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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Town Clerk Rascati were Council members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Holmes, Killen, Krupp, Polanski and Rys. Councilwoman Papale was absent due to personal business. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Town Attorney Vincent T. McManus, Jr., and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag and the following invocation was given by Reverend George D. Stevens, Advent Christian Church, preceded by silent prayer for the millions suffering in Ethiopia.

We are thankful, O God, that You have allowed us to be a part of a nation that was founded on religious freedoms and determined to be ruled by the people. Protect our freedoms, O God, and never let them be taken from us. May our government always be a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. That is why this Council is meeting here this evening - to do the will of the people, to listen to and to be ready to place the needs of the community above the needs of self. Grant this town Your blessing. Be with its Mayor, Lord, and be with its government. O God, may it prosper and may its future be assured because this government is based on the will of the people. We pray in Your name. Amen.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

See page 8 of these minutes.

Councilman Krupp moved to waive Rule V to consider a request for transfer of funds. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Chairman Gessert read a letter dated January 7, 1995, from Shirley Gianotti, Dog Warden, regarding a request for training for the form CAPITAL-1989 VAN, A/C No. 202-CAP, to A/C 202-500 Maint. of Vehicles).

Mrs. Bergamini moved to approve the above transfer. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced for consideration and approval to award the sale of \$8,191,000 Bond Anticipate Notes, as requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

Chairman Gessert read the following resolution:

Be it Hereby Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut:

That the following bid to purchase \$8,050,000 Various Purpose Bond Anticipation Notes dated January 18, 1985, due June 17, 1985, at par plus a premium, interest rate and principal amount set

opposite each bid and accrued interest from January 18, 1985, be accepted:

PRINCIFAL AMOUNT	RATE %	PREMIUM
Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. \$8,050,000	5.57%	\$111.00

and all other bids be rejected; such notes shall be in approximately the form previously used for such purpose, and the Mayor, Treasurer and Comptroller are authorized to deliver such notes on behalf of the Town upon receipt of payment therefor and to renew the same within the time limits prescribed by law.

Mr. Krupp moved that the above request and resolution be approved. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion.

Mr. Myers gave a brief description of what issues are being refinanced at this point. He stated that, for some time now, the Town has had the conversion of the Lyman Hall Choral Room on temporary notes and that these are being fully retired effective January 18, 1985. No bond will be issued. He pointed out that there is a State grant for approximately \$27,000 still pending on that issue, and he is still staying on top of that. Mr. Myers said that, at this point, the Town is also refinancing \$2,400,000 for the police station, \$1,450,000 for the Medway Business Park, \$212,000 for the Sewer Treatment Plant (Steps 1 and 2, ionized study and design, respectively). That note had been \$225,000 and is being paid down by \$13,000, which is a statuatory requirement. The Town is also paying down \$3,000 on the 1983-84 Capital Improvement Note, which was \$728,000 and is now being refinanced for \$725,000; the Pond Hill Pump Station -\$785,000; the Methane Trench System at the landfill - the Town had originally borrowed \$150,000 in June 1984 and we are reducing that by paying off \$75,000 and, hopefully, in the 1985-86 budget the Town will pay off an additional \$75,000 and write that issue off. The finalissues are the McKenzie Dam which has two notes one for \$100,000 and the other for \$1,593,000, and another 1984-85 Capital Improvement Note for \$710,000.

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Mr. Myers pointed out that on this sale today there were 14 bidders in the market that were interested enough to bid on Wallingford paper and this is a great representation. Mr. Myers stated that he and Mr. Fasi were very pleased that Wallingford is able to maintain this interest in the financial marketplace which is certainly due to the Town's outstanding financial condition and the Town's strong audit reports and financial statements and the ability of the Town to provide to the marketplace current financial information. Mr. Myers added that the Town issued on December 10, 1984, financial statements through November 30, 1984, to New York, which is a major indicator of good financial planning and administration.

Mr. Myers stated that the rates on the interest bids on these notes ranged from a low of 5.57% to a high of 6.27%, which, annualized, is a savings of interest expense of \$56,350. He pointed out that if they only had a bid of 6.27%, these notes would have cost \$504,000 in interest; but with the low bid of 5.57%, the interest cost is \$448,385. This is what a keen awareness and interest in the marketplace will produce. Atty. Joseph Fasi, of Adinolfi, O'Brien & Hayes, P.C., commented that this 5.57% is the lowest he has seen since the Carter administration. He added that he has not seen this in bids he has attended all over the State.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, spoke from the audience, asked why the Police Department note was for \$2,400,000 when he thought it had been set for \$2,100,000. Mr. Myers stated that construction had been limited to \$2,100,000, but that there had to be financing in there for the interest expense. The ordinance limited construction to \$2,100,000 and \$300,000 for short-term financing needs.

Mr. Krupp asked whether the Town's favorable position in the marketplace will be adversely impacted by the incoming bonding proposal of \$3,000,000. Mr. Myers stated that they have every intention of protecting the Town's credit rating and the quality of Wallingford paper in the market. He spoke for himself, Attorney Fasi and Mr. George Post (Vice Pres.-Connecticut Bank & Trust Co.) in saying that he felt confident that they could accomplish this and that it will take a great deal of effort and work and numerous trips to New York, but that properly planned and with an aggresive and very strategically laid out financing schedule, they will be able to maintain that favorable position. Mr. Post agreed and added that we will continue to get rates that reflect the Town's excellent credit rating.

Mr. Polanski asked why there was a difference between the amount of \$8,191,000 as shown in the agenda and the the \$8,050,000 as presented. Mr. Myers stated that the first amount represented what had matured and come due, but the Town provided a cash amount of \$141,000 to reduce that. He pointed out that this is a significant point in that the Town is in a position now of accelerating its debting time and the marketplace likes to see that, as well as the credit analysts.

Mr. Killen questioned Note 2 on the Schedule of Bond Anticipation Notes Outstanding as of January 18, 1985, which was an attachment to Mr. Myers' letter of November 26 addressed to Mayor Dickinson. Mr. Myers agreed that there should be a semi-colon after the word, "facility." Mr. Krupp commented, regarding the \$150,000 borrowed for the Methane Trench System at the landfill, that he thought that the Council had authorized a transfer from unencumbered General Fund balance last year to cover that expenditure. Mr. Myers replied that he believed that what was done was to authorize Ordinance No. 315, for funding appropriations for bonds and notes, with the intention of either paying it off in two years or four years, and that it was authorized in the Capital and Non-recurring. He added that

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the Town authorizes bonds and notes with the intent of never buying them.

Mr. Krupp stated that he thought that it was a transfer of funds of \$150,000 to cover that expense specifically. Mr. Killen felt that it was not for the full amount, but that he recalled that there was some transferring with regard to this item.

Mr. Myers stated that they did transfer \$50,000 to pay off the Choral Room, which might be what they are thinking of. Mr. Myers added that the Council did provide the funds, \$75,000, in the 1984-85 budget, to pay it down. Mr. Krupp said that he would look back in the minutes to determine if he was correct.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion approving award of sale of \$8,050,000 Bond Anticipation Notes duly carried.

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Mr. Krupp read the above ordinance (copy attached to these minutes). Mrs. Bergamini moved to adopt the subject ordinance. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Mr. Donald Roe commented that the Town had been involved in two organizations and that the purpose of this ordinance was to merge the two organizations under State statute into a Council of Governments and thereby have, in the region, a unified structure which will still provide for a Regional Planning Commission, that will be an arm of the Council of Governments and give the CEO's in the region a better handle on the staffing and priority setting that is done through that organization as a whole. He stated that it really does not change anything else and that the other two organizations have been largely dissolved and the COG was established in June 1984 and has gone through a transition period. Of the 15 towns in our region, 13 towns have joined as of November. The other two have been a little slow in getting their ordinances together.

Mr. Krupp asked if Mr. Roe knew the background behind the State legislation that went into this and, specifically, what was the logic behind requiring that the appointee to the Regional Planning Commission be a member of the Planning Commission of the Town.

Mr. Roe stated that he did not really know the history of the legislation but felt that because the Regional Planning Commission is charged with developing a "master plan" for the region, there is then the interest in having involved in that Commission people who are involved in the local community planning activities. He felt that it was natural assumption that the way to accomplish

regional planning is by having people involved in each local jurisdiction on an equal basis. He added that, in the past, the Regional Planning Agency has been run by a board of directors and that at least one member from each community has been a member of the Planning Commission. He thought that the other member from each community was considered "at-large."

Ms. Linda Bush believed that the present Planning & Zoning Commission has sent an appointee to the Regional Planning Agency, and has not been a member of P&Z. Mr. Krupp commented that two were appointed by the Council and one by P&Z.

