

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 14, 1992

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Note for the Record the Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
  - b. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved to Date
  - c. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#197-206) in the Amount of \$,3864.83 - Tax Collector
  - d. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,770 to Welfare Administrator - Welfare
  - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,235 to Telephone, \$150.; Office Supplies, \$200.; Advertising, \$500 and Computerized Indexing, \$385. - Town Clerk
  - f. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$200 to Dog Tag & Supplies - Town Clerk
  - g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,500 to Office Supplies - Town Attorney's Office
  - h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 to Utilities - Public Works
  - i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 to Utilities - Public Works
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  - k. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 to Utilities - Public Works
  - l. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 to Maintenance of Vehicles - Dept. of Fire Services
  - m. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$600 to Utilities - Dept. of Fire Services
  - n. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$430 to Utilities - Dept. of Fire Services
  - o. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 to Maintenance of Vehicles - Dept. of Fire Services

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- p. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$700 to Utilities - Dept. of Fire Services
- q. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$970 to Utilities - Dept. of Fire Services
- r. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,935 to Training Replacement - Dept. of Fire Services
- s. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,999 to Part Time Help - Mayor's Office

3. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

- 4. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 3/24/92, 4/2/92 6:45 P.M.; and 4/2/92 7:00 P.M. Town Council Meetings
- 5. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT. General Statutes Regarding the Sale, Lease and/or Purchase of Property
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
- 7. Presentation by the Committee for the Proposed Relocation and Re-organization of WPL-TV
- 8. Confirm the Appointments of Robert Swick and Nick Kerns to the Inland Wetlands Commission
- 9. Confirm the Appointment of Robert Hammersly to the Alternate Position on the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10. Consider and Approve the Nomination of Stephen Knight to the Transit District - Mayor's Office
- 11. Consider and Approve the Proposed Contract with the Water Division, Local 457 IBEW - Personnel
- 12. Consider and Approve the Proposed Contract with the Electric Production Unit of Local 457, IBEW - Personnel
- 13. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 to Medicare Tax - Personnel
- 14. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$29,999 to Repair Storm Damage Acct. - Engineering
- 15. Remove from the Table to Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$30,000 to Repair the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System at the Town Hall - Dept. of Public Works
- 6. SET A PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,655,000 for the Public School Roof Reconstruction Project and Authorizing the Issue of \$2,655,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose

17. Consider and Approve Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application to the State for Grant Funds for the 1991-92 Budget, 148-BAS-1, of the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Incorporated
18. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving a Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings
19. Discussion on the Opinion of the Town Attorney in Regards to the Council's "Adoption" of a Budget as Requested by Councilor Albert Killen
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21. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Hire Outside Legal Counsel-Town Attorney's Office
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- 5a. Discussion and Approval of Condemnation of Properties for the Purpose of Acquiring Water Main Easements

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5a. Withdrawn

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7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 1992 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairperson Iris F. Papale at 7:01 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Attorney Gerald Farrell and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Place the Following Items on the Consent Agenda to be Voted Upon by One Unanimous Vote of the Council, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Items #2a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s.

Members of the audience requested that Items #2b, 2h, 2i, 2j, 2k, 2m, 2n, 2p, 2q, 2r, 2s be taken off the consent agenda.

Mr. Holmes amended the motion to place the following items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

ITEM 2a Note for the Record the Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #2c Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#197-206) in the Amount of \$3,864.83 - Tax Collector

ITEM #2d Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,770 from Council Contingency Reserved for Emergency Acct. #8050-800-3190 to Welfare Administrator Acct. #3060-100-1200 - Welfare Dept.

ITEM #2e Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,235 from Elections Acct. #001-6030-400-4060 to Telephone, Acct. #001-6030-200-2000. \$150.: Office Supplies, Acct. #001-6030-400-4000. \$200.: Advertising Acct. #001-6030-400-4100, \$500.; and to Computerized Indexing, Acct.#001-6030-600-6500, \$385. - Town Clerk

ITEM #2f Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$200 from Town Committee Election Security Service Acct. #001-6012-900-9010 to Dog Tags and Supplies Acct. #001-6030-400-4100 - Town Clerk

ITEM #2g Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,500 from Self-Insurance Claims Acct. #001-8040-800-8280 to Office Supplies Acct.#001-1320-400-4000 - Town Attorney's Office

ITEM #2l Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$900 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2031-500-5000 from Tires and Tubes Acct. #2031-400-4520 - Dept. of Fire Services

ITEM #2o Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 from Maintenance of Buildings Acct. #2037-500-5100 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct. #2037-500-5000 - Dept. of Fire Services

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

ITEM #2b Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved to Date - Mayor's Office

Mr. Phil Wright, 160 Cedar Street asked if anniversary and merit increases are one in the same?

