

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 10, 1994

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

****NOTE STARTING TIME OF MEETING DUE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION****

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(1) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Discussion Concerning the Appointment of a Public Officer
3. Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date
4. Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved to Date
5. Note for the Record the Quarterly Reports of the Wallingford Public Library, Visiting Nurse Association and Senior Citizen Center
- 6a. Consider and Approve One Appointment to the Position of Commissioner on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a Term of Five Years to Expire 3/1/98
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12. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
13. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from Outside Work/Recoverable Acct. #001-2001-100-1800 and \$1,000 from Gas & Oil Acct. #001-2001-300-3000 of which \$15,000 is Transferred to Contract - Crossing Guards Acct. #001-2001-600-6521 and \$1,000 is to Maintenance of Computers Acct. #001-2001-500-5220 - Dept. of Police Services
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16. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Drought Contingency Acct. #643-000, \$13,000 from Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines Acct. #673-000 for a Total of \$23,000 to Workmen's Compensation Acct. #925-001 - Water Division
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21. Consider and Approve Disbanding the Community Pool Renovation Building Committee
22. Adopt the 1994-95 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Set a Rate of Tax for 1994-95
23. Discussion and Possible Action on Reviewing Proposals/Bids Received for the Recreation Center/Ice Rink - Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee
24. Consider and Approve Awarding a Contract to Other than the Low Bidder for Professional Services, Feasibility Study - Phase I - Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee

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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 1994 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Thomas D. Solinsky at 6:17 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Mr. Gouveia who arrived during executive session and Mr. Killen who arrived at 6:30 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 7:07 P.M., Town Attorney Janis M. Small arrived at 6:41 P.M. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers arrived at 6:35 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(1) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to Discussion Concerning the Appointment of a Public Officer

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Gouveia and Killen were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Gouveia, abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

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

Mayor Dickinson noted that the Mayoral transfer for the Police Department in the Amount of \$200 from Supplies - Non personal to Copier Rental and Supplies has been removed from the approved list. A Mayoral transfer has been made to the account at an earlier date, therefore a second one cannot occur.

VOTE: Killen was absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved to Date

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

VOTE: Killen was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #5 Note for the Record the Quarterly Reports of the Wallingford Public Library, Visiting Nurse Association and the Senior Citizen Center

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

VOTE: Killen was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6a Consider and Approve One Appointment to the Position of Commissioner on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years to Expire 3/1/98

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Appoint James Heilman to the Position, seconded by Mr. Knight.

It is noted that Mr. Heilman is being re-appointed to this position. His past term expired on 3/1/93 but has continued to serve in the position until a re-appointment has been made which is standard practice.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #6b Consider and Approve One Appointment to the Position of Alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a Term of Three (3) Years to Expire 3/1/96

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Appoint Vincenzo DiNatale to the Position, seconded by Ms. Papale.

It is noted that Mr. DiNatale is filling a vacancy for a term that expired 3/1/93.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall performed the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. DiNatale. Mr. Heilman had to leave the meeting early due to a previous commitment.

ITEM #7 Report Out on the Status of the School Handicapped Access Project

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Hear the Report, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Thomas Chicoski, Chairman of the Handicapped Access Building Committee was unable to attend the meeting due to business commitments, however correspondence was forwarded to the Council providing an update on the status of the project (appendix I).

Due to excessive moisture in and under the concrete walkways the tile has come unbonded at a number of seams. Commercial grade carpet was installed in the worst areas last September. The sections that were put down held up very well and have met with approval of the principal and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Work to complete the project will start after June 30th and will be complete some time in mid-July. After the final work is done and accepted at Rock Hill, the committee can be closed out.

No action taken.

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ITEM #8 Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#281-294) in the Amount of \$5,490.04 - Tax Collector

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,025.00 from Overtime (Snow Removal) Acct. #001-5040-100-1400 to Center Street Cemetery Acct. #001-5031-999-9913 - Public Works

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

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,900 from Overtime Acct. #001-5040-100-1400 to Utilities Acct. #001-5150-200-2010 - Public Works

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

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$300 from Office Supplies Acct. #001-1300-400-4000, \$900 from ICMA/CCM Mgt. Info Systems Acct. #001-1300-600-6060 and \$553 from Seminars and Dues Acct. #001-1300-700-7990 for a Total of \$1,363 to Copy Machines Acct. #001-1300-999-9901 and \$390 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #001-1300-500-5200 - Mayor's Office

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

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 from Outside Work - Recoverable Acct. #001-2001-100-1800 to Contract - Crossing Guards Acct. #001-2001-600-6521 - Dept. of Police Services

Mrs. Duryea wished to break the transfer into two separate motions.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Approve the \$15,000 transfer, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Zandri asked Comptroller Myers if a transfer should be made from the Outside Work - Recoverable Acct.?

Mr. Myers advised against it. He explained that this account is offset by revenues generated from contractors hired for specific projects who, as part of the contract, must pay for services provided by the Town. A corresponding expenditure account appears in the budget of that department expected to provide the services. It is commonly referred to a "wash" accounts.

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VOTE: Papale, Zappala and Solinsky, aye; all others, no; motion failed.

Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,000 from Gas & Oil Acct. #001-2001-300-3000 to Maintenance of Computers Acct. #001-2001-500-5220 - Dept. of Police Services

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

In checking Acct. #001-2001-500-5220, Maintenance of Computers, it was discovered that a balance of only \$415 remained in the account and that there was insufficient funds for the transfer. A \$12,815 encumbrance was also noted.

Mr. Myers asked Deputy Chief York if the department had processed a release of encumbered funds form?

Chief York responded, yes, and that the paperwork must have crossed in the process.

Mr. Knight asked for a description of the equipment that is being maintained.

Chief York explained, there was an error of omission on the part of the department when formulating the budget last year. A warranty on the new computer system expired during the year and a maintenance agreement was initiated.

Mr. Knight asked if the department has had need to exercise their maintenance agreement at all?

Chief York responded, yes, some keyboards have been replaced. It is a hardware maintenance contract.

VOTE: All nays, motion failed.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$500 from Advertising Acct. #001-2002-400-4100 to Wrecker Services Acct. #001-2002-500-5350 - Dept. of Police Services

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

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard St. stated that he felt the Chief of Police should be present at the Town Council Meetings for his items.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,000 from Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines Acct. #673-000 to Maintenance of Pumping Equipment Acct. #633-000 - Water Division

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

Mr. Gouveia referred to Mr. Dann's correspondence explaining that funds are available in the Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines Acct. due to a change in the strategy relative to

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cleaning of the existing transmission mains. He asked Mr. Dann to explain the change in procedure.

Roger Dann, General Manager, Water & Sewer Divisions stated, as part of the water supply project, there was a new transmission main installed from the treatment plant at Pistapaug Pond down to tie into the existing mains in the vicinity of the McKenzie Filter Plant. The game plan was, once the main was installed and serviced, to go back and take the former raw water transmission mains and convert them to finished water. During the course of the project the extent of the required repairs, reconfigurations and additional work turned out to be greater than expected so what we decided to do was to incorporate into the water supply project, rather than trying to do it out of the operating budget. Therefore the funds that were in the operating budget for a portion of that work became available.

Mr. Gouveia asked, in the future will you need to maintain sufficient funds in that account to continue the cleaning service.

Mr. Dann responded, correct.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that last year the division requested \$170,000 in that account and this year it was increased to \$180,000. Now a transfer out of that account in the amount of \$17,000 is before the Council.

Mr. Dann explained, during the workshops it was explained, in that account there were two factors that were offsetting. One was that the cleaning work was being eliminated and that was a \$50,000 expenditure in the current year's budget, however, because of reallocation of labor costs we were putting an equal or slightly greater amount of additional expense so, in total, the account was going up, however the cleaning component was being eliminated.

It is noted that Mr. Gouveia was absent from the majority of the budget workshops due to the fact that he was out of the country on family matters.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Drought Contingency Acct. #643-000 and \$13,000 from Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines Acct. #673-000 for a Total of \$23,000 to Workmen's Compensation Acct. #925-001 - Water Division

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

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Dann if he is experiencing an increase in Workmen's Compensation claims?

Mr. Dann responded, in claim, no. In the current year we have had two injuries which have been significant costs. They are identical injuries, rotator cup injuries, which are unusual. In reviewing the history on the account this is well in excess of the norm.

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VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #17 Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$108,000 from Various Accounts within the General Fund to Board of Education - Highland School Gym

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Zandri stated, it was his understanding that the dollars for this project were supposed to come from a State grant.

Mr. Myers responded, that is correct, however, we could not receive confirmation on the State grant change. Some inconsistencies were discovered in the filing of the annual education report. The current business manager of the Board of Education discovered them. Upon reporting them to the State, Wallingford became entitled to additional State grant money for F.Y. 1992-93. The corrected reports were certified by Levitsky & Birney and filed with the State in October 1993. To date we have not received any confirmation as to what the additional sums will be. We are of the understanding that it is approximately \$100,000 to \$120,000. It is not clear if that figure is for one or two years. Rather than hold the issue up, Mr. Myers reviewed the budget and identified pockets of money in departments so that the transfer can go forward and the job can get done. In the end when the money is received from the State it will only go into the general fund.

Mr. Zandri stated that he will vote in the affirmative on this transfer due to the fact that this project is long overdue and the Council has tried to identify funds in the past to get the job done. Now that funds are available he will not pass up the opportunity to move the job along.

Mr. Gouveia asked, what is the worst case scenario with regards to the money from the State?

Mr. Myers responded, to the best of his knowledge the State can amend the grants for the two previous fiscal periods. The worst case scenario would be one year's worth of additional funds.

Mr. Gouveia agreed with Mr. Zandri. It is regrettable, however, that it has taken this long to remedy the situation.

Mr. Zappala felt the work was long overdue.

Mr. Killen stated that the Council should have been given an explanation before the meeting this evening of the change in the source of funding.

Mr. Rys stated that one of the reasons for the condition which led to the demise of the gym floor was that there was a drainage problem contingent upon an improvement made by the Town to a road in the Gregory Street area.

Motion was amended by Mr. Killen to Append a List of Accounts Affected

by the Transfer to the Minutes of the Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.
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VOTE: Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #18 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Tax Payments for the
Emergency Shelter for Grand List Years 1991 and 1992 - Wallingford
Emergency Shelter

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

The shelter is requesting the Town to waive the payment of taxes due to the fact that an oversight occurred on the part of the shelter regarding the filing of the necessary paperwork requesting tax exempt status required by State statute. The taxes due for List Year 1991 is \$3,146.43 and \$5,783.65 for List Year 1992.

Mr. Knight commented, in looking at the various letters attached to this item it seems that the State is pointing to the Town and the Town is pointing to the State on this issue. He asked Atty. Small for her opinion on the matter.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there is no authority to waive taxes. The only authority that exists under statute is for very specific circumstances. According to Atty. Mantzaris this issue does not fit into that category, therefore there is no ability to waive taxes or interest.

Atty. Small agreed. Her interpretation of the State's response to the inquiry is that they are in no position to give legal advice for the Town. Corporation Counselor Mantzaris has researched the issue and there has to be some statutory authority. Without that authority it cannot be done.

Mr. Zandri suggested, if we decide to increase the contribution from the Town to the shelter they can pay their taxes and put it to rest.

Mr. Solinsky explained, that is the suggestion he thought the shelter presented the Council with at budget workshops.

Frank LiPuma, President, Wallingford Emergency Shelter felt that perhaps the Town would consider making it a "wash" by putting it into the budget so that they can pay their taxes to the Town.

Mr. Zandri was of the opinion that the Council cannot move on this issue this evening without the proper paperwork. Perhaps the forms can be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. LiPuma stated that the shelter was looking for an additional contribution from the Town.

Mr. Solinsky was under the impression that Mr. LiPuma stated at the budget workshop that the shelter would forego their contribution from the Town in the year that the Council waived the tax liability.

Mr. LiPuma did not recall making that statement.

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Mr. Zappala commented that this issue has been at hand for the past six months. The bottom line is that the Council has to make a move so that the shelter could pay their taxes. He spoke on Mr. LiPuma's behalf in stating that he (Mr. Zappala) did not believe that Mr. LiPuma made the statement to forego the contribution for he is in no position to do so.

Mr. Killen was under the impression that Mr. LiPuma made that same statement during budget workshops.

Mr. Gouveia felt that all that is needed is a budget amendment to correct the problem. If there is a will, there is a way.

Mayor Dickinson stated, let us look into what the amount is and we can deal with a potential transfer of money for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

ITEM #19 Discussion and Possible Action on Applying Signage to All Town of Wallingford Vehicles as Requested by Councilor Tom Zappala.

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

Mr. Zappala explained that he has seen many Town-owned vehicles travelling about town without any visible signs that they are Town-owned vehicles for the public's benefit. The Town owns approximately 274 vehicles of which approximately 60 are cars used on a daily basis by our employees. He is concerned that the privilege of using the vehicles can be abused. He felt by marking the vehicles it could prevent the abuse and possibly expose it.

Ms. Papale asked Mr. Zappala if any of the vehicles are currently marked?

Mr. Zappala commented, naturally, the police cars should be excluded.

Ms. Papale asked, what will the cost be?

Mr. Zappala stated, the labels have already been purchased, they are in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Rys asked, don't we have employees contracted with the Town that have the stipulation of a vehicle provided for transportation of which they pay a certain amount of money towards each year?

Mayor Dickinson commented, in general, we try to have identification. The license plates clearly indicate the town vehicle. For the most part we try to keep on top of cars having identification and we will continue to do so. There may be some that don't and there are a number of vehicles that should not have the identification. Department Heads, particularly, no one is authorized to use a vehicle for personal purposes other than the Police and Fire Chiefs. They have twenty-four hour supervisory responsibility and are in touch with their departments at all times with the radio and can respond to almost anywhere should the need arise. With that exception, no one is

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supposed to use a vehicle for personal purposes unless it is an incidental use between home and the workplace. Those who are authorized to take the vehicle home, and there are only a specified number that can do that, they can only use it for personal use as an incidental trip on the way to the office or home. Otherwise, it should not be utilized to go to the movies or somewhere else on the weekend. We do try to stay on top of the issue. With the turnover of cars per year vehicles from the police department become part of the pool and things can get confused that way.