Mr. Diana asked if there was any binding action that the Town's representative could make. Mr. Roe responded that this was a voluntary organization and that there was no binding action. He added that the reason for participating is that there are many things that are funded on a regional basis and in order for the Town to really have its voice heard, if we opt not to participate, we are not going to be able to be in there lobbying on behalf of projects that may impact the Town. He stated that, if one takes transportation issues, for instance, it is through this organization that many of the priorities for funding of transportation get established and if the Town is not in there, identifying the Town's concerns, it would be very difficult to have Wallingford's concerns addressed. Mr. Diana asked if the Town would be compromising its position in $\partial \mathcal{J}$ the market place because it would be an economic development by $\partial \mathcal{J}$ joining something like this. He asked if the Town was circumventing its own Economic Development Commission and putting itself open to broader region.

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Mr. Roe responded that through the current transition period there is a proposed "war plan" being developed, which facets look at community development activity - economic development being it. He did not see it in any way superceding or surplanting whatever is done by local jurisdiction. He added that this appeared on a "laundry list" of possible things, but again, priority setting is done by the Council itself which is comprised of the CEO's of the region.

Mayor Dickinson commented that the history of the Regional Council has shown it not interfering with the development of any given community and that this really is just a replacement for the Regional Council. He added that the Regional Planning Agency acted autonomously under the Regional Council and the Council of Governments creates a planning agency directly under the Council of Governments so there is a little more responsiveness to each of the communities involved. They do not go off and do their own planning, as was the criticism previously. It does not really create any new situation.

Mr. Diana commented that the Town is doing fine and why "rock the boat" by producing such an ordinance, and that, if we are doing well, why join somebody else and now have to consolidate our efforts.

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of the Regional Council, which is gone now. He said that now it is the Council of Governments and if the Town did not participate, it would actually lose its voice in regional planning that it had previously.

Mr. Killen questioned Article V, in reference to the Charter, as to which particular section of the Charter was being cited. Mr. Krupp responded that it is the section that deals with confirmation proceedings, page 9, Chapter 2, Section 10.

Mr. Killen also asked if this representative to the Regional Planning Commission would be an employee or an officer of the Town. Mr. Krupp indicated that he would be an appointed official of the Town. Mr. Killen referred to the fact that the Mayor would be making the appointment and cited page 17, Section 3, under the duties of the Mayor, "The Mayor shall appoint all department heads and other officers and employees of the Town, except as otherwise specifically provided for..." and "...The terms of all such appointees shall terminate, except as otherwise provided by the Charter, on the same date as the term of the Mayor." Mr. Killen stated that if this representative were to start in the odd year now, and the term is for two years, there would be a conflict.

Mr. Krupp quoted (re: Section 10), "...except that such appointees may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified." Mr. Killen responded that that would hold someone over for a year and that was not the intent.

Mr. Rys mentioned that under the old Regional Planning Agency this appointment came as a Town Council appointment and asked if there was some reason for the change.

Mr. Krupp responded that it was for checks and balances, which would be dual participation by the Mayor and the Council which would honor the concept of the executive and legislative system of checks and balances, and that the Mayor is authorized to represent the Town in deliberations with Regional Council covenants and therefore should have a say as to whether the appointment is a compatible individual that he can work with.

Mayor Dickinson said that he felt that this was probably more the key - the fact that the Mayor, by statute, or whoever is the chief administrative officer, selectman, or whatever, is the representative of the Council of Governments. So, in order to make that as smooth an operation as possible, this would make sure that the appointment is one that is with the agreement of the Mayor.

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Mr. Rys asked if this wasn't the same before (that the Mayor was involved). Mayor Dickinson responded that the Planning Agency before acted in a different capacity than what this will. Before it was much more of an autonomous body; it was not directly responsible to the Regional Council of Governments. The Regional Planning Agency did its own thing, and that was one of the big reasons for this change - a number of communities did not like that. So that when the push came to change to a Council of

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were viewing as the Town's financial load and the way it would be distributed. At that point, it was workpapers only because the Comptroller still had to go over it with them and with Mr. Post and Mr. Fasi for the ordinance purposes and iron out whatever differences still existed between the workpapers and what he knew as far as the Town's financing needs. That process is nearly completed, as far as his understanding in speaking with Mr. Myers. At the point the Council saw this information, they were workpapers. At the point the council saw this information, they were workpaper. He pointed out that the difficulty in the planning of a given project is, if you don't allow workpapers such as that to go out, and everything comes in at the last moment, you are subject legi-timately to criticism. On the other hand, Mayor Dickinson stated, if workpapers are allowed out, then this can mislead people to think that everything is in cement and that there is nothing more to be done with it. He felt that, unfortunately, that was an imto be done with it. He felt that, unfortunately, that was an in pression created at that special meeting. Nothing is in cement pression cleated at that special meeting. Rothing is in contrast and still had to be reviewed and, as he indicated, has been. He stated that he definitely wanted the Council to have this information well enough in advance so that they could peruse it and put together their thoughts, etc., for the hearing, but that it has been a cramped schedule for these officers.

Mr. Myers stated that the basic primary concern is that they have sufficient funds provided in the ordinance to carry the notes for a period of two years prior to issuance of bond. He added that funds would have to be provided for in the ordinance for an interest expense on notes for at least that period.

Mr. Myers stated that the ordinance should include the dollar amount as part of the title - \$38,300,000. Mr. Krupp remarked regarding the Comptroller not finalizing the numbers yet. Mr. Myers responded that the basic premise that he is going along with is that that is the figure that was disclosed and that he has to work out a financing scheme to keep it at that number, and he has had a meeting with Mr. Smith, and he is pretty sure that he can come up with a program to finance it--an attractive program--and keep the interest costs at about \$3,300,000.

Chairman Gessert went back at this time to the <u>PUBLIC QUESTION AND</u> ANSWER PERIOD, since there were members in the <u>audience</u> who were not familiar with Town Council Meetings and who wished to make a presentation.

Mr. Al Platt, Pent Highway, spoke from the audience, asking what is going to be done between now and when the Town accepts the road. He stated that the road is deteriorating every day and there is not supposed to be any maintenance done on the road whatsoever according to bulletin at the Public Works department. He stated that you have buses that are in and out of the section every single day and that, as far as safety to the children of the Town, it is very sticky.

Mr. Platt added that the Town has been maintaining the road for years and years, and that now, all of a sudden, it finds that it does not own it the road, so therefore it does not have to maintain

it. He felt that if any of the Council members have children and went down to see the condition of the road, he did not think that they would want their children riding the buses because of that situation. He added that, the way things are set up right now, the property owners on Pent Highway are liable for lawsuit as a result of an accident or injury.

Mr. Gessert stated that he felt it is a problem that has been around for ten years and has come to a head when the Town finally said that it was not going to maintain it unless it owned the road. Technical the Town is not supposed to go out and do work on private property. Technically,

Mr. Platt said again that the Town had been maintaining the road for years, to which Mr. Gessert responded that it has done so illegally. Mr. Platt said that they are asking for a 90-day period until every-thing is straightened out. Mr. Platt asked Mr. Gessert to go down and look at the road the following day, since he said it was very, very bad, and that there are holes in that road that he believed were 8-10 inches deep, and very big.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if the buses mentioned were school buses, to which Mr. Platt responded that they were Double A school buses. Mrs. Bergamini advised Mr. Platt to contact the Board of Education and tell them that the road is not a legal road and that they should not be on it. Mr. Platt indicated that this is the only way the buses have to get out onto Route 5 or onto N. Plains Road.

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Mrs. Bergamini noted that the buses were empty buses and did not carry children on this road. Mr. Platt agreed but added that there would be a problem as far as maintenance on the bus as well.

Mrs. Bergamini stated that this Pent Highway problem has been batted around as long as she has been on the Council and, finally, when push comes to shove, if the Town keeps maintaining roads it does not own, the line would be out the door. She felt that if the Town maintained Pent Highway now that it has gotten all this publicity, she cannot say how many people will be calling the Mayor's Office. She stated that there are a lot of unaccepted roads in Town. It is unfortunate that the road has become so well traveled. It costs the Town money because it is a private road and the Town has to pay the railroad for gates, whereas, if it was a public road, the Town would not have to. Mrs. Bergamini could not see what the problem is and that if the owners on that road really and truly wanted to get together, she felt that the problem could be solved by the Town taking over that road.

