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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 1985

8:30 p.m.

- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance.
- (2) Public Question and answer period.
- (3) SET A PUBLIC HEARING on AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #251, requested by Councilman James A.G. Krupp.
- (4) Consider acceptance of Partridge Run, requested by Linda A. Bush, Town Planner. (TABLED)

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- (5) Consider acceptance of the Fact Finding Report covering the Custodians' Union.
 - (6) Correct the following account numbers for the Primary of September 10, 1985 which was previously transacted by the Town Council at the August 27, 1985 meeting (agenda Item six (6)) as requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller:

Telephones	601A-200
Primary Wages	601A-135
Polling Place Rental	601A-580
Food Allowance	601A-660
Custodians	601A-900
Policeman	601A-901
 - (7) Accept Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 1985.
 - (8) Consider Changing the Council Secretary's Salary.

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- (9) Consider waiving the bid for the MacKenzie Reservoir transfer pump station repair, requested by the Water Department.
- (10) Set a PUBLIC HEARING on AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF TITLE 21, U.S. CODE, SECTION 881(a) (7) FOR FORFEITURE OF REAL PROPERTY USED TO FACILITATE VIOLATION OF TITLE 21, U.S. CODE SECTION 841 (a) (1), as requested by Vincent T. McManus, Jr., Town Attorney.

Town Council Meeting

September 10, 1985

8:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers on this date. Chairman David A. Gessert called the meeting to order at 8:43 p.m. Answering present to the roll called by the Council Secretary were Council Members Bergamini, Gessert, Killen, Krupp, Papale, Polanski, and Rys. Mr. Diana was not present for the meeting and Mr. Holmes did arrive late. Also present for the meeting were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Vincent T. McManus, Jr., and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers. The pledge of allegiance was then given to the flag.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, states he wishes the Council would have their rest at home and have their supper so that when they come to the Council meetings they can stay in their chairs and sit upright. He doesn't believe half should be here and half should be there. Sit erect, use the microphones and don't sleep.

Mr. Killen then comments that the one person they have seen sleeping in here has been Mr. Musso. He is the one always dozing and he is telling the Council how to behave. Mr. Killen then states who does he think puts them to sleep if it isn't Mr. Musso.

Mr. Musso then comments he is not the important one, the Council is. Won't they sit erect, use the microphones and try to speak so that he can understand.

Chairman Gessert then states that some of Mr. Musso's comments are valid. He doesn't like to look around and wonder where all the people went. He then states they will move on to Item 3 if there are no other questions.

Mr. Krupp then comments that the setting of the Public Hearing should be contingent on the acceptance of the Planning & Zoning regulations. If the regulations are not adopted, he would then move to postpone the public hearing.

Chairman Gessert then says that since they have to advertise the public hearing maybe they should move the public hearing up to the first meeting in October.

Mr. Krupp then states that the degree the regulations would be adopted is such that....

Mrs. Bergamini then states that if they are adopted isn't there a waiting period of 21-30 days. Mr. Krupp then states that is only 7 days and Mrs. Bergamini states she thought Linda Bush had said something about a right of appeal. 52c

Mayor Dickinson then suggests they table this item.

Mr. Krupp then states that the correspondence they received states that if adopted on the 23rd, it would become effective September 30th.

Chairman Gessert then suggests that if they have the hearing the 2nd Tuesday in October, then if they meet on the 23rd of September, this would allow the 30 days necessary to wait.

Mrs. Bergamini then suggest October 22nd since P & Z will meet on October 15th.

Mr. Krupp then states they are voting on the 23rd of September and he feels it would be adopted on the 23rd. Otherwise, there will be a redundancy in effect for a period of time and this was what the intent was to avoid.

Mr. Krupp states that he would like to have it occur and rescinded prior to the new regulations going into effect otherwise they will be setting a public hearing on an ordinance after the effect of the ordinance.

Mr. Krupp then moved to set a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. on September 24, 1985; seconded by Mrs. Papale. This is on AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE #251.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Diana and Mr. Holmes who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Item 4 is then up for discussion. Mr. Costello then comes up for this item and states he has been here since 7:30 p.m. He states he did not get the notice for the change in time and the Council apologizes to him.

Mr. Costello then states that Partridge Run is a subdivision off North Lane that is off Circle Drive in the North end of town.

