

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 9, 1998

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
2. Correspondence
3. Consent Agenda
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 - d. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$178,423.11 from the Grand List to the Suspense Tax Book to Comply with State Statute 12-165 - Tax Collector
 - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$65,500 from Property & Casualty Gen. Government Acct. #8030-800-8250 of Which \$49,000 is Transferred to Self-Insurance Workers Comp. Acct. #8035-800-8310; \$2,300 is Transferred to Heart & Hypertension - Police Acct. #8035-800-8400 and \$14,200 is Transferred to Heart & Hypertension - Fire Acct. #8035-800-8410 - Risk Manager
 - f. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,307 from Property Casualty Insurance Acct. #8030-800-8250 to Welfare Director Salary Acct. #001-3060-101-1000 - Mayor
 - g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$500 from Office Expenses Acct. #001-1300-401-4000 to Telephone Acct. #001-1300-201-2000 - Mayor's Office
 - h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,100 from Other Pay Acct. #001-2005-101-1700 to Purchased Services Crossing Guard Acct. #001-2005-901-9014 - Department of Police Services
 - i. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Town to Apply for a Department of Social Services for a Community Service Grant for the S.C.O.W. (Spanish Community of Wallingford)

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
6. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,770 from Injuries and Damages Acct. #925 to Property Tax - North Branford Acct. #408 - Electric Division
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$65,000 from Customer Record - Data Processing Acct. #903-1 and \$60,000 from Injuries & Damage Acct. #925 for a Total of \$125,000 to Misc. Distribution Maintenance Acct. #598 - Electric Division
8. Consider and Approve Confirmation of Two (2) Mayoral Appointments/Re-Appointments to the Personnel Pensions Appeals Board - One (1) Appointment/Re-Appointment is for a Five (5) Year Term Effective Immediately and Expires 12/31/2001 and One (1) Appointment/Re-Appointment Fills a Vacancy and Will Expire 12/31/99 - Mayor
9. PUBLIC HEARING to Approve a List of Municipal Projects and Corresponding Resolution to be Submitted to the State of Connecticut Under the Neighborhood Assistance Program - 7:45 P.M.
10. SET A PUBLIC HEARING for June 23, 1998 at 7:45 P.M. on an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,065,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of Renovations to the Wallingford Community Pool and Authorizing the Issue of \$2,065,000 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 amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$47,000 from \$2,065,000 to \$2,112,000 and to ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations with respect thereto.)
11. Report Out by the Senior Center Advisory Committee on the P/posed Expansion Project in Response to a Presentation made at the May 26, 1998 Town Council Meeting as Requested by Councilors Stephen W. Knight and Tom Zappala.
12. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a (e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to Discussion of Pending Litigation - Fairchild v. Dortenzio, et al.
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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 9, 1998 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Vice Chairman Raymond J. Rys, Sr. at 6:33 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati with the exception of Councilor Knight who was on vacation and Chairman Parisi who was ill at home. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Asst. Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Father Trenchard of the Church of the Resurrection bestowed a blessing upon the Council.

M #2 Correspondence

The first item of correspondence to be read into the record by Mr. Farrell was authored by Town Clerk Rosemary Rascati. The letter dated June 4, 1998 states that Mrs. Rascati has determined that sufficient petitions containing certified names of qualified electors of the Town have been obtained to request that the ordinance appropriating \$4.5 million for the acquisition of various parcels of real property for open space, recreation and town purposed either be repealed or submitted to a referendum (Appendix I).

Mr. Farrell read a letter into the record from Dianne Saunders, Chairperson of the Senior Center Advisory Committee thanking Chairman Parisi for removing Item #11 from the agenda which was a prepared response by the committee to Mr. Lube's presentation at the May 26th meeting on the Senior Center (Appendix II).

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Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented, Items #3a-i, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

ITEM #4 Withdrawn

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated, in reading the newspaper he had learned that a gentleman from Meriden has offered to sell his land on Tankwood Road (100 acres) to the Town and criteria for not buying it, according to the paper, is that it is commercial and industrially-zoned land. If that is our criteria, we have no business buying 88 S. Main Street; Wooding/Caplan property or the Fairfield Blvd. Property. All of those properties were taken off of the Grand List; Fairfield (Blvd.) alone was \$75,000 a year. It seems like we are only going to buy land that has been

approved by Planning & Zoning for a subdivision; that's when we become interested. According to the article the gentleman made contact with the Mayor and never heard back. The property supposedly abuts the Wallingford Land Trust property, too, according to the article. It has been asked if we have a plan for open space. What I would like to know what our criteria is for buying land? Is it just residential land or farm land?

Mayor Dickinson explained, it comes down to what may be available. The issue with open space is to help control congestion in the town and try to make sure there are green spaces thirty or forty years from now. We are not saying that we are ruling out any piece but there were pieces that were more attractive to the community at the time we voted on the pieces. The parcel that you are referring to; I don't believe that we received the appraisal on it as of yet. We would not be seriously looking at it until we had the appraisal. Ideally, we are looking at large pieces that are residentially-zoned since residential development, in general, does not pay taxes sufficient to cover the services that are provided. That is a well-known fact and accepted in most research articles involving development and its impact upon communities. The issue for the town is, what do we want the town to look like thirty or forty years from now. Will it all be developed? Will there be pieces that remain open and
en?