Mr. Zappala asked, who's responsibility is that?

Mayor Dickinson answered, ultimately, Public Works puts the decals on the vehicles but ultimately, it will fall to the department that utilizes the vehicle to see that the insignia is on the vehicle.

Mr. Zappala asked, how do you enforce the marking of the vehicles?

Mayor Dickinson answered, you expect that the people will see that the car has the insignia or, as we become aware of it, the insignia can be placed on the car. It is not a case where every car will have it. There are some department heads that it would not be appropriate for such as fire and police and I like to treat all the department heads equally. If I have reports that there is abuse then it will be a different rule. I have no reports regarding abuse. If there are abuses, I want to know about it.

Mr. Zappala responded, outside of the police, I don't see anything wrong with everyone having the insignia on their cars.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he disagreed with Mr. Zappala with regards to department heads. It can become a morale question and unless I have an indication of abuse, I think that they are entitled to our trust and confidence. That is what this issue, in part, becomes.

Mr. Zappala disagreed with the Mayor. If the Town has given them a car there is no reason for them not to have it identified as such.

Mr. Killen suggested that Mr. Zappala author a resolution requesting the Purchasing Agent to notify all department heads that decals are required on all department cars and have him request that the department heads send back of list to Mr. Zappala of the cars that have complied and a list of those which do not and what their reasons for non-compliance are.

Mr. Zandri disagreed with the Mayor as well. He was of the opinion that the department heads should have no problem with having labels on the vehicles if they are used for Town business. He feels that the reason this issue is before the Council tonight is due to the fact that some Councilors have been receiving reports from the public that there is a problem in the area of not only cars being used for personal reasons but also used to transport civilians. He is concerned with the liability of the Town should an accident occur with a vehicle carrying someone other than a Town employee.

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Mayor Dickinson responded, if you have reports you should let my office know. I have not received one report regarding questions or abuse of vehicles. If there are such questions it is the responsibility of the administrative office, the Mayor's Office. It should be referred to my office for investigation and to take what ever action is appropriate.

Mr. Gouveia felt that Mr. Zappala's suggestion is a good, first step. Back in 1986 Mr. Gouveia tried to convince the Council to pass a municipal vehicle use policy, a comprehensive policy that would take care of all the different departments in Town. For several reasons it was not adopted. He still believes that it is a good idea. Other towns have one, the State has one, there is no reason not to have one. We have individuals who have abused this privilege. Some of them do not look at it as a privilege but rather a working condition. At one point in the past the Town offered the use of the vehicle and now the union will not let you take that offer back. He is aware of an instance where an employee was travelling to New Haven for therapy with the Town's vehicle on his way home to Cheshire or Meriden. That is considered personal use of the Town's car. We also know of an instance where a department head was involved in an accident on I-91 with a truck that belonged to the Town of Wallingford. Maybe it is difficult but a policy must be put in place.

Mayor Dickinson responded, there is a well-defined policy. It has been sent to the employees, again, if there are abuses, I should be informed about them. That has not happened. It is an administrative matter. No one else can discipline the department heads other than the Mayor, under our form of government. If you want to have a correction of an activity then it should be communicated to my office so that I can act on it.

Mr. Gouveia respectfully requested the Mayor to submit a copy of that policy to the Council.

Mayor Dickinson agreed to.

Mr. Knight suggested that there is also a positive reason for identifying the vehicles and that is that everyone from the age of two recognizes a police car, fire engine, etc., There are an awful lot of people who work in this community and it would be a good thing for those employees to have more visibility. The markings of the cars would do just that. They don't abuse the privilege, they are doing their job. For the rest of the public to see them out doing just that in the variety of tasks that they have to take care of in a Town-owned vehicle helps to promote a positive image for the Town employees. He supported the idea of marking the vehicles.

Mr. Myers commented that the Purchasing Agent is in no position to be a fleet manager. We have four fleet managers, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director and Public Utility Commission and the Board of Education. He has nothing to do with the maintenance, distribution or anything else to do with the vehicles other than to keep an inventory of them for purchases and trades. He appreciated the Council's consideration on the matter.

Mayor Dickinson offered to look over the issue and report back to the Council as to what the solution may be.

No action taken.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked, is it true that the personnel who can use their vehicles on the weekend have to add another \$800 to their salary? He was told by a department head that anyone given the use of a car must pay income tax on the use.

Mayor Dickinson responded, I don't know that it is \$800 but there is an IRS requirement that states, where a vehicle is available for commuting, then there is an income tax consequence. In no cases other than police and fire is there authorization to use a vehicle for totally personal use, over a weekend or workday. The only personal use, as a general rule, should be commuting.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, what is the longest commute? Do you have any idea?

Mayor Dickinson responded, I think we have someone who lives in Danbury. Whether that is the longest, I don't know.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I don't care where these people live, if you want to work in Wallingford, let them drive to Wallingford and we will have a car for them. Thirty percent (30%) of our employees live out of town. I don't know how many take cars out of Wallingford. Large corporations today don't care how you get to work but once you get there then they supply you with a vehicle. I believe we should do the same in Wallingford. (applause)

WAIVER OF RULE V

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures for the Purpose of Considering a Transfer of Funds for the Building Department, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$400 from Part Time Inspectors Acct. #001-2050-100-1350 to Vacation Replacement Acct. #001-2050-100-1500, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Killen and Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

At this time Chairman Solinsky extended the sympathy of the Town Council to the family of Mary Wright, wife of Philip Wright, Sr., mother of five children, one of which is our Probate Judge, Philip Wright, Jr. and grandmother of ten children.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail stated, in March the Council approved a \$25-\$30 million school expansion concept which included Yalesville School and a 14-16 classroom addition at Dag Hammarskjold and a 14-16

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addition at Moran. He has yet to hear what these classrooms will be used for.

Mr. Solinsky responded, they (the committee and Board of Education) know what the classrooms will be used for, i.e., art, music, instructional. There was a joint meeting of the Council, Board of Education and School Building Expansion Committee to review the conceptual drawings. They will appear at the May 24, 1994 Town Council Meeting to review the status of the project at that time.

Mr. Bradley was concerned that there were extras included in the proposal and he reminded the Council that he provided them with numbers back in March which substantiates that no more than five classrooms at each school will be needed to accommodate a classroom size of approximately 23-24. Those figures are based on a population increase of 250 children. If that number (5 classrooms) will accommodate each school then he is very interested to know what the other ten to twelve (10-12) classrooms per school will be utilized for.

Mrs. Duryea explained, during the joint session of the Council, Board and School Committee, drawings were distributed which reflected the intended use of each room. A copy will be sent to Mr. Bradley.

Frank Rhenda, 753 N. Main Street Ext., pointed out that a number of committees, architects, projects have been paid for over the past fifteen years and nothing has been done. We are wasting taxpayer's dollars and the committee's time. The buildings (municipal) in this town are deteriorating. The longer we wait the more it will cost and the worse it will get. There has to be a move made. The dollars are there. Community Pool has been in bad shape for at least four years and nothing has been done. We funded a committee who worked hard and hired architects as well. Do we let that fall along the wayside like everything else? We have to set priorities. If we have ten then let us set three. He wanted to see the Democrats and Republicans work as one body to sit with the Mayor. Projects must be done. Why should the public come to the meetings and voice their concerns if they fall on deaf ears?

Mr. Killen responded, in February, Mr. Zandri and I went through the audit and Mr. Zandri listed pockets of reserve funds we have. You are correct, we have the dollars. This was done before the budget was put together but there is nothing in the budget for any major capital expenditures you are referring to. Look at the next five year's capital budget and there is nothing but roads, culverts and bridges. Go back five years when we knew we were going to need schools and you won't find it in the capital and non-recurring fund. Go back when we knew Community Pool was going to have to be done and there is nothing put in for that, Community Lake, same story, Recreation Building, same story. By State Statute and Charter the Mayor is the one who puts the budget together and recommends those particular projects which will be done and in what year. Until he puts the money in there, the Council is helpless up here. He informed the public that any/all suggestions made by the public at a public hearing on the budget, no matter how wonderful they may be, go right down the drain if the Mayor vetoes the

budget. He warned them that they are losing their democracy.

Mrs. Duryea commented that she was impressed with the cooperation between all members of the Council during the past budget workshops. There were no party lines, just one body working toward one goal during the budget workshop.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street agreed with Mrs. Duryea. He attended most of the budget workshops and congratulated everyone for working together.

Mr. Gouveia referred to Mr. Bradley's comments and responded by saying that the classrooms will be utilized for program needs and to address the overcrowding issue at the schools. Keep in mind that a program can be scaled back substantially. In reference to Mr. Rhenda's comments about why nothing has been done in Town, Mr. Gouveia stated that Mr. Rhenda asked the wrong person the question.

Fred Valenti, 73 Liney Hall Lane asked the Council if they know how much the pension fund is over-funded to date?

Mr. Killen responded, approximately 97-98% funded.

Mr. Valenti commented, yes, by the actuaries, but by government accounting standards the Town is 108% over-funded. We are \$5 million over-funded. You were \$1.3 million over-funded last year and now you are up to \$5 million. The government accounting standards uses the market value of your assets. The actuarial likes to mark the value down so they marked the assets down from \$66 million in June of 1993 to \$61 million. That is why they showed you to be under-funded. They don't want peaks and valleys. January of 1994 showed that we were up to \$70 million in assets already. There were a few dips at the end of March but you still have \$68 million. Every year the contribution to the pension is larger. Where does the extra money come from? Have your auditor appear before the Council to give a report out on the last five years with regards to what was budgeted and what was actually placed in the pension fund. Then look to see where the funds came from. For the record, he wanted everyone to know that the Town employees have a fine pension plan and they will get the same amount of money whether \$1 million, \$0 or \$3 million is put in the fund this year. They are protected and defined, they know what they are going to get. Take a good look at it, there is a lot of money sitting there.

Mr. Killen responded, we tried it last year and you know what happened.

The Chairman declared a five minute recess at this point in time.

ITEM #20 Discussion regarding the Council's Action to Remove Funding from the Community Pool Budget for Fiscal Year 1994-95 as Requested by Vice Chairperson Susan S. Duryea

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

Mrs. Duryea explained why she placed this item on the agenda. During budget workshops money was removed from the Community Pool budget with only five members of the public in attendance. Since the rest of the public was not aware what had happened, she felt it should appear on the agenda this evening to explain the Council's reasons for doing so. She opened the discussion to the public first to give them a chance to express their concerns.

Bernadette Rhenda, 753 N. Main Street Ext., expressed her desire to have Community Pool re-opened. She urged the Council to reconsider their vote. She felt with resurfacing and a new filter the pool will be in condition to be used (applause).

Nancy Revoir, 61 Tremper Drive agreed with Mrs. Rhenda. She visited the pool all last summer during its season with her grandchild and she did not witness anyone injure themselves. She warned the Council that the public will remember who will vote against opening the pool come election time (applause).

Frank Rhenda, 753 N. Main Street Ext., echoed his wife's comments. We need more places like Community Pool for family values. The children and parents alike meet new friends. He wants to see the pool open this summer and repaired next year. He asked everyone in favor of opening the pool to stand.

Marsha _____ 128 West Dayton Hill Road has lived in Wallingford for six years. She has been using Community Pool since moving here from West Haven. Her parents from New York and older children from out of town use the pool when they visit. She is currently disabled and part of her therapy routine is swimming. She cannot afford to join the YMCA or to pay for daily admission to Wharton Brook State Park. This is very important. It is a great place to meet other Wallingford residents. She felt that the public would be more than happy to pay a little more for the pool tags to help defray costs for repair (applause).

Lester Slie, 18 Green Street explained that his children used the pool to obtain their swimming safety and life saving courses. Now it seems as though everything is going downhill in this Town. Why not take care of the projects for the children. Whether it is golf, ice skating or swimming, we must start looking ahead to take care of the children (applause).

Peter Hale, Scard Road stated that swimming has been taking place at what was formerly known as "Beaumont's Ice Pond" for fifty-five years now. Some are around to remember swimming with our girlfriends after school, most have died of old age. No one died of tripping over the rusty tools or old tubes at the pond. It was and still is a nice place. The State recently got into the act voicing concerns over the fact that someone may swallow some algae or trip over a crack in the structure, however, visit their swimming hole, Wharton's Brook, and what do you find? A sandy beach, nice big pond and cans, glass and junk all over the beach. By those standards we have an absolutely heavenly spot. Regarding the liability the Council is worried about, we have been assured by the Risk Manager that the Town liability has

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covered other ponds with no problem what so ever. There are two approaches to consider. One is approving the Mayor's request, one is to have people sign a release to use the facility or we can lease the place so that the Town's worries are all over. The townspeople can form a corporation and lease it themselves. There are ways to work out the situation so that the Town is free and clear of any problems down there while the people have the continued use of this spot for close to seventy years (applause).

Erin _____, 23 Edgewood Drive: I think that they should open this pool because a lot of kids have fun down there and they like to swim (applause).

Victor _____, 16 Simpson Avenue: I like swimming down at Community Pool. For those kids who do not have pools it is fun for them (applause)

Tracy _____, 16 Simpson Avenue stated, if we can build the great playground that we built at Doolittle Park for our kids, give it to the parents and we can do some of the work, raise funds, etc. Let us show you what we can do (applause).

Gerry Draper, 16 Simpson Avenue. You are looking at three generations who learned how to swim there. We are not moving and we don't want the pool to move (applause).

Evelyn Doll, 1 Dell Court has lived around the corner from Community Pool for forty-four years. Her three children have learned to swim there. She wants to see the future generation of children enjoy the same thing (applause).

Sidney Parker, 40 S. Cherry Street stated that the senior citizens also enjoy the resource of Community Pool. It is a place of relaxation for both he and his wife. To close a fine resource for the summertime is a mistake. Why can't we take care of a resource such as this that we have in our own hands?