Mayor Dickinson responded that they are, it is the language in the contracts that refer to them as merit or anniversary increases. They are one in the same.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2m Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$600 to Utilities Acct. #2036-200-2010 from Maintenance of Buildings Acct. #2036-500-5100, \$257.; Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #2036-500-5200, \$137.; Maintenance of Radios Acct. #2036-500-5300, \$105.; Telescopic 120V Quartz Light Acct. #2036-999-9930 - Dept. of Fire Services

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Frank Wasilewksi, 57 N. Orchard Street questioned why so many transfers were listed on the agenda for both the Fire Dept. and Public Works Dept. that affected Utilities Accounts?

Asst. Fire Chief William Harrington explained that due to increased use of the Fire Dept. facilities, the need for heat and electricity was greater this year, therefore an increase in the utilities accounts. Also an unusually large water/sewer charge has created a one-time only need for an increase in this account. The department is in the beginning of a conservation program which, we hope, will better control their use in the future.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2n Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$430 from Rubbish Removal Acct. #2037-500-5120 to Utilities Acct. #2037-200-2010 - Dept. of Fire Services

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 2p Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds int he Amount of \$700 from Tires and Tubes Acct. #2038-400-4520 to Utilities Acct. #2038-200-2010 - Dept. of Fire Services

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2g Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$970 from Tires and Tubes Acct. #2039-400-4520 to Utilities Acct. #2038-200-2010 - Dept. of Fire Services

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2r Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,935 from Para. School Replacement Acct. #2032-100-1650 to Training Replacement Acct. #2032-100-1550 - Dept. of Fire Services

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2s Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,999 from Professional Services Acct. #1300-900-9042 to Part Time Help Acct. #1300-100-1350 - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2h Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 from Printing Tickets and Permits Acct. #001-5060-400-4180 to Utilities Acct. #001-5050-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works

Mr. Stephen Deak explained that he under-budgeted his utilities accounts, therefore the need for transfers.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2i Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 from Maintenance of Signs Acct. #001-5170-500-5150 to Utilities Acct. #001-5170-200-2010 - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2j Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 to Utilities Acct. #001-5190-200-2010 from Exhaust System Welding Acct. #001-5050-999-9912, \$100.; and from Janitorial Contract Acct. #001-5140-600-6290, \$900. - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #2l Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,000

to Utilities Acct. #001-5030-200-2010 from Utilities Acct. #001-5230-200-2010, \$1,500 and from Maintenance of Heating System Acct. #001-5230-500-5400, \$1,500. - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Killen asked if the heat remained on all winter in Yalesville School?

Mr. Deak responded, no it was not on at all.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road commented that the town should have kept the heat on in Yalesville School to prevent more structural damage. It is less expensive to heat an empty building than to have to repair/replace the structure due to the damage done by improper maintenance.

Mayor Dickinson stated that a plan to repair the heating system at the school is underway.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Zandri felt that the agenda should be much more detailed, i.e., account numbers, purpose of ordinances, etc., so that the public is more aware of the issue at hand. This will keep the consent agenda intact.

Ms. Papale stated that the account numbers can appear and that the public may call the Town Council Office for answers to their questions.

It is noted that an agenda packet is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for the public's perusal.

ITEM #4 Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 3/24/92; 4/2/92, 6:45 P.M. and 4/2/92, 7:00 P.M. Town Council Meetings

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Killen, McDermott & Solinsky passed; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Move Agenda Item #6, PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M. Up to the Next Order of Business. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.

Greg Boettger, Hope Hill Road stated that the residents of the town were told that the trash burning plant was going to save the taxpayers money by selling steam to Cyanamid or generate electricity and sell it. Since the dump has been taken over, the residents have been paying to dispose of their garbage. Rates have gone up for people that have collectors and now there is talk of the rates doubling. He asked where the money is going? The situation is intolerable. He met with Mr. Hamel approximately one year ago. He warned Mr. Hamel that people will begin to dispose of

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their trash along the roadways rather than in the dump if the fees are too high. It will get worse if we begin to charge \$1.00 per bag. He felt that Mr. Hamel was part of the problem, not the solution. This Council should reverse itself and bring the price back to \$.50 per bag.

He asked, who is making this money on us?

Mayor Dickinson responded that there is a deficit of approximately \$300,000 with the \$.50/bag charge. This is due to the fact that the charge did not cover the cost of disposal. The deficit is being picked up by all the other people in town. Those who drop off the bags of trash are being subsidized by everyone else who uses a hauler. As a result the cost was recalculated, given the increase in tip fees, to cover or approximate the cost of the disposal. Therefore, an increase was requested. The \$.50 per bag charge was arrived at when the tip fees were \$49/ton. It is currently \$67 or \$68/ton. The tip fee is established by CRRA and Ogden Martin operating the resource recovery plant.