Mr. Sheehan stated, the open space land in Wallingford is all on the east side; that is where the majority of it is. The west side is pretty well gone. All your big parcels are on the east side and any one you can get...even if we don't have to wait for an appraiser because I hate to criticize anyone but our appraiser seems to be a little short when it comes to evaluating property because we got beat out of that property because we did not come up with enough money. After we want it, we are going to spend more money to buy it than the person who bought it out from under us. A prime example of that was Fairfield Boulevard. We would not spend \$850,000 for it but a year later we spend \$1.3 million for it and thought nothing of it. Somewhere along the line there has to be an adjustment. Maybe we have to come up and try to get fair market value; what everyone else is willing to pay. It is not all going to be a deal and when I saw that 100 acres out there I know the timing might be bad but we should get it. It is in a good place.

Mayor Dickinson clarified the appraisal process by explaining, appraisals, in general, place a value on land at its highest and best use. If a property is zoned residential, the appraisal value is the full development of the property with residential development. We get an appraisal, in general, the other property would get an appraisal and if there is a difference between them then the difference is ironed out the course of negotiations. Our appraisals generally fall within the realm of what other people pay for the property. Very often, however, you will have property owners who don't want to pay for their own appraisal and aren't satisfied with the appraisal that the Town has obtained. There is not a lot we can do about that. Sometimes people feel their property is worth more than an appraiser will

d as the appropriate value but just to clear up the point; appraisals are based upon the highest and best use of property. We don't get an appraisal based upon it staying as open space. Our appraisals are for a developed piece of property and reflect the full market value of that property.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked, where were all the objections when the huge housing estates have been built around this town in recent years; south of Pond Hill Road; condos at Pond Hill; Riverside Drive; Quigley and Woodhouse, etc., etc.? There were no voices then about the necessity of services to these lands, schools, children, loss of taxes, etc. All of a sudden now it is important. Nobody wants open land anymore than I do; I am very much in favor of open land. There is a right way and a wrong way of doing it, though. You don't wait until the Town gives the person the right to develop and then start to take it by eminent domain, you go and talk to the people first. Mr. Zandri suggested that there be some sort of a tax break and there was an adamant, "can't be done". I don't think there is anything in law that "can't be done", most smart lawyers can find their way around anything. A reverse mortgage -type plan would not be out of sight in this kind of situation. Remarks were made regarding the petition we circulated. I am proud to be one who collected signatures door to door, at Stop & Shop and Dunkin' Donuts. There were many others beside myself who collected hundreds of signatures, each by the same method. The suggestion that there was some financial or ulterior motive possibly, political, etc., I threw out. The only motive was the preservation of the democratic process of demur. There are people out here who care and will work to keep democracy more than just a trite expression. For your information, I did not get any recompense for my efforts, nor did any of the others who put in many hours of work. If the inference is that it is purely a political opposition, I would do exactly the same thing if the Council was dominated by any party up there; any one, because I feel that the method was wrong. It was not only wrong but it was bad business.

On a separate matter, Reginald Knight noted that there was an article in the newspaper stating that the third meetings (Public Speaking Meetings) of the Council may be canceled during the summer. I remember sitting in this room and hearing a promise that even if no one turned up the meeting would still be called and then adjourned. That was a promise given by the Council. I would like to thank Mr. Rys for the last meeting; his courtesy and handling of the meeting was exemplary. It was the best meeting that I have seen in two and one-half years. Thank you.

Diane Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street asked, what was the appraisal value on the Terrell property when the appraisal came in or was there an appraisal done at that point?

Mayor Dickinson replied, yes an appraisal was done, I believe that it was somewhere in the range of \$2.9 million.

Hotchkiss asked, according to the paper the Town never once approached these people for that land?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we approached the developer as owner, yes.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, did we ever approach the original people who owned the land, isn't that how the appraisals are done?

Mayor Dickinson explained, I believe originally that there were seven different pieces there and I believe the developer collected those pieces into one. No, we did not contact the original owners but there was contact with the developer once all of those pieces were together and yes, he had been through the planning and zoning process. At that point the developer sold the property to another partnership.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, at that point were there houses already on the property?

Mayor Dickinson answered, no, there were no houses on the property at that time. After our interest in the ordinance, there was activity; building permits were taken out and houses are under construction. That occurred after the ordinance was voted on during the thirty day effective period.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, does the \$2.9 million represent the full value of that land developed?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that would be the fair market value....I am guessing it was somewhere around \$3 million but it is the value of the property as an approved subdivision.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, does the \$2.9 million represent what those 79 lots are worth? Is that what we are offering them?

Mayor Dickinson answered, the appraisal would be based upon that, yes, the approved subdivision.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, are we still taking this land by eminent domain or are they going to be given a fair market value?

Mayor Dickinson answered, eminent domain is a mechanism of forcing a sale but you still must pay a market value. It is just that a court is determining that the government has an appropriate purpose and the property owner must relinquish title but the property owner receives the fair market value. What ever the fair market value is, and it is generally determined by appraisers who submit testimony, evidence in court. That value is then determined by the judge to be the fair market value

that is what must be paid for the property. Eminent domain does not mean that property is taken without purchase. It only means that there is a legal mechanism of forcing the owner to sell the property.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, he only gets what the land is worth and not what he has put out for engineering and anything else that has been done to this point?

