

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
OCTOBER 24, 2023
6:30 P.M.
AMENDED RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta Samuel Carmody, Vincent Testa Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Attorney Town Council Janis Small, and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$14,328.98 (#380-#404)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Merit Increase (1) – Human Resources
 - 3c. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant funds to enforce distracted driving laws and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,827 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$8,400 – Public Works

\$8,400	From: Regular Salaries & Wages	Acct. # 10030000-51000
\$7,750	To: Large Format Copier/Scanner	Acct.# TBD
\$ 650	To: Office Expenses & Supplies	Acct. #10030000-56100
 - 3e. Budget Amendment FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$49,000 – Electric Division
 - 3f. Consider and approve Acceptance of grant funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$107,789 from Revenue, Acct. #224-TBD to Exp., Acct. #224-TBD – Health Dept.

- 3g. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. to enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$107,789 and designate Director of Health as administrator of the program for the purpose of overseeing and implementing all activities related to the Grant – Health Dept.
- 3h. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents for the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the FFY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$24,380 – Fire Dept.
- 3i. Consider and approve Appointment of Jane Fisher as a Full Member on the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 - Mayor
- 3j. Consider and approve Appointment of Maria Harlow as an Alternate Member of the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 – Mayor
- 3k. Consider and approve Reappointment of Frank Stellato as a Member of the Wallingford Housing Authority for a five year term effective immediately and expiring October 31, 2028 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Approve Town Council Minutes of October 10, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent items 3a-3l.
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON
MOTION: PASSED**

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross asked why Agenda Item #8 was withdrawn. Chairman Cervoni stated that the Law Department withdrew the Agenda Item not Town Council. Bob Gross discussed the remaining ARPA money and why businesses haven't received it yet.

Darrell Stancuna discussed Agenda Item #9. He suggested to keep the railroad station where it is because of the Adult Education. He feels like they should not be moved to a direct location. He also that the Community Pool should not be reopened because of the cost to redo it. He talked about the Town of Wallingford having a Civilian Board Committee and a Safety Committee and he would gladly want to be a part of both committees if formed.

6. Budget Appropriation FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$280,000 – Electric Div.

Richard Hendershot, Director of Public Utilities explained that the \$280,000 is needed to cover the purchase of the remainder of the three phase pad mounted transformers.

7. Red Ribbon Week Campaign/Y&SS and Coalition for a Better Wallingford

Amanda Miranda Director of Youth and Social Services along with Dianne Mark from The Coalition for a Better Wallingford explained what the Red Ribbon Week was. It talks about substance abuse. It started Monday, October 23, 2023 and goes through Halloween.

8. Appropriations for ARPA Non-Profit Grant: Coalition for a Better Wallingford \$50,000 – Law Dept. WITHDRAWN PER LAW DEPARTMENT.

9. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution regarding Wallingford's Historic Railroad Station, and issuance of an RFP regarding its revitalization and restoration as a publicly usable, inviting space in our downtown – Councilor Fishbein

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Tabling Item #9

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: CARMODY

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: NAY

LAFFIN: AYE

MARRONE: NAY

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

ZANDRI: NAY

CERVONI: AYE

MOTION: PASSED

This item had been tabled till next Town Council Meeting to get all of the facts.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding rebid of the existing specifications on the Community Pool at a cost of approximately \$69,000 - Councilor Testa

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item #10

MADE BY: TESTA

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: NAY
LAFFIN: NAY
MARRONE: NAY
TATTA: NAY
TESTA: AYE
ZANDRI: AYE
CERVONI: AYE
MOTION: FAILED

There was a brief discussion about the pool and what to do with it and if a decision has to be made right now about what to do with it. People are very conflicted about the Community Pool situation. The bath house was discussed as to why there are no walls or privacy in there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

MOTION WAS MADE to end the meeting at 8:17pm
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: ALINSON

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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