Mr. Boettger asked, CRRA is making the money?

Mayor Dickinson responded, their administrative costs are covered. They do not operate.....their salaries are covered. Ogden Martin is the operator of the plant and most of the money would be going toward the operation of the plant.

Mr. Boettger: This entire scheme was sold to the people of Wallingford with the idea that we were going to save money on our electricity. We were going to sell electricity.....now all of a sudden we have this thing and we are stuck with it and these people are making a lot of money on us. Now all of a sudden they miscalculated. Is that what you are telling us?

Mayor Dickinson: No, I don't think that there is a miscalculation....

Mr. Boettger: I don't think so either, Mayor.

Mayor Dickinson: There is an increase in tip fee as a result of an increase in costs of disposal. The general subject of disposal of garbage is entirely different picture than it was five or ten years ago. It is no longer a very low cost area of service to the public.

Mr. Boettger: Not with these people who are running it.

Mayor Dickinson: The environmental controls alone have increased the cost of disposal. It is \$100/ton at many of the landfills including New Haven. In West Haven they have to ship all their garbage out of town at a higher cost than what we are paying.

Mr. Boettger: Isn't it the same CRRA that is running all of these dumps, or a good percentage of them?

Mayor Dickinson: They run many of them but not all of them.

Mr. Boettger: They have, more or less, a monopoly on it. Apparently

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they have a foothold on government also. We were sold this whole bill of goods under false pretenses.

Mayor Dickinson: I don't think that it was a false pretense. CRRA was set up by the State, by the General Assembly, to solve the garbage disposal problem of the State.

Mr. Boettger: Who wrote their legislation?

Mayor Dickinson: Members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Boettger: I doubt that. They don't even read that legislation. It comes from regional government who writes the laws which are introduced by legislators. Why doesn't Wallingford take the trash plant out of CRRA's hands and give it back to the town like we used to have it?

Mayor Dickinson: Because Wallingford didn't build the plant.

Mr. Boettger: The plant was built under false pretenses.

Mayor Dickinson did not agree. The State of Connecticut stands behind the bonds on the plant. If there should be a problem, it is more than just the people in Wallingford that is liable.

Mr. Boettger: Is there anything that can be done to stop the increase in these rates? Is there anything the Council can do, or is the Council interested in doing anything?

Mr. Zandri: I don't think that there is anything that the Council can do at all. The towns involved in this have a signed contract, CRRA sets the rates which are approved by the Policy Board....

Mayor Dickinson: The rates are set, they do not require approval of the Policy Board. The rates have to cover the cost of operation and the cost of the bonds that have funded and constructed the plant.

Mr. Zandri: We are in a contract with them and I don't think that there is much that we can do at this point.

Mr. Killen: I think that if we could get our hands on Ogden Martin's operating procedures we may get better answers. Last year the financial department heads from the surrounding towns met with a few people from towns, including myself, and we went over CRRA's budget. We pared quite a bit out of there. We have gone as far as we can on that. I began asking then, "why is it that everything Ogden Martin puts before us we take as if it were carved in stone?" We should be able to obtain a breakdown from Ogden Martin which shows the cost of running the plant.

Mr. Zandri: There was a big controversy in this town when the plant was under construction and everyone was warned that the costs would not be what they started out as because the track records of other facilities proved that the original estimate per ton was low, but in a short period of time would escalate close to \$100/ton. What was said back then was coming true.

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Mr. Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail stated that in the Mayor's April 2, 1992 Budget Presentation, Page 2, it draws a comparison on an assessment appreciating from \$49,700 to a value of \$101,500. It states that the increase in taxes would be \$219 per year. He ran through the numbers himself and came up with a \$353 increase.

Mayor Dickinson referred to the graph that was also presented at that meeting. This takes the average of two vehicles and the \$49,700. There should be reference to the vehicles on that page.

Mr. Bradley noted in the Mayor's Budget Message that he recognizes the economic hardships throughout the community and state, real estate has lost value, businesses failed, people have lost jobs, and we are also confronted with reduced revenues from the State government. However, in taking a quick look through the salary side, the general increases, Mr. Bradley noticed that there are some increases that range from 5.2%, 10%, 11.6%, why?

Mayor Dickinson asked if he was including anniversary and merit increases with the step increases?

Mr. Bradley agreed that he was.

Mayor Dickinson stated that they are contractual requirements.

Mr. Bradley used the Corporation Counselor as an example. His salary is going from \$66,934 to \$74,497 which equates to a 10.1% increase.

