

The eighth budget workshop was held on Wednesday, May 6, 1987 called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 7:05 p.m. Council Members Adams, Bergamini, Gouveia, Killen, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert. Mr. Holmes arrived at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller Thomas Myers.

ELECTIONS, page 108 A/C 6010

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 108, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mrs. Goodrich explained that they were asked to put in for Primaries, in case of Primaries, and we did.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

Referring to line item 4000, page 108, Office Supplies, Mr. Killen asked if they were going to be spending the extra \$100 and Mrs. Goodrich explained that the office supplies are bought in the Spring in preparation for the election. Mr. Killen also commented that line item 5800, Rent Voting Places has also gone up and Mrs. Goodrich explained that they give the Churches a donation of \$100.00 each year, so this year we thought we would give them \$150.00, which is really worth 3 times that much.

ELECTIONS - Primary , page 109 A/C 6011

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 109, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mrs. Goodrich commented that they put in for Mayoral Primaries and Council Primaries, but your budget is fiscal year instead of calendar year so, we didn't even think about the Presidential Preference Primary which we have to hold in March, by law. About 3/4 of that is reimbursed by the state. Also, the Democrats might have Town Committee Primaries. We don't know if you want to provide for that now, or have us come back in the Spring for these items. Mrs. Moriarty added that last year, the Council asked them to put it in, with our regular budget. Mrs. Goodrich explained that these primaries total \$14,800, but the state will be reimbursing us. This budget that we already budgeted, was for a primary for both parties, and the Presidential Preference Primary will be the only one that is reimbursed. Mrs. Moriarty explained that 4 years ago, the state paid half and the town paid half and they cut it down to the bare bone. We don't know yet what the state is going to do.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Rys and Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

ELECTIONS-Dem Town Committee, page 110 A/C 6012

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 110, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.  
Mr. Killen passed and Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote.

ELECTIONS, page 139 - Capital Requests A/C 6010

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept account 6010 in the amount of \$8,500., seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (see next motion)

Mr. Polanski pointed out that the voting machines were going to be bought at a discount and the amount should reflect that discount.

Mrs. Moriarty explained that the machines were about \$2,500 a each.

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to decrease Voting Machines by \$1,000 bringing the total to \$5,000 , seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 139 as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move pages 177-178, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

ELECTIONS - Primary - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 6011,  
page 178

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 178, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who voted no; motion duly carried.  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS, page 37 A/C 1310 lines 6140 & 6141

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to remove page 37 from the table, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried  
(Mr. Holmes was not present for the vote)

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 37 in the amount of \$18,875, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Gessert asked Mrs. Fishbein to explain the Christmas lights and the Christmas Award. Mrs. Fishbein explained that in other years, they have had \$3,000 put in the budget. Every year, we have done this line by line. This year, when the directive came, about making the budget up, I sent that on to our treasurer and I don't know if he misinterpreted it or not and therefore, you have one item with the lump sum which I would like to explain, plus the lights. We usually get \$3,000 for the AWARD Group and that is with the merchants in town. Things are very costly and we can't produce very much downtown. Therefore, after we put this in, we decided we would try for another \$3,000, so that something substantial would be on the streets of Wallingford. The people really want something that will be showing and not just those lights. We have found in the past, that those lights, if they are not put into the windows the right way, very rarely are they put back the way they should be. You can't buy much for \$3,000 and that is why you see the \$6,000 there. Lights really means Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Papale asked if the people in the stores pay for these lights themselves or are they members of the AWARD group.

Ms. Fishbein explained that the AWARD group was given a certain amount of money to buy those lights and they did distribute them to the Merchants.

Mayor Dickinson commented that for the \$3,000, one year, all that was afforded were those cloth banners that never worked out. When you talk about lights, I think you are talking about at least \$1,000 for each display.

Mr. Adams suggested that it might be worth considering a long term project where we build and it would increase as we go along. Ms. Fishbein added that she would like to see that happen but, unfortunately, when you start to do something for the center of Wallingford, there is quite a stretch there and you cannot consider one unit and then each year add on that is one of the stumbling blocks there. I think something substantial should be on the streets at Christmas time and I think that would be a directive to the AWARD group itself.