Mayor Dickinson explained, you get into some of the finer points of exactly what goes into the fair market value that certainly could be considered under circumstances what the costs were of the approval of the subdivision. How much of that cost; all of it, some of it; it would depend on the exact case.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, what is the purpose for this land?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the purpose is voted on by the Council. It is for open space purposes. It can include recreation but the primary purpose is to hold property so that it is not developed with a vision toward making sure that the Town has some attractiveness some thirty or forty years from now. There is no immediate purpose, that is building something on it. It certainly could be for recreation but the purpose is to have green areas so that thirty, forty, fifty years from now Wallingford has a blend of environment and aesthetic appeal for people who would be living then. That is the purpose.

Ms. Hotchkiss stated, my interpretation of the ordinance says that it is taken by eminent domain which is condemnation. If you are condemning the land, what could ever be done with it?

Mayor Dickinson explained, you are confusing the words condemnation in a sense of a building being condemned would be that the building is unsafe and has to be torn down; it is condemned. When taken in the context that we are using here, eminent domain, it is a mechanism to take title to the property. It is not found to be unsafe, it is government's ability to take title to the property and own it. It is an entirely different context, legally.

Ms. Hotchkiss stated, in speaking to someone up at the State level, I was told that had we applied to the State for financing for this, we nowhere fall close to what eminent domain even means and there is no State funding for this type of a purchase. Is that true?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I believe the State has a program effective possibly after July 1st, the Governor and Legislature made funds available for open space purchases. I don't think that they are limited by your mechanism of purchase. They make grants available for local government to

purchase property. Again there is evidence at the State level of concerns about what the State will look like thirty or forty years from now. There is a need to deal with the attractiveness of the State as well as the municipalities.

Ms. Hotchkiss continued, I was told by one of our State Representatives that there is not one thing that is done here with this property that the State would ever accept it as eminent domain with this new law that has gone into effect that our town would even qualify for any money if we had waited until this new law went into effect. They don't even consider it as the right procedure or for the right purpose for taking land.

Mayor Dickinson answered, the State recognizes eminent domain as a mechanism of taking property. The State uses that as a process and I am not aware of anything that would prevent the Town from condemning property and still being part of an open space grant application.

Ms. Hotchkiss stated, I was told that our Community Lake Project can be considered open space because of what it is being used for. If we had gone to the State with the idea of purchasing this land that we are now in the middle of discussing they would not have acted in any way what so ever, never and financially. I spoke with Mary Mushinsky twice on this issue. What is going to be done with the four houses that are going up out there? Do they just tear them down after we purchase it?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is something that will have to be considered over the next few days. It is possible to carve out the area that is developed and purchase the rest of it. That is an option.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, is it also an option that we can go ahead and let the Terrell Property stand as is and purchase the other two parcels in a separate ordinance? I can't see the logic of eminent domain on property.....the newspaper ran an article that stated, "we have people in our town that are in authority to make decisions." I read that to be our Mayor but I also read that to mean Planning & Zoning. When P&Z makes a decision, I don't understand why, whether it be the Mayor or Council, if our schools are affected, our highways are affected, why doesn't this come before everyone else before it goes to Planning & Zoning? Why did this go through Planning & Zoning; the buildings have been put up; they have the O.K. to do everything and now all of a sudden everybody is putting up a big stink about it and wants to take the land by eminent domain?

Mayor Dickinson replied, it comes down to the time sequence. The Conservation Commission was reviewing pieces of property for over a year. During that time we did not have a report and we were moving on property. After the report came out, letters went out to a number of large property owners asking if there was interest in sale. On the residentially-zoned properties, for the most part, owners said they were not interested in selling to the Town. That elevated some of the other pieces

cluding the Terrell piece. In addition, earlier than that the Town had other projects that we were dealing with and the financial capability was not there to spend the money in the amounts necessary to buy large pieces of one hundred acres or more. At the point we had the funds to go ahead it becomes a question of, is there a legitimate governmental purpose? We then get into the need for open space and the need for it in various areas of town; the issue of Route 68 being congested; all of those things played a role. It was identified that the Terrell piece of some seventy acres was an appropriate piece for purchase in order to achieve goals stated at the meetings.

Ms. Hotchkiss questioned how the Town had financial capability to purchase any of the land when Mr. Farrell stated earlier that the funds would be borrowed?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the ordinances are a method of financing the purchase. They authorize borrowing. Anytime you borrow you must pay back principal and interest which amounts to approximately \$6.5 million over twenty years. Principal and interest payments are found within each year's budget and you have to have it within your capability of making those payments and there should also be an effort to make those payments as small as possible and use cash to offset the size of the borrowing. There are a multitude of factors that go into decisions on financing.

Ms. Hotchkiss asked, why isn't there a line item in the budget titled, "Open Space" and why aren't we budgeting money for this purpose?

Mayor Dickinson stated, there is a line entitled, "New Debt Payment". That would be for any debt such as the pool, the senior center.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated, on May 12th I had some questions of the Mayor on the roof of the Town Hall. I came across the fact that we are paying the architect \$5,200 when we budgeted \$15,000 for the service. The Mayor was going to give me an answer to my question, "What happened to the rest of the money that was budgeted?" I never did get an answer.

