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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SWEARING IN CEREMONY & ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers  
**Monday, January 5, 2026**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**AMENDED RECORD OF MINUTES**

The Special Town Council Meeting on Monday January 5, 2026, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Jesse Reynolds, Bryan Rivard, Melanie Rossacci, Christina Tatta and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk and re-elected Mayor Vincent Cervoni were present.

- 1. Color Guards: American Legion Shaw-Sinon Post #73, American Legion Siedlicki Post # 187, VFW Major Raoul Lufbery Post #591, VFW Stanley Budleski Post #9965, AMVETS-Post #83, Wallingford Elks Lodge #1365, Knights of Columbus, Edison Division Sea Cadet Corps

God Bless America - Mark T. Sheehan High School Jazz Ensemble  
Posting Colors - VFW Major Raoul Lufbery Post #591

- 2. Invocation - Reverend Dean Warburton
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem - Mark T. Sheehan High School Jazz Ensemble

- 4. Swearing in of Mayor Vincent Cervoni by Judge of Probate Patrick Birney
- 5. Remarks by Mayor Cervoni

Mayor Cervoni gave a speech and stated what he plans to do in the next two years to improve the Town of Wallingford.

- 6. Swearing in of the Town Council by Judge of Probate Patrick Birney

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| Autumn Allinson | Bryan Rivard          |
| Samuel Carmody  | Melanie Rossacci      |
| Craig Fishbein  | Christina Tatta       |
| Tom Laffin      | Vincent F. Testa, Jr. |
| Jesse Reynolds  |                       |

7. Roll Call - Mayor Vincent Cervoni

**ROLL CALL:**

**ALLINSON: PRESENT  
CARMODY: PRESENT  
FISHBEIN: PRESENT  
LAFFIN: PRESENT  
REYNOLDS: PRESENT  
RIVARD: PRESENT  
ROSSACCI: PRESENT  
TATTA: PRESENT  
TESTA: PRESENT**

8. Mayor Cervoni Presiding at Election of Town Council Chairman

Councilor Carmody nominated Vincent F. Testa, Jr. for Chairman

**NOMINATION: VINCENT F. TESTA, JR FOR CHAIRMAN  
MADE BY: CARMODY  
SECONDED BY: ROSSACCI**

Councilor Fishbein stated his opinion on the choice of Councilor Testa as chairman.

Councilor Fishbein nominated Samuel Carmody for Chairman.  
There was no second to this motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

**ALLINSON: YES  
CARMODY: YES  
FISHBEIN: NO  
LAFFIN: YES  
REYNOLDS: YES  
RIVARD: YES  
ROSSACCI: YES  
TATTA: YES  
TESTA: ABSTAINED  
7- YES  
1- NO  
1- ABSTAINED  
MOTION PASSED**

9. Remarks by Town Council Chairman

Chairman Testa spoke about his appreciation for Councilor Carmody and thanked him for the nomination. He spoke about the passing our one of our Board of Education

members, Ray Ross, and he asked for a moment of silence for him. He spoke about what to expect for the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 and for the Councilors to come prepared to discuss the Rules and Procedures of the Town Council.

10. Election of Town Council Vice-Chairman

Councilor Reynolds nominated Samuel Carmody for Vice Chairman

**NOMINATION: SAMUEL CARMODY FOR VICE CHAIRMAN  
MADE BY: REYNOLDS  
SECONDED BY: RIVARD**

**ROLL CALL:**

**ALLINSON: YES**

**CARMODY: ABSTAINED**

**FISHBEIN: YES**

**LAFFIN: YES**

**REYNOLDS: YES**

**RIVARD: YES**

**ROSSACCI: YES**

**TATTA: YES**

**TESTA: YES**

**8- YES**

**0- NO**

**1- ABSTAINED**

**MOTION PASSED**

11. Swearing in of the Board of Education by Judge Birney

Duncan Craig

Rajan Doering

Kristi Doerr

Jennifer Passaretti

Caroline Raynis

Donna Regan

Maureen Reed

Michael J. Votto, Sr.

12. Retire Colors- VFW Major Raoul Lufbery Post #591

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Panzo

Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent F. Testa, Jr., Chairman

Date

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Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

Date