

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday APRIL 19, 2016 6:30 p.m. **ROBERT F. PARISI COUNCIL CHAMBERS** FY 2016 - 2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP Minutes

The Special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:35 P.M. A moment of silence was observed and The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph Marrone, and John Sullivan. Councilors Jason Zandri, Christopher Shortell and Vincent F. Testa Jr. arrived at 6:45 P.M. Also in attendance were Mayor William Dickinson and Comptroller Jim Bowes.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In attendance: Erin O'Hare Environmental Planner and Mary Heffernon **Conservation Commission Chair**

Councilor Fishbein asked when trail day is and Ms. Heffernon said it was the first weekend in June, and it will be a family hike day in Tyler Mill. Councilor Fishbein inquired about the Purchase Svs-Natural Resources line item. Ms. Heffernon stated that it is used for a Habitat base survey at Tyler Mill; the intent is to preserve the health of the water shed and to rid the invasive species and help nurture the more natural species.

SENIOR CENTER

In attendance: Bill Viola, Executive Director

Councilor Fishbein asked Mr. Viola about his line item increase. Mr. Viola stated in was due to salary and health insurance increases. Fishbein also asked why the mini bus line decreased, it was noted that the reduction in fuel prices and that the liability insurance is front loaded. Councilor Sullivan asked if the Senior Center was addressing any additional Health services, and Mr. Viola stated no, we have a lot of collaborative help from Masonic and Gaylord, plus the Health Department has taken over the restructuring of the Nursing hours and there has been a reduction.

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YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

In attendance: Craig Turner, Director and Don Roe, Program Planner

Councilor Fishbein asked about the increase in the Community Grant line, and Mr. Turner explained the use of these funds. The dollars are set aside for the Board of Youth to solicit applications that benefit children; the program must demonstrate that they meet the required needs. The Coalition for a Better Wallingford requested money from the Mayor, so the line item was increased. Fishbein also asked about the increase in the youth projects line item; that is money being set aside for Project Graduation.

EDC

In attendance: Joseph Mirra, Chairman, Thomas Collette, Mark Gingras, Rosemarie Preneta, James Wolfe, Tim Ryan, Economic Development Specialist and Don Roe, Program Planner

The Commission gave a presentation, 2015 was an eventful year, 56 new businesses moved into Wallingford, the target audience are in state businesses, and the benefits to moving to Wallingford are, low cost power, central location nice town center. They have a specific group that works on retention, going out and visiting existing business and making sure they are happy. The commission did point out that everything is not rosy.

Bristol Myers is leaving and they are repurposing the campus and there will be 500 jobs staying and we are fighting to keep them here in town.

Councilor Zandri inquired about why Tim Ryan was not full time and Don Roe explained that they are working on expanding the committee with alternates and that what they have now is working, professionals in the community helping to build more business.

Councilor Fishbein feels that we also need a full time person in this position, and That the commission does not have a downtown committee. Mr. Mirra stated that EDC works very closely with WCI and that the downtown always has a certain amount of transition, stores close and new ones open. Mr. Roe spoke about the IV zone and looking at the IX zone to implement reductions in the requirements. Councilor Testa agreed that adjustments are overdue, and is supportive of those ideas.

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PROGRAM PLANNING

In attendance: Don Roe, Program Planner

Mr. Roe gave a short presentation about what the department covers.

Chairman Cervoni stated he had a client who was looking for information Regarding a nonprofit and found it on our website. Councilor Fishbein asked About the small cities purch-svs line item, what is it for? Mr. Roe explained that For money to be awarded we must have a line item in our budge to receive the Grant.

GOV'T TV

In attendance: Scott Hanley, Manager and Don Roe, Program Planner

Councilor LeTourneau asked about the Capitol items. Mr. Hanley explained That it was needed to revitalize the studio, new camera package, HD cameras And switcher equipment. Councilor LeTourneau wanted to know why we Can't put the meetings on the web live. Councilor Sullivan thought that investing In old technology was a waste of time and money, he asked Mr. Hanley how do we Get you relevant and up to date streaming the meetings? Councilor Fishbein Agreed with both councilors, and asked Mr. Hanley if he could produce a budget That would show the cost of streaming? Councilor Shortell inquired as to why We couldn't use social media to put the meetings out there it wouldn't cost Anything. Councilor Zandri said that he used to stream the meetings himself and That it was very easy, just time consuming and cost nothing. The Mayor noted That no new programs would be implemented, it would be one or the other as to Streaming or creating DVDs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION & CAFETERIA

In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools, Linda Winters, Business Manager and Roxane McKay, Chairman Board of Education

The board gave a power point presentation, which is attached to these minutes. Councilor Marrone asked if the 3 year projected budget still had staff growing, Including coaches. Dr. Menzo noted it will level off in the future. Councilor LeTourneau asked about the cafeteria, food services, what happened? We have a

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Deficit and that is why we are looking into out sourcing it, the RFP's just came in And they will review and make a decision. Councilor Sullivan stated that he had No problem with the Board of Education budget as proposed by the Mayor. Councilor Shortell inquired about the enrollment numbers. He also asked about How many teachers went with the HSA insurance plan, 40 - 45% Linda said.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about how many children from New Haven are coming To our schools? This year about 17 coming and the amount going to New Haven Has come down, New Haven is charging more. Fishbein also asked about how much The projected surplus this year would be? Linda approximated \$ 1,537,045. Councilor Fishbein asked is this presentation what you requested or what the Mayor gave you, the Response was it was what was requested. Fishbein asked about the State ECS funding Dr. Menzo said we understand that some decision will be made but there is a growing Concern that it will not be in a timely manner.

