

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 22, 1994

*** 7:30 P.M. ***

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
2. Consider and Approve the Acceptance of Far Horizon Drive -
Town Planner
3. Consider and Approve the Confirmation of Rev. Brendon McCormick
as the Mayoral Appointment to the Board of Ethics - Mayor's
Office
4. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#237-250) in the Total Amount
of \$7,915.84 - Tax Collector
5. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$895.
from Telephone Acct. #001-1420-200-2000 to Data Terminal and
Printer Acct. #001-1420-999-9903 - Tax Collector
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\$53,677.00 from Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Acct.
#001-8040-800-8350 to Self Insurance Deductible Acct. #001-
8040-800-8270 - Risk Manager
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of
\$375 from Office Supplies Acct. #001-1400-400-4000 to Time
Stamp Machine Acct. #001-1400-999-9907 - Comptroller
8. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of
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9. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of
\$4,425 from Clerks Wages Acct. #001-2003-100-1300 to
Temporary Help Acct. #001-2003-100-1360 - Dept. of Police
Services
10. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of
\$10,000 from Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-
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to Maintenance Heating System Acct. #001-5190-500-5400 -
Dept. of Public Works

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12. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from Foreman's Wages - Central Garage Acct. #001-5050-100-1200 and \$900 from Maintenance of Heating System - Yalesville School Acct. #001-5230-500-5400 for a Total of \$2,000 to Utilities Acct. #001-5190-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works
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18. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$325 from Elections Acct. #001-6030-400-4060 to Advertising Acct. #001-6030-400-4100 - Town Clerk
19. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,025 from Parents & Kids Foundation Acct. #012-9000-900-9082 of which \$1,525 is Transferred to Youth Service Bureau Counselor Acct. #012-9000-100-1350 and \$500 is Transferred to Telephone Acct. #012-9000-200-2000 - Youth Service Bureau
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21. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 from Clerks Wages Acct. #1430-100-1300 and \$1,000 from Overtime Clerical Acct. #1430-100-1400 and \$800 from Printing Acct. #1430-400-4180 and \$400 from Maintenance Acct. #1430-500-5200 for a Total of \$3,400 to Postage Acct. #1430-400-4080 - Assessor
22. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 2/15/94 and 3/8/94 Town Council Meetings
23. Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of 88 South Main Street and the Anticipated Dates of Occupancy by the Credit Union and Public Access Television
24. Consider and Approve the Use of North & South Main Street Parade Ground Area for "Celebrate Wallingford" to be Held on October 1, 1994 - Wallingford Center Inc.
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26. Review of Draft Recommendations of the Quality & Integrated Education Advisory Committee - Board of Education
27. Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Development of the Wooding/Caplan Properties - Mayor's Office
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WAIVER OF RULE V

Fail to Waive Rule V on a Request by Mr. Zappala to
Withdraw His Vote on the School Building Expansion Project
at the Meeting of March 8, 1994

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7:30 P.M.

A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 22, 1994 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 7:31 P.M. by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Ms. Papale who arrived at 7:37 P.M. due to a previous commitment. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 7:40 P.M., Town Attorney Janis M. Small arrived at 7:50 P.M. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive asked, who owns the Community Room at the Public Library?

Mr. Solinsky responded, it is under the control of the Board of Directors of the Library.

Mr. Canto stated that he inquired whether or not he could make use of the room for one or two days and he was given the impression by the Library staff that unless he was a non-profit organization he had no chance of utilizing the facility. He was upset about the fact that a good portion of the Library's funding is provided by the Town through tax dollars. He wanted to speak to the Mayor about the issue but the Mayor had not yet arrived due to a previous commitment at both high schools this evening.

Mr. Solinsky responded that the Library must have a policy with regards to the use of the room. Was he informed of that policy?

Mr. Canto answered, yes but he was not sure what he was told was correct. He was informed that if you are a non-profit organization you may use the room once. He reiterated, he was given the impression that it was Library property. He was concerned with the Library's attitude of wanting the government television studio vacated from the premises. He feels that if that should happen and the Mayor is approached with a request for a studio to produce programs he will respond that there are two studios available in Town, one at Sheehan High School and another at the Community Room of the Library when, in all actuality, neither one is accessible to the public.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 North Orchard Street asked, what capital projects have we borrowed \$1.25 million for recently?

Mr. Myers responded, roadway projects. He did not have the list with him. The Town Engineer has informed Mr. Myers that those projects will be completed in the Spring and Summer of 1994.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, did we borrow the money or was it surplus funds?