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive asked, does anyone in the Recreation Department know how long this pool can continue without any repairs, renovations, resurfacing? One year, two years?

Stan Shepardson, Director of Parks and Recreation responded, he did not know. The filters have been there better than twenty-five years, the surface needs work, how much longer? I can't say.

Mr. Canto explained, the renovation is not in the budget. Unless something radically changes it won't be either. He has and will continue to support the renovation of the pool, even if it means spending \$1 or \$2 million less on the school project. If you are going to keep the pool operating you must maintain it and go beyond minor repairs. You must be willing to perform the major repairs to keep it going. At some point it will be decided that it cannot be open in the condition it will be in. If you are in favor of the pool then express your opinions to the Mayor and ask him to reinstate the \$1.8 million in the budget to resurface and replace filters.

Otherwise it will be throwing good money after bad. Why throw away \$65,000 on something that will continue to deteriorate? (applause)

Jackie _____, 34 Edgewood Drive commented, she did not remember anyone saying that if the \$1.8 million was not voted on the pool would be closed. The residents did not know this and that is why they are here tonight. We do like the pool open.

Nancy Revoir, Tremper Drive asked, how can it cost \$1.8 million to put in a filtering system and resurface the pool?

Mrs. Duryea responded, that is for a new pool.

Mrs. Revoir asked, who wants a new pool? We are content with what we have (applause).

Diana Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street stated that she has been at the meetings of Community Pool over the past four years. She asked, where is the future? We cannot keep opening up the pool every year in its condition. She directed her questioning to the Mayor. Last year when we received \$425,066 from the Pequot Indians, which we did not anticipate receiving, I asked then, why can't that money be used to fix Community Pool? I was told, we needed to fix the roof at Yalesville School and purchase open space. Why wasn't this pool ever placed in the six year capital plan? Why don't we have a plan? Why doesn't the Mayor have any plan for this Town? Don't you plan to be here for six years?

Mayor Dickinson responded, the issue regarding the funding is, where is the appropriate place to put the funding? The capital and non-recurring fund is primarily for roads and bridges. A project like the pool can be put in that fund and probably would be, however, when we talk about what the Town is undertaking, we cannot ignore the very large project or potential large project that has been identified in education. At the point that that grew to a larger size than expected, I think we have to be cautious about what we commit in funding to other areas. Now the pool has been a matter of discussion for a number of years, however, to date, there has not been a new design approved. Two years ago we had designs and there was disagreement over the plans of the committee and legislation was sought at the State level. Naturally, that delayed the project. Unfortunately, the project was delayed to the point that we initiated the funding and design of the school project. When that project went from an estimated one size to a doubling of that size, I can't sit here and say that we are still going to do everything we ever planned to do before, we are just going to absorb a doubling of cost in the education area. I'm still optimistic that, at some point, be able to deal with the pool. I think we have to have sure figures on the education project. Even so, even if we approved the pool project earlier this year, the pool would be open this summer in its existing state. Construction could not have possibly been completed this spring for an opening this summer. The design would not have been ready until the summer with bidding to follow after that. The issue would still have been before us as it is now.

Mrs. Hotchkiss asked, so what happened to \$425,000? Is there anything left in that fund?

Mayor Dickinson responded, those funds are in an account labeled, "Yalesville School Roof, Open Space, and/or Recreation Center". It is \$330,000.

Mrs. Hotchkiss stated, it is her understanding that we applied to the State of Connecticut for a grant to fix Yalesville School. We had a deadline of June 30, 1993 to sign the paperwork, which you (Mayor) never signed. Had you signed the paperwork in time would we still be faced with this problem? It sounded like the money for the school is coming from the State.

Mayor Dickinson responded, I do not sign the paperwork for Yalesville School. It is not one of the responsibilities of my office. I am not sure what you are referring to.

Mrs. Hotchkiss responded, the paperwork to request the grant.

Mayor Dickinson answered, it would probably fall under the education offices, my office does not sign grants for funds from the education department.

Mrs. Hotchkiss asked, this year we have \$414,000 from the Pequot Indians, what is happening to that money? Is that also being applied to open space?

Mayor Dickinson answered, part of that money will be part of the revenue that we counted on in determining what ultimately would be needed for the tax rate. It will be a general revenue source that is not specified for a particular project. It is one of the revenues placed against the general operation of the government.

Mrs. Hotchkiss responded, once again you are saying that you chose not to use funds to do anything at Community Pool.

Mayor Dickinson reiterated that Community Pool is a project that should be undertaken but I think it behooves us to have a better handle and grasp on exactly what size the education project will be. If it falls in that range it will mean that we will have to undertake some sacrifices. If it comes in lower then there is more room and latitude for other projects. We cannot pretend we have a rich community.

Mrs. Hotchkiss responded, what good is open space if not for the children?

Mayor Dickinson stated, if there is one resource that this community can lose and lose forever, it is open space. Once it is developed, it will never be recovered for future parks, other municipal purposes. It is absolutely necessary for us to plan today in terms of open space for what we want the community to be like, fifty years from now. Will I be alive to enjoy it, no, but certainly the people who live here will be thankful to the officials involved that they planned to keep

the character of Wallingford and helped to preserve some of the rural character for future generations to enjoy. Open space is a high priority.

Mrs. Hotchkiss then referred to the \$3.5 million credit rider and asked, why can't we use that money to benefit our own families?

Mayor Dickinson explained that the credit rider is available to and enjoyed by everyone in Town. Everyone who buys electricity enjoys the benefit of using those funds in order to reduce the cost of electricity in the community.

Mrs. Hotchkiss commented, some money has to be found to fix Community Pool. Every place that I found money, there seems to be a reason not to use it. I believe, Mayor, you stated that if the pool committee came in with a smaller version, you would go for it. Now you are saying that we don't have the funds again. You are bouncing the ball back and forth saying it is the Council's problem, but it is you that is saying, "no funds available". It is frustrating for the public and the pool committee. You just do not want to allocate funds and I don't think it is right.

Mayor Dickinson explained that he cannot sit there and state that the doubling of the school project does not mean anything to the Town. It does not mean that we can't do anything ever but it does mean that we will have to be cautious about our timing.

Mrs. Hotchkiss pointed out that there is an item on the agenda to approve funding for a feasibility study for an ice skating rink and asked, why are we considering an ice rink when Community Pool has been an issue for the past several years? (applause)

Mayor Dickinson responded, there is a request for a study and there are some questions about the study and when to undertake it. He did not know if the request will be approved tonight. It is merely a proposal and does not guarantee universal support. There are many different groups and interests in town who wish to enjoy the activity that they find specifically special to them. These things do not effect the opening of the pool this summer. Ultimately, whether the pool is continually opened summer after summer will be effected, obviously because the pool is old and it won't last forever so it is necessary to do what has to be done and hopefully it can be done in a timely manner.

Mrs. Hotchkiss responded, over 3,000 pool tags were sold last year, I feel that shows that there is enough interest in Community Pool. We pay the taxes of which a majority of them go to fund education and that's fine, however, what about those children who are not yet in school or the senior citizens? There are a lot of them who use the pool. Are they to be cast to the wayside? (applause)

Salvatore Falconieri, 71 Putter Drive felt that everyone has gotten away from the issue of the Council removing funds from the pool. Instead of crucifying the Mayor who put \$65,000 into the budget to open the pool of which the Council removed, we must return to the

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issue at hand. A new pool is another matter (applause).

Ms. Kahl, David Drive asked, has anyone on the Council, or their family used the pool?

Approximately seven Councilors raised their hands to confirm the fact that they or their family have used the pool.

Karen Foster, 40 Jones Road presented a petition to Mayor Dickinson exhibiting signatures of residents requesting the opening of Community Pool. She has heard many concerns regarding the filtration system of the pool and the quality of the water so she decided to make it a personal project to investigate the matter. George Yasensky, Sanitarian, provided Ms. Foster with the results of the water quality tests performed at Community Pool last summer. She had the test results translated by Professor Eric Mood, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale (Professor Mood volunteer his services) who is also the Director of Environmental Health in the Office of Public Safety with a particular interest in water safety. It is noted that Professor Mood is a Hamden resident. Professor Mood reported to Ms. Foster that the filtration system at the pool and the job that it performed last summer was "absolutely fantastic". She asked if any of the numbers gave Professor Mood cause for concern? He responded, no, he would be delighted if all of his numbers were as good as Community Pool's.

Betsy Bates, 63 Maple Avenue, asked that it be noted for the record that she objected to Mrs. Duryea's request to have the public speak first because the public feels as though they have not been informed. She has obtained more information this week than at any of the other meetings held by the pool committee over the past few years. Regarding the safety issue, we don't know how long the Town will go without liabilities at the pool, what we know is that in all of the years of operation there have been no lawsuits. The pool is functioning, is used, and is a facility that is funded by the Mayor. The people want this pool to operate. It is the Council's job to recognize that. We have addressed the safety and filtering issues. Our concerns are, safety, liability, the condition of the water...we have met those concerns, have answered the Council's questions and now you need to take a hard look at the people here tonight and listen carefully. No one is against a renovated pool. There are a lot of people that are against \$1.8 million or \$2.4 million, a new design, shuffleboard, etc. Yes, there are a lot of people here tonight saying that we like this pool and we are aware that it needs a lot of work but it is a functioning facility and it should stay that way. Please operate the pool this summer, thank you (applause).

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail pointed out that when he was on the Council back in 1990/1991 he requested water testing and fire and safety inspections of the pool. Many fire and safety code violations were identified at that time. He asked if all of those have been corrected?

Mayor Dickinson responded, to his knowledge, they have.

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Mr. Bradley commended the pool committee for an outstanding job. The bottom line is that something must still be done with the pool. Yes, we can reinstate the funds to operate it this year but we are going to have to address the overall condition of the pool sooner or later. This Town has the money to have a decent, acceptable pool and with creative financing it can be done (applause). You have to weigh the concerns from a liability standpoint and if the department heads are telling you there are none then they have to be held accountable for that information.

Mrs. Duryea began by addressing Ms. Bates' comments regarding the fact that the public spoke first on the issue. She explained that she suggested that format out of consideration for the public. When the Chairman declared a five minute recess she objected due to the number of people in attendance for this subject. Her objective was to expedite the process this evening for everyone's sake. She spoke on behalf of the Council by saying, if there was funding for a pool, the Town would have a new pool. The concerns are, with the majority of the Council, the surface and filtration system.

She went on to state that she investigated other options for potential uses of the pool year-round since another issue raised is the amount of money spent to operate the pool for such a minimal amount of time. Other communities utilize their pools during off season as an ice rink. They enclose the facility with a "bubble-type" dome. She decided against presenting that information to the Council due to the cost involved.

Mrs. Duryea commented that her decision to remove the funding was not made in haste. She has been discussing this issue since 1993. She read excerpts from Town Council and pool committee minutes into the record to demonstrate to the public that she was listening to the information which served as a basis for her decision.

June 27, 1991 - Town Council Meeting - Public Hearing - Community Pool

"Tom Dooley, 128 Parker Farms Road, Member of Recreation Department, commented that everyone needs to be honest and look at the true reason that we are here tonight. Community Pool has not been up to par over the past three or four years. It has nothing to do with the design of this facility at all, it has to do with maintenance that we have or have not been doing. It is an old pool, some of the pipes and filtration are not what they should be, it still has little to do with the design of the pool."

July 11, 1991 - Community Pool Renovation Building Committee Meeting

"The Town residents repeatedly asked why we could not leave the pool the way it presently is. John Walworth and each committee member took turns explaining that due to an inadequate and substandard condition of the pool, the walls, floor and equipment would all be changed to meet important safety and water quality requirements." "At the end of the meeting the following motion was made: Whereas the current conditions of the existing facility is beyond economical repair and whereas the present facility fails to meet any current health and

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safety standards as enumerated in the CT. Public Swimming Pool Design Guide, this committee recommends that a new facility be constructed according to those standards."

Mrs. Duryea noted for the record that these excerpts deals solely with the surface of the pool. Many sets of minutes exist on other problems with the pool.

May 18, 1992 - Community Pool Renovation Building Committee Minutes

"One of the observations made by the committee was, Item #3 was the paint on the walls is peeling off in large chunks. Item #4 - the grate covering the outflow is dangerous."

She asked the public to bear in mind that the Council is listening to all this information presented to them.

"Fill in the larger cracks where a child's foot can get stuck. Conclusion, the study neither supplements nor replaces the original findings of this committee. It is still our considered opinion that the best long term interest of our community are best served by replacing Community Pool with a new facility that meets all the standards set forth in the CT. Public Swimming Pool Design Guide. Not only will it provide a superior recreation experience for a wider range of users but it will also significantly reduce the potential liability to which the Town of Wallingford is exposed."

August 13, 1991 - Town Council Meeting

"Stand Shepardson, Director of Parks & Recreation stated that there lies a potential of losing underground piping at any particular point."

August 13, 1991 - Prepared Statement from Pool Committee to Town Council

"First and most obvious is that Community Pool has deteriorated significantly over the past twenty-five years. Not only has its physical condition eroded but the Town's ability to maintain it in serviceable condition has been challenged by this deterioration. Patching up the pool is not only throwing good money after bad but we are also at the point where large parts of the pool system have reached the end of their useful life."

Town Council/Pool Committee Workshop

"At the workshop several members of the Council felt that the workshop between the committee and the Council was being held in vain due to fact that no funding has been set aside in the upcoming budget to pay for the cost of the repairs. Council members informed the committee that Mayor Dickinson made it very clear that he has no plans to fund the renovations of the pool in the near future. The majority would like to see the pool renovated, however, without funding it would not come to fruition. They suggested that the committee meet with the Mayor to discuss this issue with him. If they convince the Mayor to

fund the renovations they can return to the Council at a future meeting for approval of the funding."