Mrs. Bergamini then notes this was a tabled item.

Mrs. Papale then moves to remove Partridge Run from the Table; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Diana and Mr. Holmes who were not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Costello then states the subdivision has gone through all the necessary requirements. It was inspected and everything is OK out there and they are ready to accept it as a Town road.

Jim Foley, 3 Partridge Run, states that he is speaking for the resident's on Partridge Run. They are hoping to hear that the road will be accepted. He states there are numerous children who attend school and have been walking this road that has not been approved. During the winter this road has been plowed by the Contractor. They want this road approved because they have no bus service to this street and the children have to walk to Circle Drive. He would like the Council to take into consideration that there are numerous children on this street and he urges them to accept this road.

Chairman Gessert then states that this road has been checked out, Mr. Costello has checked it, and they want to insure that the contractor has done all that he is suppose to do so that when they accept the road, they are not accepting a problem.

Mr. Foley then states that he understands that the builder, at this time, has complied. The residents were made aware that the Town required the builder to do certain things and it is their understanding that all the requirements requested by the Town have been taken care of.

Mr. Krupp then states they do not have a motion on the floor.

Mr. Krupp then moved to accept Partridge Run; seconded by Mrs. Papale.

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Mr. Killen then states he had a comment but Mr. Foley cleared it up. It was tabled for a specific reason but it seems as if everything has been taken care of.

Mr. Rys then questions Mr. Costello about the fenced in area on Partridge Run and is told by Mr. Costello that this is the storm water detention basin.

Mr. Rys then asks if this will take care of the water problems that use to be out there.

Mr. Costello states that the people on Circle Drive had a lot of problems and they were concerned when this subdivision was going in that this would just aggravate their problems. This wasn't the case. This subdivision would be upstream from Circle Drive and would intercept the surface flow coming down the hill. The drainage system was put in to intercept that flow, it goes in to this detention basin and then to Meetinghouse Road. They have had no complaints from Circle Drive since Partridge Run has been constructed.

Mr. Rys then says he did notice the basin up in the air.

Mr. Costello states this is the discharge. During a big storm this happens. There is a pipe at the bottom to handle the flow initially and it will handle more and more flow and as it gets to the top, this will go up.

Chairman Gessert then states that they have spent \$130,000 in storm drains on Circle Drive. This helps too.

Mr. Polanski then asks Mr. Costello if someone digs into the road and then in a month this settles, is this the Towns responsibility.

Mr. Costello then states that anyone who digs up a road is suppose to get an excavating permit from his office. If they get any complaints, they see that the contractor comes back. They try to keep on top of this situation. When he does come back, they put a permanent patch on this. This could be 6 months to a year.

Mr. Krupp then questions about Highland Avenue. Someone has dug a trench right across this. Mr. Costello states that this is a temporary patch out there now.

Mr. Foley then states his last concern is that the children have to walk to Circle Drive to get the bus. During the winter there are children walking in the dark to get back up to Partridge Run.

Chairman Gessert states that if the road is approved, the town will be plowing it and maintaining it. If he has a question on where the bus stops, now that it is an approved road, if they want to change where the bus makes that pickup, Ann Eckert would be the one to speak to and she will discuss the change of pickup location.

Mr. Musso then asks Mr. Costello if the road meets all the requirements and is told yes.

Mr. Holmes then apologizes for being late to the meeting, he had a problem with a dead battery at the Meriden Square.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Chairman Gessert then states that item 5 was to consider acceptance of the Fact Finding Report covering the custodians' Union. Mayor Dickinson then states that this item has been withdrawn. This is still under review. The Board of Education hasn't acted on this yet and they are waiting for it to be reviewed by his office and the union.

Chairman Gessert then states that Item 5 is withdrawn and they will take this up at the next meeting if the other parties have acted on it by this time.

Item 6 is then up for discussion. Chairman Gessert then states that the account numbers for the Primary of September 10, 1985, were previously transacted at the Town Council meeting of August 27, 1985, and this item was requested by Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. 524

Mrs. Bergmaini then moved to change the following account numbers:

Telephones	to	601A-200
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This was seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Krupp then states that the transfer for custodians was entered at \$125 per custodian. Subsequent information received states that the charge should have been \$90 per custodian. It would seem that they transferred approximately \$245 too much.