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Mr. Myers responded, we have an authorization to issue Town bonds but he has not yet issued them.

Mr. Wasilewski then asked, do we put any money aside each year for capital improvements? If we did then we would have the money for big projects without having to go out to bonding.

Mr. Myers answered, in recent years we have used a combination of money we have available and bonding. Over the past ten years we have not bonded the complete projects.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, what did you do with the Pequot Funds?

Mr. Myers answered, the \$425,000 for the current fiscal year is in the general fund. We will receive approximately the same amount for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, wouldn't it be wise to put it away for projects rather than putting it in the general fund?

Mrs. Duryea stated, some of us (Councilors) thought so too.

Mr. Wasilewski then asked about the status of the \$100,000 PILOT payment for a ladder truck which is referenced as Gaylord Farms PILOT payment on a previous agenda? Did Gaylord donate the money?

Mr. Myers answered, we did not receive any donation from Gaylord. The Town was scheduled to receive a PILOT payment from the State of CT. for chronic disease hospitals of which Gaylord was one. It was a new grant extended to four or five communities, Wallingford being one. In 1993-94, the current fiscal year, we have received payment but the State has asked for the Attorney General's opinion as to whether or not the Town is entitled to the money in the current fiscal year. It is \$212,000. We are in receipt of the check but the Office of Policy and Management has requested the opinion of the Attorney General on the matter. He has accounted for the funds but there is a question as to whether or not they are Town funds. If the opinion comes back favorably then it will belong to Wallingford. If we receive a negative opinion then those funds will be deducted from the 1994-95 grant. This issue has been unresolved since last summer. We have recently checked to see if any progress has been made and, to date, none has.

Mr. Wasilewski wanted those Councilors who voted for the school expansion project to state at which point they draw the line for spending on the project. In other words, he wanted each one to list the "bottom line" on the maximum amount of money they feel should be spent on the project. He wants an answer from each of them at a future meeting along with a figure for operating costs of the proposed expansion.

At this time Mayor Dickinson announced that Item #27 regarding the Caplan Wooding Property has been withdrawn.

Pat Gindel, 105 Prince Street spoke on behalf of some of the residents

of Academy Street who were unable to attend this evening. She stated that the item regarding the Caplan Wooding Property was scheduled very late on the agenda which made it difficult for the elderly neighbors to attend. She asked that it appear at an earlier time on the next agenda.

Lester Slie, 18 Green Street, asked why the Board of Education carries a contingency fund?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the contingency account in their budget is set aside for those wages that are in negotiation between the Town and the union. A certain amount is placed into contingency because we cannot determine what the final negotiation of wages will be in the contract.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve the Acceptance of Far Horizon Drive - Town Planner

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve the Confirmation of Rev. Brendon McCormick as the Mayoral Appointment to the Board of Ethics - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#237-250) in the Amount of \$7,915.84 - Tax Collector

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$895 from Telephone Acct. #001-1420-200-2000 to Data Terminal and Printer Acct. #001-1420-999-9903 - Tax Collector

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Create a New Account Titled, "Data Terminal and Printer" and Transfer \$895 into it, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$375 from Office Supplies Acct. #001-1400-400-4000 to Time Stamp Machine Acct. #001-1400-999-9907 - Comptroller

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Create a New Account Titled, "Time Stamp Machine" and Transfer \$375 into it, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$250 from Office Supplies Acct. #001-1400-400-4000 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #001-1400-500-5200 - Comptroller

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,425 from Clerks Wages Acct. #001-2003-100-1300 to Temporary Help Acct. #001-2003-100-1360 -Dept. of Police Services

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen asked for an explanation of the term "temporary employee".

Deputy Chief York explained that the employee cannot work more than ninety days (90) at a time.

Mayor Dickinson further explained that at least thirty (30) or more days must lapse before rehiring the same temporary employee into the same position again.

Mr. Gouveia asked how long ago did the department request the clerk typist position?

Deputy Chief York responded, approximately four (4) months ago when the individual resigned from their position.

Mr. Gouveia asked, are there any individuals in the department who are out on workmen's compensation?

Chief York responded, yes.

Mr. Gouveia asked, is there any light duty available for them to work?

Chief York responded, no.

Mayor Dickinson recommended against discussing this topic in public since it is the subject of contract negotiations and litigation currently taking place.