Mayor Dickinson responded, that is with a step. The Corporation Counselor is part of the classified service. As a result, unless we were to refuse to provide what he is entitled to, pursuant to his position, then that is what he is entitled to with a step increase. This budget was put together around the view that we should meet, if we can, our contractual obligations. If we chose not to meet contractual obligations then it should be across the board. We should not pick and choose who should meet obligations and who should not.

Mr. Bradley pointed out that there is \$884,517 in overtime in this budget throughout the entire town.

Mayor Dickinson responded that a significant amount is required for emergency services for utilities, police, fire, etc. It is not up significantly over previous amounts. The purpose of the overtime is to respond to the activities that do not occur during the normal working hours.

Mr. Bradley reminded the Council that significant cuts in overtime were made last year. General Government has gone up in overtime.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the wages have gone up therefore increasing the overtime dollar amount.

Mr. Bradley asked the Mayor if she had done the same thing with overtime.

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Mayor Dickinson: As you stated, the overtime was reduced the previous year. We held to that standard. I have requested that we do not have an increase in the number of hours of overtime. To my knowledge there has not been an increase in the number of hours other than perhaps the Water or Sewer Dept. as a result of a significant increase in response needs at a new facility being constructed. Other than Water and Sewer there were no increases in hours for overtime.

Mr. Bradley: On one hand you say that we have a bad economy and on the other we see that our overtime has increased and you are telling me that you haven't done anything to reduce it.

Mayor Dickinson: Do you propose that we do not have the Fire Department respond?

Mr. Bradley: I do realize that there is a need for some overtime. But I have to question \$884,000 in overtime. That is the first thing that a company looks at when down-sizing.

Mayor Dickinson: What is the increase in this year's budget vs. last year's budget?

Mr. Bradley: General Government last year was \$385,960; this year it is \$396,287.

Mayor Dickinson: \$11,000 on \$383,000 is not.....

Mr. Bradley: No, don't compare it to the overall budget. Let's look at the bottom line. There is \$884,000 in overtime and I encourage the Council to look at this. It can be cut. We did cut it last year, he vetoed the budget, it all went back in and you had a \$3.2 million surplus.

Mayor Dickinson: The overtime did not go back in. When the overtime was vetoed we stayed with the figure of the lowered overtime. The overtime figures were not increased as a result of the veto.

Phil Wright, 160 Cedar Street stated that the fee increase for trash disposal was discussed approximately one month ago. The agenda for that meeting stated that the item would be discussed that particular night but you had to look very carefully to read what was stated to get the true intent of doubling the price for delivering trash down to the dump. He suggested that Mr. Boettger and as many friends as he could round up start coming to the meetings to get involved.

Mr. Parisi observed that the Council Agendas are published on the local access television station.

Al Beverage, 18 McKenzie Avenue stated that a lot of people in town have realized a long time ago that it is just an exercise in futility to come to the meetings anyway. He pointed out to the Mayor that the last time he (Mr. Beverage) attended a meeting he was the last person that waited until after midnight to speak against re-appointing Phil Hamel in his present position. He informed everyone present that the Mayor did quite

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a job backing Mr. Hamel and telling the public what a tremendous job Mr. Hamel has done, what a great worker he is, and asked the Mayor what he thought of Mr. Hamel now, now that he is off 100% in his estimate of his cost of delivering garbage to the dump. Do you feel that he is still doing an excellent job?

Mayor Dickinson: Yes I do. All the tip fee charge represents is the increase in cost that we have to pay. The previous cost was not sufficient to cover the cost of the disposal of the trash. It was under estimated in order to give the benefit of the doubt to the residents who dispose of their rubbish themselves. As a result in the increase in tip fee, the deficit ran into higher and higher amounts. There is a good argument that it should be \$1.20 per bag.

Mr. Beverage: Now that we do not have a say in the increase, I would not be surprised to see it \$5.00 and \$6.00 per bag. Is it possible to see by a showing of hands on the part of the Council how many members sitting here feel that it is justified to charge the taxpayers of this town \$1.00 to take a bag of trash to the dump? (All Councilors present raised their hands).

Mr. Solinsky commented that even some smaller towns in upstate Vermont are paying \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bag for garbage so he did not feel that Wallingford is out of line.

Mr. Al Beverage, Jr., 18 McKenzie Ave., asked where the money goes from the PILOT program?

The Council responded, General Government.

Mr. Beverage pointed out that we pay the incinerator money to take our trash and then they pay us back for the fuel. It is approximately \$1.50 per ton. He asked why that money doesn't go back in a more direct route to help subsidize the cost?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the PILOT payment does not represent the fuel cost, it represents a Payment to the town In Lieu Of Taxes. It is approximately \$900,000 at this point. It is used to offset taxes. It is revenue that shows up in the General Fund. That \$900,000 does not have to be raised from the taxpayer directly in the tax bill. Indirectly, obviously, some of that money is paid in the tip fees. However, some of that money is also paid by people from four other towns in their tip fees.