Chairman Gessert then suggests that the comptroller's office could prepare a transfer for the next meeting, they will return the \$245 from where it came. The comptroller then states he will look into it. He thought it was \$125 per custodian.

Mr. Krupp then states that the transfer was for \$125 per custodian. The letter that they received states it should have been \$90 per custodian.

Mr. Myers again states he will look into it and would like a copy of the letter saying they should only have \$90 per custodian. He is then told by the Mayor that this letter came from the Mayor's office.

VOTE: Council Members Bergamini, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted yes. Chairman Gessert voted no. Mr. Krupp passed and Mr. Diana was not present; motion duly carried.

Item 7 is next up for discussion.

Mr. Holmes then moved to accept the Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 1985; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Killen who passed and Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Item 8 is next up.

Mr. Krupp moved to increase the hourly wage of the Council Secretary by .50¢ per hour; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Holmes comments that many times people do a job and don't get rewarded because of union difficulties or whatever. He feels Lisa has stepped in at an awkward time for the Council, she has done an excellent job, we have excellent minutes, and she learned very quickly. It is a raise well worth it.

Chairman Gessert then states that he understands the difficulty in finding someone with the right attitude and the right ability to handle this type of job. To find someone like Lisa is not easy and it is well worth the increase.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Musso comments giving the secretary the increase but taking it out of the Council's proposed increase.

Mayor Dickinson then states that the minutes don't reflect what the rates are, could he just send a letter or a note telling what these rates are.

Chairman Gessert then states that he is putting it on the record that the current hourly rate is \$7.50 per hour, and will now be \$8.00 per hour. This is in salary account.

Mr. Krupp then states that he made the original motion and this should include the effective date.

Mr. Krupp then amends his original motion to have the increase in salary become effective September 10, 1985; seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Chairman Gessert then states that the next item up for discussion is waiving the bid for the MacKenzie Reservoir transfer pump station repair, requested by the Water Division. He then states that this was brought up at the special meeting last week when they met in the Board of Education Office. Chairman Gessert then states they don't have any backup material on this. Vincent Mascia states that there is no backup material.

Mrs. Bergamini then moved to discuss waiving the bid for the MacKenzie Reservoir transfer pump station repair; seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Mascia apologizes for the lack of backup material but states this was a last minute thing. It came up last week. He can fill them in on whatever information is necessary. Basically, the transfer pump is out of commission. This is the transfer pump that takes raw water out of MacKenzie Reservoir and transfers it. They pulled the pump last Thursday because they noticed excessive vibration and noise. It turns out the bearings and the impeller has been worn to the point where they are dangerous to put back into the pump again. There is significant metal loss. The company that came in to take the pump out and take it apart found that the cheapest and quickest way to repair this would be to buy a new pump. A new pump with labor and the crane to install it and put it in is in the ballpark of \$10,000. They requested a waiver of bid because of the time constraint. They feel it urgent to put the pump back into service as soon as possible. This particular pump is one of the reasons they have been able to weather the drought as well as they have. He then states that mother nature has been on their side lately - but he still thinks it is premature to call off any concerns about the drought. The State is still very much concerned about the conditions. Although they are getting substantial rainfall, much of it is soaking into the ground. They still don't know what kind of fall or winter they are going to have. They are still below the normal for this time of year. Therefore, they feel it urgent to put this pump back into service as quickly as possible. The pump manufacturer is Crane Deming and they have a pump in stock that will fit the bill.

Mr. Krupp then asks if this pump is the same as the one taken out. He states they have one pump from this manufacturer. He realizes the waiving of the bid from the time standpoint, but he feels they should have investigated possible alternatives.

Mr. Mascia states that this pump is operating at a very high volume. The selection of this pump narrows it down to just a few possibilities when it comes to pump size and height that can be put into this application. Under the circumstances, he feels it would be higher priced to find a similar pump on the shelf that could take its place without the waiting factor. He doesn't know this for sure. They have gone back to the original supplier of the pump to get the replacement. The pump itself is not identical. The problem with the pump is that the raw water entering from MacKenzie carries a lot of silt and sand and this is what has basically destroyed this pump. It replaces an older pump that had been in service for 15 years. This newer pump has lasted 3 years. Part of the reason is that they increased the capacity.