Mr. Platt stated that the road could not be taken over for approximately two months according to his discussion with Attorney McManus. He stated that the two factors are the liability as far as the property owners are concerned and the school buses.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he brought along to the meeting a set of maps prepared by Engineering Office which clearly delineate the limits and boundaries of Pent Highway proposed highway lines from N. Colony over to Polaski Highway. He added that he also brought along a

series of guit claim deeds, all of which can be executed tonight, and that all that was needed was the signatures of the property owners present and two witnesses to sign. He said that then all that would be needed to do was to send the investigator out from the Town Attorney's office to get the other property owners to sign and this could be finished this week and the Town Council could schedule a special meeting and the roads can be accepted.

Mr. Platt stated that he would not sign tonight because one of the reasons is that the gas company came down through his property with a gas line, without an easement, and just dug a hole and went down through it, and he wanted to know why they do that.

Mayor Dickinson responded that Mr. Platt should have stopped the gas truck in the course of the action, and that he could not answer for that. Mayor Dickinson noted that there were three property owners present and if they signed the quit claim deeds they would be one quarter of the way and the Town could have the rest of them probably in the space of a week, if everyone were cooperative, and acceptance thereafter.

Mr. Platt asked why they didn't call a meeting with the owners to get everyone in at one time. Mayor Dickinson said he is in the process of doing that but that signatures tonight would speed this up. He added that this did not have to take a couple of months.

Mr. Platt asked if their signatures were on tonight, if the Town would start taking care of the road the next day. Mayor Dickinson said that he would have to get the rest of the signatures.

Mr. Platt asked if the road had been completely surveyed, as to where the property lines are. Mayor Dickinson displayed the map the deed refers to which clearly shows all the property lines, although it has not brought up the property owners' todate, but clearly shows what pieces of property the Town needs for title to the road. To bring the owners up-to-date, the Town would have to go out and re-survey everything showing different subdivisions that occurred in the interim since 1975, which will take time, and then a deed could be prepared for each property owner. Mr. Platt stated that the measurements were not up-to-date, to which Mayor Dickinson replied that they were, but that the title has not been brought up-to-date from the owners along the sides, but the Town is not taking title to the owner's property and that all the Town wants is the road and the road is shown right on the map. - ---- COUNCEL MERIING

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Mr. Platt said that when he spoke to Attorney McManus the other day he had been told by him that he could not quit claim the property for two months. Mr. McManus stated that he had said that he could come back to his office right then and he would prepare a quit claim deed in general terms in accordance with maps that the Town did have on file and that he would take the title to Mr. Platt's property right on the spot. Attorney McManus stated that he had also said that if the Town did it the way Mr. Platt wanted where they would get everybody together, set a meeting date, get the Engineering

get everybody together, set a meeting date, get the Engineering done where everything would be specifically described, etc., that Mr. Gessert stated that they are debating something that should not be debated. Mr. Gessert stated that the machinery of government, as slow as it has been for the past twelve years, attracted attention by not doing its job and Mr. Platt attracted attention by closing a road and now government is responding by getting the paperwork done, after twelve years. So, if the paperwork on the property owners abutting that street can expedite it, the Town Would be happy to do so Property owner of 11 through 19 Pent Highway asked the Mayor if he would be charged with a sewer assessment if sewers are put on the road. Mayor Dickinson assumed so. Mayor Dickinson did not know if there were any plans to put sewers through there.

Ms. Chris St. Pierre, manager of Double A Transportation, Inc. in Wallingford, spoke from audience. She stated that she had come to the meeting prepared to say to please help them out by maintaining the road but felt that perhaps she should ask now that everybody, for the safety of the buses, speed things up. She presented a statement signed by 47 employees of Double A Transportation, that they all feel that this is an unsafe situation, and also a letter from the owner of Double A Transportation, which explained pretty graphically as to the safety of the buses. She stated that she nor the company knew that this was a private road. She stated that she called Public Works and she never had a problem; they just came out and patched some potholes.

Mr. Gessert stated that what the Town of Wallingford is trying to do, and hopefully the property owners agree, is to get this problem off dead center. The Town had budgeted last year to rebuild it but then it found out that it did not own it again and the Town could not do it.

Mr. Krupp stated that his father owns a business on Pent Highway and therefore he has a subjective interest in it and would not engage in any vote that comes on this property, but asked Mr. Platt, for the sake of all those people on Pent Highway, to sign the quit claim deed and that this would serve to everybody's benefit.

Mr. Platt stated that since this has been dragging on for such a long time, the Town should get everybody together. Mr. Krupp felt that this would expedite matters at this point, and that common sense dictates to go with the fastest course of action.

Mr. Platt commented that the map the Mayor displayed shows a different builder than on his. Mr. Gessert stated that this was brought up earlier and that the names have not been brought up-to-date, but that the ownership of those properties has changed since the map was done and this would have to be updated.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the important thing about the map is that it delineates the boundary lines of the road. The Town would be receiving whatever title the property owner owns, whether it be a little or a lot. The map shows exactly what line of highway the Town of Wallingford would receive upon the signing of the quit claim deed. The Town would receive whatever the map shows as Pent Highway and the property owners are protected in that way. He added that what would have to be done is a lot of re-surveying in order to bring up the current ownership, which the Town can do but there the potential would be for a much longer period of time. It can go either direction. The Mayor stated that he is also concerned about the condition of the road. The Town does not want to see the road not cared for, and he felt that one of the important things in Town is caring for highways, but that the Town must be consistent about it. The point is that if the Town cares for a private road in one area, it will be asked to care for private roads all over the community. He said that this has gone on since the "60s and that the time has come for it to stop; either the Town is going to take ownership or it is not. He added that, one way or another, the issue is going to be decided this year.

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Mr. Holmes stated, in final summation, that the Town is not opposed to fixing the road. He said that he has traveled on the road and that he had to go 2 or 3 miles an hour. He felt that the Town has extended its hand and that it should have some mutual agreements here to get this matter settled. Mr. Holmes felt that Mayor has acted very responsibly and should be commended on it.

Attorney McManus stated that one of the problems of doing these title searches is that Pent Highway is essentially a goat path that evolved over decades to what it is today. The deed descriptions vary; the width described as Pent Highway goes anywhere from 8½ feet to the widest point of 18 feet, with most of them being described at 9 ft. The Town needs 50 feet under regulations to pave an appripublic road in this Town, so the Town must take portions of every abutter's property that never was Pent Highway. In order to do this, his office prepared quit claim deeds, generally describing what is reflected on the maps prepared by the Highway Department. These were prepared under the instruction of the Mayor. He added that if the property owners are serious, give the Town a general quit claim deed with the road shown on the map presented, and the Town Attorney can come to the Town Council and have the Council accept it and then proceed to maintain that road. He stated that if one of the twelve property owners says no, it is a dead deal across the board, and Pent Highway stays the way it is--a private driveway for the property owners--and the Town has no business spending one cent of taxpayer dollars to improve.

Mr. Edward Musso, as previously mentioned, voiced his feeling that if the property owners did not cooperate, the Town should not do anything for the road.

Mr. Killen asked if Mr. Platt knew what a quit claim deed was, and that if he owns the property, he has to give the Town the portion required for the road, and that if this is not given, the town cannot do the road.

Mr. Platt responded that how can he give something on general information supplied by the Town. Mr. McManus stated that the description on the quit claim deed refers to the map which supplies specific information. The description in the quit claim deed presented tonight incorporates the description contained in the map. So therefore, all the information contained on these maps is incorporated into that deed.

Mr. Tony Rich, owner of Laurel View Mobile Home Park, spoke from the audience. He felt that there is a good response as far as the Town goes and that the property owners should just do their part.

Mr. Gessert stated that if everybody gets together and everyone cooperates, the matter can be resolved, and a special meeting of the Council will be called as soon as it is resolved, if need be, to accept the road.

Mr. Platt asked if it would be possible to get all the property owners together some time this week to try to resolve the situation. Mayor Dickinson stated that a letter will be going out from the Town Attorney's office. He stated that if it goes out this week it will give no one a chance to schedule a time and would probably have to be early next week.

Mr. Platt stated that all the Town would have to do is say when the Town would like to have the meeting. Mr. McManus felt that they would have to give everyone a couple of weeks' notice. Mrs. Bergamini said that this meeting should be called and get it over with.

Attorney McManus commented that he has given Mr. Platt two opportunities to sign a quit claim did and twice he has refused, once right in front of the Town Council tonight.

Mrs. Bergamini suggested that they give the property owners three days to sign the quit claim deeds and if they want that road fixed, the Town will take it over provided they sign the deeds. Mrs. Bergamini suggested that Mr. Platt get his lawyer and sign the deed.

Mr. Polanski asked if the Council shouldn't put through a motion to set a time limit to have the quit claim deeds signed.

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Mr. Killen felt that this was not within the Council's purview, and that the administration seems to have things under control. Mr. Gessert agreed that it is up to the two parties involved, the property owners and the Mayor's and Town Attorney's offices.