September 7, 1993 - Community Pool Renovation Building Committee

Correspondence to Chairperson Iris F. Papale from the Pool Committee:

"The pool committee wishes to present items for the Council's consideration at your September 14th meeting. In advance of this allow us to make the Council aware of the efforts of the committee since our joint May 26th Community Pool Workshop which necessarily awaited the conclusion of the budget hearings. At the conclusion of the workshop we were directed to meet with Mayor Dickinson and re-affirm his support for the proposed improvements in order that avenues were cleared for funding and the design of the project is the next logical step. On Thursday, June 3, 1993 the committee, together with Stan Shepardson met with Mayor Dickinson. The Mayor noted his support for this renovation program so long as the community was not, "beset with an unanticipated revenue loss or expense".

September 14, 1993 - Town Council Meeting

"Mrs. Duryea visited the pool today and took photographs of it while empty and made them available to the Mayor and Council for review. She pointed out the desperate shape the pool was in. Mayor Dickinson stated there is no question that the surface is in bad condition and that is why the process was started in 1990. There is no question that the facility needs repairs."

"Mrs. Duryea pointed out that we have an existing pool, we do not have a golf course. We may like all of these things but we do have a problem that we have to deal with right now. It is one of two choices, either fix it or close it."

End of Excerpts

Mrs. Duryea explained once again, that is the basis of her decision during budget workshops. She would love to have the pool, just resurface it. She did not believe that was ever an option made available to the Council. She wanted the public to understand where she was coming from with her decision.

Mr. Knight commented that he is the only Councilor who has more experience with regard to this entire issue than any of the others (Mr. Knight served on the pool committee for its duration). He applauded everyone's attention to the pool at this point. We do have two issues at hand. One, are we going to open the pool for one more season...patch it up and crank it up and kick on the pumps and see how much further this tired old horse will walk. The second issue is a new, renovated pool. He addressed several comments made earlier by the public. Since the committee began in December of 1990, it was their original intention to renovate the existing pool. The committee was formed to analyze the mechanical system as well as other systems to determine what needed to be renovated to bring it back to a suitable condition. One of the first things done was inspect the

pool. Experts were gathered to assist the committee and they also obtained from the State copies of the Public Swimming Pool Design Guide. In 1990 it was necessary to conform to every single line in the guide when making any major renovation to the pool. Many of the experts stated, while being interviewed, that the Town could not renovate a pool this old that conforms to absolutely none of the regulations regarding public swimming pools. The architectural firm was chosen and little by little we were led to the inevitable conclusion that the pool could not be repaired to the economic benefit of the community. The committee proceeded forward and presented two possible alternatives, one of which was an Olympic-sized standard pool with walls and gutters, etc., and the other was largely that with some modifications. All during this it is important to remember that the committee did not read the design guide as something that was published to thwart the design of the ideal swimming pool. It was impossible for the committee to overcome the barriers placed before the committee via restrictions in the guide. The committee appeared before the Council and were turned away. Shortly thereafter an attempt was made by the Council to disband the committee because they had followed the restrictions and regulations outlined in the CT. Swimming Pool Design Guide. Fortunately, it failed, narrowly. Mr. Killen then spearheaded the cause to the State Legislators and approximately eight months later a law was passed to exempt Wallingford from all the regulations in the guide except those having to do with water circulation.

The committee went back to work and produced two more design options. Time keeps passing and priorities keep changing. The committee worked hundreds of hours on the project to no avail.

Mr. Knight reminded everyone that one of the first things the committee brought to the attention of the Council was that the pool was beyond economical repair. They did not say that the pool should be condemned immediately. Some people think that the pool needs a quick patching and painting and it will be ready to go. If that were so the committee would have completed its job years ago. You cannot, however, take a car that is barely running and pour a couple of quarts of oil in it and think it is all ready to go. Yes, we stated that the pool was beyond economical repair. The paint is and will continue to peel off and I do not consider that a dangerous condition. The outflow is dangerous and the committee did refer to it. The northwest corner of the pool has a huge grate and the entire corner of the pool is closed for a variety of reasons, not the least of which the outflow is to be stayed away from. It is in an area that cannot even be painted to look decent. It is like a swamp in that area. The committee still fervently believes it to be in the long term interest that the pool be brought up to the standards of the swimming pool design guide. As for opening the pool this summer, I believe it still can be done. It is good for one more season (applause).

Mr. Gouveia always has and continues to support Community Pool. He firmly believes that we should maintain for others what has been passed on to us. He hoped to pass to the youth of Wallingford the same Community Pool that their grandfather or father passed on to him. He took a walk through the pool recently so that he would be

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aware of its present condition. He referred to the statement made by the committee at an earlier date "...the ability of the tanks to withstand normal operating pressure is of concern. The rupture of the filter tank may cause severe injury." This statement was made in 1991. He took his children there to swim when they were young so he knows what the pool means to Wallingford. As he walked through the facility he was overcome by a deep sense of sadness and embarrassment because we have allowed the pool to deteriorate to the point that it has. This is Community Pool (Mr. Gouveia exhibited a large chunk of bituminous - obviously removed from the surface of the pool). It did not take much effort to bend down and pick up the floor of the pool. In the course of the day he feels a good portion of the pool could be removed by hand. Community Pool should never have been allowed to deteriorate to the condition that it has today. If a quality community is one that anticipates its future through planning, Wallingford is not a quality community. There is a way that perhaps we can let the pool operate one more year but do not be fooled. This pool is dangerous! Listen to Mrs. Duryea, she has done her homework. This pool is definitely dangerous! We are going to have to do something with the pool. In fact, this pool is an example that is very symptomatic of what happens in Wallingford....we can't seem to find the will to eradicate the cancer that is destroying so many buildings in Wallingford and that is deterioration. We have Park & Rec at Simpson School; we have Yalesville School; Community Pool; this very building where water continues to come through the roof. We don't seem to find the will to maintain and preserve what was passed to us on to the next generation. I am embarrassed about it and am more embarrassed about it because it is happening in our watch (applause).

Mr. Zappala stated that he cast a vote a few weeks back that he felt so far was an honest one. It was not because he took his children to swim in the pool and his grandchildren use it today, it was because he was led to believe by the committee and others that the pool was unsafe and unsanitary. He wished Ms. Foster was present to inform the Council at that time of her findings. It was unfortunate that Mr. Shepardson was not present to answer some questions that evening (Mr. Shepardson experienced a death in the family). Originally he was not going to vote against the pool but ended up doing just that because he was unable to obtain important answers. The pool is bad in the sense that Wallingford should have a better facility than we currently have.

He is sad that we have let the pool deteriorate to the condition that it has. He felt that the pool needs renovations to the filter system and replace the bottom of the pool. The floor will cost \$125,000 to replace which is a far cry from \$1.8 million. We should patch up the cracks and operate it for one more year but we must look to the future for the people of Wallingford (applause).

Ms. Papale stated that she has supported the pool for years. Two weeks ago the vote to close the pool was a difficult one. She feared the liability, safety of the water, etc. She feels we still have a large problem with the pool that we must stay aware of and take into consideration. If Mr. Shepardson was present that evening perhaps the vote would have gone differently. She believes the liabilities still exist. She also stated that by closing the pool she had hoped that

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many of the things needed at the pool would have gotten done quicker. She has received many letters from people who's only interest is to keep the pool open. She now realizes why many of these people who have taken the time to write, or sign a petition and even come to the meeting this evening have not taken an active interest in this issue before. It is simply because they do not care about a larger pool or renovated pool, only that the pool remains open (applause). We must not ignore the fact that the pool needs repair, Mr. Gouveia's example is a testimony to that fact. We have a responsibility to the residents of the Town and when we voted to close the pool it was with the intention of fulfilling that responsibility. Maybe it will be opened one more year but it cannot continue to operate like this each year. She was hoping that once a firm projection of what the school project will cost Community Pool will be the next project in line. It will be up to the Council to lobby the Mayor's office and Park and Recreation to come up with the funding for the project (applause).

Mr. Zandri commented that any action taken by the Council at any time is based on testimony. We have been discussing the pool for several years and led to believe that the water quality is poor, the State informed us on that issue several times. The pool committee testified that the filtering system was inadequate and you only need to look at the pool to see the many hazards there. This is the reason for the action that the Council has taken. The sad part is that we should really be here tonight celebrating the opening of a new pool. There is no reason why this Town could not have one installed at this time. It was not too many meetings ago that I sat here and explained that \$7.5 million of Town funds, as far as I am concerned, have been mismanaged. That could have been utilized to build a new pool and pay for it in cash. The administration in this Town sees things differently. As far as I am concerned these dollars (\$7.5 million) are being used to subsidize big businesses. It is time that the Townspeople better wake up because there is no reason why we can't do all the projects in this Town over a period of time without raising taxes. We do not have to raise taxes, funds are available in this Town. I have pointed them out, Mr. Killen has as well. It is just a matter of what your priorities are and what the gameplan is. We can do it. It depends on philosophies. It is sad that we have to come down to taking such drastic measures to get people interested. We have more people in this auditorium tonight than I have seen here in the seven years I have been on the Council. Sometimes it takes a drastic measure. I am very concerned about the liability and I feel it is in no condition to open up, whether we open it up for one season we will be sitting here next year on the same issue, that there is not one dime in the budget to do anything about straightening out the problems with this pool. We are going to have an instant replay next year. We have to start facing facts here and start managing the dollars that we have available to us and get the projects done that should be done for the people in this Town.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Shepardson, did you request that the pool be renovated a few years back?

Mr. Shepardson: Yes I did.

Mr. Killen: Do you remember when that was approximately?

Mr. Shepardson: About 3 1/2 - 4 years ago.

Mr. Killen: Why did you recommend that it be renovated?

Mr. Shepardson: Because at that time the filtration system was getting old, it was approximately 25 years old, the surface had not been resurfaced in approximately 15 years and it was starting to deteriorate. We had very bad flow, also, because we only had one outlet going into the filtration system. We needed more because every year it seemed like the first of August we would have an algae bloom. We then had to close the pool, shock it for three days and re-open it. The only way to correct it was to install a system whereby we had better water flow.

Mr. Killen: How did you recommend that it be corrected?

Mr. Shepardson: By coming to the Council and asking to get a pool committee together to look into the problem.

Mr. Killen: Was it your recommendation that the pipes themselves were giving way?

Mr. Shepardson: The pipes that I was concerned with was not so much the pipes that were in the ground, come to find out that those are pretty hefty pipes and they will take a lot of beating. The pipes I was concerned about were the above-ground pipes. This is where the pipes go from filter to filter and also where your 325 h.p. pumps are. We have pipes in there. These are the pipes that are getting thinner and thinner because of the constant wear and tear of the chemicals that we put in pool.

Mr. Killen: This information is late in coming because if I recall we were told that you have to replace the pipes and the reason we were having a problem is that we would have to perform substantial construction work which was forbidden by the State Health Board. We were told that we would have to be tearing up the bottom of the pool. Am I correct?

Mr. Shepardson: You are correct. What we needed to do was get more pipes in the ground so that we can get more water coming back to the filters but also more water going to the filters. We only have one area that we are getting water into the filters, that is down by the dam. In order to correct that problem we have to tear up the bottom of the pool and put more pipes in there. When we were going to do that that is when the State came in and said we were renovating the pool and needed to abide by their rules.

Mr. Killen: The pool was going to retain its present shape and have a new bottom put in with extra pipes. We were not going for a new pool?

Mr. Shepardson: Right, but when we started looking at renovation the State stepped in. That was the reason for changing the original scheme.

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Mr. Killen: When the State Dept. of Health representative appeared before the Council I repeated several times that the committee or Mayor could request that the State Legislators from Wallingford introduce a bill overriding that because it was foolish that a Board of Health could tell us that we had a condition up there two years ago and so long as we kept that pool open we could operate it under that compromised condition. As soon as we want to fix it, we had to meet their regulations. I introduced a bill in Hartford and it did not take nine months. I also wrote a letter to the Chairman in Hartford and in a matter of a few weeks we had the o.k. down here. It could have been done a long time ago. We now have a lot of people here tonight with a little bit of information. He resented the fact that people feel that the Council did not have their best interest at heart. The Council could have cut \$63,000 from any other place in the budget. It was the welfare of the public that was first and foremost with the Council. He asked that the public give the Council more credit than that. He quoted the November 19, 1993 Town Council Minutes as follows:

"Mr. Doherty asked, what particular ways can the Town finance this project?"

Thomas Myers, Comptroller responded, you would have to issue a Town bond. It would most likely be a fifteen year term with approximately a 5% interest. Principle payment on that debt will be approximately \$150,000. The first year's interest would be \$100,000. Interest would decline every year. Depending on the time of the bonding it could have a full year's impact on the budget.

Mr. Doherty asked if we could use some of the Town's cash reserves?

Mr. Myers responded, it is a possibility. Cash could be applied towards the project and bond less. Every time you pay off in cash you save the interest on it. Wallingford has had that option to take advantage of for the past eight to ten years.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive favors the pool renovation however he feels the cost is getting out of control. He was under the impression that the cost was going to be kept between the \$1.5 million to \$2 million range. Now we are being told it will cost approximately \$2 million to \$2.5 million. He was concerned that insufficient revenue would be generated to cover the cost of the project.

Mr. Walworth explained that if more parking were available then more revenue would be generated.

Mr. Canto suggested utilizing the parking lot of the factory nearby and shuttling patrons in. He suggested the committee try to cut \$300,000 from the project.

Mr. Dickinson asked the committee to put together a

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presentation which exhibits the construction cost of approximately \$1.5 million with other costs bringing it up to \$1.8 million to \$1.9 million. The cost should be kept under \$2 million.

Mr. Walworth explained that by removing 75 feet from the middle of the pool it can be achieved."

Excerpt from April 12, 1994 Town Council Meeting

"Voted to remove from the Table the item having to do with the swimming pool.

VOTE: Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Approve the Smaller of the two versions of the schematic design for the Wallingford Community Pool, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mrs. Duryea stated that originally she was in favor of the larger pool because the town is growing and the town needs down the road are going to warrant the larger pool, however the Community Pool Committee recommends a smaller design. Parks and Recreation is very comfortable with a smaller pool and are not here fighting for a larger design nor did they ever fight for the larger pool and lastly, the Mayor will only fund the smaller pool. Therefore she felt that she will save her energy for other issues and stated that she will support the smaller design.