He then states that originally it was 2200 gallons a minute which is roughly 3 million gallons a day to 3600 gallons which is close to 5 million gallons a day. The increased capacity has increased the wear. The vendor has investigated a number of ways to correct part of that and they have come up with a different bearing which may give longer life to the pump and they have also identified some problems with the intake and have come up with some ways to try and compensate for that. There is only one pump from this particular manufacturer that will fit this configuration. They can try to find another one, but they would be pressed to find

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one to fit that application. They are not replacing drive shafts or anything, it is strictly the pump itself.

Mr. Polanski states is there only one supplier that can do it. He hates to see a supplier that has a pump that has only lasted 3 years. All it takes is some phone calls to see what pumps are available.

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Mr. Mascia says they can certainly try but he doesn't know how successful they will be at that.

Chairman Gessert then states that this may be a wise amendment to make to the motion, that Mr. Mascia contact another vendor for pumps to see if they have anything that will meet the needs.

Mr. Killen then asks what type of money they are talking and Mr. Mascia replies \$10,000. This would include, labor, materials and machine rental.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks how long can we go without this pump functioning.

Mr. Mascia replies that right now they are losing 5 million gallons a day. The storage is dropping by 5 million gallons a day. This is approximately what they use in 1 day's time. Right now the water is going over the dam rather than being put into storage. This is exactly why they are asking for the waiver of bid. To save the time. The company has it in stock, they can air freight it as soon as they have the OK and they could have it back in service by the end of this week.

Chairman Gessert then asks what is the value of 5 million gallons of water. He then replies when you don't have any, it is a lot.

Mrs. Bergamini then tells Mr. Mascia they have called special meetings for less important things. This is a week ago that this broke down.

Mr. Mascia explains that part of the problem in going for a waiver of bid is that when they first pulled it apart, they really didn't know what they had. The pump had to be brought back to the shop and disassembled. They authorized the vendor to go ahead on an emergency basis and spend what he had to do to find out what was wrong in the pump. This is about \$1,500 right now. They didn't know what they were up against and they asked to be placed on this agenda so that by now they would have the information necessary.

Mr. Killen then states the problem they are having is someone asked if someone else might have another pump available. This is what they expect when department heads come before them. They have tried every avenue before they ask to waive a bid. It isn't the money, in waiving the bid they feel the person has investigated every avenue possible. They have no choice and have to waive the bid, but they do expect him to shop around and then come to them.

Mr. Mascia then states that no matter how much they shop around, he feels the pump will cost in the same vicinity. They may find one a little cheaper but it will still be more than the bid situation. He would think they would still have to waiver.

Mr. Killen then states they still have the last line. They have a routine. They are not the ones to go out and find an alternative. As it is now, he has to say yes it is possible this could have happened. It weakens the argument. If you put your best foot forward, then there is no alternative. They do expect some shopping around.

Mr. Mascia states that this particular vendor does represent several manufacturers of pumps and this one was the only one available.

Mr. Killen states he will not be surprised that they end up with this one, this is just for further reference.

Mr. Krupp then proposes an amendment to the motion authorizing the waiving of the bidding procedure on the condition that three additional verbal proposals be obtained and report back to the Council; seconded by Chairman Gessert.

Chairman Gessert then states that this means he forward the Council a letter stating that he contacted such and such an outfit and if they had it, pricing etc. This has to be pricing and availability.

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Mr. Krupp then states that all the amendment says is that he do a verbal check and advise them of the results.

Mr. Mascia then states he is assuming that if availability becomes a major factor, they can go with more money.

Chairman Gessert states that if someone has one on the shelf for \$3,000 cheaper that can also be put in there with the same type fine. On the other hand if one is cheaper and it can't be received for 3 months, forget it.

VOTE: (on the amendment) Council members Gessert, Killen, Krupp Papale, Polanski and Rys voted yes; Council Members Bergamini and Holmes voted no; Mr. Diana was not present; motion duly carried.

VOTE: (on the motion) Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen then asks if they need a transfer.

Mr. Mascia replies not at the present time. They have an account for pump maintenance and repairs that has money available in it now. However, an expenditure of this size is not normally anticipated so if it comes to this point, they may be back to transfer money.

Item is then up for discussion.

Mr. Krupp comments that this is an urgent situation. Attorney McManus has talked to him about this in bypassing the ordinance committee on this because of the urgency and he talked to Mrs. Bergamini and the Ordinance Committee is basically waiting for Vinny to review this in order to process this on a timely basis.

