

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
September 12, 2017**

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 was called to order at 6:30 P.M. The opening Prayer was given by Father Kingsley Ihejirika, Most Holy Trinity Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Christopher K. Shortell, John J. Sullivan, Vincent F. Testa and Jason Zandri. Councilor Joseph A. Marrone III was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$22,817.77 (#14-86)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$28,336.88 (#87-228)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3c. Consider and Approve three merit review increases – Personnel Dept.
- 3d. Consider and Approve use of the Parade Grounds by First Congregational Church at 9, 23 and 35 South Main Street for Sunday, September 10, 2017 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3e. Acceptance of Donation from CT Street Rod Associates, Inc. and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$750 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3f. Acceptance of Donation from the Wallingford Foundation for Holiday for Giving Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$750 to Revenue/Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 3g. Acceptance of Grant from the National Education Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830– Y&SS
- 3h. Acceptance of Donation from the Wallingford Foundation for STEM Academy and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,014 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 3i. Acceptance of Grant from the Napier Foundation for Summer Youth Employment Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to Donations/Revenue, Acct. #2274002-47010 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22702018-51000 – Y&SS
- 3j. Acceptance of Donation from Ms. Cathy Granucci and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25 to Revenue Donations – Police, Acct.

- #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
- 3k. Acceptance of funds from US Secret Service and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$503 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3l. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$34,800 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Maintenance of Equip., Acct. #10020050-54325 – Police Dept.
- 3m. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$7,900 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Security Camera, Acct. #TBD – Police Dept.
- 3n. Acceptance of \$1,000 donation from Wallingford Buick, \$500 donation from CT Street Rod Association, \$437 proceeds Wallingford 350 Car Show and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,937 to Revenue, Fund #252 – 2524002-47152 and to Expenditures, Fund #252 – 25240150 -58830 – Wallingford Jubilee 350 Committee
- 3o. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,882 from Maint. of Bld., Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account – Public Works
- 3p. Consider and Approve Resolution for Wallingford Health Department to enter into agreement with Yale New Haven Health, fiduciary for CT DEMHS Region 2 HealthCare Coalition, Subcontracted through CT DPH, PHEP – Health Dept.
- 3q. Accept funds from Yale New Haven Health fiduciary for CT DEMHS Region 2 HealthCare Coalition, Subcontracted through CT DPH, PHEP in the amount of \$31,016.00 and consider and approve Appropriation of funds to YNHH-PHEP, Acct. #TBD and to YNHH-PHEP, Acct. #TBD – Health Dept.
- 3r. Consider and Approve Gifts to Wallingford Public Schools 2016-2017 in the amount of \$235,147 – Board of Education
- 3s. Approve Town Council Minutes of August 8, 2017

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3s.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO RESCIND PRIOR MOTION REMOVING ITEM #3a FROM AGENDA.**

**MADE BY:** LAFFIN  
**SECONDED BY:** LETOURNEAU  
**VOTE:** ALL AYE  
**MOTION:** PASSED

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3b.-3s.**

**MADE BY:** LAFFIN  
**SECONDED BY:** LETOURNEAU  
**VOTE:** ALL AYE  
**MOTION:** PASSED

4. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda: *None***
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question & Answer Period at 6:35 p.m.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, asked if the Charter Revision passes, will the Town be following State law. He also questioned if any citizen can write a complaint as well as the Board of Ethics. Chairman Cervoni responded that he will forward Mr. Gross' questions to the Charter Revision Commission.

Darrell Stancuna, 18 Olde Village Circle, commented that the 9-11 Ceremony was inspirational. He then went on to say that he was not impressed with the Coalition for a Better Wallingford meeting, indicating that it was their first meeting in five years. He was disheartened with the minimal amount of information presented by Chief Wright and the Mayor at the meeting. He felt that the Police Department needs to do 98% better at handling the opioid issue and data collection. He stated that Wallingford should not pass the buck to neighboring towns by using their half-way houses.

Chairman Cervoni stated that this is not the first time the Coalition met and noted that they meet on a regular basis.

