

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1996

ROBERT EARLEY AUDITORIUM - WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Color Guard, American Legion Siedlicki Post 187  
Mr. Charles Houlihan and the Sheehan High School Brass Ensemble
2. Invocation - Rev. Richard Simmons
3. Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem/Mr. Charles Houlihan and  
the Sheehan High School Brass Ensemble
4. Swearing in of Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. by Judge of  
Probate Philip A. Wright, Jr.
5. Remarks by Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
6. Swearing in of the Town Council by Judge Wright  

Richard J. Centner, Jr.	Robert F. Parisi
David J. Doherty	Frank A. Renda, Sr.
Jerry Farrell, Jr.	Raymond J. Rys, Sr.
Stephen W. Knight	G. Tom Zappala
Iris F. Papale	
7. Roll Call - Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
8. Mayor Dickinson Presiding at Election of Town Council Chairman
9. Remarks by Town Council Chairman
10. Election of Town Council Vice Chairman
11. Swearing in of the Board of Education by Judge Wright  

Carmen J. Arisco, Jr.	Pamela F. Mangini
Joan Barbuto	Mark A. Moynihan
Patricia L. Corsetti	Valerie A. Nolan
Phyllis DeChello	Vincent F. Testa, Jr.
Karen A. Hlavac	
12. Appointment of Town Clerk and Swearing in by Judge Wright
13. Transfer of Funds (to be announced) for the Purpose of  
Funding Snow Management Accounts - Public Works Dept.
14. Benediction - Rabbi John Nimon
15. God Bless America/Mr. Charles Houlihan and the Sheehan High  
School Brass Ensemble

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING CEREMONY

SWEARING - IN CEREMONY

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 1996

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. announcing that Mr. Houlihan and the Sheehan High School Brass Ensemble and Rabbi John Nimon were unable to attend the ceremony this evening due to its being rescheduled from last evening to tonight on account of the severe snow storm we experienced. Reverend Richard Simmons will perform the benediction.

At this time Mayor Dickinson requested that the Color Guard from American Legion Siedlicki Post 187 come forward.

INVOCATION - REV. RICHARD SIMMONS

Let us pray. Oh God, in whose holy presence we live all of our lives, we call upon Thee to bless what we do here this evening. Let Thy spirit direct all the events of this hour. Grant Thy light and wisdom, Thy grace and strength to all those who are committing themselves by solemn promises to the carrying out of their various duties. Bless with Thy guidance the officials and citizens of this community. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend upon the courage, the industry, the honesty and the integrity of our fellow citizens. Make us mindful of their needs, grateful for their fidelity and faithful in their responsibilities to them. Help us to discover and to put into practice those creative courses of action that will build up and strengthen the bonds of mutual care that bind us into one people. We make these prayers for the good of all the people of this community and to the glory of Thy name, amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madeline Yasensky, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Siedlicki Post 187 led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Dickinson retired the Color Guard.

SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.

Judge of Probate, Philip A. Wright, Jr. performed the Swearing-In Ceremony of William W. Dickinson, Jr. as Mayor of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut (Applause).