Mr. Krupp then moved to set the public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on September 24, 1985 on AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF TITLE 21, U.S. CODE, SECTION 881(a)(7) FOR FORFEITURE OF REAL PROPERTY USED TO FACILITATE VIOLATION OF TITLE 21, U.S. CODE SECTION 841(a)(1); seconded by Mr. Rys.

Attorney McManus states that this is really an amazing thing. He was not even aware of it. There exists a federal law that stands for the proposition that any property, real or personal, used in the commission of a violation of certain federal laws against the sale and distribution of certain substances, in which cocaine is a primary substance, heroin, marijuana, chemical-type drug substances, where it is used in the furthering of and attempting to hide, conceal and use this in a commission of crimes under Rule 19, U.S. Code, that covers this, that if our law enforcement people uncover a drug operation and cooperate with DEA, Drug Enforcement Agency, and other Federal Law Enforcement Agencies and obtain search warrants and arrest the people, that the referral to the federal people opens up this wall. The Department of Justice then commences to the U.S. Attorney's office, and in realm action against this real estate or personal property, whatever, the substance of which that upon showing the demonstration was used for the commission of these types of crime, it is forfeited. It is almost as cheap to the state. Then the law provides that where there has been assistance from the local people, they have a formula to share the money that is realized from these forfeitures bought by the U.S. Attorney's office.

Chairman Gessert then states that the bottom line is that if someone is using his \$40,000 Mercedes to peddle cocaine around Town. Attorney McManus then states his \$40,000 Mercedes is only the beginning. Try about his \$1,000,000 house, his \$200,000 boat, his airplane etc. He then states that our own Police Department have in the fairly recent past, have assisted the DEA along with the State Narcotics Task in making three arraigns that were productive of large quantities of narcotic substances. They are now the subject of action by the U.S. Attorney's office that might be, on these 3 arrests alone, $\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars.

Mr. Wayne LeClair then comments that DEA on confiscated property does put it out to public auction. Be advised that the public auction has a minimum bid of \$1. Don't think you are going to get a lot of money because people very rarely show up from there and any of the U.S. Marshalls, Justice Department, DEA auctions. 528

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Attorney McManus states that this money has to be used to increase the police capacity.

Chairman Gessert then notes that the Mayor has requested that we waive Rule V for the purpose of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a traffic light at Route 68, also to approve the use of Simpson School for the before and after school day care and also to waive the bidding procedure for the repair of a boiler feed pump at the Pierce Plant.

Mr. Rys then moved to Waive Rule V; seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Chairman Gessert then states that a few weeks ago the Council was asked to waive the bid for a traffic light at John & Cherry Streets and it was installed last week. It is a temporary installation until they can come back and do the permanent but they do have a light up there that is working.

Mrs. Bergamini then moved the following resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that Mr. Joseph J. Bevan, Chief of Police, 350 Center Street, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 is authorized to execute Agreement No. 6.13-01(85) between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Wallingford on State Project No. 270-205 (148-2371) for the revision of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Route 68 at Highland Avenue in the Town of Wallingford.

This was seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Krupp then asks what the revision will be and is told by Deputy Chief Reynolds that this will go from a blinking light to a regular traffic light.

Chairman Gessert asks how long it will take the State to do this.

Mr. Holmes replies about 1 month.

Mr. Polanski asks how the Town determines where a traffic light is going to go. In Town, not a state road.

Deputy Chief Reynolds replies that the State has to approve.

Chairman Gessert states that if the Town feels a traffic light is needed at a particular intersection, there is complaints, problems, it goes to the police department and a traffic person goes out and takes a look at the intersection and the State determines if it is severe enough to place a traffic light.

If it is a Town Road, it is handled locally and funded locally. If it is a State Road then they have to get state approval.

Mr. Polanski then states that he feels there is a problem at the corner of Quinnipiac and Washington. There are accidents and he understands from the local residents quite a few.

Mr. Krupp then states that the final payment in full is \$18,500, and the Town will pick up the energy consumed etc. What is the \$18,500. Is this half and did we budget for this.

He is told they did budget for this.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson then explains why this is a Waive Rule V. They could have waited until the next meeting but it was felt to wait would not accomplish the goal to insure as soon as possible to get a light there. 529

Mr. Polanski then comments that if they are made aware of a high rate of accidents at a certain intersection, maybe they will need a facility where if they put in for it on next year's budget, they can act on it.

