

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2010

The following Minutes are a record of the Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present,

The meeting began with an Opening Prayer, led by Deacon Gene Riotte, Most Holy Trinity Church. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken.

Chairman Parisi announced that Item #11 was withdrawn from the agenda and will appear at a later date. He also stated that Item #13, the Public Hearing, will be conducted at the May 25, 2010 Town Council meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#724 - #752) totaling \$12,485.20
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and approve a Request from Yalesville-Wallingford Lions Club for use of the Parade Grounds on Saturday, September 11, 2010 (Rain date Saturday, September 18, 2010) from approximately 8:00A.M. to noon for an Historical Walk registration to benefit Diabetes Awareness - Mayor
- 3c.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$2,600 to Miscellaneous General Expenses Acct 431-8920-930 from Purchased Water Acct # 431-8600-602 – Water Division
- 3d.** Accept a Donation from Operation Fuel and Approve an Appropriation in the Amount of \$1,040 Youth and Social Services Special Fund to Donations Acct # 213-1042-070-7010 and to Expenditures Acct # 213-3070-600-6000 – Youth and Social Services
- 3e.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$35,000 to Outside contractors
Acct # 001-2005-101-1800 and to Charges for Current Services Acct # 1065-060-6020 – Police Chief
- 3f.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of April 13, 2010
- 3g.** Approve Minutes of Special Town Council Meeting for Budget Public Hearing on April 14, 2010
- 3h.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of April 27, 2010

Councilor Farrell made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda 3a to 3h. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rascati.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Ted Krol, Yalesville, had questions regarding the budget with respect to the Linear Trail.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, made comments about meeting video-DVD production.

6. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$80,500 to Replacement Pay Acct # 2030-101/1500 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000- Fire Chief

Councilor Farrell moved to approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$80,500 to Replacement Pay Acct # 2030-101/1500 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Councilor Farrell read the memo from Chief Struble to the Mayor, which noted that there have been three veteran personnel retirements during this fiscal year and that has created a higher than normal use of their replacement pay account. Replacement pay is used to ensure that minimum staffing levels are maintained. The minimum staffing effects weekdays, night and weekends and includes paramedics and staff for fires.

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgert*

Chief Struble explained various retirements, promotions and training and said that soon they will be at full staff. He said that the two accounts are somewhat tied together in that it is related to minimum staffing of emergency vehicles. Chairman Parisi asked about notice when people retire. Councilor Farrell said that he doesn't want the Fire Department to be down personnel because they are the biggest asset that Wallingford has. Councilor Sullivan received 'yes' to his question of whether this transfer would last to the end of this fiscal year.

There were no other comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,650 to Other Pay Acct #2030-101/1700 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 - Fire Chief

Councilor Farrell made a motion to approve a transfer in the Amount of \$1,650 to Other Pay Acct #2030-101/1700 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Fire Chief Struble's memo to the Mayor, read by Councilor Farrell, explained that when veteran non-paramedic personnel retire, they are replaced with new firefighter/paramedics, who receive paramedic certification pay which is paid from this account. On the other side of the equation, funds are available from the Regular Salaries & Wages account due to temporary vacancies and lower pay levels for new employees replacing senior firefighters.

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgert*

There were no comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,600 to Wage Differentials Acct # 2030-101/1450 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 - Fire Chief

Councilor Farrell made a motion to approve a transfer in the Amount of \$5,600 to Wage Differentials Acct # 2030-101/1450 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Fire Chief Struble's memo was read by Councilor Farrell. It stated that twice the Fire Department was faced vacancies of their Lieutenant position causing higher than usual need to fill the vacancies during holidays and in acting officer positions, most of which occurred in the first three quarters of this fiscal year. Funds are available from the Regular Salaries & Wages account due to temporary vacancies and lower pay levels for new employees replacing senior firefighters.

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgert*

There were no comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Overtime Acct # 2030-101/1400 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 - Fire Chief

Councilor Farrell moved to approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Overtime Acct # 2030-101/1400 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Chief Struble's memo states, "The shortfalls in this account occurred as a result of higher than normal call back activity for fires occurring during the weekdays and hold over coverage due to ambulance transports occurring at shift change. Funds are available from the Regular Salaries & Wages account due to temporary vacancies and lower pay levels for new employees replacing senior firefighters.

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgert*

There were no comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Office Expenses & Supplies Acct # 2030-401/4000 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 - Fire Chief

Councilor Farrell made a motion to Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Office Expenses & Supplies Acct # 2030-401/4000 from Regular Salaries & Wages Acct # 2030-101/1000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Councilor Farrell read Chief Struble's memo which stated that there were higher expenses this year due to the need to expand file storage capacity, records management software update and the cost to equip the new deputy chief's office. Councilor Rascati seconded.

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble
Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgert*

Chief Struble commented that the clerical person move, which is a one-time occurrence, has made the department more efficient and improved the workflow.

Councilor Economopoulos asked if these 2010 transfers will appear in these accounts in the budget for next year. Mr. Bowes said that historically they have used the original budget because you are comparing original to original most of the time. He said they might be able to add a column for original and revised. He said that they could perhaps do it on a supplemental schedule.

Looking at the appropriations for last year, Councilor Fishbein asked if the \$8,600 would be sufficient for next year. Chief Struble said that they would stay within that budget for that line. He added that they always budget from the base.

Councilor Fishbein asked about lack of a budget line for computer stuff as with the Electric Division. Mr. Bowes said that DPUC accounting is what is utilized for the three utilities. Councilor Fishbein stated that there is no such thing here. Mr. Bowes confirmed that as correct. Councilor Fishbein asked if it made sense to add a line here to apportion out the computer stuff. Mr. Bowes said, "No." He said that he hates line items. He said that this is more operational and maintenance but if it is a capital item it is broken out. These are not capital and remarked at what level would we stop before the document becomes so detailed that it is meaningless. Councilor Fishbein said that some of the questions from the Council to the departments during the budget workshops could have been answered if the book was more detailed. Mr. Bowes doesn't think that you can tailor the general ledger based upon anything other than it is going to be a document that is going to help the Council and us and the department as a working document. He observed that if there was something that was uniform which ran through almost every department, then a line item could be added. Mr. Bowes asked then where do we stop? Councilor Fishbein asked if it made sense to have a line for software and accessories. Mr. Bowes said that if the Council would find it useful then they could do it and that he would look into it.

There were no further comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye, and the motion passed unanimously.

WITHDRAWN TO A LATER DATE

11. *Consider and Approve Agreement for Services for the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2030 (10 years with 2 five-year extensions) – Program Planning*

12. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of ~~\$15,500~~ \$17,000 from Contingency General Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 to the following accounts: Office Expenses & Supplies \$12,000 Acct # 001-1320-401-4000 and Professional Services-Specialists \$3,500 Acct # 001-1320-901-9003 and Professional Services-Lawyers \$1,500 Acct # 001-1320-901-9002 - Town Attorney

Councilor Farrell made a motion to Transfer in the Amount of ~~\$15,500~~ \$17,000 from Contingency General Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 to the following accounts: Office Expenses & Supplies \$12,000 Acct # 001-1320-401-4000 and Professional Services-Specialists \$3,500 Acct # 001-1320-901-9003 and Professional Services-Lawyers \$1,500 Acct # 001-1320-901-9002 as requested by the Town Attorney. Councilor Rascati seconded.

Councilor Farrell read from the Town Attorney's memo which noted that in the current fiscal year, the Law Department has recovered \$1,032,087 delinquent taxes and water-sewer charges, \$14,148 in costs and \$4,432 in attorney's fees. The transfer requests that some of these funds be transferred back to the Law Department accounts for marshal fees, court filing fees, library fees, AAA filing fees, appraisal work, Workers' compensation and title searches. The memo stated that these funds are needed to continue foreclosure work, fund library updates and pay for appraisal work (foreclosures and potential purchases).

It was announced that the amounts in the transfer add up to \$17,000, not \$15,500. Councilor Farrell amended the motion to state \$17,000. Councilor Fishbein seconded the amended motion.

Chairman Parisi congratulated the Town Attorney and said that it is nice to see something coming back.

Councilor Fishbein asked about reimbursable foreclosure fees. Attorney Small said that it doesn't come back to her department unless the Town Council approves it, and that is why she is present. It does not automatically come back to her.

Ben Martin, Ward Street, asked about the large amount of \$12,000 for Office Expenses and Supplies. Attorney Small explained that the law library expense and the AAA filing fees for grievance hearings account for a large portion of the \$12,000.

There were no further comments or questions from the Council or from the public.

All nine (9) Councilors present voted Aye to the amended motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

RESCHEDULED TO MAY 25, 2010

13. Conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. to Consider and Act upon the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,180,000 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2010-2011 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,180,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

14. Consider and Approve FY 2010-2011 Annual Budget –Comptroller

Board of Assessment Appeals - Page 19, Line 1000

MOTION 1: Councilor Fishbein began with a motion to reduce the amount of Line 1000 from \$18,000 to \$7,500.

2ND Councilor LeTourneau seconded.

Councilor Testa asked about the net effect of this reduction since this is to cover the reimbursement of the meetings. Councilor Fishbein said that they are volunteers and they are paid by the town. He noted that last year the appropriation was \$6,000 and said he understands that this is a revaluation year with additional work but that the reduction is prudent.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 1- Board of Assessment Appeals)

Cervoni – Yes	LeTourneau –Yes
Economopoulos - Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell - Yes	J. Sullivan – Yes
Fishbein - Yes	Testa – Yes
	Chairman Parisi - Yes

9- Aye 0 – No

The motion passed unanimously.

Wallingford Transit Authority - Page 44, Line 6500

MOTION 2: Councilor Fishbein began with a motion to remove the amount of \$60,000 from Line 6500 to \$0

2ND Councilor LeTourneau seconded.

Mayor Dickinson said that this is the money we pay in order to have along with money the state pays of over \$100,000 for the fixed-route bus in town. He urged the Town Council to not do this as we don't want to threaten our one real effort at mass transit in town and that they are potentially many more people who will need it. He said that it does address needs and that Masters Manna may soon be on the route.

Chairman Parisi asked if this money is taken out of the budget, would Wallingford lose the bus? Mayor Dickinson referred the Council to the information that he supplied to them, a press release from 1995 in which the State indicated that they were going to stop the bus service. The town contacted the State, and after talk and negotiations, that is the town provided a subsidy, the State would continue with the bus system. He said that he doesn't think anything is any better at the State level and wouldn't be surprised if we stop the subsidy, the State might say they aren't going to provide it. But he said that he can't really answer for the State. He said that the newspaper article provides the reason for this and it was felt that the town should have a fixed route with bus mass-transit capability.

Councilor Fishbein said that he reviewed what other municipalities are giving to the state for similar routes or at least a bus service. He named several towns and the

various contributions to the bus service in those towns. To put things into perspective, he said that it costs the State \$140,000 to run this line and the Town gives them \$60,000. Mayor Dickinson said that he doesn't think that you can say that it costs the State \$140,000 or if it's the \$140,000 plus the \$60,000.

Councilor Fishbein said that the chart that the Mayor provided reflects that it is \$193,000 for their expenses for this route and that it runs at a deficit of \$178,000. He said if this is compared to Waterbury where it costs \$6 million for them to do their bus route and they give absolutely nothing to the State and lots of the other towns give nothing. He said that Maybe the State will say that we need to talk about this and perhaps we would get expanded routes and pay less. He said in his opinion to continue giving the State a subsidy. When other municipalities are not giving subsidies is not fair.

Mayor Dickinson said that Wallingford can't be compared to Waterbury or even New Britain, which are cities, but that perhaps you could compare Wallingford with Middletown, which really is more urban. They would have many more riders than Wallingford has and that produces a better revenue stream. There are not a lot of riders in Wallingford, which created the issue in 1995. In comparing municipalities, Wallingford is actually one of the smaller municipalities that has a fixed route bus system. Most municipalities that are on the list are larger. He said he is reluctant at this point to say that we don't need a mass transit system. He said that Wallingford could talk to the State in the coming year about a reduction or what their reaction would be. He stated that it is something that the Town should look to hold on to and provide for the time being, especially with the State paying the majority share of it. He said that he is not opposed to looking at what the future might hold with some discussion with the State Department of Transportation. He said that it is a fiscal question since there are not a lot of riders or a lot of revenue. He doesn't want them to see this as a place to save money, and then they won't provide the bus system.

Councilor Fishbein said that Greenwich and Milford make no contribution, and he doesn't think that it is fair and we are giving them \$60,000. He said that was the reason why he made the motion.

Sandra Weekes, 892 Clintonville Road, stated that people use the bus systems to get to their jobs and asked Councilor Fishbein to take up the Mayor's suggestion and reconsider withdrawing his motion.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, agreed with the Mayor. He also asked if the Mayor can line-item veto, or if the veto is applied to the entire budget.

Mayor Dickinson said that the Charter gives the right to line-item veto but at times it is meaningless because the budget must balance. If it is a reduction in expenditures, it would be difficult to add back an item because you can't increase the revenues. He said that the practical side of it becomes very difficult to implement but there may be circumstances where it would work as well as circumstances where it wouldn't work because the line item doesn't have a similar line item on the revenue side. He stated that if you are trying add back in \$60,000, there is no place on the revenue side to put \$60,000.

Ben Martin, Ward Street, attested to the fact that he has used the bus line in Wallingford and Connecticut Transit that runs through Wallingford. He talked about those who ride these lines that that it is used to get to work and go to the store as he did. He said that it is a lifeline for people that is contributing to a green planet. He said that we need to preserve this service because it is something that makes Wallingford a nice place to live, and we should be expanding on it. He questioned that with the reductions that are being proposed, what is the goal? He asked if there would be a separate motion to move this money someplace else.

Chairman Parisi said that he thinks that the goal is to remove the money from the budget.

Mr. Martin said if the budget has to balance, where would the money go.

Mayor Dickinson said if you assume that it is not added to another line, it would just reduce the tax rate. It would come off the amount of money that has to be raised to fund the budget.

Through the Chair, Mr. Martin asked if this is Councilor Fishbein's goal. Councilor Fishbein said, "Absolutely." Mr. Martin said that by saving taxpayers money by taking away a service that they use that the money is not really being saved.

Mr. Fishbein responded that the intent here is not to take the bus line away. He said he finds it hard to believe that if we don't make this expenditure that all of a sudden the bus line is going to go away, and the town has no notice that that would happen. He said that if that was the intent of the state that they would contact the town, asking for the money and questions regarding the service could be addressed at that time. He stated that he supports mass transit. He said that through this process it is to decrease the tax increase and when he sees an arbitrary expense, he asks questions as he has throughout the entire process.

Mayor Dickinson said he understands the purpose is and the difficulty comes in that the money won't be in the budget so if the state does do this, then we will be taking it from contingency or some other place. He commented that the budget is tight and is getting tighter. He described a tough winter without enough contingency and that any large amounts that come out become a problem. If the state does discontinue, it is a risk to say that we will deal with it then because we will be down \$60,000 at that time. He said that he agrees with contacting the state but he is concerned about making a decision now that we shouldn't have the money in the budget.

Councilor Fishbein asked how that discussion would go?

Mayor Dickinson said that he thinks you have to make a decision if you are willing to take the risk that they will stop it, then you don't have the money there. If it stops, it stops. Mayor Dickinson said that the contingency account of \$300,000 has to cover every other expense, and this year we are down to less than \$100,000 and we took a lot of money out this year for snow not counting all of the unknowns. He said he would hate going into the budget knowing that we have a \$60,000 expenditure on the books if the state makes a move. He said he thinks that

Wallingford needs to maintain our commitment to keep the mass transit. Councilor Fishbein asked if a letter could be sent to the state saying that we pay \$60,000, and what do we get for it, and why aren't other municipalities contributing to this service? Mayor Dickinson said that a letter could be sent and ask why others aren't contributing and even name some of the other towns that do and find out what the rationale is. He said that his concern is not having the funding in the place so we can assure ourselves that we can have the service for this coming year and then make a judgement based upon information that we receive about whether they are being fair. Ultimately the question is do we want to have a bus service or not regardless of the state's position. We can find out more details about the state's position.

With that in mind, Councilor Fishbein said he feels comfortable with that position and taking that tack, he withdrew his motion. Councilor LeTourneau withdrew his second.

MOTION 2: *Withdrawn by Councilor Fishbein*

2ND Withdrawn by Councilor LeTourneau

Councilor Sullivan commented that he understands Councilor Fishbein's position in looking out for the taxpayers when he looks to cut budget items, and that he agrees with some of them, and with others, that he does not agree. He said that in consulting the bus map that he does not agree with Councilor Fishbein. He listed the bus stops...McGuire Court, off of Burke Heights where there is an elderly housing complex; Silver Pond Apartments; 656 Center Street; another elderly housing complex; Masonic Home and Hospital, where people may not have cars; Stop and Shop; Kohl's; and other places where people get groceries and purchase other items. He stated that \$60,000 is a small amount of money to pay to make sure our seniors are able to get out and get the things they need to live. He announced that he will not vote to cut the bus service if it comes around again.

Councilor LeTourneau said that what has been said tonight makes it sound that the bus is heavily used and that he has been downtown for ten year. He said he stands in front of his shop in the nice weather watching the buses go by and that in the middle of the day the buses are far from full. He has seen buses completely empty or with two or three people. He stated that there is a lot of inefficiency with the bus system in that huge buses are running with no one on board. In the morning when people are going to work, buses can be partially full but they have never turned anyone away because the bus is full. He said it is prudent to start to ask questions about this bus system. He said it may be that the routes are outdated or not fully utilized. He said he does not see it that the bus system is used by senior citizens. He hopes that the inefficiencies are addressed with the state – routes, ridership, etc. He said this is throwing good money after bad.

Councilor Fishbein stated again that it is not the intent to get rid of the bus line but to get a bang for our buck.

Parks & Recreation - Page 46

Councilor Fishbein commented that he had intended to take some things out of this budget but he will take a step back and get some more information. He said that he sees a lot of social service contributions in this budget and he thinks it would be appropriate going forward into next year's budget that any non-town agency that is looking for handout supply the town with a budget, how the funds will be used and what would be the effect if they did not get that money upon their operations. He referred to the Parks and Recreation budget and listed \$53,000 worth of handouts. He said that throughout this process we have talked about wants and needs and we have talked about tax increases. He commented that if we are going to give handouts there should be some accountability. Councilor Fishbein talked of making a motion to adopt this philosophy and to require that with next year's budget. Chairman Parisi said that can be passed on to the Comptroller and the Mayor that it is not an unreasonable request. Mayor Dickinson said they can see that that occurs.

Economic Development Commission - Page 60, Line 7990

Councilor Fishbein referred to the Mayor's memo of May 4 with respect to the Quinnipiac Chamber dues. He explained that it was discussed as to how many different divisions of the town paid dues to the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce. He said that three (3) and possible four (4) pay for dues. In addition to regular town government, EDC came up because they also pay dues. He said that the Mayor's memo noted that there is \$270 which can be removed from Line 7990.

MOTION 3: Councilor Fishbein made a motion to reduce the amount of Line 7990 by \$270.

2ND Councilor LeTourneau seconded.

Mayor Dickinson said that there was an increase in the Mayor's budget to cover the dues for general government. The utilities budget pays for the utility dues. The education budget pays for the education dues, provided education wants to use the funds appropriated to them for that purpose. He said that there is a chamber formula that the amount of dues relates to the number of employees in each of the entities. He said that there is no reason for the \$270 to be in the EDC budget and he supports the motion.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 3- Economic Development Commission - Page 60, Line 7990)

Cervoni – Yes	LeTourneau –Yes
Economopoulos - Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell - Yes	J. Sullivan – Yes
Fishbein - Yes	Testa – Yes
	Chairman Parisi - Yes
9- Aye 0 – No	

The motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development Commission - Page 60, Line 1000

Councilor Fishbein commented that he and some other Councilors expressed some concern about what we pay for our business recruiter when they came before the Council for their budget workshop. He said that he calculated that it is \$35.00 per hour and that the representation was that the individual works 22 hours per week. He said correspondence the Council received during the workshop stated that the individual works 19.5 hours per week. He expressed his concern of 'our bang for our buck' there.

MOTION 4: Councilor Fishbein moved that Line 1000, \$41,908 be put into the Contingency fund and that the Council receive a report from Don Roe and the Economic Development Commission within 30 days as to this position and what has been done, what is being done and what the proposal is for the future with a list of attainable goals over the next six (6) months.

2ND Councilor LeTourneau seconded.

Councilor Sullivan said that he concurred with Councilor Fishbein and that he believes strongly that the EDC is the train that is going to drive this town forward. It is going to attract the businesses that we need who will hire employees, pay taxes and move us where we need to be. He said that if we continue to do what we are doing, we will not move anywhere. We will continue to stay exactly where we are making money off the homeowners and the car owners. He said we need new businesses in this town, and we need accountability in the EDC. He said that he has said this before that they are under-staffed, under-funded and we cannot promote our town on \$67,000 budget. He said he will be voting for this.

Councilor Cervoni commented that principally he agrees with the fact that we need improvements in this division, and we need better business recruiting. He said that Councilor Sullivan stated that we are working on the backs of the homeowners and car owners. But we are also living on the backs of the business owners and business property owners. There are a fair amount of taxes that come from them. He said that he needs point of clarification and asked if the point of relocating this money so that it will only get allocated to cover that position's pay on a monthly basis as we get the reports. Chairman Parisi said that is what it is.

Councilor Cervoni asked if we can do that and if it is prudent. He understands that we need to rock this boat, and he in principal is in favor of it but he wants to be careful about doing it. Mayor Dickinson responded that you can't have someone work where you don't have money available, so there would have to be money available July 1st to July 30th or the person can't work. Chairman Parisi said it would be available in Contingency. Mayor Dickinson said it would have to be appropriated out of the account. Chairman Parisi said that would be the procedure. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that it would have to be appropriated before July 1st because there would be no money there for the person to start July 1st. He said that he understands the concerns about it; however, we are losing sight of the larger issues. The statistics show that on the average, we have had ten (10) businesses expand; relocate in Wallingford and stay here for years due to the efforts of the EDC and the office. He said that he doesn't think that that is a small number given what has been going on in the economy and what we see happening in general. He said

that he does not share their views that there is a major problem here. He posed the question, could more be done with more money being spent, and said that is possible but where does the new money come from. He said he does not share those concerns, however, goals and an analysis can be done. He said a person can't work without the money being there to allow them to work, so if it is all in contingency there would have to be an appropriation of funds prior to July 1st. He said that there is a procedural issue.

Chairman Parisi said that they have discussed this with the Comptroller and stated that it can be done. He said he wanted to make clear that there is the Economic Development Commission is fine and he is very satisfied with them. He reads their minutes, and he likes what he sees and reads. He thinks that it is the perception of some of us as to the direction that it has been going in with the paid individual.

Town Attorney Small said that she has some concern in this that they have crossed the line into now taking a position, which falls under Administration, and placing its control and supervision into the hands of the Town Council. She said that if their object is to fund somebody's salary on a month-to-month basis and their job performance is subject to Council. She said that this is a new concept to her, and she thinks that the Council has crossed the line into the territory of the Administration. This is not a position that answers directly to the Council.

Chairman Parisi responded he understands that, and that there aren't many position that do but that the Council does have the authority to direct funds so maybe that is the legal question that she will have done right away. Town Attorney remarked that this is the first that she is hearing of it. She said she has some concern that the Council may have crossed over. Chairman Parisi said that is fine but that we can undo like that button on the computer.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked if the person's pay included benefits, and reminded the Council that you pay for a person who is a professional with contacts, and that you need to pay people a wage for their expertise and knowledge and their ability to do the job.

Chairman Parisi said that he agrees with what he said but he also thinks that the Council has the right and an obligation to attempt to understand what is being done and how it is being done and to weigh what those benefits are. Mr. Gross asked if Chairman Parisi was saying that he wasn't sure of what her function does or what that office does. Chairman Parisi responded that it is the Council's perception that perhaps more can be done.

Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, asked how this person is paid. Councilor Fishbein said that she is on salary.

Councilor Fishbein said it is not the intent to get rid of this position. He said that the motion is to put the money into contingency and then to ask Don Roe, who supervises the EDC, and the EDC to submit a report to the Council within 30 days, stating what has been done by this position, what is being done position and what are the goals going forward, attainable goals, and then the Council will review this. He said that is what is going on.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 4.- Economic Development Commission - Page 60, Line 1000)

Cervoni - No	LeTourneau - Yes
Economopoulos - No	Rascati- Yes
Farrell - Yes	J. Sullivan - Yes
Fishbein - Yes	Testa - No
	Chairman Parisi - Yes

6 - Aye 3 - No

The motion passed.

Police Department - Page 31, Line 9903

MOTION 5: Councilor Sullivan called attention to page 31, Police Department budget, line item 9903, purchase of six (6) new police cars. He made a motion to reduce that number to three (3) new police cars with a dollar reduction of \$67,000.

2ND Councilor Testa seconded.

Councilor Fishbein said that he looked at the fleet and the percentage to be replaced by the six and he thinks it is a little out-of-whack with what is going on. He said three would be prudent considering that the Police Department and public safety are crucial to our municipality. He said he will vote for the motion and some tax relief hopefully for our residents.

Mayor Dickinson urged the Council to not approve the motion in that equipment in public safety is a real concern, and it is true for both of our prime public safety agencies. The Police Department is struggling with the shortage of man power. We will be facing a more difficult year next year. In the past there have been efforts at reducing capital expenditures, and then having to catch up later on. He stated that this has been the standard purchase of equipment since he has been Mayor. He said that this type of thing can come to haunt you later on. He said that we need a department that has the requisite number of replacement of patrol vehicles in order to see that the town is effectively patrolled. He does not think that this is the time for this because when you back off on first responder vehicles, we run a risk.

Councilor Sullivan said that lots of thought went into this motion and stated that these cars are being traded in a 70,000 miles according to the Police Chief. He added that these are the finest maintained cars on the road. He said that 70,000 miles are not a lot of miles. Cab companies and other security firms run these cars for 400,000 miles. He said that three new cars are sufficient will allow the Police Department to do the job they are hired to do and will not impact public safety.

Councilor Fishbein stated that he concurs with Councilor Sullivan and that through the process he looked at wants and needs and was stunned to learn that we trade in vehicles at 70,000 miles. He talked about constituents who are keeping their cars and driving them to over 100,000 miles. He stated that this is a want and not a need.

Councilor Cervoni remarked that these are challenging times and when the Chief address the Council, he talked about staffing. He observed that public safety is among the top of the functions that a municipality provides. He continued stating that when the Chief is concerned about keeping officers on the force and we diminish the tools they use to do their job, we make the Chief's job more challenging and we call into question public safety in town. Councilor Cervoni said to him the concerns about our police force outweigh the value of saving this money.

Councilor Economopoulos made this one of his key issues in the last three weeks of the budget and that he spoke to the person who is in charge of trading-in and the usage of police cars in Middletown. He also spoke to someone in New Haven. He then compared what they do with their police cars and what we do with our police cars. He said that Councilor Sullivan is right on target and that he fully supports the motion. He pointed out that there is not a police car around that can't go 140,000 miles to 160,000 miles with proper care and not be a safety factor. He asked the pardon of Councilor Cervoni stating that impeding the police chief's inability to keep a full staff has nothing to do with our toys of police cars. He noted that we train people here, and they go to other towns and he does not believe that it is the cars that are causing it. Considering the cars, he said that we have no regard for what we get for value in our police cars going out of the town. We can sell them at auction for ten to fifteen times more that we are getting for them with what we do on trade-in value. He said because of the way the car is built, it can go 440,000 miles to 500,000 miles. Councilor Economopoulos recounted that Cab-Metro-Cab makes it the number one purchase, and in five other continents, they can't get enough of these vehicles because they have to purchase their cars from our continent. They need these cars in South America and in Africa and in Latin America and in China. The bottom line, he said, that if he felt the way the Mayor does, that it is a safety factor, then he would never vote against the purchase of the six cars. He said that this is not a safety factor. He said he supports the motion 100%.

Ms. Rascati said that she will vote against this motion because we have accounted for the replacement of the six (6) cars this year. She said that the way the economy is shaping up and what she is hearing for next year, we may not be able to do anything, even one new cruiser.

Chairman Parisi added that he was here when they initiated buying six cars on a rotation basis and that as he recalls the reasoning was that every budget presented a hap-hazard plan. He said that ever since implementing this plan there has been no problem with equipment. He acknowledges and appreciated what both Councilor Sullivan is trying to do and Councilor

Cervoni stated. He said that we have the opportunity; we can afford the opportunity of consistency and that we should do that. He said we don't know what the future is and he doesn't know what the future is but that he thinks we should keep out equipment as long as we can as current as we can in both fire and police. The officers spend one-third of their day or more in a car. He said he thinks that this is an important tool for the patrol people and we do right by them by giving them the tools to work with.

Councilor Economopoulos said that we have purchased ten (10) police cars in the same year and New Haven said that they can do something like that because they have 4 to 5 times the amount of police cars that we do. He said that Middletown can't do that because of you buy 10 cars in the same year, they all get old in the same year and that you should delegate 2 or 3 year every year and get a systematic plan. He recalled that police cruisers are made for 140,000 to 160,000 miles. Remember that six get old together. He thinks three this year and three next year and ask the Mayor and the Police Chief to come up with) a buying plan and a better selling plan. We could do that this year.

Mayor Dickinson said that the rotation is every year and was changed from seven to six this year.

Ben Martin, Ward Street, is in favor of the motion but not for tax relief. He said that he would still include that money in the Police budget as he would rather have another officer than having three more cars. He stated that he thinks we could save some money if we looked at getting something other than the standard interceptor for police cars. He said that Meriden has a hybrid Mercury for their Chief's car – saves on gas and maintenance. The Police Force should look into getting bikes because they are a lot cheaper than cars and are easy to patrol the center of Wallingford and the outskirts on a bike. He reiterated to not take the money from the Police department because what brings people to the town is that it is a safe town with good schools.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 5- Police Department Page 31, Line 9903)

Cervoni – No	LeTourneau –Yes
Economopoulos - Yes	Rascati- No
Farrell - Yes	J. Sullivan – Yes
Fishbein - Yes	Testa – Yes
	Chairman Parisi - No

6- Aye 3 – No

The motion passed.

Pension Fund - Page 27

Councilor Testa addressed the Pension Fund contribution, which he described as an enormous impact on the budget. He presented some background of the issue. Councilor Testa said that his question of what the implications would be if we reduced the contribution to the pension funds by \$1 million and see what that would mean was forwarded to the actuary by the Personnel Director. Councilor Testa said that he thinks when we all were discussing this that everyone's assumption was that if reduce it by \$1 million that next year we would need to add another million and that would be compounded and that we might get into some trouble. He said that he was pleasantly surprised to see the response from the actuary because the request to the actuary was to relate back the impact of reducing the recommended contribution in the budget by one half (1/2), which was far in excess of what he requested. Councilor Testa reported that the actuary replied that if the \$5.6 million recommended contribution to the Pension Plan, town-wide but not including teachers, was reduced to \$2.8 million the effect would be to increase our subsequent yearly contribution by about \$175,000 per year for 25 years, amortizing that reduction. He said he assumes that they amortize the whole plan. He asked to be corrected at any point.

Councilor Testa stated that he has some knowledge of the financial world although he is not a pension expert nor is he an actuary. He said that he is not talking about something drastic or irresponsible. He defined irresponsible as borrowing from a Pension Fund for operating expenses or other expenses or investing Pension Funds in crazy as has happened around the country. He said that our fund has about \$110 million and that due to the investment market over that past few years, it lost a substantial chunk. He said that our pension committee is looking to revise our strategies or the plan objectives with a little more risk. He stated that this is cyclical and that you have to absorb the good years and the bad years and that it will recoup. He said that the actuary has to look at the rate of return, which is 8%.

Councilor Testa said that in this current year, we contributed \$3 million to the Pension Fund and the year before we contributed \$2.6 million. He said that in the current year it was recommended that we go up to \$5 million, and eventually the Mayor approved \$4.8 million on the town side budget. He said let us say that we have been asked to go overall town-wide to \$5.7 million. He said that he truly believes that it is reasonable and responsible to suggest that if we were to maintain level funding in the Pension Fund in this current budget where we are asking for all sorts of sacrifices town-wide. Yet we have no qualms about adding effectively close to \$2 million to our Pension Fund contribution – this exceeds the town's increase in the budget this year. He returned to the actuary's comments if we didn't give everything that was suggested by the actuary. Councilor Testa stated that the actuary didn't say that the sky would fall or that we would be opened up to potential catastrophes down the road. He said the actuary simply said that we would have to re-amortize the pension contributions for the future to make up what was recommended to the tune of \$175,000 per year for 25

years. Given that things change every year, the actuary will re-do the numbers. He said that what we did not see was an answer from the actuary that next year you would have to double what is recommended. He clarified that the \$175,000 additional contribution next year and for subsequent years was based on a reduction of \$2.8 million, which Councilor Testa said he never suggested or asked for.

Councilor Testa stated that what he is suggesting, and that he wants everyone to give serious consideration to, is that we level fund the Pension Fund contribution as we have this year. He said that means that we are still adding about \$3.3 million to the Pension Fund. He said that if we level fund, we would reduce the Pension Fund contribution by \$1.8 million, about 64% of what the actuary used. So in subsequent years, our pension contribution would need to be increased by about \$100,000. He said that this Pension Fund will change over the next 5 years, 10 years, 15 years. We do not know what our Pension Fund will do over the years but he knows that \$1.8 million in the grand scheme is not a lot of money. He said that he is not suggesting that we don't contribute; he is not suggesting that we borrow from it; he is not suggesting that we invest it unwisely or in any risky manner. He said that he is suggesting in effect would allow us to reduce the budget to the point where we would have zero tax increase and still allow us to contribute somewhere between \$500,000 to \$600,000 back into the Board of Education budget. He said this year is unique and we should seriously consider this. He said that everyone on this Council, and especially the Mayor and all his departments, went to great pains to limit the increases everywhere in this budget, and this is an area where we did not look and seriously question. This would allow us to keep everything at zero and to cushion a serious blow to the school system with 40 teachers going into layoff and more to come. He said that he cannot state the exact numbers because we have made other changes, so he is suggesting that we level fund the Pension Fund and allow the finance experts to calculate what the number actually is. He said that whatever amount still remains we could refer to as an increase in the town's budget be offset by the \$1.748 million or so decrease in our pension contribution, the balance of which is in excess of \$500,000 be then allocated to the Board of Education budget to restore some of their cuts. He added that the little bit that is left over be allocated to the personnel expenses of the fireworks display and let the private enterprise raise the cost of the actual fireworks themselves so we split that with them.

MOTION 6: Councilor Testa moved that the town's pension fund contribution remain as it was in fiscal year 2009-2010, the balance to be apportioned to effectively maintain the town's budget at a zero percent increase and that the remaining balance be apportioned to the Board of Education.

2ND Councilor Economopoulos seconded.

Councilor Testa thanked everyone for obliging him in his speech, which he felt was required.

Mayor Dickinson stated that this goes to the heart of our responsibilities. It increases our unfunded liability. There is a reason why there is a requirement for pension funds to have actuarial analyses. The reason is because those unfunded liabilities get listed as part of our audits. It's a serious matter because, unlike our operational costs which include salary, it's an ongoing liability. We owe employees who become vested, and even those who are not receive money back. It's an obligation that extends into the future. It's no different than social security and medicare and all of the programs that have been initiated at federal and state level and the state is in a serious problem because they have not been funding the pension plans. He said that it can look attractive for a year but that is money that has to come back into a budget, and if next year is worse, it's going to be even more difficult to fund. He said and then we are down two years of not meeting what the actuary indicates as the appropriate level of funding. In his memo, he said it's an increase of \$175,000, given the \$2.8 million, per year for 25 years and if you multiply that, and it's \$4.3 million that you are catching up on. He added that every year you don't meet the actuary's obligation, that additional unfunded liability gets spread over the next year so you increase your obligation every year thereafter as all other costs increase.

Mayor Dickinson said that there is only one standard in this area of obligation and that is the actuary. Anyone of us could come up with our own figure. He stated that he would like it to be zero. He said that you hire an unbiased person to provide to provide an analysis pursuant to methodologies that are professionally recognized that are applied universally in this area of discipline. It's a real credit to meet our obligations to our employees and to the taxpayers. We have not visited increased costs to them in the future because we failed to meet an objective standard. He said that once we depart from a standard, there is no standard. He said that departing from the standard is not the way to manage the town's resources and finances.

Councilor Testa defended his motion and said that he asked the response to what he suggested not be along those lines but that he expected it. He said that it's about \$100,000, and not \$2.8 million. He recalled that we are still adding \$3 million to the pension fund.

Councilor Fishbein recalled that he asked Comptroller James Bowes what was needed in budget reduction to have a zero percent tax increase, and the response was about \$3.7 million.

Mr. Bowes said that you are looking at one side of the equation, the expenditure side but what you also have to take into account is the reduction in revenues that is going towards that as well. He said that to make up for revenues, which are planned to decrease next fiscal year, you have to reduce your expenditures if you want to come up with zero percent tax increase.

Councilor Fishbein said that he is hearing through the motion is that if we cut \$1.78 million that we will have a zero percent tax increase and money for the Board of Education.

Mr. Bowes responded that this is not accurate; we would not be able to have a zero percent tax increase with the \$1.7 million reduction.

With all due respect to the motion, Councilor Fishbein said in this process, he sees these handouts - \$53,000 in the Park and Rec budget and that he wanted to get rid of some of them; \$5,000 to custodial services in the library budget, which didn't even get a second; Social Services budget which is another \$50,000. He said if we really want to decrease the tax increase, there is stuff that can be attacked. He said in this pension thing, Mr. Bowes sent a memo on April 5, 2010 which indicated that of the pension contribution that \$1.4 million of that is for non-certified employees of the Board of Education. Mr. Bowes said that is correct. In other works, Mr. Bowes said of the \$4.7 million in the Mayor's column, approximately \$1.4 million is for non-certified Board of Education folks. Councilor Fishbein asked that if the motion passed, there is only a \$1.6 million contribution to the pension for general government. Mr. Bowes said no because it will all come out of that line item.

Councilor Fishbein said that the motion is to reduce to \$3 million and you take out the \$1.4 million for the Board of Education, we are left with \$1.6 million. Mr. Bowes said that it won't be \$1.4 million because the percentage of payroll is going through change for the school non-certified folks as well as the general government. Mr. Bowes said for the school board this year is a little under \$1 million, about \$990,000.

Councilor Fishbein said that he did some math and through Councilor Testa's actuarial it would cost us \$4.375 million to make up this \$1.78 million and that he doesn't think that is fiscally responsible, and he will not support the motion.

Councilor Cervoni appreciates every effort of the Councilors to reduce the tax burden, so he does not take any motion lightly that involves a tax savings. He asked if the pension contribution is essentially is in the general government side of the budget. Mr. Bowes said that the line item that he is looking at, which Councilor Testa is proposing, is the entire general fund contribution, school non-certified personnel as well as general government folks. You will have approximately \$800,000 in the three utility budgets as well, so yes, \$4.8 million versus about \$800,000 in the utilities.

Councilor Cervoni said that if you look at the overall budget, general budget and education, the education portion represents an increase over the current budget of 1.61% whereas on the general government side there is a reduction of .43%, so all the increases are going to education. He said he is not looking to cut the education budget. His point is that we are cutting general government for the sake of education, and he values education. He is concerned that the \$4.375 million that it would take to make up for the unfunded amount this year is today's dollars, and what happens to that with inflation as time goes on. He asked if that number increases. He said that when he doesn't know something that he defers to an expert. He appreciates the inquiry that he makes to the actuary but he feels that if he is going to make a decision that is different than the recommendation that he needs a three-hour course in how those numbers come up to the recommendation and how a variation really impacts the future.

Councilor Economopoulos asked Mr. Bowes and Mr. Terence Sullivan, as experts, if they were telling him that if we gave this problem to three different actuarial firms that they would all come up with the same answer. Mr. Bowes couldn't say that. Councilor Economopoulos said that the Mayor has taken that one number and made that the standard. He then asked how many of that last ten years have we met the budget standards in this area. Mr. Bowes said that in his five years with the town that the plan has been funded the way the actuary has recommended.

Mayor Dickinson said that since 1985, his first budget, that we have met the actuarial standard every year. Councilor Economopoulos said, "Every year?" Mayor Dickinson said, "Every year." Councilor Economopoulos said that was amazing.

Chairman Parisi asked that started, how much under-funded was the pension plan.

Mayor Dickinson said that we were at 22% of salary, and we had a lot of ground to make up, which we did, and now it's well less than that. He accounted for market forces which play a role. He said that for the first ten years when he was in office, we were at 22% of salary, clawing our way back. Even with this year's recommendation, we lose ground in terms of unfunded liability, a sobering issue, given increase in numbers of employees and market forces, etc. We are not maintaining the same level of unfunded liability even with the actuary's recommendation. He said that we have methodically dealt with what the actuary recommended.

Councilor Economopoulos commended the Mayor and Councilor Testa for his efforts.

Councilor Testa, humorously, asked Councilor Economopoulos to not surrender for him. He said that he stands corrected on the zero tax increase

Carolyn Hall, Wes Lubee, Robert Gross spoke from the public present at the meeting.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 6- Pension Fund)

Cervoni – No	LeTourneau –No
Economopoulos - Yes	Rascati- No
Farrell - No	J. Sullivan – Yes
Fishbein - No	Testa – Yes
	Chairman Parisi - No
6 - No; 3 - Aye	

The motion failed.

MOTION 7 Councilor Testa began with a motion to reduce the town's pension fund contribution by \$682,000.

2ND Councilor Sullivan seconded.

Mayor Dickinson said that his comments would remain the same with regard to his view of it.

There were no other comments from the Council or from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Motion 7- Pension Fund)

Cervoni – No	LeTourneau – No
Economopoulos - Yes	Rascati- No
Farrell - No	J. Sullivan – Yes
Fishbein - No	Testa – Yes
	Chairman Parisi - No

6 - No; 3 - Aye

The motion failed.

15. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

By consensus, the Town Council decided to take up the Executive Session at this time in lieu of a recess.

Councilor Farrell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property as requested by the Mayor. Councilor Rascati seconded.

All Councilors present (9) by voice voted Aye. The motion passed

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. At 9:26 P.M., Councilor Farrell made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilor Rascati seconded. All Councilors present (9) by voice voted Aye. The motion passed.

Executive Session Attendance:

Nine (9) Councilors; Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Janis Small and Fire Chief Peter Struble

CONTINUATION ITEM 14.

I. **COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.**

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET OF \$141,478,258 \$141,400,488 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010.

2nd **COUNCILOR RASCATI** seconded the motion.

Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street

MOTION TO AMEND & 2ND

Councilor Economopoulos made a motion, seconded by Councilor Testa, to amend the original motion of Councilor Farrell to reassign the difference gained by the budget line changes to the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL VOTE (to amend the original motion)

Cervoni- No	LeTourneau- No
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- No
Farrell- No	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- No	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- No

6-Nay 3-Aye

The motion to amend the original motion failed.

ROLL CALL VOTE (on the original motion Item I.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- No	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

8-Aye 1-Nay

The motion passed.

II. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET OF ~~\$141,478,258~~ \$141,400,488 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item II.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- No	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

8-Aye 1-Nay

The motion passed.

III. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: ESTABLISH THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AT ~~24.10~~ **24.08** 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, 2010, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2010. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 2011, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2011. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2010 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2010 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2010 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2010 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.

PROPERTY TAXES IN AN AMOUNT OF LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS SHALL BE WAIVED.

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) FEE.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

Councilor John Sullivan expressed that he does not feel good about this, and said that it will be reiterated by many of the Councilors. He remarked that not only did we not find any money for the school system, we also raised the taxes. He stated that those are the two things that he really wanted to work hard so that they did not happen. Unfortunately, they are going to happen. He said that he doesn't feel good about this and that he will reluctantly vote for this but he wishes as a Councilor that he could have found a way to do more. He said that after going through this lean budget, they were only to find an additional \$109,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item III.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AS HEREIN STATED:

Electric Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$80,055,076</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>79,486,972</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>568,104</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>1,051,100</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>98,771</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>1,520,433</u>
Operating Transfers (Out)	<u>(1,876,525)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(356,092)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>3,397,860</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>3,397,860</u>
Re-appropriation of Prior Years Capital Items	<u>213,137</u>

Water Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$6,206,808</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>6,529,815</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(323,007)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>145,223</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>135,510</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(313,294)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>1,753,831</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>1,753,831</u>
Re-appropriation of Prior Years Capital Items	<u>16,804</u>

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$5,589,681</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>7,124,233</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(1,534,552)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>284,521</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>63,275</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(1,313,306)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>1,091,636</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>1,091,636</u>
Re-appropriation of Prior Years Capital Item	<u>16,804</u>

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item IV.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay
The motion passed unanimously.

V. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET OF THE CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 THE AMOUNT OF \$2,196,525 REVENUES AND \$2,196,525 EXPENDITURES.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item V.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item VI.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO APPROVE SPECIAL FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item VII.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

MOVED: TO APPROVE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS RESERVE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$394,606 REVENUES AND \$394,606 EXPENDITURES.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item VIII.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. COUNCILOR FARRELL, JR.

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.

2nd COUNCILOR RASCATI seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Item IX.)

Cervoni- Yes	LeTourneau- Yes
Economopoulos- Yes	Rascati- Yes
Farrell- Yes	J. Sullivan- Yes
Fishbein- Yes	Testa- Yes
	Chairman Parisi- Yes

9-Aye 0-Nay

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Parisi expressed appreciation for the efforts of all of those involved in the entire budget process, namely, the Mayor, the Comptroller, the Town Attorney, the Town Clerk, the Town Council and the Town Council Secretary. He said he compliments the Council for their due diligence, their hard work and their thoroughness. He said he thinks that it was a compatible budget process. He understands those who are not quite pleased with the efforts but as time goes on, it doesn't always turn out the way you would like to see it.

Mr. Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rascati seconded. All nine (9) Councilors present by voice voted Aye, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
This meeting was digitally recorded.

Robert F. Parisi, Town Council Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date