Mr. Beverage directed his comments to Mr. Zandri and stated that he has reviewed the Town Council minutes from 1985. At that time Mr. Zandri stated that the tip fee was supposed to go up and he was correct. But in looking through the minutes of that time period the tip fee was then supposed to go down.

Mr. Zandri: Yes, that is what they told us was going to happen. I never said it was going to happen.

Mr. Holmes: I believe that was when the original operator was scheduled to operate.

Mr. Beverage asked if the lease can be terminated with CRRA if the town is unhappy with the operation?

Mayor Dickinson responded, no, he did not believe so. The lease is with American Cyanamid, not the town.

Mr. Beverage went through the minutes which state that the lease is with the town and CRRA and asked again, if we are dissatisfied, can't we terminate the lease or at least threaten them to lower their rates or we will terminate their lease.

Mayor Dickinson felt that the town would be liable to pay off the bonds on the plant. The cost would be approximately \$50 million.

Mr. Beverage spoke with Mr. Hamel on the phone and questioned him as to his official qualifications. He has none. He has had some on-the-job training and taken note tests. This did not impress Mr. Beverage very much. In 1985 when this was presented to the Council, Mr. Killen was the only one who took an active interest in reviewing it. Mr. Killen noted that the lease agreement presented before the Council that night in 1985 was as thick as the entire program that was presented to Meriden, and yet the Council was asked to vote on it that very evening the information was presented to them. All did.

Items #8,9 & 10

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Move Up Agenda Items #8,9 & 10, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Confirm the Appointments of Robert Swick and Nick Kerns to the Inland Wetlands Commission

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Swick and Mr. Kerns were sworn in by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall.

ITEM #9 Confirm the Appointment of Robert Hammersly to the Alternate Position on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Hammersly was sworn in by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve the Nomination of Stephen Knight to the Transit District

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

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ITEM #5 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT. General Statutes Regarding the Sale, Lease and/or Purchase of Property.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Move Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. McDermott.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #7 Presentation by the Committee for the Proposed Relocation and Reorganization of WPL-TV.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Hear the Presentation, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Richard Nunn, Chairman of the Committee for the Proposed Relocation and Reorganization of WPL-TV and Scott Hanley, Manager of Video Productions of the Wallingford Public Library were on hand for the presentation (copy attached).

The top three choices of relocation by the committee was Sheehan High School, Wooding Office Building and the Yalesville Firehouse, respectively.

The Superintendent of Schools is not receptive to the idea of Sheehan High School as was the feeling expressed at the Board of Education Council Liaison Committee Meeting recently.

Mr. Hanley feels that the Yalesville Firehouse is ideal if the town does not sell the property. It will be costly to renovate the free standing structure. The Wooding property has not yet been purchased.

Mr. Zandri asked if the Library is considering keeping the station there?

Mr. Hanley responded that the Board feels that the station takes up too much administrative time on fine-tuning the program.

Mr. Nunn stated that the town has a ninety-nine year lease with the town on the building. This lease gives the Board authorization to act without the jurisdiction of the Council.

Mr. Zandri felt that perhaps this issue should be addressed during the Library's budget workshop. Many Councilors agreed.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the carriage house located on the Town Hall property had been considered?

Mr. Hanley stated that it had not but concluded that it was not large enough and would be too costly to renovate.

Mr. Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road once again suggested the second floor balcony area of the Council Chambers.

Mr. Hanley researched this option and found it was not feasible.

Ms. Papale thanked Mr. Nunn and Mr. Hanley for their input and commented that many people have approached her to state their opinion on matters that have been discussed at the Town Council Meetings which they viewed on local access television. They speak favorably of the telecasts for it helps to keep them abreast of the issues at hand. She asked Mr. Hanley to speak with the Board of Education regarding the lack of other alternatives.

Mr. Parisi agreed that the Board of Education should be approached on this matter.

Atty. Small has made an offer to the Post Office for the Yalesville Branch and has received no response. She will follow up on that for a possible alternative.

Mr. McDermott agreed with Mr. Zandri and stated that we should bide our time until the budget workshop for the Library.

Mr. Nunn explained that, all in all, sixteen (16) sites were considered and the committee feels it has completed its assigned task.

Ms. Papale urged the committee to remain active since this is not an issue that can be decided overnight.

No action was taken.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve the Proposed Contract with the Water Division, Local 457 IBEW - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Stanley Seadale, Director of Personnel and Atty. Dennis Ciccarillo, Chief Spokesman and Negotiator approached the Council.

