

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
September 10, 2024
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 was called to order at 6:44 p.m. due to technical difficulty. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Christopher Regan video call, Jesse Reynolds, Samuel Carmody and Chairman Joseph A. Marrone III. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Corporation Counsel Janis Small, Comptroller Timothy Sena and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$6,041.09 (#28-#56)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,358 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,804 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$380 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3e. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$998 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
 - 3f. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Negotiations, Acct. #10010150-56712 to Office Supplies, Acct. #10010150-56100 – Mayor

- 3g. Consider and approve FY 2023-2-24 Transfer in the amount of \$8,500 from Salaries and Wages, Acct. #10030000-51000 to Maint. of Bldgs. & Grounds, Acct. #10030000-54315 – Public Works
- 3h. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$1,300 from Professional Services – Employment Exams, Acct. #100-12000-56728 to Office Expense & Supplies, Acct. #100-12000-56100 – Human Resources
- 3i. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Maintenance of Collection System, Acct. #46100673 to Salaries, Acct. #46100920 – Sewer Div.
- 3j. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Customer Rec. & Coll. Expenses, Acct. #46100903 to Meter Reading Expenses, Acct. #46100902 – Sewer Div.
- 3k. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$750 from Meter Expenses, Acct. #46100663 to Customer Installation Expenses, Acct. #46100664 – Sewer Div.
- 3l. Consider and approve FY 2023-2024 Transfer in the amount of \$31,500 from Plant Electricity, Acct. #46100643 to Injuries and Damages, Acct. #46100925 - Sewer Div.
- 3m. Consider and approve FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$75,300 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Admin-Maint. of Plant Expense, Acct. #932 – Electric Div.
- 3n. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from Contingency, Acct. # 10019000-58820 to Demo/Relocation, Acct. #10010550-56770 - Building Dept.
- 3o. Consider and approve Merit Review Board (2) – Human Resources
- 3p. Acceptance of Gifts Donated to the Wallingford Public School for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$96,559 – BOE
- 3q. Consider and approve a request from the First Congregational Church to use the Parade Grounds for the Annual Catch the Spirit Day on September 15, 2024 – Mayor
- 3r. Consider and approve a request from Wallingford Center Inc. to use the Parade Grounds for Celebrate Wallingford on October 5, 2024 and October 6, 2024 – Mayor

- 3s. Consider and approve appointment of Joan Bushey as Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust delegate to the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission – Mayor
- 3t. Approve Minutes of August 20, 2024 Special Town Council meeting.
- 3u. Consider and approve a bid waiver to cover the cost of tenant relocation to Homewood Suites – Building Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Items 3a-3u.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

No items were removed from consent.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

There were no public questions at this time.

6. Discussion of old business – Chairman Marrone

- (a) Update on Hidden Brook Lane

Corporation Counsel Small informed the council that the developer who created the AS-Built is in contact with the Town Engineer and will be going over the questions asked of him and she should have another update at the next Town Council meeting.

7. Consider and approve the proposed Choate Bridge Easement Agreement – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #7.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

Councilor Carmody spoke about his admiration for Choate and spoke about his time going to Choate for sports events and swimming and his father also going to Choate. He pointed out the concerns from residents who live near Choate and how the continuation of construction of buildings off of Hill House Way and Rosemary Lane is causing flooding issues for some neighbors. North Elm Street neighbors also have flooding issues. The south side where construction is happening is causing a lot of traffic and congestion. He mentioned Curtis Avenue and how Choate has purchased every single home on the northerly side of the street. His concern with Choate purchasing so many homes is that the homes were once on Wallingford's tax roll and now are no longer. It was mentioned that Wallingford School Systems lose out on infrastructure when Choate purchases home in Wallingford. Choate does not pay property

taxes. If they were a for profit institution they would have to pay four million dollars in taxes a year. It was stated that he believes that \$10 as a payment for an aerial easement so Choate can build a bridge is an insufficient payment. He wonders why the bridge would not be closer to campus buildings on North Elm Street and Christian Street crosswalks where most of the congestion is. He believes that Choate should look into a pilot program for paying taxes.

