

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers

April 23, 2013

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:35 P.M. Following the Opening Prayer by Reverend Douglas Valentine, First Baptist Church of Wallingford, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati and Jason Zandri. Councilors Cervoni and Sullivan had excused absences and were not present for the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E. Farrell and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

2. Correspondence

Chairman Parisi read a letter from Mr. Mike Brodinsky with respect to SB 1148. He asked for a motion to Waive Rule V to consider a Resolution with regard to SB 1148.

MOTION

MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE RULE V.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 6-AYE; 1- NAY (FISHBEIN); 2 ABSENT

A short discussion took place considering the Resolution, which opposes as SB 1148, and how it might apply to our local government if it passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI:	ABSENT	ECONOMOPOULOS:	YES	FISHBEIN:	NO
LAFFIN:	YES	LETOURNEAU:	YES	RASCATI:	YES
SULLIVAN:	ABSENT	ZANDRI:	YES	CHAIRMAN PARISI:	YES

VOTE: 6-AYE; 1- NAY (FISHBEIN); 2 ABSENT

THE MOTION PASSED.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,975.73 (#588 - #594)
Acct. # # 1001001-41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount \$40,000 to Self-Insurance Deductible
Acct # 10012150-55915 from Property Casualty-General Government Acct #
10012150-55950 - Personnel
- 3c.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount \$900 to Capital-PC Computer Acct to
be assigned from Office Expenses & Supplies \$300 Acct # 10011050-56100 and from
Professional Services \$600 Acct # 10011050-56715 - Program Planner

- 3d.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$60 for *Youth and Social Services Special Fund* to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3e.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$673 for *Youth and Social Services Special Fund - Relay for Life* to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3f.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$4,100 for *Youth and Social Services Special Fund* to Donations Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3g.** Schedule a Public Hearing for May 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to be held in connection with an Ordinance entitled:
ON ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,861,550 FOR THE PLANNING ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS 2013-2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,861,550 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE USUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE
- 3h.** Set a Public Hearing for May 14, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. to consider and act upon the repeal of Chapter 156 “Blighted Properties” and the adoption of the substituted Chapter 156 “Blighted Properties” – Ordinance Committee Co-Chairmen Cervoni and Fishbein
- 3i.** *Consider and Approve Appointment of Tara Knapp to the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission as a Regular Member to fulfill an unexpired term ending 3/27/14 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi*
Removed
- 3j.** *Appointment of Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva as a Regular Member of the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission to fulfill an unexpired term ending 3/27/15 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi*
Removed
- 3k.** *Appointment of Peter Fresina as an Alternate on the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission to fulfill an unexpired term ending 3/27/16 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi*
Removed
- 3l.** Consider and Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of April 9, 2013
- 3m.** Consider and Approve minutes of Special Town Council meeting of April 10, 2013
- 3n.** Consider and Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of April 11, 2013
- 3o.** Consider and Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of April 15, 2013

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3a. to 3h. and 3l. to 3o.

MADE BY: RASCATI

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: ALL AYE (7); ABSENT-2

MOTION PASSED.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- 3i.** Consider and Approve Appointment of Tara Knapp to the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission as a Regular Member to fulfill an unexpired term ending 3/27/14 – Chairman Robert F. Parisi
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Councilor Fishbein stated that he asked that these items be removed from the Consent Agenda so that he could learn a little bit more what the Commission is about, what they do and what projects are currently underway.

Councilor Fishbein, who removed the items, read 3i., 3j, and 3k.

In attendance: Candace Brashears, Chair, Wallingford Historic Commission

Ms. Brashears distinguished the functions of the Wallingford Historic Commission and how the Commission differs from other historic groups in Wallingford. Councilor Fishbein and Ms. Brashears then discussed the changes on the Commission positions and the open alternate positions.

MOTION

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE 3i., 3j. and 3k.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED: RASCATI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI: ABSENT ECONOMOPOULOS: YES FISHBEIN: YES

LAFFIN: YES LETOURNEAU: ABSTAIN RASCATI: YES

SULLIVAN: ABSENT ZANDRI: YES CHAIRMAN PARISI: YES

VOTE: 6-AYE; 1- ABSTAIN (LETOURNEAU); 2 ABSENT

THE MOTION PASSED.

The Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson, swore in Kimberly Lode-Dellaselva as a Regular Member of the Wallingford Historic Properties Commission to term that ends that ends March 27, 2015.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, reported a damaged tree on Garden Road.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, offered statistics on mercury in water in Connecticut.

Cathy Granucci, Co-Chair of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee, read a prepared statement (*part of the record of the meeting*) with respect to grant funding as it relates to the development of the trail.

Barbara Kapi, no address given, spoke about park maintenance.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding interest Arbitration Award regarding Water Department, UPSEU, Local 424-Unit 16, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015 – Personnel

In attendance: Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director

Mr. Sullivan stated that he does not recommend rejecting this contract since to do so is time consuming and expensive. He said that this contract addresses changes in wages and sick leave. In answering Council directed questions, he said over a long period of time, approximately ten (10) contracts in the state have ever been rejected. He reported that there was little interest in bi-weekly paychecks, and that employees can accrue 150 sick days.

Chairman Parisi stated that he recommends no vote on this contract.

7. Consider and Approve Board of Education waiver of bid and approval of entering into a lease at 43 Hall Avenue – Board of Education

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WAIVER OF BID AND APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A LEASE
AT 43 HALL AVENUE.**

**MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

*In attendance: Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools
Roxane McKay, Chair, Board of Education*

Dr. Menzo explained the move, what it entails, relative costs, advantages for the students and the transitions.

Ms. McKay explained the involvement of the parents in this program change.

They discussed different locations, square footage involved and the length of leases, including triple net leases.

Mrs. Rascati restated the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF BID PERMITTING THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A LEASE FOR 43
HALL AVENUE WITH KEY TERMS AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD
SUBJECT TO LEASE APPROVAL BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT.**

MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

There were no further comments.

VOTE: ALL AYE (7); ABSENT -2
MOTION PASSED

8. Consider and Approve *Elite Salon Creations Salon* to erect a temporary tent on the sidewalk at 33 North Main Street on May 5 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon for a fundraiser for a *Walk for Autism*; and on June 30 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for the *Humane Society*; and on May 15 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a local artist doing a sidewalk chalk mural to support an event by Wallingford Center, Inc. – Mayor

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MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

There was a short discussion with regard to insurance. Councilors this this is a good idea as it brings business into town and all in all points to the town's quality of life.

VOTE: ALL AYE (7); ABSENT -2
MOTION PASSED

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

Withdrawn

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

VOTE: ALL PRESENT (7) AYE; 2-ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date