Mr. Killen asked if the AWARD group was going to match it (\$6,000) and Ms. Fishbein explained that they have not told her what they are going to do. Mr. Killen pointed out that the AWARD group should be taking the lead and asking us to come along. If we are going to give anything, I am going to vote to put it into contingency until such time that they come forward with a plan.

Mr. Gessert agreed with Mr. Killen's comments.

MS. Fishbein added that it is very difficult at times, to arouse the merchants and hopefully something like this, would arouse their interest in what is going on downtown. I am not speaking for the merchants but, I would like to say that the money should be used so it will benefit the Town of Wallingford.

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Mr. Rys referred to the Railroad Station Green area and commented that if you take a look at the trees that they are going to plant there, put up the gazebo and how they are going to beautify that, if you take the \$3,000 for lights and you decorate those trees down there along with the Railroad Station, and you make a winter wonderland scene down there, we will benefit not only ourselves but, people that pass through town.

Ms. Fishbein commented that she liked Mr. Rys' suggestion and stated that she will pass it along to the Committee.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the \$3,000 is split into 2 accounts. It is not a question of AWARD getting \$6,000, they are getting \$3,000 and \$3,000 is in the Holidays & Celebrations. The thought was for the 2 to coordinate in order to use \$6,000. One can't use it without the other's agreement.

Mayor Dickinson added that a lot of the lights were put up through Public Works, not through the light program. I spoke to Mr. Deak about having lights around the gazebo (once it is in place) at the front and the other roof level on the Railroad Station, also having lights around it. Those types of things are in the works. We did not want to make it appear like we were cutting AWARD out, but we wanted to have a coordination between the Town and AWARD, so that something of substance could be done. \$6,000 is not going to put a light display on every pole down Center Street. It will do some but not all.

Ms. Fishbein explained that the lights that they put on the Christmas trees, there is vandalism that occurs. There is a great expense in replacing those bulbs.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to place line 6140, Christmas Lights A.W.A.R.D. and line 6141, Christmas Lights, in contingency until the AWARD group presents the Council with a plan, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried

Referring to line 6100, Public Celebrations, Ms. Fishbein explained that the Memorial Day Committee receives \$1500.00. This year, we put in for the British visit and that is usually \$1,000.00. They use that for hospitality when the English people come over.

Mrs. Bergamini asked who heads the British Visit Committee and Ms. Fishbein replied, Mr. Hetzel. One of the items that they do under this \$1,000 is, they always have a gift that they give to the Mayor coming over and returning, etc. and they also have a dinner. Any resident of Wallingford will pay their own way, the people from England do not pay. Halloween is \$500.00 and we take care of Wallingford and that includes the Yalesville area. Our Race Day is \$300.00 and we are in our 10th year now. For administrative purposes, \$75.00 and we have a small contingency fund that we put in for \$200.00 and that would include the float in the Memorial Day Parade. There is a remaining \$300.00, to make up this \$3,875. and that includes the Easter Egg Hunt, the Christmas singing on the Green and a couple of other things.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to accept line 6100, with a stipulation that \$1,000 be placed in contingency, until such time as the Council receives a breakdown, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 37 as amended, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that the Council (regarding the Wallingford Symphony) put in an extra \$1500.00 because this is a special year. Mr. Killen brought up the point that just because we are adding money, it does not mean that we will get an extra concert. Ms. Fishbein explained that the Wallingford Symphony has been in existence for about

12 years. This is the one lasting moment of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of The United States of America. The Symphony was founded on funds from the Bicentennial Commission itself. We give 4 regular concerts every year. We give 1 free children's concert in addition to that and we give 1 free concert on the Choate Rosemary Hall Campus in July. Through our own efforts, in addition to this, we have given for 3 years now, a free outdoor concert in September. The first is sponsored by R. Wallace and the second and the third are sponsored by the Dime Savings Bank. That makes approx. 7 concerts a year. Budget wise, time wise, personnel wise, it really is not very conceivable at this time, that we can say that we will add more concerts. However, we are making plans for the 87/88 year, to have a fund raising concert. We plan to bring in someone who is nationally known and thanks to the generosity of a corporate unit, they have already said that they will fund the star performer for that concert. We can't always get the musicians. We can't always get a band shell and that is why the free concert this year, cannot be July 3rd or 4th, we have to rent that for July 5th, and there is a rain date in addition to that. Choate Rosemary Hall gives us the Mellon Art Center for rehearsals and concerts and a few years ago, that hall, each evening, is \$800.00. In addition to that, they give us the security that goes with that and so forth. We are a culture producing unit. We have free receptions for the public after each concert. I cannot see how we could run another concert. Our budgets run \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year. Each concert costs us \$10,000 to \$11,000 to produce.