Mr. Solinsky asked the Mayor, will you fund the smaller pool?

Mayor Dickinson responded, a more accurate statement would be that it is difficult to talk about embarking on financing of construction here until we know what the school project will cost. I think that the small pool is a more defensible project for parking reasons as well as costs. If the school project comes in at \$30 million then it is possible that we cannot afford to do any pool. That is the reality."

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Mr. Killen stated, that is not a yes or no, it is all over the lot. We have to contend with that particular answer. That is the kind of stuff that we have been getting for now. The irony of it is Mr. Dickinson took \$1.5 million out of the air and said to keep the figure under \$2 million. What did he say to the school building committee? He took their top figure of \$30 million and keeps telling us that it will cost us that much therefore we cannot spend anything else. Why didn't he tell them the same thing that he told the pool committee, can't you come in lower? That is the question. If he had gone so far as to say that the school budget comes in \$1.2 million less then you have yourself a deal. We would at least have something to work by. We have nothing to work with. You want to only open it one more year.

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How about next year? We have been opening it three or four years. He recited the many dollar amounts set aside in reserves totalling \$7.5 million. We have approximately \$15 million left after all the reserves are set aside for Town use. Mr. Myers verified those figures for Mr. Zandri and their availability at the February 8, 1994 Town Council Meeting. He directed the public to ask the Mayor why he doesn't do something with those dollars? (applause) He stated that he would not change his vote. He took an oath which he takes very seriously. The Council was made aware of the fact that a dangerous situation exists at Community Pool. He will not expose anyone to that situation. He is not talking in terms of liability but in terms of someone getting hurt or killed.

Mr. Rys stated that the public was not at the meeting at which the Council voted to remove the funds from the pool because it was a budget session of which the public is not allowed to speak. It was not a good idea to have taken action at that time to begin with for that simple fact. Furthermore, the department head has never mentioned anything about closing the pool from 1990 to the present time. The Mayor did not recommend it, nor did the Town Attorney. He felt that Sheehan Pool was not a viable alternative to a lot of people and Wharton Brook, as Mr. Hale demonstrated, has become an undesirable alternative as well.

Mr. Gouveia asked the Mayor if he can identify any revenue sources that can be tapped to fix the pool?

Mayor Dickinson responded, this year's budget has funds set aside for painting and approximately \$5,000 or \$6,000 for minor repairs, some cracks that can be smoothed over.

Stan Shepardson informed the Council that a bid has been placed out for painting the surface of the pool. Today he also met with a pool contractor who quoted a price of approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 to fill the cracks in the kiddie area. If that is to be done he will have to appear before the Council for a transfer for he does not have the money in his maintenance budget to do so. To get the pool ready now and get rid of as many cracks as we possibly could, we can resurface the pool with a concrete substance in the next week or so. Then it can be painted and it will have to cure for about a week or so and an additional week to fill the pool. The pool will need to be operated for three or four days for the chemicals to be activated. He could transfer the funds from the Boys & Girls Club account.

Mr. Gouveia noted that the very same meeting that the Mayor stated he would not fund the \$1.8 million pool he did approve giving \$3 million of Wallingford taxpayer's money to residents, commercial and industrial customers of the electric division. Approximately four companies received \$1 million of that money, subsidized by the taxpayers of the Town. At the same time we are telling people that we don't have money to fix the pool.

Mr. Shepardson explained that he did not request funds for maintenance due to the fact that he was under the impression that we were going to get a new pool. In the 1992-93 budget he did request \$80,000 in the

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five year capital program.

Mr. Knight responded to Mr. Gouveia's comments regarding the subsidizing of the four commercial/industrial customers of the town. Those customers are the same ones who paid the money into the electric division in the first place. They are ratepayers who buy millions of dollars of electricity from this town. If some of these industries were to leave town, our residential rates are going to go through the roof.

Mr. Gouveia responded, yes, they paid for electricity but at a lower rate than they would have paid anywhere else in Connecticut and yet we turn around, with projects that we have in desperate need for construction and repair and we take \$3 million of taxpayer's money and we subsidize those businesses.

Mr. Killen commented that \$430,000 was put back in the budget by the Mayor that was not requested by department heads. At a time that we are strapped for cash, where did those dollars come from? These are the things that drive me up a wall. I ask for simple solutions to simple problems. We are trying to address some of the problems. Until the Mayor is willing to admit we can afford the projects we are not going to get any of them.

Betsy Bates, Maple Avenue, stated that all of the issues have been addressed, i.e., liability, water quality, etc., can the Council please vote this evening to restore the funding and open the pool?

It was decided that the time to make a motion to reinstate the funds it should be done during Item #22.

Mr. Solinsky commented that he visited the pool yesterday. He has two concerns regarding the safety of the pool. The bottom of the pool may be able to be grouted to make it more suitable. The deep end which is simply separated from the rest of the pool by a rope is of concern to him as well. He asked, what is the criteria for the placement of lifeguards?

Mr. Shepardson responded, we place one by the west end of the pool around the bend before getting to the deep end by the diving area. One is placed where the float is and one is in the shallow area. At times we have four guards on duty.

Mr. Solinsky asked, how much of the large area from the fence over is off limits to swimmers?

Mr. Shepardson answered, approximately 1/4 of the pool.

Mr. Solinsky asked, does it cut right across the pool, or on an angle?

Mr. Shepardson answered, at times it is from the diving area to the fence and at other times the floating devices are run across the pool.

Mr. Solinsky asked, do you feel that you have enough lifeguards to watch the whole pool regardless if swimming is allowed or not?

Mr. Shepardson responded, absolutely.

Mr. Solinsky asked, is the area where swimming is not allowed still viewed by the guards?

Mr. Shepardson answered, yes. There is a floating device located in the middle of the pool where people can see what is going on in the back of them also.

Mr. Solinsky then asked about the filter system. What is Mr. Shepardson's response to the issue of the filters possibly exploding with regards to employee safety? How often do the employees go in there and what precautions are taken?

Mr. Shepardson answered, the filters themselves go in to back wash once a week. Other than that the employees do not go in very often where the filters themselves are. Where they spend most of their time is where the chlorine tanks are. They should not rupture because there is a mechanism present that keeps a constant flow of water going through.

Mr. Solinsky asked, how much time is spent in there by the employees?

Mr. Shepardson responded, he can spend 10-15 minutes in there occasionally. We have a gas mask, apron and gloves for them so that no chlorine should get on them in any fashion. They fill up the chlorine tubes that we have otherwise he is out in the picnic area sweeping, cleaning the rest rooms, etc.

Mr. Solinsky asked, is there anything you can do to minimize the danger?

Mr. Shepardson answered, not that I know of. You would have to change the whole system over and then you would have to get into more expertise than I have.

No action taken.

ITEM #21 Consider and Approve Disbanding the Community Pool Renovation Building Committee

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

Mr. Knight read correspondence into the record from the committee requesting that the Council disband them (appendix III).

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail stated that it was most unfortunate that this study will join the Electric Division Study, Simpson School Study and Golf Course Study on the shelf.

Ms. Papale commended the committee for their hard work and dedication.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

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ITEM #22 Adopt the 1994-95 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford and Set a Rate of Tax for 1994-95

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Reduce Department #8350, Council Contingency, Acct. #3190, Reserve for Emergency by \$63,813 and Increase Department #4010, Community Pool to Reflect the Replacement of Funds Originally Voted Out of the Department by \$63,813., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Duryea, Killen, Zandri and Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

A series of motions followed to formally adopt the budget of the Town of Wallingford (pages 33-42):

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
ANNUAL BUDGET ADOPTION
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1994

I. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF \$80,464,806 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994.

Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion

ALL AYES EXCEPT MR. RYS WHO VOTED NO
VOTE: 8 AYES 1 NAY

II. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF \$80,464,806 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994.

Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion

ALL AYES EXCEPT MR. RYS WHO VOTED NO
VOTE: 8 AYES 1 NAY

III. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994 AT 24.9 MILLS.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF \$100 SHALL BE MADE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE JULY 1, 1994, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1994. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 1995, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1995. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 1994 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1994 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 1994 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1994 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144A. DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE PAID ONLY IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-146.

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (\$15.00) HANDLING FEE.

Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion.

ALL AYES EXCEPT MR. RYS WHO VOTED NO
VOTE: 8 AYES 1 NAY

IV. Mrs. Duryea

MOVED: TO APPROVE THE COMPTROLLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD AS LISTED IN HIS LETTER TO MAYOR DICKINSON DATED MAY 10, 1994 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994, COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

Mr. Killen seconded the motion

ALL AYES

VOTE: 9 AYES

V. Mrs. Duryea

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED: a. THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL DEEM IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER VII, SECTION 4, SUB-PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, IN THE SELECTION AND HIRING OF THE FOLLOWING:

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| EISENBERG, ANDERSON, MICHALIK,
& LYNCH
TOWN AUDITOR | Labor Relations
Negotiator |
| BARBARINO BROS.
TRINITY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORP | Mayor car rental
Pension Fund |
| FLEET-NORSTAR FINANCIAL GROUP | Portfolio Mgrs. |
| FLEET-NORSTAR FINANCIAL GROUP | Financial
Advisors |
| SHAWMUT BANK | Bond Attorney |
| ROBINSON & COLE | |

b. THAT THE COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF Levitsky and Berney AS THE TOWN AUDITOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994.

Mr. Zappala seconded the motion.

MRS. DURYEYEA, MRS. PAPALE, MR. RYS, MR. ZAPPALA AND MR. SOLINSKY VOTED YES. MR. GOUVEIA, MR. KILLEN, MR. KNIGHT AND MR. ZANDRI VOTED NO.

VOTE: 5 AYES 4 NAYES

VI. Mrs. Duryea

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TREASURER AND THE COMPTROLLER, OR EITHER OF THEM, ARE AUTHORIZED TO INVEST FUNDS IN TRUST FUNDS AND CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 112 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES.

Mr. Knight seconded the motion.

ALL AYES

VOTE: 9 AYES

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May 10, 1994



Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

The Honorable William W. Dickinson
Mayor, Town of Wallingford
45 So. Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Mayor Dickinson:

In accordance with Section 7-401 of the Connecticut General Statutes entitled, "Designation of bank depositories and deposits therein," the financial institutions listed herewith are recommended as official Town of Wallingford depositories for the fiscal year July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995:

1. Fleet Bank National Association
2. Union Trust Company
3. Shawmut Bank
4. Bank of Boston Connecticut
5. Dime Savings Bank of Wallingford
6. Chase Manhattan Bank of Connecticut, N.A.

Trinity Investment Management Corporation and Fleet/Norstar Investment Advisors are portfolio managers for a portion of Town of Wallingford Pension Trust Fund assets and as such agents are hereby reported as a depository of town funds.

It is a pleasure to make these recommendations to you. If you have any questions or require further clarification, I will be available.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Myers
Comptroller

TAM/mgr

cc: Town Council Chairman
Town Treasurer

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VII. Mrs. Duryea

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 1994 AS HEREIN STATED:

Electric Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$42,345,000</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>42,754,770</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(409,770)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>527,500</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>127,376</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>(9,646)</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>(2,275,000)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(2,284,646)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>4,606,540</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>4,606,540</u>

Water Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$6,064,459</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>4,463,341</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>1,601,118</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>375,965</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>1,187,905</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>789,178</u>
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>(2,000)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>787,178</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,622,936</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,662,936</u>

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$3,905,720</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>4,655,796</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(750,076)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>405,000</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>441,222</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(786,298)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>2,529,925</u>
Uses of Funds	<u>2,529,925</u>

Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion.

ALL AYES EXCEPT MR. RYS WHO VOTED NO.

VOTE: 8 AYES 1 NAY

- VIII. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF THE CAPITAL AND NON-
RECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,670,000
REVENUES AND \$1,669,464 EXPENDITURES.
Mr. Knight seconded the motion.
ALL AYES EXCEPT MRS. DURYEA AND MR. ZANDRI WHO VOTED NO.
VOTE: 7 AYES 2 NAYES
- IX. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE
A PART HEREOF.
Mr. Rys seconded the motion.
ALL AYES
VOTE: 9 AYES
- X. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,
1994 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.
Mr. Killen seconded the motion.
ALL AYES
VOTE: 9 AYES
- XI. Mrs. Duryea
MOVED: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THREE COPIES OF
THE FINALIZED BUDGET, TWO TO BE FILED WITH THE
TOWN CLERK AND ONE TO BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE
WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion.
ALL AYES
VOTE: 9 AYES

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SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1995

	FY 6-30-93 ACTUAL	1-31-94 ACTUAL	1993-94 APPROVED	1994-95 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
CAFETERIA						
Revenue	1,313,447	630,576	1,277,897	1,367,803	1,367,803	1,332,366
Expenditure	1,292,179	670,722	1,277,897	1,367,803	1,367,803	1,332,366
CHAPTER I						
Revenue	320,361	250,000	321,000	272,768	272,768	272,768
Expenditure	320,361	238,272	321,000	272,768	272,768	272,768
CHAPTER II						
Revenue	33,818	24,000	33,000	38,773	38,773	38,773
Expenditure	33,818	11,683	33,000	38,773	38,773	38,773
DRUG FREE SCHOOLS						
Revenue	21,557	20,000	35,000	38,976	38,976	38,976
Expenditure	21,557	734	35,000	38,976	38,976	38,976
TITLE II						
Revenue	11,701	10,000	16,200	16,647	16,647	16,647
Expenditure	11,701	3,115	16,200	16,647	16,647	16,647

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1995

	FY 6-30-93 ACTUAL	1-31-94 ACTUAL	1993-94 APPROVED	1994-95 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
CHAPTER I PROG IMP						
Revenue	0	10,205	16,000	0	0	0
Expenditure	0	5,334	16,000	0	0	0

SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1995

	FY 6-30-93 ACTUAL	1-31-94 ACTUAL	1993-94 APPROVED	1994-95 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
SCOW						
Revenue	30,682	24,612	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Expenditure	30,682	7,966	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
SSBG						
Revenue	3,836	5,507	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Expenditure	3,836	5,507	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
YSB (DCYS)						
Revenue	171,841	24,958	183,758	186,881	186,881	186,881
Expenditure	171,841	94,514	183,758	186,881	186,881	186,881
COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE						
Revenue	17,395	0	15,530	14,265	14,265	14,265
Expenditure	14,879	0	15,530	14,265	14,265	14,265
CRRA (SERVICE CONTRACT GRANT)						
Revenue	22,493	16,385	26,250	26,960	26,960	26,960
Expenditure	22,493	11,605	26,250	26,960	26,960	26,960
TOWN AID ROAD						
Revenue	276,699	92,432	184,863	186,162	186,162	186,162
Expenditure	403,385	103,989	184,863	186,162	186,162	186,162
DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM						
Revenue	50,000	0	28,424	50,000	50,000	50,000
Expenditure	40,058	545	28,424	50,000	50,000	50,000
SMALL CITIES						
Revenue	253,984	71,820	130,986	0	0	0
Expenditure	253,984	63,101	130,986	0	0	0
LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS						
Revenue	299,229	0	308,481	307,471	307,471	307,471
Expenditure	299,229	308,481	308,481	307,471	307,471	307,471
MEALS ON WHEELS						
Revenue	27,251	15,980	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Expenditure	7,885	0	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
RECREATION DEPT PROGRAMS						
Revenue	350,590	140,242	290,000	352,500	352,500	352,500
Expenditure	251,185	166,636	290,000	352,500	352,500	352,500

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	FY 6-30-93 ACTUAL	1-31-94 ACTUAL	1993-94 APPROVED	1994-95 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>PERKINS (VOC ED)</u>						
Revenue	42,531	30,000	42,000	42,980	42,980	42,980
Expenditure	42,531	5,274	42,000	42,980	42,980	42,980
<u>TITLE VI, PART B</u>						
Revenue	249,761	150,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Expenditure	249,761	119,487	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
<u>PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED</u>						
Revenue	43,995	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Expenditure	43,995	5,706	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<u>ADULT ED TUITION</u>						
Revenue	137,200	63,341	122,300	127,000	127,000	127,000
Expenditure	142,120	70,415	122,300	127,000	127,000	127,000
<u>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	171,151	116,010	179,304	193,716	193,716	193,716
Expenditure	171,151	104,378	179,304	193,716	193,716	193,716
<u>ADULT ED ACTIVITY</u>						
Revenue	2,000	2,755	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Expenditure	2,000	2,448	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<u>VOC ED (EQUIPMENT)</u>						
Revenue	0	0	0	61,327	61,327	61,327
Expenditure	0	0	0	61,327	61,327	61,327
<u>C A P P</u>						
Revenue	1,992	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	1,992	0	0	0	0	0
<u>DRIVER EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	23,399	5,745	36,500	35,200	35,200	35,200
Expenditure	24,101	10,646	36,500	35,200	35,200	35,200
<u>SUMMER SCHOOL</u>						
Revenue	12,050	11,280	14,100	13,526	13,526	13,526
Expenditure	11,859	10,745	14,100	13,526	13,526	13,526
<u>PRIVATE INDUS COUNCIL</u>						
Revenue	19,577	5,235	19,577	0	0	0
Expenditure	19,577	5,914	19,577	0	0	0
<u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>						
Revenue	27,881	7,243	37,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Expenditure	22,458	8,495	37,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<u>FAMILY LITERACY</u>						
Revenue	41,787	30,000	41,820	0	0	0
Expenditure	41,787	8,499	41,820	0	0	0
<u>CHAPTER I ESEA</u>						
Revenue	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	0
Expenditure	0	379	3,000	0	0	0

Motion was made by Mr. Killen to Move Agenda Item #26 Up to the Next Order of Business, seconded by Mr Gouveia.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #26 Discussion and Possible Action on Road Improvements to Grove Street, Yalesville as Requested by Councilor Albert E. Killen

Bill Shilling, 73 Grove Street circulated a petition signed by 90% of the people that he polled, 75% of the homeowners on Grove Street who feel that sidewalks should not be installed on Grove Street and also that the road should not be widened. The main concern is the volume of traffic and the speed at which it travels. If the road is widened there will be more people using it as a short cut and the traffic will travel faster on it. He stated that the Engineering Office would like the Council to believe that the mean width that the road is going to be widened is about 3 1/2 feet. Reality is that, in most cases, Grove Street is 21-22' wide and in some places it is 18'. When you widen it to 26' that is a considerable increase in width. We depend on those 18', 19', 20' areas, which are not many, to force the traffic to slow down. If we open that entire road up to 26' wide it will be a speedway. Why does that road need to be widened? If you have to use the excuse that catch basins and drainage needs to be put in, that is a poor excuse. The catch basin can be offset and the road can be rebuilt to exactly the same width that it is right now. There was a Town meeting a while back and the sidewalks were going to be on the east side of the street. Somehow all of that got changed and now they are on the west side. There were a lot of good reasons why the sidewalks had to be on the other side of the street. I guess all of those reasons dissipated because that is no longer the case. I have been told that the sidewalks are no longer an issue because it is not part of this project. The sidewalks are going to be an issue when the Yalesville School is reopened. It is only a matter of time before they come before us again. Everyone I talked to agrees that we don't need the sidewalks, so who are we putting them in for? He is asking the Town not to spend money. He did not feel that this project will improve the quality of life for the people who live on Grove Street.

John Costello, Town Engineer stated that all of Grove Street is within one mile walking distance from Yalesville School. The State of Connecticut sets that regulation. Grove Street is 1 1/4 mile to Moran Junior High School and 1 1/4 mile to Sheehan High School which is considered within legal walking distance by the State. At the Town meeting held at the VFW Hall in Yalesville last December, we did show sidewalks on the east side of the road based on a very preliminary review by Mr. Costello. There was no opposition to the sidewalk at that time. Shortly after that, residents on the east side of the street began calling and one letter was received voicing opposition to the sidewalks on the east side and pointing out the advantages to the sidewalks being located on the west side. After reviewing the issue again it was agreed that it was more advantageous to have them on the west side. About one month later he received a phone call from Mr. Killen stating that it had become a controversial issue. Mr. Costello revisited the site once again, stopping at each lot on both sides of the street and recording the degree of difficulty in building a

sidewalk on each lot. As it turned out there was less difficulty in building the sidewalks on the west side of the street vs. the east side.

Harold Addy, Grove Street resident is concerned about the proposal for the new road for he feels that it does not have to be widened to the width being proposed. He lives on the east side of the street and does not want sidewalks on his side because, from Fritz Place to Chimney Hill the Town will have to fill all of those lots in. It will be easier to put sidewalks in on the west side.

Mayor Dickinson stated that before there would be a final determination of what the final design would be there would have to be a public hearing on the ordinance. The sidewalk issue deals with the ability for the students to walk to school. When it is within a certain distance of a school that is when the sidewalks are considered under the school safety sidewalk program. It helps to reduce the cost of busing when considering the transportation issue.

Mr. Rys felt that there should not be any students crossing Route 68.

Mayor Dickinson asked that the record show that there is a crossing guard currently on Route 68 at Hope Hill Road.

Mr. Rys stated that there are no sidewalks on the north side of Route 68.

Mr. Costello responded, from Grove Street to the east there are sidewalks down both sides of Route 68 to Chapel Street.

Mrs. Duryea asked, are there other streets within the one mile radius of Yalesville School that do not have sidewalks?

Mr. Costello answered, yes.

Mrs. Duryea asked, is the Town responsible for installing sidewalks there or are we just do this street because we are addressing the road?

Mr. Costello answered, Grove Street is a through street, running from Route 68 to Chimney Hill Road. Fritz Place and Fritz Court are dead end streets without sidewalks. Cassello Place is a new street, also a dead end but does have sidewalks. If we require children to walk to the school we will have to put in sidewalks first.

Mayor Dickinson responded, where we are doing work the issue comes up should there be a sidewalk. If the school system raises an issue as to a particular area needing sidewalks, but there is not an automatic responsibility as soon as a school opens to provide sidewalks.

Mr. Costello explained that public works will undertake the drainage work and road widening, the paving will be done under contract with Tilcon. The sidewalks would have to be done by private contractor since public works does not do sidewalks as extensive a length as 3,000 feet.

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Mary Fritz, 43 Grove Street, Yalesville stated, on December 28, 1993 Henry McCully and John Costello spoke to approximately thirty people from Grove Street. Everyone on the street was invited to attend the meeting to address rumors about what might be going on with changing the road and/or putting in sidewalks. There were very complete plans presented at that meeting, therefore she disagreed with Mr. Costello when he stated that a preliminary viewing of the street was presented that evening. They were very detailed blueprints. It was a very, very good example of Town government at its best. Everything was very carefully explained, questions were thoroughly answered and the last remarks that were made were, "if there were going to be any changes, we would be told, the people on Grove Street, we would be informed." The next thing she heard in April was when the neighbors called to ask if she had heard anything about plans being changed and/or sidewalks. Mr. Shilling had appeared at her door one evening with a petition explaining everything that had transpired. She called Mr. Killen the next morning to see if he had heard anything different since the meeting? Mr. Killen had not heard of anything either. Mr. Killen then began looking into it. She called Mr. McCully and Mr. Costello and was told that nothing was definite. She has lived on Grove Street for thirty-one years, her husband has lived there most of his life and both have witnessed changes in the neighborhood over time. It has grown and has changed for the better. The neighbors and herself, however, were told that certain things were going to happen and suddenly gameplans changed and they were not told. This is why government gets a bad rap and she resents that. The residents do not need the street widened. Reasons have been presented that have been fallacious. They talk about Chimney Sweep, Weatherside, Buttonwood, which are developments beyond Grove Street. Chimney Sweep has been there for fourteen years, why widen the road now? There are improvements that need to be done, the ice needs to be removed at the end of the street where there is poor drainage and you take your life in your hands when you try to drive on it. The potholes need fixing. It will become a raceway if you straighten it out. In terms of public safety of the people who live on that road, you don't need to perform these massive improvements, just the minimum to make it safe and not cause it to be a speedway.

Mr. McCully responded, the only thing that has changed since the meeting in February was the recommendation of which side of the street the sidewalk will go on. As it was presented, the width of the road and everything else, nothing has changed. He went to great lengths to explain to those residents who were concerned that the road would develop into a speedway that he has developed many other roads, Park Farms being one, where residents are always concerned with the same issue. If cars are speeding on Grove Street then it is a police matter. Inconsistent widths in the road make it unsafe even if people are not speeding. Nothing has changed other than the sidewalk.

Mrs. Fritz responded that Mr. McCully is unaware of the many years and Mayors that the residents had to fight through to get the trucks off of their road. We see that coming again with this widening. I am here tonight to tell you that the people on Grove Street do not want their road widened, they do not want it straightened out, they would like to have the pot holes taken care of and the ice off of it. That

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provides safety for them. That is what their concern is.

Mr. Zandri asked, why was this road targeted to be redone? That is the issue in a nutshell.

Mr. Costello responded, the road needs storm drainage additions at the present time and as Mr. McCully pointed out, the width is inconsistent, there is an area at the intersection of Fritz Place where the road has a cross slope from one side to the other so when the snow melts it runs across the road and freezes. There are deficiencies out there. It has been covered with chip sealing and it does cover a lot of defects in the road. It was first introduced in the six year capital back in 1986-87. It has been in the budget ever since. It took eight years to get through the six year budget due to changes in priorities and the addition of bridge funds to the budget. It gets into the six year budget through the determination of the Town Engineer and Public Works Director who, at that time was Steven Deak.

Mr. Zandri stated that this is the same situation as East Main Street when we wanted to widen the road for legitimate reasons but residents in the area wanted to keep it as it was. When it came to the vote he warned those residents not to come back and ask that the road be expanded at some point in time. The people who live on the road and have to deal with it on a daily basis, in his opinion, if they are happy with the way the road is then let it stay that way. Again, it will always be on the back burner down the road. The road should not be neglected, the patch work should be done, but leave well enough alone.

Mr. Costello pointed out that last year on the unimproved section of East Main Street there was a sideswiping accident between a school bus and a truck on the narrow portion of the road.

Mr. Zappala asked, how many families live on the street?

It was stated that approximately forty homes front Grove Street and there are also back lots. Out of thirty-four families contacted, thirty signed the petition. There are also some people present this evening speaking for the petition who did not sign it.

Mr. Zappala agreed with Mr. Zandri. It is a fact that when a road is widened it becomes a speedway. He does not want to jeopardize the safety of the families on the road.

Ms. Papale stated that approximately 8-10 years ago she visited Steve Deak to discuss that many residents on Grove Street were calling her complaining that they needed their street fixed, it was unsafe. Those residents may have moved since then but she was always under the impression that the residents wanted it fixed. In speaking to them last week it seems that the concerns have changed somewhat. She agreed with Mr. Zandri and Mr. Zappala. If the residents are content and feel safe with the road in its present condition then fix the pot holes and do what you have to do and hope that nothing happens.

Mr. Costello responded, Grove Street is not solely used by residents

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it is used as a through street by other residents in adjacent neighborhoods.

Mr. Solinsky asked, what stage is the design in?

Mr. Costello responded, it is far enough advanced that the public works department can start putting in drainage.

Jean Addy, 58 Grove Street stated that the residents are getting the wrong message. Those present at the meeting back in December needed to assimilate the information that was given them that evening before they could make an informed decision. It is just recently we circulated the petition. She is not really in favor of the sidewalk but she does not object to the improvements to be made and was willing to go along with the decision made by the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works to have the road improved for drainage and repaving. It is not a little country road, it is being used more and more often, especially with the subdivisions in the area. She was concerned if it were straightened, however, there would be a lot more speeding. In that respect she wanted to have it kept as safe as possible. She thanked Mrs. Fritz for all she has done to try and facilitate things.

Mayor Dickinson asked, is the road being straightened?

Mr. Costello responded, the alignment will remain essentially the same. There is a proposed widening to a constant 26'.