Chairman Gessert then states that if this is an in-town road, they make it a 4 way stop first. This may want to be considered first to see if it works.

Mrs. Papale says her request was to have a traffic control report. The reason is that she has a relative that lives on McKenna Court. Every week it seemed there were accidents there. She couldn't believe how many times there was an ambulance there for an accident. She feels that when you come down Washington Street, the stop sign is too far back and you can't see what is coming. If they could have a report on this intersection they could see what is going on.

Chairman Gessert then states another thing would be the load limit now on the Quinnipiac Bridge. The Fire Department is coming down Hall Avenue and zigging over Quinnipiac to come up Center. He doesn't know if they are going over Cherry or Washington but he knows they have problems trying to come out that side of the street with traffic coming down, and if they are coming Washington then there is a stop sign on Quinnipiac, it may help them also.

Deputy Chief Reynolds states that there is a letter in the Department asking for them to do a survey as to whether or not they will allow the fire engines to come up Hall Avenue in a fire alarm. The one way. The State would have to approve putting in a fire lane.

Chairman Gessert states that he knows the Mayor is also pursuing the Quinnipiac Bridge situation.

Mr. Holmes then moved to approve the use of Simpson School for the Before and After School Day Care Program; seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mrs. Papale asks Kathleen Queen where this program was originally.

Ms. Queen states that this was at Robert Earley. She then explains the the Superintendent asked them not to deny kids because they would then be afraid the kids would be left alone. They enrolled everyone and instead of 23 kids they had 54. At that point, they would have needed to renovate space at Robert Earley. When they looked at it there was too much to repair and they felt it was not worth the expense. The Fire Marshall came in and said he didn't want them to use any part of Robert Earley.

Mrs. Papale then asks where in Simpson School are they located.

Ms. Queen states they are in rooms 26 & 32, down at the end with exits to the outside from both rooms. Therefore, they can go out to the playground without bothering anyone. It is a suitable space for 51 kids in terms of the floor space necessary. They were able to license it within 24 hours. The State Health Department came in and said it was one of the nicest facilities they had access to.

Mayor Dickinson then states there will be a written agreement that has been worked out with the Recreation Department. There is a written agreement as to which space is permanent and which space is temporary, which space can be used by recreation when day care isn't there so that this is as smooth a process as possible.

Mr. Killen then asks what period of time we are talking about using the room.

Ms. Queen states they are using the room from 6:30 a.m. until the school buses pick up the kids at about 8:45 a.m. and then again in the afternoon from shortly after 3:00 p.m. when the kids get back on the bus until 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Killen then asks if we are going to enter into a formal agreement for a period of time also. Days, years, months, etc.

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Ms. Queen states that she anticipates at this point it will be for this year. She has talked to Mr. Shepardson about possibly extending that. She then states what she would like to see is day care located in one place. They have moved this program 3-4 different times now. They have 101 school age kids in day care. It is one thing to move 23 kids but now they are talking about an identified need for 101 kids. We can't just keep moving them from place to place. At this point they don't know what the answer is. There is some bond money available for building, for renovating existing facilities and other things they might want to explore further. She then states that at this point, all she has done is move the program. She really hasn't had time to explore the other types of possibilities. The time has come for a Town this size to recognize the fact. When she first came here they were serving 45 preschoolers and at the age of 6 they were turning them loose on the streets or something. Now you are talking 146 kids on a daily basis. We have to address that officially.

Mr. Killen again states that his problem is with the length of the lease. To be perfectly honest, the problem is not the Town's per se. You have the need and we have to address part of it.

Ms. Queen disagrees with this because she doesn't see where they are meeting their needs at all. The day care center is meeting the needs of the Town of Wallingford. The people of Wallingford.

Mr. Killen then states that the restaurants meet the needs of the people of Wallingford but they are not the Town's responsibility. There is a big difference between the two. Our problem has been that the Town of Wallingford has a lot of needs that we never have addressed. Everybody's brother comes in and says I'll take a chunk of the action here etc., but when the time comes and they want that particular building, they don't have it available to them. Someday they are going to sit down and say this is what we've got, this is what is available, this is who wants to use it. But we don't do this.