TOWN CLERK, page 111, A/C 6030

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 111, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN CLERK, pages 178-179 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 6030

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move pages 178-179, A/C 6030, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gessert asked if there was an increase in the salary budget and Mrs. Rascati explained that there is and she has 1 new person that the Mayor approved. Mrs. Rascati added that she cut down on the Professional Services for which she uses a Manpower girl.

Mr. Killen asked how they arrived at her salary and Mrs. Rascati explained they figure it by her 65 hours a week.

Mayor Dickinson explained that he asked Mr. Seadale to give him an idea of what Clerks are paid and the range is tremendous. Some positions are elected, some are appointed positions and some may be classified. It is very difficult to categorize but, given the amount of work and what goes on, it certainly did not seem out of line to increase it.

Mr. Gessert stated that he totally agrees with Mayor Dickinson's comment, and he added that Mrs. Rascati has done an excellent job and with the volume of work that she handles and all of the time and effort that she puts in, we are getting our money's worth.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

TOWN CLERK - Capital Requests, page 139 A/C 6030

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept page 139, A/C 6030, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if the Town Clerk's Office will be needing any extra equipment for the move to Robert Earley and Mayor Dickinson explained that they do not have a list right now on what additional amount the Town Clerk's Office will need. Some of it is going to be bought on an ongoing basis.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

PROBATE COURT, page 126 A/C 8060

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept page 126, A/C 8060, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 128, A/C 8080, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

Mrs. Bergamini asked why the town only contributes to one cemetery and Mr. Gessert explained that the town owns it.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that you have to be thankful that there are people that are willing to serve in this association, otherwise, who would be taking care of the cemetery, it would be another logistic to be handled through some office in town.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

WELFARE, page 79 A/C 3060

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 79, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Francesconi explained that all of the 700 accounts are reimbursable by 90%.

Mr. Polanski asked that if the Federal Welfare Reform goes through, will it affect the town Welfare Office and Mr. Francesconi explained that it will be between the Fed's and the state and then whatever the state decides to pass on to the town. I don't know if it will filter down to the town level. The Fed's reimburse the state and then the state takes care of the town's on their own.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

WELFARE, page 171 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 3060

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 171, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

MAYOR, page 35 A/C 1300

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 35, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mayor Dickinson why line 3000, Gas & Oil was so low as far as already expended and Mayor Dickinson explained that he does not think the Police Department is charging him and he added that he doubts if he will use the \$800.00 because the actual in 1986 was \$444.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to cut line item 3000, Gas & Oil by \$300.00 bringing the total to \$500.00, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini and Rys who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini asked what line item 6020, Misc Fact Finding was and Mayor Dickinson explained that these are the charges we get on fact finding, the charges of the fact finder, they send us a bill depending on how many days they spend and how many fact finding issues come up.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 35 as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

MAYOR, page 151 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 1300

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 151, seconded by Mr. Adams. (see next motion)

Mayor Dickinson explained that page 151 does include a re-classification for Mrs. Ruth Kenney. She indicated to me that she has not been re-classified since she became an Administrative Aid and it is a one step re-classification. The Office could not function without her abilities and presence. She brings a lot of knowledge to the Office.

The one step re-classification seemed more than justified, giving what she does, and the amount of constant harassment that often occurs. Many offices don't come close to what Ruth and both Joan's put up with.