Mayor Dickinson clarified that they would not be looking to wait a couple of weeks. At the very earliest opportunity--by the latest, the middle of next week--he hoped that the Town will have scheduled an opportunity for the people to come together and join together

in signing these documents. If everyone cannot make that meeting, perhaps the investigator can go out and meet with those who could not attend. He hoped that within that two-week period, the Town would know and that if there are those who refuse to sign, the Town would take another course of action.

Chairman Gessert ended the public question and answer period and introduced a request for transfer of \$1,500 from A/C 601-418 (Printing) to A/C 601-135 and 601-400 (Salaries/Part-Time and Supplies respectively), as requested by Registrars of Voters, Vivienne Goodrich and Martha K. Moriarty.

Mr. Holmes moved that the above) transfer be approved; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Rys stated that he did not have an up-to-date sheet on A/C 601-135 as of 12/31/84. Mr. Rys noted that as of 11/30/84, this account had an unencumbered balance of \$5,171 and asked if this money had been expended. Ms. Goodrich stated that this is what their office will need until the end of the year and assumed that there will be no more transfers into that account before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Holmes expressed the Council's appreciation of the fine job the Registrars performed during this last election and added that the Town is fortunate to have a couple of professionals here and that the Town's records are probably the best in the State.

Ms. Moriarty stated that, right before elections, every Registrar Office in the State was just a nightmare, and their office was very fortunate to have good help in the office. The help worked nights for nothing. She commented that she was quite proud of the whole office. VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer duly carried.

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to consider acceptance of several roads and required deeds for highway purposes, as requested by Linda A. Bush, Town Planner.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept Item 6A (Fawn Drive, Templeton Road, and Gina Lane, roads in the Leemar Development, Fawn Drive Subdivision). Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen questioned the difference between the attachment for 6A and the attachment for 6B (which he assumed were form letters sent to P&Z) as far as the clause "and any performance bond being held for this work may now be released. These roads may be presented to the Town Council for acceptance into the Town's roadway system," which clause was only on attachment 6B.

Ms. Bush stated that these were just copies of letters that were given to the P&Z Commission. Ms. Bush said that the Town accepts roads once Mr. Costello and Mr. Deak have signed off on these letters. She added that it was just the way they were written and that sometimes they do have a performance bond in their possession when they accept the roads and sometimes all the bonds have been released by the prior month.

Mr. Edward Musso, as previously mentioned, asked Ms. Bush if all these roads have met the specifications of the Town Engineer and all others concerned. Ms. Bush replied that they have letters from the required persons authorizing acceptance.

<u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous ayes; motion to accept roads, as per 6A of the agenda, duly carried.

Chairman Gessert introduced Item 6B (Wisk-key Wind Road, Valley View Drive, and Cliffside Drive, roads in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of High Hill Acres, High Hill Realty Corp.)

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Mr. Rys moved to accept these roads; Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Chairman Gessert noted that this was defeated last time it was presented and commented that he went back through that area looking for broken curbing, etc., and did not see any out of place, and was satisfied with it.

<u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed; motion to accept roads, as per 6B of the agenda, duly carried

dulv carried. Ms. Bush explained that, for Items 6C, 6D, and 6E, when they approve a site plan or sometimes a subdivision, and as was explained during the discussion on Pent Highway, the Town owns 50 feet for right-ofway on most of the roads even though only 30 feet are paved, and that on some roads, the Town owns 60 feet for right-of-way (for collectors and industrial roads). She stated that these are roads where no improvements have been made but the Town did not own either the 50 or 60 feet right-of-way, so when they approve a subdivision or site plan in that area they require a deed for highway purposes. In most cases, this is a quit claim deed and, in most cases, for a very small portion of property. She added that this is one way that they get the right-of-way that the Town should own - when someone comes in and requests approval on a parcel; they just say that they will give approval on the condition that they give the Town the deed for the area in front. She summarized that for these three items of the agenda, no improvements are needed and are just for right-of-way.

for right-of-way. Mr. Rys questioned Item 6D and asked if the Town was going to be taken this road. Ms. Bush explained that this was the small road leading to K-Mart where they are building the new office building. She explained that this is a Town road now but the Town did not own the whole 60 feet and when the building was approved, they requested that the developer give a deed for highway purposes.

Ms. Bush added that she had a map of the area for the Council's immediate review. She also stated that the Town owns the road all the way to the cul-de-sac and that another condition of that approval was that the Town would block off that road so that there would no longer be access from old Barnes Road into K-Mart Shopping Center, and that Route 5 would have to be used for that purpose. Ms. Bush building would generate traffic and people use that as a shortcut to get into the shopping center. The only access to that road would be for delivery vehicles to the rear of the shopping center off N. Main Street and to the office building being built. In essence, the office building will have exclusive use of that road.

Mr. Rys commented that he foresees that a lot of traffic will then be put on Routes 5 and 68 to get into the shopping center. Ms. Bush stated that the shortcut was considered dangerous and the increased traffic to office building (once built) would make it more dangerous. Ms. Bush added that this was not meant to be a street, but is actually a dead-end street alongside a shopping center parking lot.

Mr. Krupp stated that he would pass on these three agenda items because he did not feel comfortable voting on something he had no documentation on. Ms. Bush remarked that she had the documents with her and showed them to Mr. Krupp. Ms. Bush stated that she had the deeds approved by Mr. Costello as far as that the Town is getting the roads they want, and approved as to form by the Town Attorney and they were all stamped.

Mayor Dickinson commented that what Ms. Bush was saying was that the document itself was meaningless without the maps.

Ms. Bush stated that in the zoning regulations there is a classification system: residential streets must be 25 ft. from the center line, collector - 30 ft., industrial - 30 ft. She said that often the Town does not own that property, even though everyone asuumes that the Town owns it. The only way that the Town can get it without paying for it, is when they come in to get approval.

Mr. Killen stated, regarding the shortcut being dangerous, that this is not half as dangerous as the exits onto Route 5 and this shortcut was relieving some of the pressure on Route 5. Now anyone that comes from the east is going to have to come out onto Route 5 and exit back the same way, which cannot handle the traffic it has now. He added that there could not have been a lot of planning on this, since this will not improve the situation on Route 5.

Ms. Bush remarked that Mr. Killen is assuming that the N. Main St./ Route 68 intersection is a good one and that the intersection from Barnes Road onto N. Main Street is a safe one and that it is better to exit there than onto Route 5.

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Mr. Killen stated that the average speed of a car on N. Main Street is nowhere near the average speed of a car on Route 5, which is what causes the accidents and you would be exiting more people on a more heavily traveled road at a faster rate of speed. He added that this is asking for trouble.

Mr. Polanski asked who decided that the road should be closed. Bush believed that this was a recommendation from the Police Chief. Mr. Polanski agreed with Mr. Killen and he wanted to see more information on how the employees expected to use the parking lot of the office building are going to make the situation worse on Barnes Rd.

Ms. Bush remarked that this is a separate issue and she will bring it up to the Commission. The deed, they are dealing with tonight has nothing to do with closing the dead-end street.

Mr. Polanski asked Attorney McManus if the Commission decides to close the access that people are used to and does not have the accident potential now, will the Council have anything to say whether its a cul-de-sac road, closed off road, or an open road. Mr. McManus responded that the P&Z decides what they will do and present it to the Council for acceptance or rejection. The Council does not take an actual part in the planning process.

Mr. Killen stated that the Commission would have to come before the Council to either abandon or close that road. Ms. Bush responded that it will not be abandoned. It is an illegal way from a road into a parking lot being closed. She remembered that when the site plan for the shopping center was approved, there was no entrance to old Barnes Road shown and it was some time after that it became convenient to use and was never an approved entrance, and is now being officially closed.

Ms. Bush stated that this was approved last February and she would have to check the files because she did not remember all the details.

Mr. Diana stated that the whole thing was predicated on the land being used exclusively for this office building. Ms. Bush stated that it was decided that any use of that land that would generate traffic would create problems going into the K-Mart shopping center.

Mr. Diana commented that there is an alternative entrance into the K-Mart shopping center prior to entering Route 5. Mr. Killen and Mr. Polanski remarked that it is the exit they are interested in and that there is no other exit.

Mr. Applegate, who spoke from the audience, asked if this wasn't a private driveway that the Town would have to support. Ms. Bush stated that this is a Town road and will stay a town road and that nothing is being done to Barnes Road.

Mr. Applegate asked what is on the road where it will be closed. Ms. Bush responded that it was the back way to get into the shopping center, the old Barnes homestead which is being taken down, and this future office building that is being built. They will have

a short cul-de-sac.