Mr. Gross stated to Mr. Stancuna that the Coalition has met monthly for five years and that this was a five year anniversary meeting. He noted that other sub groups of the Coalition meet at other times. He thanked the Mayor for being very supportive of the group as well as the Police Chief and Fire Department and indicated that they do a fabulous job.

Mr. Stancuna commented that he would like to see teenagers use the resources at the Senior Center. Chairman Cervoni referred him to the Senior Center. Mr. Stancuna stated that he would like to see big named band concerts on the green. Chairman Cervoni responded that bands get a minimum of \$35,000 and a PA system can cost several hundred thousand dollars for four to five concerts.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 7:06 p.m.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Waiver of Bid for Nexgen and New England GeoSystems to purchase software and complete mapping work – Police Chief

*In Attendance: Chief Wright, Police Chief  
Chief Heidgerd, Fire Chief  
Stephen Alsup, Deputy Fire Chief*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE WAIVER OF BID FOR NEXGEN AND NEW ENGLAND GEOSYSTEMS TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE AND COMPLETE MAPPING WORK.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

There was discussion about the cost effectiveness, capability and the seamless transition from the old software to the new software.

Several Councilors expressed their appreciation and thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for their excellent service.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: ABSENT</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>8-AYE</b>	
<b>1-ABSENT</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

7. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$600,000 – Sewer Div.

\$600,000	To: Treatment Plant-Structures & ImprovementsAcct. #46300331
\$439,854	To: Appropriation from Cash
\$160,146	From: Appropriation to Cash

*In Attendance: Richard Hendershot, Director, Public Utilities  
Neil Amwake, General Manager, Water-Sewer Department  
William Phelan, Office Manager, Water-Sewer Department*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.00.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

There was discussion regarding the Sewer Division's efforts to prepare a Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan in preparation for the anticipated changes in the permitted phosphorus discharge

limits. It was explained that the Facility Plan Scope of work has been structured to address the planning topics in a two phase approach. The first phase is an engineering evaluation of phosphorus removal technologies and related ancillary equipment. The second phase addresses nitrogen removal improvements and performs a comprehensive evaluation and assessment of the existing WWTP equipment and processes to provide future wastewater treatment in an effective manner for a 20-year planning period.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Stancuna questioned how often phosphorus levels are tested. Mr. Amwake replied they are tested weekly. Mr. Stancuna then asked how long has this been a problem and Mr. Amwake replied that it's not a problem, it's about meeting standards and the Plant needs to be reviewed for the future. Mr. Stancuna asked if this will affect rates and Mr. Amwake replied no.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: ABSENT</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>

**8-AYE**  
**1-ABSENT**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

8. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to: "Real Property Tax Incentives for Manufacturers", Real Property Tax Incentives for Office Development" and "Personal Property Tax Incentives for Manufacturers" - EDC

In Attendance: *Tim Ryan, Economic Development Specialist*  
*Rosemarie Preneta, Member, Economic Development Commission*  
*Joseph Mirra, Chairman, Economic Development Commission*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THREE TAX INCETIVE PROGRAMS AS PRESENTED BY EDC.**

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

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: ABSENT</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>

**8-AYE**  
**1-ABSENT**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

9. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - *Withdrawn*
10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of *Plaza 15-5 LLC v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO** Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending tax appeal matter of *Plaza 15-5 LLC v. Town of Wallingford*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:03 P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED: FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE: ALL-AYE**  
**MOTION PASSED**

**Time of Executive Session 8:50 p.m. to 9:03 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

<b>FISHBEIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>LAFFIN</b>	<b>TOWN ATTORNEY, GERALD E FARRELL, SR.</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU</b>	
<b>SHORTELL</b>	
<b>SULLIVAN</b>	
<b>TESTA</b>	
<b>ZANDRI</b>	
<b>CERVONI</b>	

11. Motion to consider and authorize settlement in the pending tax appeal matter of *Plaza 15-5 LLC v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT IN THE PENDING TAX APPEAL MATTER OF *PLAZA15-5 LLC V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD* AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIV SESSION.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: NO</b>	<b>SULLIVAN: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: ABSENT</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>7-AYE</b>	
<b>1-NAY</b>	
<b>1-ABSENT</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni (LM) 9-26-17  
 Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

Barbara Thompson (LM) 9-26-17  
 Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date

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