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Mrs. Bergamini added that she believes the biggest harassment is what Mrs. Kenney has for an Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to increase the Mayor's salary to \$45,000 from \$40,000 effective 1/1/88, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Gessert explained that if you get \$40,000 for 2 years, and it goes to \$45,000, your total increase over 4 years is \$5,000. (funding required would be \$2,500)

Mr. Killen commented that he is not happy with raises and it has nothing to do with Bill or anyone else. If it weren't for the fact that other people were getting way above what they are, I wouldn't vote for this at all. In line with what the others are getting, this job certainly calls for a hell of a lot more than what it gets now.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 151 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Myers pointed out that the cost for the 1987/88 fiscal year budget is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a year, \$2,500.00. (1/1/88 will be \$2,500.00 and 7/1/88 will be \$2,500.00)

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

AUDIT CONTRACT, page 39 A/C 1360

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move page 39, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Myers explained that they have to talk about 1986/87, the current year and we have to talk about 1987/88. The present Auditors are not interested in continuing the Audit Contract for the price they have for 1986/87 because the finances of the Town of Wallingford are growing by leaps and bounds. They are growing in our pension area and our pension fund is now one of the major contributing funds in Wallingford, it is close to \$30 million dollars in assets. It requires an extensive audit and the reason it requires an extensive audit is because, we manage everything in house. It is not done by any consultants. The Sewer Treatment Plant, a \$30 million dollar project, requires compliance auditing for the state and federal grant. What we have done in the past, we have allocated the audit fee to 2 places, to the tax rate and to the utilities. In reviewing this with the Auditors, they started me thinking. If we have major entities, we should proportionately charge off some of the audit costs to some of those entities. For 1986/87, the town and education audit prices stay the same, as does the utilities. We are going to pick up the cost where the cost is being incurred, in the Sewer Treatment Plant compliance area where those fees would be reimbursable under the state and federal grant program, in the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund, which is our revolving debt service fund for infrastructure repairs. This is a fund that never disappears, and we are running \$6 million or \$8 million dollars worth of debt service through there, so a large portion of audit time is spent in there. In the Pension Trust Fund, you will see the 3 new items where they kick out in the difference column. What they are doing, is they are proposing an increase from \$43,800 to \$52,000, which is a \$8,200 increase which was a hit to those areas. The state won't look through our audit book because, they want a separate audit report. The education ones are paid out of the education grant. The Cafeteria Fund pays for its own audit and the Board of Education is required to have an audit on their ED001, which is the cost to run the school department, which is a state requirement. Comparing the amended 1986/87 and the 1987/88, you will see where the costs in the difference column are going up. As our finances grow, the fee grows. The audit fee that appears in the budget book is the town, education and utilities only. The other special audits were paid directly out of each account.

Mr. Killen commented that he is not happy with the auditing that is being done. It does not compare to what was done in the past.

Mr. Myers explained that what auditing was done in the past, has all changed by an organization called FASB, they are the regulatory body for government. Private industry has a regulatory body for accounting

and reporting and their regulatory body is called FASB. They are the ones that promulgate the accounting law now. They promulgated it since the turn of the century for the private sector and 4 years ago, FASB was formed to promulgate it for the public sector. What we are getting in government finance and accounting is, we are going to be regulated as stringently as the privates. They are going to tell us where we can put dollars, how we have to report them, how we have to prepare our balance sheets, it is all going to be regulated right down to the final double line at the end of the very last report.

Mr. Killen commented that he does not think the auditors are doing as good as they could and Mr. Myers stated that these auditors are very good. The specialize in municipal auditing, they have 3 teams of auditors and we do not get the same team every year, and they require very little supervision. I have had, in the past, auditing firms where the time of the accounting people, my time and people like Walter Lee, had to sit and train them on Wallingford finances. We do not have that situation now.

Mr. Killen asked if there was a signed contract for 1986/77 and Mr. Myers replied that they were appointed auditors, but there is no signed contract. The Mayor and I went over this with them and we had a very detailed report from them on the number of hours that their firm spends on checking all of the finances on the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Myers to make sure he gets a letter of agreement regarding what the charges are and Mr. Myers said he would.

Mr. Killen asked if any of the 1986/87 is reimbursable and Mr. Myers explained that 1986/87 will probably get 75% of the \$5,000 back but, that will go into the sewer bond account.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who was not present for the vote.  
motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers told the Council that he will get them an engagement letter and on budget adoption night, the corrections will be made to 1986/87.