Mr. Holmes stated that this road was never intended originally to be used as a side entrance to the shopping center and it just evolved that way. K-Mart, he noted, has always taking steps over the years to discourage its use.-

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she wished everyone had been at that February meeting when she heard that they were going to build an office building there and she was the only one screaming, and that they then got the Police Chief to agree that the road should be closed. She thought it was crazy then and it is crazy now, but they made that a condition of the approval, and that what PSZ decide the Council has no recourse.

Ms. Bush stated that, under the law, if an applicant meets the con-ditions in their book, they are required by law to approve it. Mrs. Bergamini felt that they had not met all the regulations at the time and that it seemed to her that the P&Z Commission made a few exceptions.

Ms. Bush asked which regulations she was referring to; Mrs. Bergamini responded that she did not recall but that it seemed to her that the parcel was not quite as large as the developer would have needed to put this office building and that P&Z made stipulations whereby the building could be turned at an angle, etc. Ms. Bush did not remember any of this and suggested that Mrs. Bergamini come and look at the minutes, since Ms. Bush did not believe they made any exceptions in that case.

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Mrs. Bergamini felt that there had been something because everyone was up in arms about it. Ms. Bush replied that it was because of the traffic situation. Mrs. Bergamini asked if they had enough parking space and Ms. Bush replied that they did. Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that this was when the okay went through to close the road and that there is nothing that can be done about it now, since it was a condition.

Ms. Bush responded that the condition was not on the developer but on the Town to block the road. Attorney McManus commented that the ultimate authority to close that road is the Town Council's and no one else's. Ms. Bush remarked that it is not a road and that the Police Chief suggested that the Town put up gates. This person does not own that road and does not have the authority to close that road. Public Works would physically have to put up bars or however it would be determined to close the road.

Mr. Killen stated that, therefore, they do not have that authority and it cannot be done. Ms: Bush said that tonight all she is asking is that the Council accept is 3,000 sq. ft. of land.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept Item 6C (A deed for highway purposes from Marjo Construction Company for approximately 1,114 sq. ft. piece of property on Mansion Road). Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Chairman Gessert who had not been present during the discussion; motion to accept Item 6C duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept Item 6D (A deed for highway purposes from Neal Robison for an approximately 3,101 sq. ft. piece of land on Barnes Road). Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Chairman Gessert commented that he felt sure the Town had the option of keeping that road open if it wanted. Attorney McManus agreed and said it was the Town's road. Mr. Gessert remarked that there are a lot of things that they think they have power over that all of a sudden they find out the Town Council has no control over whatsoever.

Ms. Bush stated that the condition was not put on Mr. Robison who had the building approved; he did not own it and he cannot block it off.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to accept Item 6D duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept Item 6E (A deed for highway purposes from the Fifth Wallingford Corporation for a small parcel of land along Cheshire Road). Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bergamini asked where this property was located and Ms. Bush responded that it was between Schoolhouse and Old Gate Roads. It is approximately 10 ft. in front of one lot, maybe 1,000 sq. ft.

Mr. Gessert asked why we are taking this property and Ms. Bush responded that the developer had come in for subdivision approval and the Town did not own 60 ft. required for a collector's street, and one of the conditions of approval was that they give the Town the 10 ft. fronting the property.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to accept Item 6E duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 6F (An open space easement from the Masonic Charity Foundation for a 28.24 acre parcel surrounding Ashlar Village, Cheshire Road).

Mr. Holmes moved to accept Item 6F. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

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Ms. Bush explained that when the zone change was granted for Ashlar Village some years ago, she understood that one of the conditions was that the developer would not be building along the boundaries and that there would be a strip along the whole boundary other than around the road that would be permanent open space. This could only be used on a limited basis as per the easement.

Mr. Gessert read items 1A thru 1D of the easement as relates to the limited use of this open space. Ms. Bush pointed out that it also has a statement that says as may be changed by the Wallingford P&Z and that several months ago, the P&Z Commission approved an aboveground utility structure (SNETCO hut) that had to be put above ground.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to accept Item 6F duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved that the Council move Agenda Items 14 and 15. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to move up these items duly carried.

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to note for the record the financial statements of Electric, Water and Sewer Divisions, as requested by Mayor William W. Dickinson and Mr. Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller.

Mr. Rys moved to note the above for the record; Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to note for the record duly carried.

Mr. Krupp asked if the PUC minutes could be forwarded directly to the Council, rather than through the Town Clerk's office. He felt that it may be more efficient to send these directly to the Council. Mr. Bruno stated that he would mention this to Mr. Smith and have him contact the proper parties.

Chairman Gessert introduced Item 15A, a request for transfer of \$7,000 from A/C 920-000 (Adm. & General Salaries) to A/C 633-000 (Maint. Pumping Equip.), as requested by Raymond A. Denison, Office Manager, Sewer Division:

Mr. Krupp moved to approve the above transfer; Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert explained that they needed to replace a 125 H.P. motor at the Durham Road Pump Station. He stated that a special meeting had been called on December 27 regarding this and at that time he had told the Sewer Department that as far as he was concerned, if you lose a pump in the pump station, he would buy that as an emergency.

Mr. Rys asked if it was quicker to get a rebuilt motor or were they just trying to save the money. Mr. Bruno responded that they were just trying to save the money. Mr. Rys asked if the rebuilt motor was guaranteed and Mr. Bruno responded that it was and that it is almost the same as getting a new one, and that they have someone in town capable of servicing them.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer as per Item 15A duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 15B, a request to waive the bidding procedure on the above purchase.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to approve waiver of the bidding procedure; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

<u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous ayes; motion to waive the bidding procedure duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 15C, a request for approval of transfer of \$1,000 from A/C 920-000 (Adm. & General Salaries) to A/C 923-001 (Laboratory Expense).

Mr. Krupp moved to approve the above transfer; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Mr. Gessert explained that this will be used for outside laboratory services during the maternity leave of their chemist.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 15D, a request for transfer of \$7,000 from A/C 920-000 (Adm. & General Salaries) to A/C 652-000 (Maint. of Sewer Treatment Equipment).

Chairman Gessert read that this is due to the unanticipated need for repairs to the Sewer Plant boiler and electrical modification to allow more sewage flow. Mr. Gessert asked if this was done on a bid basis. Mr. Bruno responded that they bid for the boiler repair and they had enough money in the account but that is now almost depleted.

Mr. Krupp moved to approve the above transfer; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer, as per Item 15D, VOTE: duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini stated that she had asked for a list on the trips that were taken by the PUC. She pointed out that she got a list but no financial data. Mr. Bruno stated that he had turned something over on this. Mrs. Bergamini responded that she had not received anything and she wants to know what it cost. Mr. Bruno stated that they turned over such information to Mr.Smith. Mrs. Bergamini said she had asked for this months ago and if she does not get it, it will be an agenda item.

Chairman Gessert introduced Item 7A-D, a request for approval of merit increases for four employees, as requested by Mr. Stanley A. Seadale, Director of Personnel:

Mayor Dickinson stated that he had informed Mr. Seadale in the past that he saw no reason to have him present for these merit increase approvals. (Mr. Seadale was not in attendance).

Mr. Krupp noted that all four individuals were receiving the same percentage increase. He also noted that one was rated as average and three as above-average and it striked him as being totally unfair and a dis-incentive to superior performance. As a resu As a result, he added, he would pass on one of these increases.

Mr. Gessert felt-that Mr. Krupp's point was well taken and that if a person is above-average they should receive the increase and that if they are average they have enough bonuses for being mediocre. Mr. Krupp felt that there should exist some differential.

Mr. Gessert asked if Mr. Krupp would draft a letter to Mr. Seadale with regard to this.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 7A, merit increase for Gertrude Brady. Mr. Killen moved to approve the merit increase; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Mr. Krupp who passed. VOTE: Motion to approve merit increase for Ms. Brady duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 7B, merit increase for Richard Piekarski. Mr. Gessert commented that Mr. Piekarski is one of the few people in Wallingford whose record can be effectively tracked in printouts: He said that when you look at the collection in back taxes, he thought it was a tremendous effort made by Mr. Piekarski.

Unanimous ayes; motion to approve merit increase for Mr. Piekarski VOTE: duly carried.

Mr. Gessert inrroduced Item 7C, merit increase for Linda Bush. Mr. Holmes moved to approve the merit increase. Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve merit increase for Ms. Bush duly carried.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 7D, merit increase for Francis Barta. He added that Mr. Barta is 'like a junkyard dog when it comes to the assessment rolls.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to approve the above merit increase; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve merit increase for Mr. Barta duly carried.

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to note for the record the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting, dated 12/5/84, as requested by Councilman Krupp.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to note the minutes for the record; Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

<u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous ayes; motion to note Ordinance Committee minutes of 12/5/84 duly carried.

Mr. Krupp advised that the last meeting of the Ordinance Committee was cancelled due to a conflict with another meeting.

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to consider a resolution concerning mandatory binding arbitration, as requested by Councilman Krupp.

Mrs. Bergamini read the resolution (copy attached). Mrs. Bergamini moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Krupp seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen asked if Mr. Krupp would mind sending along with the resolution a copy of an article from the November 15, 1984, which appeared in the <u>New Haven Register</u>, "Changes sought in arbitration laws by Cheshire," showing that they have strong feelings, and also another article about Bridgeport, where the Supreme Court ruled that there was too much interference with the rights of the municipality. Mr. Krupp agreed.

Mr. Krupp remarked that this was a problem to everyone all along and that it was something that they have talked about in the past and he felt it was time (to bring this to the attention of the legislature).

Mr. Gessert felt that Mr. Krupp should be commended for doing this because it is something the Council complains about and is one of those things that nothing seems to be done about. He felt that the arbitrators have no concept of reality--they do not look at the private sector, they do not look at private industry. They just look at the neighboring town where they just gave 9½%, and say, "Well, 9½% is reasonable and we'll give you 9½%."

Mrs. Bergamini suggested that the resolution be signed by all the Council members and even notarized because she would really like it to have some impact.

Mr. Holmes stated that the Republican Town Committee is certainly aware of the Town Council's sentiments concerning arbitration and everyone at the Council has passed on their feelings on the direction they feel that legislators should take and he felt that this was a good document to reinforce the Town Council's thinking.

<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous ayes; motion to adopt resolution concerning mandatory binding arbitration duly carried.

Mr. Gessert asked Council Secretary to add a statement at the bottom of the resolution that the resolution was passed unanimously by the Town Council at its meeting of January 8, 1985, and have it signed by all Council members present.

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to consider a certified resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford to waive pilot on State elderly housing projects, as requested by the Housing Authority.

Mr. Rys moved to adopt the subject resolution; Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

Chairman Gessert read the resolution and asked if anyone had any questions on this.

Mr. Edward Musso, as previously mentioned, spoke from the audience and asked if the Town is not getting the money in lieu of taxes. Chairman Gessert explained that what this resolution was saying was that the State would normally give us funds in lieu of taxes, and we do not charge the elderly.

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Mr. Kevin S. Nelson, Executive Director/Housing Authority, said that the State Elderly is designed to be self-sufficient unlike McKenna Court, which is Federally-subsidized and private. Out of the Federal subsidy, the Housing Authority is able to pay the Town taxes, but the State Elderly rents would have to go up an additional \$7 per month in order to pay the taxes for the State Elderly. What has been happening in this Town as well as others is that the Town Council has been generous enough to waive those taxes in order to keep the rents at the lowest rate possible.

Mr. Edward Musso said that we are paying about 30 mils in taxes. "The State will pay us, instead of 30 mils, will give us a multiple of so many dollars which might not make the 30 mils, or whatever. Now, they want to just take that away from us."

Mr. Nelson responded that the State does not pay this payment in lieu of taxes in terms of the elderly units. What happens is the tenants pay it. The only thing the State does is put up the units for us. After that, they all must operate on their own, from-their own rental income. What would happen, in this particular case, if the Town would have to collect those taxes from the elderly project, the tenants rents would have to be raised in order to have that money to pay the Town. And you are hitting then the people who are at the least income level, those that are qualified for State housing.

Mr. Musso asked what the average rental was, which Mr. Nelson replied was about \$126. Mr. Musso said that he realized that they do not have income but they always manage to have enough money to go on trips, etc., and "nobody comes and gives me a break because I have a home. If the taxes go up, I've got to pay it; I've got to find ways." He did not feel that anyone should get any break; that's part of living. And that if they were paying \$200-300 a month in rent, they should be "tickled pink" to pay another \$5 or so.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to adopt resolution duly carried.

Chairman Gessert introduced the next item on the agenda - a request for status update of the Police Station Building Committee, as requested by Councilman Krupp.

Mr. William Fischer, Chairman of the Committee, deferred to Mr. Wooding regarding the bids. Mr. Wooding stated that they have a number of bids that were received in December for the various phases of work on the project and these were handled by the Purchasing Department and were all in the process of being awarded and some of them are actually already under contract at this point. A number of other items are being re-bid between January 15 and January 18, so hopefully at that point, they should have virtually all the cost information needed. The purchasing process is moving along and, within about 10 days, they should be getting together and in pretty good shape as far as the total cost information is concerned. He stated that one of the questions as far as the update is concerned was what changes have been made to the project.

Mr. Krupp commented that he was under the impression that by this point in time, the Committee would have had all of the bids and the intent was what additional changes may have occurred. He stated that most of the Council did not know the results, at this point, of those bids. He asked if they have continued to come in above projections and whether perhaps some of them came in below projections and whether additional items will be required to be cut from the project or whether any could be restored.

Mr. Wooding went back to the history and stated that when they first got the information as far as what had been put together from a buying standpoint, they put a budget estimate together for the project and it was determined prior to the bidding stage that the project was going to run over budget if they proceeded with it in the design it was in at that point in time. They estimated a number of items--they looked through the project trying to come up with items which would save cost in the construction project but not affect the functionality of the Police Station. They went through a list of those cost-reduction items with the Committee and a number of them were accepted and some were not. The accepted changes were included in the documents that were put out for bid to the various trade contractors. He remarked that he could go through that list of changes if the Council liked. He added that basically what it came down to was that prior to the bidding stage, a number of items were changed in the design of the project so that it would hopefully, when it was put up for bid, come in close to what it was.

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Mr. Krupp stated that he was not speaking for the rest of the Council and that his question was if any additional changes accrued as a result of the bids which were opened in December. Mr. Wooding responded that there were no additional changes. He added that anything that was changed in that cost-reduction stage has stayed that way from that point forward and that, since the bidding, they had not changed anything else in the project.

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Mr. Krupp asked if there was a net change up or down in terms of dollars after the bids were opened. Mr. Wooding stated that the actual bids of everything that they received bids on came in at about \$1,040,000, which is within about \$5,000 or so of what was estimated in the first place for those items of work. He stated that it is not the complete project. Bidding that has occurred to date is very, very close to budget.

Mr. Fischer stated that if all the bids that they have out now come back in the way they have it projected, they will be about

\$17,000 under the budget. Mr. Wooding stated that right now with the bids they have now and the budget figures for the items they do not have yet, the budget comes out to about \$1,611,473 and the original budget was for \$1,628,000.

Mr. Krupp asked, if the bids come out as they expect and they do have that \$17,000 gap, will some of the items be restored to the project. Mr. Fischer responded that the only item that is not in the project right now that they have done more research on is the pistol range.

Mr. Howard Marshall stated that any pistol range that is more than 10, 15 or 20 years old--for example, those ranges in North Haven, Cheshire Police, New Britain, have closed down, some of the State Police Academy pistol ranges were closed--their ventilation systems were hooked up with the air conditioning and heating system, not only that, the exhaust from them was either in the middle of the range or near the firing. Now, ranges that are six years old or under are under regulation by the National Rifle Association and OSHA. For example, the police department was built brand new in 1979 in Norwich and the Milford department was built in 1978. He talked to the deputy chief in Milford and the lieutenant in Norwich and they have had absolutely no trouble with their ventilation at all. They have all of the new systems with an external ventilation system and that system is only used for the firing range. There is no air from the building that goes in there. Fresh air from the outside comes in and takes the exhaust out. They have had no signs of lead poisoning. Any pistol range that is built now has to go under those regulations. A pistol range would cost the Town, with that kind of exhaust, about \$80,000; \$78,000 was an estimate. That is for a five-point range which is a normal range--some ranges, like in Meriden or North Haven--have a 3-point range where there That are three positions. If one goes by the regulations, for which the Town would have no choice, there would be no trouble with the ventilation.

Mr. Fischer stated that they had it double-checked with the architect and the range that they had designed for us would not give them an exhaust problem.

Mr. Wooding stated that they designed it according to present day standards. The stations that Mr. Marshall mentioned were designed, he thought, based on the old standards from 1972. Since then the standards have been upgraded. Mr. Wooding felt that this container handling system and ventilation system is a good four times better than what those standards called for.

Mr. Marshall commented that New Britain is being redone now so that they can open it. Now when the men shoot, there is a glass barrier in front of them and there are doors so that 99% of that air they are not even in, and that when they are through at night, the floors are washed down. There is a problem there too in that there could be lead on the floor. He added that 15 or 20 years ago no one knew that lead caused cancer and that is why those that were built fifteen years ago had no thought of that in mind. Anyone that is six years or newer have no problem, but the cost would be about \$80,000.

