
TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2004

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on August 17, 2004. The meeting was Called to Order by Council Chairman, James M. Vumbaco, at 6:39 P.M. in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk, Kathryn Zandri, were Councilors Lois Doherty, Gerald E. Farrell Jr., Stephen W. Knight, Iris Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Michael Spiteri, Vincent F. Testa and James M. Vumbaco. Mayor William W. Dickinson and Corporation Counsel, Adam Mantzaris were also in attendance.

The blessing was offered by The Reverend Randy Somody of the Door of Hope in Wallingford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Chairman Vumbaco announced that Mr. DiNatale called to say that he had unforeseen business that will prevent him from attending the meeting tonight.

Ms. Papale: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to note that we have received correspondence from Mr. Gary Linsley for the record.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Iris. I would like to now recognize the Mayor of Wallingford, Bill Dickinson, to present jackets to two outstanding teams for the Town of Wallingford.

Mayor Dickinson: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, we are indeed privileged this evening. We have not one *but two* championship teams representing each of our high schools. There are not too many communities who can brag of such an occasion, and we should be rightfully proud this evening. The first team to be recognized is none other than the Lyman Hall Track Team 2004 MM State Champions. We welcome all of you here tonight.

Applause

The Sheehan Baseball Team will come next but first for Lyman Hall we have coach Ed Neilander if he will come up, he has a list of players' names, and we will distribute jackets.

Coach Neilander: I'd like to thank the Town Council and the Mayor for all they have done for us this year, and we're very proud of Sheehan Baseball and Lyman Hall

Track this year. Thank you very much. First, I would like to recognize Assistant Coaches George Gilhuly and Elaine Sullivan, two people instrumental in our State Championship this year. They will help out with the jackets. Terrence Barresi, Nicholas Redman, Mitul Patel, Jason Comet, Chris Bevins, Craig Roberts, Brian McWeeney, Matthew Cummings, Andrew Wolfer, Erik Edeen, Tyler Willis, Matthew Pasquariello, Tim Clark, Andrew Pratt, Zak Ibozrar, Frank Pikarski. *(Not present: Jonathan Harrington, Kenneth Ginter, Shawn Davenport, Daniel Arena, Christopher Hubbard, Dean Stec).*

Mayor Dickinson and Town Council Chairman, Jim Vumbaco, congratulated each Track Team member.

Congratulations, gentleman. Thank you very much Mayor and Town Council.

Applause

Mayor Dickinson: We are indeed proud of all of them. They represent the Town *extremely* well, and as I understand it, we were not ranked at all, and we ended up winning the State Championship. So that's fantastic, and that's a story that is repeated. The Sheehan Baseball Team, I believe, at the point they entered the tournament were ranked something like 26 in the state and ended up winning the State Championship. I had the privilege of seeing a good portion of that game, and they truly dominated the other team. It was an amazing game and wonderful to see down at Ravens Field. We want to ask the Coach to come up, Coach Altieri. Congratulations.

Applause

Coach Altieri: First of all, congratulations to Lyman Hall Track. It's a great honor anytime anyone wins a State Championship. We thank the Mayor and the Council for having us here tonight to honor us. I would like to call up the two Assistant Coaches, who will assist in handing out the jackets. They did a great job this year working with our kids and helping them perform at top level. Assistant Coach Vin Morgillo and Assistant Coach Tony Delasota. We're really pleased with our team this year. This is the second time we have been back to the State of Connecticut Championship game. We won it once in 2001. And we were back there in 2004, and we were able to do it again. A couple of the players who are here were on both of those teams, which is a real credit to them. The first is junior, third baseman, Tyler Tomer; junior, pitcher John Roche; senior, designated hitter and first baseman Michael Lucht; senior, shortstop Evan Ward; sophomore, outfielder Mark Apuzzo; senior, first baseman and pitcher, Matt Karl; senior, catcher, Radford Welch; senior, second baseman, Dominick Lombardozzi; junior, pitcher, first baseman, third baseman and designated hitter, B. J. Senna; junior, centerfielder, Christopher Newell; sophomore, pitcher and first baseman, Donny White *(not present tonight)*. This is almost everybody. This is the 2004 Class M

State Champions. Congratulations. And one other who must have come in late junior, shortstop, Michael Thomas.
(Absent team members included, P.J. Grant, Peter Malone, Eric Polvani, Adam Shackett, Michael Dean, Thomas Eckert, Richard Smeriglio)

Thank you very much. We appreciate you taking the time to honor us here tonight.

Applause

Mayor Dickinson: Thank you all team members, parents, the schools. You make us very proud.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Mayor. Number 5

Ms. Papale: Number 5 is to Consider and Approve the Appointment of five members to the Commission on Diversity and Sexual Harassment. Jim Vumbaco has put this on the agenda.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Iris. I'm just going to make a brief comment, and then I will present the five members chosen. This process has been ongoing for a few months since the Council appointed this commission. We received responses from individuals who sent in letters asking to be members of this commission. I took the time to review each and every letter, recommendation and background and made the decision based on the charge of the commission and selected five individuals. These five individuals have a wide variety of backgrounds and experience in personnel and the issues that hopefully will be discussed by this commission. I forwarded the list to the Council a week and a half or so in advance of this meeting so that they could become familiar with the individuals and ask questions of them to see if, in fact, they were pleased with their backgrounds. I have not heard anything back except what I read in the paper so I am assuming that these five individuals are acceptable. The five individuals that are being presented this evening for selection on the commission are:

Mr. Loren Lettick. He is a retired attorney and a current member of the Wooding Caplan Committee. He specialized in the public sector, labor and school law, representing the interests of Boards of Education in municipalities throughout the state of Connecticut. Loren regularly advised clients in taking appropriate action in substantiated sexual harassment and discrimination claims and helped develop written policies to guide management and their subordinates.

The next individual is Cheryl Mill. She is a healthcare management person with 12 years of management experience in a hospital setting, currently managing 60 staff members. Part of Cheryl's current responsibility is to administer personnel policy.

The third person is Patricia DeRenzo. She is a retired educator and school administrator. Patricia supervised and evaluated a staff of 60. She has completed courses in human relations and sensitivity training.

The fourth individual is August Heltke. He is a retired manager from a utility, had managerial responsibility for numerous departments including management of union, non-union and other management personnel. He has had extensive training in dealing with sexual discrimination and gender bias issues. He is an experienced in leading meetings and forums.

And, finally, Ms. Susan Whitney, CPA. She is the Finance Director for the Town of Thomaston. Susan has knowledge of human resources and municipal government policies in the areas of diversity and harassment. Her professional duties include reviewing processes, manuals and procedures for the purpose of suggesting improvement if it is needed.

I asked the five individuals to come this evening. Some of them might have been on vacation but I will name them, and if you will please stand and be recognized, that would be appreciated. Loren Lettick (on vacation), Cheryl Mill, Patricia DeRenzo, August Heltke and Susan Whitney. I appreciate your desire to serve on this commission and with that in mind, I will have a motion to accept this.

Ms. Papale: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make the motion to accept the five members to the Commission on Diversity and Sexual Harassment.

Mr. Testa: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion by the Council? Public? We have a motion and a second, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? So moved. I appreciate that you came this evening and I'm sure that we'll be getting in touch with you very soon to establish the first meeting as I said in my letter. Thank you again. Item #6 Consent Agenda.

Ms. Papale: I'd like to make a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which covers 6a – 6o.

Mr. Testa: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: All in favor. So moved.

Mr. Parisi: Mr. Chairman, would we announce the removal of Item #15.

Chairman Vumbaco: Yes, for those in attendance, Item #15 is being removed from tonight's agenda. Item #15 will not be heard tonight. Thanks, Bob.

Mr. Parisi: You're welcome.

Chairman Vumbaco: OK, public question and answer. Mr. Melillo.

Pasquale Mellilo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville:

Remember 3 or 4 months ago, I brought up the following situation about bullet proof vests. So it seems that there are more problems now than ever before depending on what part of the country and what type of bulletproof vests. My question is does that effect Wallingford or the Police Department in anyway and the safety?

Chairman Vumbaco: I believe when you raised this up 3 or 4 months ago that it was told to you that the equipment that we have is safe for all personnel.

Mr. Melillo: But that was then and the big difference now is that they are having a lot more problems than they ever did. That's the big difference.

Chairman Vumbaco: I'm sure that the Chief of Police and the Mayor as well as the Council will not allow our officers to be on street if they had unsafe equipment. Thanks, Pat. Mr. Agosta.

Jack Agosta, 505 Church Street, Yalesville: I enjoy coming up here and I see our kids and our town being honored. That is the nicest feeling that I can have in my life. Especially tonight, we had two of them and if you look at those kids, those are Americans. Those are real people. These kids are well brought up, a good town and well mannered.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Jack. Any other members of the public?

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue, Wallingford: I'd like to talk about Simpson School. A couple of months, maybe even 3 or 4, you had two proposals, and I assume that neither one of them met your approval. What are you doing about it now? Are you going to go out again or just let it die?

Chairman Vumbaco: We'll be discussing Simpson School in Executive Session this evening. And we'll let you know what the next step is.

Mr. Sheehan: Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: You're welcome. Pat?

Pasquale Mellilo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville: The new transmission lines, relating to the options relative to having the transmission lines buried underneath the ground as opposed to being up high in the sky. Also factoring in the fact as it was explained to me so far at the very least, the taxpayers are being socked for over \$100,000 for legal fees because of the fact we have some kind of litigation going to make sure that we could appeal the Siting Council's decision or decisions, if we don't agree with them. It seems like, if you factor in everything to the maximum possible, we

should not be doing this. What we should do is just go by what the Siting Council decides because why prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Wallingford and towns are being effected by this, we just can't afford to bury the lines under the ground. It costs too much money so I'm sure you've seen the newspaper articles relative to that. Let's face it, the lines are going to be overhead. We've got all these taxes we've gotten socked with this past year. You guys up there know it.

Chairman Vumbaco: Pat, is there a question?

Mr. Mellilo: My question is this, my comment is that we should drop all litigation unless the lawyers involved decide to give 99 and 9/10 of their wages to the Town of Wallingford. I say let's stop the litigation.

Chairman Vumbaco: Pat, is there a question?

Mr. Mellilo: I think I covered that question, and I think there's another thing. They've found out that if you bury transmission lines underneath the ground, you can have electrocutions going on with animals especially in that don't wear shoes like us. Some parts of the country, some people have been electrocuted. It's a very dangerous situation. Why don't we stop the litigation?

Chairman Vumbaco: Mr. Sheehan?

Mr. Sheehan: I'm going to bring up another subject that I haven't heard about in a while. Seeing that we are at the end of another Little League baseball season, is the plan still to use Moses Y Beach and most of the grammar schools or are we going to work to replace the complex that we had at Cytec? And make a show place in this town. I just read a nice little article about what a great job they did in Berlin and Bristol with the Little League and how much money they brought in and how it stimulated community spirit. I think it's about time we got a little community spirit in this town and did something really for the kids. Anybody willing to answer me, or are they looking at anything?

Chairman Vumbaco: Bob, there's continual discussion between the Town and the Little League on the issue. There has been a lot on our plate and that is one of the issues that we will be discussing as time goes forward. I don't know what else to tell you right at the moment.

Mr. Sheehan: I hate to say this. If it's not going to be done, this may become on of my three-month questions until we get something done. The last one took me three and one half years, I'm willing to do that again. I hope it doesn't take that long. Thank you.

Mr. Vumbaco: Mr. Testa.

Mr. Testa: Just for your information, the Park and Recreation Subcommittee is going to be having a meeting early September to discuss just this matter, Mr. Sheehan.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other members of the public? Last one, Pat.

Mr. Mellilo: It seems to me with all of these educated people in the auditorium here relative to pensions and investments, I should be able to get some answers to the following. How are we doing with our pension investments? Have you checked lately? Are we invested 60/40 in stocks over bonds or vice versa or invested in other ways? Can anybody answer me those questions?

Chairman Vumbaco: I can't answer how the investment goes but I know that the Pension Committee met just a few weeks ago because we have the results of their minutes. That doesn't mean that they are not losing money. There are very conservative investments, which is what the community has decided for our investments to be in.

Mr. Mellilo: I had a little trouble picking up what you said.

Chairman Vumbaco: I said they are in very conservative investments, which is the desire of this community to protect the pension funds, and we just got a report I think within the last two weeks from the last meeting that show that the funds are doing as well as any other part of the investment community so to speak.

Mr. Mellilo: So that means that we have improved our bottom line results as opposed to other years?

Chairman Vumbaco: I'm not sure, Pat, I will not venture to give you that guess unless the Mayor has an idea.

Mayor Dickinson: I believe we are close to having recovered the losses that occurred in the past several years.

Mr. Mellilo: But we still have these losses like you just said. Am I right? We're really losing.

Mayor Dickinson: The value went down as a result of the economy and the loss of interest rates but we have recovered that and we have nearly recovered the values that existed at that time, 2000, 2001, so we've recovered those values.

Mr. Mellilo: Could you tell me the ratio of investments with stocks over bonds? Usually it's a 60 to 40 ratio. Is that the type of ratio you have now?

Mayor Dickinson: It's 60/40.

Mr. Mellilo: I think we should go at least 70/30 and free up our municipal bonds. That's

what I'm suggesting.

Chairman Vumbaco: The Public Question and Answer period is over. Item #9, please.

Ms. Papale: Item #9 is a Public Hearing regarding the Public Library Expansion Ordinance

Chairman Vumbaco: I hereby convene the public hearing of the \$540,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the public library expansion consisting of an amendment to the existing \$40,000 ordinance. The ordinance, which is the subject of this public hearing, is available to the public and may be obtained at the meeting from the Town Clerk.

Is there a Motion and a Second to read the Title and Section One of the following proposed ordinance in their entirety and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting?

Mr. Farrell: So moved.

Ms. Papale: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: Will the Clerk call the Roll Call, please.

Ms. Zandri: Doherty-Yes, Farrell-Yes, Knight-Yes, Papale-Yes, Parisi-Yes, Spiteri-Yes, Testa-Yes and Vumbaco-Yes

Chairman Vumbaco: The motion passes.

Ms. Papale:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR A WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$40,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating \$40,000, For A Wallingford Public Library Expansion Feasibility Study And Authorizing The Issue Of \$40,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"

Adopted by the Town Council on June 17, 2003, which ordinance is hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted, is amended to increase the appropriation and bond authorization therein by \$500,000 from \$40,000 to \$540,000, and to provide for the preparation of plans and specifications, as follows:

Section 1. the title of the ordinance is amended to read as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$540,000 FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE EXPANSION OF THE WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$540,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE"

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Iris. Would the Committee step forward?

Richard Gee: Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the Council, I'm Richard Gee, Chairman of the Library Expansion Study Committee. With me tonight are all, or most anyway, of the committee members. Leslie Scherer, Karen Roesler, Bruce Tuthill, who is our architect that we are working with, Louise Coffin, Fred Page, Dick Rizzo, Matt Coyle and Jim Fitzsimmons are here also. We are here to pursue the public hearing. On June 17, 2003, the Council adopted an ordinance authorizing \$40,000 to fund Phase I of the feasibility study. That Phase I is just about wrapped up. All that is left to do is to complete the application for the state grant and that is about 2 to 3 pages short of being complete. Once that is finished, Phase I is finished.

We need to go on to Phase II. At the time we were before the Council, we reported to you on June 22nd (2004) concerning what we had accomplished and concerning our recommendations. One was that you bring our committee back to full strength as we had two people who resigned after the time of our appointment, and we thank you very much for doing that. We are now at full strength. Our second recommendation was that you amend the ordinance to designate or authorize an additional \$500,000 to get into Phase II and that's the purpose of this meeting here. Phase II as you will note, if you have your material from the last time we were here, is really in two sections, the design development section and the contract documentation section.

The Committee requests that the Council approve the ordinance or the amendment to the ordinance to approve the additional \$500,000. I am not unmindful that the Council has requested my Committee to explore other options and to perhaps come up with other price estimates. I do want to remind the Council and the public that whatever options we explore, and we will do that, obviously, and whatever price estimates we come up with, we still need this Phase II to go forward, so I want to remind the Council and the public that this is not a hearing concerning the cost of the library, nor is it a hearing concerning the options available. It is a hearing to fund furthering the process to get to that point. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Richard. This is a public hearing so would any members of the public wish to comment this evening?

Maria Rodriguez-McBride, 36 Croydon Court, Wallingford, CT: I am here as President of the Board of Managers of the Public Library, and I'm representing and speaking for the Board of Managers and the library staff as well. We are very pleased that this item came up again on the agenda so quickly, and we are hopeful that the Town Council will pass this ordinance because this is very important to us, and we want to let you know how committed we are to this project. We have been committed to the library expansion for years. In fact, many of you recall, that \$300,000 was committed of the library development funds for the purchase of the McKenzie property for this expansion. In addition, we called a special meeting last night at which time we voted to go forward with this certification for

the application for the state grant, which is \$500,000. In addition, we want to let you know how committed we are so we will do all that we can to help to defray the cost and raise some funds too toward the furnishings or other items of need in the new building. We voted to establish a committee whose sole purpose will be look into fundraising over the next couple of years, we will look into different ways of raising some funds with a goal of raising \$500,000 on our own. And you know the state grant is \$500,000 as well. We just really want to let you know how committed we are. We do understand that this is a very expensive project. We are very mindful of that, and we did want to remind you also that the cost of \$13,000,000 that you heard in June covers furnishings and finishes in the library and also contingency costs. The actual costs of the construction is significantly less than that about \$9,000,000. We will do whatever we can. We will work with the expansion committee to try to defer the costs and proceed with this as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you. Are there any other members of the public who wish to speak to this?

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville: What I'm interested in the most as far as the library expansion is how do you interact with all of the schools? Have you got something new planned where you interact with all of the schools so they can get the maximum benefit out of the library?

Leslie Scherer: We have a very active program of working with the schools both with the elementary school and all the way through high schools. Every second and sixth grade in Wallingford, as part of their curriculum for that year, visits the library so we get them when they are really young to introduce them to the public library and let them know what's there and then again when they get to sixth grade and they're going to middle school so they will understand the resources in the adult area. We also work really closely with the school librarians. Our staff meets twice a year to be sure that we are aware of what the schools have, and they are aware of what we have. We have an assignment alert, so that when an assignment goes out in the school library, they quickly notify our staff, so we set aside materials so that the first very eager student won't take everything out. We do cooperate a lot with the schools and serve a lot of the same population. We have

all of their summer reading lists set aside during the summer, since they are closed in the summer.

Mr. Melillo: It sounds as though you organize in a very practical way. That sounds real good. Could you give me some more detailed information as to what this is going to encompass, the expansion itself? Could you describe more in detail, specifically, how this is going to work out as far as the expansion is concerned? More details as to what your goals are going to be.

Mr. Gee: As far as details of design and construction, you mean? We have spent a couple of years talking about the detail of design and construction. We came to the Council on June 22nd with our idea of what we needed. We are now re-examining those things based on what the Council asked us to do. I don't have any details for you tonight. I don't think that's the purpose of being here tonight.

Mayor Dickinson: Mr. Chairman, I think what might help....they have pictures here.

Mr. Gee: We do have easel displays, the same ones we used for the Council hearing, which the public and the Council are free to look at. Pat, the details that we have at this point are on those boards.

Karen Roesler: We also have a packet that we gave to the Council. We have an extra one here that we can give you, Mr. Melillo, and any other member of the public that would like a copy of this, they can contact us at the library. We'd be happy to give you a copy.

Mr. Melillo: Thank you very much. I'm all for the library expansion.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Pat. Mr. Lube.

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm a card carrying member of the library. I don't understand your presentation that your attorney gave. What is this \$500,000 supposed to accomplish?

Mr. Gee: It accomplishes paying for what we are calling Phase II of the feasibility study. It actually becomes a bit more than a feasibility study. It covers the design development, which includes consultation with staff, reviews, preparation of preliminary design for structure and mechanicals. Actually starting to draw the building and the 2nd phase of that is putting the documents together to go out to bid. That's what that accomplishes.

Mr. Lube: I wanted to ask that because I didn't want to jump to a conclusion. From what you have said, it would appear that you are putting the cart before the horse. You said earlier that you were cognizant of some other comments that have been made and that you were exploring various options that might result in cost savings. I would think that should be done before you engage in drawing plans of what you

are going to construct because without knowing the direction you are going in, once these plans are in place, they're locked in. That's it. There's no further discussion.

Mr. Gee: In the process of drawing these plans, the options that we will be discussing will be considered and added to the plans or subtracted from the plans as we go along. These options, you're right, we are not putting the drawing together now for what we proposed and be locked in as you say. That's not what we are doing.

We are going to go through the winnowing process, deciding what should be added and what should be taken away and that's what the drawings will be of. So we will be going through the options process.

Mr. Lube: Well, before you have passed a point of no return, are you planning on coming back to the Council and saying here's option 1 and here's option 2, here's option 3, what can we afford?

Mr. Gee: Absolutely. Yes, we will. At the end of the first part of Phase II, we will be coming back to the Council with details at that point.

Mr. Lube: With the various options

Mr. Gee: Yes.

Mr. Lube: Thank you.

Jim Fitzgibbons, 408 North Main Street, Wallingford: I'm a member of the Wallingford Public Library Expansion Committee, and we have been meeting for a couple of years, and I just want to share with the Town Council some of the information that we have been talking about that have been very numbers driven. I wanted to share with you, one thing in particular and a couple of other items. As you know I am a member of the Wallingford Planning and Zoning Commission and as part of our comprehensive Plan of Conservation Development, we had a survey commission for the town for the planning and zoning for using it for the Plan of Development. One of the questions that was asked about the willingness of town residents to spend more tax dollars on specific public projects. I want to share with you that over 62% of the Town's people surveyed supported an expanded public library. This is the highest rated category ahead of roadway maintenance, acquisition of open space, protection of farmlands and new playing fields.

I'd like to share with you some information we've been talking about on the committee as part of the expansion report. In the past twenty years, Wallingford's population has grown from 37,274 to 43,026 in 2002 for a population increase of 15.4%. During that same time period the number of card holders in the library has grown from 15,776 to 32,828 in 2002, a staggering increase of 108%. Currently more than 76% of Wallingford residents hold a library card and

according to the library information, more than 5,000 people per week visit the Wallingford Public Library. It's a very active library based on the more than one half million items that were checked out in 2002. However, the numbers do not reflect the more than 2,743 adults who attended more than 66 programs, and the 15,340 children in Wallingford, who attended more than 352 story hours and other children's programs. I just would offer and ask that the Town Council consider supporting the expansion at this time. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Mr. Fitzsimmons. Any other members of the public?

Bob Carmody, 210 High Street, Wallingford: I have lived in the center of Wallingford for much of my life and I've also had the opportunity to work in downtown Wallingford for many years. As a result, I am a frequent visitor and user of library services. Going back to a night when I worked in downtown, I would visit the old library building that's next to the Wachovia building now and I would be in there several times a week, and I always thought it was a pretty nice place, nice staff, very interesting building but I had no concept of what it could become, what the board and the managers, the directors and the staff have been able to build in the new facility. I think apart from typical library services, the library has become in many regards the social center of Wallingford, and when I say social, I mean that in a very positive way in the programs that are run, the outreach that attracts people to the center of town. As part of my work, I've had occasion to speak to two other head librarians from other towns in central Connecticut, and I think that it's interesting the praise that you hear and the high regard with which other people, peer librarians, hold the Wallingford Public Library. I think it's the type of institution that should be nurtured. I was one of those people who answered affirmatively that I would not mind my taxes increasing slightly if it went to this type of project. So I would encourage the Council to consider continuing funding for this.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Mr. Carmody. Any other members of the public wish to speak?

C. J. Wong, 405 South Elm Street, Wallingford: I just wanted to say whatever amount of money that you finally decide on to give to the library, I think you should double it. The library is absolutely the heart of our community, like the last person just said, and I just wanted to come here to report that tonight.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you. Any other members of the public wish to speak?

Sarah Vine, 320 South Main Street: Good evening. The gentleman that spoke just a few moments ago read my mind. I also grew up in the center of town and experienced the library in its original spot, and I grew there as a little girl. We made the new library, and we made it for the number of years it was supposed to accommodate us, and it has. I now have a little girl myself, two and one half, and she is now also experiencing everything that I have there at a much earlier age with the story

hours. We have story hours there every week and there are people from out of town who are coming to our library because they've heard such great things about it so that Wallingford residents actually can't get in sometimes because it's so packed. If we could just do whatever we need to do, tax dollars, donations, I think that you would get a lot of support in terms of other parents who would also like to see the project continue on, and I hope it does. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you. Any other members of the public?

Robert Avino, 30 South Turnpike Road: I moved to Wallingford in 1989 and within 15 minutes of signing my lease over here on Main Street, I walked across the street and got a library card. It's probably the best thing I've ever done. I was fortunate to get part-time employment at the library later on and the last 14 years I've been part-time, seasonal security monitor. I work at the library every Monday through Thursday night during the school season, and I'm in and out of the stacks and the aisles in the children's library constantly for three hours every night and I've noticed that the aisles are very confined. People confined to wheelchairs have a very hard time getting down the aisles, stools have to be moved, materials on the top shelves and bottom shelves, so high and so low that it makes it difficult for patrons to use and use just seems to increase. I want to say that I support the expansion just to make it easier all the patrons to use it. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you. Any other members of the public wish to speak? Thank you. I now declare the public hearing closed. Is there a motion and a second that the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR A WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$40,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

be adopted?

Mr. Farrell: So moved.

Ms. Papale: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: A motion and a second. Council discussion? Councilors? Ms. Papale?

Ms. Papale: I have a few questions but I also have a few comments to make. We all know that I was unable to be here on the June 22nd meeting, and I think that I have apologized many times for that but family is important to me, and that's where I was. I wanted to mention that I moved to Wallingford when I was one year old,

and I've lived here my entire life. We lived in a part of town where we could walk everywhere. My mother never drove or had a license. We walked to school. We walked uptown. We walked for our fun at the ice cream parlor and we also all used to walk to the library. I grew up loving books and that I really feel had a lot to do with the way the Wallingford Library was run and how it is being run now.

I heard, not from a lot of people, on this expansion program that the library has in mind but I have heard from a few, and I'm not going to read the entire letter but I received a letter from someone in Wallingford that says she was sold on Wallingford as a community when she walked into the friendly atmosphere on North Main Street. Clearly the town has its priorities right. I feel that she is one

of many that feel this way. The Wallingford Public Library is a very, very important part of our town. It brings people into town. It makes people say – gee, maybe I'd like to live here. I think that's important for all towns. I don't know as far as how much money will be spent or what could be spent. I think we really have to go step by step, and the step that we are on tonight is the grant for \$500,000. Someone here mentioned that there would probably be fundraising to match this \$500,000, and I think fundraising by the library would be a very, very huge success because there are so many people in the town that would like to have the Wallingford library expand to the needs of what the people feel. I was curious to know about how many people in the town of Wallingford do you feel use the library?

Mr. Gee: We have statistics.

Leslie Scherer: We have 32,000 people with current cards. Cards expire after five years. Certainly we have people who come every single day and some people who came once and registered and got whatever they needed that day and haven't come back. We feel the estimate of 5,000 people a week is actually pretty low as one of our staff members observed, we have a counter in our gate that we can see how many came in and out. We noticed that recently families tend to hold the gate open as the entire family of 4 or 5 walks through. Someday we'll get somebody with a clicker. That's a conservative estimate of how many people come every week.

Ms. Papale: Which answers my question that the library is probably one of the busiest places in the town of Wallingford as far as how it functions. It's really, really necessary and like every place else in every town, the town grows and the places that we need to be at they grow also. I really believe that an expansion is necessary. When we did this last expansion, it was for 20 years?

Mr. Gee: That's what was aimed at and that's what was accomplished. Correct.

Ms. Papale: It's 20 years now?

Mr. Gee: It's a little over.

Ms. Papale: Does the Committee have in mind a 20 year time or a 10 year time? Because I've heard two different scenarios on this.

Mr. Gee: We are planning on another 20 year plan that is suggested by the state library. It's also suggested by a study that was done by our consultant. To try to support the town's needs for the next 20 years is our goal.

Ms. Papale: It makes sense to me to go for the 20 years. 10 years goes awfully fast.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Iris. Any other members of the Council? Questions?

Mr. Knight: I wanted to ask you Mr. Gee. In your letter to Chairman Vumbaco, you did mention that you all had some discussion and that your architect had prepared a preliminary study the net result of which would be to reduce the cost of the project by approximately \$1,000,000. I understand that there are consequences. There are always consequences. Are they that severe? Do you still meet the state guidelines that qualify the project for the \$500,000 grant even with this reduction?

Mr. Gee: First of all, right now we are dealing with cost based on square footage. We are not advanced enough to have anything more definite to base our estimates on and the way we were able to reduce it was to simply reduce the square footage. Does it comply with state guidelines? It does not comply with state recommendations, no, because what we are doing is squeezing the aisles in, we're narrowing the spaces between computers, for instance, and the guidelines given by the state are now being squeezed. Is it mandatory? No, it's not mandatory but the guidelines are being squeezed at this point.

Mr. Knight: It's my understanding that unless you went by the state guidelines we would not qualify for the state grant.

Bruce Tuthill, Architect for the library expansion project:

The guidelines that we are using call for materials and the programs and the equipment and chairs and seats and things for twenty years. For instance, around the circulation desk, we know from experience that you could queue 10 or 15 people at the checkout, so we've allowed about 18 feet so that you can still have 4 checkout stations where people can queue up and still have the building function properly. Other people coming in can still pass by. That space, when you look at the plan, it looks like a lot of empty space but there's a reason for it. That could be taken down. What will happen is you will still meet the material quantities in the recommendations of the state but you will have congestion. You are going to have people saying, "Excuse me," to get by. Bringing the aisle space down, we used 4 feet now. The aisles over there are 3 feet. You could do it at 3 feet 6 inches but then you'd have to have two people when they pass, it's more difficult. A person in a wheelchair going down a 3 foot 6 inch aisle has a problem at the

end of the aisle, turning and coming back in again. You'd need more space at the ends if you narrow the stacks. All of these options are available, we'll look at them, they all still will meet the guidelines of the state. We will not jeopardize the grant but there is ideal space, like the space here in this room tonight allows for a nice presentation to be made. You don't need that space. If it's new space, you can just delete it but it will not function as well. But we will not do anything to jeopardize the grant.

Mr. Knight: Was the Committee prepared to forward this change or are you still discussing it? Is it an option? Where do you stand with that?

Mr. Gee: We are still discussing all the options and I'm sure there are many other options that we will talk about. That was one that came to mind quickly because again we are dealing with square footage costs and it's hard to say, if we eliminated a couple of bolts here and a couple of screws there, we're not down to that kind of neatness. We're talking about square footage and that's the easy way to do it. There'll probably be other kind of areas, there will be other areas, that we will look at.

Mr. Knight: I'm asking questions about cost, and I started by bringing it up in the first place. I'm just going to make a comment in general, and I don't think, it's no surprise that everybody up here, I think, supports this project, if there's any question about that. I hope that you will be able to pare some of the costs out of it without jeopardizing the project. I'm very impressed with the makeup of the Committee, and I think you've got some really talented people with a lot of experience, and I would like to go forward just as you've asked us to vote. Even just reading your letter, I have gained confidence of what you are going to produce and the project is going to be the most cost effective that we can get. I looking forward to seeing the results of your efforts and I want to thank you and the rest of the Committee for all of the work you have put in. I know how much time it has taken and how much patience it's taken, You've done a great job up to now, and I'm sure you'll continue. Thank you.

Mr. Gee: Thank you. The Committee's worked hard and long.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Steve. Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson: Certainly, I'd voice my support for the library this evening; however, I do want to remind everyone about what the projections are in terms of the costs as Steve has mentioned. Between the school renovation project and, if it's approximately a \$13,000,000 library project, in the next 2 to 3 years, and these are projections that could change, the projection is that we will have to add an additional, approximately, \$3,500,000 into the debt payment line, which is the annual payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt. Our mill is about \$3,000,000 right now so that's something over a mill to be added into the annual budget in the next 2 to 3 years. Unless we have new revenue coming in from

somewhere, that will have an impact on what we can do in other areas or result in our need for taxes in order to pay it. That's the other side of the equation. It's (the library project) a needed improvement but the money is an issue.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Parisi: I made the statement you tell us what you want, now tell us what you need. I'm really awfully sorry that I made that statement because I didn't expect it to be picked up by the press. They seldom quote me anymore, which is probably better. My objective was that I felt the necessity and the obligation, as I know my colleagues have, to ask the questions about cost. That's what we're here for. I'd

love to be able to sit here and say what you want you can have, what you want you can have, that's a very nice way to be able to do business. Unfortunately, it just doesn't work that way, and as the Mayor said, the plate is becoming more full by the day. I very much support this project. I was on the original Council Committee for the first library, and we had many, many meetings as I'm sure Leslie remembers. When the building committee took over they did a very, very fine job. Richard, I am familiar with your leadership because you have been my appointment on several occasions and never let me down. You have an exceptional committee, and I have every confidence, as my colleague Mr. Knight, said that you will do a good job. It's all for our town anyway. We're all on the same side. We all reach for the same thing, and we all want to maintain the tax rate and get the most bang for our buck, so when you come right down to it, it's just that we're sitting here and you're sitting out there. We're all marching to the same objective, so I'll support it, and I certainly wish you well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Mr. Parisi. Mr. Testa?

Mr. Testa: Phase II, as you mentioned, includes two parts, design development and then contract documents. Obviously, to me contract documents happens when you know what you're going to build. We had talked a couple of months ago about some alternative designs that might reduce the potential cost, in fact I mentioned at the time that it appeared to me that every 5,000 square feet equals \$1,000,000. Not that I wanted to see that but I suggested that maybe that's the way to go. You present to the Council some alternative project so to speak that are reduced in scope. I know that I was thinking more along the lines of smaller not tighter. I didn't like the idea of tighter, if you know what I mean. I'm wondering if you're still planning on doing that and is that going to be part of this design development portion. In other words, are you going to have the architect come up with some alternative designs, true alternative designs, not just a tweak here or there and then come back to us and say here are the ones that we are choosing and here are the projected costs because you need to have that figured out before you come up, start drawing plans, or come out with contract documents. I'm just curious as to what your plans are in this phase so that I understand more correctly.

Mr. Gee: We will be exploring as many options as we can possibly come up with jointly with the architect in terms of squeezing. Be it taking a service that maybe we could do without or cut in half. It's a little difficult because my concept of the reason that a council, or any governing body, appoints a committee and says come up with a feasibility study. My impression is that the options are really ours to consider, and we would present you with something that we think is the best given what we have, which we did last June. You've asked us to come up with more options. Are you suggesting, Mr. Testa, that we come up to you and give you a menu, you can have Building A or Building B or Building C? Is that what you are asking us to do?

Mr. Testa: I'm actually not asking that myself. I thought that was kind of the charge a lot of the people on the Council had asked you to do. It doesn't matter how I feel I wasn't asking that for myself. My impression was that there were Councilors that wanted to see that and I thought that was pretty clear so I was wondering if that was still going to happen, that's all.

Fred Page: My name is Fred Paige and I'm a committee member and on the Board of Managers at the library. What we did after the last meeting was go back and see what could we take out. Quite frankly, the program that's been put together is what's needed for twenty years and that comes out to 69,500 square feet. Without jeopardizing the program but by eliminating flexibility and tightening, we could eliminate 5,000 square feet and \$1,000,000. These are broad range numbers at this stage. We don't have the detail design but to go further, you're going to jeopardize the program. You are going to take that 20 years and you're going to make it 10 years or you are going to eliminate some children's programs or you're going to eliminate, like we've already had to eliminate at the library, seating and quiet space. We don't have any of that left in the library now. I think if you walk out of here thinking the next 3-6 months is going to be spent looking at Size A and Size B and Size C, one for \$13,000,000 and one for \$10,000,000 and one for \$7,000,000, that is not what we are doing. OK? It is not what we're doing.

Mr. Testa: That's fine and that's important to know. My point is that I'm not necessarily in favor of you doing that. I believe that there was an assumption that might be what was going to happen. Maybe I misunderstood my colleagues.

Fred Page: There are other things that we can do to pare it down because we are sensitive to the cost impact potentially on taxes. By the same token, we don't want anybody getting the misunderstanding that there are three sizes that can house this. Also for the Council, I think, there is that study that showed for a dozen towns have who have built library additions recently, where we would stack up, and if we eliminated that 5,000 square feet, we would be ranked 8th out of those 12 towns in square footage per person in this town. This is versus those other 11 towns, so this is not an overbuild, this is not a nice to have, this is a library – we're 23-24 years into this 20 library now. We are overcapacity now, so part of this space is

to make up for materials that are out of reach. You can't even get books it's so tight in the stacks now.

Speaking for myself, I hope that Richard is OK with this, we're going to come back with alternative A, B and C and three different price ranges in January. Our intention is to come back with a more detailed price out, and if there are things to be saved between now and then, we're certainly going to work hard with the architect to do that. I think we'd be giving you the wrong impression and we'd be jeopardizing all the work that has gone into it so far to say that we'll come back with three alternatives.

Mr. Testa: That's fine, and I appreciate knowing that. I think it's important that we're clear that's not what's going to happen. What I also appreciate hearing is what you just said about the implications of cutting back in size. Those are answers that I needed to hear. That's a presentation that would have been wise to make. Point blank, if we pare down in size in any way, here's what happens and what are the guidelines that cause you to choose that square footage and choose the design. That's the kind of stuff we need to hear, and I want to make sure that we are all on the same page here that when we say go ahead with this design and contract and all of this that we're not going to have a selection of library buildings based on here's \$11,000,000, here's \$10,000,000 and here's \$8,000,000. That's not going to happen and I don't want us to go three months and have that question be asked again – What happened to that?

Fred Page: If we can eliminate this 5,000 square feet that's \$1,000,000 off the price tag and if we get the state grant, we can do the development work and fund raising for another \$500,000. That's \$2,000,000 towards the overall costs.

Mr. Testa: It would seem, for me anyway, it would be wiser to cut some space out as opposed to all of a sudden eliminating aisle space and making it tighter here and making it all that. That doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

Fred Page: The space is required to house functions that the library provides, and there's no fluff in it, believe me.

Mr. Testa: Then that's important to know. Thank you.

Mr. Gee: I think that we are going to stick with the goal of a 20 year building. Now rest assured, that when we present you with a 20 year building that it will be pared down as much as we can do it and still keep it a 20 year building. The option thereafter is you get a 15 or 10 year building.

Mr. Spiteri: I got just a minor concern. I brought it up back in June to the committee. I wasn't quite sure if I understood that the Committee looked into the vision that I was asking. A few people have made certain comments about the old library as opposed to the new library and how nice it is. I don't think anyone who has been

in the town long enough to know both buildings would argue that the functions were different also. In the new library, it metamorphized as it went through its 20 years, and I'm concerned when I read the expansion planning. I don't see where there's been any investigation where we might be in 20 years for a library. From my standpoint, and this is what I say to people that I talk to about this subject now, is where the library has gone from 1981 or 82 and where it ended up in 20 years. I envision the new library making that kind of technology change in 5 years because are rapid all across the board. We are not living the same kind of lives that we were 20 years ago. I've heard a lot of people say the word stacks today and talk about space and getting through the stack, and I'm a little sensitive to that because of my situation, but I wonder if the library of 2020 is going to

need 100% of the books out for the public. When I think about this, I want to make sure that everybody understands where I'm going. Children's books, yes, I think you go through the stacks and you pick and choose what you want but I think adults pretty much know what they want. My wife, for instance, is she's going to use the public library, she goes online and reserves a book, gets a phone call and goes to pick it up. She doesn't need to walk through the stacks. So I'm just concerned that we are painting ourselves into a corner to accommodate 100% of the stacks where maybe fiction can be warehouse stored in another part of the building so the stacks don't have to be so accessible. Do you see where I'm trying to go with

this? I don't mean off-premise but maybe the library of the future might not need all of the stacks. I'm wondering if anyone has even looked at that on the Committee, and if they would for the next three months or so. I'd like to put my concerns to rest when we are at the end of Phase II.

Leslie Scherer: I think that certainly the libraries of the past had closed stacks. That's how libraries started 100 years ago when books were too precious to let people touch. We don't see that that will be in 20 years. Of course, I think that 20 years has gone by so quickly that it's hard for me to believe. A lot of people enjoy browsing, and I would almost say the opposite that for the non-fiction, they might use the catalogue and try to figure out the information that they need from the subject headings and so forth.

For fiction, and there are still lots and lots of fiction readers out there. We are a huge source of recreation for people. People browse. Lots of people use the web, and when we come in every morning, there are all those reserves that people have placed, and we pull them, and they then pick them up. Actually one of the things we had hoped for was a pick up window but the design doesn't lend itself to that. There are lots and lots of people who browse. Book production and bookstores are thriving. I can't tell you for certain but we haven't seen any indication that that's the way things are going. We don't keep a real extensive research collection that lends itself well to closed stacks that maybe only one person in 5 or 10 years would use. That's usually an academic library that would do that. We do plan for

some compact shelving. We have a little bit in the south wall of the fiction section of the library now where we keep back issues of magazines, and it's on rollers, and you have one aisle for every eight stacks. You save a lot of floor space. It's extremely heavy because the weight of the material is so concentrated. We do have those in the plans for the little used back issues.

Certainly that's changed a lot with online resources. We use a lot less of the magazines. We feel, Karen and I, that the most difficult part of anticipating the space is not the books but the media because that's a very important part of our services now, and it's changing now from videos to DVDs. You can fit twice as many DVDs in the space you can fit a video cassette. They're much skinnier, and who knows what in 5 years. It'll probably be something else. That's been the

most difficult to predict, and we just use the recommendations of the consultants and the state library. One of the things that we're aiming for is an open plan and flexibility, so that if perhaps stacks aren't needed and more computer workstations are needed, then it would be possible to transform that space and remove stacks and still have a usable space. I don't know if that answer your question or not.

Mr. Spiteri: I hate to have a design with these stacks and figuring out where we are going to be 20 years from now and then find out 10 years from now that we aren't going to be using stacks as much because some new technology comes through, like PC stations, and we would want to use the space towards that. I don't want to be locked in. I guess what I am looking for is reassurance that someone is looking towards the future and that we're going to have some flexibility with the library.

Karen Roesler: I Just had to say something. I think it would be difficult for the Committee to use that crystal ball. I know that in the profession that in the last 20 years we've had long discussions, conferences, and professionals across the country and world are talking about what the future of the library will be. We are aware. We are always thinking and reading about those issues and trying to think about what the future will be. What's become clear in the last 10 years is that as things, materials and resources, become available in formats that can be transferred electronically that the library, as a place, has become more important. Even though people can get things from home from the library without leaving home, which is wonderful, a lot of people, and more and more people, and that's not just in Wallingford but across the nation, are coming to the library as the place to be where they can share ideas with other people, where they can be around the books and the magazines and the information, a place where they can meet their neighbors and discuss things, where they can study quietly or read quietly, which they may not be able to do at home or at work. That's what's been happening in the library world.

Mr. Gee: Mr. Spiteri, I understand your point and what I will tell you is that when we meet as many times as we are going to be meeting, as we look at our 20 year building, along with looking at squeezing, along with looking at programs, I will tell you

that I will also ask the members to conceptualize what they think the library's function will be in 20 years. If the concept along with the help and expertise of Bruce (Tuthill, Architect), the librarians, the members and others, if we can come up with a concept of something that we think may not be needed in the next 10 or 15 years, believe me, we will take that into account.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other comments from the Council? I just have a quick question, Richard, or maybe the architect can handle this. The time frame for the two phases, if we grant this tonight, pass the ordinance, the next phase after the application for the grant goes in, is to begin the design work and the planning? In a rough time frame, when is that expected to be completed, and when do you want to come back to the Council? In talking with the Committee in the past, it's my understanding that you will go forward with the planning, and then come back to the Council for more hard numbers, so you can get some input or discussion from the Council before you go forward spending the second amount.

Mr. Gee: That is the plan. We would be coming back to the Council after the first portion of Phase II. As far as time and deadline are concerned, perhaps Bruce can help you out on that.

Bruce Tuthill: The design – development phase with everything proceeding smoothly should take about four months, so that would bring us back to you around the end of the year. At that point we will bring you up to date on where we are, what the costs are at that point, and then from there on the construction documents. That's the hard part. It's a big piece, specification drawings and the detailed engineering. The earliest we can do that is six months. It's in the schedule for 6 months. At the end of each phase, also, we would report back and get your concurrence to go on to the next one. Once we finish the documents, the next thing is to go out to bid.

Chairman Vumbaco: So you don't see a problem breaking with that timeline that you presented to Council already.

Bruce Tuthill: The early to middle part of November we will hear from the state on the grant so when we come back to you, we will have that information also.

Chairman Vumbaco: I'd just like to add my comments to my colleagues up here. I do think the committee and the staff have done an outstanding job, and I think that this is one of our better, active committees that has been good for the Council. I give you my congratulations so far too. If there are no other questions or concerns from the Council, then Roll Call vote, please.

Kathryn Zandi, Town Clerk: DiNatale-Absent, Doherty-Yes, Farrell-Yes, Knight-Yes, Papale-Yes, Parisi-Yes, Spiteri-Yes, Testa-Yes and Vumbaco-Yes

Chairman Vumbaco: I declare the Ordinance passed. Thank you.

Mr. Gee: Thank you.

Applause.

Chairman Vumbaco: Just again for information purposed if there's anybody here for Item # 15, that has been removed from the agenda. Before we get into Item #10, there is just one recognition that I'd like to make. We do have another member of the Commission on Diversity and Equal Opportunity who is just back from vacation and is here. I'd like to recognize for the record Mr. Loren Lettick. Thank you, Loren. We appreciate it and in September we will be talking.

Loren Lettick: I just want to offer my apology for my late arrival. I think I emailed you and told
you I would be out of state.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you and welcome. Item #10.

Mr. Hendershot: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, the P.U.C. meeting is still going on and the Water and Sewer were later on the P.U.C. agenda, so Mr. Smith, Mr. Dann and Mr. Phelan aren't here yet. Mr. Sullivan and I are here. If the Council wants to, we could move ahead to Item #12 and address the Electric issues

Chairman Vumbaco: OK.

Ms. Papale: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to move up Item #12 Electric Division, consider and approve transfers for the Electric Division.

Mr. Farrell: Second

Chairman Vumbaco: All in favor. Opposed? So moved. Item #12.

Ms. Papale: Before we go onto #12, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to Waive Rule #5
for the purpose of repairs to the Electric Division digger derrick truck.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion to Waive Rule #5. Is there a second?

Mr. Knight: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: All in favor? Opposed? So moved. We will do the Waiver first and then

Item #12 and we will take these one step at a time.

Ms. Papale: "Please find information regarding repairs needed for the Electric Division digger derrick truck. I do not believe this is an emergency issue, however, given that Morse Manufacturing is the only company available to provide appropriate repairs, a waiver of public bid is appropriate." This letter is from Mayor Dickinson to the Council Members. I make a motion that we waive the bid.

Mr. Knight: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Would you like to explain why we need the waiver.

Mr. Hendershot: Yes, the truck was at Morse Manufacturing for a repair on one of its throttles that we had an estimate for in the neighborhood of \$740.00. While they had the truck, they appropriately inspected other facets of it and discovered a broken pinion gear on the derrick turret. The estimate for that is \$3,500 although collectively they add up to more than \$4,000. The truck is one of only two of its type that we have. It's used for the setting and removal of poles. With thunderstorms and hurricanes looming, I don't want to be without one of them any longer than necessary.

Chairman Vumbaco: OK. Any questions Councilors? Public? We have a motion and a second to Waive the bid for repair of the digger derrick truck. All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? So moved. Item #12a.

Ms. Papale: To Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$80.00 to Operation Supervision and Engineering Acct #580 from Operation – Station Expenses Acct #582.

Mr. Testa: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: For edification purposes here, since we had so many items from the three departments, we lumped them altogether. Normally this would have been on the consent agenda but since we had you here, we thought we'd go through the motions and approve these as we go forward. Are there any questions from the Council on this transfer? All in favor. Opposed? So moved. Next one.

Ms. Papale: Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$87,800.00 to Liability Insurance Acct #926 from Outside Services Acct #923. So moved.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Could you explain?

Mr. Hendershot: I'll ask Mr. Sullivan to provide the details on this one.

Mr. Sullivan: We typically carry a reserve on our balance sheet, a liability at year-end that's usually brought to the level of \$150,000 to reflect liability for outstanding claims. This year we had more than normal the number of payments and the dollar amount that was paid out of that reserve. The current budget in account #925 is what's used to fund that reserve to replace the funds as we draw them down and there are basically not enough funds in account #925 to bring that back up to the level of \$150,000. It's basically tied to a number of settlements that occurred during the year and some back injuries. More expenses than we usually see.

Chairman Vumbaco: Is this 2004 or 2005?

Mr. Sullivan: This is 2004.

Chairman Vumbaco: This is last year. You're doing some cleaning up.

Mr. Sullivan: Yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: Just out of curiosity, why was there such a balance available in the Outside Services account?

Mr. Sullivan: The Outside Services is made up of legal expenses, engineering expenses and amounts paid to the town for the services that they provide us. All of those expenses were lower than normal. Last year when we had budgeted for the services from the town, it was subsequently revised down from we first approached you for the budget, so there is money available there as well as there wasn't need to use engineering services from outside firms as much.

Chairman Vumbaco: Is that the account that's used if there is an outside electrical services, pole work or line work?

Mr. Sullivan: No. This will be for consulting engineers as one example.

Chairman Vumbaco: OK. Thank you. Any questions Council? Public?

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville: Where is that \$87,800 coming from? Specifically.

Mr. Sullivan: It is from unexpended funds in our account 923, the Outside Services.

Mr. Melillo: Ok, thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other member of the public? Before we go forward on this, these were voted on the by the Public Utilities Commission?

Mr. Hendershot: Yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: So these are all set?

Mr. Hendershot: Yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. #12C.

Ms. Papale: Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$970.00 to Operation-Distribution and Load Dispatching Acct #581 from Operation – Station Expenses Acct #582.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Any Comments? Again this is a 2004 issue? Cleanup?

Mr. Sullivan: Yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: Council? Any questions? Public? We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Ms. Papale: 12D. To consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$189,500 to Purchased Power Acct #555 from Maintenance – Station Equipment for \$45,500 Acct # 592 and from Maintenance Overhead Lines for \$144,000 Acct #593. So moved.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Council? Lois.

Ms. Doherty: Could you explain on #2? You have a credits for transmission line ownership by Electric Division. Could you explain that?

Mr. Hendershot: Yes, we own a small but not insignificant about of 115 KV line at the south edge of town. By virtue of where it sits, power in that portion of the grid other, than what is used to serve Wallingford, floats through the line. We receive some credits for the ISO for the use of those lines by everyone. The fact that power flows through it not just to serve the E street station, so that's a bit of an offset against charges that are coming from the ISO as a result of item 1 above that.

Ms. Doherty: Also with ISO, when did you learn this in March?

Mr. Hendershot: I think it's maybe even more recent than that. What was surprising to us, and Tom may be able to explain this better than I, the charges brought to our attention after the first of July but because it reflected rule changes at ISO earlier in the year accounting practices say that a certain amount of it needs to be administered over those calendar months, thus in the previous fiscal year, so that's what this transfer by and large is about.

Mr. Sullivan: With deregulation, we are going to see more of this. ISO is to some extent hitting you with these charges retroactively. They have the expenditures. They assess it and turn around and charge it. Unfortunately, it may always be reacting and coming back to you after the fact, if our budget is that tight, which it was this year as you know. We've been before you for the same line item so this line item had been tight. These kind of last minute things from what I'm led to understand are going to happen and continue to happen as they assess their costs and evaluate their costs, it's time for them to come back to us to get reimbursed. If our budget is that tight, we'll be in front of you asking to make these kinds of transfers.

Ms. Doherty: Has this happened in the past to this degree? Or is this in preparation for future transmission lines?

Mr. Hendershot: This particular charge is new from the ISO, the reliability must run feature. Tom is correct in alluding that the ISO works out its market and business rules, there is likely to be more changes before there are fewer changes. They impact us retroactively. There is no way to know until they have. The wholesale market and the way the ISO runs the transmission system and the markets associated with it, while that's still being worked out, these sorts of things are likely to happen going forward.

Ms. Doherty: Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thanks, Lois. Any other questions? Their fiscal year ends the same as ours? Do you know? Is this a result of them cleaning up their books and finding out there are additional charges?

Mr. Hendershot: I don't believe so. I think it's a change in their market rules, and they are for the first time issuing reliability must run credits to certain plants, and therefore turning around and assessing all users of the grid those charges.

Chairman Vumbaco: This is different than the Purchased Power the last time you were here?

Mr. Hendershot: Yes. It's assessed through CMEEC. CMEEC is the one that encumbers this charge and they proportion out Wallingford's share of it but this is different than that. Those are different charges.

Chairman Vumbaco: And you experienced less maintenance of the overhead lines this year or did you overestimate or is it just some formula? Because that's obviously where the majority of the money is coming from.

Mr. Hendershot: These numbers are largely contingency amounts we budget more than we expect to use in a routine basis but what we hope is sufficient to see us through storms and accidents and things. It was a fairly benign weather year at least as far as impact on our electric plant was concerned and so these sorts of funds remain.

Chairman Vumbaco: I suspect this upcoming budget, you budgeted the same type of contingencies.

Mr. Hendershot: Yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other Council have questions? Public? We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. Thanks, gentlemen. Iris?

Ms. Papale: I just have a comment. I was hoping that next time when we get our agenda with your things in it that it would be easier to read. Did you see how our information came through?

Mr. Sullivan: I know last week last minute because of the P.U.C. and the Town Council schedule, they were faxing some information.

Ms. Papale: No, no, no. It was just very hard to read it.

Mr. Sullivan: It looks like you got a copy of a fax that was sent up last week and I apologize.

Ms. Papale: The last one was OK but I had a problem.

Mr. Sullivan: Because of the time line, waiting to get these costs in and finalized, and then the P.U.C. meeting and the Town Council meeting scheduled for the same day. It's unusual.

Chairman Vumbaco: We aren't as young as we used to be, Tom.

Mr. Hendershot: We'll try to up the font size.

Chairman Vumbaco: OK, thank you. Michael.

Mr. Spiteri: Could you explain what ISO is?

Mr. Hendershot: That's the Independent System Operator. I'm new to New England so I'm forced to draw a mid-Atlantic parallel, and you folks don't know mid-Atlantic region. They are the folks who are charged with the operation of the high voltage grid from Maine through Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts – all of the New England states. They are also effectively the wholesale market, sort of the

stock exchange for electricity, within the region also. The true title is ISO New England, Independent System Operator for New England.

(off microphone question from Mr. Spiteri; indecipherable)

Mr. Hendershot continued - Yes, running everything probably effectively 69 kv and above and then also separately but concurrently running the electricity markets.

(off microphone question from Mr. Spiteri; indecipherable)

Mr. Hendershot continued – No, ISOs weren't and not every state or region has an ISO. New England's technically was the first and in the energy press the PGAM interconnection – Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and some surrounding states – that entity operated very similarly to New England.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, gentlemen. Lois.

Ms. Doherty: I'd like to Waive Rule 5 to adopt a Revised Resolution of an original Resolution that was passed in March of this year in the Department of Economic and Community Development which Authorized \$50,000 to undertake the Johnson Mansion, Phase II.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion to Waive Rule 5. Is there a second?

Mr. Parisi: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Is there any Council discussion? This is basically just clarifying a Resolution that was made in March by this Council. Any questions or concerns? All in favor of Waiving Rule 5. Opposed? So moved. Not we will have a motion to adopt the change in the Resolution.

Mr. Parisi: So moved.

Mr. Spiteri: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: OK. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Mr. Farrell: I abstained.

Chairman Vumbaco: Yes, Mr. Farrell abstained. We will now go on to Item #13.

Ms. Papale: #13 is to consider and Approve a Land Transfer agreement between the Town of Wallingford and James P. and Patricia A. Wolfe at 5 Masonic Avenue. Given to us by the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Mayor?

Mayor Dickinson: I believe that you have copies of the agreements and a map involved. Mr. Wolfe is here as is the Town Engineer. If you take a look at the map, I'll try to explain it for the benefit of everyone from here. (*easel set up*) This is the property. The Town of Wallingford owns the property all around this property, and it's Lufberry Park. Mr. Wolfe owns this sliver of land here, and, I believe, it's 5 Masonic Avenue. What's been discovered is that in this green area here on the left, the garage, where it says wood framed garage on the map, extends over the property boundary line. On the right hand side, the map shows an area to the right, the septic system is located at some point within that green area.

These factors were unknown and have come to light since Mr. Wolfe has owned the property and apparently were installed many years ago, so they are long standing incursions over the boundary line. In order to correct this situation as well as a water problem on Masonic Avenue, this property is bounded by Masonic Avenue, water comes off of the hill and across the property, across the septic system area and ends up on Masonic Avenue causing a traffic hazard.

In order to correct these things, the agreement would provide for our swapping of land the green area for the blue area. The Town of Wallingford would convey the green area to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe. The Town of Wallingford would receive in exchange the blue area at the top, the two areas of 11,000 square feet is the exact amount green and blue. So we are ending up with the same amount of real estate. There is also an agreement that there be no effort to subdivide the property. It gains more frontage on the road. We didn't want to see it used then to create another lot so there's an agreement that would not occur. Mr. Wolfe is committing himself to a number of things including changing the driveway location.

Jim Wolfe, 5 Masonic Avenue: In order to correct the water problem, we're going to have to put in a drainage system in the current driveway area and on the new driveway to keep the water out of the road. That would be my expense and I would take care of that. Just so you know, this problem I inherited. It goes back at least 50 years that I can attest to, maybe further. Apparently when the boundaries for the park and the property were drawn, they were improperly drawn, and we're just trying to correct it. After a couple of years working on this, this is the best system that we came up with so far.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you.

Mayor Dickinson: I think that pretty much explains, and we've discussed this earlier so it's not a new issue.

Mr. Farrell: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Mayor, do we know the blue area that we are getting? People have always told me that parts of that general hill had mines in them, old mines. Do we know that there are no old mines in the blue area that we are getting?

Mayor Dickinson: Do you mean by mines those explosive devises?

Mr. Farrell: No.

Mayor Dickinson: Or we talking about tunneling?

Mr. Farrell: Like copper mines.

Mayor Dickinson: Tunneling.

Mr. Farrell: Yes.

Mayor Dickinson: I don't think we are aware of any tunnels.

Mr. Wolfe: I, personally, have walked the entire hill and I have not found any. I have found a couple of old foundations which were very small, maybe 20 x 20, but I have not found any mines and also, currently at the top of Lufberry, the town uses that blue portion right now for leaves in the fall, it's already being used by the town.

Mr. Farrell: Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other questions by the Council? Public? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Thank you Mr. Wolfe. Thank you, Mayor. Item #14. OK. Ray come on up. We'll do #14 since we're here and then we'll go back to the other issues.

Ms. Papale: I'd like to make the motion to Consider and Approve an Inter-Municipal Agreement between W & W Properties, LLC, the Town of Cheshire and the Town of Wallingford and an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and the Town of Cheshire regarding the Town of Wallingford providing sewer service to 51 units in Cheshire within a project known as Old Tuttle Village.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Ms. Papale: Mr. Smith.

Ray Smith: After the writing of that letter and the request for the agenda item, that has now been renamed to Farm Side Village, formerly known as Farmside, they resubmitted to Planning and Zoning both in Wallingford and in Cheshire. This is a name change and some other minor changes and we have a new set of plans but

that doesn't change the essence of what we are seeking. Just to let you know, the P.U.C. tonight approved the execution agreements subject to final review by the Town Attorney's Office and by our staff for review and approval. These two agreements describe the conditions under which the Town of Wallingford and its water and sewer division would provide water and sewer services to those properties, specifically this relates to the sewer service.

We are going into Cheshire to provide 51 units with sewer service, and obviously, Cheshire has the franchise rights or the rights to serve in that area but they don't have a system available, so they are allowing us to go in and serve. There are certain conditions, and one of those is that ultimately Cheshire would be the grantor that the bills would get paid through the lien process or whatever. That's the essence of the agreement between Cheshire and us. Further there is a three party agreement between the towns, Cheshire and Wallingford, and the developer and again outlining certain conditions that would be required in order to have the Town of Wallingford provide the sewer services into the area.

Just to let you know, there are two other agreements, one doesn't come before you of an agreement between the Commission and the developer, which delineates all the conditions and terms the developer is obliged to adhere to in order to receive water and sewer service. For example, the connection fees. There are some unique charges that we have developed for properties only in Cheshire, since we are not obliged to serve Cheshire water-sewer services. There will be a \$1,000 payment to have the privilege of connecting to our system and the developer has agreed to that. There are certain other requirements for making payment toward the Quinnipiac River siphon improvements. That's an agreement again between the Commission and the developer.

The fourth agreement, and I don't have a copy of that yet, is between the Town of Wallingford and the South Central Regional Water Authority, which grants us authorization to serve 51 units in Cheshire. The water system would be extended by the developer, and we are willing to serve the 51 units in Cheshire in addition to the 41 units in Wallingford. There are a number of good benefits to us. The major one is that it provides for potential future interconnection with the South Central Regional Water Authority even we don't think that we are going to need it within the next decade or foreseeable future, it kind of lays out the plan so that if there ever comes a need that we need to connect with Cheshire, this is closest point that we could do that. The developer is interested in sewer service obviously. It's critical to his project because the land up there is not really suitable for septic systems. We are willing to extend our service at his cost and take on those sewer customers but we get the benefit #1 of revenues and #2 of additional improvements within the systems, both water and sewer, that we think is good for us in long range planning. That's a fairly short summary.

Mr. Farrell: Ray, the question that I have is this. About 20 years ago when we were rebuilding our current sewer treatment plant, we were required under the terms of that grant

to avoid special agreements. Is this kind of agreement going to get us in trouble down the road if we ever applied for a federal grant for an upgrade to our sewer plant or a new sewer plant?

Ray Smith: The short answer is no, we don't believe so and we have checked with the appropriate people in that. The conditions of that grant require us to establish a uniform user charge and that was very critical that people couldn't have special rates. By making an upfront payment to essentially buy into the system, we are charging all of those customers uniform sewer rates. We already have a couple of customers on the fringes that are Wallingford sewer customers, and we have had some of these inter-municipal agreements but you raise a good point, and you're right, and we didn't want to jeopardize that. We have covered it, and we think maintaining a uniform user charge is consistent with that grant process.

Mr. Farrell: I guess the question that arises from what you said is if somebody out there is listening to what we are talking about, are these people in Cheshire – could it be aptly described as they are doing no better or no worse than the average Wallingford Sewer customer?

Ray Smith: They will be treated as any other sewer customer. They are paying additional monies upfront to buy in to the privilege, and after that they will be treated the same way. They are making a contribution of \$1,000 of 51 customers or \$51,000 to the sewer division revenue stream for capitol projects or other things.

Mr. Farrell: Thank you.

Ms. Papale: Have we ever done this before?

Ray Smith: Yes, we've had a couple of small instances over the years. They are usually individual, and they never take on a number of 50 or a large number at one time. They have made extensions into our system, connected to our system, paid whatever charges there were necessary.

Ms. Papale: If we had said no, or the P.U.C. had said no, and they didn't connect to our sewer system, how would they have managed the sewage on this project?

Ray Smith: I don't know. Obviously, we would have connected to the 41 into the Wallingford system. How they would have dealt with the properties on the Cheshire side, I don't know. It is my understanding that the property and the wetlands and a number of factors don't lend themselves well to septic systems. That's why we were looking for a benefit for our system, and the benefit really translates over on the water side because we're going to pick up 51 customers at water and sewer, and there are revenues that go with that but they are actually going to build out our system coming down Gaylord Farms Road across Tuttle Avenue and allow for the connection out to the town line. We always viewed that as the most likely

place for us to connect to the South Central Regional Water Authority System, and in our long range plan in the Water supply plan, we've identified that as one of our potential water sources in the long run. It might be twenty years out. It might be forty out. It may never happen but there's always this opportunity and the water system could grow from Cheshire Road and Tuttle Avenue. That area is currently not serviced, and if there is a need and customers want to have the water main extended, it's that much closer.

Mr. Parisi: Is this a similar situation as with Caldor's?

Ray Smith: No, it's a little different than Caldor's. Meriden actually supplies water. We buy the water from Meriden and then we resell it to Caldor's. It's kind of the reverse in essence where Meriden is helping us serve a Wallingford customer.

Mr. Parisi: Thank you.

Mr. Spiteri: Ray, these are housing units, right? These aren't condos?

Ray Smith: Yes, they are clusters. They are age restricted in Cheshire. Cheshire put that caveat on. I understand that that's not a condition that allowable or mandated in Wallingford but I think for marketing purposes, it's intended to make them all age restricted. They're goal is to cater to a senior market, a senior being 50 or 55.

Mr. Spiteri: The units are not attached?

Ray Smith: As I understand from the plans they are currently planned to be detached units.

Mr. Spiteri: Also, is Cheshire under the New Haven Water Authority right now?

Ray Smith: The South Central Regional Water Authority, that's part of their franchise and they globally have agreed, the CEO, have allowed us to serve those customers under a re-capture agreement. A re-capture agreement is that if in the future they decide to expand their system and run it down into that area, they have a right to come back and ask for those 51 customers back. We do these a lot on the electric side where we're along the border of the town when it's easier for us to serve. We have customers in Durham, for example, 20 or 30 out there that the Electric Division has served for years but by agreement if CL&P ever wants to come back and insist on serving those customers, they have that right. When they tried that one time, those customers objected, and they backed off. My opinion is that it is unlikely to see any expansion of the Regional Water System into that area in the foreseeable future. There is just not enough demand or want for those services.

Mr. Spiteri: The work underground will be by our rules because I know that Cheshire is a lot different than Wallingford.

Ray Smith: Oh, yes. Those units that are in Cheshire the developer will have to abide by both Cheshire rules and our rules in Wallingford and anything within our town boundaries are subject to our rules and regulations, the technical specifications. We would have to approve any plans or submittals. I think that one other thing that comes out of this, the other agreement that the developer has agreed to turn over a parcel of property that would be used for a future water pump station and if we ever do make that interconnection we set aside 20,000 square feet, one half acre, for a water pump station, that would be needed to interconnect with the Regional Water Authority because our pressure is higher so we would have to pump up put of their system into our system.

Ms. Doherty: Where are we percentage wise as far as capacity on the water treatment plant. Weren't we at 76 % or something of that nature?

Ray Smith: The water treatment plant averages about 5 to 5 ½ million gallons a day. It's rated a 12 inch deep plant. Anymore of a concern in the long range plan would be watershed or reserves.

Ms. Doherty: Did I say water? I'm sorry. I meant sewer.

Ray Smith: We are below the number. It's an 8 MGD plant. Our average flow in the last few years have been somewhere between 4 ½ to 6 million gallons per day. It varies as a result of precipitation, inflow infiltration, runoff. Last month we were down to 4 million gallons. 51 units is not going to jeopardize our system. The percentage is about 60-70% would you agree with that Roger?

Mr. Dann: Yes, we're probably in that range. I think as Mr. Smith indicated it does vary year to year somewhat. My recollection over the last decade our average flow into the waste water plant has been 5 ½ million gallons per day, and the facility is rated for 8 million gallons per day; however, if we were to exceed 90% of that or 7.2 million gallons per day, we would then have to start planning for an expansion. At this point in time we are well below the capacity of that facility, and in fact, other impacts relatable primarily to precipitation, the actual sort of build consumption has been pretty steady over the last decade.

Ms. Doherty: Thank you.

Mr. Knight: What is the zoning out there, how many acre zoning is out there?

Chairman Vumbaco: The last time they came in, it was one acre.

Mr. Knight: I always said that as soon as we extend sewer and water into certain areas that all of a sudden we jeopardize the two and three zoning that certain people seem to enjoy in certain parts of town, which is why I asked the question. In order to connect to our system they are going to have to build down some road?

Mr. Dann: They'll be extending water main in Gaylord Farms Road. It currently comes up to the point of the water storage tank, and it would be picked up at that point and continue westerly to the point where it meets the unimproved Tuttle Avenue.

Mayor Dickinson: Is your question, does this open up new areas for water sewer connection?

Mr. Knight: Yes.

Mayor Dickinson: The question is does this open up new acreage that would then be developable given the water-sewer connection.

Mr. Dann: Well, it certainly make the water main fronting more property. Now that property out there is largely owned by a single entity who already front upon the existing water mains, so in terms of the development of the major parcels that are in that area, it probably only minimally opens things up. There may be a few locations that may be easier to serve but I don't think that it creates any major change in our available service area. Probably the most likely possibility would be that by coming across through unimproved Tuttle Avenue and coming out to Cheshire Road that you now offer up the opportunity that some of the area out there which is already developed but is not on our water system might at some point in the future if necessary be able to access out system without such a major extension.

Mr. Knight: Thank you, Mayor. There is this unintended consequence law that I was concerned about by extending the service to where it's being extended. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: What's the cost of the improvements that we are going to get by extending the line besides the \$51,000? They are going to extend from their development out to the water tower, right? At their cost. If the town were to do that, if you were to do that, what would it cost?

Ray Smith: Several hundreds of thousands of dollars. I think we've done some in house estimates. I didn't bring my copy.

Chairman Vumbaco: If at sometime in the future you were to extend that out because of the hook up with the Water Authority, the town would have to spend X thousands of dollars.

Ray Smith: Oh yes.

Chairman Vumbaco: So this is going to save us that. That's what I getting at. Theirs is more than just \$51,000 here.

Ray Smith: This would save us about 3,000 feet of 16" water main that we would have to install in our segment to make that interconnection a viable option in the future.

Chairman Vumbaco: What if the pressure out there gets to the point where you can't provide the proper service and a pump station has to be built. Is that going to be on our dime or on the developer's dime?

Ray Smith: There is plenty of pressure out there currently to service this area. That pump station would be to pump up water up from the Cheshire systems into our system. They are running at lower pressures than we would so we have to force it to get into the tank for example. It would be our pump station on our dime. I don't want to mislead you. They're giving us the property but in the future if it happens that will be part of interconnection agreement with South Central that we would have to install that pump station to make sure it would work that the water could get into our systems.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other questions? Public? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Item 10.

Ms. Papale: #10A is to Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$7,000.00 to Injuries and Damages Acct from Outside Services Acct from the Sewer Division.

Mr. Testa: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. The only question that I have is this an 2004 or an 2005 transfer? And the reason for it?

Mr. Dann: It's 2004. You may have gotten a little bit of background on it previously. At the end of the past fiscal year, we received an invoice for an assessment second (*coughing covered Mr. Dann's statements*) which would cause it to exceed our available funds and so in order to pay that timely we were looking for an increase to the injuries and damages account and at that time \$7,000 and subsequent to that some additional increases were receive and for that reason you are seeing a second transfer into that same account as another item tonight.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other questions from the Council? Public? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Item 10B.

Ms. Papale: #10B Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$10,000 to Injuries and Damages Acct from Office Supplies and Expenses in the amount of \$5,000 and from Misc. Plant Expense in the amount of \$5,000 from the Sewer Division.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Any questions Council? Public? All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Ms. Papale: #10C Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$5,400 to Chemical

Expense from Operating Labor and Expense Acct from Sewer Division.

Mr. Parisi: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Reason for the transfer? Again last year?
This year?

Mr. Dann: Again it's 2004, previous year transfer. During the course of the year as you recollect, we were back several times looking for additional funding to deal with than expected sludge disposal quantities. For the purpose of processing sludge, we use a polymer for conditioning the product for dewatering. Associated with that, we ended up having to buy more polymer than usual, and in this particular case, we did receive an invoice that came in very late, and it caused us to exceed the budget for the year so we're trying to correct for that so we can pay that invoice.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any questions by the Council? If not, I have a couple of questions. I'm putting my accounting cap on. How could you make the expenditure if you didn't have the money on the budget? And shouldn't you have known that the expenditure was there so that you could have accrued for that for year end so you wouldn't have to go through these transfers?

Mr. Dann: The answer to the first one is that we probably should have known that it was there. What occurred was that we received a delivery of chemical back in December of 2003 and we were not invoiced promptly for that and so subsequently additional orders were placed. Our records did not show a payment for that December delivery, and we lost track of it and we weren't invoiced until late June-early July timeframe at which time it was too late, and we recognized that this invoicing had been forgotten. It was an accurate invoice but it certainly wasn't timely. I wish that we had a better means to remember that it was there, in which case, we would have been coming to you last year at a point in time that we knew we were going to need additional funds rather than at this point and after the fact. We would certainly prefer to not be dealing with it after the fact.

Chairman Vumbaco: My only concern is to have the controls in place. If you have a purchase order for a significant item, you should know that the purchase order was either not fully used up or there was something purchased against that so you could at least know what your year end expenditures are. That's the only reason I'm raising it up. It is something that you should probably look into, if in fact you haven't already.

Ray Smith: We've had some discussions on this to make sure there is a cross reference on these invoices when somebody gets a delivery, somebody forwards it up and that somebody would track it and anticipate an invoice, and if it doesn't show to flag it.

Mr. Spiteri: Somewhere in my reading there was going to be some discussion on pump stations from Ulbrich to McKenzie and some agreements with ISO.

Chairman Vumbaco: That's the next one Mike.

Mr. Spiteri: OK, I have a few quick questions.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other comments on this item from the Council? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. #10D.

Ms. Papale: To Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment of \$68,000 to increase Misc. Non-Operation Revenue Acct and \$11,000 to increase Treatment Plant Structures & Improvements Acct.

Mr. Parisi: Second.

Mr. Spiteri: About a flow station on Muddy River. As part of the agreement the Town was going to be responsible for the construction of this flow station?

Mr. Dann: That's a different item.

Mr. Spiteri: OK. Then I'll hold off.

Mr. Dann: Maybe just by way of introducing this and the companion request that's going to be heard on the Water Division. In both Water and Sewer Division we have been elected to and been accepted to participate in the ISOs load reduction program which will be in effect over the next roughly four year period, and the terms of the agreement are that we agree within a fixed time period, one half hour of notification, to interrupt the load that we are placing on the system if called upon. It would be something where we would be called on as you get many steps down into the response is necessary but basically a shed load to help protect the system. What we get from this, is we get a monthly payment that will net at about ten dollars per KW, kilowatt, that we shed from the load. We receive that payment every month for the next four years whether we are called upon to be interrupted or not.

What we were doing in both Water and Sewer are reflecting an additional revenue expectation in the current year related to that and then in both divisions but for different reasons we do have some costs that we are reflecting. In the case of the Sewer Division, we would like to be able to install and uninterruptible power supply to protect some of our sensitive laboratory equipment, which if it is subject to a power interruption is prone to some damage and we want to avoid that so we are looking to use some of this on a one time basis to buy an uninterruptible power supply in the Sewer Division. When we get to the Water Division, the expenses we incur are somewhat different, and they are related to some variation

in the way in which we need to operate. A couple of our pump stations so in order to actually obtain the revenue we will incur some additional costs, which fortunately we will be paying over to the Electric Division, so they will get some return on this as well.

Ms. Doherty: This four year period that commenced in June, you have for current fiscal year projected revenue of \$68,000. Is it going to vary for the next three years?

Mr. Dann: This is based upon the estimate of about a net \$10 per kw interrupted and the load that we committed to interrupt at the waste water treatment plant. In the first year there are some start up costs that we have to incur and will be offset against the revenue. For example, get metering set up, get access to the metering. It means an internet access to the meter so that ISO can remotely look at what the loads look like. We had to modify and provide some metering on our generators. So in the first year the revenue is a little bit less. It's go up perhaps \$4,000 or \$5,000 in each of the subsequent years.

Ms. Doherty: I know you mentioned in the other one but you didn't mention the cost for operating our emergency generator during that time.

Mr. Dann: There will be some fuel consumption. We haven't pursued a transfer request at this time. We're presuming that the number of interruptions and the volume of fuel consumed will be relatively small. We might have to come back if there are numerous interruptions and we do use considerable fuel, we may need to come back later in the year but at this point in time we don't think that is probable.

Ms. Doherty: Thank you.

Mr. Knight: What would you anticipate in terms of interruptions? Is this during the hot summer? Is this similar to the Connecticut Steel agreement?

Mr. Smith: It's somewhere in that range. ISO is looking for a number of customers or actually they're looking for a specific load of 300 megawatts that they could call upon on short notice to interrupt, shift to another power source like emergency generation. We've signed up a number of facilities – water, we have two pump stations, the water treatment plant and the sewer treatment plant, which aggregate to over one megawatt to a megawatt and one half. I think I may have described this to the Council before. Last year would have run about sixteen hours, August 14; the year before zero hours; the year before that six hours. It hasn't run yet this year. In fact because it hasn't run, they are actually going to do a test so we can verify that we are doing it. We expect that test later this week or early next week at this point. My expectation is that we probably won't actually see a request for interruption this year at all. It's weather dependent. It's transmission and generation dependent. We estimated early on in this program between 30 and 50 hours a year that these machines would have to run, for example, the CMEEC generators we added down there.

Mr. Knight: OK, just curious about the impact on the town.

Mr. Vumbaco: Any other comments? OK. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Item 11.

Ms. Papale: Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment of \$104,500 to increase Misc. Non-Operation Revenue Acct and \$31,000 to increase Fuel or Power Purchased for Pumping Acct. Asked for by the Water Division.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Mr. Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Is it the same that we just talked about?

Mr. Dann: It's basically the same. The difference is on the expense side. We have a somewhat higher expense and that's associated with payments that we will need to make to the Electric Division because in some modification if the way we operate the pump stations.

Mr. Spiteri: I think we're close enough. I had some basic questions just so I understand this. This is to get water from McKenzie and Ulbrich?

Mr. Dann: It's water drawn from McKenzie pumped to Ulbrich and then water pumped from Ulbrich up to Pistapaug Pond.

Mr. Spiteri: So it's going up not down.

Mr. Dann: That's correct.

Mr. Spiteri: The pumps run sixteen hours a day. They run at night, and it's automated. It's not something where we're going to have to change a policy to run at night so we're not running at peak.

Mr. Dann: They tend to operate based upon a couple of factors. One is available water so we look at what's available to pump during the course of any given month. And we look at the status of any given supply. That's factored into our decision of whether to operate or not and then status of supply will effect how we operate – do we operate for 24 hours a day, do we operate for 8 hours a day. In this case we will probably operate for shorter durations but at higher rates. The net amount moved from one reservoir to the other would stay about the same but the means by which we move it would be slightly changed.

Mr. Spiteri: And the reason why we are pumping uphill is because that's where the water is but there isn't a lot of storage space?

Mr. Dann: Right. The treatment facility is located at the upper elevation and so the bulk of the water flows into McKenzie, we need to move that through the larger impoundments that are further up gradient but have relatively small water shed area. The way in which this system is structure, we move it uphill and then from that point we can feed by gravity down into the majority of the town.

Mr. Spiteri: Any this in conjunction with ISO so they can manage their system better, they are going to give us credits or pay us? That's my understanding on this.

Mr. Smith: Yes, they are looking for another resource since they can't since they can't get generation in bulk. They are looking for another way to manage the load by reducing it or add some temporary generation, emergency generation, and they are paying all those users who subscribe. There are hundreds of people around Connecticut who have signed on to this. We happen to have seven customers who are involved in the program.

Mr. Spiteri: Do you see a cease and desist or a shut down because of a peak load lasting more than 24 hours? Would it be something like 12 hours during waking hours?

Mr. Dann: The agreement gives them a window between 7am and 6pm when they can interrupt us so we are not obligated outside of that time frame to be interrupted, and I think that in all likelihood our experience has been the peak loads tend to be more toward the middle part of that period, so on any given day, it's probably unlikely it would operate more than an 8 hour sort of duration. But our agreement is that if we are called upon between 7am and 6pm, we would interrupt our load for duration.

Mr. Spiteri: My concern would be, and I'm sure that it has been addressed, but I just want to be sure that if there was a loss of power somewhere due to whatever or a natural disaster, the grid does not have the capacity to fulfill its obligations, we wouldn't be shutdown for a month and not be able to run those pumps.

Mr. Smith: That would be an extremely serious event. The blackout of last year lasted a little over a day. In today's world it could be more extended time periods. To face reality, terrorism is now a significant factor in our world. You could really upset the electric system for days or weeks at a time. Look at the natural disaster from Charlie, there are going to be people over two weeks before they get their power restored.

Terrorism with the right of plans could do a lot of destruction and cause a lot of interruptions in the electrical system for weeks and months at a time. You might, I suspect, get into rolling blackouts. That's the reality of it. I hate to say it but it's out there. Under those conditions, might we be asked to run more in this equipment or pump differently, that's a possibility. You may to conceivably get into a rationing situation, where they ration out the power to various areas, and that's is essentially what a rolling blackout is. It's a rationing of available

resources so that everybody at least gets a share of the load for a certain amount of time. If you'd asked me that question five years ago, I might have had a different answer but because of other impacts beyond our control, it could happen, unfortunately, an extended outage.

Mr. Spiteri: We're not going to be shut down for 30 days. If there's power available, do we have a window that we can run from 3am to 6am.

Mr. Dann: As a practical matter, the pump stations, if they are shut down for a day are not going to significantly alter our operation. They are basically done over extended periods of time. They are not directly related to the instantaneous needs of the town at that point. For the two treatment facilities, they are equipped with emergency generation, so that we are able sustain our operations continuously in the event that we have a power outage, so we are already equipped for the possibility that we might lose power for extended periods, and, of course, in the past when those were designed, that was more geared towards the thought that if a hurricane came through or something of a natural disaster type and you were without power for extended periods of time you'd still be able to power up major facilities and operate your system. I think we are equipped for that sort of scenario. The downfall in all of that, I suppose, is if there is an extended outage and you were to lose emergency generation at the same time then there would be a much greater priority to getting normal power restored or getting that generator repaired as quickly as possible.

Mr. Knight: What form does this emergency generation take? Is it a diesel engine or what do you have on site, just a small diesel engine.

Mr. Dann: It's an on-site diesel driven engine coupled to a generator.

Mr. Knight: I'd like to compliment you on your ingenuity in attracting more revenue to the town. That sounds like a good program.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you, Steve. All set? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Next?

Ms. Papale: 11B. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment of \$9,700 to increase Maint. Of Transmission and Distribution Mains and \$19,500 to increase Transmission and Distribution Mains and \$29,200 to increase Appropriation from Retained Earnings (Cash) for Rate Stabilization.

Mr. Parisi: Second

Chairman Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second. Any questions by the Council? Mr. Testa?

Mr. Testa: I am trying to follow the budget. I'm getting enlightened a little bit tonight. I was looking over the last item just trying to figure out how the decrease in the appropriation from Retained earnings from rate stabilization was written and reflected. Basically that's how you accounted for the positive cash flow difference. And then in this one this a net loss so you are accounting for that through an increase in retained earnings. It's sort of to offset it. I'm wondering why have the retained earnings for rate stabilization in the middle? Why can't cash from one just fly over to the other one?

Mr. Dann: I think the cash for rate stabilization from retained earnings that we show in each budget is essentially the balancing component, so at the end of the budget process, we either are in need of drawing some funds out of our retained earnings, or we may be increasing our retained earnings, and so that line becomes the balancing line in our budget, so when we need to draw more from that, then we are appropriating more from the retained earnings, or if we are generating additional revenue as we did, then we are decreasing the draw on that, which in essence is decreasing the appropriation from retained earnings. It's a little bit confusing.

Mr. Testa: It's a budgetary way of saying we're putting the 74 in the bank and we're taking 28 out.

Mr. Dann: That's correct.

Mr. Testa: OK. Thank you.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other questions? Comments? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Ms. Papale: 11C. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver Request USGS Stream Gauging Station.

Mr. Parisi: Second.

Mr. Dann: As described in my cover letter, we in the Water Division recently received a renewal of the diversion permit under which we operate the McKenzie, Ulbrich and Pistapaug diversions. That permit has been issued now for the next 25 year period. One of the conditions of the permit is that we must install, and subsequently maintain over the duration of the permit, a stream gauging station to monitor stream flow in the Muddy River just downstream of our reservoir discharge, and in order to proceed to implement the installation of the station associated with that we are proposing to utilize the U.S. Geological Survey.

This is obviously what they do for a business is this sort of stream gauging work, both to do the installation, and then, subsequently, on a regular basis, provide the necessary maintenance of that gauging station, which includes periodic calibration of it for accuracy, maintenance of the equipment that is installed, the electronic

equipment and then they also maintain the record information that is generated from the station so that becomes part of the USGS database and available both to us and others that may want to utilize it for the purposes of stream flow record. Because we are obligated to do this in conformance with their standards, that's the way the permit is written, we need to do this in conformance with USGS standards and because we want to be sure there is a uniformity and a continuity to this record over the period of the permit, we think that the best way to proceed is

to utilize the USGS for this purpose and that's why we are asking for the bid waiver request at this time. The way in which I wrote this we are looking for it for the current fiscal year. What I've learned since, and just to make sure you understand this the same way I do, in the current year we would do the installation and they would begin the monitoring process but they bill on a water year basis.

The water year runs from September 30 to October 1, so the first, although we would be incurring the service in the current fiscal year, the first invoice for that service, the ongoing service, wouldn't be done until the fall of next fiscal year. So in essence, we would be coming back as we get into '06 (fiscal year 2006) requesting the bid waiver for USGS again to meet the payment due in October for what's primarily this fiscal year's monitoring.

Ray Smith: Just so you understand, that's not one day. It's October 1 to September 30.

Chairman Vumbaco: I figured that one out. I was thinking that's a lot of work in one day. Roger, you didn't put dollars on the bid waiver

Mr. Dann: The installation is a \$10,000 expense so that's the amount to set up the gauging station as well as do some of the initial calibration work to make sure of the accuracy. The first year's operating cost is \$10,400. And then apparently, USGS also puts up a \$10,000 amount on their side, which is utilized in general towards the maintenance of all of the gauging network within the State of Connecticut, so they make a contribution, not specifically to our project but because that project is there they contribute a certain amount to the overall stream gauging network.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any questions?

Mr. Spiteri: Can you explain what is involved with the stream gauging station? Is it just a little tiny shed or is it going to be....well, I imagine for \$10,000 it's not going to be very elaborate.

Mr. Dann: It's not extremely elaborate. What they do in order to gauge a stream is they look for a section of stream which is relatively stable and contoured to give them sort of a good response between elevation of the stream and the flow passing through the stream so what they are really doing is doing an initial survey to determine what the cross section of the stream at their selected point is and then they are out there monitoring under various flow conditions to try to establish the relationship

between the depth of flow in the stream and the actual flow passing through at that point. That's the process and once they've calibrated it what they are actually monitoring continuously is the depth of flow at that point and then converting that into a stream flow which is being transmitted by satellite and then brought into their system so that from that they can maintain the records of flow over various time segments.

The actual facilities are relatively small. It's a small solar powered unit with a small structure to house it all in. The majority of the work is the initial setup survey and then the calibration of that gauging station.

Mr. Spiteri: Do I understand correctly when you said we're going to be billed \$10,000 a year for them to gauge the readings and process them?

Mr. Dann: The initial cost is \$10,000 for the installation of the gauging station. Then there is an annual cost which for next year has been established at \$10,400. I would presume that periodically they would review and then alter that fee somewhat so over time I would imagine that annual fee will likely increase but for next year it's been established at \$10,400.

Mr. Spiteri: Thank you.

Mr. Testa: And this is to allow us to divert water among these three reservoirs?

Mr. Dann: In order to operate our facilities we are required to hold a diversion permit, which we do. It was just reissued. When it is reissued there are certain conditions that the DEP can attach to that and this is one of the conditions that they've attached. They would like to monitor what the flow is in the stream just downstream of our reservoirs and so this is to fulfill that particular requirement of the permit.

Mr. Testa: I was just curious why so as you are pumping out of the lowest reservoir back up again, they want to make sure enough water is coming out at the bottom?

Mr. Dann: I think that's the purpose is lacking any sort of gauging system it's really speculation as to what the flows are at any point in time.

Mr. Testa: Trying to keep all this stuff at the lowest common denominator so I can follow. I'm learning something tonight. Thanks.

Chairman Vumbaco: Any other questions? We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. I think that's it. Ray I have one comment. I know this is a unique situation. It took one meeting a month during the summer sessions but it's been a problem getting information flow out of your office to our Council secretary to order for us to get the agenda packages out on time. I think in the future if we don't have voted on issues by the P.U.C. by the time we put the agenda packages together, we're going to include it on the next agenda for the

next Council meeting unless it's an emergency situation. It takes way too much time to coordinate the agenda in order to get this thing done. I know it was unique because you met the same night that we were meeting this week.

Mr. Smith: Our meeting has been established at the beginning of the year for the first and third Tuesdays and you flipped over onto that. Unfortunately your next meeting wouldn't be until the tenth so there would be four weeks

Chairman Vumbaco: As I said this is unique but going forward if we don't have all the information bound up the day of the agenda setting, which is Tuesday at 5:00P.M.

Mr. Smith: I understand, our office went crazy too for this whole preparation. We recognize that.

Mr. Parisi: Before you go into Executive Session, I would like to suggest that everyone take a look at the monuments out in front if you can. We just had the World War I monument refurbished.

Chairman Vumbaco: Yes, I saw that. It is beautiful.

Mr. Parisi: They've all been done now and it's through the generosity of Choate School that it's been done.

Chairman Vumbaco: Thank you. I urge that. OK, Items 16 and 17.

Ms. Papale: I'd like to make motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property and also pursuant to Section 1-200 (6) (B) of the Connecticut General Statutes to discuss pending litigation in the Town of Wallingford v. August Cruz et al.

Mr. Farrell: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: All in favor? Opposed? The Council is now in Executive Session.

Ms. Papale: I'd like to make a motion to come out of from Executive Session.

Mr. Parisi: Second.

Chairman Vumbaco: All in favor? Opposed?

Ms. Papale: I make a motion that we close the meeting.

Mr. Knight: Second.

