

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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TUESDAY
JULY 14, 2020
6:30 P.M.

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 was called to order at 6:31 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell (arrived late), Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa (Absent), Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni (left early). Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present (**BY TELECONFERENCE**).

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1712.37 (#1-13)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of Donation from ROHM America and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 from MRC 2021, Acct. #TBD to MRC 2021, Acct. #TBD – Health Dept.
 - 3c. Acceptance of Donation from Mr. and Mrs. J. Chieppo and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500 to Revenue Donations-Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations-Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10135 – Police Dept.
 - 3d. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$45,000 to Revenue-Other, Fund #301 and to Hall Avenue Streetscape/Senior Center, Acct. #30102014-57000-20085 – Public Works
 - 3e. Acceptance of Grants and consider and approve Appropriations - BOE
 - Grant Revenues:
\$469,972 To: The Cares ACT - Schools Fund #235
\$ 22,566 To: Pegpetia Grant
 - Expenditures:
\$469,972 To: The Cares ACT-Schools Fund #235
22,566 To: Pegpetia Grant

- 3f. Consider and approve Awarding of Farmland Lease for a 7 year term, to the Johnston Family Farm, LLC for field 4A and Field 4C at 1390 Whirlwind Hill Road and Field 19A at 1351 Scard Road for agricultural uses – Conservation Commission
- 3g. Consider and approve reappointment of Ali McKeen to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission as an Alternate Member for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2023 – Councilor Zandri
- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$899.99 from Office Supplies, Acct. #10010550-56100 to TBD, Acct. #10010550 for fiscal year 2019-2020 – Building
- 3i. Consider and approve reappointment of Tara Knapp to the Historic Properties Commission for a five year tem effective immediately and expiring March 27, 2024 and reappointment of Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva to a five year term effective immediately expiring March 27, 2025 –Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2020.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3j.

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:36 p.m.

Paul Ciardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive, noted that certain social organizations in Town were asking for funds without documentation. He then asked if the issue for the 2020-2021 budget has been resolved. Chairman Cervoni stated that is on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Comerford asked Mayor Dickinson if he allowed anyone to sign a change order for the grant for the cemetery. The Mayor answered no.

Ed Stork, 74 Staffordshire, asked why he has not seen the ballot boxes outside. Mayor Dickinson replied the town is installing one box inside the slider and the other outside the Town Clerk's office.

James Hine, 342 South Elm Street, commented that the ballot boxes really don't benefit the voter if they are locked up in Town Hall.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, commented on the ballot box location and asked if it makes sense to put two boxes in the same place.

6. Consider and approve Bid Waiver for FleetCarma and Energy New England, LLC in order to implement Electric Vehicle Pilot Program initiative at total costs of \$12,150 – Electric Div.

*In Attendance: Richard Hendershot, Director, Public Utilities
Tony Buccheri, General Manager, Electric Div.
Walt Szymanski, Energy Efficient Specialist*

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve Bid Waiver for FleetCarma and Energy New England, LLC in order to implement Electric Vehicle Pilot Program initiative at total costs of \$12,150.

**MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

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

7. 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing to Consider and Act on the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Program.

Opened Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Bill Comerford asked if these folks will be receiving these funds. Mayor Dickinson explained the process and noted this authorizes the funding. He went on to say private parties fund it and the parties receive the funds. He stated that the private businesses receive a tax benefit.

Curt Heizenger, WPAA, asked in what timeframe do they release the funds. Mayor Dickinson stated we turn everything over to the State of Connecticut and they move forward.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Councilor Fishbein stated he understands this is how this program works and went on to say I make a donation, I select an entity and they get the money.

8. Consider and approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit Neighborhood Assistance applications to the State Department of Revenue Services and Summary List of Programs for 2020 – Mayor

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MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

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

9. COVID-19 Update from Director of Health Stephen Civitelli – Councilor Morgenstein

In Attendance: Stephen Civitelli, Director, Health Dept.

Mr. Civitelli gave an update on COVID-19. He indicated as a community we are doing well.

- There were 24 cases in June of which 21 were community cases and three were long term care.
- There have been 5 community cases in July and we are monitoring three cases in the contact tracing.
- There have been a large number of complaints on mask wearing orders and large crowds gathering with the opening up of businesses.
- We are working with the Board of Education on school re-opening.
- We have developed a plan for mass sheltering with COVID.
- We are receiving PPE still and distributing as needed.
- We are discussing with Choate the return of students and on-site COVID testing. Students will return and self-quarantine on-site for two weeks prior to class.

Mr. Civitelli stated this will have a long term impact to our community and there is a potential to have surges. He said this is very different than influenza.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the Council Chairman to write a letter advising non-profit groups receiving town funds that the Council will seek additional financial information from them by April 1, 2021 as part of the 2021-2022 budget process – Chairman Cervoni

MOTION WAS MADE that the Chairman send a letter to any entity and/or group not directly affiliated with the town that is seeking money from the town, requesting

that they provide: What the money will be used for, the impact upon the entity if the money is not received, their budget, and their latest bank statement.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

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

- 11. 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 - *Withdrawn*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date

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