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Mr. Krupp wanted clarification as to whether the only thing that remained dropped was the pistol range.

Mr. Marshall stated that nothing had been dropped since the bidding process but in that process prior to bidding, when the committee was trying to get the total cost of the project down to the budget to satisfy the Council, a number of items were deleted or changed in the project to get it down to that level.

Mr. Krupp then asked again if the bids come in as they are currently projecting, creating a 17,000 bonus, does the potential exist for restoring any of the items which they had originally cut using that 17,000.

Mr; Marshall stated that he would venture to say that the figure that they have right now of \$17,000 has absolutely no contingency in it. \$1,040,000 of the project is bid, but the other \$500,000 work is yet to be bid so they do not know if it will come in. If any of those bids run any higher than they anticipated, or if during the project they run into any hidden condition or problem, the contingency of \$17,000 in \$1,600,000 project is negligible. Normally, it should be more in the area of about 3% to try and cover those kinds of unanticipatable things that can be run into in this size project. He felt that the chances of being able to use \$17,000 for use in adding things back on the project are pretty limited.

Mr. Gessert felt that if they came to the end of the project and there was an area where they wanted carpeting in and had been excluded, and they did not have any unanticipated problems, they could then use some of those funds.

Mr. Marshall agreed that some of those changes were for things that could be added back afterwards. Some of the changes were to change certain areas that were originally specified to have vinyl wallcovering to be painted. So, obviously, if you come to the end of the problem without running into unforeseen conditions, they could go and put vinyl wallcovering in those areas, and carpteting in areas originally specified to have carpeting, etc. Some of the dropped items cannot be done at the end of the project.

Mr. Killen asked if they had consulted with the Public Works Director on the building at all. Chief Bevan stated that what is currently being done is the site work bidding is being put out for bid with an alternate for the concrete and asphalt work to be added and what he believed the committee had in mind is that they would get site work base bids without the concrete and asphalt work which possibly the Public Works Department might be able to do some of.

Mr. Killen stated that he was more interested in the reaction that the Public Works Department might have in regard to the overall plans that they have, because they are trying to get it down within a bid figure to build it, and he will have to come to the Council for the figures to maintain it. He felt that they may be saving

dollars on building it and they may be paying five or ten years later because they put it in as cheaply as possible when maintaining might be a lot higher.

- Chief Bevan asked if Public Works should maintain it. Mr. Killen stated that he maintains all the other buildings, to which Chief Bevan responded that he did not maintain all of them. He stated that he did not maintain the library. Mr. Wooding stated that he maintained mostly the public buildings and the municipal building and closed buildings, but that he does not maintain the firehouses. He asked if Public Works should be involved in this police station.

Mr. Killen responded that that was a good question but then, if he is not going to be the one, then "you're going to be the one that is going to have to come up with the answer." Chief Bevan then said it ought to be a budget item.

Mr. Killen then said that his question was are they saving money by meeting the budget to say that they are putting up a building with \$1.2 million, or whatever the figure is, but that is just getting the building done. By doing it that way, when five or ten years go down the road, they will have to start patching up, like project catch-up with the school system.

Chief Bevan stated that the answer then to that question would be no. Vinyl wallcovering is better than the paint, ceramic tiles in the locker room is much better than asphalt tiles. These are only two areas that he can think of. So, the maintenance costs are going to soar; there is no question about it. They are saving money now but down the road they will be paying more and it is going to be quicker:

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Mr. Wooding stated that there is an alternative and that what they tried to do was come up with items that would save money but not change the function of the building and still make it a very functiona police station. Obviously, vinyl wallcovering vs. painted wall, or asphalt vs. ceramic tiles, one could question maintenance or life span, etc., but their charge at the time was to meet that budget and that is what they are trying to do.

Mr. Gessert stated that when they get the final bids on the other half a million, and they see that they have \$30,000 difference, then they should see where they could invest \$10-15,000 and still have a little left over in case of a problem, and where can they invest \$10-15,000 in something that would be of a high maintenance, and that there might be this kind of adjustment possible.

Mr. Killen stated that he realized that they had a mandate to stay within a certain figure but they are aware, those who live in town, that they are also taxpayers and they are hurting themselves or the Council by saying that they can build it for \$1.2 million and here's what you are going to get and five years from now it's going to cost another half-million dollars to maintain it again.

Mr. Wooding stated that at this point they do have some of those approximate estimates of what it would cost to add some of the items back in and they also have the bidding that is coming in in about ten days and they should know. If at that time, the committee finds that the costs are well below budget, the interest would be to try to make whatever improvements are possible.

Mr. Krupp stated that, with a half-million dollars with the re-bids out, he felt that it would be premature to pursue at this time, and asked if it would be reasonable to request that this item be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in February, at which point all the bids should be in and if the Council could also have a listing of what items were deleted before and after bid.

Chairman Gessert stated that he did not see any difficulty and that February 13 was the first meeting in February. Chairman Gessert asked Council Secretary to put that item in for the February 13 meeting.

Mr. Krupp stated that he assumed by that time that the committee will have had a chance to discuss certain other alternatives, such as buy vs. lease options, etc.

Mr. Gessert stated that they are looking into rebidding communications equipment and finally came up with an adequate system on a lease basis to keep the costs down. Mr. Gessert pointed out that Milford purchased everything because it was all Federal dollars and there was no premise to lease anything so it behooved them to buy everything in cash.

Mr. Gessert brought up an item in the paper this morning - the discussion on the mechanical contractor, etc. - and he believed that in the previous night's meeting, the building committee decided to stay with the second bidder on the mechanical and they also bid on the electrical which makes for a much smoother project, which would avoid schedule problems, etc.

Mr. Edward Musso, as previously mentioned, stated that they had claimed that they would build an adequate police station for \$2,000,000 and that the Police Chief said they would not need another nickel until the year 2000, and now they are up another half-million dollars and they still haven't got a building, and they have no authority to build it because they don't have any figures, and that Mr. Krupp said that he didn't know what was going on and what they're putting in, etc., and Mr. Musso did not know either. He felt that they should have a complete list of what is going into that building and the price of it and that if it isn't within the price, they should be over at Parker Farms School because they could have saved a \$1,000,000 and had a much better building.

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Mr. Marshall stated that work has been started at the armory. Demolition has started.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Deak to come forward regarding his agenda item. He asked Mr. Deak if he could get another light bulb for the flag on the Town Hall. He also asked Mr. Deak if Parker

Farms School had been boarded up. Mr. Deak responded that one of the wings is boarded up and that they have been working on it for about ten days and they are still maintaining the heating on the building. When the boarding up is complete, they are planning to drain the system.

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Mr. Rys commented that he had driven by the school and thought that they had not done anything with it yet, but it was so nicely painted that he didn't see the work they had done. He added that it really looked gccd.

Mr. Gessert introduced Item 12A, a request for transfer of \$900 from A/C 503-300 (PWD-General, Gas & Oil to A/C 511-629 (PWD-Railroad Station Janitorial Contract), as requested by Mr. Deak, Public Works.

Mr. Rys moved to approve the above transfer; Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Deak when this is going to end with that contract, how much is it going to cost the Town and is it out for bid. Mr. Deak said that it had gone out to bid but what happened was that Adult Education had promised that they would donate \$900 but they are unable to do it, and that is why he is asking for this transfer.

Mr. Killen stated that he had been wondering about it because he had figured that there was \$1200 originally in the budget, and Mr. Deak had gotten \$2600 in October and Adult Education was supposed to give him \$900 and SCOW was supposed to give him \$750 and now Mr. Deak was asking for another \$900 tonight, which brought it to \$6,350.

Mr. Killen said he had been waiting to see the Board of Education's adjusted budget. Mr. Deak stated that they just told him they could not make the transfer.

Mayor Dickinson stated that, rather than get into questions about a transfer on their side, etc.,--this would replace the Adult Education's \$900--that has to be coordinated with the Board of Education and it is not worth fussing around about it at this point. Mayor Dickinson felt that they ought to take it up in the budget to determine how they will finance the heating, but that at this stage, it is not worth fussing around on the \$900.

Mr. Killen asked what the maintenance budget for that was for the building and if we had a bid for the railroad station. Mr. Deak stated that they extended it with the approval of the Council. Mr. Killen understood that they are paying the \$2600, the \$900, and the SCOW, but he asked about the original \$1200 and where it would go. Mr. Deak stated that this is for the salary agreement for the weekend.

Mr. Killen wanted to take a moment to commend Mr. Deak for the way the building looks with the lights all around it and is an asset. Mrs. Bergamini agreed and said that she had telephone calls telling her that they didn't know who was responsible for it but they thought it was a terrific job. She added that she had three different calls, which she thought was a record.