The present policy is that there is no light duty available, according to the Mayor.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$53,677.00 from Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Acct. #001-8040-800-8350 to Self Insurance Deductible Acct. #001-8040-800-8270 - Risk Manager

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia noticed that the deduction had been reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000 and asked the reason why?

Mark Wilson, Risk Manager explained that \$15,000 is a more desirable deduction, it is a less expensive but better plan. Police personnel everywhere are becoming more and more susceptible to lawsuits due to the fact that the public is eager to sue over anything today.

Mr. Killen asked if it is possible to keep the Council informed of all workmen's compensation cases which have been settled. For instance, the amount of damages being sought, what the final settlement that is agreed upon is, etc.

Mr. Wilson agreed to supply that information to the Council.

Ron St. Clair, 69 Gopian's Park asked, is the Town taking a vigorous enough stance on this issue and fighting the cases?

Mr. Wilson explained that the insurance companies have lawyers who are well versed in this type of law and are extremely aggressive.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Gas & Oil Acct. #001-5030-300-3000 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,300 from Wages - Central Garage Acct. #001-5050-100-1300 to Maintenance of Heating System Acct. #001-5190-500-5400 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works explained that the Civil Preparedness office has been experiencing problems with heating zone valves resulting in excessive heating bills. Two contractors have been contacted for quotes to repair the problem.

Mr. Zappala asked, how often is the building used?

Ernest Frattini, Civil Preparedness Director responded, there are approximately 170 members and the building is utilized three times per week. There is always someone there.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from Foreman's Wages - Central Garage Acct. #001-5050-100-1200 and \$900 from Maintenance of Heating System - Yalesville School Acct. #001-5230-500-5400 for a Total of \$2,000 to Utilities Acct. #001-5190-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$500 from Wages - Central Garage Acct. #001-5050-100-1300 to Utilities Acct. #001-5170-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #001-5050-500-5000 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Knight asked, what was the most recurring problem with the equipment in the department?

Mr. McCully explained that \$10,000 has been spent on springs over the past month. There is nothing one can do to lessen the impact on them they take a lot of beating.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,259 from Parts for Posi-Traction of Snow Plows Acct. #001-5030-999-9912 and \$1,500 from Printing Tickets and Permits Acct. #001-5060-400-4180 and \$1,500 from Janitorial Contract - 88 S. Main Street Acct. #001-5240-600-6290 and \$960 from Utilities 88 S. Main Street Acct. #001-5240-200-2010 and \$781 from Wages - Foreman Central Garage Acct. #001-5050-100-1200 for a Total of \$10,000 to Repair Sweepers and Scavengers Acct. #001-5040-500-5012 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Waive the Bidding Process for New England Municipal Equipment Company for Supplies for the Public Works Department vehicles, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$300 from Erosion Control Contract Acct. #001-7010-600-6500 and \$300 from Part-Time Clerk Acct. #001-7010-100-1350 for a Total of \$600 from Advertising Acct. #001-7010-400-4100 - Town Planner

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #17 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$200 from Dry Cleaning Acct. #2090-400-4280 and \$100 from Health & Welfare Acct. #2090-500-5790 and \$100 from Federal Emergency Supplies Acct. #2090-500-5810 for a Total of \$400 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2090-500-5000 - Civil Preparedness

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #18 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$325 from Elections Acct. #001-6030-400-4060 to Advertising Acct. #001-6030-400-4100 - Town Clerk

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #19 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,025 from Parents & Kids Foundation Acct. #012-9000-900-9082 of which \$1,525 is Transferred to Youth Service Bureau Counselor Acct. #012-9000-100-1350 and \$500 is Transferred to Telephone Acct. #012-9000-200-2000 - Youth Service Bureau

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gouveia noted that there was a transfer of \$3,626 into the Parents & Kids Foundation Acct. and asked, why?

Sue McLaughlin, Youth Service Bureau Director responded, that transfer was due to the fact that the department received an increase in their yearly allotment on July 1, 1993 from DCS (formerly D.C.Y.S.). They wanted the money to go to counseling and they were not sure how the new program of Parents & Kids was going to work out so they deposited the money into it with the thought that they made need to transfer out of it. They YSB was given the option of depositing the money wherever they wanted to.

Mr. Gouveia asked, what is the Parents & Kids funding supposed to accomplish?

Ms. McLaughlin answered, for 1993-94 the contract with Parents & Kids is to provide hourly counseling services for our youth. We have a part-time counselor who cannot keep up with the referrals to the office. We often refer out to other agencies. Both accounts serve the same purpose only one is provided in-house and one out of the

house.