Mayor Dickinson was under the impression that Henry McCully, Director of Public Works had responded to Mr. Wasilewski's questions. He will talk to Mr. McCully and get a reply to Mr. Wasilewski once he has obtained the answers to his questions.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, do we still have that \$9,800 around somewhere because I don't remember one transferring that money out of that line item?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I don't know of any plan to transfer it out.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, that is our surplus.

Mayor Dickinson repeated that he would speak to Mr. McCully.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, \$282,000 was low bid on the roof project submitted by Horizon Roofers of Albany, New York. We budgeted \$360,000+ and now I read in the paper that we are taking a building permit for the roof to the tune of \$315,000.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there is additional work that must also be done regarding the roof. The \$282,000 does not cover the entire project.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, did the Town go with the low bid?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I believe so but again, that does not cover all of the work.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, if they bid it they must give you a complete job. They should not bid low bidder and then add to the project which pushes the price up. The contractor should give you the price and he should be held to it. With Fairfield Boulevard we put \$70,000 into a contingency fund that we spent every penny of. I objected to that and so did the Council Chairman.

Mayor Dickinson stated, with regards to the roof, part of reason for a contingency account is, that it assumes that there is not a problem with the wood underneath the roof. There is no way to no that until you take the roof off and investigate whether or not the wood is rotting and in need of replacing. If it has to be replaced, it increases the cost.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, didn't we put a fairly new roof on the building when we bought the building?

Mayor Dickinson replied, I believe so but that was about twelve years ago.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, it was not a good roof because it leaked from day one and it is still leaking so we are putting another roof on.

Mayor Dickinson stated, part of this is to build it up so that it is not a flat roof.

Mr. Wasilewski stated that we should check into this before going ahead with it because it will cost us well over \$315,000. Are we going to borrow any of that money? Don't we have the money to for that?

Mayor Dickinson replied, it was budgeted.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, somewhere along the line we did not do a good job with this building and I think we had better start doing so now. We should take care of the air conditioning now while we can. It never works either. We have spent in the neighborhood of \$125,000 to repair it and we never could repair it. A month ago you couldn't step into the Town Hall because it was so hot they had to open the doors and windows to cool the building off.

Mayor Dickinson stated, I know there are days that are difficult but for the most part the air conditioning and heating system works pretty well.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, the Electric Division was sweating bullets; it was something like 90 degrees in the building and probably 65 degrees outside. The system will not work unless we change the whole thing. You had better start planning and putting money aside so that we can take care of the air conditioning. You may be hot on the stage but we are cold back here (audience). In the summer most of us have sweaters on in here and nothing is being done about it. With regards to the matter of hypertension; we have transferred money into hypertension accounts about six weeks ago; quite a large amount. Now, on the consent agenda, we are transferring more money into hypertension. I think we should find out, what is hypertension? You can't operate on hypertension but yet we are budgeting more money than fire and police department for hypertension. We are budgeting \$168,278 for hypertension for the police and fire departments and \$70,630 for the police department alone. I don't know how many people we have on hypertension but if they are really bad off maybe it is worth spending but somehow I can't see how it costs that much money. Hypertension is pressure of the blood. You either have to take medication or watch your diet or exercise to get away from what is giving you the problem. If a person on hypertension does not take care of themselves their blood pressure is always going to stay up there.

Mayor Dickinson stated, this is all managed through the Risk Manager's office. It is a worker's compensation benefit.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I think we should look into this further. I am not denying these people whatever they get but I think we should look into it.

With regards to the Linear Trail Mr. Wasilewski stated, I think there is \$25,000 budgeted for that this year in the six year capital plan.

Mayor Dickinson corrected the figure to \$46,000.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, next year there is something like \$400,000 in the six year plan, correct?

Mayor Dickinson replied, yes, the following year.

Wasilewski asked, is that money that is put aside or do we go out and bond it?

Mayor Dickinson stated, that is a bonding program; the Capital and Non-Recurring plan.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, the linear trail is an excellent idea but if you are going to do that project, let's kill two birds with one stone; let's restore Community Lake along with the trail. Let's get the whole project done so we don't have to worry about it again. Maybe we could get it done in a few years; build a new dam, get the water back in the lake, put the trail in and make it a beautiful area there. That is what the Council and Mayor should think about; restoring the lake and doing the linear trail.

Mayor Dickinson stated, that is a project of the State of CT., they are drawing up plans for the lake. There is a committee established by the Town Council that is acting as a liaison with the State Dept. of Environmental Protection. It is being paid for and is a responsibility of D.E.P.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, we have been doing Community Lake since Bert Killen was a rookie councilman.

dy Kapi, 6 Deme Road remarked, since Mr. Lubees' presentation on the Senior Center at the last meeting I have had an opportunity to visit his home and listen to his presentation and read the documentation up close and personal. I find that he has done an amazing piece of work trying to incorporate some analysis and long term projecting. I regret that there may be somewhat of an adversarial relationship between Mr. Lubees' efforts and the Senior Center Expansion Committee. Obviously they have not spoken for themselves so we don't know what they are going to come up with for their final recommendation but I think beyond the numeric analysis and beyond the projecting which is a non-exact science, there is another aspect having to do with generations. My generation, a good number of folks my age have done financial planning and retirement planning in a way that was never addressed in previous times. There will always be a need for senior center services and a place for seniors to go but I think that one of the incalculable factors in all of this is that the need for the services and for congregate at a place like that for people my age when that time comes may, in fact, be less than we can rely on now if we were simply taking figures and trying to extend them out beyond the year or so. I think the logic of Mr. Lubees' presentation is that we need a somewhat expanded facility and certainly some changes as far as the kitchen facilities and strategic parking for people that need to use a walker or other means of assistance. I hope that when the time comes to review this information additionally we will all look back fondly at the work that Mr. Lubees did which I thought was very rigorous and quite impressive.