Ms. Queen agrees in part because the time has come to address this kind of need. She states she is talking about a tremendous economic impact on the Town of Wallingford. She states she provides a service that is keeping people employed and she feels this is a benefit to the Town of Wallingford. It is time that they stop shopping around and being moved from place to place. She states in order to keep the costs down, they have not been paying rent. This is the whole purpose. To keep costs down to serve the lower income population. If they were talking about serving people who could afford to pay the going rate for child care, they wouldn't be talking about the same thing at all. The majority of the population are lower income who cannot afford to work if they have to pay \$100/week for child care. She states her people are paying an average of \$10-\$15 a week. The cost is \$27-\$30 a week. This is without major overhead. They could go out and purchase a \$2,000,000 building and just charge it off overhead and run it like any other business but that would bring the costs so high that the people we need to serve in the community will not be able to afford it.

Mr. Killen then states that the part that bothers him is in meeting her needs, they may have to give her a longer lease than he would like to because there is no telling when someone may come along and say "we'll give you x number of dollars for that particular piece of land over there" and if they want to build a new Town Hall over there they will be moving her again. Somewhere her needs and ours have to be dovetailed together so they both go the same way.

Mayor Dickinson then states that just to make it clear because he knows it was misinterpreted by one of the departments, Robert Earley would then not be used so that they don't have it in two places. This is the first thing. The second is that he feels the motion should include an authorization for execution of a lease so we can execute a lease, the term would be for no more

than a year and Kathy is fully aware of the ramifications of Robert Earley and the potential for Simpson School to be on the marketplace. This is not a surprise to her because they have had several discussions on this. 531

Chairman Gessert then states that he would prefer the Council to authorize the Mayor to draw up a lease, draw up an agreement, and come back to the Council for its approval.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks Kathleen Queen exactly how many children they have. She had given a couple different figures.

Ms. Queen states that they have another program at Yalesville School. The total capacity right now is 101. 50 at Yalesville, 51 at Simpson. She then goes on to state that right now at Yalesville they have 25 because of the size of the classroom. During the summer months when they actually have the 50 kids enrolled, they have more space available to them. In fact, they don't ever fill that licensed capacity.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks if it is necessary to have two facilities. One east side, one west side or is this because of space.

Ms. Queen states this is because of space and the classrooms primarily. The kids have to go to school. Yalesville school does not have the classrooms for out of district kids so they are moving it because of the close of Parker Farms. At one point they did have room for out of district kids in the Yalesville program. There is no longer space so that is limited to Yalesville population. However, since there is 25 kids, 10% of the population, they don't want to move out of there. They also had access to that for school vacations and summers. That left the wide open playground area.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks Ms. Queen if she were given a suitable space to use would it matter if it were on the west side or the east side.

Ms. Queen states that there has been some question on the preschool program where it should be somewhere in the middle of Town. Our concern for the school age program is transportation to school. They have found that the population near Moses Y seems to be the population that needs day care provided with the sliding fee scale. They also have a van that opens up the access to Stevens school as well. They have to have access to out of district day care as well because otherwise they would have to have a program in every school district. They do move kids from district to district and the superintendent's office has been very supportive on this as long as there is space in the classroom. Their concern is that wherever they are located, transportation is a terrible expense. If it is not accessible, they will have problems.

Mrs. Bergamini then states she had something in mind but obviously it won't fly.

Ms. Queen then states that if there were a fairly large piece of land that they could build on in this community, they would sell the center of Washington Street in a flash.

Chairman Gessert then asks Ms. Queen how much land she would need.

Ms. Queen replies 6-7 acres. Mr. Killen then asks if centrally located and she replies preferably someplace where they could access public schools and serve the population. There is a lot they haven't done yet. She states there is a need for an infant/toddler program.

Chairman Gessert then states 6-7 acres in downtown Wallingford, there is not. He then states if she is talking about a couple of acres in downtown Wallingford there is a piece. He then states he will be happy to talk about this to her later.

Mr. Holmes then accepted a friendly amendment to the motion for the authorization of the Mayor to draw up the lease and come back to the Council with it.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, states the people who have children should be able to take care of them. They want to go out and have their cake and eat it. The fathers and mothers should hire a babysitter. He states Ms. Queen wants to build

a new building for day care that will have a larger enrollment than the public school system. It is the responsibility of the parents to see their children are taken care of and not just think about that "wonderful night" and then someone else has got the responsibility to take care of them.

