

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
July 14, 2026
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, was called to order at 6:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Thomas Laffin, Jesse Reynolds, Bryan Rivard, Melanie Rossacci (remote), Craig Fishbein, Christina Tatta and Chairman Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Comptroller Tim Sena, Town Attorney Geoffrey Einhorn and Assistant Town Clerk, Leanna Gnazzo were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,444.28 (#1157-1175) – Tax Dept.
 - 3b. Acceptance of Workforce Alliance donation for Summer Youth Employment Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$60,000 – Y&SS

\$60,000	To: Revenue	Acct. #2274002-47010
\$55,736	To: Wages	Acct. #22702027-51000
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\$ 4,264	To: FICA/Medicare	Acct. #22702027-52100
 - 3c. Acceptance of donation from Generation Power CT and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$950 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
 - 3d. Acceptance of donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,000 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
 - 3e. Acceptance of donation from Wallingford Rotary Foundation for youth sports scholarships and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,400 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
 - 3f. Acceptance of donation from Live Nation for Twilight Tunes and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$12,500 from Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 to PS-Entertainment, Acct. #10050050-56746 – Parks & Recreation

- 3g. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$60,302 from Revenue-Insurance Claims, Acct. #1009052-46240 to Police Cruiser-Capital, Acct. #10020050-57000-01504 – Police Dept.
- 3h. Acceptance of donation to the America250 Committee and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,150 to America250, Acct. #2505002-47152 and to America250 Expense, Acct. #25040150-58830-10245 – Mayor
- 3i. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,698 – Health Dept.
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| \$ 1,630 | From: | Exp.- Medication Boxes | Acct. #22440050-58830-10227 |
| \$ 68.50 | From: | Exp.- Medication Boxes | Acct. #10040050-58831 |
| \$1,698 | To: | Public Health Initiatives | Acct. #25040050-58830-10252 |
- 3j. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,177 – Town Clerk (FY 2025-2026)
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| \$1,062 | From: | Office Expenses & Supplies | Acct. #10010650-56100 |
| \$ 115 | From: | Dog Tags & Supplies | Acct. #10010650-56110 |
| \$1,177 | To: | PS-Computer Indexing | Acct. #10010650-56758 |
- 3k. Consider and approve FY 2025-2026 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$56,100 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Sludge Disposal, Acct. #46100645 – Sewer Div.
- 3l. Consider and approve FY 2025-2026 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$6,000 to Miscellaneous Expenses, Acct. #46100643 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A – Sewer Div.
- 3m. Consider and approve FY 2025-2026 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,450 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Pumping Expense, Acct. #46100623 – Sewer Div.
- 3n. Consider and approve FY 2025-2026 budget amendment and Transfer of funds in the amount \$10,000 from Transmission-Operations Station Exp., Acct. #562 to Distribution-Operations Station Exp., Acct. #582 – Electric Div.
- 3o. Consider and approve FY 2025-2026 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Other Interest Expense, Acct. #431 – Electric Div.
- 3p. Consider and approve Appropriation in Force in the amount of \$160,467 – Police Dept.

- 3q. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$900 from Contingency-Accrued Exp., Acct. #10019000-58821 to Exp.-Town Clerk-Reg. Salary & Wages, Acct. #10010650-51000 – Comptroller
- 3r. Consider and approve the appointment of Debra Phillips to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to fill a vacancy set to expire March 1, 2028 – Chairman Testa
- 3s. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve Consent items 3a – 3s.

MADE BY: CARMODY

SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

ALL MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

Deborah Phillips was sworn into the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the Public.

- 6. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$60,000 from Cap and Non, Fund 301 to Exp.-Library-Boiler, Acct. #30102027-57000-TBD – Public Work

MOTION WAS MADE TO consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$60,000 from Cap and Non, Fund 301 to Exp.-Library-Boiler, Acct. #30102027-57000-TBD

MADE BY: CARMODY

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

Rob Baltramaitis, Director of Public Works addressed the Council, requesting a transfer of funds from an unallocated account into a new capital account for the replacement of an existing boiler at the Wallingford Public Library. Wallingford Public Library leases the building and grounds from the Town of Wallingford. The library has maintenance staff to maintain wear and tear of the facility, but the Town of Wallingford is responsible for the major components. Examples are replacement of eight HVAC units in 2025 and replacement of the elevator in 2022. The boiler is a major mechanical component of the building that needs to be replaced. It is original to the library expansion in 2005 and

has been inspected and serviced regularly but it is in a condition where it needs to be replaced in its entirety. Work would be completed by the Town's HVAC vendor through the public bid process. The proposal has been vetted by the Purchasing Dept.