With regards to the open space issue, Mr. Kapi stated, I am not going to say much except for to say that the slight observation that when you are worried about what the town will look like thirty years from now, the time to start that clock ticking is in the first year of your fifteen years of service and not

at the mid-point or the end fifteen years later. The other thing that I wonder about is the setting and the timing of the referendum. As we read the Charter it is another one of those glorious moments where you see what I take to be vague language. It is not clear to me from the language that addresses that point whether the sixty day clock for setting the referendum kicks in after the thirty day period for which the Council takes the time to decide whether or not to repeal the ordinance or whether that sixty day clock kicks in from the time the signatures are verified. There seems to be latitude there but it seems if we kick in the sixty day clock from June 3rd, we are looking at the first week of August which is a God-awful time to hold an election of any type. A lot of political considerations can come into play here. People can think that if we hold a referendum in the first week of August, no one will show up and someone wins in that calculation. I would hope that having begun this process that we are the least little bit interested in what a whole bunch of folks might want to say about this issue and if there is a way to interpret that language in the Charter to have that sixty day clock start after the Council's thirty day period of reconsideration, that puts the referendum in the first week of September, perhaps prior to Labor Day which seems to be a more appropriate time to look at this type of issue.

Public Question and Answer Period was closed at this time.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,770 from Injuries and Damages Acct. #925 to Property Tax - North Branford Acct. #408 - Electric Division

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Centner.

This transfer is being requested so as to properly accrue the division's property tax liability with the Town of North Branford, in accordance with their new mill rate recently established by said town. The increase in property tax expense is due to a higher than anticipated increase in the division's construction of the utility plant in North Branford and a higher than expected mill rate. The power cost adjustment clause of the division's existing rate schedule as amended October 21, 1997 allows for the recovery of the property taxes paid to North Branford from our Northford customers.

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

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$65,000 from Customer Record - Data Processing Acct. #903-1 and \$60,000 from Injuries & Damage Acct. #925 for a Total \$125,000 to Misc. Distribution Maintenance Acct. #598 - Electric Division

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr.

The transfer is needed in order to continue site remediation and soil removal at the Alfred L. Pierce Generating Station. A substantial quantity of petroleum product was discovered when two 420,000 gallon fuel oil tanks were dismantled and removed. In accordance with a directive of the D.E.P., the areas in question were excavated with one thousand tons of petroleum-contaminated soil already removed from the site with at least an additional one thousand tons still to be disposed of. The division, with its environmental consultant, is proceeding with a plan that includes site assessment and a recommendation for site remediation, to be submitted to the D.E.P. for their consideration. Additional funds are required in order to continue remediation and removal of the remaining contaminated soil. At this point in time William Cominos, General Manager of the Electric Division does not have enough data to make an informed judgment as to when and how the ultimate remedy of this matter will be determined or the total expense.

Mr. Zandri asked, why were the tanks removed to begin with?

Mr. Cominos stated, they had been tested and found to be in very bad taste.

Mr. Zandri asked, were we ordered to remove them?

Mr. Cominos replied, no, it was a decision that I had made and discussed it with the Director (of Public Utilities) and the Public Utilities Commission. I thought it would be in the best interest of the Town and the division to remove the tanks if they were determined to be unacceptable.

Mr. Zandri asked, when was this work started?

Mr. Cominos answered, April 13, 1998.

Mr. Zandri stated, with the potential for that generating site going to a private company to put a generating plant there, this issue could have been part of the negotiating process, that they handle the responsibility of removing the tanks and the costs associated with the work. I am puzzled as to why when we are so close to beginning the negotiating process that we did not consider that option.

Mr. Cominos stated, it was considered but not seriously. I don't know when and if the partnership is ever going to take place. There was probably 20,000 gallons of oil in one of the tanks and the potential of that tank cracking or leaking was there. We had the report that the tank was in bad shape. Rather than taking the risk of leaving the tank up and having a possible leak; it is not even on a cement foundation, it is on soil. I thought there was a risk of the tank cracking or falling.

Mr. Zandri stated, the content of the tank could have been removed.

Mr. Cominos replied, an empty tank is probably as bad as a full bad tank. It was a 1952 vintage tank. There were signs of rust and wear and tear on the tank which led me to believe that in a severe or heavy windstorm that we may have a problem. It gave me worry, that is the reason I took them down.

Mr. Zandri stated, I felt that we had an option here to let this cost be borne by another entity. I just wanted to make sure we gave that option consideration.

Mr. Renda asked, was the soil under the tanks contaminated due to the tanks already leaking?

Mr. Cominos answered, I checked the records and at least two or three times there were problems with those tanks. The oil that they couldn't get out went under the tanks and when we removed them the oil was sitting there.

Renda asked, how long have the tanks been leaking?