Councilor Fishbein stated both sides of the street where the proposed bridge will be built is owned by Choate. He has an appreciation for Choate and what they do for the Town of Wallingford. He mentioned that the flooding issues that were discussed has not been addressed by someone from the Town of Wallingford or Choate. He stated that if Choate had to start paying property taxes then every other non-profit business who took a property off of the tax roll should also be made to pay property taxes. He mentioned that if a change financially is going to happen it would have to happen on the Federal level where the tax exemption is established. He asked Corporation Counsel Small about Exhibit A and when the council would be able to see a depiction of the exhibit. She stated that the drawing that was given, once the project is further along should be an updated version of that drawing. He brought up Exhibit B. Corporation Counsel Small said Exhibit B should be the final rendering of Exhibit A, given the town's approval once it is done. She also stated that the exhibits would be a fine tune and the meets and bounds of the air space and more in tune with the engineer's drawings. The drawings now are a rendering of what the bridge could look like but does not mean it is an exact replica of the bridge. Councilor wanted to know if exhibit A is the rendering and exhibit B would be the description. The insurance for the construction of the bridge was discussed. The need for insurance after the bridge is built was asked. Choate would have to maintain insurance after the bridge is built. The insurance during the construction is covered. When the construction ends is when Choate takes over paying. Councilor wanted to know if the bridge would also be used for vehicle traffic as well as pedestrian traffic. The bridge is for pedestrian use only as it states in the agreement.

Councilor Reynolds mentioned how this easement is for the air above the bridge and is for the use of that. He brought up that each time a Choate project is mentioned, money is also always mentioned. He agrees with the fact that there should be a bridge for safety purposes to move kids safely across the street. He had mentioned the unsafe speeds that people drive on Christian Street and how maybe a speed bump of some sort should be added for even further safety. This is a concern he has. He does not agree with the fact that Choate should only have to pay \$10 for the easement. The lack of tax revenue that the town sees because Choate does not pay taxes was brought up. The over priced homes in and around the Choate area do and will make it hard for families to buy these homes because of the inflation in the housing market because of where these homes are located and what they are prices at. The competition students' face in Wallingford who does not go to Choate is real. Wallingford Public Schools students are taking many more AP classes just to compete to get into a good College compared to the students who graduate from Choate and have less of a hard time. All these reasons is why Councilor thinks that \$10 for the cost of the easement is not enough.

Councilor Testa stated that he looks at a pedestrian bridge like he looks at a sidewalk.

Sidewalks need to be cleaned of snow, debris things like that and so does the bridge. He is concerned that this agreement states that no vehicles are allowed on the bridge because the bridge will need to be cleaned during snow storms or if there is ice. He discussed the fact that Choate has all of these residential homes and properties and how can they be exempt from taxes. Through talking to members of the public and what not he thought how can the town create a payment in lieu of taxes for the residential homes Choate owns. He thinks an analysis of all Choate owned properties would be nice so it can be narrowed down exactly how many residential properties Choate owns where staff is living in those homes and then maybe look into some agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Choate on a dollar amount they could pay for taxes. He thinks if this could ever happen the money should be earmarked for the education budget in Wallingford. He mentioned he tried to have an executive session to discuss how to initiate the discussion of having Choate possibly paying money to the Town of Wallingford. He stated he has no objection to the bridge.

Councilor Laffin is in favor of the bridge and agrees with the safety concern and how the bridge will elevate that. He states that the bridge can benefit everyone. Between the students crossing the streets and the traffic through there it is very dangerous for everyone. It is Choate's property to do what they want. He stated that the downtown area would not be what it is without the Choate community, staff, students contributing to shopping, restaurants, etc. He mentioned the \$10 for the easement. He talked about Choate building more structures in the future.

Councilor Tatta discussed the air easement. She stated that if someone had two pieces of property and wanted to build a bridge to connect them and pay \$10 that would not happen. If the Town of Wallingford has a product that someone needs then they should pay accordingly to benefit the town and not give the product away for free essentially. She talked about the fairness aspect. She asked how the Law Department had a hand in all of this seeing how the agenda item stated it was from the Law Department. Corporation Counsel Small stated that the Law Department did not put this item on the agenda and had nothing to do with drawing up the agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Choate. Councilor brought up signage on the bridge. She feels like no signage of any kind should be on the bridge. She wanted to amend the agreement to add no signage on the bridge.

Councilor Fishbein is opposed to the amendment. He does not think it is fair to have no signage on the bridge just because it is Choate.

Councilor Tatta explained that the signage would be on the easement and because Choate does not own the easement they should not have signage on something they do not own.

Councilor Allinson is also opposed to the no signage. She would not be ok with advertising signage on the bridge but as she stated, the easement is for the air and the bridge is being built with Choate's money. She pointed out that who would maintain the bridge is not owned by Choate.

Councilor Laffin asked Councilor Tatta if the amendment passed would she support the bridge

and she said no. He also does not agree with no signage on the bridge.

Chairman Marrone said the way he feels about the no signage as he does about the barriers for the outdoor dining, why should government dictate what you can have. If Choate wants to put signage on their bridge they should be able to because it is ultimately their bridge and not the town's bridge. He is also opposed to the amendment of no signage on the bridge.

