

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

**June 10, 2014**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:37 P.M. The Opening Prayer was given by Reverend Dean O. Warburton of the First Congregational Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, John Letourneau, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Thomas Laffin and Robert F. Parisi were not at the meeting. Councilor Christine Mansfield arrived at 8:00 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James M. Bowes were also present at the meeting.

Chairman Cervoni announced that Councilors Laffin & Parisi had scheduling conflicts which is preventing their attendance. Councilor Mansfield will be late as she is returning from chaperoning a trip to Boston.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE RULE V. TO ALLOW ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE U 17 WALLINGFORD WARRIORS, REGION I, PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN  
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU  
VOTE: AYE (6); ABSENT (3)**

Mayor Dickinson enthusiastically introduced the entire team and coaches, and along with Town Council Chairman, Vincent Cervoni, presented each player and each coach with certificates of achievement. This soccer team is Champion in the Region from Maine to Virginia. They will play in the National Tournament in South Carolina this summer. Mayor Dickinson noted that this team played three 90-minute games in three days, giving up only three goals. At the end of the last game, the score was tied at 1-1. The Wallingford Warriors successfully placed a penalty kick to win the Championship with a score of 2-1.

**U 17 Wallingford Warriors  
Region I, President's Cup**

**Coaches**

**Dave Rodriguez, Coach  
Brian Burr, Manager  
Joseph Murray, Assistant Manager  
John Baksa, Assistant Manager**

**Jeffrey Baska  
Michael Beale  
Alex Burr  
Matthew Cohen  
Nicholas Gagnon  
Dylan Hogan  
Jonathan Jacobs  
Alberto Maio  
Jonathan Murray  
Drin Pacuku  
Gianluca Perotti**

**Zachary Putnam  
Javier Reyes  
Andre Rodriguez  
David Rodriguez  
Carmelo Saia  
Gardiner Schroeder  
Justin Seledyn  
Joseph Slivinski  
Zachary Sola  
Daniel Taglianetti  
Frederic Torres**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1,825.40 (#633-640)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b.** Acceptance of Donation from Jason Zandri on behalf of Wallingford Residents  
Fireworks in the Amount of \$24,959 and appropriation FY 2014-2015 to Revenues-  
Donations Acct # 100-7042 and to seven various accounts - Mayor
- 3c.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$30,750 to  
Revenue-Town Recovery-Miscellaneous Acct # 100-9052-46250 and to Small Drain/  
Pav. Projs. Acct # 10030000-57000-00264 – Public Works
- 3d.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,480 from Contingency  
Acct # 10019000-58820 to Fire Marshal-Regular Wages Acct # 10020200-51000  
- Comptroller
- 3e.** Consider & Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$2,000 to Office Expenses & Supplies  
Acct #10010650-56100 from Election Supplies Acct # 10010650-56105 – Town Clerk
- 3f.** Acceptance of Donation from Gretchen Albers and Appropriation in the Amount  
of \$80to Veterinary Expenses Acct # 10020100-06742 and to Misc. Revenue  
Acct # 1009052-47040 – Animal Control
- 3g.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,500 for FY 2014-2015  
to Building Dept. – Regular Wages Acct # 100-10550-51000 from Contingency Acct  
# 100-19000-58820 – Building Department
- 3h.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$37,030 to Various  
Accounts from Customer Records & Collections Acct # 903 – Electric Division
- 3i.** Acceptance of and Appropriation of Federal/State Grants in the accounts and amounts  
listed :

<u>GRANT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<i>Adult Basic Education</i> to State Grant to Revenues Fund #235 to Program Expenditures Fund #235	<b>\$9,838</b>
<i>Bilingual Education</i> to State Grant to Revenues Fund #235 to Program Expenditures Fund #235	<b>\$662</b>
<i>Title I</i> to State Grant to Revenues Fund #235 to Program Expenditures Fund #235	<b>\$11,157</b>
<i>Title III</i> to State Grant to Revenues Fund #235 to Program Expenditures Fund #235	<b>\$1,860</b>
<u>NEW GRANT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<i>Agriculture Science &amp; Tech Education</i> <i>ASTE-VoAg</i> to Revenues Fund #235 to Program Expenditures Fund #235	<b>\$194,693</b>



6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Wallingford Board of Education Computer Techs Union contract from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 – Board of Education

*In attendance: Colin McNamara, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel  
Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools  
Roxane McKay, Chairwoman of the Board of Education*

Mr. McNamara reviewed sections on the agreement as outlined in his memo.