COMPTROLLER, page 41 A/C 1400

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 41, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Myers why there was an increase in Training and Mr. Myers explained that they have completed 95% of the of the systems 36 computer installation in house. We did that using no outside services to load up that computer system. We are now very closely reaching the point where we are going to have to have people trained at IBM in Hamden for this system. It is going to cost approx. \$800.00 for 2 courses for each person and there are 4 people. It is a very formal classroom training with hands on computer, right here in Hamden.

Mr. Holmes pointed out that he thinks this is a very good idea.

Mr. Myers added that one of the people who will be receiving training will be the new Treasurer.

Mayor Dickinson commented that he has never been a supporter of computers and is not now. From what I've seen, all they do is cost us money. With that said, Mr. Myers had a Mag card system that could no longer be repaired and the only thing that they make available are these computer systems. If anyone thinks that this is going to cost us less money or less time, they are crazy.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

COMPTROLLER, pages 151-153, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 1400

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move pages 151-153, A/C 1400, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen stated that he would like to see what some of the duties are of the Internal Auditor are and Mr. Myers stated that he will have the External Auditors give Mr. Killen a comment on the value of that position. Every disbursement in this town goes through that person.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Myers if he had any control over the review of the Board of Education and Mr. Myers replied that he does and if they are not right, they go back. 376

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

COMPTROLLER, page 135 - Capital Requests, A/C 1400

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move page 135, A/C 1400, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Myers explained that the Computer Software is the software for the personal computers, one CRT table and terminal for the Treasurer, we need 2 files for all of the printouts and the desk and chair are for the Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

DEBT SERVICE, page 117 A/C 8010

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 117, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Tape was inaudible, discussion could not be heard.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

BUDGET SUMMARY SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN, page 12

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to amend page 12 to include:

|                           | FY 6/30/86    | 1/31/87       | 1986-87          | 1987-88        | Mayor           |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Town Aid Road Fund</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Appropri.</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Approved</u> |
| Revenues                  | 233,122       | 121,159       | 275,947          | 275,947        | 275,947         |
| Expenditures              | 230,280       | 173,812       | 275,947          | 275,947        | 275,947         |

seconded by Mr. Rys.

Tape was inaudible, discussion could not be heard.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

REVENUE, page 13

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 13, seconded by Mr. Holmes. (see next motion)

Tape was inaudible, discussion could not be heard.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to add \$50,000 to Motor Vehicle Supplement, line 1012, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to increase Arrears Property, line 1020 from \$237,000 to \$250,000., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Tape was inaudible up to this point.

Regarding Ashlar Village, Mr. Killen commented that we are selling ourselves short and the town short, if we go for this Pilot Program. The only 2 cases that we were told about were in Trumbull and Cromwell, and no-one told us about the case in West Hartford which was won by the City of West Hartford and the Appellate Court ruled on it.

Mr. Rys asked to have line 1121 explained and Mr. Myers explained that this is an elderly program. There was a change in the statute and that is why there is a less amount in there. The town does not lose any revenue because, what happens on this end of the elderly freeze, the state pays so much of the elderly person's property tax and the person pays the balance. It is just a matter of where we collect the dollars from, from the state or the property holder. If it is out of this line, it is in line 1010, Property Taxes. If this goes down, 1010 goes up.

Mr. Myers stated that he would like line 1050 lowered (Suspense) from \$73,000 to \$43,000. The Tax Collector does not think he is going to collect the \$73,000.

Mr. Killen asked what this was based on and Mr. Myers explained that it is based on history. 377

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to lower line item 1050, Suspense, from \$43,000 to \$73,000., seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale commented that with all of the construction, why does line 1011 look so low and Mr. Myers explained that what happened in 1986/87, part of it was from Bristol-Myers.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the difficulty on Bristol-Myers is that during construction, they get taxed the full rate. After the CO is issued, it drops a lot.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to increase line 1011, Current Const After Oct 1 \$20,000, bringing the total to \$170,000., seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who voted no; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase line 1061, Pilot-Ashlar Village \$20,000 bringing the total to \$110,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted yes. Adams, Gouveia, Killen and Papale voted no. motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 13 as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted yes. Adams, Gouveia, Killen and Papale voted no. motion duly carried.

Regarding Ashlar Village, Mayor Dickinson asked who is going to testify for the Town that it is taxable, when the Assessor indicates it is tax-exempt. He is our expert witness.

