

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
45 South Main Street, Wallingford
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
6:30 pm**

RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The Ordinance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Samuel Carmody, Christina Tatta, and Jesse Reynolds, Chairman. Also in attendance were Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Janis Small, Corporation Counsel, and Steven Allinson, Assistant Town Attorney.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**

4. Discussion of Ethics Complaint(s) Statute of Limitations

Chairman Reynolds read the memorandum from Atty. Small. “Last year, the Ordinance Committee discussed adding a statute of limitations for bringing a complaint under the Code of Ethics. The Board of Ethics was supportive of a one-year limitation. A survey of other towns showed a range of ninety (90) days to three (3) years. For your consideration:

Complaints must be filed within one year of the alleged violation. If the violation is willfully concealed, the statute of limitations shall run one year from discovery.”

Atty. Small reported that she noticed that there was no time limitation. The Board of Ethics thought it was appropriate.

Councilor Tatta asked who determined if something is willfully concealed. Atty. Small stated that it would have to be a factual issue, but the Board decides if it was willfully concealed.

Councilor Carmody asked if there were any actual examples. Atty. Small could share. She replied there are none.

Atty. Small stated that if the Committee is comfortable with the proposal, it can be moved to full Council and a public hearing.

Councilor Tatta suggested going ahead with the one-year limitation.

MOTION WAS MADE TO FORWARD THE ETHICS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TO THE FULL COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF ONE YEAR.

**MADE BY: REYNOLDS
SECONDED: TATTA**

VOTE: ALL AYE

5. Discussion of Farm Property Tax Exemptions

In attendance: Kevin Coons, Assessor

Mr. Coons explained that there were changes in legislation affecting assessment starting with the 2025 grand list. The change increased local exemptions for farm machinery and farm buildings. He explained the potential change in lost revenue.

Councilor Tatta asked if anyone had requested this. Mr. Coons replied that the Blue Hills Orchard did reach out.

Councilor Carmody asked for clarification of the loss in revenue if we maximize everything. Mr. Coons explained that it will be about \$82,500 and explained how he got there. Councilor Carmody asked how many farms would benefit. Mr. Coons replied that there are a dozen farms with the farm building exemption and 3 or 4 that have a significant amount of farm machinery. A lot of farms apply for the exemption, but only 10 – 12 have buildings that exceed the threshold. Others are exempt due to the local option.

Mayor Cervoni stated that there is no place in the US where farming doesn't have some sort of subsidy. Federal legislation supports large commercial farms, so this type of subsidy is important.

Chairman Reynolds stated that he is in favor. Farming is an important part of Wallingford's history. He is in favor of anything we can do to keep businesses in town. He asked if this should go on another Ordinance Committee agenda or if it is ready to be moved forward to Council.

Councilor Tatta suggested attaching the minutes from this meeting to the Council agenda.

Atty. Small suggested bringing it back to the Ordinance Committee after she drafts some language.

Chairman Reynolds agreed. The new language will be reviewed at a future Ordinance meeting.

6. Discussion of possible subjects of ordinances.

Chairman Reynolds asked for suggestions for future subjects for the Ordinance Committee.

Councilor Carmody noted that the procurement ordinance has already been mentioned. He added that Bow Hunting has also been mentioned.

Chairman Reynolds mentioned that data center noise had also been brought up. He mentioned that the Town of Berlin has an enforceable ordinance. Atty. Small noted that the noise is part of the zoning regulations, and the police would be the enforcers. They would need special equipment, training, and the equipment would have to be calibrated. Chairman Reynolds suggested a discussion to determine what would have to happen. Atty. Allinson asked if the whole noise ordinance should be looked at. Chairman Reynolds suggested starting with the data center's noise. Mayor Cervoni added that a data center would need to do a Host Agreement with the town. The agreement drafted in 2020 or 2021 did have noise regulation included. That may also be an opportunity to address data center noise. Atty. Small said that she would get a copy of the current zoning regulations and requirements regarding noise. She noted that this is a big issue nationwide and that she'd do some research to see if there is anything new.

Chairman Reynolds noted that the Health Department should be coming back about massage parlors, and there was something about building department fees.

Mayor Cervoni added that the Fire Marshal's office has requested that the inspection fees be reexamined.

Councilor Carmody added trash removal to the list. Atty. Small agreed that the very early emptying of dumpsters in the downtown area needs to be addressed.

Chairman Reynolds suggested updating the skateboarding ordinance.

Atty. Small noted that there are quite a few older ordinances that could be reviewed.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Reynolds asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 2, 2026, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M.

MADE BY: REYNOLDS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION: PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl-Ann Tubby
Recording Secretary