Councilor Fishbein asked if the ultimate approval for the bridge goes through Planning and Zoning. As part of the application process Choate would need to disclose what type of signage if any would be on the bridge before being approved.

MOTION WAS MADE to amend the previous motion to add the wording of no signage shall be placed anywhere on the bridge.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: CARMODY

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: NAY

CARMODY: NAY

FISHBEIN: NAY

LAFFIN: NAY

REGAN: NAY

REYNOLDS: NAY

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: NAY

MARRONE: NAY

1- AYE

8- NAY

MOTION: FAILED

Councilor Allinson agreed when Councilor Fishbein made the comment if you have a pilot program for one nonprofit you should have it for all nonprofits in town then. She thinks discussing the idea for a pilot program in the manner discussed would not be beneficial. She spoke about all of the emails the council have been getting about Choate and building this bridge and how it will be a positive thing. She spoke about the traffic data and how she is in support of the bridge.

Councilor Regan agrees with Councilor Laffin about the public safety aspect of the bridge. He said the traffic study shows an accident waiting to happen. He spoke about the lack of Choate paying property taxes. He spoke about the charitable work Choate does and the fact that their sports facilities are used by many.

Chairman Marrone spoke about councilors bringing up the money issue about Choate not paying property taxes. He explained that Choate wants to build a bridge from their property to their property and is building the bridge for safety reasons. He does not see a problem with the bridge. He said this meeting is not the right time to bring up Choate paying money to the Town of Wallingford for property taxes.

Councilor Fishbein talked about the use of speed bumps possible.

Mayor Cervoni stated he talked to Corporation Counsel Small about obtaining an appraisal for the value of the air right over the road. She spoke to a commercial appraisal who said the way you value what a town gives up when it gives an easement is what is the loss to the town or the community as a result of the encroachment. The fence that borders Choate on North Elm St. and Christine St. was discussed. The fence encroaches on the town's right of way to the roads. At one point, the town had requested that fence be used for pedestrian traffic. Choate erected a stone post-split rail fence. He then mentioned that the Town Council granted an easement for the purpose of encroaching on the rights of way 24 years ago.

Councilor Reynolds restated that he thought the \$10 does not substantiate the relationship between the Town of Wallingford and Choate. He talked about the sports teams who pay to use Choate facilities will be just some of the people who will be using this bridge. He brought up the point again that the speed people drive on Christian Street is very unsafe and something needs to be before an accident happens.

Stephen Jasinski of South Airline Rd. spoke about the bridge and what happens when the bridge snow and ice on it falling on his vehicle. He wanted to know what protection he has. He wanted to know what promises the public had that the bridge would even be used.

Tara Knapp of Highland Ave spoke about her support towards Choate. She is an alumni and parent. She is in favor of the bridge and thinks the safety aspect of it is great for everyone who will use it.

Collen Bulusuchko who is the president of the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra. She talked about her role as president and her support for the bridge.

Victoria who is a sophomore at Choate talked about her experience at the school and how the bridge would be beneficial.

Sean Doherty facility staff at the Wallingford Family YMCA spoke about the partnerships that the YMCA has with Choate and his support for the bridge.

Mark McGuire spoke about the Wallingford Lacrosse and the families. He is also in support of the bridge.

Bob Beaumont of Maplewood Dr., spoke about being an alumni of Choate and his support for the bridge.

Alison Cady, Chief Communications Officer, spoke about the safety concerns when it comes to the students, staff, drivers, pedestrians, etc. She said that they have reconfigured pedestrian walking paths as to steer pedestrians away from the 4 way intersections, has collaborated with Wallingford's Traffic Authority and Engineering Department to improve and consolidate

mid-block crosswalks eliminating two crosswalks on Christian St. They have paid and installed flashing crosswalk beacons to be used in the town's right of way, change the grad and ramps for ADA crosswalks in the town's right of way. Choate has donated over \$1 million in ADA crosswalk improvements and this spring they will donate another \$1 million for the same cause. They move large events away from the center of campus to maximize the parking to avoid the contact of pedestrians with cars. Choate feels that this will provide a safe walkway for pedestrians. The center of campus is not only used by Choate students but also by many of their local organizations that use the facilities for athletics, other fundraising and cultural events. She talked about the renovations and construction that is necessary for Choate to remain one of the top schools.