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. -

Thank you very much. I just have a few remarks that are called for

and I will attempt to fill that description. Nothing is very simple. We like to assume a lot of things but nothing is really simple. Let's take time, for instance. Take one second. We make a lot of assumptions about even a second and recently I read that it took a joint decree of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, the International Earth Rotation Service, the Time Commission of the International Astronomical Union, the Sub-Bureau for Rapid Service and Predictions and none other than the National Bureau of Standards....all to decide that we are going to add one second or did add one second to 1995. That is to keep our time synchronized with the rotation of the earth. It is a good thing all of those people were able to get together on that. We can't take anything for granted, either individually or as a community. There was a poor Scottish farmer and when out walking he heard a plea for help. Responding to that plea he found a small boy mired in the bog up to the waist in muck. He extended his staff, the boy took it and he assisted that boy out of the muck. Next day at his small hut a fancy team of horses and a big carriage arrived. An elegant gentleman stepped out and offered the Scottish farmer a reward. He refused it. At that point the farmer's young son came to the door. The noble seeing the son said, "Mr. Farmer, I will make you a deal....let me educate your son as thanks for what you did and if he is anything like his father he will be a man you can be proud of." The Scotsman liked that and they shook hands on it. The Scotsman's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London....he became Sir Alexander Fleming, the noted discover of penicillin. Years later the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. He was saved by penicillin. The nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill and his son was Winston Churchill. Nothing we do or say is simple but everything we do and say can and does effect others. Our community is a fabric of many lives, skills, sacrifices and achievements. It is made up of work already contributed and well done. Men like Rocco Parisi who's son continues service this evening. He and others helped build this Town in countless ways. Our assignment is to manage what we have been given with care and trust so that others will continue to benefit. In the midst of a blizzard Public Works' men and women worked to keep our roads open. In the early morning hours of that same blizzard firefighters and police responded to a fire. These deeds and others, teachers, Electric, Water and Sewer employees, Recreation and Youth Service Bureau, Building Department, Finance Department, churches and charities, volunteers and the hundreds of businesses which provide services and products and finally the nearly 41,000 people who live in our community...we are all dependent upon one another. We, as public officials, take an oath to perform our duties conscientiously and for the public good. We must do so with full acknowledgement that our community is one that to be healthy requires every citizen's participation. Paul Newman tells a story of an exercise in an actor's lab in Hollywood and all of the fledgling actors and actresses were asked to imagine that they are in World War II, the last plane is leaving the Philippines and they have to convince the guards that they, each one, should be allowed on the overloaded plane. There are all kinds of passionate pleas. One was pregnant, one had to report to the

President, all failed until one screamed, "I have to go, I have to get on that plane!" and the guard said, "Why?" and the answer was, "I'm the pilot!". We are all pilots at one time or another. It is important as a community that we fly together. I thank you for being here tonight, we look forward to a productive two years and we ask for your participation in order for our community to continue to be a good place to live and work. Thank you very much. (Applause). At this time I would like to ask the Judge of Probate to come forward and continue with the administering of oaths.

**SWEARING-IN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Judge of Probate Philip A. Wright, Jr. asked that the following individuals step forward so that he may perform the Swearing-In Ceremony for the Wallingford Town Council:

Richard J. Centner, Jr.  
David J. Doherty  
Jerry Farrell, Jr.  
Stephen W. Knight  
Iris F. Papale  
Robert F. Parisi  
Frank A. Renda, Sr.  
Raymond, J. Rys, Sr.  
G. Tom Zappala

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Wright at this time.

(Applause)

Mayor Dickinson requested a Roll Call of the Town Council Members.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWN COUNCIL**

All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall.

**ELECTION AND SWEARING-IN OF TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

Mayor Dickinson stated, at this time the floor is open to nominations for the position of Town Council Chairman.

Mr. Rys: Tonight I would like to nominate someone for Town Council Chairman who has served the Town of Wallingford in various capacities over the past thirty-nine years. I have known this person for the past twenty-two years as a Councilman. In 1983 when I ran for Town Council, this person showed me the ropes in campaigning and I had the opportunity to serve with him as Chairman of the Town Council. This person believes in serving the people who he represents to the best of his abilities and this is probably one of the best qualities that one man can show in such an important position. It is my pleasure at this time to put the name of Robert Parisi into nomination for Town Council Chairman.

Mr. Renda seconded the nomination.

