talked to the Housing Authority and then the state about rectifying it. She has spoken with Engineering and Public Works to see if it is a good idea to get it back and keep it as a town road. The Housing Authority is in favor of it, and they have submitted it to the state. The state expressed a favorable opinion up to this point but they need to rest of the documentation, and this Resolution, being the Council's willingness to accept it back for road purposes, is something that the state would require as part of its final approval process. She said that there are utilities under that road that the town needs access to. Mr. DiNatale asked if there should be a turnaround, and Ms. Small said that she would talk with Engineering, Public Works and the Housing Authority.

There were no comments from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Brodinsky – yes; DiNatale – yes; Doherty – yes; Farrell – yes; Knight – yes;
Papale – yes; Rascati – yes; Testa – yes; Parisi – absent;
8 Aye; 1 Absent

Motion passed.

19. Discussion and action regarding granting of bid waiver for work performed at Pond Hill School to remediate fuel oil spill in the amount of \$20,090.87
– Darren Novak/Board of Education

Ms. Rascati made a motion to approve granting a bid waiver for work performed at Pond Hill School to remediate a fuel oil spill in the amount of \$20,090.87 as requested by Darren Novak and the Board of Education. Mr. Farrell seconded.

Mr. Knight read a memo from Mr. Novak outlining the Pond Hill School fuel oil spill event.

Dale Wilson, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Darren Novak – Supervisor of Building and Grounds for the Board of Education

The emergency was on Labor Day weekend and was immediately handled. There was discussion regarding floor drains and fuel tank warranties, registrations and replacements. Mr. Wilson said that these funds would come from the Board of Education budget. He also said that fuel tank replacement would be in ten years. Mr. DiNatale suggested that the Board of Education inquire into State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for leaking underground storage tank funds.

There were no questions from the public.

Each Councilor voted individually Aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.
8 Ayes; 1 absent.

The motion passed.

20. Consider and Approve Job Description for Personnel Clerk – Personnel Director

Ms. Rascati made a motion to Approve Job Description for Personnel Clerk. Mr. Farrell seconded.

Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director
James Hutt, Assistant Personnel Director

Mr. Sullivan explained that this position would be a new full-time position, an upgrade from part-time, beginning January 1, 2007 in the current fiscal year and would support Mr. Hutt's work on pension benefits. He said this person would be used on recruiting efforts and to support the work of the Personnel Department.

There were no comments from the public.

Each Councilor voted individually Aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.
8 Ayes; 1 absent.

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

Withdrawn

22. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to Collective Bargaining - Personnel

Ms. Rascati made a motion for the Council to enter into Executive Session.
Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors (8) present voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.

The motion passed.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:49 P.M.

Ms. Rascati made a motion for the Council to exit from Executive Session.
Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors (8) present voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.

The motion passed.

The Council exited from Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.

Attendance at Executive Session, Item # 22:

Eight (8) Councilors; Chairman Parisi was absent. Mayor Dickinson, Chief Dortenzio, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hutt.

23. Consider and Approve AFSCME Co. 15 Local 1570 Police Pension Tentative Agreement effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2014 as discussed in Executive Session – Personnel

Ms. Rascati made a motion to approve AFSCME Co. 15 Local 1570 Police Pension Tentative Agreement effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2014 as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Farrell seconded.

Eight (8) Councilors present individually voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.

The motion passed.

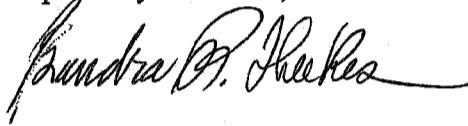
Ms. Rascati made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors (8) present voted aye. Chairman Parisi was absent.

The motion passed.

There was no further business to conduct, and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

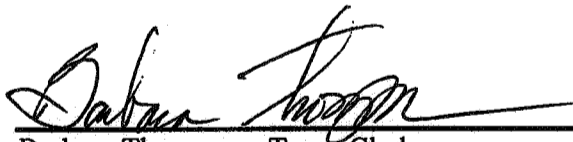


Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

11/14/06
Date


Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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Appendix I

18,
10/24/06

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wallingford Town Council at its meeting on October ~~17~~²⁴, 2006 that the Town Council is willing to accept, as a Town road, a parcel of land from the Wallingford Housing Authority as depicted on a map entitled "Property to be conveyed to the Town of Wallingford from the Wallingford Housing Authority".

BE IT FURTHER Resolved that the Town Council will accept the deed of the parcel for no consideration and shall maintain and keep the parcel as a Town road.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut, this 24th day of October, 2006.

BARBARA THOMPSON
Town Clerk
Date: