

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers

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WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
6:30 P.M

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 was called to order at 6:36 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joh LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Vincent F. Testa and Jason Zandri. Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilor Christopher K. Shortell were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present at the meeting.

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$9,796.30 (#69-200)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve WCI's use of the Parade Grounds, Town Hall lawn, Simpson Court, North Main Street, South Main Street and portions of Center Street for the 32nd Celebrate Wallingford Street Festival Scheduled for October 6 and 7, 2018 - WCI
- 3c. Consider and approve use of the Parade Grounds by the First Congregation Church fronting Church buildings 9, 23 and 35 South Main Street on Sunday, September 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Annual "Catch the Spirit" celebration – Chairman Cervoni
- 3d. Acceptance of Grant from the National Education Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$20,000 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 3e. Acceptance of Donations for Holiday for Giving program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,070 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3f. Acceptance of Donation from the Connecticut Steel Rod Association and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$750 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3g. Acceptance of funds from the Wallingford Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,050 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 3h. Acceptance of Donations and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 – Wallingford Jubilee 350

- To: Revenue – Donations Parade Acct. #2524002-47152
Revenue – Event or sale proceeds Acct #2524002-47040
- To: Expenses Acct. #25240150-58830
- 3i. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement Funds from DEA Drug Diversion Taskforce and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$699 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3j. Acceptance of State of Connecticut Dispatcher Training funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$365 from revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 to continuing Education & Training, Acct. #10020050-55700 – Police Dept.
- 3k. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of 1,463 from Overtime – Dog, Acct. #10020100-51400 to P.S. – Veterinary, Acct. #10020100-56742 – Comptroller – FY 17-18
- 3l. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$7,100 from Maint. of Building, Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account – Acct. #TBD – Public Works
- 3m. Budget Amendment Appropriating \$8,300 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #NA to Conservation Expense, Acct. #909 – Electric Division FY 17-18
- 3n. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$42,800 from Distribution Maintenance – Overhead Lines, Acct. #593 to Distribution Maintenance-Misc. Distribution/Environmental, Acct. #598 – Electric Division FY 17-18
- 3o. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$300 from Admin. and General-Injuries and Damages, Acct. #925 to Admin. and General-Employee Pension and Benefits, Acct. 926 – Electric Division FY 17-18
- 3p. Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$84,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #NA to Distribution Plant-Transformers, Acct. #368 – Electric Division
- 3q. Bid Waiver Request for Physio-Control not to exceed \$52,560 for purchase of compatible AEDs and Lucas Devices – Fire Dept. EMS Division
- 3r. (a) Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge along the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail and to sign any other documents associated with administering the grant, including the final grant agreement and any amendments - Engineering

- (b) Consider and approve Acceptance of the CTDOT 2017 Community Connectivity Grant Program in the amount of \$400,000 to fund the Pedestrian bridge component of the anticipated next segment of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail – Engineering

3s. Approve Town Council Minutes of August 21, 2018

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3q. & 3s.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: 3r (a) & (b)

3r. (a) Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an assistance agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for construction of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge along the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail and to sign any other documents associated with administering the grant, including the final grant agreement and any amendments - Engineering

(b) Consider and approve Acceptance of the CTDOT 2017 Community Connectivity Grant Program in the amount of \$400,000 to fund the Pedestrian bridge component of the anticipated next segment of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail – Engineering

In Attendance: Robert Baltramaitis, Town Engineer

Councilor LeTourneau inquired about the plan for the bridge and asked if it has been completed or drawn.

Mr. Baltramaitis reviewed the history of the trail going from Phase 1 to Phase 3 where we are now. He stated that vehicles can access the bridge in Yalesville but not walkers or bikers. He explained that this grant gives us \$400,000 to build the bridge. It helps us to complete the trail and access our easements. It is not designed or permitted as of yet and we hope to do that within the allotted timeframe. He went on to state we own most of fireworks Island and this will cross on the north side of the island.