Mr. Killen felt that the \$3,600 should have been split between the two accounts.

Ms. McLaughlin responded that there was greater use of the program this year. She also reminded Mr. Killen that their invoices are billed quarterly. If the account seems to reflect a large balance it is because the April 15th invoices have not yet been deducted.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #20 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$735 from Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #001-1590-500-5200 and \$600 from Copier Rental/Supplies Acct. #001-1590-600-6120 for a Total of \$1,335 to Copier Acct. #001-1590-999-9902 - Personnel

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Create a New Account Titled, "Copier" and Transfer \$1,335 into it, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #21 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 from Clerks Wages Acct. #1430-100-1300 and \$1,000 from Overtime Clerical Acct. #1430-100-1400 and \$800 from Printing Acct. #1430-400-4180 and \$400 from Maintenance Acct. #1430-500-5200 for a Total of \$3,400 to Postage Acct. #1430-400-4080 - Assessor

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Create a New Account Titled, "Postage" and Transfer \$3,400 into it, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Due to changes in assessments for the 1993 motor vehicle grand list, Mr. Barta would like to notify motor vehicle owners of a change(s) effecting them prior to tax bills being sent in June, hence the request for postage funds.

Mr. Rys asked Mr. Barta if he had any idea how significant the dollar amount will be compared to what was on the books previous?

Frank Barta, Assessor responded, the average tax increase will be \$12.35. The increase in assessment, on average, is \$500.

Mr. Zandri asked, what will the approximate total increase be to the grand list?

Mr. Barta responded, \$148,000.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Solinsky announced at this time that he has received word that Item #24 has been withdrawn.

WAIVER OF RULE V

Mr. Zappala requested a Waiver of Rule V to Withdraw his vote on the School Building Expansion Project at the Meeting of March 8, 1994. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Solinsky felt that the item was very large in context to discuss under a waiver of rule V. If we only take a small amount of time to express opinions and have discussion without any action, that would be the proper way to go.

Mr. Zappala did not want to waste any time with the project going forward. He wanted no part of the project in its current state.

Mr. Rys seconded the motion because he shared Mr. Zappala's feelings. He voted in favor of the project but with the Board of Education voting for the magnet school last evening and passing it, he did not think the Town could afford to have a magnet school and additions to two middle schools.

Mrs. Duryea explained that she spoke with Board of Education Chairperson Suzanne Wright today who informed her that the Board will get back to the Council with reductions made to the scope of the school building expansion project.

Mr. Solinsky suggested a special meeting or perhaps place it as an item on the next Town Council Meeting agenda.

Ms. Papale felt that when a motion is made to Waive Rule V the vote should be taken immediately and no discussion should precede the vote.

Mr. Solinsky felt that some discussion should be held to understand Mr. Zappala's reason for the request.

VOTE: Duryea, Gouveia, Knight, Zandri and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion failed.

ITEM #22 Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 2/15/94 Town Council Meetings

Mr. Solinsky stated that the March 8, 1994 minutes will be approved at a later date.

VOTE: Killen, Papale and Zandri abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #23 Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of 88 South Main Street and the Antioipated Dates of Occupancy by the Credit Union and Public Access Television

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Killen requested that this item be placed on the agenda in an attempt to find out why the building has been sitting idle for so long. We have contracts and dollars in place and nothing is happening.

Richard Cassello, President of the Wallingford Federal Municipal Credit Union informed Mr. Killen that he has spoken with the builder prior to the completion date of the contract who told him that he would be done on time which should have been sometime in November or December. Mr. Cassello received a call from Don Roe, Program Planner, late in December to inquire about when the Credit Union would be moving. Mr. Roe was receiving inquiries from Government Access Television as to when they could move into the Credit Union office in the Town Hall. Mr. Cassello was told that he would not be able to move the offices during the last month of the quarter but it would be no problem during the first two months of any quarter. He contacted his movers, security personnel, computer company, telephone company, furniture suppliers, interior decorator, builder and insurance company and made arrangements for a move to take place late January, 1994. He received one restriction which was from their insurance carrier who wanted to be sure that a certificate of occupancy (c.o.) had been issued prior to the move to avoid any possible liabilities. There were several "punch list" items that needed to be completed in order for the c.o. to be issued. Two items, in particular, concerned the Credit Union. One, the locks installed were "residential-type" rather than commercial and two, the amount of water that was entering into the basement was of concern to them. There was some concern with regards to signs that were to be installed, how and where they were going to be set up. When the c.o. was not issued in early January the move was cancelled. To avoid any charges associated with scheduling and cancelling a move again, Mr. Cassello decided to wait until the c.o. was imminent. Keys were received in February for the building. Don Roe, once again, contacted Mr. Cassello in March and stated that it was his (Mr. Roe's) understanding that everything was in order for the move. Mr. Cassello informed Mr. Roe that the Credit Union would move as soon as they closed their first quarter. Mr. Cassello contacted the Town Attorney's Office to finalize the lease, make sure the dates were reflected properly, contacted all of the Credit Union's specialty services needed for the move and set the move for the evening of April 6, 1994 to be completed April 7, 1994. A temporary certificate of occupancy was issued today which gives the builder ten days to finish the "punch list". When the final c.o. is issued prior to their move then Mr. Cassello will say that they will be fully operational at 88 S. Main Street for the opening of business on April 8, 1994.