TOWN ATTORNEY, page 38 A/C 1320

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 38, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Referring to line 8250, Professional Liability Ins, Mr. Holmes asked if this money is also covering next year also and Attorney McManus explained that it hasn't gotten through the Ordinance Committee yet.

Regarding the Attorney hired by the PUC, Mr. Killen stated that the Council should have been made aware of this and Attorney McManus explained that this decision was made by the PUC.

Mr. Killen commented to Mr. Gessert that a letter should go to the PUC advising them that the Charter specifies who is the Town Attorney in this town.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the Town Attorney's Office has the ability and authority to hire outside legal counsel. That is not against the Charter.

Mr. Killen disagreed with Mayor Dickinson's comment.

Attorney McManus explained that the problem came, according to Attorney Farrell, was that there were 350 homeowners out there.

Mrs. Bergamini stated that she did not understand why a separate Attorney was needed for FOI. I resent the fact, after looking through the PUC minutes, that they did not discuss hiring an outside Attorney.

Mayor Dickinson explained that there is a line in the Town Attorney's budget for professional services.

Mr. Killen commented that he is very well aware that 3 men in the Town Attorney's Office cannot handle everything, but when it comes to that impasse, then it is up to them to come and say that they can't handle the work load. The Town Charter states that the Town Attorney shall represent everybody.

Mr. Gessert commented that he agrees with Mr. Killen's comments.

Mr. Killen commented that if he is going to vote anymore on any of these, he is going to have to find out the duties on the Town Attorney, because if I can't understand that then I can't understand these figures and I can't vote on something that I do not understand.

Attorney McManus explained that the budget is an Ordinance and the budget contains within it's four corners, that we can go out and hire outside counsel up to a certain amount, which we have done in the past.

Mr. Gouveia suggested that a motion be made to reduce line 9010, Professional Services-Statutory, by \$40,000 and Attorney McManus stated that if this is passed they can have his resignation because there is no way he can do it all by himself.

A motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to reduce line 9010, Professional Services-Statutory by \$40,000 bringing the total to -0-, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted no. Adams passed, Killen abstained from voting and Gouveia voted yes; motion did not pass.

VOTE: (original motion)  
Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried. Killen abstained from voting.

TOWN ATTORNEY, page 151 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations  
A/C 1320

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 151, seconded by Mr. Rys. (see next motion)

Mr. Adams commented that dealing with what we had with the Mayor's salary, we worked it out as a 6 1/4 increase and for the sake of what is fair, I think we should consider doing the same thing with the other raises.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to increase the salaries 6 1/4% for the Town Attorney, new total \$35,063.00, First Assistant, new total \$29,219.00, and the Second Assistant, new total \$21,622.00, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Attorney McManus commented that if the money is being withheld because they don't think we are worth it, or earned it, that stinks. If you think you can't afford to spend the money, God Bless.

Mr. Gouveia explained that we have not made enough money on delinquent taxes and that is why we may not be able to pay. Attorney McManus commented that he understands.

Mr. Polanski pointed out that if you take a look at what has been accomplished by this group over the past few years on settling accounts, where previously, Town Attorneys gave away the town money. I think they are worth more than what we are paying them.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted no. Adams, Gouveia and Papale voted yes. Killen abstained from voting. motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to have the Town Attorney's salary at \$38,000, the amount approved by the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

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VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted yes.  
Adams, Gouveia and Papale voted no, Killen abstained from voting.  
motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to approve \$32,000 for the First Assistant Town Attorney, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski and Gessert voted yes.  
Adams, Gouveia, Papale and Rys voted no, Killen abstained from voting; motion did not carry.

Mayor Dickinson stated that it should all be treated equally and go with the 6 1/4%. Mrs. Bergamini stated that she does not agree. Mr. Gessert added that if you wanted to use the same percentage on each one, that is one thing. If you want to use the same dollar on each one, that is a different story.

Mr. Adams commented that he is concerned about the titles. Town Attorney, First Assistant Town Attorney and Second Assistant Town Attorney. There is a good possibility, that next year, those titles will change.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase the First Assistant Town Attorney to \$31,500 and the Second Assistant Town Attorney to \$23,300. There was no second on this motion.