Councilor Rivard asked if that is the only boiler at the library. Mr. Baltramaitis explained that the bulk of the heating is done by the HVAC units replaced in 2025. The boiler being requested is supplementary.

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: AYE

LAFFIN: AYE

REYNOLDS: AYE

RIVARD: AYE

ROSSACCI: AYE

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

9 - AYE

0 - NAY

MOTION: PASSED

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Bid Waiver for the purchase of (80) Dell desktops – Information Technology

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve a Bid Waiver for the purchase of (80) Dell desktops – Information Technology

MADE BY: CARMODY

SECONDED BY: ALLINSON

Chuck Carrozza, Director of Information Technology, addressed the Council. He stated that several departments have IOS's that are coming to end of life and no longer supported. Chairman Testa asked why the request for a bid waiver? Mr. Carrozza explained that he went directly to Dell Direct, Lenovo Direct and HP Direct and we are saving 20-30% by not putting vendors in the middle. Councilor Fishbein asked what would prevent you from putting out a bid document and allowing the companies to put in their bids. Mr. Carrozza explained that when you go out to bid, you'll get vendors that do deal registrations and nobody else is allowed to bid lower than them. When you take out the actual vendors and go straight to the supplier, you don't have deal registrations and are saving a significant amount this way. Councilor Fishbein asked if monitors are included. Monitors are not included but wired mice and keyboards are included. We have a surplus of monitors and do not need additional at

this time. Laffin asked if it would be helpful to have a consortium purchasing ability to purchase more directly. Mr. Carrozza stated if we went in that direction, we would be working off a state contract which would be more challenging. Councilor Fishbein asked if we looked at the state contract as he is impressed with the Lenovo's that the State of CT provided. Mr. Carrozza stated that typically state contracts have 20-30% wiggle room to get lower. We would be lower than state contracts.

ROLL CALL

ALLINSON: AYE

CARMODY: AYE

FISHBEIN: NAY

LAFFIN: AYE

REYNOLDS: AYE

RIVARD: AYE

ROSSACCI: AYE

TATTA: AYE

TESTA: AYE

8 - AYE

1 - NAY

MOTION: PASSED

8. Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §1-200(6)(D) and §1-225(f) for discussion with respect to the purchase of property – Law Dept.
9. Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(C) for discussion of technology security – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO go into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §1-200(6)(D) and §1-225(f) for discussion with respect to the purchase of property and Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(C) for discussion of technology security at 6:55 PM

MADE BY: CARMODY

SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

THERE WAS A VOICE VOTE AND ALL MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM

MADE BY: CARMODY

SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

THERE WAS A VOICE VOTE AND ALL MEMBERS THAT WERE PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR

Time of Executive Session: 6:55 PM to 7:50 PM

Attendance at Executive Session:

**ALLINSON
CARMODY
FISHBEIN
LAFFIN
REYNOLDS
RIVARD
ROSSACCI (remote)
TATTA
TESTA**

**MAYOR VINCENT CERVONI
TOWN ATTORNEY, GEOFFREY EINHORN
CORPORATION COUNSEL, JANIS SMALL**

**CHARLES CORROZZA, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR WAS
PRESENT FOR ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GENERAL
STATUTES §1-225(f) AND §1-200(6)(C) FOR DISCUSSION OF TECHNOLOGY
SECURITY ONLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Meeting digitally recorded.

Respectfully submitted

Leanna Gnazzo, Assistant Town Clerk

Vincent F. Testa, Jr., Chairman

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

*Individuals in need of auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Wallingford are invited to make
Their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator at 203-294-2070 five days prior to meeting date.*