Mr. Killen commended Mr. Cassello for his excellent presentation of facts. He asked if Mr. Cassello was aware of whether or not Public Access Television has moved its offices in?

Mr. Cassello stated that they are in and occupy the second floor of the building. He has not spoken to them on the issue.

Mr. Killen asked if the water in the basement has been addressed?

Mr. Cassello responded that it has been identified as a problem with grading in the area. He spoke with Mr. McCully, Mr. Lazarus and the builder today and is not sure whether or not that problem is resolved.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Cassello to keep him informed on this issue. He clearly remembered being told at a December meeting that the certificate of occupancy was being issued that very day for the building. Upon putting this on the agenda and placing some phone calls suddenly everything fell into place. It seemed to have fallen through the cracks until now.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Move Agenda Item #26 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #26 Review of Draft Recommendations of the Quality and Integrated Education Advisory Committee - Board of Education

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Hear the Review, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Board of Education Member John Wooding and Assistant School Superintendent Dale Wilson were present to review the report with the Council (appendix I).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 24, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. at which time the recommendations of the three sub-committees of the Education Advisory Committee will be reviewed. The Board of Education will vote on them April 4, 1994.

Mr. Rys asked, what is the real definition of the term "magnet school"?

Mr. Wooding responded that the magnet school is something that draws people to it because of a particular type of curriculum that may be taught at the school such as computers in math or art, music or science in which the curriculum would be based around that core. He admitted that he was not very knowledgeable on the subject of magnet schools. Originally a regional school was the concept being considered. When it was determined that the regional school would not fly then the magnet school was recommended by the committee, to address the quality and integrated Governor's proposal on quality and integration.

Mr. Rys asked if the Sheff v. O'Neill case has been decided yet?

Mr. Wooding responded, no. The judge in that particular case in questioning his jurisdiction now that the legislature has acted on the issue. Since the legislature is taking action it could have an impact on the case. He added, once these recommendations are approved they will be forwarded to the regional committee. The recommendations were developed by the advisory committee not specific for Wallingford but to be sent to the regional level for discussion on a regional level. The regional committee may or may not use any or all of these

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recommendations in their recommendations to local Boards of Education. Any recommendations by the regional committee would have to come back to local Boards of Education for a vote and possible action.

Mr. Rys wanted to make sure that we weren't jumping the gun before the actual court case is decided.

Mr. Wooding stated that there is funding for six magnet schools for the first year throughout the State. Last night's vote (Board of Education) was to proceed with a planning committee for the magnet school with Meriden and then possibly make a recommendation at some future date. That portion of the proposal will go forward to the regional committee who could decide yes or no on Wallingford's joint venture with Meriden. The committee voted in favor of the first portion of Item #8, Magnet School because most of the committee felt that some type of a regional magnet school might be more beneficial.

Mr. Knight requested guidance on some of the definitions of the terms in the recommendations.

He referred to recommendation #1 and asked Mr. Wooding to define the term "whole language"?

Mr. Wooding responded that "whole language" is a way of teaching English, grammar, reading, etc. from kindergarten up. Many of the teachers are already using this method. Whole language includes phonics in its format, however, it is taught around concepts and subject matter. The committee felt that promoting certain multiculturalism within that format may work.

Mr. Knight's interpretation of "whole language" is that there is a de-emphasis on structure and grammar. It is not so much how you say it but what you say that becomes important. He was not sure how it promotes multiculturalism from what Mr. Wooding stated. Is "whole language" instituted in the public school system of Wallingford? What does it mean in terms of what our children will be taught as to grammar, sentence structure and the use of the English language?