Mr. Bowes was asked what the effect

Would be if we do not get the ECS funding. Mr. Bowes responded that it is a general Fund revenue item, and will be a million dollar shortfall. The Mayor said he feels we Need to construct our budget without the expected money; we need to have a balanced Budget. Councilor Zandri asked about the expected surplus was it in the strategic plan. Councilor Testa inquired about the special grants. Councilor LeTourneau asked about The information technology allocation, the Mayor cut that line, Dr. Menzo said we Control our own budget.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY : FISHBEIN SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU ALL AYES MOTION PASSED

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

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Progress Towards the Wallingford 100!

100% Community Involvement 100% Student Engagement 100% Student Success



Community Involvement - Progress Indicators

		Year	-	Total Donations R	ece	ived	
	200	09/2010		10,182			
:	2010/2011			30,250			
	2011/2012			30.250			
	2012/2013			87,180			
	2013/2014		163,835				
	2014/2015		228,613				
	202	15/2016	123,281 * Donations collecte		acted as of 1/4/16.		
		Total		550,310			
Number of Competitiv Submitted		Number of Competitive Grar Awarded	nts	Total Financial Request		Total (Fundii	Grant ng Received
1	_0	8		514,979		4	94,979

Community Involvement - Progress Indicators

- ✓ Junior Achievement China Partnership
- ✓ Advanced Manufacturing Course Development
- ✓ Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy
- ✓ HUBCAP Wallingford Programming
- ✓ Office Depot Strategic Partnership
 - ✓ Curriculum Sales
 - ✓ Lean Mindset and Culture Training

- ✓ Innovation Team Sponsors
 - ✓ Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield
 - ✓ MidState Medical Center
 - ✓ Ulbrich Steel
 - ✓ White Way Cleaners

Student Engagement - Progress Indicators

Attendance

- Two-Year Daily Student Attendance Rate
 - 96%

Behavior (Social/Emotional and Habits of Work)

School	Expulsions	Out of School Suspension	In School Suspension	OSS/ISS Combination	Bus Suspension	Tota
TOTAL		66	154	9	8	237
	Incide	ent Count By Sancti	on/School 2015-2	016 (August Doc	ombor)	
	meru	ent count by Sancti	011/3010012013-2	oro (Hugust - Deci	emberj	
School	Expulsions	Out of School Suspension	In School Suspension	OSS/ISS Combination	Bus Suspension	Total

Student Success - Progress Indicators

Graduation Rates				
Year	Wallingford	State		
2015	93.2	87.2		
2014	91.4	87.0		
2013	90.8	85.3		
2012	92.4	84.8		
2011	87.0	82.7		
2010	88.3	81.8		

Student Success

- Progress Indicators

Progress Indicator	Number of Students
Advanced Placement	355 Students Participated
Early College Experience Credits Earned by High School Students	613 Credits Earned
National Honor Society	70 Students Inducted
Varsity Scholars	53 Students Honored

Student Success

- Progress Indicators

High School Scholarships		
2014/15	415,759	
2013/14	282,120	
2012/13	209,225	
2011/12	154,411	
Post High Scho	ol Student Plans	
4-year College	321	
2-year School	70	
Tech/Certificate Program	10	
Enlist into the Military	9 8	

Budget Outcomes 2015 - 2016

Main Outcomes:

- ✓ Sustained all services
- ✓ Reallocated staff to implement Full Day Kindergarten
- ✓ Utilized local and grant funding to expand Prekindergarten Programming
- ✓ Hired Counseling Coordinator
- ✓ Hired Second College and Career Specialist

We also ...

- ✓ Used 1% Account to fund:
 - ✓ Technology
- Received Mayor's Identification of Potential Items for Bonding
 +4 million in potential projects
- ✓ Received Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRA) funds for maintenance projects



Considerations in Developing Sustained Services Budget

Revenue Projections

Year	Percent	Status	Dollar Amount
2009/2010	83%	Actual	2,004,239
2010/2011	78%	Actual	2,018,943
2011/2012	75%	Actual	2,148,393
2012/2013	81.3%	Actual	1,985,105
2013/2014	70%	Actual	1,903,338
2014/2015	80%	Actual	1,867,817
2015/2016	80%	Budgeted	1,857,155
2015/2016	73%	Estimated	1,834,644
2016/2017	73%	Budgeted	1,820,849

