

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
September 23, 2025
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Thomas Laffin, Craig Fishbein, Christina Tatta, Autumn Allinson, Jesse Reynolds, Christopher Regan, Vincent Testa, Samuel Carmody and Chairman Joseph A. Marrone. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Town Attorney Gerald Farrell Sr. 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 \$10,234.16 (#159-#222) – Tax Dept.
 - 3b. Acceptance of donation for the K-9 program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500 to Revenue Donations - Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations - Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Workforce Alliance donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Revenue, Acct. #2274002-47010 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22702026-51000 – Y&SS
 - 3d. Acceptance of donation from Wallingford Energy, LLC and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$12,500 to Revenue Account-Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Account-Fire Department Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD – Fire Dept.
 - 3e. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to General Plant-Tools, Shop & Garage Equip., Acct. #394 – Electric Div.
 - 3f. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount \$19,056.22 from Cash, Acct. #N/A to Uncollectible Accounts, Acct. #43100904 – Water Div.
 - 3g. Consider and approve a request from Wallingford Center Inc. to use the Parade Grounds for Celebrate Wallingford on October 4, 2025 and October 5, 2025 – Mayor
 - 3h. Approve Minutes of September 9, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO approve Consent items 3a-3g and 3h has been withdrawn.
MADE BY: TATTA
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

All nine of the Town Council members present were in favor.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD-

State Representative Mary Mushinsky of South Cherry St. spoke about encouraging the Town of Wallingford to create different forms of housing for residents in town. She mentioned the expansion of ADU's in Wallingford. She discussed the Wallingford Works for Housing Group.

Rajan Doering of Sharon Dr. spoke about the need for affordable housing in town.

Florence spoke about how hard it is for some seniors and people with disabilities find to housing. They cannot afford market value rents because they are too expensive. There is not enough housing for them.

Bill Comerford of Broadview Dr. spoke about the inspections done on the basketball courts in town. Mayor Cervoni discussed how Kenny Michaels, Parks & Recreation Director and Rob Baltramitis, Public Works Director observed the construction. It was stated that the Town Engineer was not there to inspect the basketball courts during the construction. Mr. Comerford discussed the bid for the basketball courts and the work that was done. Mr. Comerford has pictures of the problems discussed including the cracks and the bubbling of the courts. Chairman Marrone asked Mr. Comerford to send him the pictures he has of the defects.

Larry Kellogg of Stetson St. spoke about a letter he sent to the Town Council about a public safety concern he has. He discussed the intersection at Parker Farms Rd and North Turnpike Rd and just how dangerous it is. He would like the Town Council to get back to him about this matter and sign the letter he sent so that the State of CT can sink the traffic lights just like the lights on Main St are. Mayor Cervoni stated that they are in contact with DOT to address this situation with the lights.

Keith Massamino spoke about the inspection of the concrete for the basketballs courts. He discussed the minutes from the September 9, 2025 Town Council meeting and how a question from a resident about Mayor Cervoni's pending lawsuit was not in those minutes. He wanted clarification as to why it was missing. Chairman Marrone stated he would get back to him about this matter.

Wallingford Center Inc wanted to thank the Town Council for giving them permission to use the Parade Grounds.

6. Discussion of old business – Chairman Marrone

(a) Update on Hidden Brook Lane

Attorney Farrell stated that there is no update since the last Town Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

Joseph A. Marrone III, Chairman

Date

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

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