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Chairman Gessert states he has a good point. There are a lot of people who like to create them but don't want to do much afterward.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson then asked if the motion incorporated the drawing up of the lease and was told yes and was also told that Ms. Queen could use Simpson School during the interim.

Chairman Gessert then states that the next item is to waive the bidding procedure for the Electric Division for some repair to the boiler feed pump.

Mr. Krupp then moved to authorize the waiver of bid for the repair of a boiler feed pump at the Pierce Plant, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mrs. Bergamini then started reading the letter from Charles Walters and then asked him to explain this to them.

Mr. Walters states that in preparation for the summer capacity tests which were suppose to take place before September 15th, they were getting things checked and lined up on August 30th and found this pump was not working. It worked the day before. They had it disassembled by their own people and then took it to the GE Service Shop in Southington to have them analyze the cause and tell them what repairs were needed. As mentioned in the letter to the Mayor, they can get it back into shape the way it was running for about \$5,500. He then states that for an additional \$2,500 they can use the same parts and simply remachine to improve efficiency.

Right now they are able to run only two of the boilers in the plant. If approved to go ahead and repair this pump and the alternative, they should be able to have this back in working order in possibly 8 days.

Mr. Krupp then commends Mr. Walters for a really detailed explanation. His letter answers any questions he may have.

Mr. Rys then comments they are taking a 1952 pump and rebuilding it, has anybody checked into the price of a new pump.

Mr. Walters states that he did not ask the manufacturer for the price of a new pump but with past experience he would say this would cost in the 10's of thousands of dollars. It would also take considerable time. This is a fairly big pump. This is the casing of the pump. It is an 8-stage pump which is 5½-6ft. long and has some 30 parts attached to the shaft. It is quite complicated. They are quite fortunate it did not fail while running and self-destruct. The damage was only to one impeller and simply jammed the key that holds the impeller in place.

Mr. Rys then asks if they are having this pump remachined so that they can get better output on it.

Mr. Walters states that there are some veins that are worn, loose tolerances, and simply by remaking one piece you can get the clearances down so that it will build better pressure and pump at greater volume. He then states this is the boiler feed pump. After you run the steam through the turbon condensing the water, you then have to put it back into the boiler, it is a closed cycle and just goes around and around. The biggest thing is you have to overcome the steam pressure to get the water back in.

Mr. Rys then comments this is just like an engine on a car. While you have it apart, maybe it would be wise to do a valve job. Why take it apart later on.

Mr. Walters states this is like that. As you can see, the cost of tearing it apart and putting it back together is a substantial part of this cost.

Mr. Holmes states that the fact that they have a duty to keep this plant in operation to the best of its efficiency is reason enough to have no delay here in getting it repaired.

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Mr. Killen then notes that the letter states through many years of use, these pumps no longer operate at their rated capacity. How much are they below rated capacity?

Mr. Walters states only perhaps some 10%. It is not all that bad but when they are trying to reach full output, they do have to cut back on the rate of firing fuel. This is to keep the boiler drum level relatively full. If they can't pump it back in there fast enough, they have to slow down. Otherwise if they get a dry boiler, they will blow the whole thing off the seam. This will help get capacity back.

Mr. Killen then states if this one is that way maybe the others would be close to this. Are there any plans to be rebuilding the others in the off season so they won't have one seize up when they are suppose to be firing. Then they are in left field.

Mr. Walters states that as he is suggesting, they have been trying to build more maintenance funds back into the Pierce Station budget and the first concern is the boiler's themselves. This might be a secondary concern.

Mr. Killen then states he recommend they have a good looking at before they get caught with their pants down.

Mrs. Bergamini asks if there is any guarantee on this.

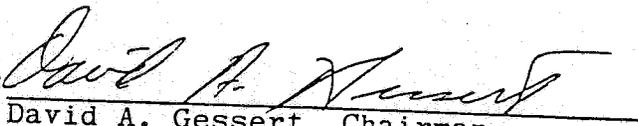
Mr. Walters replies no. He then passed around photographs and states they took the casing apart. All they have sent out is the shaft and the impellers. They will stand behind the work they do if something fails.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Diana who was not present at the meeting and Chairman Gessert who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was then duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Lisa M. Bousquet
Council Secretary

Approved:


David A. Gessert, Chairman

Date

Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

Date