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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Robert F. Early Auditorium
Town Hall
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT

FRIDAY

March 10, 2006

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at a special meeting held on Friday, March 10, 2006, in Robert Earley Auditorium at Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Robert F. Parisi Called the Meeting to Order at 6:33 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Vincenzo M. Di Natale, Lois Doherty, Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Gerald E. Farrell, Jr. was absent from the meeting. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporate Counsel, Adam Mantzaris, and James Bowes, Comptroller were also in attendance at the meeting

There was a Moment of Silence.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion regarding the Town of Wallingford setting aside a portion of the Wooding-Caplan Property for Police Department evidence and impound lot and Police Department parking
– Chairman Robert F. Parisi

Chairman Parisi announced that Councilor Farrell has recused himself from these proceedings and any meetings that pertain to this subject.

Mr. Knight read Item 3 -Discussion regarding the Town of Wallingford setting aside a portion of the Wooding-Caplan Property for Police Department evidence and impound lot and Police Department parking.

Douglas Dortenzio, Chief, Police Department

Chief Dortenzio began by affirming that it is in his plans to move the location of the impound lot to an area off premises and has looked a site on John Street which would be suitable.

Mr. Knight read part of a letter dated March 9, 2006, to Chairman Parisi from Co-Chairs of the Wooding Caplan Committee, Caryl Ryan and David Smith. The letter as it pertains to parking states that Chief Dortenzio said that the Police Department needs approximately 50 parking spaces, excluding the impoundment lot. The letter requested that the property line as expressed on the original RFP remain unchanged and not moved 40 feet to the south, since according to Mr. Thompson a parking lot for 53 vehicles could be constructed.

Chief Dortenzio said with the 50 parking spaces, there would be two visitor spaces in front of the building along with one handicapped space. Some employees park on the public roadway, and in addition to that, the Wooding Caplan property accommodates during the day about 50 vehicles. There are town-owned fleet cars that are parked on the Wooding Caplan property as well as a trailer and an old ambulance that are actively used. He said that if a parking facility is established behind the building for 50 cars for the Police Department, it addresses today's issue but would not allow expansion for the future or for adding public spaces. When asked if he would be satisfied with that, he responded that he would be for today's conditions. In terms of today, it would address their problem. In order for the proposed parking lot to function as is being currently proposed the impound lot has to be addressed first because there would not be a gain of 50 parking spaces for the employees unless the impounded vehicles are moved. The Mayor pointed out that there is a cost to the transition. There was some discussion regarding future growth of the Police Department and its unique requirements.

Jon Walworth asked about a budget for paving the parking area. There is currently no budget for paving.

There were no other questions from the public.

Ms. Papale clarified that the letter from the Committee strongly recommends that the property line as specified in the original RFP remain unchanged, and that no vote will be taken tonight, and it will stay the same and the developers do not have to change their plans, and we can move forward. Chief Dortenzio said that is what he understands.

No action was taken.

Mr. Knight made a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Testa** seconded the motion.

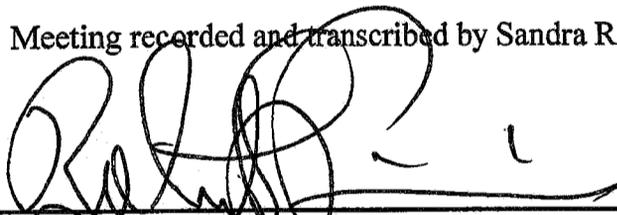
The vote was all ayes except Councilor Farrell who recused himself from the proceeding. The motion passed.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary

Meeting recorded and transcribed by Sandra R. Weekes



Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

9-26-06
Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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