Mayor Dickinson asked, the widening won't result in a straightening?

Mr. Costello answered, no, not really. There is a curve there today and there will be a curve there when the road is improved.

Mr. Knight asked, can the storm drains be put in without widening the road?

Mr. Costello answered, yes they can.

Mr. Knight asked, what is the disadvantage?

Mr. Costello answered, they are offset and although you pave out to it from the edge of the pavement, in the winter the snowplow operator cannot get in there to clear the catch basin. That is the main disadvantage.

Mr. Knight asked, can you get rid of the ice condition?

Mr. Costello responded, the condition referred to at Fritz Place would require a regrading of approximately 100-200' of roadway. It would have to be removed and re-crowned so it does not pitch entirely to one side, rather equal to both sides.

Mr. Knight then asked, is the base road adequate to chip seal again with other modifications?

Mr. McCully responded, it is an old farm to market road and the

original maintenance was sand and oil. Years ago it was one of the worst roads in Town. It was chip sealed seven years ago and that leaves it in its present state.

Mr. Costello added, the base is probably adequate for chip sealing because it is a relatively inexpensive treatment. It is not adequate to put down a 2-3" of bituminous material, it would be throwing money away.

Mr. Rys asked, is the normal size of a road 26' or can it be 21'?

Mr. Costello answered, the normal lane width today is 11-12' per lane and then when you add in curbing it should be set off 2' from the lane because the drivers tend to shy away from the curb and also the metal grate of the catch basin sticks out 20" from the curb. If you put the catch basin in the 2' offset then you keep the wheels from running over the catch basin. That adds up to 13' from the center line which totals 26'. Our subdivision regulations on new streets require 30' roadway. Cassello Drive is 28-30'.

Mr. Rys stated that Cheshire has recently improved many country-type roads, Coleman Road being one, and it did not seem to be as wide as what we do here and they do have their storm drains in as well. He drives Grove Street to cut over to Meriden at times but prefers to use Highland Avenue or Hanover Street. He is not sure that there is a real justification to call Grove Street a feeder road to Route 68. He liked the way the east side of street is cut out for the parked cars and how the flagpoles are located as well.

Mr. Costello asked, if you were a mother with a stroller how would you get around those parked cars?

Mr. Rys answered, I know people who have children and travelled that road and don't seem to mind.

Mr. Costello pointed out Jobs Road on the east side of town between Durham and Rock Hill Roads and stated that it was widened to 26' last summer to give Mr. Rys an idea as to what a 26' road looks like.

Mr. Rys asked, did we have petitions, people who objected to it?

Mr. Costello answered, no.

Mr. Rys liked the road the way it is and sympathizes with the residents.

Mr. Costello responded, then you should not have voted for the appropriation of funds. If the funds are not there then the work cannot be done.

Mr. Rys pointed out that he was not on the Council last year when it was voted on.

Mr. Zandri commented that the funds are voted on because they are part of the capital budget. Everything is made under the assumption that

everyone is in agreement with the project. When the majority of the people do not agree with it then we are faced with a problem whether the funds are there or not.

Mr. Costello stated, it is a public road. All members of the public use it, emergency vehicles, school buses, etc., it is not just the residents who use the street.

Mr. Killen pointed out that it took eight years to get where it is so it is not a high priority item. If you took a small ad in the newspaper stating that these funds are not going to be used and asked people to respond who had roads that needed to be done the department would be inundated with requests. Why are we doing it to someone who doesn't want it when we could be doing it for those who do want it?

Mr. Costello felt confident about Toelles Road because no one lived on it and it got done.

Mr. Zandri agreed with Mr. Killen. Let's fix the road for the people who want them done and for the people who don't, forget it.

Mr. Costello asked, when do we decide which roads to do, when it first shows up in the six year budget, when the appropriation is made or when we have the engineering design all done?

Mrs. Duryea stated we did have a short discussion during budget session about a specific need for roads to be done. Some side streets are in desperate need.

Mr. Costello stated, granted we do tend to concentrate on bigger, longer streets and as a virtue of that improvement, more people benefit from it.

Mrs. Duryea responded, there are a lot of little streets that would end up satisfying the same amount of people.

Mr. Zandri stated, maybe we are approaching the construction wrong. We don't bring the people in until we are in the finalization stage. We have to bring the people in at the beginning, we could have eliminated this issue eight years ago.

Mr. Killen felt it was ironic that Planning & Zoning have to notify property owners but a road such as this has just as much impact on the homeowners as some of the planning and zoning that goes on in the area.

Mr. Costello responded, it is in accordance with the Planning & Zoning regulations that we do not have to notify anyone.

Delores Bullock, 71 Grove Street feels that the road should not be widened or straightened.

Mr. McCully stated that he is charged with maintaining all the roads of the Town which are up to approximately 200 miles at this point. Normally we don't have any problems repaving existing roads, Christian

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Street for example, it was a certain width for many, many years and will continue to be. Now we get into a situation where we have a road to improve. Which direction is he to follow when we are faced with improving a country-type road that is already established? Is the public going to dictate to the Town which roads are improved and which isn't? Which direction is he to follow? This presents his department with quite a dilemma. He is trying to set up a maintenance program. At some point the public should be listened to but which way is he to go?

Mr. Solinsky reiterated his opinion on the issue that he stated during the budget workshop which was to take the money and fix the hazards in the roads Town-wide. Take out the hills, dips and curves so that our money can go further and, at the same time, have a safer roadway.

Mr. Knight feels that this boils down to a quality of life issue on this particular road. The residents feel that the improvements will effect the quality of life on their road. For every action there is a reaction, especially with road improvements.

Mr. Solinsky asked, what is the will of the Council on this matter?

Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Costello, what improvements can we make to the road without, in your professional opinion, doing the whole job as outlined, the 26' wide etc.?

Mr. Costello responded, there are several elements, roadway widening, repaving, drainage. One thing that can be done is the drainage.

Mayor Dickinson asked, is that the only thing?

Mr. Costello answered, yes, otherwise one thing leads to another if you start changing the grade or width. The icing problem at Fritz Court can be corrected too.

Mr. McCully stated, the future maintenance could involve the fixing of potholes and additional chip sealing. If it were placed on the list again for sealing we could get many years out of it.

Mrs. Fritz stated that there are two ice problems, one at Fritz Place and one at the north end coming off the embankment near the Shillings, Bullocks, it is shear ice right across the road. When we say that we don't want the road widened it does not mean that we don't want it paved.

Mayor Dickinson asked, could the existing road, no wider, be re-constructed and paved?

Mr. Costello answered, yes, you can dig it up, put in a proper base and pave it down the same width. It will look exactly like the present road.

Mayor Dickinson asked, why aren't you recommending that?

Mr. Costello replied, that is not an engineer's solution, it is not a

constant width. It does not ensure that the gutter flow will end up in the catch basins. What you are suggesting is a non-engineering solution. Who will decide which roads will be done and to what extent of improvements?

Mayor Dickinson responded, proper standards have to be used by also everyone has to be aware of what they are. He could understand the concerns over what the ultimate work product will be and it is important for everyone to understand what standards are being used and why. That is why he is asking Mr. Costello why he is calling for different widths than what exists?

Mr. Costello explained that he is calling for a constant width based on an 11' travel land and a 2' offset to the face of the curb. That is how a 26' road is arrived at.

Mayor Dickinson asked, are you saying that the reduced standards should not apply?

Mr. Costello replied, I would not recommend them, no.

Mr. Rys asked, what is the width of Chimney Hill Road?

Mr. Costello stated, I believe the widths are about the same as Grove Street.

Mr. Rys asked, what are you planning to do on Chimney Hill where you are going to repave down to Hanover?

Mr. Costello responded, we plan to install drainage from Chimney Sweep to Hanover and new pavement to the proper width. Chimney Hill should have a 12' lane width due to the heavier volume of traffic. That would result in a 28' wide road. South Branford Road was widened to 28' width last year.

Mr. Rys could agree with that plan because Chimney Hill is a main feeder road by Grove Street is not.

Alice Shilling, 73 Grove Street asked Mr. Costello, would you like all the roads to be the same width and same size, no less than 26'?

Mr. Costello replied, that is a fair statement, yes.

Ms. Shilling had a problem with that because we save historical parts of the Town and that should also apply to streets. She moved to Grove Street pregnant and walked Grove Street in the winter and summer months with a carriage. It was not always the best but she did it because she liked the area. She stayed to the curb when a car passed by. It was not a major problem for her. She would most likely lose her trees on the front lawn of her yard due to the installation of the sidewalk. She would require a retaining wall as well.

Mayor Dickinson responded, a public hearing would be held first on the sidewalk issue. It would not be part of the road project this summer. It will be fall before the road work is done.

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Ms. Shilling asked, don't you plan ahead to see how much property it will effect?

Mr. Costello replied, the sidewalk is a fairly new element to the project. The minor widening associated with the roadway improvement we didn't think would be a right of way problem at all.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the only question is the sidewalk. The real issue is the road.

Ms. Shilling thanked everyone present from the Town for listening to the resident's issues this evening.

Mr. Addy stated that he and his wife raised seven children who all walked to school. He has never witnessed an accident on the street.

Mr. Costello asked, didn't the police department paint a white line on the side of the road for the children to walk?

Mr. Addy replied, yes.

Mr. Costello asked, how far to the north did it go? Did it go beyond Fritz Place?

Mr. Addy: Yes.

Mr. Costello pointed out that the police department technically reduced the width of the road further by painting that line for the children to walk.

Mr. Killen felt that the residents have rights to their feelings. He moved that the roadway work be limited to what is necessary to take care of the storm drainage and repaving, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Zandri did not agree with that motion.

After discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he does not favor chip seal. The base of that road is beginning to deteriorate and it must be rebuilt. He was not in favor of fixing some of the roadway and chip sealing.

Mr. Zandri felt that we could arrive at a compromise of fixing the problems of the road, pot holes, drainage, etc. and leave the rest alone. It will save dollars as well.

Mayor Dickinson suggested that it be looked at again since the sidewalks will be a problem due to ownership of private property. We will have another meeting and have everyone in. If we don't do a complete reconstruction there is a real open question of whether or not we can use the capital and non-recurring money.

No action taken.

ITEM #23 Discussion and Possible Action on Reviewing Proposals/Bids

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Received for the Recreation Center/Ice Rink - Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea to Discuss the Issue, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Tom Wall, Chairman of the Recreation Center/Ice Rink Committee stated that five bids have been received for the study. The lowest bidder did not qualify for the job. The Purchasing Department agreed with the committee's feelings that the lowest bidder was not qualified.

Robert Carmody, Jay Quigley and Charles Burnes, Committee members were also present for this discussion.

Mr. Carmody explained that part of the specifications of the bid indicated that the committee wanted to see evidence that the firm had successfully completed a minimum of two similar studies that evaluated ice skating rink feasibility. The low bid did not, in the committee's estimation, did not include that information. They had worked on some ice skating rinks that were of the nature of converting outdoor basketball courts where you would flood them in the winter and use them as an ice skating rink. Stan Shepardson, Director of Parks and Recreation and Robert Pedersen, Purchasing Agent requested additional information to be certain that that was the case and we were not misinterpreting the bid. After the initial discussions it was still decided that the firm did not meet the requirement of the bid.

Mr. Solinsky felt that the next item requesting a waiver of bid to award to other than the lowest bidder was unnecessary since the lowest bidder was not qualified.

Mr. Zandri disagreed. He felt it should still be approved by the Council.

Both Mr. Myers and Town Attorney Small explained the process to Mr. Zandri in detail how the Purchasing Agent has the right to make the determination of whether or not the bidders met the requirements of the bid specifications. If they don't he has the right to reject the bids. He reviews the decision with the department/committee and the Department of Law as well. If the lowest bidder is qualified and the department or committee wishes to award to other than the low bidder then the Purchasing Agent must agree and forward the file to the Town Council for Council approval.

Mr. Wall then informed the Council that the next lowest bidder, Landauer Associates, Inc. is the same company that performed the survey for Mr. Chris Migliaro who presented the Council with the joint proposal between his firm and the Town to build an ice rink.

The firm is a qualified bidder but the committee is concerned that there will exist a lack of independent view.

The committee felt that if the Council did not feel that there was any chance of having an ice rink built in the next year or so that we probably should not be spending \$12,000-\$18,000 on a feasibility

study now.

Mr. Zappala shared that feeling. He reminded the Council that there was an issue surrounding Choate School overcharging the Wallingford leagues as of the first of the year. It came to his attention last night at a Board of Education Meeting that Choate only raised its fees \$10.00 per hour which is quite different than what Mr. Migliaro led everyone to believe that we were being charged.

Mr. Zandri stated, one of the reasons for the study was to find out whether or not the rink could be self-sustaining, stand on its own two feet and support itself. If the study proves those facts then we don't have to worry about whether or not we can do it because it should be a stand alone project. We should be able to fund it, bond it and it should be able to pay for itself and not effect any other project of the Town. That is probably the only way that this will every fly.

Mr. Killen stated that the upfront cash is needed.

Mr. Zandri felt that the upfront cash for the study is all that is needed. If it proves that it can't be a self-sustaining project then it will be dead in the water.

Chris Migliaro, 870 Clintonville Road stated that Landauer Associates, Inc. did not perform his feasibility study. VFC Sports is the Ice Skating Industry consultant who performed his feasibility study. Landauer listed VFC as an ice skating consultant to them. There is a lot more in the feasibility study that the Town has requested than his study which includes a mailer, questionnaire and several other items. The prime contract in this R.F.P. is Landauer and VFC is a consultant to them. It is not exactly the same, they will only go back to VFC for the same ice skating industry information in statistics, etc., however everything else will be done by Landauer.

Mr. Knight studied the proposal made by Mr. Migliaro and found it lacking in specifics and financial backup information. He understood Mr. Zandri's concerns that it needs to be self-supportive but it remains a crap shoot. You are basing a lot on the numbers that the feasibility study brings out.

Mr. Zandri stated that anyone who goes into any business venture does in on facts and compiles figures based on projections and that is how anyone opens a business.