Councilor LeTourneau asked where the rest of the money is coming from and wants to know where the walkers and bikers will park. He stated there is no parking and he doesn't feel it's safe for bikers or walkers to be on Rte. 150 and he mentioned there are no sidewalks. He feels this will be a cost center for the town and this is not a good time to do this. Councilor LeTourneau feels if these were better economic times, then he could support the project but right now he cannot.

Councilor Fishbein questioned how we submit an application without a plan. Mr. Baltramaitis stated he assumed most applicants did not have a plan and indicated that we actually do have a very good plan.

Councilor Zandri stated he is a trail user and he and his kids love it. He went on to state some users do not adhere to the signs but the problem is on the Yalesville side, walkers and bikers have no way to access the trail right now. He indicated in the future we will have to use our own dollars to maintain this park as we maintain all of our other parks in town.

Councilor Morgenstein stated the community aspect is huge and sometimes Yalesville is a lost and a forgotten part of Wallingford.

Councilor Marrone commented that he likes this aspect of how to utilize grant money and would like to see a similar concept with the community pool in the future.

Councilor Laffin stated he loved everything Councilor Marrone said and he does not feel this is a new issue. We have been working on this for years, this is just a new phase.

(a) MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MADE BY: MARRONE

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Granucci, 53 south Orchard Street, Co-Chair, Quinnipiac Trail, stated many residents love this trail and look forward to this expansion.

State Representative, Mary Mushinsky, looks forward to this grant and stated we are aware of the conflict between the residents and the users so this will help to alleviate this issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: NO
MARRONE: YES

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: ABSENT
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: ABSENT

6-AYE

1-NAY

2-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

(b) MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE GRANT.

MADE BY: MARRONE

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: ABSENT
TESTA: YES

LETOURNEAU: NO
MARRONE: YES
6-AYE
1-NAY
2-ABSENT
MOTION: PASSED

ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: ABSENT

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 7:21 p.m.

There were no questions.

6. Possible Action regarding United Public Service Employees Union – Wallingford BOE Management Local 424-Unit 18 dated July 1, 2018 –June 30, 2021 – BOE

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

*In Attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent, Board of Education
Danielle Bellizzi, Personnel, Board of Education
Roxane McKay, Chairman, Board of Education*

Dr. Menzo reviewed the Managers Union Contract consisting of two employees.

Wage Increase 1st year: 1.75%
2nd year: 2.0%
3rd year: 1.85%

Dr. Menzo stated that the waiver has been removed and the HSA will begin effective July 2019. Five years of service is required for retirement and bi-weekly pay will be implemented July 1, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: NO
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES
MARRONE: YES
6-AYE
1-NAY
2-ABSENT
MOTION: PASSED

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: ABSENT
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: ABSENT

7. Consider and Approve a Bid waiver at an estimated cost of \$105,962 for the Sielox Class System - a daily incident and crisis management solution using existing devices and networks - BOE

*In Attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent, Board of Education
Danielle Bellizzi, Personnel, Board of Education
Roxane McKay, Chairman, Board of Education*

Councilor Fishbein stated he is all for security and asked how does one get hooked up with Sielox? Dr. Menzo explained they are updated by emergency personnel all the time for new products, Sielox puts all the right tools in one place under one umbrella. Dr. Menzo went on to state with an RFP we would not have even known of some of the products that we are getting.

Councilor Morgenstein asked if we are utilizing what we have to our max capacity. Dr. Menzo answered yes and stated this enhances it. Councilor Morgenstein asked if we have talked with towns that have had a crisis and are they using this? Dr. Menzo stated they have what we have but have not gotten this system. Councilor Morgenstein would like more information on this and suggested an executive session.

Councilor LeTourneau agrees with Councilor Morgenstein. He stated you cannot tell us what we want to know in public, so I would like an executive session to know more about this system. He thinks this sounds like a good system.

Mayor Dickinson stated Police and Fire were very pleased with the system and how it would interact with dispatch.