Mayor Dickinson asked for further nominations. Hearing none he asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mr. Centner made a motion to Close Nominations for Town Council Chairman, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE TO ELECT ROBERT F. PARISI AS TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Robert Parisi: Mayor Dickinson, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow colleagues, I thank you for the faith that you have placed in me tonight, I have known all of you, I've served with many of you and look forward to serving with four of you. I think that this is about as good of a Council as I have ever seen in my twenty some-odd years. The potential is there and I guess it is just up to me to be able to drive the horses as they say. I look forward to a productive Council, one that will conduct business-like meetings with a professionalism that you, the people of Wallingford, have come to expect and have a right to expect. I think that we will be conducting business as it should be and hopefully we will be very productive. The only problem I have with being Council Chairman is that, unfortunately, you speak after the Mayor and I am telling you that is just not an easy thing to look forward to so I am not even going to attempt to tell a joke. I am just going to tell you that we are going to do our best to do a good job for you and we thank you for the faith that you have placed in all of us, we will try not to let you down. Thanks very much. (Applause)

**ELECTION AND SWEARING-IN OF TOWN COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN**

At this time Chairman Parisi requested that nominations be put forward for the position of Town Council Vice Chairman.

Mr. Knight: I would like to place the name of Ray Rys, Sr. in nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of this Town Council. I have had the privilege of sitting next to Ray and working with him these past two years and I can't think of anybody in this room that exemplifies three of the qualities Rev. Simmons mentioned in his invocation just a few minutes ago more than Ray. Those words are industry, honesty and integrity and for that reason it is my honor to place his name in nomination tonight.

Mr. Centner seconded the motion.

Chairman Parisi asked if there were any further nominations to come forward? Hearing none he asked that a motion be made to close nominations.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Close Nominations for the Position of Town Council Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Renda.

VOTE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE TO ELECT RAYMOND J. RYS, SR., AS TOWN COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN:  
All ayes; motion duly carried.

**SWEARING-IN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

At this time Chairman Parisi asked that the following Individuals step forward to be sworn in by Judge Wright as Members of the Board of Education:

Carmen J. Arisco, Jr.  
Joan Barbuto  
Patricia L. Corsetti  
Phyllis DeChello  
Karen A. Hlavac  
Pamela F. Mangini  
Mark A. Moynihan  
Valerie A. Nolan  
Vincent F. Testa, Jr.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Wright.

(Applause).

**APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING-IN OF TOWN CLERK**

Chairman Parisi requested that nominations be put forth for the position of Town Clerk.

Jerry Farrell, Jr. placed the name of Rosemary A. Rascati into nomination for Town Clerk.

Mr. Farrell: Mr. Chairman, in proposing a nominee for the position of Town Clerk, I would like to say that the Town of Wallingford is extremely fortunate to have had three very able and qualified people step forward for the job. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Noma Beaumont, Katie Wall and Rosemary Rascati for many years. I think that any one of them would do an excellent job as our Town Clerk. Noma Beaumont could bring the experience and background she gained while on the Council, Katie Wall has done an excellent job as Town Clerk, she has expanded the computerization of the office, she has supervised the move of thousands of records to the new Town Hall and she personally completed a massive reorganization of the grantor and grantee indices. The Town certainly owes her a debt of gratitude for all she has done in serving our community and its people. In nominating Rosemary Rascati for Town Clerk, I have the distinct pleasure of supporting a lady who has, in a variety of ways, served Wallingford for many years, as Town Clerk from 1984 to 1987, as a member of three different Charter Revision Committees, and as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Rosemary's many years of experience as a title searcher also are an extremely valuable asset

and will insure that our land records remain well-maintained. Her depth of experience in Town government and her many personal qualities will go a long way in serving Wallingford and its people in many ways as the Town Clerk's office does. So it is with a great deal of pleasure that I nominate Rosemary Rascati for the position of Town Clerk.

Mr. Rys seconded the nomination.

Chairman Parisi asked if there were any further nominations to come forward?

David J. Doherty placed the name of Kathryn J. Wall into nomination for the position of Town Clerk.

