TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
November 24, 2026
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, was called to order at 6:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Samuel Carmody, Thomas Laffin, Jesse Reynolds, Bryan Rivard, Melanie Rossacci, Christina Tatta and Chairman Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Town Attorney Geoffrey Einhorn, Comptroller Tim Sena and Acting Town Clerk, Leanna Gnazzo were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

   Remarks from the Chair

3. Consent Agenda

   3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling $16,863.40 (#291-#350) – Tax Dept.

   3b. Acceptance of donation from Tractor Supply Company to be used by the Office of the Fire Marshall for Public Education needs and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of $250 to Revenue Account-Donations, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Account-Fire Dept. Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-10160 – Fire Dept.

   3c. Acceptance of donations for youth recreation enrollment and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of $331 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services Dept.

   3d. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of $36,115 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Pumping Plant – Electric Pumping Equip., Acct. #46300325 – Sewer Div.

   3e. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of $273,800 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Treatment Plant Equipment, Acct. #46300332 – Sewer Div.

   3f. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027 budget amendment and Transfer in the amount of $85,635 – Electric Div.

$85,635	From: Maintenance-Maint. of General Plant	Acct. #932
$ 8,600	To: Transmission-Load Dispatching	Acct. #561
$38,500	To: Distribution-Load Dispatching	Acct. #581
$36,435	To: Administration-Employee Pension& Benefits	Acct. #926

3g. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of $236,423 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Various per attached sheet, Acct. #VAR – Electric Div.

3h. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of $502,405 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Various per attached sheet, Acct. #VAR – Electric Div.

3i. Consider and approve FY 2026-2027 budget amendment and Appropriation of funds in the amount of $300,000 – Electric Div.

$300,000	From: Retained Earnings	Acct. #N/A
$150,000	To: Transmission Plant-Station Equipment	Acct. #353
$150,000	To: Distribution Plant-Station Equipment	Acct. #362

3j. Consider and approve gifts to Wallingford Public Schools 2025-2026 – BOE

3k. Approve Amended Record of Votes and Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of November 10, 2026.

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

MADE BY: CARMODY
SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

THERE WAS A VOICE VOTE. ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED.
MOTION: PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Larry Kellogg addressed the Council regarding crosswalk signage. He reported that he has been exploring opportunities to obtain donations from local businesses to fund the purchase of approximately 50 signs to be installed at public school crosswalks. Chairman Testa expressed support for the project and stated that he would consult with the appropriate departments to determine what would be needed to move the project forward.

Sheila Tierney requested an update on the sidewalk project. Chairman Testa stated that the matter would be addressed at the December 8, 2026 meeting, as certain department heads were unavailable due to the holiday week.

Ms. Tierney also raised concerns regarding public access to the Parade Ground driveway and the need for signage to prevent unauthorized traffic. The Mayor clarified that the Parade Ground driveway is open to the public and is not restricted. It may be used to access the Town Hall parking lot and by residents of 35 South Main Street and 41 South Main Street.

Jason Michael inquired about the Town Council Rules and Procedures regarding requests for information from department heads. The Mayor emphasized the importance of keeping questions focused on agenda items so that department heads can provide informed and relevant responses.

Mr. Michael also asked about the final cost of the new Police Department. The Mayor reported that expenditures to date total $35,966,647.35.

Bill Comerford inquired about the Pragemann Park Pavilion and whether the department head and the matter would be placed on a future agenda. Chairman Testa confirmed that the item would be included on the December 8, 2026 meeting agenda.

Mr. Comerford also asked the Mayor about correspondence he had received concerning 60 Prince Street. The Mayor stated that he had received a letter from the Director of Public Works indicating that an investigation had been conducted and that no evidence was found to support the presence of contamination.

6. Discussion of Old Business – Chairman Testa
   (a) Golden Fox Theatre

Chairman Testa asked for an update on this issue of disbursement of grant funds. He stated that if there is no movement towards resolution, it cannot continue to be put on the agenda. He noted that it can still be raised at future meetings during Public Question and Answer. Mayor responded that the funds have not been processed due to missing conditions. He stated that he had offered to meet with Mr. Michael to assist him in completing his budget. Mr. Michaels feels that additional conditions continue to be added, and he does not feel he should be required to provide further documentation. He feels the Council approved his application, and the funds should be disbursed.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statures §1-200(6)(D) and §1-225(f) for discussion with respect to the purchase of property – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO enter Executive Session pursuant to CGS Sections 1-225(f) and 1-200(6)(C) for discussion with respect to the purchase of property at 7:20 PM.

MADE BY: CARMODY
SECONDED BY: REYNOLDS

THERE WAS A VOICE VOTE. ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED AYE.
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:58 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: 7:20 PM to 7:58 PM

Attendance at Executive Session:

ALLINSON (REMOTE)
CARMODY
LAFFIN
REYNOLDS
RIVARD
ROSSACCI
TATTA
TESTA

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Meeting digitally recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanna Gnazzo
Acting Town Clerk

Vincent F. Testa, Jr., Chairman

Leanna Gnazzo, Acting Town Clerk