Mr. Wooding was not very familiar with the subject and responded, the way that he understands it is when you teach "whole language" you are teaching around a subject which you use to teach in a variety of different ways, as far as spelling, reading writing, etc. The sub-committee's feeling on this was, when you teach certain subject matter throughout the whole language process, you try to incorporate multiculturalism within the subject matter.

Mr. Knight asked, is this a State requirement?

Mr. Wooding - no.

Mr. Knight then asked, what is the committee's definition of multiculturalism is?

Mr. Wooding responded, primarily to teach differences within cultures. He referred to recommendation #7 which reads, "Encourage volunteers to

come into school and share their culture, e.g., if one is studying Korea have a Korean person come into the school and discuss their life-styles. A volunteer coordinator will be needed to implement this program." It is an attempt to expose the children to more diverse cultures.

Mr. Knight asked for an explanation regarding recommendation #5, "Incorporate foreign language as a way of diversifying elementary schools."

Mr. Wooding explained that it simply meant that the foreign language program would be incorporated into the elementary level.

Mr. Knight could not understand how that related to diversity and multiculturalism.

Mr. Wooding felt that the students were being taught a different culture by learning a foreign language.

Mr. Zandri pointed out that Wilcox Technical school is somewhat a magnet school itself for it attracts students from many communities for a specific type of education.

Mr. Wilson explained that Wallingford has Lyman Hall High School Vo-ag Center which attracts students from ten different area communities.

Mr. Wooding stated that no particular curriculum has been determined for the magnet school yet.

Mr. Zandri asked, what would be the estimated completion date, approximately, for the magnet school project?

Mr. Wooding guessed at two or more years beyond the completion of the Yalesville School building project.

Mr. Zandri wanted people to understand that it will take approximately five or more years before the magnet school comes to fruition.

The regional committee has to approve the concept in order to apply for funding. The State will then have to approve it as one of the six magnet schools to be built. If it goes to the State for approval in 1995 it most likely will not be before the legislature before 1998, 1999.

Mr. Wooding felt that it is imperative to have a Board of Education/Council Liaison Meeting on the issue of the magnet school.

Mr. Rys felt that the elementary school population is entering the middle schools with poor English skills to begin with without adding a foreign language to the curriculum. We should concentrate more on the English than trying to diversify. The high schools are the proper place for the languages.

Mr. Zappala was not entirely sure what was the committee was trying to accomplish this evening.

Mr. Wooding explained, by law it must be reviewed by the Council. He was hoping to solicit comments from the Council to bring to the advisory committee prior to forwarding the recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Zappala felt that he did not have enough time to review the matter and could not vote one way or the other on supporting it. He is not opposed to a magnet school, he hoped that it will be built in Meriden and not in Wallingford.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that after these recommendations go to the regional committee they will come back before the Board of Education and then to the Town Council.

Mr. Zappala is concerned that the State may fund the first few years of the magnet school but once the funds are no longer available the will have the Town pick up the tab. It is not fair to ask the people of Wallingford to support a school like that. It is a burden to the taxpayers of Wallingford.

Mr. Killen agreed with Mr. Rys by stating that many of our children have not mastered the English language, never mind a foreign one. We have failed to provide our children with the basics of an education. He pointed out that the schools no longer extend invitations to members of local government to visit the classrooms during the day for lessons. the Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse receives a very poor turnout when visiting the school. With that being said, #7 of the recommendations may have been drafted with good intention but will most likely prove fruitless.

Mr. Knight asked if the committee was given guidelines or research material or reading materials which led the committee to make the recommendations before the Council this evening?

Mr. Wooding responded, there were a few materials made available to the committee but he believed that none of the material was used by the sub-committees. People with experience in each respective area that the sub-committee was developed for were involved in the process.

Mr. Zandri stated for the record that he is definitely opposed to the magnet school due to the fact that he feels one of the prime resources that people consider in a community which they are considering moving to is the education system. Local control must stay with school systems. He did not appreciate the State coming in and dictating to the Town in their regard. The school system we have now is fine and Wallingford should stay in control of it.

Mr. Rys asked, does the Town Council have the final say on the magnet school?

Mr. Wooding responded, yes.

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Ms. Papale asked, where do we go from here if the Council gives its blessings to the recommendations?

Mr. Wooding doubted that the regional committee will take every recommendation made this evening along with all the others from other communities and incorporate them into a plan to give to each town to follow. He imagined that all the recommendations will be considered and possibly combined by the regional committee and a separate set of recommendations will be formulated from them to be voted upon. Before it can be voted upon it must be shown that it was reviewed by the Town Council.