Mr. Doherty: The person whom I would like to nominate is the present Town Clerk, Kathryn Wall. As you have listened to Mr. Farrell appropriately list her qualifications, she has been on this particular job and has eight years of experience. While on this particular job she improved herself by advancing in different programs that fit in with this particular job. I have worked with her on the Town Council for four years and found her to do an excellent job. I received a letter in the mail from a person that spends a lot of time down at that particular office, a man by the name of John Carroll. He is a title searcher. He spends numerous hours in that particular office and he spent the time to send a two page letter out listing the qualifications of a person that he thought should keep this particular job because she has done an excellent job while holding it. I would like to place in nomination here, tonight, the present Town Clerk, Kathryn Wall.

Ms. Papale seconded the motion.

Ms. Papale: Mr. Chairman, there have been seconds made to motions for positions this evening with just a second but I would like very much to say a few words. I am here to second the nomination of Kathryn Wall, I am here for other things but I am here to second your nomination, Katie. I had a list of items to mention why I thought Katie did such a wonderful job for the Town of Wallingford and why I thought she would continue to do this job. Mr. Farrell, Mr. Doherty, you have said most of what I have typed here to say. One thing that was not mentioned and I am proud to mention was that Katie, being in that position, has made that office have the reputation as one of the most efficient and courteous Town Clerk's Offices in the State and I thank you for that Katie. I could go on and on and tell everyone here about Katie's past eight years in her position as Town Clerk...her certifications, the many things she has done, the many commissions she has been on, but I am going to put that all away and I would like to mention that I really believe that Katie Wall has done such a wonderful job and the reason that I am seconding her nomination is because of the way she worked in the office. You never walked in the Town Clerk's Office when Katie was not there, when she wasn't smiling and laughing and doing her job very, very well. With Katie the whole office rang

of a happy place to be, a happy place to work, a nice place to come in and do business. That is one of the main reasons that I feel that I wanted to second the nomination of Katie Wall, not only for all that she has accomplished in her eight years here but because of the personality of that office and what you (Katie) have done to make that office such a great place to do business in...so I would like to second the nomination of Katie Wall. (Applause)

Mr. Parisi asked if there were any further nominations to place before the Council?

Hearing none Mr. Doherty made a motion to Close Nominations for the Position of Town Clerk, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE TO APPOINT TOWN CLERK: Doherty, Papale and Zappala, Kathryn Wall; Centner, Farrell, Knight, Parisi, Renda and Rys, Rosemary Rascati. Motion duly carried to Appoint Rosemary Rascati to the Position of Town Clerk.

(Applause)

Mr. Parisi requested that Mrs. Rascati come forward so that Judge Wright could perform the Swearing-In Ceremony.

(Applause)

Mr. Parisi: I would like to add to what Iris and Dave said, that Katie Wall did do a fine job for the eight years that she served the public and there were many, many fine comments that will attest to the nice job that she did. Wallingford is very fortunate to have so many people that are qualified for one job.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$96,000 from Undesignated General Fund Acct. #001-0900-010-1000 to Overtime Acct. #001-5015-101-1400 - Public Works Dept.

This appropriation is being requested to cover overtime for snow and ice removal. The earlier than normal snowfalls and unusually large accumulations from them has placed a considerable drain on the account.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Doherty asked, what is the balance in the Undesignated General Fund Account after this evening's appropriation?

Mayor Dickinson responded, approximately \$1,519,000.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$104,000 from Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. #001-8050-300-3190 of Which \$75,000 is Transferred to Materials and Supplies Acct. #001-5015-401-4100 and \$29,000 is Transferred to Overtime Acct. #001-5015-100-1400 - Public Works Dept.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Correspondence from Henry McCully, Director of Public Works states that \$45,000 will be used to purchase sand and \$30,000 will be used to purchase salt. The remaining \$29,000 will be used to fund the overtime account.

Mr. Doherty asked, what is the balance in the Contingency Account after this evening's transfer?

Mayor Dickinson responded, approximately \$685.00.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

**BENEDICTION - Rev. Richard Simmons**

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, amen.

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

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

*Kathryn F. Milano*  
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Town Council Secretary

Approved:

*Robert F. Parisi* 1-24-96  
Robert F. Parisi, Chairman Date

*Rosemary A. Rascati* 1-24-96  
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk Date