

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWNCOUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

**JANUARY 13, 2015
6:30 P. M.**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:36 P.M. The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Charlotte Bruce, Chaplain, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Craig Fishbein, Tom Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Robert F. Parisi was not present for the meeting with an excused absence. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G. E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also at the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$3,488.84 (#517-544)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector

- 3b.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,700 to Town Clerk-Backup Drive
Acct # 10010650-TBD from Town Clerk-Election supplies Acct # 10010650-56105
- Town Clerk

- 3c.** Acceptance of Donation from Operation Fuel for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund* and
Appropriation of Funds in the Amount in the Amount of \$900 to Donations Acct
2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3d.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund-Holiday for Giving*
and Appropriation of Funds in the Amount in the Amount of \$173 to Donations
Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830
– Youth and Social Services

- 3e.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund-Coalition for a Better
Wallingford* and Appropriation in the Amount in the Amount of \$2,500 to Donations
Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3f.** Acceptance of Donation for *Youth & Social Services Special Fund-Holiday for Giving*
and Appropriation of Funds in the Amount in the Amount of \$3,270 to Donations
Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services

- 3g.** Consider and approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$8,500 to Capital Vehicle TBD
Acct # 1005005057000-TBD from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 10050050-51000
- Parks & Recreation Director

- 3h. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$6,428 for *Fire Watch Services* to Replacement Pay Acct # 10020150-51500 and to Misc. Revenue Acct # 1009052-47040 - Fire Department
- 3i. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$2,500 for *Ice Rescue Sled* to Ice Rescue Sled Acct # 10020150-57000-TBD and to Misc. Revenue Acct # 1009052-47040 – Fire Department
- 3j. Consider and Approve the Re-Appointment of John Paul Venoit as a regular member to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a five-year term effective immediately and expiring on January 8, 2020 – Chairman Vincent Cervoni
- 3k. Consider and Approve the Re-Appointment of James Ibsen to the Personnel and Pension Appeals Board for a five-year term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2019 - Mayor
- 3l. Consider and approve the Bid Waiver for Sertex Utility Services for installation of fiber-optic cable run between the Town Hall Building and the Wallingford Public Library in the Amount of \$27,727 funded through existing Nutmeg Network Grant – Public Utilities
- 3m. Acceptance of Distribution of funds from the former Wallingford Resources Recovery Project in the amount of \$162,667 into Reserve Account - Mayor
- 3n. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of December 16, 2014

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. – 3n.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: 8 AYE; 1 ABSENT (COUNCILOR PARISI)

MOTION PASSED.

- 4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - *NONE*

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, inquired about and made several comments with regard to the Covanta trash burning plant. He was very concerned that even though they may change to a transfer station, they might be able to switch back to burning. He noted that they are maintaining their Title V permit. He also expressed concern about the loss of taxes with the changeover and how Covanta's personal property would be viewed for taxes. Mr. Gross made observations about waste diversion and asked the Council to look at municipal waste pickup for residents.

Laurence Morgenstein, Main Street, announced a *Coalition for a Better Wallingford* meeting at the Public Library on January 22, 2015. He asked the Council to revisit the rule regarding public input at meetings.

While waiting for the 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing time, Chairman Cervoni asked that Item #8 be taken up.

8. 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

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

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8 AYE; 1 ABSENT (PARISI)
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8 AYE; 1 ABSENT (PARISI)
MOTION PASSED.**

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:58 p.m. TO 7:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION: COUNCILORS (8); COUNCILOR PARISI WAS ABSENT; MAYOR DICKINSON AND TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:58 p.m. TO 7:07 p.m.

6. Conduct a Public Hearing on January 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM to be held in connection with an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,625,000 FOR A NEW NORTH FARMS FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$4,625,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Chairman Cervoni convened the Public Hearing at 7:09 P.M. for the \$4,625,000 appropriation and bond authorization for a new Fire Station. The ordinance is the subject of the Public Hearing. He indicated that the copies of the ordinance could be obtained from the Town Clerk.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO READ THE TITLE AND SECTION ONE OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE, INCORPORATING ITS FULL TEXT INTO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: YES	Parisi: ABSENT
Laffin: YES	Russo: YES
Letourneau: YES	Sullivan: YES
Mansfield: YES	Testa: YES
	Chairman Cervoni: YES

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8 Aye; 1 Absent

THE MOTION PASSED.

The Ordinance and Section 1 were read.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,625,000 FOR A NEW NORTH FARMS FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$4,625,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1.

The sum of \$4,625,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of a new Fire Station to replace an existing station, consisting of approximately 14,278 square feet, to be located on approximately 10.3 acres at 864 North Farms Road, including living quarters for firefighters, eight vehicle bays, training and exercise facilities, administrative and meeting rooms, computer infrastructure and equipment, storage areas, furniture and equipment, utilities, in accordance with a Project Manual entitled "Town of Wallingford, Connecticut New Station", and Construction Prints entitled "Town of Wallingford, New Station for Wallingford Fire Department", as amended, or so much thereof or such additional improvements as may be accomplished within said appropriation, and for architectural, engineering, other consultant services as required, legal, printing, financing and debt administration (hereafter the "Project").