Mr. Cominos stated, I am not saying that they were leaking on a steady basis. There was a ruptured line at one time. I can't tell you what happened in the early 1970s whether it was spillage on delivery or a line rupture or what have you. I don't have the records to tell you what happened.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked if Mr. Renda is on the P.U.C. Liaison Committee?

Mr. Renda responded, yes.

Mr. Wright stated, this issue was discussed at quite some length at a P.U.C. meeting.

Mr. Renda stated, I have been ill for a couple of months and under medication and under orders not to drive. That is why I haven't been at the meetings. The Council Chairman was well informed on the matter.

Mr. Wright asked, what criteria is used to determine which items are put on the consent agenda? Item #4 is a transfer of \$178,000 which was not discussed at all and Item #7 is a transfer for 5,000 and we have required these folks to justify the expenditure. I can't fathom this; there seems to be no logic or reason or parameters for what is on a consent agenda and what gets discussed.

Rys stated, I can assure you that when the agenda is being prepared, we look over the criteria ofat is something that has happened today and what has happened in the past. Like the \$178,000 item, that is a recurring item every year. It is nothing other than paying debt and transferring it over to another account which is required by State Statute. This current item was important enough to bring for discussion before the Council for the public. Even though it sounds like a lot of money, it is something that happens every year. It is nothing that we are hiding or trying to bury; it is a recurrence.

Mr. Wright stated, you were praised for your handling of the last meeting; I would like to thank, publicly Mr. Myers who provided me with a list of the bid waivers for the past year a couple of months ago. Thank you Mr. Myers for getting back to me on it. Back to the matter of determining what goes on the consent agenda; Item #6 for \$4,000 is discussed while a transfer for \$65,000 for heart and hypertension is not.

Mr. Rys stated, as I said before, those are probably recurring issues that exist; they happen. I did have someone from the public call me and ask me to take the items off of the consent agenda but, unfortunately, it came beyond the time for me to take the item off the agenda, otherwise it would have been taken off the consent agenda.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked, what will this whole project cost the Electric Division?

Mr. Cominos replied, I don't know.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, is the \$125,000 going to cover the matter or will you be back for more money?

Mr. Cominos replied, hopefully the \$125,000 will cover it. I will know more after we get some tests back. We had to install two additional monitoring wells on the property. We have a total of five monitoring wells and we have to check for any petroleum hydrocarbons in these wells. If we find a sheen of hydrocarbons then we have to have it tested in accordance with D.E.P. guidelines. Hopefully the test will show the levels to be below the 25,000 ppm (parts per million) criteria. If they are then we don't have to do any more remediation.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, how much money is left in the customer records - data processing account? I budgeted \$402,000. How much is left?

Mr. Cominos answered, we have approximately \$170,000 in the account and we are taking \$130,000.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I noticed that you are cutting that item in the 1999 budget to \$258,000. There is an awful lot of money in that account. You are cutting the injuries and damages account in half as well.

Dave Gessert, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission explained, the injuries and damages surplus is a result of the re-bid of the insurance contract. There is a savings in there this year and you will see that account reduced for next year.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, what does this do to our surplus? When the report first came out in December we had a \$3.3 million surplus. As I see these transfers coming in, we are taking out of the surplus now. Is that right? Our surplus will not be \$3 million as of the first of July. Even with the Electric Division; all this money that we would save would be earnings. We are taking that money out because we have this problem. Would you consider this an emergency?

Mr. Gessert answered, I don't know that you would consider it an emergency but it is absolutely necessary when you have an environmental problem. You don't hide it or walk away from it, you address it. I give Mr. Cominos a lot of credit for getting those tanks down; they had not been used in a long time and were an accident waiting to happen. Anything less than that would have been considered irresponsible.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I have to congratulate Mr. Cominos for taking care of the problem now. He has done an awful lot with the Electric Division that people do not know about or can appreciate. He has done an excellent job and this is part proof of that.

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

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve the Confirmation of Two (2) Mayoral Appointments/Re-Appointments to the Personnel Pensions Appeals Board - One (1) Appointment/Re-Appointment is for a Five (5) Year Term Effective Immediately and Expires 12/31/2001 and One (1) Appointment/Re-Appointment Fills a Vacancy and Will Expire 12/31/99 - Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Re-Appoint Mr. Peter Foster to a Five (5) Year Term to Expire 12/31/2001 and to Appoint Mr. Raymond L. Long to Fill a Vacancy Which Expires 12/31/99, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

ITEM #10 SET A PUBLIC HEARING for June 23, 1998 at 7:45 P.M. on an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Appropriating \$2,065,000 for the Planning, Acquisition and Construction of

...novations to the Wallingford Community Pool and Authorizing the Issue of \$2,065,000 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 amendment is to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$47,000 from \$2,065,000 to \$2,112,000 and to ratify, confirm and adopt all prior authorizations with respect thereto.)

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked if this will be the final appropriation for the pool? We went from \$1.2 million to \$2.1 and we still don't have a building committee. We need a building committee. If this had come to the public in a full figure they probably would have taken it to referendum and it could possibly still happen. It is a debacle. How can we permit this to go on in this town where we are stumbling and fumbling around on this project. The Council has a responsibility to say "whoa" and dig into this properly and see that it is going to be managed properly.