Considerations in Developing Sustained Services Budget

Subsidy	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Food Services	0	133,261	127,247	355,673

	Subsidy	2016/2017 Revised as of 4/18
x	Food Services	106,045

District Focus Areas

INTERVENTION

Literacy Focus

MODELS OF EXCELLENCE

Mastery-Based Learning

PROACTIVE STUDENT SUPPORTS WITH A FUTURE FOCUS

College and Career Readiness

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Leveraging Technology

Focus Area 1: Intervention

Initiative	Rationale	Cost
Early Childhood Coordinator	 Coordinate State Grant and Accreditation 	15,543 (remainder funded through Medicaid funding)
2 Paraeducators	 Implementation of 2 additional Grant- Funded PreK classrooms 	82,700

Focus Area 1: Intervention

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Focus Area 1: Intervention

Initiative	Rationale	Cost
World Language/ English Language Learner Coordinator	 Recommended in English Language Learner Audit 31 additional students in 2014/2015 39 additional 	Reassign Existing World Language Curriculum Resource Teacher to World Language/English Language Learner Coordinator
	students in 2015/2016 - 12% growth annually over the last three years	Total Additional Cost - 25,151

Focus Area 2: Models of Excellence

Initiative	Rationale	Cost
Agricultural Science Teacher	 Mandated 	94,594 <u>- 30,000 Grant</u> 64,594 Net Cost
World Language K-2	 Aids in Early Literacy and Numeracy Development 	68,471

Focus Area 3: Proactive Student Supports with a Future Focus

Initiative	Rationale	Cost
Health/Wellness Curriculum Resource Teacher	 Addresses Audit and Student Survey Results 	108,497
Social Worker for Alternative High School	 Addresses Student Emotional Needs 	68,471

Focus Area 3: Proactive Student Supports with a Future Focus

Initiative	Rationale	Cost
Teacher for Programming at Middle School ARTS Academy (Alternative Middle School Program)	 Provides Services for Students in Need 	68,471

How does the Board of Education 2016-17 Sustained Services Budget support these Focus Areas?

Considerations in Developing Sustained Services Budget

As was the case last year in the proposal for full day kindergarten, the <u>Sustained Services Budget</u> <u>request includes Focus Area requests</u>.

These are slated to be funded through the reallocation of retirement and staffing savings.

- Retirement Savings
- Reallocated Staff Savings



Enrollment

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Year	New England School Development Council	Wallingford Public Schools Projected	Actual
2009	6062	6637	6672
2010	5933	6538	6432
2011	5764	6399	6346
2012	5620	6253	6227
2013	5526	6075	6044
2014	5418	5946	6044
2015	5291	6068	6052
2016	5192	6001	
2017	5057	6063	
2018	. 4972	6100	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••



Historical Staff Analysis

	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Certified	634	630.5	607	600.5	609.5	603.87	604.96	614.62
Non- Certified	394	368	325.5	319.5	324.5	347	347.50	351.5
Totals	1028	998.5	932.5	920	934	950.87	952.46	966.12

	16-17 Sustained	Difference	16-17 Sustained Plus Focus Areas	Difference
Certified	617.62	+3	627.62	+13
Non-Certified	325.5	-26	327.5	-24
Totals	943.12	-23	955.12	-11



Board of Education Strategic Plan Budget

CORE Areas

- ✓ Community Outreach and Partnerships
- ✓ Curriculum and Instruction
- ✓ District Climate
- ✓ Facilities and Maintenance
- ✓ Technology



Community Outreach/Partnerships

2 Family Resource Centers

42,900

Curriculum and Instructional

Increase High School Capstone 1.6 Teachers to meet State Mandate	109,553
Implement Advanced Manufacturing Pathway to meet needs of local businesses	36,000
Texts for Grade 12 Senior Seminar	40,000

District Climate

2 School Resource Officers	212,000
Social, Emotional, Behavioral Intervention materials	5,000

Facility

Oil Tank Removal – Moses Y. Beach	100,000
Mandated ADA Design Work – Sheehan High School – Pathway to Athletic Fields	45,000
Asbestos Removal – Moses Y. Beach	31,200

Technology

New Elementary Computing Devices	82,000
Update Library Computers	70,000
Interactive Classroom Projection Systems	225,000

Facilities Summary

Facility Items Requested for Bonding				
2016/17 Requested 2017/18 Requested 2018/19 Requested				
4,113,998	3,933,000	7,861,000		

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Total Board of Education Request

Request	Funding Amount	Percent Increase
Sustained Services	98,940,743	2.53%
Focus Areas of the Budget	888,833	.92%
Strategic Plan Priorities	998,653	1.03%
Total Request	100,828,229	4.48%
Request Revised 4/18	Funding Amount	Percent Increase
Sustained Services	98,591,115	2.17%
Focus Areas of the Budget	888,833	.92%
Strategic Plan Priorities	998,653	1.03%
Total Request	100,478,601	4.12%
Mayor Recommended	98,739,026	2.32%