

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Robert F. Parisi Council Chamber

FEBRAURY 13, 2024

6:30 P.M.

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Kristen Panzo TOWN CLERK

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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, Thomas Laffin, Christina Tatta Samuel Carmody, Christopher Regan, Jesse Reynolds, Vincent Testa and Chairman Joseph A Marrone III. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Attorney Corporation Council Janis Small, Comptroller Tim Sena and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present. Councilor Craig Fishbein was not present at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$11,580.98 (#606-#630)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of overtime reimbursement of Federal Taskforce funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,881 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant “FY 2024 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program” funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,808 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant “2024 Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign” funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,470 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3e. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant “2023-2024 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program” funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,122 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

- 3f. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant “FY 2024 HRRR Speed Enforcement Grant” funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$11,234 from Revenue-State Grants, Acct. #2502002-45114 to Expense-Radar Equipment, Acct. #25020050-58830-TBD – Police Dept.
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10030000-51000 to Material and Supplies, Acct. #10030000-56140 – Public Works
- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$44,800 from Attendant and Laboratory Expenses, Acct. #46100642 to Outside Services Employed, Acct. #46100923 – Sewer Div.
- 3i. FY 23-24 Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Distribution Maintenance-Misc. Dist., Acct. #598 - Electric Div.
- 3j. Consider and approve YMCA ARPA Grant usage in the amount of \$60,000 – Law Dept.
- 3k. Consider and approve Farmland Lease Properties Program bid awards for five year terms – Conservation Commission
- 3l. Consider and approve Donation of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from In a Heartbeat Foundation – Health Dept. and Parks & Recreation
- 3m. Consider and approve reappointment of Jared Liu to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term of three (3) years effective January 1, 2024 and expiring January 1, 2027 – Chairman Marrone
- 3n. Consider and approve reappointment of Tim Wall as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective January 7, 2024 and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3o. Consider and approve reappointment of Joe Da Cunto as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective January 7, 2024 and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3p. Consider and approve appointment of Bryan Bates as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective immediately and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3q. Consider and approve reappointment of Jim Fitzsimmons to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of five (5) years effective January 8, 2024 and expiring January 8, 2029 – Chairman Marrone

- 3r. Consider and approve appointment of Bryan Rivard as Alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of three (3) years effective immediately and expiring January 8, 2027 – Chairman Marrone
- 3s. Consider and approve reappointment of Bob Gross as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three (3) years effective January 8, 2004 and expiring January 8, 2027 – Chairman Marrone
- 3t. Consider and approve reappointment of Tom Wolfer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term of five (5) years effective January 8, 2024 and expiring January 8, 2029 – Chairman Marrone
- 3u. Consider and approve appointment of Bruce Conroy to the Conservation Commission for a term of five (5) years effective March 1, 2024 and expiring March 1, 2029 – Mayor
- 3v. Consider and approve reappointment of Marc Landow to the Housing Code Board of Appeals for a three year term effective March 1, 2023 and expiring March 1, 2026 - Chairman Marrone
- 3w. Approve Town Council Minutes of January 23, 2024.
- 3x. Consider and approve reappointment of John LeTourneau as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective immediately and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3y. Consider and approve reappointment of V. James Seichter as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective immediately and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3z. Consider and approve appointment of Steve Allinson as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective January 7, 2024 and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone
- 3aa. Consider and approve reappointment of Robert A. Jacques, Sr. as Constable for a term of two (2) years effective immediately and expiring January 7, 2026 – Chairman Marrone

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent items 3a-3aa.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: REGAN

MOTION: PASSED

TATTA abstained from Consent Item #3j and ALLINAON abstained From Consent Item #3z.

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

6. Discussion of old business –Update on Hidden Brook Lane – Chairman Marrone

The Engineer is working on the items that need to be addressed and will be fixing the issues.

7. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to the Workers' Compensation claim settlement of Leonard Thomas – Human Resources

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Workers' Compensation claim settlement of Leonard Thomas – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE to go into Executive Session.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

MOTION: PASSED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Bid Waiver to use a QBS Process for the selection of a consultant to perform an analysis and evaluation of the Grit Chambers design, operation and effectiveness – Sewer Div.

Neil Amwake, General Manager for Water/Sewer Division along with Rick Hendershot, Director of public utilities spoke about the Grit Chambers, what they are, how they function and what to do to replace them.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #9.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

MOTION: PASSED

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE:

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: ABSENT

LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE
TATT: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a RFP Draft to solicit a consultant to conduct inspections and report on conditions of municipal buildings – Public Works

Rob Baltramitis, Director of Public Works explained the draft for the RFP to solicit a consultant to conduct inspections and report on conditions of municipal buildings. He also explained which buildings would be part of the RFP.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #10.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON
MOTION: PASSED

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE:

ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: ABSENT
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE
TATT: AYE
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE

11. Discussion and possible action to approve an Appropriation of ARPA funds for RCP Unlimited in the amount of \$25,000 to Revenue-Federal Grant, Acct. #2391002-45200 and to ARPA –Business, Acct. #23940250-58830-TBD – Law Dept.

Janis explained to the Council about this application.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #11.
MADE BY: REGAN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN
MOTION: PASSED

Second motion was made to amend previous vote. Vote passes contingent upon clearing up the issue with the Engineering permit.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #11 as amended.
MADE BY: REGAN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN
MOTION: PASSED**

**ROLL CALL FOR VOTE:
ALLINSON: AYE
CARMODY: AYE
FISHBEIN: ABSENT
LAFFIN: AYE
REGAN: AYE
REYNOLDS: AYE
TATT: ABSTAINED
TESTA: AYE
MARRONE: AYE**

12. Discussion regarding a RFP for Historic Railroad Station Re-Use Project – EDC

Dom Krouch, Economic Development Specialist and Joseph Mirra, EDC Chair spoke about the project and what they next should be to get moving. Brice Conroy and Jason Michael also spoke.

13. Discussion and possible action for seeking applications to serve on the Fair Rent Commission – Councilor Allinson

Discussion amongst the Councilors about what their thoughts were.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve 30 day posting of application on
Town website.
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN
MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Town Council interviewing
applicants for Fair rent Commission.
MADE BY: MARRONE
SECONDED BY: REGAN
MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve seeking applications with two
changes made to it.
MADE BY: REGAN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN
MOTION: PASSED**

14. Review Council Rules – Chairman Marrone

Discussion amongst Councilors about the Rules of Procedure and if it needs to be updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Joseph A. Marrone III, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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