Atty. Ciccarillo recommended ratification of the contract.

Mr. Solinsky asked for an explanation of the "towns sole discretion to file grievances with the American Arbitration Association" (AAA).

Atty. Ciccarillo explained that this allows, upon the decline of a grievance to the highest step, the town would have the right in its own choice to call in a AAA arbitrator in lieu of an arbitrator provided by the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. The State board takes a long time to get grievances through the arbitration process there.

Mr. Zandri asked if there was any consideration given on behalf of the union to a co-pay give back for insurance?

Atty. Ciccarillo responded, yes. The union felt that the economic

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relief to the town is modest and the co-pay give back would be refused. It was a better idea under the circumstances to make a reasonable deal based on the overall numbers and wage percentages for each of the three years and not stall the negotiations looking forward to what would likely be a refusal by a neutral arbitrator to make any move toward co-pay.

Mr. Zandri felt that the Board of Education, even though it is a small amount, is a starting point in the co-pay issue. He urged this point last year during negotiations and continues to urge it this year.

Mr. Holmes asked what the total dollar effect is of the contract?

Atty. Ciccarillo could not put a dollar amount on it.

Mr. Holmes stated that he could not support the contract with a 4.5% increase. He felt that it was too high in this economic climate.

Mr. Parisi asked if the combined three year increase is 16.4%?

Atty. Ciccarillo responded, yes.

Mr. Phil Wright, 160 Cedar Street state that these proposed wage increases were obscene. His neighbor, who was a teamster, is about to lose his home. It is obscene that the union would ask for raises such as this.

Mr. McDermott asked if the Council could be kept informed in some way of the negotiations or sit in on the process?

Mayor Dickinson offered to let the Council know when they will be taking place and, providing they attend to observe only, will invite some Councilors to attend.

Mr. Doherty agreed with Mr. Zandri and Mr. Holmes and stated that he could not support this size increase in these economic times. He questioned the possibility of getting co-pay insurance information on a fact-finding report.

Mr. Parisi stated that he has requested over the past several years that the Council be kept abreast of the negotiations while they are taking place.

Ms. Papale agreed with the fact that co-pay has to begin to be taken seriously as a bargaining tool. Insurance is costing the town too much money.

Joe Criscio, 8 Deer Run Road did not have any sympathy for Mr. Wright's neighbor since teamsters earn an average much higher than the Water Division employees.

Ms. Papale asked, where does the contract go from here if it is voted down?

Atty. Ciccarillo responded that it could go to fact-finding or binding arbitration. The contract is stale in coming to this point and he

believes that the State will impose binding arbitration.

Mr. James Rainey, 198 S. Main Street stated that municipal employees did not receive the same increases that private sector received in the prosperous days years ago. Traditionally municipal employees received raises at a much lower percentage. He reminded everyone of Mayor Carini's self-imposed wage freeze on town employees while private sector received increases. He also reminded them of layoffs years ago.

Mr. Holmes felt that the municipal employees are compensated with insurance, holiday and vacation benefits that the private sector does not receive.

Mr. Doherty stated that he will vote in favor of the contract because it is within the wage parameters set forth by the Council and he did not think that co-pay is possible in these negotiations at this point in time.

VOTE: Doherty, McDermott and Papale, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve the Proposed Contract with the Electric Production Unit of Local 457, IBEW - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Ms. Papale asked Mr. Seadale to explain to her the term "hot glove" instead of "stick" method.

Mr. Seadale explained that the "stick" method is the use of four foot sticks with the tools attached at the end for working on the 13,000 kv electrical lines, whereas the "hot glove" method is the use of heavy duty, specialized, insulated gloves for the same working thereby eliminating the use of the sticks.

VOTE: Doherty, McDermott and Papale, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

Mr. Holmes and Mr. Parisi left at 11:21 P.M.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Blue Shield Acct. #001-8041-800-8320 to Medicare Tax Acct. #001-8020-800-8010 - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Seadale explained that the federal statutes changed in 1986 and all new employees have to pay 1.45% of their pay as medicare tax and the town matches that. It accelerated faster than anticipated in last year's budget figures.