Mr. Rys reminded Mr. Wright that this item is only to set the public hearing and the item will be up for discussion at the June 23rd meeting.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked, did you approve the \$2,065,000 last month or the month before? It was a previous meeting with some debate over the issue of Mr. Zandri wanting to do the bathhouse over at the same time. You scratched that idea and approved this money.

Mr. Rys stated, a couple of months ago.

Mr. Sheehan asked, you put \$2,065,000 aside in cash for this project, Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson stated, it was a bond authorization. It allows the payment through bonding or cash.

Mr. Sheehan stated, you are doing over what you did two months ago.

Mr. Rys stated, we are increasing the amount by \$47,000.

Mr. Sheehan stated, that is not the way it reads now.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out, under the item on the agenda, in parenthesis is an explanation of the purpose of the amendment; increase the bond authorization by \$47,000.

Mr. Sheehan stated, I have gone by there, the weather is nice and I don't see anything happening down there. I thought this was all taken care of two months ago. I expected by this time something

would be done; move a couple of rocks around; I haven't seen anything and we are now two months
her down the road in June. I was told two months ago that this was going to take a year. \$47,000
does not require a bond, you should be able to come up with it in cash.

Diana Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street asked, are you increasing the bond authorization at this point?

Mr. Rys answered, no. The public will have the opportunity to speak on that matter at the June 23rd
meeting. This is only to set the date.

Mr. Zappala asked the Mayor, wouldn't it be wise at this point to open the pool?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the construction will still occur this summer. The Town Engineer sent a
letter to the contractor stating, this public hearing will not change the construction schedule. They are
still expecting to be under construction this summer.

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

ITEM #9 PUBLIC HEARING to Approve a List of Municipal Projects and Corresponding
Resolution to be Submitted to the State of Connecticut Under the Neighborhood Assistance Program

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Read the Resolution Into the Record and Append a List of the
Projects to the Minutes of this Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Knight and Parisi were absent; Farrell abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

A copy of correspondence from Don Roe, Program Planner, a List of the Projects and the Resolution
is attached to these minutes (Appendix III).

Dianna Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street asked, what does "Purchase of Wood Property" for \$150,000
mean?

Mayor Dickinson explained, I believe that reflects the interest on the part of the YMCA to buy
property across Wallace Street or Wallace Avenue from the YMCA. It is property across the street
from the YMCA and they would like to purchase it.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Knight and Parisi were absent; Farrell abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Farrell stated both the Center Street Cemetery and Wallingford Preservation Trust were applicants on this project list therefore he abstained from voting on those applications since he is a member of both organizations.

ITEM #11 - Withdrawn

ITEM #12 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a (e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to Discussion of Pending Litigation - Fairchild v. Dortenzio, et al.

ITEM #13 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Lease of Property - Mayor

ITEM #14 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(5) of the CT. General Statutes Pertaining to Strategies and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining - Dept. Of Public Utilities

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Enter Into the Executive Sessions as Listed Above, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mayor Dickinson stated that Item #13 can be withdrawn.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Exit the Executive Sessions, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

ITEM #12 Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Approve the Settlement of Fairchild v. Dortenzio as Discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

ITEM #13 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Sale and/or Lease of Property - Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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June 9, 1998

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

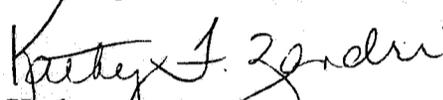
ITEM #15 Withdrawn

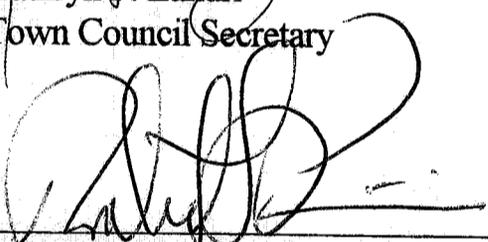
Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

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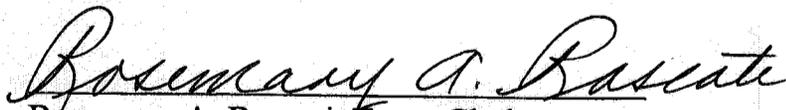

Kathryn F. Zandri
Town Council Secretary

Approved by: 

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

6-26-98

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June 4, 1998

Chairman Robert F. Parisi
Town Council Members

Dear Council:

I have received sufficient petitions and certified sufficient names of qualified electors of the Town of Wallingford requesting that Ordinance #456 "An Ordinance Appropriating \$4,542,000 for the Acquisition of Various Parcels of Real Property for Open Space, Recreation and Town Purposes, and Authorizing The Issuance of \$4,542,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" be either repealed or submitted to a Referendum.

In order for the petitions to be deemed sufficient:

1. The form of the petition was submitted for approval to both the Town Clerk and Town Attorney
2. Completed petitions were signed by each circulator attesting that the signatures were signed in their presence and the signers satisfactorily identified themselves
3. Petitions had to be filed in the Town Clerk's Office by Saturday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m. which would be within the 30 days after the publication of the ordinance
4. Number of qualified electors who signed the petitions had to be equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of registered voters at the last municipal election. There were 25,776 registered voters in the Town for the 1997 municipal election. The total number of signatures of qualified electors needed is 2,578. These signatures were deemed sufficient on June 3rd.