Councilor Zandri commented that he is against bid waivers but there have been enough eyes on this with the Mayor, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: NO
FISHBEIN: YES	SHORTELL: ABSENT
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: ABSENT
6-AYE	
1-NAY	
2-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

8. Request to Approve Utilization of the Qualifications-Based Selection Procedure for a Wholesale Power Procurement Auditing Consultant – Electric Division

In Attendance: Richard Hendershot, Director, Public Utilities

Mr. Hendershot stated we are doing our second audit ever on our wholesale power procurement and indicated it was difficult to find someone to do this.

Councilor LeTourneau asked if this was done once before. Mr. Hendershot answered yes, the period covering 2013 to 2016.

Councilor LeTourneau asked if it could be the same firm to do this. Mr. Hendershot replied he didn't know. He then stated the Purchasing Ordinance requires a QBS be approved by the Council.

Mayor Dickinson stated we are basically the only one who audits ourselves so it's hard to find someone. It is a very technical issue.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT UTILIZATION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR A WHOLESALE POWER PROCUREMENT AND AUDITING CONSULTANT.

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

Councilor LeTourneau asked Mr. Hendershot what he found in the first audit. Mr. Hendershot responded some recommendations, tightening up of procedures.

Councilor LeTourneau asked what the cost was and Mr. Hendershot replied \$60,000 and indicated he anticipates it to be half of that this time.

Councilor Fishbein asked Mr. Hendershot if he has identified someone already. Mr. Hendershot stated they had someone last time and they are aware we are looking to do it again.

Councilor Fishbein asked Mr. Hendershot if he would have an objection to a monetary cap and Mr. Hendershot responded that he would prefer not to have a monetary cap.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	SHORTELL: ABSENT
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: ABSENT
7-AYE	
2-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

- 9. Report regarding update on improvements to the wastewater treatment plant to meet permit standards – Councilor Morgenstein

*In Attendance: Neil Amwake, General Manager, Water and Sewer Division
Richard Hendershot, Director, Public Utilities*

Mr. Hendershot stated they are working to meet that statutory deadline of the next year. DEEP has been very good to work with Neil and his staff.

Mr. Amwake indicated that a draft full plan was presented to DEEP in July and right now they are in the vendor selection process for phosphorous bowels. The due date is September 27, 2018. He stated we make the recommendation to DEEP as to what vendor we like and DEEP picks the final vendor. Our field tasks are pretty much complete. A-com is doing most of the layout and design and he mentioned the drawings are being done in 3D.

Councilor Morgenstein stated it sounds like a very coordinated effort in your department. Her concern is the funding and statements from administration. She just wants to make sure we are moving forward to the deadline. Mr. Hendershot stated that they are focused every day on meeting those deadlines.

Councilor LeTourneau asked Mr. Hendershot if he's okay with the timeline. Mr. Hendershot replied it's tight but Neil and his staff are in such good contact with DEEP that it's working well and they know we are trying to meet timelines.

Councilor LeTourneau reminded Representative Mushinsky that she said we have to keep constant eyes on the money and then asked how are we now? Representative Mushinsky stated she saw some other group trying to get this money. She stated she got everyone involved and saved it for now.

10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property - Mayor

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:39 P.M.

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 P.M.

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

Time of Executive Session 8:39 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

**FISHBEIN (Left at 8:50 p.m.)
LAFFIN
LETOURNEAU
MARRONE (Left at 8:45 p.m.)
MORGENSTEIN
TESTA
ZANDRI**

**MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD FARRELL, SR.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

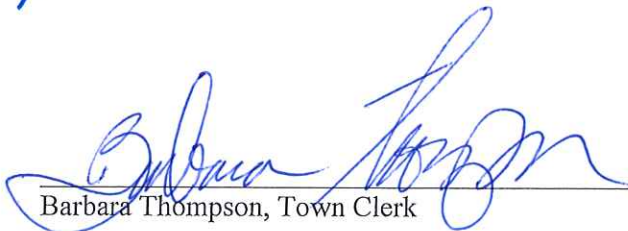
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