Discussion took place with various opinions expressed. Chairman Cervoni reviewed that if no action is taken by the Council that the contract is considered ratified. He received an affirmative answer.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR LETOURENAU, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT AS PRESENTED.**

Councilor Testa brought up a procedural situation and said it is a risk to the contract to take a vote with only six Councilors present. It is possible for this to go the wrong way if the Council votes. Councilor Letourneau conceded that this was a good point.

**COUNCILOR LETOURNEAU WITHDREW HIS MOTION. COUNCILOR SULLIVAN WITHDREW HIS SECOND.**

7. Consider and approve a Resolution to establish a Non-Lapsing account pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-248a. The Town Council may, at the request of the Board of Education, appropriate unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education – Board of Education

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools  
Roxane McKay, Chairwoman of the Board of Education*

Dr. Menzo explained that this will give the school system the ‘gift of time’ to put through orders, to get bids out, and get purchase orders back. Connecticut General Statutes 10-248a circumvents the Town’s Charter. Funds would be used for non-recurring capital expenditures with the Board having control and the Finance Department of the Town setting up and keeping track the fund. It gives the Board of Education to do what they already do. This request must come annually. It does not renew

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 10-248a. THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATE UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FROM THE BUDGETED APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION.**

**MADE BY: TESTA  
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

**COUNCILOR TESTA ADDED TO HIS MOTION THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3171 ON NON-LAPSING EDUCATION FUND. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR LETOURNEAU.**

Councilor Mansfield arrived at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Dickinson pointed that it will be a separate action at a future meeting to appropriate the funds. the funds are non-lapsing and can be used at any time, this year

or next year or later. The Finance Department will keep track of funds by year. It will be at the discretion of the Board. There was discussion with regard to the means of getting the money into the account and of a proposed Resolution for the Council.

**COUNCILOR TESTA ADDED A SECOND TIME TO HIS MOTION AND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL DELEGATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DEPOSIT THROUGH COMMUNICATION THE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR LETOURNEAU.**

**THE ENTIRE MOTION WITH THE TWO ADDITIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES 10-248a. THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATE UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FROM THE BUDGETED APPROPRIATION FOR EDUCATION AND**

**(1) THAT SUCH EXPENDITURES BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 3171 ON NON-LAPSING EDUCATION FUND. AND**

**(2) THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL DELEGATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DEPOSIT THROUGH COMMUNICATION WITH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR LETOURNEAU.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>MANSFIELD:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>SULLIVAN:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>PARISI:</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>TESTA:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>RUSSO:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>7-AYE; 2 ABSENT</b>				

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

- 8.** Conduct a Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M. to be held in connection with Neighborhood Assistance Program – Program Planning

**MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**MADE BY:** FISHBEIN  
**SECONDED BY:** RUSSO  
**VOTE:** 7 AYE; 2 ABSENT  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**MADE BY:** FISHBEIN  
**SECONDED BY:** RUSSO  
**VOTE:** 7 AYE; 2 ABSENT  
**MOTION PASSED.**

*In attendance: Don Roe, Program Planning*

Gina Morgenstein wanted to know what the Neighborhood Assistance Program is.

Mr. Roe explained the history behind the tax credit program.

- 9.** Consider and Approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit Neighborhood Assistance applications to the Department of Revenue Services and the Summary List of Neighborhood Assistance Programs for 2014 – Program Planning

**MOTION TO Approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit Neighborhood Assistance applications to the Department of Revenue Services and the Summary List of Neighborhood Assistance Programs for 2014.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**

**SECONDED BY: TESTA**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: YES MANSFIELD: YES SULLIVAN: YES**

**LAFFIN: ABSENT PARISI: ABSENT TESTA: YES**

**LETOURNEAU: YES RUSSO: YES CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES**

**VOTE: 7-AYE; 2 ABSENT**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

**10. Discussion & potential selection of Auditors – Comptroller**

**MOTION TO APPOINT AS TOWN AUDITORS BLUM SHAPIRO FOR 2014, 2015 AND 2016.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**

**SECONDED BY: RUSSO**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: YES MANSFIELD: YES SULLIVAN: YES**

**LAFFIN: ABSENT PARISI: ABSENT TESTA: YES**

**LETOURNEAU: NO RUSSO: YES CHAIRMAN CERVONI: YES**

**VOTE: 6-AYE; 1-NAY; 2 ABSENT**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

**11. 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: RUSSO**

**VOTE: 7 AYE; 2 ABSENT**

**MOTION PASSED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes  
Secretary to the Town Council  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date