Mr. Knight responded, we are running a business and there is a risk factor here that is why he is concerned that this project is not as simple as it appears.

Mr. Migliaro stated that he has offered his study to the committee to take, read and look at the details behind his proposal. He (Mr. Wall) felt from a point of objectivity that he should not do that at this time. He would rather have their own study. His last offer at the committee's last meeting was to bring in ten copies so that everyone could review it under the condition that all the copies leave

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with Mr. Migliaro at the end of the evening. He stated that he has bent over backwards to do all that he can to help the Town.

Mr. Knight wanted it understood that he was not trying to abstract that from Mr. Migliaro. What the Council is voting on is a feasibility study that will be thorough enough to evaluate whether or not this project is, indeed, what people speculate it to be and that is a great money making proposition for the Town.

Mayor Dickinson stated, if there is to be a study all sources of information have to be separate from any other study done. If any of the same services or consultants or other portions of information that was put together for a party of interests then our study is tainted. Secondly, Mr. Zandri is correct. We go into this looking for a project that will stand on its own but I suspect that for the first two, three, four years you have to suspect that it will not stand on its own. There will be a period of time where the Town would probably subsidize it.

Mr. Zandri stated for the record that he would support an ice skating rink if it were self-sufficient. If it were going to cost any money, including start-up money to sustain it, he would be opposed to it.

Mr. Quigley stated, that is the unanimous feeling of the committee.

Mrs. Duryea stated that she liked Mr. Migliaro's proposal, it was exciting and interesting. On the other hand she was concerned that this study will be shelved like the rest of the studies. She asked the committee members if they were willing to go through what the Community Pool Committee went through with the possibility that it is all for nothing?

Mr. Wall responded, he hoped that they would not have to. He looked to the Mayor and Council and asked if they wanted the committee to continue? They don't want to spin their wheels. The committee members do not want to go forward with this if there is no intention of proceeding with the project if it proves feasible.

Mrs. Duryea asked Mayor Dickinson directly where he plans to be as far as funding the project?

Mayor Dickinson responded, we need a price on the school project. The recreation center is a higher priority than the ice rink. If we find the right location in Town, can that include a rink? Quite possibly. The recreation center has to have a higher priority. Do I see that if the study were done in the next three or four months that we would be in a position to move forward right away? I don't see that. We won't know the price of the school project until November or December. Then a lot of other things may fall into place. If we have to do planning, the recreation center is the higher priority.

Mrs. Duryea stated to the committee, that is where the Council is. The Council may support it but the Mayor may not fund it.

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Mr. Wall stated that recreation is a very important part of life. The school issue has been discussed for years. It is time that someone got something done here.

Mr. Zandri asked, if the feasibility study shows that the rink would be self-supporting would you then be willing to bond the cost of the rink?

Mayor Dickinson answered, it would be a different picture if it did not cost the town one dollar from day one. He did not think that there is a possibility that a project can fund itself from the day that it opens its doors. If there is no negative for the Town, sure.

Mr. Zandri agreed. There are too many other projects on the board to be using tax dollars to start with this project. If the study shows that this can be self-supporting he would have no problem going forward with it.

Mr. Charles Burnes, Wallingford Hockey League stated that the contract with Tri-Town went from \$210 per hour to \$240 per hour drifting to \$260 per hour. This means that there will be approximately 50 or 60 kids who will not play hockey or skate this year. Without the help of the Town the children will not succeed. They are not asking the Town to build a rink, only to see if it is feasible. We honestly feel that a successful building could be operated. It is being done for the kids. In his neighborhood a young girl recently committed suicide. In West Haven an honor student jumped in front of a train. We need to keep the children off the street. We have to somehow find money to help. We find money for everything else. Yes, the school and recreation center are important. He wants the recreation center for the children. We must keep them busy to keep them out of trouble.

No action taken.

ITEM #25 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,200 from Council Contingency - Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-800-3190 to Professional Services, Feasibility Study - Phase I Acct. #001-1119-900-9001 - Recreation Center/Ice Rink Study Committee

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Wall stated that the Committee felt that Phase I and Phase II should be completed to provide a complete picture.

The bidding went out in two phases, one for demographics and marketing (phase I) and the other was financial and site selection (phase II). The Council seems to be more interested in phase II and the \$5,200 does not get that phase done. The \$5,200 is quoted by the firm that did Mr. Migliaro's as well.

Mrs. Duryea asked if phase II only can be done?

Mr. Wall stated that he was not sure that the company will be willing to perform phase II without doing phase I.

The next highest bidder submitted a price of \$12,000 for phase II alone.

Mr. Killen argued the fact that the item (transfer) should never have been on the agenda due to the fact that the Mayor had not signed the transfer.

Mayor Dickinson wanted to be sure that a full discussion took place on the issue, hence his refusal to sign the transfer for the meeting.

Mr. Zandri made a motion to Table this Item Until the Next Meeting and the Proper Paperwork is Before the Council, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mrs. Duryea requested that the item be placed on the agenda early.

Rys left the meeting at approximately 1:00 a.m.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #27 Discussion Regarding the Federal Government's Recent Ruling on Incinerator Ash Labeled as Hazardous Waste as Requested by Councilor Geno J. Zandri, Jr.

Motion was made by Mr. Zandri to Table This Item Until the Next Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #28 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the State of Connecticut Property Including a House Located on Route 68 - Mayor's Office

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

Mayor Dickinson's letter explained that the property in question has a house on it, is owned by the State of Connecticut and is bordered by the Old Route 68. Previously the State intended to convey the land to the Town and have the house torn down. Due to the building's historic nature the Town and others urged the State to seek to have the house preserved and relocated. Thus far the State has not had success in obtaining a purchaser for the house.

Three options exist: 1) the Town could waive any interest it has in the land and buildings and the State would publicly bid the ownership; 2) the Town would acquire the land and the building would be torn down or removed; or 3) the Town would acquire the land and the building and lease the building for public purpose to an organization such as the Preservation Trust.

The Mayor stated that previous our position was to encourage the State

to try and relocate the building to another place in Town but the Town was interested in taking ownership of that property, remember the Muddy River runs through the property.

Mr. Killen asked, what is the size of the parcel?

Mayor Dickinson was not sure. It may not conform to zoning which could be a problem as far as habitation or use other than open space. The only access would be off the old Route 68. The river may even interrupt the access. It is unusable. There is no value in terms of development. It will not cost anything to acquire it. The State will not provide title to the Town without it being clear as to what is happening to the building. If we are going to change what we want we have to indicate it to them. Otherwise they will dispose of the building by either by removal or tearing it down and we will end up owning the property. If we want to change that we need to tell them.

Mr. Zandri recommended letting the State take care of disposing of the house since it is in bad shape and the Town could take the land.

Everyone felt the same way, nothing should be changed.

No action was taken.

ITEM #29 Withdrawn.

Addendum Consider and Approve Waiving the Bidding Process to Hire an Appraiser for the Open Space Project - Program Planner

Motion was made by Mrs. Duryea, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Appraisal work needs to be performed in a timely manner with regards to the open space acquisition project discussed at the April 26, 1994 Town Council Meeting. A bid waiver is being requested so that the work can be contracted to Don Nitz for a total of \$4,000. Mr. Nitz's services are acceptable to DEP and will be used to appraise the Williams and Hintz properties.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the Town Attorney will pay for the appraisal work from the Department of Law's budget.

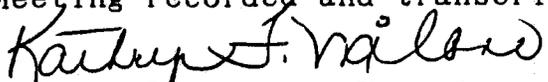
VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Rys was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 a.m.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:


Kathryn F. Milano, Town Council Secretary

Approved by:

Thomas D. Solinsky
Thomas D. Solinsky, Chairman

May 24, 1994
Date

Kathryn J. Wall
Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

May 24, 1994
Date

FEBRUARY 3, 1994

TO: EVA LAMOTHE
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

FROM: TOM CHICOSKI
CHAIRMAN
HANDICAPPED ACCESS BUILDING COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT 1112

SUBJECT: BUDGET FOR 1994-95

ATTACHED IS THE MARKED UP BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR MY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1994-95 BUDGET.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I HAVE INCREASED THE AMOUNT UNDER ACCOUNT 600/6010 FROM \$100 TO \$200 FOR THE NEW BUDGET AND HAVE DECREASED THE AMOUNT UNDER 600/6040 FROM \$600 TO \$500. THIS GIVES THE SAME TOTAL AMOUNT AS CURRENTLY BUDGETED (BUT NOT SPEND) FOR THE 1993/94 BUDGET.

THE COMMITTEE STILL HAS WORK TO CLEAN UP ON ROCK HILL SCHOOL, WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN SOME NEW BID REQUIREMENTS IN THE 1994-95 BUDGET YEAR. I ANTICIPATE NEEDING THE FUNDING IN THE 600/6010 ACCOUNT FOR BID ADVERTISEMENT AND IN THE 600/6040 ACCOUNT FOR SECRETARIAL EXPENSE SINCE I WILL HAVE TO HAVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR WITH MINUTES TAKEN AND TYPED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

SINCERELY,



THOMAS A. CHICOSKI
CHAIRMAN
HANDICAPPED ACCESS BUILDING COMMITTEE

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April 28, 1994

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

Dear Bill:

At its meeting on 4/25/94, the Board of Education decided to request from the Town of Wallingford a supplemental appropriation for school year 1993-94 in the amount of \$113,283.00 so that a contract can be signed with the lowest bidding vendor for the Highland School Drainage Project. The Board made this request for the following reasons.

1. The Highland gymnasium is not now fully functional and unless the drainage project is completed that gym will remain less than fully functional.
2. The Board did not spend approximately \$180,000.00 of its appropriation for 1992-93 so as to contribute sufficient funds to the Town's fund balance to cover the cost of the project.
3. It is always difficult for any agency to fund a project of this magnitude out of its annual budget when funds for the project were not included in the agency's annual budget in the first place.

Because just about all of the work connected with the project has to take place before students return to school in 9/94, it is important that a commitment be made to the lowest bidding vendor as soon as possible. Your prompt attention to this request, therefore, would be greatly appreciated.

The Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor

April 28, 1994

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Please let me know your position on this request and if you decide to support it partially or completely, please let me know when the Town Council will be asked to support the supplemental appropriation.

Please call, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Cirasuolo
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Joseph J. Cirasuolo, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: B.O.E.
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FROM:

\$26,155	Election Workers Wages	001-6011-100-1350
590	Polling Place Rental	001-6011-500-5800
80	Rental Tables & Chairs	001-6011-500-5810
595	Food Allowance	001-6011-600-6600
1,090	Custodians	001-6011-900-9000
490	Outside Security Services	001-6011-900-9030
23,700	Part Time Wages	001-6012-100-1350
1,390	Telephone	001-6012-200-2000
590	Polling Place Rental	001-6012-500-5800
740	Lunches	001-6012-600-6600
1,090	Custodial Service	001-6012-900-9000
490	Security Service	001-6012-900-9010
35,000	Contingency/Reserve for Emergency	001-8050-800-3190
16,000	Personnel Director Wages	001-1590-100-1200
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108,000	Total	

APPROPRIATION TO:

Board of Education \$108,000 Highland School Gym

The Wallingford Community Pool Renovation Building Committee

May 1, 1994

Wallingford Town Council
c/o Mr. Thomas Solinsky
Council Chairman
Town Hall
South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Council Members:

Based on the consensus of the Committee at our last meeting, I am obligated to inform you that the members have lost their energy to serve on a project which has lost financial support and wafsted in its priority over the past three and one half years. Accordingly, it is believed to be in the best interests of all concerned that the Council dismiss this Committee.

Over the past 40 months, the Committee members have endeavored to further this project with the best interests of the Council and the Community in mind. Initial proposals presented to the town were based specifically on what the law permitted, a plan which would now be operational and able to be enjoyed by thousands of citizens. This plan has been used by literally thousands of communities, private firms, and colleges with millions of visitors annually. In recognition that the Council believed that a walk-in option deserved a change in the Health Code, we continued our efforts several months later once the new legislation was in effect. From the onset, your committee attempted to implement innovative concepts by offering a Public Informational Meeting prior to our competition of schematic design. To determine popular community opinion regarding the pool, we made the substantial effort to conduct a comprehensive opinion poll amongst the families of public school children. Lastly, we worked with the Parks and Recreation Department to offer input regarding the maintenance of the existing pool during the period that the legislation was being modified by the Council.

It is unfortunate that the significant personal hours and expenses borne by the committee to see the project to fruition went without success. In addition to the several hundred hours of volunteer effort, more than twenty presentations were made before the Council, some demanding dozens of hours of preparation and patient waiting for our 25th position on the agenda. We sometimes encountered less than spirited support from a few Town departments which was not only frustrating and time consuming, but quite frankly, a source of serious concern. While we're on the subject, Tom, more sincere support on behalf of the Council would have been helpful. The recent lack of response to our letters to the Council and tolerance to the attempted belittling of the Committee by other council members was particularly disturbing and a source of future problems if this treatment is to extend to other volunteer committees.

It should be noted that there were many who worked to further the success of the pool, however. In addition to the dedicated Council and staff members, and enthusiastic citizens, I recommend that the Council recognize Transportation Cost Management, Pratt & Whitney, the Water and Sewer Department, and The FIP Corporation for the time and funds they dedicated in order that their employees could give time to the community. Phone, postage, and other expenses may have exceeded one thousand dollars before the Council authorized funds to cover expenses. Perhaps the Council should give strong consideration toward issuing an outline of responsibilities and a small fund for expenses when you establish a building committee. We have such an outline in draft form if you desire.

While the magnitude of the cost that the community should pay for a pool will remain a question in the minds of some, the members of the committee believe that the benefits available through a serious outdoor aquatic facility in Wallingford would be enjoyed by thousands annually. These benefits will never be realized, however, until the town makes the long range commitment to this important project.

We remain dedicated to the Town of Wallingford and hope to again serve our community.

Very truly yours,

The members of the Community Pool Renovation Building Committee

    
Jon Walworth Steve Knight Bill Choti Charles Johnson Sal Falconeri

cc: Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.