The Council shall have 30 days to repeal such ordinance or the question of repeal shall be voted on within 60 days by the electors of the Town at a Referendum.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

cc: Mayor William W. Dickinson

Town Attorney Adam Montanari, James G. Hall

Appendix II

TO: Robert Parisi, Chairman
Wallingford Town Council

FROM: Dianne Saunders, Chairperson *ms*
Senior Center Expansion Advisory Committee

DATE: June 9, 1998

RE: Response to Mr. Lubees's presentation at 05/26/98 Town Council Meeting

CC: Mayor Dickinson, Henry McCully

Thank you for removing from tonight's agenda our response to the presentation made by Mr. Lubees at the May 26th Council meeting. We do not feel it would be appropriate to enter into what might easily become an ongoing debate with a particular individual at successive Council meetings.

We are always happy to entertain suggestions or questions by any member of the public about the senior center expansion. Our meetings are open to the public and there is time set aside formally on every agenda for public question and answer. We also work closely with the seniors on a regular basis to keep them involved in the project. And since we are a committee of the Council, we will respond to whatever issues the Council decides are appropriate. We will continue to report back formally to the Council whenever we are at a point in our work when this would be appropriate.

As a point of further information, we have had the good fortune to obtain Sharlene Wong's assistance with the layout and equipment specifications for the kitchen. We plan to spend the next few months working on that issue and on operational costs for the proposed expansion. Several committee members will also have vacations planned for the near future. Following the completion of these items and further site work, we will probably be in a position to report back to the Council with a recommendation for the nature and scope of the expansion.



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

DONALD W. ROE
STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

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May 15, 1998

William W. Dickinson, Jr. Mayor
Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

Re: Neighborhood Assistance Applications – 1998

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

Under the Neighborhood Assistance Program, non-profit agencies that serve Wallingford residents are eligible to receive grants from private businesses. In return, these companies receive State tax credits for those grants for eligible project.

In accordance with the State legislation, we have solicited applications for the current round of funding. Our deadline for applications was May 1, 1998. Attached is a summary of the applications. A complete set of all applications is in the Town Council Office as well as the Program Planning Office.

The legislation requires that the legislative body of a municipality hold a public hearing in order to submit a list of projects to the State for approval. I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would forward this item to the Town Council for placement on the agenda for the May 26, 1998 meeting and ask that the Town Council set a public hearing date for June 9, 1998, their next regular meeting.

The legislation does not impose any further requirements or restrictions on the Town except for the public hearing and approval of projects through passage of a resolution, a copy of which is attached. All projects will be the sole responsibility of those who submitted applications.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Roe
State & Federal Program Administrator

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Attachments

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SUMMARY LIST OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
June 9, 1998

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Meriden and Wallingford	Business-to-School Mentoring Program (Expansion)	\$ 20,000
Center Street Cemetery Association	Preserving Historic Headstones	\$150,000
The Curtis Home Corporation	<u>Children's Program</u>	
	Curtis School Renovations	\$ 85,000
	Family Placement Program	\$ 10,000
	Children's Work Experience Program	\$ 5,200
	Staff Training Program	\$ 3,000
	Special Activities & Field Trips	\$ 2,500
The Curtis Home Corporation	<u>Elderly Program</u>	
	Handicap Accessible Vehicle	\$ 39,600
	Furniture for the Elderly	\$ 16,000
	House Care	\$ 12,000
	Electric Hospital Bed	\$ 6,000
	Table Linens for the Elderly	\$ 450
Easter Seals	Easter Seals/OPTIONS	\$ 30,000
Gaylord Hospital	Annual Appeal	\$100,000
Literacy Volunteers	Initiating Services to Family Day Care Providers in Wallingford	\$ 25,000
Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club	Youth Development	\$150,000
Wlfd. Historic Preservation Trust, Inc.	Museum Restoration Program	\$150,000
Wlfd. Historical Society, Inc.	Restoration of the Samuel Parsons House Exterior	\$ 55,000
YWCA: Young Women's Christian Association of Meriden	Fix-Up/Service Improvement	\$ 50,000
<u>Previously-Approved Multi-year Programs (1997 and 1998)</u>		
Family YMCA	Purchase of Wood Property	\$150,000
Veterans Memorial Medical Center	Building a Healthy Community	\$150,000
YWCA of Meriden	Renovations/Services Improvements	\$ 75,000

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-631, the State of Connecticut has provided tax incentives for Connecticut businesses that donate to community programs under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it is required under Connecticut General Statutes 12-631 that any municipality desiring to obtain benefits under the provisions of this Act shall, after holding at least one public hearing and after approval of the legislative bodies, submit to the Department of Revenue Services a list of programs eligible for investment by business firms under the provisions of this Act; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interest that the Town of Wallingford submit such a list to the State of Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD:

1. that after holding a public hearing on the list required under Connecticut General Statutes 12-631, the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford hereby approves the attached list entitled: Summary List of Neighborhood Assistance Programs; and
2. that the Mayor of the Town of Wallingford is hereby authorized and directed to submit to the Department of Revenue Services the approved list of programs eligible for investment by business firms and to provide such additional information; to execute such other documents as may be required by the Department to accept on behalf of the Town any funds available for those municipal programs on the list; to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto; and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford.

Certified a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town of Wallingford at a meeting of its Town Council on June 9, 1998, and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

(Date)

(Clerk)