VOTE: Holmes, McDermott, Parisi & Zandri were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$29,999 to Repair Storm Damage Acct. #001-5011-999-0004 from Sidewalk Installation Acct. #001-5011-999-0024 - Engineering

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Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

This transfer is to for the Wooding Road Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvements. Severe erosion has occurred at the outlet end of a 30" diameter storm drain which carries a stream located at the bottom of a ravine under the embankment supporting the driveway to #60 Wooding Road. The erosion is now so bad that the entire driveway is in imminent danger of complete collapse. Although the 30" diameter storm drain is not located on town property and is not maintained by the town, almost all of the upland area which drains through this pipe is town property, namely, the Moran Middle School and surrounding area. There is a 15" diameter storm drain in the area which carries the discharge from several roadway catch basins on Wooding Road and which also discharges into the ravine in close proximity to the outlet of the 30" pipe. The 15" pipe is located within a drainage easement and is part of the town maintained roadway drainage system on Wooding Road. This project was approved by the Wallingford Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission at their April 1, 1992 meeting.

The Mayor wanted it noted for the record that the repairs are to the town's storm drain system. Repairs are anticipated to have an effect on the erosion of the driveway and embankment but are not a complete remedy.

VOTE: Holmes, McDermott, and Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$30,000 to Repair the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System at the Town Hall - Dept. of Public Works

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Remove the Item from the Table, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$30,000, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

The transfer of funds will effect the following accounts:

FROM: Acct. #001-5040-400-4550, Salt	\$15,000.
Acct. #001-5040-100-1400, Snow Removal Overtime	\$13,100.
Acct. #001-5200-600-6290, Janitorial Contract	\$ 1,900.
TO: Acct. #001-5200-999-9906, Repair HVAC System	\$30,000.

Mrs. Duryea asked Mr. Deak if he has addressed the problem of the cold air entering the basement floor hallway due to the sliding glass doors?

Stephen Deak, Director of Public Works, responded that a heater was placed in the hallway of the basement floor to combat the cold air.

Mrs. Duryea asked if that has taken care of the problem?

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Mr. Deak responded, yes.

Mr. Killen asked what was included in the price quoted for estimated labor and materials?

Mr. Deak answered that yearly maintenance is included in the price with the labor and materials. It is a combination of repairs to the system coupled with a three year maintenance agreement.

Mr. Zandri made the statement that he is in agreement with fixing the system but, unfortunately, does not agree with the source of the transfer. He is opposed to transferring funds out of a salary account into a non-salary account. Therefore he must vote in opposition to the action.

Mr. Doherty asked how soon work would begin?

Mr. Deak responded within one day.

Mr. Doherty read Mr. Deak's statement that attributes the problems with the system to lack of preventative maintenance and knowledge of the operations of the system and asked how we will address these issues to make certain it does not occur again?

Mr. Deak stated that the maintenance company will be responsible for every repair on the system for a three year period no matter how large or small a repair. The previous maintenance company made infrequent system check visits and charged the town additional dollars for every repair. The new company will perform monthly system checks.

Mrs. Duryea asked if those checks will be documented?

Mr. Deak answered, yes.

Mr. Doherty asked, at the end of the three year maintenance contract, will we have someone on our own staff who will be taught how the system works to avoid the same problems again?

Mr. Deak stated that the new maintenance company will be solely responsible for maintaining the system. Previously, too many people worked on the system but no one would take responsibility for it.

Mr. Zandri asked if the new system will be fully automatic?

Mr. Deak: Yes.

Mr. Zandri: Will all the thermostats will be locked? I am concerned that someone on sight will not know how the system works and will start trying to adjust the thermostat and throw the entire system off again. Will this firm be called in every time there is a complaint with the system?

Mr. Deak: Yes; they will be locked, the majority of them. Yes the company will be called in. The employees cannot be opening windows and throwing the system off. The company will respond within a 24 hour period.

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Mayor Dickinson felt that it is important for the employees to refrain from opening the windows.

Mr. Deak explained that one of the reasons the problems could not properly be addressed is because there are no drawings for the system. The new company will supply us with them.

Mr. Zandri asked how long before the work will be completed?

Mr. Deak: One or two months.

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 SET A PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,655,000 for the Public School Roof Reconstruction Project and Authorizing the Issue of \$2,655,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

The purpose of the ordinance is to increase the appropriation by \$400,000 to a figure of \$3,055,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Doherty amended the motion to read that the Public Hearing is scheduled for April 28, 1992 at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Killen was at odds over the title of the ordinance because it did not list that the new appropriation would be \$400,000 more.

Mr. Myers stated that the title is correct since we are amending an ordinance in the amount of \$2,655,000. The purpose should be included in the agenda listing so that the public is aware of it.

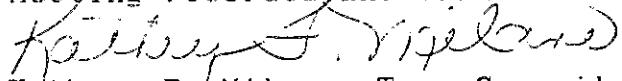
VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Adjourn the Meeting and to Continue it on Thursday, April 16, 1992 at 8:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Holmes and Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:



Kathryn F. Milano, Town Council Secretary

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Approved by:

Iris F. Papale  
Iris F. Papale, Chairperson

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Kathryn S. Wall, Town Clerk

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Appendix #1

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# 7

Committee for the Proposed Relocation  
and Reorganization of WPL-TV

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND ACTION  
TAKEN AT MEETING OF MARCH 23, 1992

At its meeting of March 23, 1992, the WPL-TV Committee considered eight municipally-owned sites as potential locations for Wallingford's municipally-funded cable television operation.

Scott Hanley, Manager of Video Production for the Wallingford Public Library, presented a three-page written report on the five sites which had already been identified and verbal comments on three sites which had become options since the committee's last meeting. Mr. Hanley offered his assessment of the buildings by highlighting the positive and negative aspects of each site. He indicated that the former Yalesville Volunteer Firehouse is the site most conducive for a TV facility and that the building known as *88 South Main* should be removed from consideration because any effort to renovate the house for TV purposes would result in a substandard facility. Mr. Hanley cited discussions with a consultant and an actual camera placement test in the Library studio as helpful in identifying the Firehouse as the best site and eliminating *88 South Main* as too problematic. Mr. Hanley reminded the committee that when considering sites, potential governance problems could be as detrimental to the operation of the TV facility as inadequate space. (Please see attached Report/Addendum and General Site Selection Parameters.)

Mayor William Dickinson offered comments on three of the locations under consideration, specifically *Simpson* and *Yalesville Schools* and the former *C.F. Wooding Office Building*. He indicated that *Simpson School* is in very poor condition and may not be a candidate for total renovation. Since the committee is looking for a permanent home for the TV operation, he recommended looking elsewhere. Where *Yalesville School* is concerned, he reminded the committee that a study of the school system's spacial needs is underway and that *Yalesville* may be reclaimed as a school. He suggested that within three months, the town will be closer to determining a specific use for the former school. The Mayor reported that the environmental study of the *Wooding/Caplan* parcel had been completed and that the town would soon decide whether or not to exercise its option to purchase the properties. He added that several town departments, including *Fire, Engineering* and *Adult Education* had already expressed interest in the former *Wooding Office Building*.

The Mayor also asked about the possibility of utilizing the auditorium at *Town Hall* for television purposes. He suggested that a room on the second floor could be secured for office, editing and storage needs. Committee member Polanski commented that the objective is to secure a dedicated studio area and that the *Town Hall* option would be inefficient. He also said that frequent moving of the studio equipment would cause it to break-down more often. Mr. Hanley concurred, adding that the installation of proper lighting and a back-drop (*cyclorama*) might be

deemed unacceptable because they would marr the appearance of the auditorium. He also indicated that the *first step platform* would be too small for most television productions.

During discussion of the sites, committee chairman Dick Nunn solicited comments about the committee's charge. When considering a site, he asked, should the committee address the building's physical suitability or possible renovation cost---or both? The consensus was that the committee had been directed to simply find an appropriate location for the TV operation. The cost of renovation will be studied after the committee makes its recommendation to the Town Council. The committee also agreed that the question of governance cannot be addressed until a particular site has been approved, since each site presents a unique set of issues to resolve.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Nunn suggested that each member of the committee should choose three sites, and should weight their choices as follows: 3 points for first place, 2 points for second, and 1 point for third choice. Before voting, the committee agreed to eliminate both *88 South Main* and *Yalesville Branch Library* because they are unsuitable.

The results of the vote were as follows:

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| 1. Sheehan High School     | 12 points |
| 2. Wooding Office Building | 7 points  |
| 3. Yalesville Firehouse    | 6 points  |

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| 4. | Yalesville School | 5 points  |
| 5. | Simpson School    | 3 points  |
| 6. | Town Hall         | 3 points. |

The committee agreed that Chairman Nunn and Mr. Hanley would present the top three choices, with Yalesville School as an alternate if the Wooding property is not available, to the Town Council at their April 14, 1992 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Nunn*

Richard Nunn  
Chairman

*Scott A. Hanley*

Scott A. Hanley  
Manager of Video Production

Gennah Gail Copen

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GENERAL SITE SELECTION PARAMETERS

Close to town/city center and public transportation

In area of town or city where all members of the community can feel welcome as well as secure during day or night time hours

First Floor (or large elevator)

Approx. 3,500 sq. ft. - 6,500 sq. ft.

Space for studio, control room, editing, playback, offices, remote equipment, engineering, storage, conference room/classes, tape library, bathrooms, janitors closet.

Minimum 30x30 area, for studio, without obstruction and with 14-17 foot ceiling

Barrier free accessibility

Quiet (soundproofed or proofable)

Available bathrooms or room to build

Air conditioned - 5 to 7 tons for studio: 3 to 5 tons for rest

Adequate heat

Parking for at least 10-15 cars