Mayor Dickinson commented that the Second Assistant Town Attorney attends 2 meetings a month with the PUC and associated other meetings, and the Town Attorney attends 2 meetings at least a month with the Town Council. The meeting involvement is heavier than the First Assistant but, I don't have any problems with everyone being treated equally.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to increase the First Assistant Town Attorney's salary to \$29,219.00, a 6 1/4% raise, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Polanski and Rys who voted no. Killen abstained from voting.  
motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to increase the Second Assistant Town Attorney's salary to \$21,622.00, a 6 1/4% raise, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Polanski asked how many hours these Attorneys put in and Attorney McManus replied that last year, they asked them to turn in a monthly log of the time that the 3 people were putting in to the job. During the months of September, October, November which were very busy, the total amount of time spent by the 3 Town Attorney's were 457 hours and breaking their time down, it means that they made \$7.12 an hour, which is not very good.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Polanski and Rys who voted no, Killen abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson commented that he does not think it is fair that the other two Attorneys do not get their full amount.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 151 as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Bergamini, Rys and Gessert voted aye.

VOTE: Adams, Gouveia, Papale and Polanski voted no.  
Holmes passed and Killen abstained from voting;  
motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to bring the Town Attorney's salary to \$35,063, for next year, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Bergamini, Holmes, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted no.  
Adams, Gouveia and Papale voted yes, Killen abstained from voting;  
motion did not carry.

Referring to the Legal Secretary, Attorney McManus commented that she is a combination Legal Secretary, Office Manager and a very bright and capable girl.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to approve the Legal Secretary, as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Holmes who passed and Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to approve the Investigator as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY - Insurance, page 123 A/C 8280 and 8300

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move A/C 8280 and 8300, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

REVENUE - General Fund, page 14

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 14, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to increase line 1200, Real Est Trans Tax to \$200,000., seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

Referring to line 2020, Park Ordinance Violations, Mr. Rys asked if the Chief took into consideration the fact that the parking tickets were increased from last year, from \$2.00 to \$5.00. He then added that he did not believe the Chief took this into consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to increase line item 2020, Park Ordinance Violations from \$10,000 to \$15,000., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

Referring to line 2030, Mr. Rys pointed out that that account is at \$178,000 already.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to increase line 2030, Town Clerk - License & Permits, by \$25,000, bringing the total to \$175,000., seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gessert who voted no and Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that line 2100 is up to \$288,000 as of April 16th. Mr. Myers commented that Bristol Meyers was \$207,000 in permits for 85/86 and 86/87 was \$30.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase line 2100 to \$260,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Adams, Bergamini, Papale and Polanski voted no. Gouveia, Holmes, Rys and Gessert voted yes, Killen abstained from voting; motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 14 as amended, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

III - Use of Money or Property, page 14 & 15 lines 4010, 4050, 4060, 4070

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 14 and 15, lines 4010, 4050, 4060, and 4070, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Referring to line 4060, Mr. Polanski asked if a new lease was signed for the property on Woodhouse Avenue and Mayor Dickinson replied yes and added that the Council approved it. Mr. Myers added that the rent has not been paid for a few months.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gessert who passed and Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

IV - State Grant School Aid, page 15

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move page 15, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried. 381

V - State Grant in Aid Other, page 15-16

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move pages 15 & 16, V, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

VI - Federal Grants In Aid, VII - Recoveries From Other Towns, VIII - Charges for Current Services, page 16

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to move VI, VII, VIII, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini who voted no and Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers pointed out that next year, the revenue sharing will be -0-, and when the Landfill closes, you will lose that revenue.

VIII - Charges for Current Services, page 17

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to move page 17, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Gessert asked who decides how much we pay for Education Tuition VO-AG, and Mr. Myers replied that the state does. Mr. Gessert then asked how many children are in the program and Mrs. Bergamini replied, 132. Mr. Gessert asked why the state isn't compensating us in the court with the MER. Mr. Myers stated that that money comes from the other towns and not the state.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

IX - Proportionate Charges, X - Other Revenue, XI - Utilities & Other Enterprises, Enterprise and other funds, XII - Non-Operating Revenue, page 18

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 18, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

XII - Non-Operating Revenue, page 19

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 19, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Killen who abstained from voting; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the Eighth Budget Workshop adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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