Mayor Dickinson said that they were talking about adding another line for next year on the upper roof.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Mr. Gessert and Mr. Krupp who were not present for the vote. Motion to approve transfer duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini introduced a request from Mr. Deak for approval of transfer of \$3,300 from A/C C503-34 (PWD-General Improvements-Repair Depressed San. Sewer Trenches) to A/C 507-642 (Tree Removal Contracts). Mrs. Bergamini stated that the purpose of this transfer was to remove dead trees around town.

Mr. Diana moved to approve the transfer; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes, with the exception of Mr. Gessert and Mr. Krupp who were not present for the vote. Motion to approve transfer duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini introduced a request for transfer of \$400 from A/C 203Y-452 (Tires & Tubes) to A/C 203Y-500 (Vehicle Maintenance), as requested by Jack K. McElfish, Fire Chief.

Mr. Holmes moved that the above transfer be approved; Mr. Krupp seconded the motion. Mr. Killen asked whether it was a 1985 Sutphen Engine that was taken for repairs as stated in the explanation accompanying the transfer request.

Chief McElfish stated that this was a typographical error and should have read 1982.

Mr. Killen asked what period of time was covered by the \$1,835.00 expense figure that was included in this explanation. Chief McElfish stated that they had not expended the money on the van yet; the company that got the bid went out of business, and it was the second lowest hid VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer duly carried.

Mr. Gessert asked if Chief McElfish was satisfied with the way the engine is running now and he responded that he was and that they had 90 man-hours at a minimum of \$35 per hour, so it was well worth it. The unit was without a warranty but the company stood behind it because they felt some things should have been covered and were not. Chairman Gessert introduced Item 13B, a request for approval of transfer of \$1,000 from A/C 203A-300 (Gas/Oil/Diesel) to A/C 203A-500 (Vehicle Maintenance), as requested by Chief McElfish.

Mr. Gessert read the accompanying explanation on the request. Mr. Krupp moved to approve the above transfer; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Rys stated that the cnly question he had, in looking over the balance sheet as of 11/84, is that he noticed in A/C 203A-300 there is an encumbered balance \$3,265 and an unencumbered amount of \$341.50 - how can they get \$1,000 out of this account. Chief McElfish stated that this had been un-encumbered because they carry this as an open order in the beginning of the year and the Mayor had a meeting just the other day asking the department heads to bring the encumbered list into line.

Mr. Rys asked if this was reflected on the December 31, 1984, printout. Mr. Myers stated that there was money available and that he had checked it. Mr. Myers stated that the expenditures year-to-date is \$1,194; the encumbrances were \$2,265 and the unencumbered balance is \$1,341.

Mr. Killen stated that their November printout showed \$3,265. Mr. Myers stated that Chief McElfish had reduced this amount by \$1,000.

Mr. Killen stated that he was glad that he has the money in the account but wondered whether these printouts would be worthwhile to the Council if the encumbered amounts are not somewhere within the ballpark. He added that they have given money in the past because everybody says to look at their encumbered accounts. Now, if they are finding out that one's funds can be un-encumbered, then the Town has been doing themselves a disservice in the past. He felt that when the funds are encumbered, they should be fairly close.

Mr. Myers stated that they had instructed all department heads to review their accounts during the month of January and one of the points that they brought up was that the encumbrances should bear some resemblance to what they actually believed they will spend; they should not just encumber the account to zero.

Mr. Killen felt that the problem was not really encumbering something, but are they encumbering for the sake of encumbering. Mr. Myers stated that it should bear some resemblance to what is actually going to transpire. The only measure the Town would have would be to base it on what actually happened last year and the year before.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer duly carried.

TOWN COUNCIL REFINE Mr. Diana expressed his appreciation to Chief McElfish and his staff for allowing the Council to go on the tour during December. Unfortunately, he could not attend but hoped that they might consider doing this again just prior to budget time. Chief McElfish stated that any time they want to come for a tour, he will be ready to assign someone or himself to take them on a tour.

Mr. Gessert commented that at 8:05 a.m. on Christmas morning, his next door neighbor needed an ambulance and the ambulance responded very quickly and the patient was tremendously impressed with the Town's ambulance service.

Chief McElfish announced that the paramedics will graduate on January 29. \backslash

Chairman Gessert introduced a request to accept Town Council Meeting minutes of December 11, 1984.

Mr. Krupp moved to accept the subject minutes; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Rys stated that on page 18, with regard to the vote to waive Rule V for the purpose of discussing charter revision, he had voted against it and that this should be noted.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that on page 11, last paragraph, the architect's name was spelled incorrectly and should read "Kaestle."

Mr. Holmes moved to accept the minutes as amended; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

<u>VOTE</u>: Unanimous ayes; motion to accept amended minutes duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to waive Rule V to consider a matter requested by the Mayor. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to go into Executive Session at 10:40 p.m., for the purpose : ' discussing an on-going investigation, as provided for under General Statute. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Krupp moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:58 p.m. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Krupp moved to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from A/C 140-120 (Deputy Comptroller: Salary) to A/C 140-900 (Professional Services-Accounting), as requested by Mr. Myers, Comptroller, (under waiver of Rule \

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion to approve transfer duly carried. Mr. Krupp moved to authorize waiver of the bidding procedure on the subject transfer; Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen L. Gonzalez Council Secretary

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WHEREAS the practice of mandatory binding arbitration in collective bargaining agreements for municipal employees has proved to limit and inhibit management discretion in negotiations, and promotes a condition in which reasonable offers are precluded due to the practice of setting final judgements in a range between the "last best offer" of each party involved in such negotiations,

AND WHEREAS recent awards from such mandatory judgements have tended to be inconsistent with current inflationary and financial trends as indicated by contract settlements in the private sectors, and thereby place an unreasonable burden on the financial resources of municipalities and an onerous obligation on the taxpayers of said municipalities,

AND WHEREAS binding arbitration in collective bargaining for municipal employees is mandated by the State Legislature through Connecticut State Statute Section 7-473c (as amended),

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford in session that the Town of Wallingford believes that mandatory binding arbitration is arbitrary and restrictive and should be discontinued, and therefore urges all State legislators representing Wallingford or any part thereof to initiate and/or endorse legislation in the current session of the State Legislature to repeal and rescind Section 7-473c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Passed unanimously by the Wallingford Town Council at its meeting of January 8, 1985.

WALLINGFORD TO WAIVE PILOT ON STATE ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECTS

Certified a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town of Wallingford at a meeting of its Town Council on and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

Date

Town Clerk

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, many Wallingford residents living in elderly housing units of the Wallingford Housing Authority have fixed incomes, and

WHEREAS, payments in lieu of taxes to the Town of Wallingford must be paid for in the rental fee, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interest of the Town of Wallingford that rental fees be kept as low as possible in our elderly housing units, and

WHEREAS, since 1974, the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford has waived payment in lieu of taxes on elderly housing and requested that the Housing Authority come before the Council each year to request the waiving of payment in lieu of taxes, and

WHEREAS, there is no revenue anticipated from this source in the Town budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD: That payment in lieu of taxes for fiscal year 1985 by the Wallingford Housing Authority on State Elderly Housing is hereby waived in order that rents for residents of said units may be kept at the lowest rate possible.

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE FARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 48, AN ORDINANCE FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD IN REGIONAL PLANNING, AND NO. 134, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTED DFFICIALS

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BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council in Session:

1. The Town of Wallingford hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 50, Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut concerning Regional Councils of Government.

2. The Regional Council of Governments shall be entitled to exercise all of the rights and authority and shall be subject to all of the responsibilities and duties provided for in the General Statutes; said powers and duties shall consist of consideration of such matters of a public nature common to two or more members of the Council as it deems appropriate, including matters affecting the health, safety, welfare, education, and economic conditions of the area comprised by its members.

3. The Council shall promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members and make recommendations therefore to the members and such other public and private agencies as exist or perform functions within the region.

4. The planning duites and responsibilities of the Regional Council of Governments shall be carried out exclusively by a Regional Planning Commission in accordance with Section 4-1240 of the General Statutes.

5. The Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford, a representative to the Regional Planning Commission; said appointee shall serve a two-year term, beginning on January 1 of each odd-numbered year.

6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to represent the Town of Wallingford in the deliberations of the Regional Council of Governments.

7. By virtue of this Ordinance, Ordinance Numbers 48, AN ORDINANCE FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD IN REGIONAL PLANNING, and 134, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PARTICIFATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, are hereby superseded and therefore repealed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Ordinance was enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford this _____ day of _____, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Wallingford.

> Rosemary A. Rascati Town Clerk

Approved

Date

William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor