

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

JANUARY 6, 2015

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:08 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Craig Fishbein, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Tom Laffin arrived at the meeting at 6:25 P.M. and Councilor Robert F. Parisi was not present at the meeting with an excused absence. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Corporation Counsel Janis M. Small were also at the meeting.

2. Discussion regarding the design of public parking improvements to serve Pat Wall Field on South Elm Street – Mayor

*In attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer
John Gawlak, Director, Parks & Recreation*

Mr. Thompson discussed the plan using the purchase of the empty lot next to Pat Wall Field and its parking lot. He then explained the revisions made to the original plan which has improved the number of parking spaces from fifty to fifty five spaces and two handicap spaces; increased the setback from five feet to ten feet along the lot boundary that adjoins the neighbor. A fence and white pines would be included along this boundary, and flood lights would be installed to face away from the boundary and into the parking area. Traffic would move in a two-way manner to and from South Elm Street. Mr. Gawlak discussed the use of the Pat Wall Field by the leagues of his department, including months and times. This discussion with the Council continued for approximately one hour.

This was followed another presentation by Mr. Thompson of a plan new to the Town Council whereby the present lot would undergo reconfiguration and renovation to yield a total of eighty-two parking spaces, including some handicap spaces. Provided that the Town's Public Works Department would accomplish the renovation of the current space, the plan would cost \$60,000, which is much less than the plan that includes purchasing the property next to the current Pat Wall lot.

The Council called for more information and did not take up Item #3.

3. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the purchase of 346 South Elm Street – Mayor

Withdrawn

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT(PARISI)
MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
From notes taken by the Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

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