The majority of the Council had difficulty with page #5. They felt that by accepting the recommendations made by the committee with regards to the recruitment and hiring of minority candidates in the school system Wallingford was, in essence, making a statement to the effect that this practice is absent from the system currently, which the Council feels is not true.

Mrs. Duryea stated that she hoped all opportunities are available to everyone no matter where they live, no matter what color they are, what job is open, etc. She was very uncomfortable with this page.

Mr. Wooding stated that there were concerns on the part of the Board of Education with regards to sentences on this page as well. Those concerns have been noted and will be forwarded to the Staff and Staff Development sub-committee.

Mr. Wilson stated that in all cases the best candidate for the job will be considered. That is how it will remain. Wallingford sees very few minority candidates applying for positions in Wallingford.

Mr. Wooding added, the basics behind the sub-committee's work was to try and encourage or find a way to encourage and bring minority candidates to apply to the Wallingford school system so that there would be more opportunities for minority candidates, keeping in mind that the best candidate would always be selected. If there are any specific changes or recommendations the Council has tonight or some time between now and Tuesday, Mr. Wooding would like to be informed of them.

Mr. Knight asked, when will the State come down and say, "You will hire along this racial or whatever criteria-based guideline"? It is a concern of many people that we will be dictated to by the State. He is of the opinion that it is a "stand erect or you will be made to stand erect" attitude that is coming down from the State.

Mr. Wilson stated that there was discussion last evening on the Board level that there be a sentence added to this section which states that the best candidate will be selected, period. It is what the Board has always done and will continue to do.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive stated that he was present at the Board of Education meeting last evening at which time he expressed his opposition to the magnet school based on two reasons, local problems

should be solved locally - if you have a problem with overcrowding or quality of education, solve it in Wallingford - do not export the problem somewhere else and it is very unfair to ask the taxpayer, after you have asked them to approve a possibly \$30 million school expansion project to also now fund part of a magnet school. It is too much to ask. In light of the Board's vote last night, if they persist in this nonsense of going through with a magnet school with Meriden then he recommended only going through with approving the elementary portion and delete out or only approve the Mayor's portion of the middle school. He felt the topics of multiculturalism and quotas, etc., were ridiculous and did not want to comment on them.

There were no other comments from the Council or public at this time. Mr. Solinsky thanked Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wooding for their presentation.

ITEM #25 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Pending Litigation

Mr. Gouveia asked the Town Attorney if it was possible to wait until the end of the agenda for the executive session since only one item remains on the agenda? The Council could then remain in executive session for as long as they feel they need to without having to rush out to take care of the last item of business in open session.

Mr. Solinsky responded that Item #28 will be discussed in executive session as well.

Mr. Gouveia was confused as to why Item #28 was to be held in executive session.

Mr. Solinsky explained that the executive session was requested after the agenda had been typed and distributed.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there was a request made that some initial discussion occur in executive session. It is possible to reject an arbitration award and that involves some discussion of strategies and other facets of a negotiating posture. For that reason the negotiator would like to initiate the discussion in executive session and then move into open session.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Move Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Zandri.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Item #28 Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Enter Into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(b) of the CT. General Statutes for the Purpose of Discussing Negotiations and Strategies with Collective Bargaining, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Gouveia stated his objection to entering into the executive session. The agenda reads that there is to be discussion and possible action and that possible action could be to accept or reject the arbitration award. The award is a public document that should be discussed first and voted to accept or reject. If rejected then the Council should proceed into executive session to discuss the strategies for negotiating. If the Council votes to accept the award then there is no reason to proceed into executive session.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the purpose of the executive session is to provide rationale for picking a position to reject or accept. That rationale involves some of the stance and positioning that the Town has adopted in the negotiations. To reveal that strategizing would not be in the Town's interest. The negotiating team should not have to reveal their strategies.

Mr. Gouveia debated the fact that the award is already a public documentation.

Dennis Ciccarillo, Labor Negotiator, explained that the only vote necessary by the Council is to reject the award. If they accept it no vote is necessary.

VOTE: Duryea, Gouveia, Killen. no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 P.M.

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STUDENT AND CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Use "whole language" approach to promote multiculturalism within the curriculum.
2. Develop more courses in high school dealing with multiculturalism.
3. System-wide multicultural programs will be incorporated into the curriculum in a developmental process. In addition, system-wide recognition of experiences such as Black History Month, Latino History Month, Women in History, etc. will be implemented.
4. Emphasize materials that represent diversity and multiculturalism.