ROLL CALL for original vote

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: NAY

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: AYE

REGAN: AYE

REYNOLDS: NAY

TATTA: NAY

TESTA: AYE

MARRONE: AYE

6- AYE

3- NAY

MOTION: PASSED

8. An update of condition, report of structure, and possible action regarding funds being held for the benefit of the Animal Control Division, colloquially known as, "the Dog Pound Trust" – Councilor Fishbein

Mitch Gibbs, Animal Control Officer was present to speak about this item.

Councilor Fishbein spoke about the town receiving the donation money to the Dog Pound Trust and he questioned the amount of money that was in there and what it would be used for. He talked about the breakdown of the donated money and what it would be used for. There was a Discussion with Mr. Sena about whose responsibility it is to oversee how this money gets Invested and Mr. Sena said it was his department that determines that.

Mayor Cervoni talked about the small renovations that could be done to the Animal Shelter. There was a discussion about cat condos and the air flow in the cat room and how it does not ventilate air properly.

Councilor Allinson wanted to take Mr. Gibbs for his work in the community. She is pleased at how the Animal Shelter to kept and would give all the money in the world if she could for them to be able to expand their facility.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding use of ARPA funds for the following:

Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street

- (a) Appropriate \$221,700 to cover the remaining for IT projects – IT Dept.
- (b) Appropriate \$5,000 to fund a Historic Walking Route – Health Dept.
- (c) Appropriate \$150,000 to cover additional costs related to Town Hall roof repairs – Public Works

MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #9.

MADE BY: TATTA

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

There was a voice vote and everyone present was in favor. Testa voted no and Regan had left the meeting at this point.

- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding the remaining ARPA funds to the Community Pool Project – Chairman Marrone

Chairman Marrone had a discussion with Mayor Cervoni today and the Community Pool Project is going out to bid shortly.

Mayor Cervoni said the council still had the estimates they had received. He said if everyone is ok with the numbers and still wants the project to happen then it can go out to bid and then come back to the council for bond and award.

Chairman Marrone said he would like to wait and see what the bids are to see if they can appropriate the rest of the ARPA funds to the Community Pool Project.

Mayor Cervoni said both the Law Department and Comptroller along with himself discussed the need to commit all funds by December 31, 2024. He said there was a motion made three years ago during a Town Council meeting to allocate \$10 million dollars from the ARPA funds for municipal funds and enlighth of the motion he said they could allocate the rest of the ARPA funds into the general fund with an understanding that they can capture that money if the town has a project before December 31, 2024. He said he brought this up because the funds for the Community Pool Project might not be allocated in time. The town can do something with the rest of the ARPA money if it is not allocated by end of this year, so that the money does not have to be returned to the Federal Government. He stated that the Police Department might have a project that the ARPA funds can be used for along with maybe adding bike racks throughout town that the ARPA funds can be used for.

Chairman Marrone wants to at least see the hard numbers and what it would cost for The Community Pool Project. If it is not cost effective, then seeing something done with the park at the Community Pool is an option he would like to see.

Councilor Reynolds was trying to clarify what Mayor Cervoni had spoken about meaning the remaining ARPA funds going into the general fund and not having to be allocated

to a certain project by December 31, 2024.

Tim Sena explained that they can take whatever money is left and use it to pay for something that is already in the general fund budget. If the ARPA funds are put into the general funds the council can spend that remaining money on anything they chose. He further explained that there was the \$10 million dollar exemption that was originally discussed to be used for the pool but that money was spent on other projects and went to businesses and nonprofits instead.

Councilor Reynolds said if he had this information prior to the vote on item #9 he would have voted no instead. He suggested creating a skate park for the youth in town and putting that in the Community Pool Park area.

Councilor Testa asked what money the chairman was referring to when he said use the money for the Community Pool Project. Chairman Marrone meant use the remaining ARPA funds plus some money that is coming back because of not being used. Corporation Counsel Small explained that if the council really wanted the Community Pool Project done then taking the remaining ARPA funds and putting them into the general fund and then appropriating that money back into the budget is the only way the council can use the money for the pool. Councilor discussed how the money spent so far went to operational expenses. He is also in favor of a skate park. He mentioned how if the council were to meet and hash out ideas for the use of some of the ARPA funds maybe a skate park or the pool could have been done.

Councilor Fishbein asked about what is the time line for the bids coming back for the Community Pool Project. Mayor Cervoni said he can talk to the Purchasing Department and see how long it takes for the bid to be opened up. He mentioned that the bid has to be formulated into a proper draft first and then posted. If he had to guess he would say two months as a time line. Councilor is also in favor of a skate park but at a couple of meetings ago he brought up the fact that any project had to be shovel ready or it could not be done. He suggested keeping the money set aside for a project that would be done specifically at the Community Pool Area. Maybe a splash pad and a skate park could work.