Chairman Cervoni called for public comments three times without response. He closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$4,625,000 FOR A NEW NORTH FARMS FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$4,625,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE BE ADOPTED; AND THAT THE ORDINANCE BE ATTACHED HERETO.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd was in attendance.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilor Testa was interested in the timeline. Chief Heidgerd explained that as soon as they can move that they are ready to go. Councilor Fishbein asked if he could see renderings of the plans following the plans over that last year. Chief Heidgerd stated that the plans are available for anyone to see and explained the changes. He said that the front was changed, some 3,000 square feet, including the elimination of the meeting room and some of the exterior enhancements, such as the cupola. The basic location is the same. He reported that the lowest bid with all of the original features was \$6.4 million. With the plans pared down, the low bid has come in at \$3.9 million, the reduction being \$2.5million. Councilor Fishbein

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also discussed the neighbors and the Firehouse signage. Chief Heidgerd said that the Police Chief, as the Traffic Officer, has to approve signage type. They discussed traffic lights and that firefighters have control over the Route 68/North Farms Road intersection. He said he would deliver plans to the Council office on the following day.

Chairman Cervoni asked about the aesthetics of the building. It was determined that although the building design was somewhat pared down that the character of the building remains the same. Councilor Letourneau was concerned that the neighbors have not been informed of the changes to the building. Chief Heidgerd said that all of the neighbors' concerns are represented in the plans and that the station's location was moved back from the original design location.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: YES

Parisi: ABSENT

Laffin: YES

Russo: YES

Letourneau: YES

Sullivan: YES

Mansfield: YES

Testa: YES

Chairman Cervoni: YES

8 Aye; 1 Absent

THE MOTION PASSED AND THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

7. To Conduct ~~Schedule~~ a Public Hearing on January 13, 2015 at 7:15PM to be held in connection with an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$900,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PISTAPaug WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$900,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Chairman Cervoni convened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. for the \$900,000 appropriation and bond authorization for Pistagaugh water tank improvements. He indicated that the copies of the ordinance could be obtained from the Town Clerk.

MOTION WAS MADE TO READ THE TITLE AND SECTION ONE OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE, INCORPORATING ITS FULL TEXT INTO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: YES

Laffin: YES

Letourneau: Not present during Roll Call of the Vote

Mansfield: YES

Parisi: ABSENT

Russo: YES

Sullivan: YES

Testa: YES

Chairman Cervoni: YES

7 Aye; 1 Absent (Parisi); 1 Not present during Roll Call of the Vote (Letourneau)

THE MOTION PASSED.

The Ordinance and Section 1 were read.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$900,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PISTAPAUG WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$900,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$900,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of improvements to water storage tanks at Paug Pond to eliminate infiltration of ground and rain water into such tanks, including repair, replacement or reconstruction of portions of the tanks, installation of a new drainage system, and for consultants, appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, or for so much thereof or such additional improvements as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose herein and within such appropriation, including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs to the extent paid therefrom. Said appropriation shall be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose.

In attendance for Item 7:

George Adair, Director, Public Utilities

Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission

David Gessert, Public Utilities Commissioner

Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner

Chairman Cervoni opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, was interested in the interest rate for the bonded funds. Comptroller James Bowes responded somewhere between 2% and 4%. He offered that Fire might be bonded for 20 years and the Water project might be bonded for 10 years. He added that there is the bonding consideration also for the school roof project. Upon being questioned by Mr. Gross, he reported that the CRRF funds amount to \$4 to \$6 million dollars.

Chairman Cervoni closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M.

MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$900,000 FOR PISTAPAUG WATER TANK IMPROVEMENTS AND BOND AUTHORIZATION BE ADOPTED.

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MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

There were no questions or comments from the Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fishbein: YES	Parisi: ABSENT
Laffin: YES	Russo: YES
Letourneau: YES	Sullivan: YES
Mansfield: YES	Testa: YES
	Chairman Cervoni: YES

8 Aye 1 Absent (Parisi)

THE MOTION PASSED AND THE ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

- 9.** Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f), §1-210(b)(1), (10) and §1-200(6)(E) regarding the terms of the amendments to the LS Power Lease Agreement - Public Utilities

MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO Connecticut General Statutes §1-225(f), §1-210(b)(1), (10) and §1-200(6)(E) regarding the terms of the amendments to the LS Power Lease Agreement.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8 Aye; 1 absent (Parisi)
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8 Aye; 1 absent (Parisi)
MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:34 p.m. TO 8:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ITEM 9: Councilors (9), Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr., George Adair, Director, Public Utilities; Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission; David Gessert, Public Utilities Commissioner; Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner; Assessor Shelby Jackson

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Laffin. Seconded by Councilor Letourneau.
VOTE: 8 Aye; 1 Absent (Parisi)

Motion passed.

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded.

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson

Date