Continue the revision of entire curriculum which incorporates multicultural concerns.

Continue to evaluate the entire curriculum as it relates to diversity and multiculturalism.
5. Incorporate foreign language as a way of diversifying elementary schools.
6. Attendance to the World of Difference Program for administration and staff.
7. Encourage volunteers to come into school and share their culture, e.g., if one is studying Korea have a Korean person come into the school and discuss their life-styles. A volunteer coordinator will be needed to implement this program.
8. Magnet School
Pursue a magnet school option on a regional level with a possibility of a charter school approach to managing the school.

Support BOE action to develop a magnet school with/ purpose ^{to be} of achieving quality, integrated education.
9. Voucher System
This sub-committee does not recommend pursuing this option.

10. Diversification of Student Body

Consider and develop voluntary student exchange program within the region.

The local Board of Education will annually review and report on the implementation and the outcomes of these recommendations.

FACILITIES EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

As a part of the foregoing programs, we not only encourage all Wallingford Schools but also invite all schools in and outside of our regional district to join in a cooperative effort to partake in them. Such a cooperative effort ultimately would help make these programs more effective in achieving racial and ethnic diversity.

Magnet Extracurricular Programs

We find it important that all Wallingford Schools in cooperation with other schools continue to develop for Grades K-12 extra curricular activities that would be shared by schools in our regional district as well as outside of our regional district, e.g., science, arts/music fairs, intramural sports.

Outdoor Education

We support the development of extracurricular programs that take place out of doors. Such programs could include, e.g., environmental studies, field trips to camps, beautification of school grounds and the community, etc.

We also recommend that in implementing this program the facilitator take advantage of facilities in Wallingford.

Interschool Summer Programs

We recommend expanding the existing summer programs to include mini courses, camps, summer workshops, summer bands, the arts, the sciences, athletics, etc. without limit to further expansion in the future.

Community Tutoring

We recommend adopting a program that would create an open invitation for Wallingford community members to tutor students in all grades. Potential volunteers would include area college students, business leaders, retirees, etc.

Apprenticeships

We recommend expanding the existing apprenticeship program to rely more heavily on community businesses introducing students at all levels to area businesses, services, and industries.

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Sharing Multimedia Technology Resources

Similar to the program of interlibrary loaning of books, we recommend the sharing of equipment and/or multimedia technological resources between Wallingford and all area schools.

Motivating Families

We recognize the importance of family in the proper education of any student and see that it is imperative that Wallingford and all regional schools improve the degree of involvement of all parents in their children's schooling.

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STAFF AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Recruitment

- A. To implore colleges to send minority candidates to Wallingford for student teaching.
 - 1. Direct contact with universities and colleges.
 - 2. Use advertising to encourage minority students to come to Wallingford to do their student teaching.
 - 3. Use public relations to make minority students aware of Wallingford.

- B. Active recruitment of minority substitute teachers.
 - 1. Use advertising to encourage minorities to apply to the Wallingford School System as substitutes.
 - 2. Use public relations to make minority candidates for substitute positions aware of Wallingford.

- C. Active recruitment of minority candidates for teachers.
 - 1. Visitation to colleges both locally and nationally, whose student population demographically reflects minorities.
 - 2. Advertise to encourage minorities to apply to the Wallingford School System.
 - 3. Use public relations to make minority candidates aware of Wallingford.

Hiring

The goal of all hiring practices is to achieve a staff which reflects the population demographics of the region/state.

- A. To establish a minority hiring policy in order to acquire a pool of candidates that reflects the demographics of the region/state.

- B. To hire staff on the basis of that minority hiring policy and to give preference to those candidates who are a minority, when all other employment criteria are equal until such time as the goal has been met. Implementation of this policy must be consistent with applicable state and federal law.

- C. The Board of Education will be responsible for overseeing the aforementioned policies. The Board will annually review these policies and report on the progress made in the implementation of these policies.

Staff Development

- A. Required staff development on sensitivity and diversity of cultural and racial differences.
 - 1. Staff development of all current staff to be completed by 1999 (Phase One). Staff development shall be ongoing.
 - 2. All "new hires" should begin their training in their first year.
- B. Teacher voluntary exchange programs should be developed. Encourage participation of minority teachers from other districts as well as those teachers with experience teaching in schools with greater minority populations.
- C. Multidistrict in-service programs.