Councilor Tatta agrees with Councilor Reynolds that the new information of putting the remaining ARPA funds into the general fund and appropriating it later is very different than what the council has been told in the past about how to use the money and when. Councilor wanted to know with full certainty that the pool, how it is now cannot be fixed or updated and leave the existing pool.

Councilor Allinson was always questioning when the town would spend ARPA funds for new fire trucks and etc. and not spending the money on community projects for the town. She thinks that the town should invest the remaining money on projects that can have the money allocated by the end of the year instead of putting the money aside for the pool for later. She questioned the skate park being built because of the potential liability of people getting hurt. She mentioned having the public decide what they would want at the Community Pool Park before just spending the money on something that the public

might not ever want.

Chairman Marrone gave Mayor Cervoni the ok to get a bid for the Community Pool Project and when they get the numbers then they can decide what to do with the remaining ARPA funds.

Councilor Laffin agrees with Councilor Testa. If the Community Pool Project is something the council wants to spend the remaining ARPA money on then they can get it bonded and done. He mentioned a possible referendum can be done if the numbers worked for the pool and all of the council was in favor.

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt a new incentive program – EDC

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #11.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: CARMODY**

Don Crouch, Economic Development Specialist and Joe Mirra, Economic Development Chair spoke about this item.

Mr. Crouch wanted to talk about an incentive to fill vacant office space. He mentioned that this would deal with the personal property tax. He said the highlights of the program are for applicants who are leasing new offices in existing office spaces. The tax abatement would be based on a five year or three year lease agreement. He went over the five year and three year lease agreement tax abatement figures. He gave the council statistics from other towns. He mentioned that this program could help with the vacant office spaces in town.

Councilor Tatta is not for tax abatement programs. She feels that the town should just keep the taxes low. She feels when you give a special program to someone it is costing someone else something in the long run then.

Joe Mirra explained the benefit of the program and the incentives. He explained that corporate leases will be expiring and these companies are looking to downsize. He said this program will help the homeowners attract people willing to lease their buildings.

Councilor Fishbein is very happy with how the Economic Development Commission thought of this program and is bringing it to the council. He suggested changes some of the tax break numbers for the five year and three year lease.

Councilor Laffin asked what would the incentive be for the businesses to stay after their lease is up. Joe Mirra said the incentive would be that these people have invested their funds into the Town of Wallingford to make it better. Moving is very expensive for a large company so that is a factor in determining if a company wants to stay or not.

Councilor Reynolds asked if there is value in this program happening sooner than later

so the Town of Wallingford can take advantage of the program. Mr. Crouch said that the brokers can use the incentive program as information and a marketing tool to attract businesses. Councilor asked about the logistics of how this incentive program would work, meaning if after a five year lease is up can someone lease the building next to them and start this program over. There is no minimum square footage required.

Councilor Testa wanted clarification on a tenant occupying a vacant office building. Does that mean they have to lease the whole building. The intent is not new construction. He asked for clarification on who would be paying the property taxes. The idea is for the business to do good which means then that the landlord would be paying more in property taxes over time.

Councilor Fishbein spoke about the three year lease and how it is important to keep businesses in town for a long time.

**MOTION WAS MADE to propose that the Town Council adopt the program as proposed by the EDC with the correction, changing building to space in section 2A and then changing the numbers on the five year lease agreement to reflect year 3 100%, year 4 75% and year 5 50%.
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: CARMODY**

Councilor Testa asked if this incentive program applies to a business that is expanding.

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: AYE

REGAN: ABSENT

REYNOLDS: AYE

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

MARRONE: AYE

8- AYE

0- NAY

1- ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

12. Discussion and possible action on the installation of benches at the Doolittle Park basketball courts – Councilor Carmody

Councilor Carmody stated after talking to several residents and hearing a member from the public complain that there are no benches, he wanted to know what the statues was on this issue.

Mayor Cervoni said he had some conversations with Kenny Michaels, Parks and Rec Director

and said he does have some money budgeted for furniture for the parks. He said the are going to discuss where to put things like benches at the parks.

13. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f) and § 1-200(6)(B) to discuss pending litigation in the matter of *Pattison v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE to go into Executive Session at 9:40pm.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON**

Attendance for the Executive Session was Mayor Cervoni, Corporation Counsel Small and all of the Town Council except Councilor Regan.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the matter of *Pattison v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

This item was withdrawn.

15. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f), §1-200(6)(E) and §1-210(b)(10) regarding draft host fee agreement – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE to come out of Executive Session at 10:01pm.
MADE BY: MARRONE
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Joseph A. Marrone III, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date

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